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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WERE RELEASED TODAY TO NEWS MEDIA IN WASHINGTON. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN IN MEXICO)." THIS IS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN DARK GLASSES AND SPORT SHIRT. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD BEAR CAPTION " JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT IN CALIFORNIA)." THIS IS HEAD SHOT OF RAY IN BUSINESS SUIT WHICH SHOWS MARKED CLEFT IN CHIN. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE COPIES OF THESE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS LOCALLY AND YOU SHOULD INSURE THEY RECEIVE WIDE-SPREAD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ALL MEDIA CONTACTS. FIVE COPIES OF EACH OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ALL OFFICES. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO ADVISED.

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TO MOBILE CLEVELAND MEMPHIS
FROM DIRECTOR 2P

MURKIN

ON NIGHT OF MAY SEVEN, INSTANT, INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS BOB CONROY, ALLIANCE, OHIO, WHO DECLINED TO FURNISH STREET ADDRESS, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BUREAU AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION. AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT THIRTY P.M., MAY SEVEN, INSTANT, HE OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL WHO RESEMBLED JAMES EARL RAY DRIVING AN OLD CAR POSSIBLY A CHRYSLER PRODUCT, APPLE GREEN IN COLOR, BEARING WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE ALABAMA LICENSE TWO SEVEN ONE SEVEN EIGHT SIX FOUR. LICENSE HAD A RED BACKGROUND WITH LIGHT NUMERALS. THIS INDIVIDUAL STOPPED AND WENT INTO TURNER'S DRUGSTORE NEXT TO CITY SQUARE ON MAIN STREET IN ALLIANCE AND AFTER A FEW MINUTES CAME OUT AND DROVE OFF HEADED EAST ON MAIN STREET. INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYFIVE - FORTY, FIVE FEET ELEVEN, ONE EIGHTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, APPEARED TO BE DYED, VERY DARK TAN COMPLEXION. CONROY OBSERVED WHITE

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*one copy sent Savannah
with airtel (addressed to Bureau),
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FEMALE IN CAR BUT COULD DESCRIBE HER AS ONLY HAVING A LOT OF DARK COLORED BROWN OR BLACK HAIR. HE OBSERVED SOME CLOTHES HANGING IN THE REAR OF THE CAR.

MOBILE ASCERTAIN TO WHOM ABOVE ALABAMA LICENSE ISSUED AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO DETERMINE IF MALE OCCUPANT COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

CLEVELAND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT TURNER'S DRUGSTORE, INCLUDING DISPLAY OF SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH, IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY ABOVE PERSON.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: BUREAU 44-38861 AND CLEVELAND
FROM MOBILE 157-2627

MURKIN. CR. OO ME.

RE ALA. LICENSE TWO SEVEN DASH ONE SEVEN EIGHT SIX FOUR,
SEEN ALLIANCE, OHIO, MAY SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE BUTEL MO AND CV, ELEVEN FIFTEEN P.M. MAY SEVEN LAST.

ALA. LICENSE TWO DASH SEVEN ONE SEVEN EIGHT SIX FOUR AN
IMPOSSIBLE NUMBER.

MAY EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, MRS. MABEL BAILEY, LICENSE CLERK,
DALLAS COUNTY, ALA. PROBATE COURT, ADVISED THAT SIXTYEIGHT ALA.
LICENSE TWO SEVEN DASH ONE SEVEN EIGHT SIX FOUR IS ISSUED TO
WALLACE GREATHOUSE, RT. ONE, SELMA, ALA., FOR A FIFTYNINE PONTIAC,
TWO DOOR CATALINA, VIN ONE FIVE NINE T FOUR SIX FIVE SEVEN,
COLOR NOT RECORDED. THIS TAG WAS MAILED TO GREATHOUSE, JAN.
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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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ONE LAST, CARE OF GENERAL DELIVERY, PEACH ORCHARD BRANCH,
AUGUSTA, GA.

THIS LICENSE HAD BEEN ORDERED BY MAIL AND IN ORDERING THE
TAG GREATHOUSE SAID HE WAS EMPLOYED WITH JAMES H. DREW SHOWS
IN TRAVEL STATUS.

CLEVELAND REFER TO MOLET TO ALL OFFICES ^{TWELVE}~~DEC~~. NINETEEN,
SIXTYSEVEN, CAPTIONED, ALA. CAR, ITSMV MATTERS, WHICH SET OUT
INFORMATION CONCERNING MAIL ORDER TAGS ISSUED IN SEVERAL ALA.
COUNTIES. IT IS NOTED THAT PERSON ORDERING MAIL ORDER TAG
MUST ONLY IDENTIFY HIMSELF AS EMPLOYED IN THE ENTERTAINMENT
BUSINESS OR THE MILITARY AND FURNISH ADDRESS WHERE TAG IS TO
BE MAILED.

CLEVELAND DETERMINE IF JAMES H. DREW SHOWS OPERATING IN
THE ALLIANCE, OHIO, AREA, AND CONDUCT ~~THE~~ NECESSARY INVESTIGA-
TION TO LOCATE AND ELIMINATE GREATHOUSE.

NO INSERT BEING SUBMITTED BY MOBILE.

AM COPY MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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ADDENDUM: Investigation
conducted by SA JAMES F.
ELLIOTT, JR.

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA SPENCER H. ROBB, April 30, 1968:

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

RUFUS RAY, 25 East South Street, advised he is retired from the U. S. Internal Revenue Service, after 42 years service, and has resided in Montgomery some 40 years. His son Lt. Col. JAMES EARL RAY, is serving with the U. S. Army in Vietnam. He said Lt. Col. RAY's son, JAMES EARL RAY, JR., has recently joined the U. S. Navy and is stationed in Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. RAY stated that to his knowledge the JAMES EARL RAY being sought in connection with this KING killing is not related in any way to his family.

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

Re Atlanta teletype 10:31 a.m., 4/30/68.

Enclosed are 25 copies of investigative insert
reflecting interview with RUFUS RAY, Montgomery, Alabama.

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2 - Mobile
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 2128
Mobile, Alabama 36601
May 7, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, also known as
Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard, James McBride,
James Walton, W. C. Herron and
James O'Conner

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith newspaper mat and proof concerning the above named individual, a badly wanted fugitive being sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Aid of the nation's press is being solicited in bringing about prompt apprehension of this person.

Your cooperation in the use of the enclosed in publicizing this fugitive will be greatly appreciated by me.

