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**INVESTIGATION**

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RE: BILLY JOE FAULKNER

The following investigation was conducted at Ozark, Alabama, on April 24, 1968, by Special Agent CLARENCE W. SLAUGHTER:

Records, Dale County Sheriff's Office, show that on November 19, 1967, one BILLY JOE FAULKNER, white male, age 39, 5'10", Midland City, Alabama, was arrested for Public Drunk, Case Number 11603, and Assault with Intent to Murder, Case Number 11604. He was released on bond, November 25, 1967, and on January 3, 1968, he pled guilty to Public Drunk, fined \$10.00 and costs, and On January 3, 1968, the Assault with Intent to Murder charge was reduced to Assault and Battery. FAULKNER pled guilty to this charge and paid \$25.00 and costs.

Deputy DEWEY CHESTNUT, Dale County Sheriff's Office, advised that the Dale County Sheriff's Office holds a Grand Larceny warrant, dated April 5, 1968, for BILLY JOE FAULKNER, same issued by Holmes County, Florida authorities, Bonifay, Florida, and the warrant charges that FAULKNER and one SUE KELLY, also known as SUE KELLY FAULKNER did on April 3, 1968, steal \$348 in cash and currency and \$79.00 in merchandise, the property of EVELYN WOOD and CHARLIE HALL.

CHESTNUT stated that his department had attempted to execute this warrant, but their investigation had determined that FAULKNER is presently not in the Midland City, Alabama area.

CHESTNUT stated that FAULKNER is reportedly a homosexual.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HOWARD R. LINS COTT on April 24, 1968:

Mrs. FRANCIS GODWIN, nee FAULKNER, with residence at Route 2, Box 420-A, Dothan, Alabama, advised that her brother, BILLY JOE FAULKNER, a white male, age 40, height 5'10", 180 pounds, gray hair, brown eyes, is presently incarcerated in

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the Dallas County Jail, Dallas, Texas. GODWIN advised that FAULKNER was living with SUE KELLY, a former Pensacola, Florida barmaid who allegedly is with FAULKNER. GODWIN stated that she did not know the circumstances regarding his arrest; however, she stated that she had received a telephone call at her residence from her brother in which he said that he was in jail in Dallas and that it was the fault of SUE KELLY.

GODWIN stated that FAULKNER has a mental condition and has threatened to kill members of the FAULKNER family. She stated that FAULKNER has on occasion assaulted her mother.

GODWIN advised that FAULKNER managed "My Place," a tavern near Graceville, Florida, owned by CHARLES HALL, and has worked in various hospitals in Graceville, Florida and Chipley, Florida as a therapist.

BENNY TICE, Assistant Postmaster, Midland City, Alabama, advised that he is personally acquainted with FAULKNER's family but has not seen BILLY JOE FAULKNER since about March 1, 1968. TICE stated that besides his parents who live on the old Dothan Highway, a sister, DORIS SERBER, lives across the street from her parents, and FAULKNER has a sister Mrs. FRANCIS GODWIN, of Dothan, Alabama. TICE advised that one time FAULKNER worked for a Dr. TYSINGER, Dothan, Alabama, and has done various promotion advertising work in the Dothan, Alabama area.

JOHNNIE DANIEL, Midland City, Alabama, advised that he last saw BILLY JOE FAULKNER approximately two or three weeks ago in Midland City, Alabama.

DANIEL stated that FAULKNER came into his drugstore and mentioned that he was still working in the same area as he was before, which according to DANIEL would be Chipley and Graceville, Florida. DANIEL stated that FAULKNER has worked in various hospitals as an inhalation therapist, a skill that he learned while working in a sanatorium in Texas.

DANIEL stated that FAULKNER does not have a high school education and that to the best of his knowledge is not a doctor.

DANIEL stated that FAULKNER appears to be mild tempered and to his knowledge, has never been involved in any violence whatsoever.

DANIEL stated that when he last saw him FAULKNER was driving a light green automobile which had Florida tags mounted on it.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RAYMOND J. MAXWELL on April 24, 1968:

DARLENE HUTTO, Credit Bureau of Dothan, Alabama, advised that BILLY JOE FAULKNER, date of birth [redacted] was placed in her files in 1950 and there is very little information in the file regarding FAULKNER between the years 1950 and 1960. She stated that in June of 1960, he resided at Route 1, Midland City, Alabama and previously resided in Panama City, Florida. In February of 1964 FAULKNER was divorced from SYBIL FAULKNER; and in May of 1955 he applied for a marriage license to marry BETTY SUE HOBBS, 802 Greenwood Street, Dothan, Alabama. Prior to January of 1959, FAULKNER reportedly was in the military service. In 1959-1960, FAULKNER reported to be a physical therapist through the training he received while in the military service. The file lists the following employment which was not verified:

American Tobacco Company; Civil Service, Ft. Rucker, Alabama; Montgomery Ward, no location shown; Stan Back Company, as a salesman, no address shown.

She stated that FAULKNER was once listed as being employed at General Hospital, Dothan, Alabama, but stated that the hospital advised the credit bureau that FAULKNER was never employed there. He reportedly worked one time with one Dr. DONALD TYSINGER, Dothan, Alabama. He reported to have attended Troy State College, Troy, Alabama, and the University of Georgia. The file revealed that his father is listed as W.G. FAULKNER, a farmer. The file revealed that he was arrested

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at Panama City, Florida, as follows:

In November of 1949 on a charge of Drunk Driving;

In April of 1954, Drunk and Disorderly Conduct;

In August of 1956 for Road Drunk;

He had an arrest in Dothan, Alabama, in February, 1954, for Breach of Peace.

The file revealed the last inquiry on FAULKNER was in November of 1965 by General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Dothan, Alabama.

