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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA LONDON M. HOWARD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

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Re ~~teletype~~ *airtel* to New Orleans from Dallas, 4/23/68. *SF422*

Re look-alike driving light tan four-door Chevrolet, bearing 1968 Louisiana license 25E930 in Dallas, Tex.

On 4/23/68, MARY C. BROWNING, Motor Vehicle Bureau, Louisiana Department of Revenue, advised that 1968-69 Louisiana license 25E930 was issued on 1/29/68, to Chevway Corp., 230 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. The vehicle, however, is leased to Texas Services Inc., 23 Bolton Ave., Alexandria, La., for a 1967 two-door Chevrolet sports coupe, VIN 164877R148276. The vehicle was acquired new on 3/24/67, from Corbusier Chevrolet Co., 500 College St., Bryan, Tex.

LEAD:

NEW ORLEANS

AT ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA: Will contact Texas Services, Inc., 23 Bolton Ave., and identify the person driving this vehicle on 4/23/68. Will locate this individual and logically eliminate him as a suspect in MURKIN.

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☒ **Radio** URGENT☐ **Teletype**

TO ALL SACS
FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN.

REMEAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL 19 LAST FURNISHING
BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY
UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES
(POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURING AFTER APRIL 23, 1967.
RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY FUTURE
SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY
TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST
VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED IN
BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING SEARCHED
AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND
BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

Re CUBAN DEPARTING PLANE, MIAMI, FLA. - LOOK-ALIKE

Concerning anonymous call received by FBI, New Orleans, of news program of Cubans arriving in which he observed one Cuban depart a plane in Miami with his wife and child who looked very much like JAMES EARL RAY.

HOMER NEWMAN, Supervisor, Miami, advised all Cubans coming into this country are photographed, fingerprinted and checked out.

In view of the above, no further action being taken concerning this matter.

JTS:sam
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FBI BIRMGHAM

2:43PM URGENT 4-23-68 FAS

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS
SPRINGFIELD AND TAMPA
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND OTHER OFFICES APRIL
TWENTYTWO LAST AND TAMPA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.
FOR INFORMATION OFFICES NOT IN RECEIPT ATLANTA TEL, RAYMOND
LOUIS CURTIS APPARENTLY SERVING LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER, WHITFIELD
COUNTY, GEORGIA, STATES PREVIOUSLY SERVED TIME WITH JAMES EARL RAY
ON THREE OCCASIONS. CURTIS ADVISED ACQUAINTED INITIALLY WITH RAY
IN MARCH, NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY,
MISSOURI, WHERE RAY INCARCERATED ON POST OFFICE BURGLARY CHARGE
JUST SUBSEQUENT TO RELEASE FROM PRISON IN MENARD, ILLINOIS. DURING
THIS INCARCERATION CURTIS AND RAY CELLMATES. RAY HAD FRIEND (NAME
UNRECALLED) WHO VISITED HIM IN JACKSON PRISON AND THIS FRIEND HAD
BEEN CELLMATE OF RAY AT MENARD, ILL. THIS FRIEND KEPT RAY IN
SPENDING MONEY WHILE RAY IN PRISON AND WOULD HARBOR RAY. RAY HAD
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ANOTHER CLOSE FRIEND (NAME URECALLED) OF ITALIAN DESCENT APPARENTLY "BIG MAN" IN SYNDICATE. THIS ITALIAN HAD APPARENTLY OPERATED WITH RAY IN PAST AND ENGAGED WITH RAY IN HANDLING STOLEN POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS.

WILLIAM KENNETH KNIGHT, KNOWN BURGLAR INCARCERATED WITHIN TAMPA DIVISION, HAS BEEN FURNISHING VOLUME OF INFORMATION RE POST OFFICE BURGLARIES FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS, INCLUDING IDENTITY OF MAJOR FENCES FOR STAMPS AND POSTAL MONEY ORDERS. THESE INTERVIEWS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BY SPECIAL AGENT OF FBI AND WAYNE R. RICHIE, POSTAL INSPECTOR, ORLANDO, FLA.

REFERENCED TAMPA TEL STATES THAT KNIGHT INTERVIEWED APRIL FIFTEEN LAST AND UNABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION RE KNOWLEDGE OF RAY, HOWEVER, HE WAS APPARENTLY ONLY SHOWN COMPOSITE PICTURE.

TAMPA REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW KNIGHT AND EXHIBIT REAL PHOTOS OF RAY TO DETERMINE WHETHER KNIGHT MIGHT KNOW HIM OR BE ABLE TO DIRECT INVESTIGATION TOWARD ESTABLISHING IDENTITY OF FENCES REFERRED TO BY CURTIS IN YESTERDAY'S INTERVIEW. TAMPA ALSO REQUESTED TO CONTACT POSTAL INSPECTOR WAYNE RICHIE TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN IDENTIFYING THESE FENCES.

END

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
MURKIN

Re Jackson telephone call to New Orleans, 4/19/68;
New Orleans teletype to Chicago, and Jackson dated 4/19/68;
and Chicago teletype to Jackson, Memphis and Birmingham,
4/20/68.