Very truly yours,

W. M. Alexander
W. M. Alexander
Special Agent in Charge

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75 - 1 each newspaper, Mobile territory
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FBI MIAMI

9:12PM EST 5-8-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DETROIT MOBILE JACKSON TAMPA SAVANNAH AND CHARLOTTE
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 4P

MURKIN

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RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA,
APRIL FIVE THROUGH TWELVE, LAST.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, MAY SEVEN, LAST.

REVIEW OF ALL EAL TICKETS AND RESERVATIONS ON FLIGHTS OUT
OF ATLANTA ON ABOVE DATES COMPLETED. FOLLOWING LEADS SET TO
DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION ON PASSENGERS WITH NAMES SIMILAR
TO ALIASES OF SUBJECT RAY, AND WHO COULD NOT BE ELIMINATED
ON BASIS OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION:

RESERVATION RECEIVED APRIL TWO BY EAL, ATLANTA, FROM
DELTA, DETROIT, FOR ONE RAYE FOR EAL FLIGHT ONE TWO FOUR Y
ON APRIL FIVE FROM ATLANTA TO PHILADELPHIA. PASSENGER TO
TRAVEL DETROIT TO ATLANTA ON DELTA FLIGHT SEVEN SIX ONE Y
ON APRIL TWO. DETROIT CONTACT POINT SHOWN TELEPHONE EIGHT
SEVEN THREE THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO, EXTENSION SEVEN, ROOM
THREE TWO FOUR. NO EAL TICKET FOUND, INDICATING DELTA TICKET

SA Gilman advised

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USED. DETROIT CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO
ELIMINATE.

RESERVATION MADE EAL, ATLANTA, APRIL FIVE, AND TICKET
PURCHASED ATLANTA, APRIL SIX, FOR TRAVEL BY W. J. WALTON,
MOBILE TO ATLANTA ON EAL FLIGHT SIX ZERO FOUR F ON APRIL TWELVE,
ATLANTA TO AUGUSTA ON DELTA FLIGHT FOUR ONE ZERO A ON APRIL TWELVE,
AUGUSTA TO ATLANTA ON DELTA ONE SIX ZERO NINE T ON APRIL
FIFTEEN, AND ATLANTA TO MOBILE ON EAL SIX ZERO ONE F ON APRIL
FIFTEEN. MOBILE CONTACT WAS HOME TELEPHONE THREE FOUR TWO
FIVE FIVE FOUR TWO, BUSINESS THREE FOUR FOUR ZERO TWO EIGHT
TWO. MOBILE CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

RESERVATION MADE EAL, ATLANTA, APRIL FIVE, AND TICKET
NUMBER THREE NINE SIX DASH SEVEN ONE EIGHT DASH NINE FIVE
SEVEN PURCHASED APRIL FIVE AT TRAVEL AFFILIATES, TWO TWO ZERO
WEST LIVE OAK, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, FOR TRAVEL BY JACK
WALTON FROM MOBILE TO ATLANTA ON EAL FLIGHT SIX SIX FOUR Y
ON APRIL FIVE, AND ATLANTA TO CHICAGO ON EAL FOUR THREE FOUR
YN ON APRIL SIX, AND CHICAGO TO SEATTLE ON UNITED ONE FOUR
THREE Y ON APRIL SIX. JACKSON AT PASCAGOULA CONDUCT NECESSARY
INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

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RESERVATION RECEIVED FEB. SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, BY EAL, ATLANTA, FROM DELTA, TAMPA, FOR TRAVEL OF J. WALTON FROM ATLANTA TO TAMPA ON EAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN THREE Y ON APR. TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT. RESERVATION CANCELED. NO TICKET LOCATED. TAMPA CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION AT DELTA TO ELIMINATE.

DELTA MESSAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER WAS ZERO EIGHT SEVEN ONE SIX SEVEN ZERO ONE.

RESERVATION RECEIVED EAL ATLANTA FROM TWA ST. LOUIS, DATE NOT SHOWN, FOR TRAVEL BY ONE HEERAN FROM ATLANTA TO ST. LOUIS ON EAL FLIGHT FIVE ONE ZERO, APR. TEN SIXTYEIGHT. PASSENGER GAVE ATLANTA CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE TWO FIVE - TWO SEVEN SEVEN ONE. NO TICKET LOCATED, INDICATING TWA TICKET USED. ATLANTA CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

RESERVATION RECEIVED EAL ATLANTA, MAR. TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT, FROM DELTA, SAVANNAH FOR TRAVEL BY JOHN WILLARD FROM ATLANTA TO MIAMI ON EAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN SEVEN Y ON

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APR. ELEVEN SIXTYEIGHT. DELTA, SAVANNAH MESSAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ONE EIGHT SEVEN NINE FOUR ZERO ZERO SIX. RESERVATION CONFIRMED BY DELTA, SAVANNAH MESSAGE NUMBER ONE EIGHT SEVEN NINE FOUR ZERO ZERO SIX ON APR. ONE SIXTYEIGHT. PASSENGER CONTACTED EAL ATLANTA ON UNSPECIFIED DATE AND GAVE CONTACT POINT DOWNTOWNER, ATLANTA. ATLANTA AT DOWNTOWNER AND SAVANNAH AT DELTA AIRLINES, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

RESERVATION MADE AT EAL ATLANTA VIA EAL CHARLOTTE ON APR. FIVE SIXTYEIGHT FOR TRAVEL OF J. C. (OR T.C.) GALT FROM ATLANTA TO RICHMOND ON EITHER EAL FLIGHT SIX ONE SIX T OR UNITED FLIGHT SIX FOUR ZERO A ON APR. TEN SIXTYEIGHT. NO TICKET LOCATED. CHARLOTTE CONTACT TELEPHONE GIVEN AS TWO SIX FIVE - EIGHT TWO ONE ONE. RESERVATION ORIGINALLY MADE THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY SIX ONE FIVE BY EMPLOYEE PAT. CHARLOTTE CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE TELEPHONE TO ELIMINATE.

MIAMI OBTAINING OFF - LINE TICKET INFORMATION RE ONE ADDITIONAL PASSENGER. SUPPLEMENTAL TELETYPE FOLLOWS RE THIS ON MAY NINE NEXT. SUBJECT RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-2627)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA ROY H. EVELAND

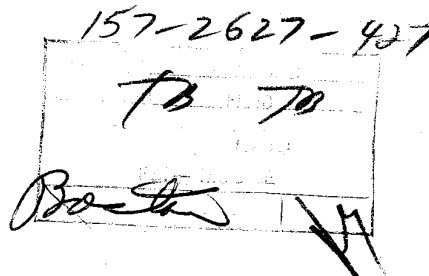
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: ME)

Re Memo All Agents dated 5/3/68.