Lieutenant JAMES E. DEAL, Dothan Police Department, advised that BILLY JOE FAULKNER, white male, born [redacted] at Dallas, Texas, height 5'10", weight 160, brown hair, blue eyes, with a tattoo of a horseshoe on his right arm, FBI #725 199 A, was arrested by the Dothan Police Department for investigation on October 8, 1955 and was released. The records do not reflect the nature of the investigation charge at the time of the arrest. FAULKNER was listed as being in the U. S. Army at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and residing at 1209 East Greenwood Street, Dothan, Alabama.

ELAINE LOVE, Circuit Clerk's Office, Dothan, Alabama, advised that BILLY JOE FAULKNER, no other description or address, was arrested in Houston County, Alabama on January 4, 1956, for driving a vehicle without proper lights. She stated that he was arrested February 23, 1954 for Breach of Peace, but the case was nol-prossed.

PEGGY ALBRITTON, Houston County Sheriff's Office, Dothan, Alabama, advised that her files reveal no record identifiable with BILLY JOE FAULKNER.



Mobile, Alabama  
April 26, 1968

MEMO ALL AGENTS

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Memo All Agents #199, dated 4/24/68, set forth that you should give consideration to any car recovered if it is found that the car was stolen in Georgia after 4/4/68, and where the transporter could not be accounted for investigation is to be made to determine if subject RAY is the person who stole or transported same.

Atlanta has now advised that investigation reflects that RAY can be placed in the Atlanta area 3/24/68, and Atlanta requested that all recoveries of cars stolen in Ga. subsequent to 3/23/68, be handled in line with the above instructions. Where there is any remote indication that subject RAY may have been the person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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~~W. M. Alexander, SAC~~

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM W. VAPDELL concerning ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMYER:

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA

On April 11, 1968, PHILMORE D. MC ALLISTER, Shipping Commissioner, U. S. Coast Guard, Federal Building, advised that suspect was not listed in any crew lists for the following ships which have departed from Mobile, Alabama, since April 4, 1968:

USS SALISBURY  
USS AMERICAN CORSAIR  
USS PRESIDENT ARTHUR

On April 11, 1968, KENNETH W. CRANTON, Supervisor, Marine Office, U. S. Customs, International Trade Mart, advised that suspect was not listed in any passenger lists for the following ships, which departed Mobile on the dates indicated:

Tug R. PACE	April 2, 1968
USS OLD DOMINION STATE	April 2, 1968
USS DEL VALLE	April 3, 1968
USS PRESIDENT ARTHUR	April 10, 1968

On April 11, 1968, EDWIN N. OLSON, Immigration Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Federal Building, advised that suspect was not listed in any passenger or crew lists for any ship departures from Pascagoula, Mississippi, Gulfport, Mississippi, Panama City, Florida, Pensacola, Florida and Mobile, Alabama, during the past six weeks.

On April 11, 1968, HARVEY L. COREY, Area Engineer, Mobile Area Office, Corps of Engineers, 2301 Airport Boulevard, advised that suspect was not listed as being employed during the past twelve months by any dredging vessels operated in the Mobile area, which includes vessels operating from Mobile northward to St. Louis, Missouri.

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On April 11, 1968, the following establishments which operate towing vessels were contacted in an effort to identify possible employment of suspect during the past twelve months, with negative results:

PATRICK R. MEYERS, Assistant Manager,  
Meyers Towing Company, Choctaw Point

GEORGE W. RATCLIFF, Owner, Belle Fontaine  
Towing Company, Choctaw Point

JOSEPH A. DUNCAN, Manager, Beardslee Launch  
and Barge Service, Foot of Dauphin Street

GUY H. FRIDAY, Superintendant, Gulf Marine  
Division of Ideal Cement Company, State  
Docks

SAMUEL R. McDONALD, McDonald Towing  
Service, Foot of Canal Street

GEORGE H. ODOM, Owner, Mobile Launch Service,  
Foot of Dauphin Street

The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent HARRY J. DEGNAN:

On April 9, 1968, ERNEST BURGESS, License  
and Certification Section, Marine Inspection Division,  
U. S. Coast Guard, advised he maintains records of all  
persons applying through that office for seaman's papers  
and had no record of an ERIC STARVO GALT.

ROBERT JORDAN, Business Agent, Seafarers  
International Union, when contacted by Special Agent  
DEGNAN on April 9, 1968, and DEWEY CANNON, National  
Maritime Union, when contacted by Special Agent FRANK  
A. GILMAN on April 10, 1968, advised that they could not  
identify suspect as having been registered with these  
offices or having tried to sail on any merchant ships  
through these offices.



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The following investigation was conducted in the Mobile, Alabama area on April 11, 1968, by Special Agent B. TIM MC COY:

The following Marine Towing Companies and riverboat companies were contacted regarding knowledge of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMYER, and could furnish no positive information:

Mobile Towing Company, Blakeley Island,  
Mr. GEORGE E. HARDY.

Novay & Cherry Barge Service, Incorporated,  
403 Bayou, Sara Avenue, Saraland, Alabama,  
Mr. CARL CHERRY.

Radcliff Material, Warren Street, Mr. JAMES  
HANSON.

Oswell Towing Company, Telegraph Road,  
BETTY VAN BRARCOM.

Gaustic Towing Company, Telegraph Road,  
Mr. ARTHUR L. THOMAS.

Parker Towing Company, Foot of Dauphin  
Street, JOE DUNCAN.

River Transit Company, 355 McMillan Avenue,  
R. L. ROYSTER.

Self Towing Company, 353 South Water Street,  
Mr. JOHN HANSON.

Simm's Brothers Towing Company, 118 North  
Royal Street, OSCAR SIMMS.

Warrior & Gulf Navigation Company, Chickasaw,  
Alabama, J. G. GRIFFITH.

Waterways Towing & Offshore Services, Incorporated,  
Foot of Dauphin Street, CLARENCE  
ROOT.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent EDWARD A. HEGSTETTER:

On April 11, 1968, RALPH L. ADKIN, SR., Southern Fish and Oyster Company, Foot of Eslava Street, Mobile, Alabama, advised that ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMYER are not employed at Southern Fish and Oyster Company. ADKIN advised that he is not familiar with this individual or any of his aliases. ADKIN stated if GALT should contact his company for employment he would notify the FBI.