Investigation at Pascagoula, Miss., determined
GERALD ELWOOD HULTGREN, FBI # 745 724 D, has resided in
Pascagoula in the past and received mail in care of E. M.
RAE. RAE, identified as life-long resident of Pascagoula,
bears no similarity of description to subject. HULTGREN
presently being sought by Pascagoula PD as suspect in
theft of paycheck of E. M. RAE. All available information
from Captain WILLIAM POPE, Pascagoula PD, previously
obtained and furnished New Orleans.

New Orleans continue efforts to identify look-
a-like riding with HULTGREN 4/19/68. If HULTGREN located
by Pascagoula PD, he will be interviewed at Pascagoula.

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1 - Birmingham
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (137-2817)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA LARRY E. ENGLEBRIGHT

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SUBJECT: NO-1538 C

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Dates of Contact 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 157-10673		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC NO-1538 C advised that he did not know JAMES EARL RAY under his true name or aliases and did not recognize RAY'S photograph as being anyone he had ever seen. He further advised that he had no knowledge concerning the slaying of MARTIN LUTHER KING excepting that gained from news media.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating EXCELLENT	Coverage FUGITIVE
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis 4/22/68.

I discussed this matter with Supv. JAMES INGRAM, Jackson, pointing out that we were the second largest port in the U. S. and in order to do a look-alike check based on the information we currently had, it did not appear at this time to be feasible when GERALD ELWOOD HULTGREN is the person with whom he was riding, and efforts should be made to locate him to determine who the look-alike was.

Supv. INGRAM said he would endeavor to get more information for us which would be of assistance.

JTS:sam
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ADDENDUM, ASAC, 4/23/68: In reference to the airtel from Jackson to Memphis, 4/22/68, concerning GERALD ELWOOD HULTGREN, FBI # 745 724 D, and E. M. RAY, Supv. JAMES INGRAM at Jackson was contacted and requested to advise what investigation we had to conduct in this matter, that we had received no previous communication, and stated it appeared as though they might be talking about the JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE references but we should be advised what they expected us to do with HULTGREN as it appeared they had an FBI number and that the fingerprints could be checked; that E. M. RAY lived there and he was eliminated. He advised he would check and let us know.



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TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

Re: JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE - LOOK-ALIKE

JOSEPH BOSTON, Mobile Office, telephonically advised in reference to Chicago teletype 4/20/68 they were still conducting investigation to locate and interview JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE.

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TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

Re: ~~(FNU) COIN (phonetic)~~

EMMETT SMITH, Springfield Office, was telephonically contacted at 12:40 p.m. and referred to Atlanta teletype of 4/22/68 at 5:25 p.m., page 4, concerning information of COIN with the request that RIFE be thoroughly interviewed in an effort to identify this individual.

SMITH was advised that we believed the person to be a DAN CONEN, white male, born [] (?), 60 or 62 years, 6', 210 lbs., broken nose like prize fighter, associated with well known burglars and bondsmen in New Orleans.

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Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace	
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Race	
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Sex	Age	Weight	Height	Temp	Pulse	Respiration	Blood Pressure	Heart	Lungs	Stomach	Intestines	Genitals	Neurology	Other
Male	25	170	5'10"	98.6	72	18	120/80	Normal	Clear	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Female	30	150	5'5"	98.4	68	16	110/70	Normal	Clear	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal

☐ Male☐ Female☐ Exact Spelling

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date 4/23/68

Subject

Sam Cohen

Aliases

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TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA LESTER G. DAVIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

Lt. TED FIELD, Robbery Division, New Orleans PD, advised on 4/23/68 that he knew of no armed robbery in which JAMES EARL RAY could be considered a suspect. He stated he had no latent prints in unsolved robbery matters which could be compared with latents in this case. He stated that he would, however, have the NOPD Identification Bureau compare any unidentified latent prints of any type case with the prints of JAMES EARL RAY as shown on the Identification Order issued for RAY. He stated this Bureau would be immediately advised if any identification made.

Sgt. JOHN LAPINTO, Burglary Division, NOPD, advised that he had no unsolved burglary case in which there were fingerprints which could logically be compared with latents developed in this matter.

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TO: ALBUQUERQUE
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

Re: Ernest H. Gault

ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT, MAJOR JAMES DUMIGAN, BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT MADE AVAILABLE RECORD PORTION OF A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD TURNED OVER TO HIM ON APRIL TWENTY, LAST BY ONE CLARENCE POUNDERS, RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA. POUNDERS' SECURITY CARD BORE NAME ERNEST H. GAULT, GENERAL DELIVERY, CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO, NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. POUNDERS CLAIMED HE FOUND CARD ON STREET IN HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA, SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF GAULT.

POUNDERS ELIMINATED AS SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER THROUGH FINGERPRINT COMPARISONS BY BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

ALBUQUERQUE AT CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO. WILL IDENTIFY GAULT TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH ~~SUBJECT~~. *Ernest James Earl Ray*

1 - Miami (AM)
1 - Memphis (AM)
1 - New Orleans
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(3)

Approved: *[Signature]*
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Date: 4/23/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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(Priority)

TO SACRAMENTO (100-427)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN.

