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these establishments were checked thoroughly under the name of RAY and his other aliases during any period he was known to have been in the Birmingham area, but no such record of residence could be located. Exhibition of his photograph was extended to include all employees on all three shifts of each hotel and motel. No employees could make any identification.

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Bus Stations

All employees on each shift at the terminals of bus lines serving Birmingham were again contacted on April 25 and 26, 1968, by SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT, WILLIAM A. SAUCIER, NEIL P. MARTIN, and RICHARD D. SCHWEIN, and identification orders pertaining to RAY were supplied to the employees without effecting an identification.

Railroads

After issuance of the identification order for the arrest of subject RAY, employees of the city ticket offices and the respective terminals of railroads serving the city of Birmingham were contacted by SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT, WILLIAM A. SAUCIER, NEIL P. MARTIN, and RICHARD D. SCHWEIN, and copies of the identification orders furnished to said employees. No one recalled having seen RAY in the capacity of a passenger on any railway line.

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Airlines

Although all city offices and Municipal Airport stations of each airline serving Birmingham had been previously contacted regarding subject then known as GALT, they were again canvassed on April 25, 1968, by SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and WILLIAM A. SAUCIER and identification orders issued for RAY were exhibited and left with personnel of each city office and airport station of each airline. No identification was effected.

Car Rental Agencies

On April 25, 1968, all automobile rental agencies in Birmingham were recontacted by SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT, WILLIAM A. SAUCIER, NEIL P. MARTIN, and RICHARD D. SCHWEIN, after the establishment of RAY being the subject in this matter, their records checked and identification orders supplied to each shift of such rental agencies. This resulted negatively as to any identification of RAY utilizing such a method of transportation during the pertinent period.

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Luggage Storage

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs NEIL P. MARTIN and RICHARD D. SCHWEIN on May 1, 1968:

Through the cooperation of the managers of the luggage storage departments of the bus stations, railway stations, shopping centers, and the Birmingham Municipal Airport, all luggage which had been allowed to remain over the prescribed period of storage was examined. No item which could be attributed to RAY was noted.

Laundries and Dry-Cleaning Establishments

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT, WILLIAM A. SAUCIER, NEIL P. MARTIN,
and RICHARD D. SCHWEIN:

Since it had been determined from investigation that the subject previously known as GALT frequently utilized branch offices of laundries and dry-cleaning establishments, usually on a weekly basis, all main offices and the 261 branch offices in residential neighborhoods were recontacted after issuance of the identification order for RAY. No employees other than have been previously reported could identify RAY as being a patron of their establishment. Identification orders were left with each proprietor.

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Parolees from Missouri State Penitentiary

Mr. JOHN McINTOSH, Chief Deputy, U. S. Probation Officer, was contacted by SA HENRY A. SNOW to determine whether their files contained records of any parolees from the Missouri State Penitentiary residing in the Northern District of Alabama, who may have been confined in the Missouri institution during the same period of confinement of RAY. Based on available records, Mr. McINTOSH was unable to identify any such state parolees who might be under federal supervision at this time.

Mr. WARREN GASTON, Alabama State Parole and Probation Officer, Room 411, Jefferson County Court House, was contacted for the same purpose and suggested that Mr. L. B. STEPHENS, Parole Executive, Alabama State Office Building, Montgomery, Alabama, would have a ready reference of all Missouri State Penitentiary parolees presently under state supervision in Alabama. He stated that Mr. STEPHENS keeps these records under an interstate compact with the various states. Appropriate communication was dispatched to the Mobile Office for contact with Mr. STEPHENS.

Safe Deposit Boxes

In a communication dated May 6, 1968, the Bureau pointed out that it may have been possible for subject RAY while fleeing on the day after the murder from Memphis, Tennessee, to his next known location in Atlanta, Georgia, to have visited a bank and gained access to a safe deposit box previously rented. The pertinent date was considered to be April 5, 1968.

Through the cooperation of the following bank officials extended to SA HENRY A. SNOW during the period May 8-16, 1968, they caused records of the 24,380 safe deposit boxes to be checked for the pertinent date of entry, April 5, 1968:

Mr. CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, and
Mrs. CATHERINE A. REEDY, Manager of
Safe Deposit Department, Birmingham
Trust National Bank, Main Office,
and its 17 branch offices

Mr. CLAUDE LOVELESS, Comptroller,
First National Bank of Birmingham,
and its 25 branch offices

Mr. ROBERT F. CRADDOCK, Auditor,
Exchange Security Bank, and its 12
branch offices

Mr. GEORGE MURPHREE, President, City
National Bank of Birmingham, and its
four branch offices

Mr. FLOYD L. JONES, Vice President,
Central Bank and Trust Company, and
its five branch offices

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Mr. J. M. INGRAM, Cashier,
American National Bank

Identification orders were exhibited and delivered to the manager of each of the safe deposit departments of each of the banks without any recognition of RAY as having been a past customer or as having access to any safe deposit box on the date April 5, 1968. Each of the bank officials, after having caused a check to be made of their entry cards for the pertinent date, advised that no customer who might conceivably be identical with RAY entered a box on that date.

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Laundry Mark 20-R-3

After receipt of information to the effect that among recovered effects abandoned by subject, there was a linen laundry mark, 20-R-3, thereon, SA DAVID T. DALY on April 30, 1968, determined from laundries in the Birmingham area that although some utilized the Thermo-Seal machine, none were located who have in the past identified linens in their laundries by the mark 20-R-3.