On 5/7/68 the following persons representing the named laundries and dry cleaning establishments in Opelika, Alabama were shown the IO of JAMES EARL RAY and were also alerted to the laundry marks "02B-6" on red thermo tape and "2OR-3" on white thermo tape.

Mrs. R. L. TRIMBLE, Employee, Handy One Hour Cleaners,
515 Ermine
Mrs. DOROTHY MASTERS, Masters Launderette and Cleaners,
200 Second Avenue
ELLIS MC CONNELL, Owner, McConnell's One Hour Cleaners,
821 Avenue A
JASON MIRACLE, Manager, Midway Plaza One Hour Martinizing
Cleaners, AuburnpOpelika Highway
JIMMY BROACH, Manager, Opelika One Hour Martinizing Cleaners,
110 South Eighth
PAUL ODOM, Owner, Paul's Cleaners, 1812 Pepperell Parkway
T. E. PETERSON, Owner, Peterson's Cleaners, 417 Columbus Hwy.
Mrs. W. C. MC CLENDON, JR., SWISS CLEANERS, 1001 Avenue B

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-2627) (P)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA Raymond J. Maxwell

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: ME)

Rememo of SAC dated 5/3/68.

In accordance with instructions set forth in reference memo, on 5/6/68 SA RAYMOND J. MAXWELL exhibited WF on subject RAY at the following establishments in Dothan, Ala., with negative results. Employees at these establishments advised they will notify the FBI if any resembling RAY contacts their firms:

Bishop Cleaners and Laundry
Dothan One-Hour Cleaners
Dothan Steam Laundry
Hazel Hurst Laundry and Cleaners
Merry-go-Round Cleaners
Modern Cleaners
Monarch Dry Cleaners
Spotless Cleaners
Superior Cleaners

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AIRMAIL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Bureau airtel to Indianapolis, Birmingham, and Mobile, 4/30/68, copy to Memphis, regarding Mrs. RUTH HANNEY - COMPLAINT:

The following investigation was conducted by SAs HERBERT T. BRADSHAW and WILLIAM B. LISTON:

On May 6, 1968, Mrs. RUTH HANNEY, 601 East Adams Street, Muncie, Indiana, advised as follows:

All the information which she has furnished by letter to FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C., was obtained by her and her daughter, Mrs. BARBARA WALLEN, St. Johns Street, at Daleville Road, Daleville, Indiana, by use of a ouija board, a device which mystically spells out words when questions are asked of it. Also, she stated that at about the time of the Pueblo incident, she began hearing signals over her television set which sounded like Morse Code being transmitted, and she thought the Russians were doing this.

Mrs. HANNEY's letter to the Bureau was orally acknowledged and she was asked not to furnish additional letters to the Bureau based on information she obtains from her ouija board.

In view of the foregoing, no further investigation should be conducted concerning information furnished by Mrs. HANNEY.

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- 1 - Birmingham (Info.)**
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)**
- 1 - Mobile (Info.)**
- 1 - Indianapolis**

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MOBILE (157-2627)
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 1P

MURKIN, CR, OO MEMPHIS.

RE CLEVELAND AIRTEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS, MAY EIGHT,
SIX EIGHT; NO COPY MOBILE; AND MOBILE TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY EIGHT,
SIX EIGHT.

FOR INFO MOBILE, WITNESS TURNER DRUG STORE, ALLIANCE,
OHIO, ADVISED INDIVIDUAL WHO APPEARED AT THE DRUG STORE ON MAY
SEVEN, SIX EIGHT, AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT THIRTY PM, WAS NOT
IDENTICAL TO RAY. CHIEF OF POLICE DON COWEN, NA, ALLIANCE, OHIO PD,
ADVISED THIS DATE NO CIRCUSES OR CARNIVALS ARE OPERATING IN THE
ALLIANCE, OHIO AREA, AT THE PRESENT AND AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, NONE
ARE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

MOBILE AT SELMA, ALABAMA. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND
INTERVIEW WALLACE GREATHOUSE, ROUTE ONE, FOR THE PROCESS OF
ELIMINATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS, RICHMOND, MOBILE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN

REMYTEL, MAY EIGHT, LAST.

BEATRICE BRITTON, WIFE OF THOMAS BRITTON, JASPER,
ALABAMA, INTERVIEWED YESTERDAY AND SAID NO PHONE CALLS EVER
RECEIVED BY HER FROM ANY UNKNOWN MALE ASKING FOR HER HUSBAND,
SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. ALSO STATES
NO INDIVIDUALS CAME TO HOUSE ASKING FOR HUSBAND.
SHE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND
NEVER SAW ANY WHITE MUSTANGS IN AREA WHERE SHE AND HUSBAND
RESIDE. MRS. BRITTON ADVISED FROM JUNE,
SIXTYSEVEN, THROUGH JAN., SIXTYEIGHT, THEIR FAMILY DID NOT
RESIDE AT ONE SEVEN ONE ZERO ALABAMA AVE., JASPER, ALA., WHICH
IS ADDRESS GIVEN BY THOMAS BRITTON TO RAY, BUT THEY DID MAINTAIN
THE SAME TELEPHONE NUMBER RESIDENCE IN RURAL AREA OUTSIDE
JASPER, ALA. BRITTONS HAD LIVED AT ABOVE ADDRESS
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*5/9/68 Patry Dean - Says can't
identify today as Tel. Co. Knoxville
closed to funeral Gar Wallace, will advise
5/10/68 - 83 Knoxville phone
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PRIOR TO JUNE SIXTYSEVEN, AND MOVED BACK FROM RURAL RESIDENCE TO THIS SAME ADDRESS IN JAN., SIXTYEIGHT. DURING ENTIRE PERIOD SINCE HUSBAND'S RELEASE, SHE RECALLS TWO PHONE CALLS FOR HER HUSBAND, BOTH FROM AN UNKNOWN WOMAN, WHO DID NOT IDENTIFY HERSELF. ONE CALL RECEIVED ABOUT CHRISTMAS TIME, LAST, AND SECOND CALL CAME JANUARY, LAST. DURING THIS PERIOD, HER HUSBAND WAS HANGING OUT SOME AT LOCAL BARS IN AREA, DRINKING, AND MRS. BRITTON BELIEVES CALLER WAS SOME WOMAN HER HUSBAND WAS POSSIBLY "PLAYING AROUND" WITH. SHORTLY AFTER THIS TIME, HE CEASED HIS DRINKING AND GOT STEADY EMPLOYMENT. ONLY TIME THOMAS BRITTON MENTIONED SUBJECT RAY WAS AFTER RECENT CONTACT BY FBI, WHEN HE EXPLAINED REASON FOR FBI WANTING TO TALK TO HIM. WIFE STATES BRITTON NEVER MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT RAY DURING TIME RAY'S NAME AND PHOTOS WERE BEING SHOWN IN NEWS MEDIA. MRS. BRITTON STATED SHE WILL COOPERATE FULLY AND KEEP BIRMINGHAM ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING HER HUSBAND AND / OR RAY.