RE TELETYPE FROM SACRAMENTO TO NEW ORLEANS APRIL TWENTY
THREE INSTANT.

RE UNSUB LOOK-ALIKE ON BLACK AND WHITE HARLEY-DAVIDSON
SPRINT MOTORCYCLE WITH LOUISIANA LICENSE TWO FIVE ONE ONE.

LOUISIANA MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU FILES REFLECT NEITHER
TWO FIVE ONE ONE OR TWO ONE FIVE ONE ISSUED FOR YEAR SIXTYEIGHT,
TO DATE. SIXTYSEVEN MOTORCYCLE LICENSE TWO ONE FIVE ONE IS
ON A VESTA MOTORCYCLE. SIXTYSEVEN LOUISIANA MOTORCYCLE LICENSE
TWO FIVE ONE ONE IS ISSUED TO NEW ORLEANS PD FOR A SIXTYSIX
HARLEY-DAVIDSON, VIN SIX SIX F L ONE TWO FOUR SIX TWO. CHECK
OF MOTOR CARDS REFLECT THIS IS THE LATEST INFORMATION ON FILE.

MAJOR ALLIE FRANZELLA, COMMANDER, MOBILE OPERATIONS UNIT,
NEW ORLEANS PD, ADVISED APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT, NINETEEN
SIXTYSIX HARLEY-DAVIDSON, VIN SIX SIX F L ONE TWO FOUR SIX TWO,
IS CURRENTLY IN OPERATION BY NEW ORLEANS PD AND UNTIL LAST WEEK
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CARRIED NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN LOUISIANA MOTORCYCLE LICENSE
TWO FIVE ONE ONE, AT WHICH TIME THEY WERE DESTROYED IN LIEU OF
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT PLATES BEING ISSUED. ARMED AND DANGEROUS
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Date: 4/23/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: HOUSTON

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

Re: La License 25 E 930

RE DALLAS AIRTEL TO NEW ORLEANS, APRIL TWENTYTWO, LAST.

FOR INFORMATION HOUSTON, ON APRIL NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, ANONYMOUS CALLER ADVISED DALLAS OFFICE SHE SAW AN INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING ERIC STARVO GALT DRIVING LATE MODEL CHEVROLET, LIGHT TAN, FOUR-DOOR, ON APRIL TWELVE, LAST, AT WHICH TIME THE CAR STOPPED, PARKED AT A & A LIQUOR STORE, INDUSTRIAL AND HAMPTON STREETS, DALLAS. THE INDIVIDUAL ENTERED THE LIQUOR STORE. HIS CAR WAS BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT LA. LICENSE TWO FIVE E NINE THREE ZERO.

A CHECK OF LA. LICENSE RECORDS, BATON ROUGE, LA., INDICATES THAT ABOVE LICENSE IS REGISTERED TO A NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN CHEVROLET TWO-DOOR YELLOW SPORTS COUPE, VIN ONE SIX FOUR EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN R. ONE FOUR EIGHT TWO SEVEN SIX. RECORDS, BATON ROUGE, INDICATE THIS AUTOMOBILE LEASED TO TEXAS SERVICES, INC., TWENTYTHREE BOLTON AVE., ALEXANDRIA, LA.

1 - Dallas (AM)
① - New Orleans
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THIS DATE AT ALEXANDRIA DETERMINED THAT TEXAS SERVICES IS LICENSEE OF HERTZ RENT-A-CAR, THIRTYFOUR BOLTON AVE., ALEXANDRIA. MANAGER, HERTZ, ALEXANDRIA, ADVISED THIS AUTOMOBILE FORMERLY IN POSSESSION HERTZ, ALEXANDRIA, BUT TURNED BACK TO HERTZ MAIN OFFICE, BRYAN, TEXAS, APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS AGO.

INDIVIDUAL TO CONTACT RE DRIVER OF THIS AUTOMOBILE AT PRESENT TIME IS RAY FARMER, HERTZ, BRYAN, TEXAS, PHONE TA TWO ONE TWO TWO THREE AND REFERRED TO VEHICLE AS OLD ALEXANDRIA UNIT NUMBER NINE NINE SIX.

HOUSTON IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE FROM HERTZ, BRYAN, TEXAS, WHO IS NOW DRIVING VEHICLE BEARING LA. LICENSE TWO FIVE E. NINE THREE ZERO AND WHETHER IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

Indices Search Slip
FD-160 (Rev. 10-1-59)

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date

4/23/68

Subject

Salvador Liberto

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

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Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

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Exact Spelling

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Salvatore Liberto

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS APRIL
TWENTYTWO, LAST.