VIRGIL ESCO, Plant Manager, Mayfield Cleaners, 219 South 20th Street, advised that they have in the past used the mark 20-R-; however, he found this to be a white and pink stripe and a cloth mark. Therefore, it is not identical with the mark 20-R-3 which was found on the linens in instant investigation.

Used Cars Advertised

On the possibility that subject RAY, who has been known to have purchased a used vehicle in the past, may have again done so through the medium of classified advertisements in the daily press, a review of all such ads was made by SAs RICHARD D. SCHWEIN and NEIL E. MARTIN, which ads appeared in the "Birmingham Post-Herald" (morning) and the "Birmingham News" (evening) for a period which was deemed to be pertinent, i.e. March 21 - April 2, 1968.

After such reviews, the owners of all such cars who had placed ads were contacted and this amounted to 486 automobiles; the period during which the previous owners were contacted by SAs SCHWEIN and MARTIN was from May 7-17, 1968. In each instance, the purchaser of the vehicle was satisfactorily determined not to be identical with subject RAY.

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News Media and Publications

During the period covered by this report, constant liaison has been maintained with the daily press and television stations in the Birmingham area. These outlets all have publicized the photographs of RAY effectively. The weekly "Birmingham World", which has extensive circularization among the Negro citizens of Birmingham, has also given prominent space to the publication of subject's photographs and news items.

In addition to the above, SA ROBERT J. YARNALL through arrangements effected with Mr. SAM C. SPIVEY, Executive Secretary, The Alabama Service Station Association, 1102 South 20th Street, Birmingham, caused a full page write-up and photographs of RAY to be published on page 5 of the April issue of the magazine published by that association. This publication reaches all service stations in the State of Alabama.

"Look-Alikes" and Miscellaneous Suspects

Based on widespread coverage through news media, etc., numerous reports have been received during the period covered by this report wherein citizens have reported individuals resembling RAY. Without exception each of these instances received immediate attention by Agents of the Birmingham Office and all such cases resulted in the positive elimination of the suspected individuals. Records of these instances are maintained in a separate section of the Birmingham file in this matter.

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Check of Motor Vehicles Stolen in Alabama

By communication dated April 26, 1968, the Bureau made available a list of motor vehicles stolen in Alabama as compiled from information retained at NCIC. The Mobile Office, under date of May 6, 1968, transmitted to the Birmingham Office a list of those vehicles stolen in the Birmingham territory during the pertinent period. At the present time the Birmingham Office is engaged in determining whether subject RAY may have been responsible for the theft of one of these vehicles.

In addition thereto, the Birmingham Police Department, when previously contacted, advised that the Auto Theft Squad of that department will without exception compare any latent fingerprints on any vehicle stolen in the State of Georgia and recovered at Birmingham. Special attention has been afforded by the Birmingham Police Department to any car reported stolen in Georgia immediately prior to or shortly after the date, April 6, 1968.

In addition to the above, each Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle (ITSMV) case, which had been pending in the Birmingham Office involving an unknown subject either stealing a car in the Birmingham territory and abandoning same in Atlanta territory or vice versa, has been reviewed and special attention given to any witnesses to the theft or recovery of such vehicle. To date, no such witness has identified RAY as being a possible suspect in any of those cases.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA HORACE H. WILLIS in an effort to identify the operator of an automobile displaying Alabama license tag 42-7866 at Chicago, Illinois, on April 19, 1968.

In the late evening of April 19, 1968, GENE PANELL, Alabama State Trooper, Florence, Alabama, advised his office at Florence and Decatur, Alabama, had no record of the above license plate, and stated the registration pertaining to this tag could be obtained from the Probate Judge's Office, Moulton, Alabama, on April 22, 1968.

On April 22, 1968, records of the Probate Judge's Office, Moulton, Alabama, reflected the following information relating to this license plate. It was issued to EDGAR F. BORDEN, Moulton, Alabama, for a 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle, VIN 1381768(or A)176978, on March 12, 1968.

Mrs. JUANITA JACKSON issued the plate, and Mrs. JACKSON stated she did not recall what the person buying this tag looked like. After viewing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, she stated she had no recollection of ever having seen an individual resembling RAY.

Considerable investigation was conducted April 22 through April 24, 1968, in an unsuccessful effort to identify EDGAR F. BORDEN.

On April 24, 1968, TOM PETTUS, County, Attorney, advised he handled a divorce for EDGAR T. BORDEN from Cook County, Illinois, in 1957, and PETTUS' records showed that EDGAR T. BORDEN, wife WALCIE BORDEN, had a son named EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN.

Mrs. WALCIE JOHNSON was located on Rural Route, Moulton, Alabama, and advised she had a son, EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN, who was in Alabama in March 1968 and purchased a license plate for his Chevrolet Chevelle automobile at that time. She said this son was now in the process of moving

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from 2344 Sacramento, Chicago, Illinois, to 2324 Greenwood Street, San Angelo, Texas, in care of ERWIN BORDEN. She described EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN as follows:

Age	25
Date of Birth	<div></div>
	Lawrence County, Alabama
Height	5' 5" or 6"
Weight	132
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Married

"Lonely Heart" Type Organizations

The following investigation was conducted by SA'S ROBERT M. BARRETT and WILLIAM A. SAUCIER:

A review of the Birmingham telephone and city directories was made on May 14, 1968, for any "lonely heart" type organizations, with negative results. The only exceptions noted were the listings for Electra-Date Corporation, and Computa-Date Corporation, Homewood, Alabama, a Birmingham suburb.