On April 11, 1968, VICTOR GONZALES, owner and operator of the Star Fish and Oyster Company, Industrial Canal, Mobile, Alabama, advised that suspect is not employed at his company. GONZALES stated he is not familiar with GALT or his aliases. GONZALES advised his company has not taken on any additional help during the month of April. GONZALES advised that he would contact the FBI in the event he receives an inquiry from suspect.

The following hotels and rooming houses were contacted on April 11, 1968, by Special Agent KEITH W. SPONHOLTZ regarding suspect with negative results:

ROOMING

HOUSES:

MINNIE RACKLEY, 351 St. Joseph Street;  
CLAUDE JORDAN, 353 St. Joseph Street;  
CARRIE POWELL, 359 St. Joseph Street;

HOTEL

L. C. CRISGINGER, Manager, Seaman's Club,  
350 St. Joseph Street.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

Reference is made to telephone call from SAC, Birmingham to SAC, Mobile, 10:50 a.m. 4/9/68, requesting a check of U. S. Coast Guard records, Mobile, concerning ERIC STARVO GALT. Reference is also made to Memphis teletype 11:56 p.m., 4/10/68, requesting a check of barge and riverboat companies for an employment record of GALT as well as a check of local seaman's boarding houses in Mobile concerning GALT.

Enclosed herewith for the Memphis Division are 25 copies of an insert reflecting this investigation.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE: Rooming house, 107 14th Street,  
Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia

Reference is made to Atlanta airtel to Mobile, 4/19/68, Mobile teletype to Atlanta and Dallas, 4/24/68, and Dallas teletype to Atlanta, Mobile and Jacksonville, 4/25/68.

Enclosed herewith for Atlanta are 25 copies of an insert reflecting additional investigation concerning BILLY JOE FAULKNER of Midland City, Ala., who was reported as having resided at the address in the sub-captioned title. Two copies of this insert are being furnished to the Memphis Division as office of origin.

No additional investigation is being made by Mobile concerning FAULKNER UAC.

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2 - Memphis (Enc. 2) ✓  
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DANCING SCHOOL CHECKS

Mrs. ANN RICE, Aurthur Murray Dancing Studio, 164 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama, advised on April 15, 1968, that her files contain no record of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMEYER or (LOWMYER) as having taken any lessons from this studio. She said however that she has knowledge of one ALBERT WILLARD, whose description matches that of ERIC STARVO GALT. She advised that ALBERT WILLARD, a pipe smoker, had taken dancing lessons through the Arthur Murray Dancing Studio, 117½ Main Street, Birmingham, Alabama, and had entered dance competitions in Birmingham in September, 1967 and at Biloxi, Mississippi, during February, 1968. She said that as of February 3, 1968, ALBERT WILLARD was taking dancing lessons at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 117½ Main Street, Birmingham, Alabama.

The following persons were contacted on the dates indicated and advised that they have no record of anyone taking dancing lessons through their studios by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER or (LOWMYER), or any variations of these names:

Mr. ANDREW VAIL, owner, Dance-O-Rama, 772 Merwina Street, Mobile, Alabama, on April 15, 1968.

Mr. JACK CAHILL, Manager, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 550 Church Street, Mobile, Alabama, April 15, 1968.

THOMAS B. O'DELL, owner, Arthur Murray Studios, 2204 Mt. Meigs Road, Montgomery, Alabama, April 16, 1968.

Mrs. NAIDA SPEED, Naida's School of Dancing, 104 Battery Street, Selma, Alabama, April 15, 1968.

Mrs. CARMEL HARRELL, Harrell's School of Dance, Water Street, Selma, Alabama, April 15, 1968.

LOLA SMITH, Lola's Dance Studio, Daleville, Alabama, April 15, 1968.

MADALYN SMITH, Madalyn's Dance Studio, Dothan, Alabama, April 15, 1968.

Mrs. GAINES B. HALL, Young World Studios, Dothan, Alabama, April 15, 1968.

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: ME)

DANCING SCHOOL CHECKS

Re Bureau teletype to All Offices 6:56 P.M.,  
4/14/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 25 copies of  
investigative insert covering investigation conducted in the  
Mobile Division.

It is noted that the Birmingham Office, by teletype  
dated 4/15/68, copy to Memphis, was advised concerning the  
information reported herein concerning ALBERT WILLARD of  
Birmingham.

The investigation reported at Mobile was done by  
SA DANIEL W. McALLEN, III, Montgomery by SA SPENCER H. ROBB,  
Selma by SA ROBERT L. FRYE, Dothan and Daleville by SA HOWARD  
R. LINSKOTT.

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ADDENDUM: SAs MERROW, CREASON, MADDOX, ROBINSON and CATLIN  
advised that there are no dancing schools teaching dancing  
in their territories.

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FBI WASH DC

504PM URGENT 4-26-68 BJP

TO MOBILE

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN THE MAIN  
BUREAU FILE ON KING:

IT WAS REPORTED THAT ON JANUARY EIGHTEEN SIXTYFIVE  
JIMMY GEORGE ROBINSON, FORMERLY WITH THE NSRP IN SELMA,  
ALABAMA, HAD STRUCK KING WHEN HE WAS AT THE HOTEL ALBERT  
ALLEGEDLY ON ORDERS OF J.B. STONER. SEE YOUR FILE ONE ZERO  
FIVE - THREE THREE NINE CAPTIONED "NSRP, RM." ROBINSON  
REPORTEDLY HATES NEGROES AND IS ALSO THE SUBJECT OF THE  
CASE ENTITLED "JIMMY GEORGE ROBINSON; ET AL.; SA DANIEL D.  
DOYLE, LR DIVISION-VICTIM, AFO; TOP."

ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE  
ASSAILANT, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF  
ANY OF THE ABOVE MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.  
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THE ATLANTA OFFICE HAS BEEN ADVISED BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION  
TO CONDUCT SIMILAR INVESTIGATION CONCERNING STONER AND JAMES  
VENABLE REGARDING THREATS ALLEGEDLY MADE BY THEM.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS.

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Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO MOBILE FIVE ZERO FOUR P.M.,  
APR. TWENTYSIX INSTANT CONCERNING JIMMY GEORGE ROBINSON.

MOBILE TELETYPE TO BUREAU THREE THIRTYFOUR P.M. APR.  
NINE LAST SUGGESTED ROBINSON AS SUSPECT AND SET FORTH LEADS  
FOR BIRMINGHAM AND DALLAS.

BUREAU TELETYPE TO MOBILE THREE FORTY P.M. APR. TEN  
SET FORTH THAT LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE WERE NOT  
IDENTICAL WITH THE PRINTS OF ROBINSON.

DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND MOBILE SEVEN TEN P.M.  
APR. TEN SET FORTH THAT ROBINSON HAD BEEN EMPLOYED AS  
ASSISTANT SERVICE MANAGER, GOODYEAR SERVICE CENTER, MESQUITE,  
TEXAS SINCE MAR. TWENTYONE SIXTYEIGHT WORKING EIGHT A.M. TO

1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (AM)  
1 - Dallas (44-2649) (AM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)

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Special Agent in Charge

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SIX P.M. SIX DAYS A WEEK, HAS NOT TAKEN ANY TIME OFF AND WAS PERSONALLY OBSERVED BY MANAGER ALL DAY APR. FOUR LAST.

IF ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION DESIRED RE ROBINSON, DALLAS SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO CONDUCT SAME AS HE RESIDES THAT DIVISION.

AM COPIES ATLANTA, DALLAS AND MEMPHIS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI BIRMGHAM

553PM URGENT 4-26-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MOBILE  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA AND MOBILE, BUREAU TODAY REQUESTED, IF FEASIBLE, THAT A CHECK BE MADE OF ISSUANCE OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS' LICENSES SINCE MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST. IT IS BELIEVED THIS COULD BE HANDLED AT STATE DRIVERS LICENSE DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA AND GEORGIA AFTER DETERMINING THE DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBERS ISSUED ON THAT DATE AND FOLLOWING THROUGH TO CURRENT DATE. THIS SHOULD BE DONE BY AGENT PERSONNEL AND NOT LIMITED TO SUBJECT'S NAME AND PREVIOUS ALIASES, ELIMINATING ON-THE-SPOT ALL APPLICATIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, OLD PEOPLE, NEGROES, FEMALES, ETC., AND AGENTS SHOULD HAVE AT HAND PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES OF HANDWRITING OF RAY, WHICH IS DISTINCTIVE AND MAY THROUGH COMPARISON GIVE INDICATION OF POSSIBLE SUSPECTED APPLICATIONS.

AIR MAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

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FBI MOBILE

*Handled by  
Mr. Allen  
HP*

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3:02 PM URGENT 4/25/68 LCC  
TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAIN  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU  
AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN  
PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS  
CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE  
MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY  
BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND  
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO  
ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE  
FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS.  
THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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TO LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN.

REURTEL TO MOBILE APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT REGISTRATION TWO NINE DASH FOUR FIVE  
ZERO SEVEN ISSUED ON DECEMBER TWENTYFOUR SIXTYSEVEN TO ANDREW  
BOSHELL, RT. TWO, BOX TWO THREE ZERO A, WETUMPKA, ALA., FOR A  
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN CHEVROLET IMPALA VIN ONE SIX FOUR EIGHT SEVEN  
SEVEN D ONE ONE ZERO FIVE ZERO SIX. FLORA SHANER, SISTER AT ABOVE  
ADDRESS ADVISED BOSHELL IN X USMC AND RESIDES OASIS APTS, APT  
THREE ONE, ONE FOUR ONE ZERO EAST FRUIT ST., SANTA ANA, CALIF.

LOS ANGELES AT SANTA ANA INTERVIEW BOSHELL TO DETERMINE IF  
IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

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4-26-68.  
2-94507 issued to Carl E Barrett  
54 motorcycle for 1965 Mustang.  
He said license sticker on it

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Approved: WMA  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 9:14 PM M Per AVinger

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: April 25, 1968

FROM : SA CHILTON B. CREASON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Check was made with following laundries in Union Springs R with respect to laundry markings found on shorts and T-shirt near scene of crime. All negative.

Troy, Ala.

Troy Laundry and Gleaners  
Modern One-Hour Cleaners

Tuskegee, Ala.

Howard Cleaners  
Gregg Laundry and Cleaners

Eufaula, Ala.

Modern Cleaners  
Nu-Way Cleaners and Laundry

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TO :SAC

DATE: April 26, 1968

FROM :SA CHILTON B. CREASON

SUBJECT:MURKIN

Checks were made with negative results on financial institutions in Union Springs, Ra. for information concerning subject in this case.

Union Springs, Ala.  
American National Bank  
First National Bank

Tuskegee, Ala.  
Alabama Exchange Bank  
City Bank of Tuskegee

Troy, Ala.  
First F. & M. Bank  
Troy Bank and Trust Co.

Eufaula, Ala.  
First National Bank  
Eufaula Bank and Trust Co.  
Citizens Bank of Eufaula

Clayton, Ala.  
Bank of Commerce  
Clayton Banking Co.

Clid, Ala.  
The Peoples Bank.

Brundidge  
First National Bank  
Brundidge Banking Co.

Notasulga, Ala.  
First Bank of Notasulga.