SALVADOR LIBERTO, GRETN, LA., ADVISED HE HAS BEEN
EMPLOYED AS CHECKER FOR WEST TRUCKING COMPANY, NEW ORLEANS,
LA., FOR THIRTEEN YEARS. SOMETIME JUST BEFORE THE KING
ASSASSINATION, TIME UNRECALLED, LIBERTO SPOKE TO HIS BROTHER,
FRANK LIBERTO, MEMPHIS, TENN., ON HIS MOTHER'S NEW ORLEANS
TELEPHONE. SALVADOR USED MOTHER'S PHONE TO PRECLUDE HIS SPOUSE
KNOWING THAT HE WAS CALLING TO BORROW TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS.
FRANK LIBERTO WIRED HIM TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS CARE OF HIS MOTHER.
FRANK LIBERTO DISCUSSED HIS WINNINGS AND LOSSES BETTING HORSES
OVER THE TELEPHONE WITH SALVADOR.

SALVADOR LIBERTO STATED HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSASSINATION
EXCEPT FROM NEWS MEDIA. AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY,
LIBERTO STATED HE HAS NEVER SEEN RAY.

PJC:epk

Approved: AA
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA KENNETH G. OERTEL

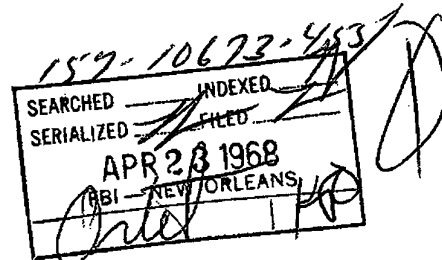
SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 9:45 a. m., on 4/20/68, Mr. TIM O'DONALD, at Casey's Bar at the corner of St. Charles Avenue and Julia Street, New Orleans, La, was located and appeared to be intoxicated and was acting in a loud and boisterous manner. He admitted he called this office and later spoke to this agent concerning meeting someone he believed to be JAMES EARL RAY. O'DONALD stated while he was at Casey's bar at about 2:30 a. m., that morning a man came in and sat beside him at the bar for about one hour. O'DONALD believed this man was drunk. While this man was sitting next to O'DONALD, O'DONALD had a current Times Picayune newspaper in front of him. O'DONALD said later when this man left the bar he saw RAY's picture on the front page of the Times Picayune and was sure the man next to him was identical to JAMES EARL RAY. O'DONALD advised he had some conversation with this man that sat next to him, who he believed was identical to JAMES EARL RAY, but he could furnish no information as to his occupation, place of birth or other background data. O'DONALD described this man as about 35 to 39 years old, between 5' 8" and 5' 11" tall, 165 pounds, brown hair and a ruddy complexion. O'DONALD thought his nose may have been broken at one time and he especially noticed this individuals front teeth were protruding and "looked rotten".

It should be noted the picture of RAY, which O'DONALD saw in the Times Picayune, was not particularly distinct and O'DONALD did not give this writer the impression his information was particularly reliable.

2-New Orleans

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P) DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

When information is received in regards to individuals who it is reported bear a resemblance, or, are believed identical to JAMES EARL RAY, the subject in this case, the following instructions should be adhered to:

In order to eliminate these look-alikes, it is necessary when interviewing the individual to obtain a complete description and some type of identifying number, such as a military service record serial number, or a police or FBI number, so that a necessary check can be made through the Identification Division to obtain these look-alikes' fingerprints to compare with RAY.

①20-New Orleans
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of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 23, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560626 JK
D-560627 JK
D-560658 JK
D-560659 JK

Specimens received 4/12/68, from FBI, Atlanta

K21 Two pieces of paper each of which bears three specimens
from a Thermo Seal Marking machine from the Sno-White
Laundry, Albany, GeorgiaK22 Piece of paper bearing two specimens from a Thermo Seal
Marking machine from Choke's Cleaning and Laundry
Village, Athens, Georgia

Specimen received 4/12/68, from FBI, New Orleans

K23 Two pieces of material each of which bears eight speci-
mens from a Thermo Seal Marking machine from Kohlers
Snow White Laundry and Cleaners, New Orleans, Louisiana

Specimen received 4/12/68, from FBI, San Francisco

K24 Twelve samples of laundry tape taken from the Navy
Exchange Laundry, Treasure Island, California

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the laundry tapes represented
by K21 through K24 were not prepared on the machine used to
print the laundry tapes appearing on the Q69 and Q70 articles
of clothing which were previously submitted.

K21 through K24 have been retained.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987).

Date: April 23, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: Atlanta, New Orleans,
San Francisco

Reference:

Examination requested:

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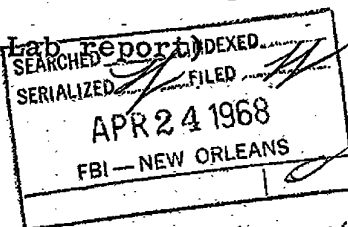
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Date: 4/22/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN -
 (00: Memphis)

Re Jacksonville tel to the Bureau, dated 4/18/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR., at Meridian, Mississippi:

On April 18, 1968, REX ROGERS, Claims Agent, GM & O Railroad, Meridian, Mississippi, advised that EVERETT GAULT is an engineer for that railroad. He stated that GAULT has been so employed for the past twenty years. He advised that GAULT has eleven children and is presently separated from his wife. ROGERS stated that GAULT left Meridian, Mississippi, that date, as engineer on a freight train, and did not expect him to return until early morning, 4/22/68. ROGERS stated that he was not able to furnish the address of where GAULT would remain overnight on April 19-21, 1968.