On May 14, 1968, BILLY SELLERS, President, Electra-Date Corporation, #9 N.W. 23rd Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, checked his records through the use of a computer, for any record of JAMES EARL RAY, under his true name or known aliases, without affecting any identification. He did locate a record for one EVERETT S. RAY, P. O. Box 4231, Memphis, Tennessee, telephone 276-1217. This RAY is a white male, age 44, 5'8", 136 pounds, does not dance, does smoke, and is a welder.

SELLERS said he would carefully scrutinize all subsequent applications, and should he receive any for anyone having the same description, likes, dislikes and preferences as does JAMES EARL RAY, SELLERS would immediately notify the FBI.

On May 14, 1968, RICHARD SAUNDERS, owner of Computa-Date Corporation, Homewood, Alabama, advised his business is engaged in providing dates for both males and females, through an electronic computer system. He added he presently has 28 offices in the Southeastern section of the United States, which includes the states of Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, and Mississippi. He searched his records through the use of his computer, for any record of JAMES EARL RAY, under his true name or known aliases, with negative results. SAUNDERS said he would immediately notify the FBI should he receive any application from anyone resembling JAMES EARL RAY, in any manner, or which application would be of interest to the FBI.

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☒ Radio

URGENT 5-22-68

☐ Teletype

TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

FROM: DIRECTOR

MURKIN. - 157-2627

① INASMUCH AS RAY IS KNOWN TO STAY AT "FLOPHOUSES" AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS.

② ALL OFFICES ~~COVERING~~ COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTYEIGHT, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTYFIVE YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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Re ① Leads assigned Robb,
Frye, Robinson, Creason
Meador, Maxwell, memo
Hauptmann. Dr

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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RE: RECORD OF UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED

On May 16, 1968, RALPH ROBERTS, Chief, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Alabama Department of Health, Montgomery, Alabama, advised SA DAN O. STEPHENS that his files reflect, to date, only one death of an unidentified person in Alabama since April 5, 1968.

This individual, a Negro male, age unknown, died on or about April 28, 1968, in Mobile, Alabama.

He was requested to notify the FBI of all other certificates received, reflecting the death of an unidentified person, until advised to the contrary.

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AIRMAIL

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

RECORD OF UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED

Re Bureau airtel to all SACs, 5/9/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are fifteen (15) copies of insert reflecting check of Bureau of Vital Statistics records for Alabama, 5/16/68.

It is noted that only one unidentified death has been recorded since 4/5/68, that being a Negro male.

The Mobile Office will be advised by BVS, Montgomery, of future unidentified deceased who will be checked in line with Bureau instructions.

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455PM URGENT 5/22/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KNOXVILLE (44-696), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
ATLANTA (44-2386) AND MOBILE (157-2627)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE PERSONAL REVIEW OF TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA
APRIL FIVE TO TWELVE LAST.

ALL UAL FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA ABOVE DATES COMPLETED.
FOLLOWING ARE ONLY TWO POSSIBILITIES DEVELOPED.

EAL TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SEVEN TWO EIGHT THREE ZERO
EIGHT TWO NINE FIVE TWO ISSUED APRIL EIGHT LAST PASSENGER
JAMES C. GALT. TRAVELED ON APRIL TEN EAL FLIGHT SIX ZERO
ZERO CHATTANOOGA TO ATLANTA. LEAVE ATLANTA VIA UAL FLIGHT
SIX NINE SIX A SAME DATE. TICKET PURCHASED TENNESSEE VALLEY
TOUR AGENCY, INC., CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

EAL TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SEVEN FOUR ONE ONE TWO FIVE
THREE FOUR EIGHT NINE FOR TRAVEL MOBILE TO ATLANTA APRIL
EIGHT LAST UAL FLIGHT THREE SIX ZERO. LEAVE ATLANTA SAME DATE
UAL FLIGHT SEVEN NINE SIX. OTHER TRAVEL LISTED ALSO OUT OF
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ATLANTA APRIL EIGHT LAST EAL FLIGHT ONE ZERO THREE DESTINATION
MOBILE PASSENGER MR. J. D. O'CONNOR, EAL MOBILE. UNDER FORM
OF PAYMENT APPEARS NUMBER N NINE TWO FOUR FOUR FIVE ZERO THREE.

AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE AND MOBILE, ALABAMA, IDENTIFY
AND ELIMINATE PURCHASERS OF FOREMENTIONED TICKETS.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

REVIEW OF TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS
FROM ATLANTA, APRIL 5-12, 1968

Re Chicago teletype, 5/22/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 15 copies of an insert reflecting investigation at Mobile identifying the passenger J. D. O'CONNOR. One copy of this airtel and insert is being furnished to Chicago and Atlanta for information so that these offices may be advised that O'CONNOR is eliminated, as he is an employee of the U. S. Engineers in Mobile, and has been for the past 19 years.

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REVIEW OF TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS
FROM ATLANTA, APRIL 5-12, 1968

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON on May 23, 1968, at Mobile, Alabama:

Mobile City Directory reflects that JOHN D. O'CONNOR resides at 2906 Jennings Drive and is employed as an engineer for the U. S. Corps of Engineers in Mobile.

Mr. A. S. BREWER, Personnel Manager, U. S. Corps of Engineers, advised that JOHN D. O'CONNOR has been employed by the U. S. Corps of Engineers for the past nineteen years and is an engineer who travels considerably in connection with his employment. He is described as a white male, born [redacted] at Mobile, Alabama, 6'1" tall and weighs 150 pounds.