GLADYS KEY, KNOWN AS "MOMA HAYWOOD," OPERATOR OF THE LITTLE WARRIOR RIVER CAFE, NOTORIOUS BEER JOINT NEAR DORA, ALA., ADVISED SHE AND EXHUSBAND, C.C. HAYWOOD, FORMERLY JOINTLY OPERATED ANOTHER BEER

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JOINT, HALF-A-MILE AWAY, KNOWN AS THE RIVERVIEW, FROM JULY, FIFTYEIGHT, UNTIL SIXTYFOUR. EXHUSBAND STILL OPERATING SAME PLACE. MRS. KEY UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY PHOTO OF RAY AS PERSON EVER KNOWN TO HAVE FREQUENTED THE RIVERVIEW, EITHER DURING FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTY, OR HER PLACE, SINCE APRIL, SIXTYSEVEN. STATES HER PLACE OFTEN FREQUENTED BY MEN WHO WORK ON BARGES ON WARRIOR RIVER, WHICH PASSES HER FRONT DOOR. C.C. HAYWOOD NOT LOCATED YESTERDAY, EFFORTS BEING MADE TO INTERVIEW TODAY.

MAMIE MITCHELL, OPERATOR OF ROSE'S PLACE, ROUTE ONE, DORA, ALA., ADVISED SHE HAS HAD THIS PLACE SINCE SIXTYTHREE. IT WAS KNOWN AS JOHNNIE'S PLACE AND PARKER'S PLACE DURING PERIOD FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTYTHREE, AND AS MAMIE'S PLACE IN SIXTYTHREE, BEFORE BEING NAMED ROSE'S PLACE IN SIXTYFOUR. MITCHELL UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF RAY AS INDIVIDUAL SEEN BY HER.

NOTING ABOVE, AND INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ABOUT RAY BY THOMAS BRITTON, IT APPEARS THAT BRITTON'S INFORMATION IS CORRECT, AND THAT FOR RAY TO HAVE IDENTIFIED TO BRITTON, "MOMA HAYWOOD" AND TO HAVE KNOWN ABOUT TAVERN NOW KNOWN AS ROSE'S PLACE, WHICH WAS KNOWN TO RAY BY SOME OTHER UNRECALLED NAME, RAY WOULD HAVE DEFINITELY HAD TO HAVE BEEN IN AREA AND FREQUENTED

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THESE TAVERNS IN FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTY. RIVERVIEW IS IN REMOTE AREA AND DOES NOT ADVERTISE. ROSE'S PLACE IS ON OLD US HIGHWAY SEVEN EIGHT, NEAR DORA, ALA. CONCERNING THE ALL-STATE CAFE AND NIGHT CLUB, IDENTIFIED BY BRITTON AS ANOTHER PLACE REFERRED TO BY RAY IN CONVERSATIONS WITH BRITTON IN PEN, THIS IS COMBINATION CAFE AND NIGHT CLUB. THE CAFE IS ON THE GROUND LEVEL AND OPERATED BY ED AND ELEANOR HOLLIS. UNDERNEATH THE CAFE IS NOTORIOUS NIGHT CLUB AND DRINKING JOINT, WHICH IS OPERATED BY HOLLIS' BROTHER, HAROLD HOLLIS. THIS PLACE HAS BEEN IN OPERATION BY THE HOLLISES SINCE FIFTYSEVEN. BOTH ED AND HAROLD HOLLIS STATE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT NOT IDENTICAL WITH ANY CUSTOMER KNOWN TO THEM, EITHER DURING PERIOD FIFTYSEVEN THROUGH SIXTY, OR SINCE APR., SIXTYSEVEN. BOTH HOLLISES, MAMIE MITCHELL, AND GLADYS KEY ALL FURNISHED IO-S OF RAY, AND ALL STATE THEY WILL COOPERATE WITH FBI, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF REWARD OFFERED BY MEMPHIS NEWSPAPERS. ELEANOR HOLLIS AND HER COOK, MYRTLE NELSON, IN ALL-STATE CAFE, BOTH IDENTIFY SIXTY SEVEN AND SIXTYEIGHT PHOTOS OF RAY AS PERSON THEY HAVE SEEN IN CAFE, BUT BOTH STATE THEY ARE UNABLE TO FURNISHE ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHATSOEVER ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION

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OR WHEN HE WAS SEEN BY THEM IN CAFE. BOTH STATE THEY WILL GIVE MATTER CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT IN EFFORT TO RECALL MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION. CONTACT WITH THESE TWO WOMEN WILL BE MAINTAINED BY BIRMINGHAM.

TOLL CALLS CHARGED TO TELEPHONE OF BRITTON FOR PERIOD OCT., SIXTYSEVEN, TO DATE OBTAINED AS FOLLOWS: CHATTANOOGA, TENN., TWO SIX SIX - ONE FOUR ZERO EIGHT, CALLED OCT SEVENTEEN, TWO NINE, NOV. THREE, TWO SIX, TWO NINE, FEB. FOUR, ELEVEN, MARCH FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, TWENTY, LAST; JEFFERSON CITY, MO., SIX THREE SIX - EIGHT FIVE ONE ZERO, CALLED OCT. THREE, LAST; COLLECT CALL APR. FOUR, LAST, RECEIVED FROM HOPEWELL, VA., FOUR FIVE EIGHT - FOUR SIX ONE FIVE MONROEVILLE, ALA., SEVEN FOUR THREE - SEVEN TWO THREE SIX CALLED DEC. SIX LAST.

MOBILE, RICHMOND, KANSAS CITY, AND KNOXVILLE, IDENTIFY ONLY SUBSCRIBERS OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN YOUR AREA, AS LISTED ABOVE, AND CONDUCT INDICES CHECK AND DISCREET INQUIRY. DO NOT INTERVIEW, AT THIS TIME, AS SUCH MIGHT COMPROMISE OR ANTAGONIZE THOMAS BRITTON, WHO IS BEING DEVELOPED AS SOURCE. BIRMINGHAM WILL CONDUCT SIMILAR INVESTIGATION CONCERNING CALLS MADE TO TELEPHONES LOCATED IN DIVISION. NOTE NO CALLS MADE TO ANY TELEPHONE NUMBER KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ACCESSIBLE TO RAY.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

ALA. LICENSE 27-17864
SEEN ALLIANCE, OHIO, 5/7/68


Reference is made to Bureau teletype to Mobile, Cleveland and Memphis, 11:15 p.m., 5/7/68, and Mobile teletype to the Bureau and Cleveland, Airmail copy to Memphis, 11:30 a.m., 5/18/68.