On April 22, 1968, EVERETT GAULT, Route 1, Meridian, Mississippi, advised that he and his wife are presently separated and that he has a family consisting of eleven children. He stated none of these children have

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- 2 - Jacksonville (Info.) (44-769)
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JN 157-9586

the name ERIC STARVO GALT, and pointed out that his last name is spelled GAULT and not GALT. EVERETT GAULT observed photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT and advised that he had never seen this individual, and that this person is definitely not a member of his family or a relation thereof. He stated that he has a brother by the name of CURTIS HOPE GAULT, and his last known address was Pioneer, Louisiana. EVERETT GAULT stated that his brother, CURTIS GAULT, was employed by the Ford Bacon and Davis Construction Company, Monroe, Louisiana. He stated he has not been in contact with his brother for some period of time, and is not sure of his present whereabouts.

He also commented that MALCOLM A. GAULT and EZRA GAULT are both brothers of his. EVERETT GAULT stated he could furnish no information concerning anyone who resembles the person in the photograph identified as ERIC STARVO GALT. EVERETT GAULT advised his brother, CURTIS HOPE GAULT, is not identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

No lead to locate and interview CURTIS HOPE GAULT, Pioneer, Louisiana, is being set out, and this matter is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SO Los Angeles Calif	James Earl Ray #B-119908	10-11-49	susp burg	
PD Los Angeles Calif	James Earl Ray #139648	10-11-49	susp 459PC (burg)	8 mos Co J1 sp 2 yrs Prb serv 1st 90 ds Co J 146 12-30-49 Cs129438
SO Cedar Rapids Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	4-18-50	vag	
PD Alton Ill	James Earl Ray #7514	7-23-51	no oper lic - rp St Lic - no City Lic	rel to pay lat
PD Chgo Ill	James Ray #D90696	5-6-52	Robb (Gun)	GJ \$3000
Cook Co J1 Chgo Ill	James Ray #131155	5-9-52	Rob	6-13-52 sent t pent'y 1-2 yrs
SP Joliet Ill	James E. Ray #32419	6 13-52	Rob	
SP Pontiac Ill	James E. Ray #19121	7-7-52 in tran from Joliet	Rob	1-2 yrs 3-12-5 disch
SO Edwardsville Ill	James Earl Ray #2640	8-30-54	B & L	
PD Hannibal Mo	James E. Ray #40714	3-23-55	Inv B & L Post Office	
St Hwy Pat Macon Mo	James Earl Ray #B-3376	3-23-55	cashing stolen postal money orders	rel to Postal inspector Kans City Mo 3-24-55
USM Kansas City Mo	James Earl Ray #12018	3-28-55	forg US Postal Money Order	sent to 15 mos custody AG
SO Kans City Mo	James Earl Ray #29637	3-28-55	forg-Govt	7-7-55 3 y 9 mos

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	2-19-46 East St Louis Ill		
US Pen Leavenworth Kans	James Earl Ray #72498-L	7-7-55	PO Laws forge money orders	3 yrs & 9 mos 5-20-58 CR 8-31-59 Max 4-5-58 cond ra on chg of PO forg POMQ 19 m 15
PD St Louis Mo	James Earl Ray #81071	10-16-59	susp rob steal & FOA	
SPen Jefferson City Mo	James Earl Ray #00416	3-17-60	TC oper mtr veh w/o permission of owner rob 1st B/M DDW (2 chgs)	20 yrs (20,7 5 conc)
St Hospital No 1 Fulton Mo	James Earl Ray #37 045 C-5	9-8-66	patient	

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape 4-23-67 (oper M/V w/o perm of owner; robb 1st deg. b/m of a D & DW) (will extradite) Notify Warden SPen Jefferson City Mo inf rec 5-10-67</p>			

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA EARL R. PETERSEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER 4/13/68.

ON 4/18/68, WILLIAM E. TUTTLE, Director, Individual Income Tax Division, La. Department of Internal Revenue, in presence of SA EARL R. PETERSEN made a complete search of all indices for years 1964 through 1967 with negative results for names ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, and ~~HARVEY~~ ~~JAMES~~ LOWMEYER. A search was made of all of the logical variations of the name ~~LOWMEYER~~ and all returns for the above period under name GALT with other first names were reviewed. These individuals have been eliminated as returns have been filed by same individuals for past several years.

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

Re: Suspect JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE

Re Chicago Teletype, April 20, 1967.

LUCILLE HASSEY, Montgomery, Alabama, reported RAY HILBURN visited her home 4/17/68. His whereabouts are unknown except reportedly planned to seek employment at Continental Gin Company, Prattville, Alabama.

Inquiry at Continental Gin Company revealed HILBURN not employed. He did resign April 17, 1968. Before employment at Prattville, HILBURN employed BILL'S Standard Station 3266 West Devon Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Mobile continuing efforts to locate HILBURN.