JOHN D. O'CONNOR advised that his records reflect that on April 8, 1968, he traveled from Mobile, Alabama to Atlanta, Georgia by United Airlines flight number 360 and the same date flew from Atlanta, Georgia to Bristol, Tennessee on United Airlines flight number 796. He flew back from Bristol to Atlanta on April 11, 1968 on Piedmont Airlines and from Atlanta to Mobile on April 11, 1968 on Eastern Airlines flight number 103. Payment for fare on this roundtrip flight was made by Travel Request Number N9244503.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (157-2627)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SAC ALEXANDER *WMA*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

With reference to Bureau radiogram 5/22/68, I called the Bureau at 9:20 AM, 5/23/68, and discussed the instructions contained in the BuRad with Supervisor-in-Charge C. L. McGOWAN. I told McGOWAN I would like to get some guidelines in checking drivers license applications for the months of April and May, 1968, particularly on height and weight. McGOWAN stated that he felt there should be some elimination due to both and would suggest that anyone 5'8" or under and over 6'1" be eliminated. By the same criteria he felt that the weight standards should probably be 150 to 200 lbs.

I asked McGOWAN what he meant by appropriate investigation, pointing out that we had done this previously on the basis of handwriting and only sent the applications, which we could not eliminate through handwriting and other criteria, to the Bureau for examination by the FBI Lab. He stated that he felt some actual investigation would have to be made to eliminate these individuals since the individual might be trying to disguise his handwriting and in all probability many of them could be eliminated on the basis of their employment without an actual viewing or interviewing.

I asked McGOWAN the basis for the age 30 to 55, pointing out that RAY was actually 40 years of age and had indicated that he was 37 when applying previously for an Ala. drivers license. McGOWAN said the Bureau in considering these age limits, using all factors, felt that this was the appropriate age bracket to consider, pointing out that a 40-year old individual could make himself look younger and could also make himself look to be a man 50 to 55.

Based on the above guidelines, I told McGOWAN the check of all drivers license applications for the months of April and May, 1968 was going forward; however, it would be June 1st before all the month of April would be available and July 1st before all the month of May would be available. Mr. McGOWAN indicated this would be a continuing project.



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: ME)

Re Birmingham telephone call to Montgomery
RA, 5/21/68, and Birmingham teletype to Mobile, 5/21/68.

On 5/21/68, Mrs. GERTRUDE KING, Drivers
License Division, Alabama Department of Public Safety,
Montgomery, Alabama, telephonically advised SA DAN O.
STEPHENS as follows:

License #2911516 was issued to ROGER DAVID
BROUSSARD, 2123 North 12th Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama,
on 4/10/68. He is described as being a white male, born
[redacted], 6', 170 lbs., brown eyes, and brown hair. His
application indicates that he was then employed as a sales-
man by Bell and Howell, and that he formerly held licenses
in Virginia and New York.

FRANK WILLIAM PRUETT, 2123 North 12th Avenue,
Birmingham, Alabama, holds a current license and has held
one in Birmingham since 1954. He is described as being a
white male, born [redacted] 5'9", 149 lbs., blue eyes, and
brown hair.

Above information was telephonically furnished to
SA SNOW, Birmingham Office, by SA STEPHENS on 5/21/68.

On 5/21/68, Mrs. KING, Drivers License Division,
made available to SA DANIEL W. McALLEN, III, a xerox copy

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of the application and license of BROUSSARD, which is enclosed herewith.

No insert being submitted by Mobile.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Re Bureau radiogram, 5/14/68, instructing that RAY's photographs should be displayed to witnesses in unsolved bank robbery and bank burglary cases.

Instructions in this regard were furnished to all agents of this office who are assigned the pending unsolved bank robbery and bank burglary cases, by Memo dated 5/16/68. All photographs of RAY were also made available for exhibition to witnesses in these cases.

Results of this investigation will be reported in the individual bank robbery or bank burglary file and recorded in instant Murkin file. Any pertinent information developed concerning RAY will be immediately brought to the attention of the Bureau and Memphis.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Re Bureau letter 4/29/68, furnishing Mobile with newspaper mats and proofs for distribution to cooperative daily and weekly newspapers.

These mats and proofs were submitted to all such newspapers in this Division by letter dated 5/7/68.

In addition, by letter dated 5/10/68, all such newspapers, as well as television broadcasters in the Mobile Division, were furnished copies of the two latest photographs of RAY, namely, the photograph taken in 1967 in Mexico and the photograph taken in late January or early February, 1968, in California. These photographs were so labeled and cooperation of these sources in publicizing these photographs was requested.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-2627) ATTN: BOSTON

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : ROBERT L. FINE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mememo SA BOSTON dated 4/25/68 at Mobile

Pursuant to mememo the following contacts were made at Selma, Ala. in order to obtain publicity relative to JAMES EARL RAY:

- 4/28- BILL KISS- TV Station WSLA, Selma
- 4/28- JULIUS WATSON- WHEE radio
- 4/28/68- BOB MARTIN- WMA radio (formerly WTVG).
- 4/28- RUTHENY STRUTTS- WMA radio
- 4/28 and 5/22- JOSEPH FALKENBERG, Editor, Selma Times Journal.

On 5/21/68 the only two tourist and boarding houses in Selma that might possibly have contact with RAY were contacted, photo displayed, and individuals who operate the homes advised they would advise should information of pertinence be developed:

LEO. HIRKHAUSSEN JONES, Old South Tourist Home, 431 Broad St.
LIONEL STROUT, Strout's Boarding House, 801 Pauderdale St.



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Date: **May 21, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **Airtel** _____
(Priority)

To: All SACs
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

[Signature]
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and dangerous.