Enclosed herewith for Savannah is one copy each of the above-referenced teletypes.

By teletype dated 5/9/68, Cleveland advised that witnesses at Turner Drug Store, Alliance, Ohio, advised that the individual who appeared at the drug store was not identical to RAY. Cleveland also advised that there were no carnivals operating in the Alliance, Ohio, area at present and set forth lead for Mobile at Selma, Ala., to locate and interview WALLACE GREATHOUSE, Rt. 1, for the process of elimination.

As pointed out in Mobile teletype, 5/8/68, Ala. license 27-17864 was issued to GREATHOUSE, Rt. 1, Selma, Ala., as a result of a mail order and was forwarded to him, care of General Delivery, Peach Orchard Branch, Augusta, Ga.

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In the event this investigation at Cleveland and Savannah does not result in location of WALLACE GREATHOUSE, it is suggested that Cleveland attempt to trace him through the James H. Brown Show by contact with "Billboard Magazine", Cincinnati, Ohio.

CLEVELAND. Will contact sources at Alliance, Ohio, to develop address of complainant BOB CONROY and interview him in person concerning the individual seen by him.

SAVANNAH. Will attempt to locate WALLACE GREATHOUSE through General Delivery, Peach Orchard Branch, Augusta, Ga., in order that he may be contacted to determine if he could possibly be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

GREATHOUSE. This being a well order tag, there is no indication that GREATHOUSE has been in Selma, Ala., or Dallas County, and in the absence of such information, there is no investigation to be made by the Mobile Office in an effort to locate GREATHOUSE.

Reference was made to Mobile letter to all Offices, 12/19/67, captioned: "ALA. CAR; IRVING MATTHEWS", which set forth information concerning wall order tags which are issued in three Ala. counties within the Mobile Div. These tags may be ordered by letter, wire or telephone or in person and are sent to whatever address is indicated if the person identifies himself as being in the entertainment field or in the military service. A route address is issued on the tag receipt.

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CALLS FROM PUBLIC TELEPHONES
INTERSTATE 10, DECEMBER 15-17, 1967

The following investigation was conducted by SA
R. GERRARD ROBINSON:

On May 7, 1968, Mr. WALTER FRIDAY, Administrator, Choctaw General Hospital, Butler, Alabama, advised that telephone number 459-2461 has been assigned to that hospital for several years. He said that he has no knowledge concerning any telephone calls received at this hospital from Orange, Texas, or any out-of-state calls in December 1967, as such calls received by the hospital are not centrally recorded. He said that he could not recall any patient at the hospital who might logically have received any telephone calls from Orange, Texas. FRIDAY advised that he checked with several clerical employees of the hospital who served at varying times on telephone duty but none could recall any long distance calls from the State of Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
ROBERT D. CAMPBELL:

On May 8, 1968, Mr. CHARLES B. STEPHENS, Semmes Nursery, Semmes, Alabama, advised that he has had telephone number 342-1435 for a long time and that during the middle of December 1967, he had received a call at the Nursery from a customer by the name of PATFIELD, who called from Houston, Texas. He said that PATFIELD had a short time before gone into the nursery business and was then making most of his telephone calls from public telephones.

On May 8, 1968, WILLIAM T. HODGES, 1107 Hannon Road, Mobile, Alabama, advised that he has had telephone number 479-8740 for the past ten years. He said that he occasionally drives a truck moving furniture for Bekins Van Lines and on December 16, 1967, he was in Corpus Christi, Texas, at the residence of a sister-in-law. He recalled the date as it was his sister-in-law's birthday, and on that occasion, he called his wife in Mobile from Corpus Christi.

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He said that he had not made any phone calls from Houston, Texas, to his home in Mobile at any time.

Mrs. WILLIAM T. HODGES advised that the only long distance call she received in Mobile in December 1967 was from her husband in Corpus Christi, Texas. She said that she had received no call from the Houston, Texas, area.

The Mobile telephone number 479-7378 is issued to Captain Pete's Restaurant and Lounge, Highway 90. Inquiry at the Lounge on May 8, 1968, reflected that the manager of this establishment during December 1967 was FRANCES PATRONAS, who is now located in Bel Air Apartments, Mobile.

On May 9, 1968, Mrs. FRANCES PATRONAS, Apartment 140, Bel Air Apartments, advised that she recalls receiving no telephone calls at Captain Pete's Restaurant and Lounge from the State of Texas during December 1967 and could furnish no information concerning any such calls.

MARGARET GRIFFIN and MARY WEATHERELL, waitresses at Captain Pete's Restaurant and Lounge during December 1967, were located through Mrs. PATRONAS. MARGARET GRIFFIN could recall no telephone calls from the State of Texas. MARY WEATHERELL advised she recalls a man who had been a customer at this Lounge on a number of occasions, name not recalled, and she seems to recall that this customer had received a phone call one night from a girl friend from Texas. The call she has recollection of was definitely a personal call from a girl friend. She said that this man is a traveling salesman who had been coming through Mobile on a number of occasions in the past and had frequently stopped in at this Lounge.

These persons were shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but could not identify any of the photographs as being similar to anyone seen by them in the past.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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

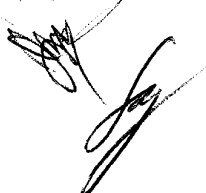
CALLS FROM PUBLIC TELEPHONES
INTERSTATE 10, 12/15-17/67

5/3/68. Reference is made to Houston airtel to the Bureau,

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies of an insert and for Houston, two copies, setting forth the results of the investigation in the Mobile Div. concerning the four telephone numbers listed in referenced Houston airtel.

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2-Memphis (Enes. 25)
2-Houston (44-1509)(Enes. 2)
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Date: May 7, 1968

Transmit the following in _____
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To: All SACs and LEGATs
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

The Bureau has designated Memphis as office of origin in this case.

You were previously advised that leads in this Top Ten Fugitive case must be handled within 24 hours. The Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Springfield Offices are to prepare the results of their investigation to date in report form, not as an insert. At such time as the amount of investigation in these field offices does not appear to warrant individual reports, advise the Bureau and office of origin that inserts being prepared in future in lieu of reports, UACB.

All other offices will record the results in appropriate form and transmit 15 copies of each to the office of origin for inclusion in reports submitted by the Memphis Office. Should investigation increase in any such area warranting submission of individual report, do so and advise the Bureau and Memphis.