Chicago inquire BILL'S Standard Station, Chicago.

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2 - Chicago (44-1114)
2 - Jackson (157-1586)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SAA ROBERT LOUIS WERTMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memorandum of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER, 4/22/68.

The following PCIs were contacted on 4/23/68, and shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, W.C.Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Connor, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim". All advised they had never seen this individual, but they would remain alert for him and furnish any positive information to the writer.

PCI Donald B. Mehojevich
PCI RUSSELL SALVADORE SERIO
PCI JOHN WEYMAN

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1 - 100-10673
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1 - 137-3232 (SERIO)
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA NEIL E. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/19/68, ETHEL BOURGEOIS, 125 N. Cortez, New Orleans, La., was contacted in reference to her association with the Continental Dance Studio. She advised she was aware of GAULT's alleged association with the dance studio and she stated she was not familiar with him nor did she recognize the picture of GAULT as being anyone she had ever seen. She stated she could not recall the dates of her attendance at Continental but advised it was during 1964-1965 until the studio closed. Mrs. BOURGEOIS advised that if the need arose she could furnish some photographs of friends taken at some of the dance studio parties and possibly her husband could furnish some additional information because he was also a member at the same time she was.

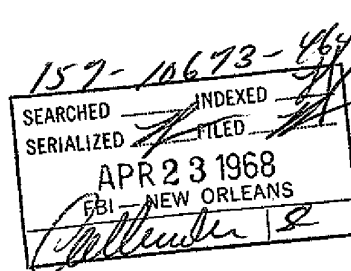
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SRA PAUL R. LANCASTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-23-68

Re memo SA DAVIS, 4-22-68

On 4-23-68 RAPIDES PARISH DEPUTY SHERIFF C. C. BOLEN (NA) who is the Identification Officer advised he had no latent prints in unsolved armed robberies or burglaries perpetrated by individuals fitting RAY'S description.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC New Orleans

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA William T. Brooks

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: Bill Juneau

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Titles and File #s on which contacted			
MURKIN			157-10673
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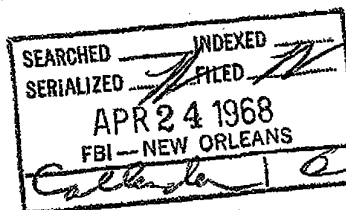
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☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: Alice Williams

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4/23/68		
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MURKIN		157-10673
Purpose and results of contact		
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-3271)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA DONALD L. HUGHES

☐ CI☐ SI☒ PCI☐ PSI

SUBJECT: EDWARD EPPS, JR.

Dates of Contact 4/23		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <u>MURKIN</u> <u>157-10673</u>		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <p>PCI viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE. He said neither individual is known to him but he will be alert to their appearance.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage SAME AS BEFORE
Personal Data Now employed as attendant, DePaul Hospital.		

cc 137-3271

cc 157-10673

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC *New Orleans*

DATE: *4/23/68*

FROM : SA *William T. Brooks*

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: *Joseph Monica*

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Dates of Contact <i>4/23/68</i>		
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<i>MURKIN</i>	<i>157-10673</i>	
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Memorandum

TO : SAC *New Orleans*

FROM : SA *William T. Brooks*

SUBJECT: *Melvin Champagne*

DATE: *4/23/68*☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R☐

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA PATRICK C. CAHILL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SASSTEPHEN M. CALLENDER, 4/22/68.

The following PCI'S were contacted 4/23/68, were displayed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and a photo of WALTER TERRY RIFE.

They advised that they did not recall having seen either of the individuals depicted in the above photos and could furnish no information regarding the current whereabouts of these individuals.

THOMAS F. MARTIN 137-3327.

DORIS MOREHEAD 137-3245

GAYLORD LOUIS BURG AU 137-3072.

JAY SHARPE 137-2018.

6-New Orleans

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☐ Prepare lead cards

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Kansas City, Missouri
April 26, 1968

WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

PRESENTENCE REPORT

NAME James Earl Ray
ADDRESS Transient
AGE 27 years (Born March 17, 1928)
SEX Male
RACE White

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CITIZENSHIP United States
MARITAL STATUS Single
NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS None
OFFENSE Forgery of U. S. Postal Money Order

I. OFFENSE:

This defendant on April 1, 1955 entered a plea of guilty to an Information in one count which charges that he on or about March 21, 1955 at Kansas City, Missouri knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully, and feloniously forged a material endorsement on a U. S. Post Office Department Money Order No. 7-42,239,597. On this same date a companion, Walter Terry Rife, entered a plea of guilty in Booklet No. 19119 to an Information in one count charging him with the forgery on March 21, 1955 of postal money order No. 7-42,239,598. Imposition of sentence as to defendant and his companion was deferred and this presentence investigation was ordered.