In addition all law enforcement agencies, credit bureaus and directories were checked with negative results.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC ( 157-2627) P

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA HOWARD R. LINSOTT

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re : Roominghouse at 113 14th St., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia

On 4/25/68, Mrs. Francis Godwin, Route 2, Dothan, Ala., advised that she would immediately notify the Mobile Division if she learns of her brother, BILLY JOE FAULKNER, contacting her. She stated that he usually contacts the family every month.

On 4/26/68, Godwin stated that her brother had called and that he stated that he would return from Dallas, Texas in April or early May, 1968. She said that he would probably reside in Midland City, Ala., with her parents.

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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-  
RE: MURKIN  
CR

Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

- 1 - Each Continental Office
- 2 - Memphis

GMR/vtp

MO

Approved: RL Jensen  
Special Agent in Charge

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
MEMPHIS  
WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND MOBILE  
APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST, AND MOBILE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU  
AND KNOXVILLE APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

CONFIRMING TEL CONVERSATION BETWEEN SA DONALD L.  
STOUT, KNOXVILLE, AND W. L. MARTINDALE, SOG, THIS DATE.

J. ROBERT SIMS, ASSISTANT POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE,  
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, THIS DATE FORWARDING UNDER PERSONAL  
COVER TO A. J. MURRAY, POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, WASHINGTON,  
D. C., ORIGINAL OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE ORDER FORM  
DESCRIBED IN RE TELS. UPON RECEIPT, PERSONAL DELIVERY WILL  
BE MADE BY POSTAL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE TO U. S. GOVERNMENT  
PRINTING OFFICE.

END PAGE ONE.

1 - Mobile (AM)  
1 - Jacksonville (AM)  
1 - Knoxville

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SIMS SUGGESTS BUREAU AGENT BE PRESENT AT TIME OF DELIVERY TO ARRANGE FOR CUSTODY OF INSTANT MAIL ORDER FORM.

WFO MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH OFFICE POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, WASHINGTON, D. C., TO OBTAIN INSTANT MAIL ORDER FORM AND THEREAFTER FURNISH TO FBI LABORATORY FOR LATENT FINGERPRINT AND HANDWRITING EXAMINATION.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT TO MOBILE AND JACKSONVILLE.

END.

4/26/68

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: KNOXVILLE (44-696)  
FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

MURKIN.

RE MOBILE TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY FOUR, LAST.  
REFERENCE IS MADE TO IRS FORM SEVENTEEN RECEIVED  
FROM POSTMASTER, ALBERTA, ALA.

INSPECTOR JOHN BREWSTER, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, ADVISED  
THIS DATE THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBLE WAY TO IDENTIFY THE  
INDIVIDUAL MAILING REFERENCED FORM.

MRS. R. B. MOORE, IRS, PENSACOLA, ADVISED THEIR FORM  
SEVENTEEN IS FEDERAL INCOME TAX FORM AND FORM THREE THIRTY  
FOUR IS TAX GUIDE FORM FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. SHE STATED  
THAT THESE FORMS ARE LEFT ON COUNTER AT IRS FOR THE GENERAL  
PUBLIC AND THERE IS NO WAY OF IDENTIFYING WHO OBTAINS THESE  
FORMS AS THEY ARE NOT NUMBERED OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIABLE.  
MOBILE ADVISED AM.  
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

① - Mobile (AM)  
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To: SACs, Atlanta (enc.)  
Birmingham (enc.)  
Mobile (enc.)  
Savannah (enc.)

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Enclosed for Atlanta and Savannah is one copy each of a list of motor vehicles and license plates stolen in the State of Georgia. A comparable list regarding motor vehicles and license plates stolen in Alabama is enclosed for Birmingham and Mobile. The lists were compiled from information retained in NCIC.

Each office should conduct necessary investigation in their respective divisions in an effort to determine whether the subject may have been involved in any of those thefts.

In view of the possibility he may have stolen a motor vehicle and concealed it prior to his return to Atlanta on 4-5-68, the list predates that period. Investigation should also be conducted regarding those vehicles which have been recovered in the event the subject utilized one of those and subsequently abandoned it.

1 - Memphis (info)

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MURKIN

Re Mobile teletype to the Bureau, 4/24/68.

Enclosed for Memphis is autostat copy of printed name, ERIC STARVO GALT, E. St., Elberta, Ala.

Inasmuch as enclosure was received from Inspector J. C. ENGEL, Post Office Dept., Mobile (in confidence), same is being transmitted Memphis by letter. It is noted that the Knoxville Office has been requested to attempt to obtain original or photographic copy of this name and address in order that appropriate examination may be made.

For information Memphis, J. C. ENGEL, Post Office Dept., Mobile, advised on 4/24/68, he had received an order form for Internal Revenue Service, Form #17 or #334, from the Post Master in Elberta, Ala. The form actually is supposed to be used in sending to the Superintendent of Documents, GPO, Washington, D. C., for Internal Revenue Service Forms. The lower portion is a "tear-off" portion on which the requesting individual is to write his name and address and mail to GPO, lower portion may be torn off and attached to the requested form and returned to sender.

This form was sent directly to the Post Office in Elberta, and is postmarked "Pensacola, Florida, April 22, 8 (illegible) M."

Mr. ENGEL stated any efforts to obtain original or photographic copy thereof would have to be made through the Chief Postal Inspector in Chattanooga, to whom form had been sent air mail.

SA ALLISON A. CATLIN on 4/25/68, contacted the Post Master at Elberta, who advised there is no such address as E St. in Elberta. In addition, he said he knew of no residence in Elberta, a small town, all citizens of which he is acquainted with. In addition, the Post Master, JOHN GOTTLER, was unable to recognize a photograph of subject.