LEGATs are to submit results of investigation which can be disseminated in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination. Any administrative data which cannot be disseminated is to be set forth in the administrative section of your transmittal communication. Look-alikes and other leads resolved and reported by cablegram or other communication need not be rereported as copies of these communications are being forwarded office of origin by the Bureau for administrative handling of the case.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 2128
Mobile, Alabama 36601
May 10, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, also known as
Eric Starvos Galt, Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard, James McBride,
James Walton, W. C. Herron and
James O'Conner

Dear Sir:

You have previously been furnished with information concerning the above named individual who is a badly wanted fugitive being sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Enclosed herewith for you are two additional photographs of James Earl Ray, one taken during 1967 in Mexico and the other taken in late January or early February, 1968 in California.

It will be appreciated if you will use these photographs in giving additional publicity to this fugitive.

Very truly yours,

W. M. Alexander

W. M. Alexander
Special Agent in Charge

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75 - 1 each newspaper, Mobile territory
6 - 1 each TV station, Mobile territory
2 - Mobile (157-2627)
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Rerep SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 4/29/68 at New Orleans.

Memphis and Atlanta can refer to pages 19 through 24 of rerep, which sets forth a list of all guests who were registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, La., between 12/17 and 19/67.

- 2 - Memphis
 - 3 - Atlanta (44-2386)
 - 2 - Baltimore
 - 3 - Buffalo
 - 3 - Chicago
 - 2 - Cincinnati
 - 2 - Detroit
 - 2 - Houston
 - 2 - Jacksonville
 - 2 - Miami
 - 2 - Minneapolis
 - ③ - Mobile
 - 2 - New York
 - 2 - Oklahoma City
 - 3 - Pittsburgh
 - 2 - San Diego
 - 2 - Springfield
 - 2 - New Orleans
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Other Offices receiving copies of this airtel were not furnished rerep and so the following background information is being set forth to assist these Offices in conducting the requested investigation:

Investigation has determined that the subject, using the name of ERIC GALT, left Los Angeles, Calif., on 12/15/67, driving his Mustang automobile, in the company of CHARLES J. STEIN, of Los Angeles. STEIN had formerly been a resident of New Orleans and the alleged purpose of this trip was for STEIN to pick up two children of his sister's who were residing in New Orleans and return them to California. According to STEIN, they arrived in New Orleans on 12/17/67 and left New Orleans on 12/19/67. STEIN stayed with relatives and investigation has determined that subject registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, on 12/17/67 as ERIC S. GALT and was assigned room 126. The registration card indicated GALT's automobile to be a Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993 and his address as 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Ala. The subject, as GALT, stayed at the motel until 12/19/67 when he checked out.

Interviews of motel employees in regards to the subject have been negative in that they cannot recall him.

There is set forth under a caption for each Office the identity or identities of persons staying at the Provincial Motel from 12/17 through 19/67. The identities of these persons were obtained from the motel registration cards as well as other information which is set forth under the name. The date listed under each name is the date the individual or individuals stayed at the motel. Each Office should locate and interview these individuals for any knowledge or contact they may have had with the subject. Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, which have been furnished to all Offices, should be displayed to these individuals to ascertain if they recall RAY.

In order to assist Memphis, the Office of Origin in this matter, each Office should set forth the results of this investigation in report form with copies of the reports designated for the Bureau and Memphis.

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In the preparation of these reports, it is suggested that an appropriate predication for this part of the investigation be utilized in the details prior to reporting the results of contacts with these individuals. As an example, the following information might be used for this predication:

Information was Received from the New Orleans Office of the FBI that (insert name and address of person) had registered on (insert date) at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Of course, if any pertinent information is developed as a result of these contacts, this information should be brought to the attention of the Bureau and Memphis by the most expeditious means.

Each Office is reminded that previous Bureau instructions are that leads in captioned matter should be covered within 24 hours.

ATLANTA

RAY EASTERWOOD
139 Briar Lane, Atlanta, Ga.
Room 219
One in Party
12/18/67

E. D. ELLIOTT
1610 Southland Circle, N.W.,
Atlanta, Ga.
Room 202
One in party
12/19/67

N. R. HINEC
1610 Southland Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia
One in party
12/19/67

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Mr. and Mrs. R. C. MATTHEWS, JR.
2126 Mobry Road, Northeast
Atlanta, Ga.
Car - Pontiac, Georgia license 2511476
Room 214
Two in party
12/19/67

BALTIMORE

Mr. and Mrs. Waldorf Plitcher
10820 Georgia Avenue
Wheaton, Maryland
Car - Chevrolet, Maryland license AE 2099
Room 225
Two in party
12/18/67

BUFFALO

Mr. and Mrs. CUTTEN J. CARLSON
200 Collinworth Drive
Rochester, New York
Room 222
Two in party
12/17/67

Mr. and Mrs. VINTON P. OSTRANCHER
126 Meadow Lane
Buffalo, New York
Car - Cadillac, New York license TP 3035
Room 207
Two in party
12/19/67

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CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. WENDELL H. WAYNE
P. O. Box 975, Evanston, Ill.
Car - Pontiac, Illinois license 85299
Room 215
12/18/67

EMIL F. MEIER
2514 Pioneer Road
Evanston, Ill.
Car - Buick, Illinois license BX 1449
Room 211
Two in party
12/19/67

CINCINNATI

GERSON POLASKY
123 North McNichen
Cincinnati, Ohio
12/18/67

DETROIT

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. PINKER
2261 Rolling Green Road
Saginaw, Michigan
Car - Oldsmobile - Michigan license LP 5907
Room 118
Two in party
12/18/67 - 12/23/67

HOUSTON

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. JONES, JR.
213 Hutcheson, Houston, Texas
License - Texas MYN 249
Room 106
Two in party
12/19/67

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JACKSONVILLE

G. L. POSTLETHWAIT
General Delivery, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Car - Dodge, California license VF 451
Room 214
Two in party
12/18/67

MIAMI

W. H. RUNGLER (?)
2899 Columns Avenue, Miami, Fla.
Car - Cadillac, Florida license 1WW11380
12/18/67

MINNEAPOLIS

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. KNUTH
514 Ebony, Duluth, Minn.
Room 112
Two in party
12/17/67

MOBILE

Mrs. HENRY J. SHERRILL
301 Woodland Avenue
Mobile, Alabama
Room 117
Two in party —
12/17/67

Lt. Col. WILLIAM P. FISHER
610 A Seventh Street
Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
Car - Pontiac, Alabama license 3-2541
Room 108
Two in party
12/19/67