The facts of the case are as follows: On March 7, 1955 the U. S. Post Office at Belleville, Illinois was burglarized and sixty-six blank U. S. Postal Money Orders, Serial Nos. 7-42,239,535 to 7-42,239,600 inclusive, and the office validating stamp were stolen. On March 8, 1955 at Alton, Illinois an unsuccessful attempt was made to cash one of these stolen money orders. On March 21, 1955 one of the stolen money orders, order No. 7-42,239,597, was presented to Askin's Clothing Company, 1206 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, by an unknown person in payment for a suit of clothes which was never picked up after alterations had been made. This money order, which was in the amount of \$75.00, was made payable to Willard J. McBride with the purchaser being shown as Vernon McBride. On this same date an unknown person presented stolen money order No. 7-42,239,568 to the Chaffee Office Machine Company, 1410 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, in payment for a used portable Remington typewriter. This money order, too, was in the amount of \$75.00 payable to Willard J. McBride with the purchaser being shown as Vernon McBride. The manager of this firm, being suspicious of this transaction, directed an employee to follow the customer. The employee noted the model and make of the automobile entered by the customer and the license number of the car. Later when this money order was ascertained

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to have been stolen a description of the customer and his automobile was given to post office inspectors who alerted the Missouri State Highway Patrol. A highway patrolman on March 23, 1955 at Hannibal, Missouri arrested in this automobile Walter Terry Rife, James Earl Ray, and a woman companion who has been released. Thirty-four of the money orders stolen from the Mollerville, Illinois Post Office were found hidden under the dash above the glove compartment in this automobile. All of them had been stamped with the validating stamp. Some were made out ready for cashing while others were not.

On March 24, 1955 Rife executed a statement for postal inspectors in which he admitted he had prepared, forged and uttered the postal money order presented to the Chaffee Office Supply Company in Kansas City. He admitted preparing the money order which was uttered on forged endorsement at Askin's Clothing Company, Kansas City, Missouri. He admitted that he had prepared the face of the money orders made ready for cashing and which were found in the automobile in which he was arrested. He admitted cashing numerous other money orders on forged endorsements in the states of Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Missouri. He recalled unsuccessfully attempting to cash the money order at Alton, Illinois on March 6, 1955. In his statement he admits that he purchased in Quincy, Illinois the stolen money orders. They were sold to him by an unidentified man for \$20. On March 24, 1955 Ray, declining to execute statement for postal inspectors, did verbally state that he had participated with Rife in the cashing of the stolen money orders in the various states. He denied actually knowing that the money orders were stolen. However, he admittedly presumed that they were for he had been told by Rife that they had been purchased for \$20. He admitted that it was he who forged and uttered the money order presented at Askin's Clothing Company in Kansas City, Missouri. He stated that he purchased for \$1 in St. Louis, Missouri from a "Wino" named Willard J. McBride the identification he and Rife used in uttering the money orders.

The two money orders uttered by Rife and Ray in Kansas City, Missouri and as well the money order Rife attempted to utter in Alton, Illinois have been recovered. As noted previously thirty-four of the money orders were recovered in the automobile. On April 18, 1955 when reinterviewed by postal inspectors Rife and Ray gave particulars relating to the cashing of twenty-seven additional stolen money orders located by the Regional Accounting Office. The particulars are as set out in the following table:

Last three digits	Cashed by	Cashed at	Second Endorser	Date of earliest discernible bank stamp	Am.
538	Rife	St. Louis, Mo.	(Illegible)	Mar. 10	\$50
543	Ray	do	Downs Men's Shop	Mar. 7	\$55
547	Ray	Hot Springs, Ark.	EsqRay Art Galleries	Mar. 21	\$75
548	Rife	do	Brown's Dept. Store	Mar. 21	\$75
550	Rife	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Topp's	Mar. 15	\$75

552	Rife	Memphis, Tenn.	Borg & McCargo	Mar. 11	\$25
557	Ray	New Orleans, La.	Bright Tailors	?	\$75
558	Rife	do	Schneiders	Mar. 21	\$75
559	Rife	do	Todd's Sportswear Shop	Mar. 16	\$50
560	Rife	Hot Springs, Ark.	None apparent	Mar. 21	\$50
561	Ray	do	Dinos (?) J. C. Ross	Mar. 21	\$75
562	Rife	do	Lockwood's Men's Store	Mar. 23	\$50
577	Rife	do	Pfifers of Arkansas	Mar. 21	\$75
578	Ray	do	Diles Music Co.	Mar. 21	\$75
582	Rife	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Squires, Inc.	Mar. 16	\$50
583	Ray	do	C. K. Slaughter	Mar. 15	\$50
585	Rife	St. Petersburg, Fla.	(Ivan C. Whipple I. Zucker)	Mar. 16	\$50
586	Ray	do	Arnold's Mens Wear	Mar. 14	\$75
587	Ray	do	Dunoffs Footwear	Mar. 14	\$50
589	Rife	do	Isabelle Abrams	?	\$75
591	Ray	Tampa, Fla.	Rio Liquors Inc.	Mar. 16	\$50
592	Rife	do	Knox (?) Bar & Luncheonette	Mar. 18	\$75
593	Rife	do	The Hub	Mar. 14	\$50
595	Ray	Tallahassee, Fla.	Alford Bros. Inc.	Mar. 12	\$50
596	Ray	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Kings Credit Clothing	Mar. 14	\$50
598	Ray	Daytona Beach, Fla.	(Illegible)	Mar. 15	\$75
599	Rife	Hot Springs, Ark.	Chas. Hearn(?)	Mar. 21	\$75

*Both Rife and Ray say no money orders cashed by them in banks.