Mem all Legats

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Date: 5/21/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)
 RE: MURKIN
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Re Butel 4/25/68, to El Paso, et al, advising that each office should determine from the telephone company the long distance calls placed at each public telephone on U. S. Highway 90 and Interstate Highway 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67. Subject reportedly made eight long distance telephone calls while in Texas.

Set forth by Field Division are some of the telephone calls made from the San Antonio Division, 12/15-17/67, which were obtained from available Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records. The various Field Divisions will determine from the subscriber or person receiving the call the identity of the caller. If the caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information. Further, determine if the subscriber or the person receiving the call has any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY.

Unless information is developed during the course of the investigation requested above which pertains to the San Antonio Division, it is not necessary to advise the San Antonio Division of the results.

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3 - Birmingham	③ - Mobile
7 - Dallas	2 - Richmond
3 - El Paso	2 - Sacramento
2 - Kansas City	2 - Tampa
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SA 44-1242

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
<u>BIRMINGHAM</u>			
12/15/67	223-0232	205-324-8051	Birmingham, Alabama
12/17/67	661-9063	205-734-7304	Cullman, Alabama
12/16/67	674-9761	205-881-2057	Huntsville, Ala.
<u>DALLAS</u>			
12/15/67	432-9020	817-283-1546	Euleless-Hurst, Texas
12/15/67	875-3029	817-294-5422	Burleson, Texas
12/15/67	432-9224	817-626-5763	Fort Worth, Texas
12/17/67	223-7735	817-834-4482	Fort Worth, Texas
12/17/67	278-9013	915-396-4655	Menard, Texas
12/15/67	223-7892	915-399-0113	Luther, Texas
12/15/67	223-8000	915-653-9748	San Angelo, Texas
12/16/67	875-9030	915-692-0695	Abilene, Texas
<u>EL PASO</u>			
12/16/67	278-9093	915-598-2010	El Paso, Texas
12/17/67	674-9761	915-828-1819	Guadalupe Peak, Tex.
12/17/67	278-9041	915-837-4486	Alpine, Texas
<u>KANSAS CITY</u>			
12/17/67	674-9104	816-231-2992	Kansas City, Missouri From SAM DANIEL

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
<u>KNOXVILLE</u>			
12/17/67	674-9914	615-588-2564	Knoxville, Tenn.
<u>MEMPHIS</u>			
12/16/67	379-9953	615-896-2776	Murfreesboro, Tenn. to BETTY STANLEY
<u>MOBILE</u>			
12/16/67	674-9693	205-368-2394	Atmore, Alabama
12/17/67	674-9603	205-471-3762	Mobile, Alabama
12/16/67	661-9063	205-943-5784	Foley, Alabama
<u>RICHMOND</u>			
12/17/67	674-9724	703-356-4286	McLean, Virginia
12/17/67	674-9724	703-356-4286	McLean, Virginia
<u>SACRAMENTO</u>			
12/17/67	538-9598	209-251-1137	Fresno, California
12/17/67	563-9747	209-834-3541	Fowler, California
<u>TAMPA</u>			
12/17/67	674-9761	813-294-5795	Winter Haven, Fla.
<u>SAN ANTONIO</u>			
12/16/67	278-9086	817-546-3241	Chilton, Texas
12/15/67	674-9915	817-753-3090	Waco, Texas

SA 44-1242

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
<u>SAN ANTONIO</u>			
12/15/67	278-9088	817-754-8205	Waco, Texas
12/17/67	432-9277	817-634-5911	Killeen, Texas
12/16/67	432-9665	915-452-5885	Richland Springs, Texas
12/17/67	432-9665	915-452-5885	Richland Springs, Texas.

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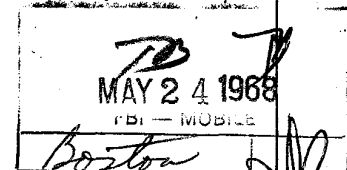
TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987 AIR MAIL (CHICAGO,
ATLANTA AND MOBILE.
FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696
MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE, MAY
TWENTYTWO INSTANT, RE REVIEW OF TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS FROM
ATLANTA APRIL FIVE TO TWELVE LAST. REFERENCE IS ALSO MADE TO
TO KNOXVILLE TEL TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND CHARLOTTE
MAY NINE LAST REGARDING EAL FLIGHT FROM ATLANTA APRIL FIVE TO
APRIL TWELVE LAST.

RESERVATION SET FORTH IN REFERENCED CHICAGO TEL PREVIOUSLY
INVESTIGATED AND ELIMINATED. RESULTS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED
KNOXVILLE TELETYPE.

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Date 5-22-68

RE: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

157-2627-513

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<input type="checkbox"/> The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, all sources, <input type="checkbox"/> paraphrase contents.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA dated _____			

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Remarks: ReBulet 5-20-68.