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NEW YORK

Dr. and Mrs. DAVID L. ROSNER
87 Soundview Drive
Port Jefferson, New York
Car - Oldsmobile - New York license
Room 101
Two in party
12/18/67

OKLAHOMA CITY

Mr. and Mrs. MIKE EPPLES
1231 South Owasso
Tulsa, Oklahoma
License - Oklahoma D8762
Room 231
Two in party
12/18/67

PITTSBURGH

GORDON WELLMAN
132 Forest Court
Irwin, Pennsylvania
Room 110
12/19/67

AUSTIN L. CONWAY
328 Highland Pines Drive
Pittsburgh 37, Pennsylvania
Room 102
One in party
12/19/67

SAN DIEGO

STEVE FULLER
4077 Hamilton Street, San Diego, Calif.
Car - Volkswagen, California license VOD 912
Room 109, two in party, 12/18/67

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SPRINGFIELD

ROBERT A. CONEY, Judge
311 Fayette Street
Peoria, Illinois
Car - Buick, Illinois license 3281
Room 212
Three in party
12/17/67

NEW ORLEANS

JOE PARISH
Belle Chasse, Louisiana
Room 108
12/18/68

A. A. CASBARIAN
716 Governor Nichols
New Orleans, Louisiana
Car - Jaguar, Louisiana license 29B986
Room 205
Two in party
12/19/67.

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FBI NORFOLK

9-15 AM URGENT 5/10/68 CBS

TO MOBILE AND PHILADELPHIA
FROM NORFOLK (44-263) 2P

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT UNSUB, AKA ROBERT L. MOORE.

ON MAY NINE LAST, DAVID HAYES, STRICKLAND'S ESSO
SERVICE STATION, LASKIN RD., VIRGINIA BEACH, VA., ADVISED
THAT AN INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY CAME INTO
HIS SERVICE STATION DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTY GREEN FOUR-DOOR
OLDSMOBILE BEARING SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE FIVE
NINE DASH FOUR ZERO SIX FIVE. UNSUB DESCRIBED BY THREE
ATTENDANTS AS GENERALLY FITTING DESCRIPTION OF RAY AS
PER MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY WITH SUNGLASSES TAKEN
IN MEXICO.

UNSUB SUSPECT USED HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING CREDIT CARD NO.
THREE FIVE FOUR DASH SEVEN THREE THREE DASH EIGHT
NINE TWO DASH FIVE IN THE NAME OF ROBERT L. MOORE TO MAKE
HIS PURCHASE. HAYES ADVISED THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER UNKNOWN
SUSPECT LEFT STATION HAYES RECALLED A REWARD FLYER HAD BEEN

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ISSUED ON SAID CREDIT CARD.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY ALA., DETERMINE REGISTRANT OF
SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE FIVE NINE DASH FOUR ZERO SIX FIVE
AND DEVELOP ANY INFO.

PHILADELPHIA AT BALA CYNWYD, PA., CONTACT
HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING CO RE DETAILS SURROUNDING REWARD FLYER ON
INSTANT CREDIT CARD.

NORFOLK WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE INSTANT
UNKNOWN SUSPECT. AIR MAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

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TO BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN, CR. OO: ME

THE FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM NORFOLK BY TELETYPE THIS
DATE.

RE SUSPECT UNSUB, AKA ROBERT L. MOORE.

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BEARING SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE FIVE NINE DASH FOUR ZERO
SIX FIVE. UNSUB DESCRIBED BY THREE ATTENDANTS AS GENERALLY
FITTING DESCRIPTION OF RAY AS PER MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF
RAY WITH SUNGLASSES TAKEN IN MEXICO.

UNSUB SUSPECT USED HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING CREDIT CARD
NO. THREE FIVE FOUR DASH SEVEN THREE THREE DASH EIGHT NINE TWO
DASH FIVE IN THE NAME OF ROBERT L. MOORE TO MAKE HIS PURCHASE.
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1 - NORFOLK (AM)
1 - MEMPHIS (AM)
Approved: WMA Sent 12:07 P M
1 - PHILADELPHIA (AM)
Special Agent in Charge
1 - MOBILE
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HAYES ADVISED THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER UNKNOWN SUSPECT LEFT STATION HAYES RECALLED A REWARD FLYER HAD BEEN ISSUED ON SAID CREDIT CARD.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY ALA, DETERMINE REGISTRANT OF SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE FIVE NINE DASH FOUR ZERO SIX FIVE AND DEVELOP ANY INFO.

PHILADELPHIA AT BALA CYNWYD, PA., CONTACT HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING CO RE DETAILS SURROUNDING REWARD FLYER ON INSTANT CREDIT CARD.

NORFOLK WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE INSTANT UNKNOWN SUSPECT. AIR MAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

THIS LICENSE IS FOR ST. CLAIR COUNTY COVERED BY BIRMINGHAM. BIRMINGHAM HANDLE LEAD SET FORTH FOR MOBILE.

AM COPIES ~~NORFOLK~~, MEMPHIS AND PHILADELPHIA.

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: BUREAU (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND
MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. OO ME.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO THE BUREAU, TWELVE TWENTY PM,
MAY NINE INSTANT.

MONROEVILLE, ALA. TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN FOUR THREE
SEVEN TWO THREE SIX, SUBSCRIBED TO BY BOYD RAY, HILLEY, TWO
ZERO EIGHT DENNIS ST., MONROEVILLE, ALA. PD AND SO, MONROEVILLE,
NEGATIVE RE HILLEY BUT BELIEVES HAS GOOD REPUTATION. OFFICE
INDICES NEGATIVE. HILLEY EMPLOYED AS SUPERVISOR AT ARVIN
INDUSTRIES, MONROEVILLE, ALA. P

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Special Agent in Charge

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ME 12:23 P

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RE: JAMES EARL RAY
311 MAY STREET
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

On April 24, 1968, Mr. GEORGE AVERITT, Community Blood and Plasma Service, 166 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama, advised that his files reflect that JAMES EARL RAY had given blood at that office on March 12, 1968. The file indicated that RAY had Navy serial number 8932863, was 5'11" tall, white male, age 46, 180 pounds, had brown eyes and grey hair. His occupation was listed as welder and his residence listed as 311 May Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. AVERITT advised that he has no personal recollection of this individual giving blood and is not in a position to say whether or not the individual actually showed Navy identification at the time he gave blood.

On May 3, 1968, Mr. M. L. GRIFFIN, Vice President, Radcliff Materials Company, Mobile, Alabama, advised that JAMES E. RAY, 311 May Street, Montgomery, Alabama, had worked for his company in Mobile as a welder from February 26, 1968, through March 11, 1968, voluntarily quitting. This man was a white male, born [redacted], at Clanton, Alabama. He has Social Security Number [redacted]. RAY claimed to have served in the U. S. Navy from 1943 to 1946.