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- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Knoxville (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Mobile JRH:crb (5)

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TO LEGAT:

Date: April 26, 1968

RE:

**MURKIN**

☐ For information    ☐ Retention optional    ☒ For appropriate action    ☐ Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau (Enc. 4)  
2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each) *W. J. Phillips*  
2-Kansas City  
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440PM PM URGENT 4/29/68 CAB  
TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN  
FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR  
TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS  
IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD  
IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE  
FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE  
IO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE  
FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE  
SIXTY-SEVEN.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING  
RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND  
MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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505P EDT URGENT 4/29/68 VSC  
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS & MOBILE  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2385

MURKIN

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JIMMIE GARNER, PROPRIETOR, ROOMING HOUSES LOCATED ONE ZERO SEVEN AND ONE ONE THREE - FOURTEENTH ST., N.E., ATLANTA, ADVISED ~~Bobby~~ FAULKNER AND WILLIAM ERNEST HARPER RESIDED ROOM EIGHT AT ONE ZERO SEVEN - FOURTEENTH ST., N.E., FROM JANUARY TWENTYTWO THRU FEBRUARY FIFTH, 'SIXTYEIGHT. HE ADVISED FAULKNER RETURNED AND BELIEVED FAULKNER RESIDED ONE ONE THREE - FOURTEENTH ST., FOR PERIOD APRIL TWO THRU APR. EIGHT, 'SIXTYEIGHT.

ERNEST WILLIAM HARPER, SEVEN ZERO FOUR BEENING DR., COLUMBUS, GA., INTERVIEWED, APR. TWENTYSIX, 'SIXTYEIGHT AND VERIFIED RESIDENCE AS MENTIONED ABOVE FROM JAN. FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR OR FIVE WEEKS WHILE EMPLOYED AS ELECTRICIAN IN ATLANTA, WORKING FOR CONTRACTOR ON HOUSING PROJECT OFF WHITEHALL STREET. HARPER STATED BOBBY FAULKNER IS SON OF J. C. FAULKNER, JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, COLUMBUS, GA. BOBBY FAULKNER AND HARPER RESIDED TOGETHER FOR FEW WEEKS AT FOURTEENTH ST. ADDRESS UNTIL FAULKNER LEFT ATLANTA, RETURNING TO COLUMBUS, GA. HARPER HAS NO INFO RE SUBJECT AND STATED FAULKNER COULD BE LOCATED THRU FATHER. *J. C. Faulkner*  
COLUMBUS.

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AT 44-2336

MRS. J. C. FAULKNER, FIVE NINE TWO SIX REED AVE., COLUMBUS, ADVISED INSTANT DATE BOBBY JOE FAULKNER, HER SON AND JAMES C. FAULKNER, HER HUSBAND PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY ALLEGHENY CONTRACTING CO., PINE HILL, ALA., WORKING ON CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PAPER MILL AND RESIDE AT TRAILER COURT FIVE MILES FROM CONSTRUCTION PLANT. STATED BOBBY JOE FAULKNER HER SON, WAS WORKING IN ATLANTA AT TIME KING MURDERED IN MEMPHIS AND RETURNED TO COLUMBUS SHORTLY THEREAFTER DUE TO DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION WORK AS RESULT OF KING'S FUNERAL. MRS. FAULKNER UNABLE TO FURNISH INFO CONCERNING RESIDENCE OF BOBBY JOE FAULKNER, ATLANTA, GA.

IN VIEW OF ALCOHOLIC CONDITION OF GARNER, IT WOULD APPEAR BOBBY JOE FAULKNER IS IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL HE FORMERLY IDENTIFIED AS BILLY FAULKNER DURING PERIOD APR. SECOND THRU EIGHTH.

MOBILE AT PINE HILL, ALA., LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BOBBY JOE FAULKNER CONCERNING HIS RESIDENCY AT FOURTEENTH ST. ADDRESS, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, APR. SECOND THRU EIGHTH, LAST. DISPLAY PHOTOS OF SUBJECT AND OBTAIN ALL POSSIBLE INFO RE SUBJECT, INCLUDING HIS USE OF SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG AND ANY OTHER AUTO KNOWN TO BE IN POSSESSION OF SUBJECT, BEARING IN MIND SUBJECT APPARENTLY DEPARTED ATLANTA AREA APR. FIFTH, SIXTYEIGHT, AND POSSIBILITY MAY EXIST SUBJECT COULD HAVE LEFT WITH FAULKNER. P

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Date: 4/29/68

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TO BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

REURTEL, APRIL TWENTY SIX, SIXTY EIGHT, TEN FORTY AM.

DAVID L. WILLIAMS, SUPERVISOR, ALABAMA PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD, MONTGOMERY, ALA., ADVISED TODAY FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FORMER INMATES, MISSOURI STATE PRISON SYSTEM, ARE CURRENTLY UNDER THEIR SUPERVISION UNDER INTERSTATE AGREEMENT: J. W. BROWN, ROUTE ONE, BOX ONE SEVEN SIX B, REFORM, ALA., WHITE MALE, UNEMPLOYED, UNDER SUPERVISION SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE; COLUMBUS JONES, ROUTE ONE, BOX NINETY FOUR E, BOLIGEE, ALA. NEGRO MALE, WHO RESIDES TISHABEE COMMUNITY, GREEN COUNTY, AND EMPLOYED ALAMO LAND CO., DEMOPOLIS, ALA., UNDER SUPERVISION SINCE MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY TWO; CHARLES R. MASHBURN, ROUTE ONE, OWENS CROSS ROADS, ALA., WHITE MALE, EMPLOYED GENESCO SHOE CO., HUNTSVILLE, ALA., UNDER SUPERVISION SINCE

1-Mobile  
1-Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
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JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE; HILLARD SANDERS, TWO ONE THREE  
B NORTH TWENTY FIRST ST., GADSDEN, ALA., EMPLOYED ALABAMA  
TOOL CO., GADSDEN, UNDER SUPERVISION SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY  
FOUR. NO OTHER RECORD LOCATED.

BIRMINGHAM CONTACT ABOVE INDIVIDUALS FOR ANY INFORMATION  
THEY MAY HAVE CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER.

AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS. PENDING.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-2627)

FROM : SPC LUTHER P. BRANNON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/28/68

SPC TAMPKE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE AT 5:15 AM CDT INSTANT DATE. HE REQUESTED A LICENSE CHECK FOR A 1968 ALABAMA LICENSE #52-27422 ON A WHITE VOLKSWAGEN. DRIVER OF THIS VEHICLE REGISTERED AT A MOTEL UNDER THE NAME OF JOHN DALE ROWE.

THE PREFIX 52 IS FOR MORGAN COUNTY WHICH IS IN THE BIRMINGHAM TERRITORY. THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED TO SPC ROTTENBERRY OF THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE PER SUPV. CONNORS, AT 5:30 AM INSTANT.



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1031A EDT URGENT 4/30/68

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE AND MOBILE  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2335 1P

MURKIN

EARL SUSS, REGIONAL INSPECTOR, IRS, ATLANTA, GA., ADVISED  
APR, THIRTY, INSTANT, HE DISCOVERED TAX RETURN FOR JAMES EARL  
RAY, JR., SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN RETURN INDICATES RAY, JR. IS  
WITH U. S. NAVY, JACKSONVILLE, FLA., AND HAS ADDRESS OF TWO FIVE  
EAST SOUTH ST., MONTGOMERY, ALA.

JACKSONVILLE AND MOBILE IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION  
TO DETERMINE IF INDIVIDUAL RELATED TO SUBJECT RAY. P

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO MOBILE APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST.

BOBBY JOE FAULKNER, EMPLOYED MACMILLIAN DASH  
BLOEDEL PAPER MILL SITE, YELLOW BLUFF, ALA., BY ALLEGHANY  
ELECTRIC COMPANY, SUBCONTRACTOR FOR RUST ENGINEERING COMPANY,  
STATES RESIDED AT GARNER'S ROOMING HOUSE, ATLANTA, GA., ON  
FOURTEENTH STREET, ON TWO OCCASIONS. ONCE DURING LATTER PART  
OF JANUARY AND FIRST PART OF FEBRUARY, SIXTYEIGHT, AND SECOND  
TIME DURING PERIOD OF APRIL TWO THROUGH EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

FAULKNER STATES PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC  
STARVO GALT, SHOWN ON IO AND WANTED FLIER, IS PERSON UNKNOWN  
TO HIM WHILE AT GARNER'S ROOMING HOUSE. CLAIMS PHOTO OF RAY  
TAKEN IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY RESEMBLES TO SOME EXTENT

1 MEMPHIS (AM) (44-1987)

1 MOBILE

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QUOTE YOUNG FELLOW UNQUOTE, WHITE MALE, TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTY, ABOUT FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE FORTY LBS., LIGHT BROWN, CLOSE CROPPED HAIR, WHO LIVED AT ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH STREET IN THE SECOND FLOOR, FRONT BEDROOM. THIS PERSON DROVE A SIXTYTHREE OR SIXTYFOUR GOLD COLORED PLYMOUTH, APPEARED TO BE WELL DASH EDUCATED, AND HE THOUGHT THIS PERSON WAS A COLLEGE STUDENT. FAULKNER STATED HE BELIEVED THIS PERSON HAS LIVED AT GARNER'S FOR QUOTE LONG PERIOD UNQUOTE OF TIME AND MAY STILL BE THERE.

FAULKNER, DURING PERIOD APRIL TWO THROUGH EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, LIVED AT GARNER'S QUOTE SECOND HOUSE UNQUOTE, WHICH IS LOCATED NEXT DOOR TO ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH STREET, ATLANTA, GA. ONLY OTHER PERSON HE OBSERVED LIVING THERE WAS A WHITE MALE, OVER FIFTY YEARS OF AGE, SIX FEET, ONE FIFTY TO ONE SIXTY LBS., GRAY HAIR, WRINKLED ROUGH SKIN ON FACE. HE SAW THIS INDIVIDUAL WITH TWO ASSOCIATES DESCRIBED AS: ONE:

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Special Agent in Charge

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WHITE MALE, FORTY TO FORTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET EIGHT TO FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, TWO HUNDRED TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, BALDING ON TOP. THIS INDIVIDUAL APPARENTLY HAD THROAT OPERATION, AS HE HAD A HOLE IN HIS THROAT COVERED BY A PIECE OF GAUZE AND SPOKE IN A GRUFF WHISPER.

OTHER MAN WAS A WHITE MALE, LATE FORTIES, FIVE FEET SIX TO FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, GRAY HAIR, AND WAS VERY SHORT. ALL THREE WORE GRAY WORK CLOTHES AND HE ASSUMED THEY WERE POSSIBLY ELECTRICIANS. NONE OF THREE RESEMBLED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT.

FAULKNER LEFT THE ROOMING HOUSE EARLY MORNING OF APRIL FIVE SIXTYEIGHT, TRAVELED AFTER WORK TO HOME IN COLUMBUS, GA., AND DID NOT RETURN TO ROOMING HOUSE APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT TURNED KEY TO ROOM INTO GARNER AT GARNER'S RESTAURANT, LOCATED ON NORTHSIDE DRIVE.

FAULKNER HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AT PINE HILL, ALA., THE PAST THREE WEEKS AND HAS NOT RETURNED TO ATLANTA SINCE

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : FILE (157-2627)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SAC ALEXANDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

Re: BILLY JOE FAULKNER  
Roomer Next Door to Galt,  
Atlanta, Ga.

On 4/24/68, Mr. DONALD MOORE, ASAC, Dallas, called re BILLY JOE FAULKNER and stated they had checked Dallas Co. and Dallas City Jails, but had not been able to locate FAULKNER. He desired additional information and was given the contents of our teletype of 4/24/68.

While talking to MOORE, he advised he had been informed that on 4/21/68, the Dallas City Police had arrested FAULKNER for vagrancy and they had several addresses in and around Dallas which they would check out in an effort to locate him.