In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has under-written the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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Date: MAY 22, 1968

Transmit the following in Plaintext
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACs

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

RE: MURKIN

RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TELSMAY SEVENTEEN
LAST CONCERNING LA TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED WHICH INDICATES INDIVIDUAL
KNOWN TO LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, EMPLOYEE OF WESTERN UNION,
LOS ANGELES, AS BOB BRICKLEY (ALLEGED TO BE BROTHER OF
FRANK BRICKLEY) IS IN REALITY LESTER EDWARD PACKETT FBI
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SEVEN DASH FOUR NINE ZERO ZERO; MM FILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH
ONE ZERO FOUR NINE NINE. ALSO SUBJECT OF KX FILE TWENTY SIX
DASH ONE THREE FOUR FOUR EIGHT, LA FILES EIGHT SEVEN DASH

AIR MAIL COPIES TO FOLLOWING OFFICES:

2 - ALBANY (Encl. 1 photo)	1 - DETROIT
1 - ATLANTA	1 - MOBILE
1 - BIRMINGHAM	1 - KNOXVILLE
1 - KANSAS CITY	1 - CHARLOTTE
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PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT EXHIBITED TO LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE WHO IDENTIFIED IT AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS BOB BRICKLEY. NANCY BURGDORF, APT. MANAGER, EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, L.A., IDENTIFIED SAME PHOTO AS FORMER RESIDENT THAT APT. WITH ODELA A. PACKETT WHO IS IDENT WITH FBI NUMBER THREE NINE ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN A; ~~AND~~ SHE IS CURRENTLY SERVING THIRTY DAYS FOR PROSTITUTION IN L.A. PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT WAS TAKEN BY KNOXVILLE PD DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

POLAROID COPY OF PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO AL FOR EXHIBITION TO RAY ANDREW YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y., TO DETERMINE IF THIS WAS INDIVIDUAL WHO APPROACHED HIM WHILE HE WAS STAYING AT CLARK HOTEL APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

JERRY COHEN, LA TIMES NEWSPAPER, ADVISES PAPER PROMISED THEIR INFORMANT "BOB" LNU, THEY WOULD NOT REVEAL HIS IDENTITY OR HOW TO LOCATE. COHEN DID HOWEVER TELL THIS OFFICE HE WOULD ADVISE IF ANY PHOTOS EXHIBITED WERE NOT IDENTICAL WITH INFORMANT. COHEN STATED PHOTO OF FRANK BRICKLEY NOT IDENT, BUT QUOTE DECLINED TO COMMENT END QUOTE, WHEN PHOTO LESTER PACKETT EXHIBITED TO HIM.

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WIFE, ODELA PACKETT, INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH IN LA COUNTY JAIL. STATES FILED FOR DIVORCE FROM PACKETT TWO MONTHS AGO THROUGH ATTORNEY PHIL CLOUGH ON GROUNDS OF DESERTION, CRUELTY, AND NONSUPPORT. LEGAL FEES PAYED BY HER RELATIVES. SAID SHE WAS SO MAD AT PACKETT AT TIME OF FILING FOR DIVORCE THAT SHE TORE UP ALL PHOTOS SHE HAD OF HIM. DESCRIBED HIM AS SHIFTLESS DRIFTER, WHO NEVER HELD JOB DURING THEIR FIVE YEAR MARRIAGE. SHE DOES NOT KNOW HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

REVIEW OF LA FILES RE LESTER PACKETT AND INTERVIEW WITH ODELA PACKETT INDICATES HE HAS SPENT TIME IN BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA; RENO, NEVADA; VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN TENNESSEE; CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY. LEAMONT WHITE BELIEVES HE IS INDIVIDUAL WHO TOOK HIS TWO GUNS, AND IS ONLY INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE OF FRANK BRICKLEY AND PERSON HE KNEW AS ERICKLEY'S COUSIN (WHOSE NAME HE CAN NOT RECALL) THAT WOULD HAVE KNOWN HE EVEN OWNED THE GUNS.

IT WOULD APPEAR PACKETT BILKED LA TIMES OUT OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. OTHER THAN SHOWING HIS PHOTO TO RAY

ANDREW YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y., TO WRAP UP THIS ASPECT OF CASE, *IT is*

not NO FURTHER INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT BEING CONDUCTED IN LA RE "BOB".

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AIRMAIL COPIES BEING SENT FOLLOWING OFFICES; WITH PHOTO
ENCLOSED FOR ALBANY TO DISPLAY AS INDICATED ABOVE:

ALBANY, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS,
DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE, CHARLOTTE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING LA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SA ROBB

SUBJECT: MURKIN

REUTEMENO 4/25/68.

RE: STOPS

On 4/25/68 I determined that stops at Drivers License Division, MVD, DPS, PD and SO in Montgomery are still active.

RE: RADIO AND PRESS COVERAGE

On 4/25/68 I telephonically contacted MILLS COMING, WCCV Radio and TV, BOBINMAN, WSFA-TV, and FELIX ROBINSON, WBAM Radio and all assured they would give frequent coverage to this case.

RE: ROOMING HOUSES

Following rooming houses contacted on indicated dates, with negative results:

LEON HANCOCK, Cary Rooms, 24 N. Ferry-4/25/68
C.T. ROGERS, Morgans Rooms, 564 S. Lawrence-4/25/68
IDA GORDON, Gordon Rooms 520 Goose St. 4/26/68
NICK PAPPANASTAS, Capital City Rooms, 469 S. Court 4/26/68.

RE: SHOWING PHOTOS TO LAUNDRIES AND CLEANERS (Butel 5/2/68)

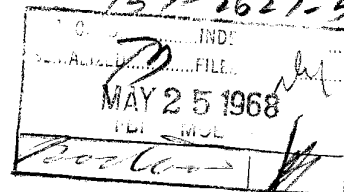
On 5/6/68 photos of subject were left with following, who showed them to employees serving the public, with negative results:

C.T. FITZPATRICK, Empire House Laundry and Cleaners
TULLY ANDREWS, Andrews Cleaners
JAMES B. MASSEY, MASSEY LAUNDRY and Cleaners
FRANK DARBY, Darby Laundry and Cleaners,
C.M. SMITH, III, Capital City Laundry and Cleaners
ROY COOPER, Lorren Cleaners.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-2627)

FROM : SA ALLISON A. CATLIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/27/68

It is to be noted there are no TV stations in Baldwin County, Ala.