GRIFFIN advised that this individual had left this employment and had a small amount of money due him in wages which money was sent to him in care of his home address in Montgomery, Alabama. The check sent to this address was not returned to Radcliff Materials Company.

On May 3, 1968, GRIFFIN's company received a letter from this individual using a return address of Sheriff's Office, Wheatland, Wyoming, asking that money due him from his employment be sent to him in care of the Sheriff's Office at Wheatland, Wyoming.

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On the date of May 4, 1968, the Denver office advised

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that JAMES EARL RAY, who was arrested at Wheatland, Wyoming, April 22, 1968 on a bad check charge, had been checked out as of April 25, 1968. The FBI Identification Division advised from fingerprints, that he is not the JAMES EARL RAY being sought.

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Date: 5/9/68

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AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

RE: JAMES EARL RAY
311 MAY STREET
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Reference is made to Mobile teletype to Denver, AM copy to Memphis, 5/3/68, requesting investigation concerning the above captioned individual who reportedly was in jail in Wheatland, Wyoming.

By letter dated 5/4/68, Denver advised that the fingerprints of this individual had been sent to the Bureau and Denver had been advised that he is not identical with fugitive RAY. Accordingly, no further investigation is being made concerning him.

Enclosed herewith are 25 copies of an investigative insert reflecting investigation of JAMES EARL RAY, 311 May St., Montgomery, Ala.

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2 - Memphis (Encs. 25)

② - Mobile

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2 New Photos Released Of Suspected Murderer

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The FBI distributed Tuesday two more photographs of the accused killer of Dr. Martin Luth-

er King—one of them "an extremely good likeness."

Both were snapshots of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo

Galt, an escaped convict accused of shooting King to death in Memphis April 4.

The "extremely good likeness" is a candid photograph of Ray in a business suit and tie and shows almost his full face, taken in late January or early February somewhere in California.

The other, which the FBI said was taken last November somewhere in Mexico, shows him wearing sun glasses and what appears to be a white sports shirt. The FBI said Ray is known to wear sun glasses frequently.

The two new photographs—the FBI refused to say where or how they were obtained—will be displayed throughout the country along with three other pictures of Ray which now appear on FBI's wanted posters.

One of the earlier photographs was taken when Ray was graduated from bartending school in Los Angeles early this year. His eyes were closed when the shutter snapped, but they were sketched in by an FBI artist. The picture shows him wearing a white shirt and black bow tie.

The other two photographs were made when Ray entered the Missouri State Prison in 1960 to serve a 20-year sentence for armed robbery.

Ray, who escaped from prison April 23, 1967, by hiding in a truck, is wanted by the FBI for illegal flight to avoid prosecution, in Tennessee for King's murder.

The civil rights leader was shot to death on a motel balcony, apparently by a rifleman 200 feet away in a rooming house bathroom.

Thirteen days later the FBI announced it had issued a warrant for Galt, but after checking some 53,000 fingerprints, the FBI said two days afterwards that Galt and Ray were the same man.

Ray was added to the FBI's list of 10 most wanted criminals April 20. There have been reports of the search extending to various foreign countries, including Australia, and authorities along the U.S. borders have been alerted to watch for him.



RAY STILL SOUGHT—The Federal Bureau of Investigation released these two photographs Tuesday in Washington, identified as two additional pictures of James Earl Ray who is being sought in connection with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The FBI said the picture of Ray wearing dark glasses was taken in Mexico in November 1967, while the one of Ray in a business suit was made in California during the last part of 1967 or early February 1968. Charles P. ...

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-2627)(P)

FROM : SA R. GERARD ROBINSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: ME)

DATE: 5/10/68

Re Mobile Memo, dated 5/3/68.

On 5/8/68, the following persons who operate the only cleaning establishments in Jackson, Ala., were shown photographs of the laundry mark that appeared on Subject RAY's clothing. They were also shown a group of photographs of RAY. They advised they would remain alert for the subject or any cleaning or laundry bearing this laundry mark.

JOHN L. QUINN
1-A Cleaners
115 Carroll St.;

ROBERT L. BUMPER
Joy One-Hour Cleaners;

LEON MC INTYRE
Mac's Spotless Cleaners
101 Monroe;

Re Memo to All SRAs, dated 4/25/68.

This memorandum requested that WFs and IOs be exhibited to TV stations and hippie rooming houses. There are no TV stations or hippie rooming houses in Jackson, Ala.

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MURKIN

Re Mobile airtel to Memphis 5/1/68.

Enclosed for Mobile are the following:

1. 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. Microfilmed copies of deeds showing signatures of different heirs of Mrs. EDITH R. THOMPSON, deceased.
3. Copy of deed signed by Mrs. FLORENCE MARTIN and DELBERT MARTIN, Springfield, Missouri.
4. Copy of deed dated September 7, 1957, listing heirs of EVA UTLEY.

The enclosures have been reviewed and do not indicate any connection with the subject of this case, JAMES EARL RAY.

In accordance with request of contributor, these documents should be returned by the Mobile Division.

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SUSPECT HAROLD EDWARD NICHOLS,
ALSO KNOWN AS HAL NICHOLS

The following investigation was conducted by SA
SPENCER H. ROBB at Montgomery, Alabama, on May 7, 1968:

Miss JANET COCHERIGAN, Bookkeeper, Midtown Holiday Inn, advised she could not locate the registration card; however, her Folio No. 1919 reflects HAL NICHOLS was a guest of that motel the night of February 25, 1968, paying in advance for a party of one.

ED HAILS, Manager, Town Plaza Motel, advised his registration card could not be located; however, his daily register of guests reflects HAL NICHOLS, his wife and child were guests of that motel on the night of March 2, 1968.

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Memorandum

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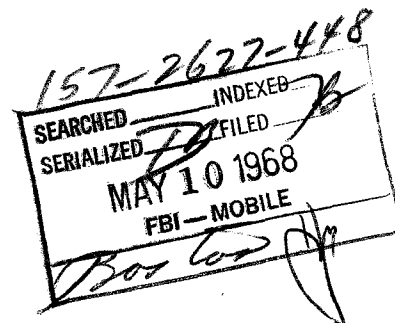
DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA ROBB

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/9/68 J.S. BALINT, Central Records Bureau, Montgomery PD and J.B. JOLLY, Identification Officer, Alabama DPS, advised they have checked their latent print files and have not been able to identify any of the prints with those of JAMES EARL RAY.

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