Re: Form Mailed in Pensacola, Fla.  
Signed ERIC STARVO GALT

On 4/25/68, Mr. JOE KELLY, CR Section at the Bureau, called at 9:35 AM and wanted to know whether or not the postal inspector had the item mailed from Pensacola. I told him I would check and call him back. KELLY indicated he had talked to the Lab and the Lab had said they could operate from a photo if the postal inspectors would allow us to photograph the document. After checking with the post office dept., it was determined that the document had been sent to Chattanooga on 4/24/68, by airmail. This information was given to KELLY at 9:53 AM, 4/25/68.

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TO MINNEAPOLIS

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN

RE MP TELEPHONE CALL TO MOBILE AND MOBILE TELEPHONE CALL  
TO BIRMINGHAM APRIL TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT.

ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT LARRY MC NAIR, AST, DECATUR,  
ALA., ADVISED SIXTYEIGHT ALA. LICENSE FIVE TWO DASH TWO SEVEN FOUR  
TWO TWO ISSUED TO DONALD G. ROE, FOUR TWO THREE JACKSON STREET,  
S. E., DECATUR, ALA., FOR ONE NINE SIX FIVE VOLKSWAGEN, VIN ONE  
ONE FIVE TWO FIVE FIVE EIGHT ZERO FIVE.

JERRY EDITION, DECK SCI., DECATUR, ALA. PD. ADVISED FOUR TWO  
THREE JACKSON ST. S. E. IS FICTITIOUS ADDRESS. ALSO COULD LOCATE  
NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH JOHN DELL ROE OR DONALD G. ROE.  
BOTH MC NAIR AND EDITION ADVISED NO STOLEN REPORT RE VOLKSWAGEN AND  
APPARENTLY FICTITIOUS REGISTRATION.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MOBILE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Mobile

DATE: April 29, 1968

*Jan* FROM : Director, FBI

*157-2627*  
SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY  
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM  
NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

*Mats & proofs sent all newspapers by letter 5/7/68*  
Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 100.

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.



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Dothan, Alabama  
April 30th, 1968

Mr. William Alexander  
Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Sir:

Re: James Earl Ray (one of most  
wanted)

I am sending you some information which I  
would ask that you will keep strictly confidential  
from the public, as to name and source.

I own an Abstract Company in Dothan,  
Houston County, Alabama, and have been in the Real  
Estate and Title business about 35 years. The inform-  
ation I am giving you is from the public records here,  
and I would not want it advertised in any way publicly,  
on account of probably hurting my business and my person.

The Ray family having so many relatives in,  
and not too far distant from Springfield, Missouri, as  
shown by the evidence sent you, it seems logical it  
could be of benefit in your search, as the crime for  
which he was serving occurred in Missouri.

It might not be of any value at all to you  
and if not please return to me.

Yours very truly,

*Ozie Scarborough*  
Mrs. Ozie Scarborough  
603 Englewood Drive  
Dothan, Alabama, 36301

Telephone after 5:00  
o'clock P. M. 792 7006

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Mrs. Edith Ray Thompson was one of ten children who were natives of Springfield, Missouri. She resides in Dothan, Alabama for some thirty odd years. Mrs. Thompson was also known as Mrs. John (Jno) A. Thompson.

She was one of ten (Ray) children.

Listed below are the names of all ten:

1. Edith Ray Thompson
2. Norman (Normand) Ray
3. William J. Ray
4. Earl Ray
5. Eva Utley (Uttley)
6. Bessie Ray Bowser
7. Florence Ray Martin
8. Marie Butry (Buttrey)
9. Oscar N. Ray
10. Lester Ray

Oscar N. Ray died in Dothan, Alabama, leaving one son, Stanley Ray, and his widow, Stella Ray.

Lester Ray died in Dothan, Alabama, leaving one son, Charles Ray, and his widow.

These two brothers died before the death of Mrs. Thompson, and their remains returned to Springfield, Missouri.

Kathleen Jeck was connected with this estate in some way and she was a single person on June 18th, 1958 and resided in Springfield, Missouri.

Pat N. Lackey was connected with this estate in some way and she was a single person on May 11th, 1960 and resided in Springfield, Missouri.

Norman Edward Bartling was anephew of Mrs. Thompson and resided at 155 Nebraska, Casper, Wyoming on March 30th, 1956.

It is understood that:

One of three brothers listed, namely: Norman (Normand) Ray, William J. Ray and Earl Ray, had a son, James Earl Ray.

Mobile, Alabama 36601  
May 1, 1968

Mrs. Ozie Scarborough  
603 Maglewood Drive  
Dothan, Alabama 36301

Dear Mrs. Scarborough:

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 30, 1968, transmitting information concerning a Ray family of Springfield, Missouri.

You may be assured that this material will be promptly checked out to determine possible connection with James Earl Ray who is being sought by this Bureau under a Federal warrant.

Your action in making this information available is most appreciated.

Yours very truly,

W. M. Alexander  
Special Agent in Charge

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

I am in receipt of letter dated April 30, 1968, from Mrs. OZIE SCARBOROUGH, 603 Englewood Drive, Dothan, Alabama 36301 (who requested that her identity be kept strictly confidential), sending copies of public records of Houston County, Dothan, Ala., concerning a RAY family of Springfield, Missouri. She thought this family might have a connection with JAMES EARL RAY.

Her letter has been acknowledged, 5/1/68, and she was informed that the material would be promptly checked out to determine any possible connection.

I am enclosing to you the following:

1. Original letter from Mrs. OZIE SCARBOROUGH, 4/30/68, with typed second page listing members of the RAY family. (Mobile is retaining a Xerox copy of this letter from her.)
2. Ancillary Will proceedings on the will of EDITH R. THOMPSON, deceased, filed in Houston County, Alabama. (Will originally probated Greene County, Missouri. Mrs. THOMPSON was formerly EDITH RAY.)

2 - Memphis (Encl. 5)

2 - Mobile

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