HUGH HARTLEY, Announcer, WHEP, Foley, Ala., was contacted on 5/1/68, at which time he stated they have been publicizing information concerning RAY and will at every opportunity bring it before the listening audience.

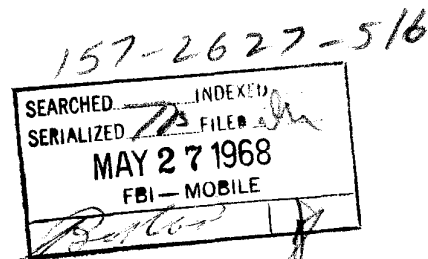
Mrs. ELLEN HUDSON, Bay Minette Times and Mr. SPARKS, Foley Onlooker, were contacted on 5/16/68, at which time they stated they had received requested news publications and would publish them in their papers.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-2627)

FROM : SA R. GERARD ROBINSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/24/68

Re Burad 5/22/68

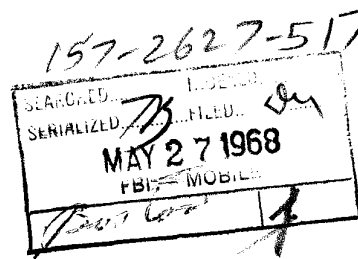
There is no Salvation Army or Chaitable Missions
in the territory covered by the Jackson RA.

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

5/28/68

SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)

MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: Informant Contacts

Reference is made to MOairtel to Memphis, 4/25/68.

Additional contacts with informants and sources of the Mobile Office reflect no pertinent information concerning this investigation. These contacts are continuing.

The identity of the informants and sources contacted and dates thereof are recorded in instant Mofile.

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② - Mobile
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These negative contacts are as follows:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Date</u>
MO 186-C	LUCAS	4/4 and 4/18/68
EARL RODGERS, PCI	CATLIN	4/22/68 5/20/68
WILLARD BARGINER, PCI	CATLIN	4/22/68
EUGENE GARNER, Liaison Source	ROBINSON	5/8/68
MO 182-C	TURNER	157-2627-518 4/4, 12, 26/68 5/3/68
MO 92-C	CATLIN	<i>TB</i> 4/19 and 22/68 <i>70</i>

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<u>Informant</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Date</u>
CHARLES SPANN, PCI	CATLIN	4/19 and 22/68
MO 141-C	MAXWELL	4/28/68
MO 217-C	MAXWELL	4/22 and 24/68
LORETTA ARMSTRONG R (Prob) - Ghetto	MAXWELL	4/30/68
JOHN C. FORDHAM R (Prob) - Ghetto	MAXWELL	4/30/68
MO 214-C	ROBINSON	4/16/68
DAVID GOLDEN, PCI	CATLIN	4/19 and 22/68
MO 110-C	MERROW	4/18/68
MO 187-C	CATLIN	4/19 and 22/68
ROBERT EARL WARD R (Prob) - Ghetto	SLAUGHTER	4/5/68
WALTER JORDAN R (Prob) - Ghetto	MARTZ	4/1 and 5/68
MO 160-C	CATLIN	4/19 and 23/68
ROBERT RUSSELL, PCI	CATLIN	4/19 and 22/68
NORA RUSHAN, PCI	HELLER	4/19/68
MO 176-R	GRAYBILL	4/6/68
MO 131-R	GRAYBILL	4/6/68
THOMAS JEFFERSON DAVIS R (Prob) - Ghetto	BOYLE	4/3 and 17/68
JAMES PETER WILSON, JR. R (Prob) - Ghetto	BOYLE	4/11 and 23/68
JESSE JAMES ROBINSON R (Prob) - Ghetto	ROBINSON	4/19 and 5/2/68
MARVIN HOLLIS CURL CS - R	ROBINSON	4/12 and 23/68

MO 157-2627

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Date</u>
MO 171-R	ROBINSON	4/5, 25 and 26/68
JIM HENRY CORBITT R (Prob) - Ghetto	LINSCOTT	4/18 and 30/68
MARVIN RAY TORGERSO PCI	FRITZ	4/26 and 5/3/68
RICHARD P. SMITH, PCI	FRITZ	4/26 and 5/3/68
MINNIE BALONIA SMITH Liaison Source	ROBINSON	4/25/68
GLADSTONE TROTTER R (Prob) - Ghetto	ROBINSON	3/19, 4/1, 12 and 23/68
REVEREND JOEL DAVIS CS - R	BOYLE	4/10 and 24/68
ALVIN THOMAS, PCI	SLAUGHTER	4/24/68
PAUL SMITH, PCI	LINSCOTT	4/23 and 5/9/68
RAYMOND CARROLL, PCI	SLAUGHTER	4/26/68
RUPERT MONEY, PCI	SLAUGHTER	4/26/68
LARRY F. KEEVER, PCI	TURNER	4/15 and 26 and 5/3/68
MO 182-C	TURNER	4/4, 12 and 26 and 5/3/68
MO 178-C	TURNER	4/5, 17 and 5/10/68
ROBERT EARL WARD R (Prob) - Ghetto	SLAUGHTER	4/26/68
RUSS ANTEAU, PCI	LINSCOTT	4/23 and 5/2/68
BILLY THOMAS WEEKS R (Prob) - Ghetto	STANKOSKI	4/22/68
FRED PAYNE, PCI	TURNER	4/5 and 16 and 5/9/68
HAROLD GENTRY, PCI	TURNER	4/19 and 5/10/68
MO 221-C	TURNER	4/5 and 17/68
ROSENA JACOBS R (Prob) - Ghetto	STANKOSKI	4/22/68

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<u>Informant</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Date</u>
JIM HENRY CORBITT R (Prob) - Ghetto	LINSCOTT	5/9/68
MO 188-C	MERROW	5/7 and 15/68
TOMMY LEE ALEXANDER PCI	TURNER	4/5 and 17 and 5/10/68
MO 223-C	TURNER	4/5 and 19/68
ALFRED LEON DAY, PCI	TURNER	4/12, 16 and 26 and 5/9/68
MO 164-C	GILMAN	4/22 and 5/1/68
ALBERT JEROME LASSOSSE PCI	ROBINSON	4/9 and 25/68
SOLOMON DAVID PARKER Racial Source	SLAUGHTER	4/26/68

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)

DATE: 5/22/68

FROM : SA DEXTER A. MADDOX

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On May 15, 1968, BILLY WELCH, Shell Service, Reeltown, Ala. advised that about ~~May~~ or three days after the death of KING in Memphis, a white 64 Oldsmobile four door Sedan, with Tenn. lic. (unknown) drove into his station. It was occupied by a lone male who ordered \$5.50 worth of gas and said he had no money and left a box of Craftsman tools in payment. He obtained the tools from the trunk of the car, where it was observed there was a large amount of clothing and other mechanics tools. In addition there was a shotgun which he wanted to sell. This individual did not leave his name and his license was not obtained, however, he said he was going to Mississippi to obtain employment.

He appeared not to have slept for three or four days and was described as 30 years of age; 5' 9" - 5' 10"; 170 - 180 lbs, Hair, gray with black or dark brown streaks; eyes gray, wearing blue jeans, cowboy type jacket, oxfords, sport shirt, no tie, no hat, no glasses, no watch or rings.

The shotgun was a Browning single barrell 12 guage. In the tool box he left WELCH stated he found a high school graduation ring for class of 1965 with the initials of RR on each side of a black and white stone, with the emblem of Rossclare with an R above the name. This ring was cut as if it had been too small for the person wearing it and had been enlarged. Inside was the numbers 4 10 K-3c. Also found was a pen from Cecil and Rossana Broadway, Broadway Grain & Livestock, Bolconda, Ill. in addition to an AF of L yellow button for the Memphis Building Trades Council 1967 July, Aug. & Sept. It was noticed that one pair of vice grips had the marks of USN & USNRtc on the sides, in addition there was a can opener with the lettering Arcuate Profile Can Opener (Beer) Ekco Chicago, ILL. Some of the tools were stamped with an "E". According to Welch he left heading South down Highway 49 toward Highway 14 and Montgomery, Ala. He asked where he could sell the shotgun and it was suggested by WELCH that he may sell it at Dad Smiths, between Wetumpka - Montgomery. He made available three rolls of films which have been developed and are being retained with this file.

A number of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY aka were displayed to WELCH and he was unable to identify RAY as being identical to unsub.

In view of the lack of identification of UNSUB as being in any/connected with this case, it is recommended that no further action be taken.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE (57-2627)

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA DEXTER A. MADDOX

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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REFERENCE: Butel to all Divisions dated 5/22/68.

A review of the Auburn Opelika Telephone Directory for October 1967 failes to reflect a charitable type mission in the area.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: May 25, 1966

FROM : SA GAILTON B. CRABSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is to advise that newspapers in the Union Springs RA have been contacted and encouraged to regularly publish information concerning subject RAY.

Busairtel 5/22/66 requested distributions of I.O.s on Ray to Salvation Army and other type charitable missions. There are no missions fitting this description in this RA.

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TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)

DATE: 5/25/68

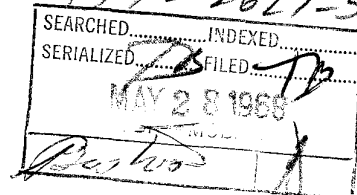
FROM : SA SPENCER H. ROBB

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reurmemo #233 5/16/68.

On 5/24/68 Assistant Chief E.P. BROWN, Montgomery PD, and Sheriff Mac S. Butler, Montgomery County SO, were requested to have subject's photos shown to witnesses in unsolved robberies, and both agreed to do so.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-2627) (P)

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA Raymond J. Maxwell

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reburad 5/22/68.

There are no known "flophouses" in the area covered by the Dothan RA.

The only Salvation Army establishment in the Dothan RA area is at Dothan, Ala.

On 5/24/67, Mrs. ANNE PITTMAN, Salvation Army, Dothan, advised she was unable to identify photo of JAMES EARL RAY as anyone having stayed at the Salvation Army in Dothan. She checked her records with negative results concerning RAY.

An IO on RAY was left with Mrs. PITTMAN.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA ALLISON A. CATLIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau 5/21/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
ALLISON A. CATLIN:

On May 27, 1968, J. S. LANE, owner and operator, Holiday Curb Store, Foley, Alabama, advised that he has had telephone number 943-5784 for the past year and one half. He stated he receives numerous calls through the South concerning produce, but does not recall specifically the call on December 16, 1967, but states he does not know anyone resembling the subject, or CHARLES STEIN.

WILBUR WILLIS, Investigator, Foley Police Department, on May 28, 1968, advised LANE is a reputable businessman, operating a curb market and does considerable business in fruit and vegetable purchasing.

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