Two of the stolen money orders have not yet been recovered. They, however, are accounted for as Ray has admitted cashing one of them at a luggage store in Kansas City, Kansas and Rife admits cashing one of them at Miami Beach, Florida.

It is pertinent to note that following the apprehension of Rife and Ray postal inspectors obtained from the room which they occupied a quantity of merchandise they had acquired by passing the stolen money orders. Found in their room were a typewriter, several pieces of luggage, a radio, a camera, a wristwatch, a considerable quantity of new wearing apparel for men, and other items. They have authorized the postal inspectors to return this merchandise to the stores or individuals from whom it was obtained.

II. PRIOR RECORD:

Defendant's F. B. I. Fingerprint Return No. 306 Bu3 A reveals the following arrests and dispositions:

10-11-49 : Sheriff's office, Los Angeles, California - suspicion of burglary. 12-30-49 sentenced to 6 months in county jail for burglary. Served 90 days and released on probation for period of 2 years. Defendant states that he was drink-

ing in the rear of a cafe when he was seen by the cafe manager. He ran from the scene and was later apprehended. He says that after being placed on probation he went to Chicago, Illinois to reside and that he reported to a probation officer in Los Angeles, California by mail.

- 1-18-50 : Sheriff's office, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. - vagrancy. Disposition not shown, but defendant states he was released and instructed to leave town.
- 7-23-51 : Alton, Illinois Police Department - no operator's license, no state license, no city license. Released to pay later. Defendant states he was fined \$55 and required to purchase the necessary licenses.
- 5-6-52 : Chicago, Illinois police - robbery. 6-13-52 sentenced to term of 1 to 2 years in Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois. Defendant reluctantly admitted to the writer that while intoxicated he held up a taxicab driver. On 7-7-52 he was received at the Illinois State Prison, Joliet, Illinois in transfer from Joliet, Illinois institution. He was released by minimum expiration on 3-12-54.
- 8-30-54 : Sheriff, Edwardsville, Illinois - burglary and larceny. Defendant states that he burglarized a cleaning shop in East Alton, Illinois but denies stealing anything. Although no disposition has been made on this charge of burglary he apparently is not wanted.
- 3-23-55 : Hannibal, Missouri police for instant offense. Released to federal authorities following day.

III. FAMILY HISTORY:

Defendant

This defendant, age 27, was born [redacted] in Alton, Illinois.

He is an only child. He resided in the parental home in Alton until age 18. During that time, however, he frequently visited with his paternal grandparents in Quincy, Illinois. When about age 18 he entered the army. Following discharge from military service in 1948 he resided for a short time in Quincy, Illinois. He then moved to Chicago, Illinois where he resided for a period of about six months before moving to Los Angeles, California. As noted in the section, Prison Record, he was convicted of burglary and sentenced to jail in Los Angeles. When released on probation from that sentence he returned to residence in Chicago where he lived alone until he was committed in June of 1952 to the Illinois State Penitentiary. Since his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary in March of 1954 he has been rather transient living principally in Quincy, Illinois.

Father

George Ray reportedly died of a heart condition in 1947 at age about 49. He was an employee of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad and reportedly had no arrest record.

Mother

Lucille (nee Maher) Ray died of a liver condition in 1949 at age 51.

Other relatives

in Quincy, Illinois.

Defendant refuses to identify his several aunts and uncles who reside

IV. HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD:

When not incarcerated defendant has lived principally in Alton and Quincy, Illinois. Since his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary in March 1954 he has been rather transient. His last known residence for any period of time was at the Virginia Hotel in Quincy, Illinois.

V. EDUCATION:

Defendant states that he completed the 1st through the 8th grades at St. Mary's School in Alton, Illinois. He states that in 1952 while residing in Chicago, Illinois he attended the Academy of Adults and obtained the equivalent of a two-year high school education.

VI. RELIGION:

Defendant denies any affiliation. His mother was Catholic, and his father was Protestant. While in military service he infrequently attended Catholic services.

VII. INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES:

None.

VIII. HEALTH:

Defendant is 5' 10 1/2" tall, weighs 170 lbs., has a ruddy complexion, blue eyes, and brown hair. There are no apparent marks or scars of identification. He apparently is in good health. He states that before becoming involved in the instant offense he was in the process of petitioning for admittance to a Veterans Hospital in Illinois for a general physical checkup. He denies a history of surgery other than a tonsillectomy in Chicago in 1952. He denies a history of venereal disease or the use of narcotics. He states that he is a "moderate drinker."

IX. EMPLOYMENT AND MILITARY HISTORY:

Defendant states that at Alton, Illinois on February 19, 1945 he enlisted in the U. S. Army. He received his basic training at Camp Cremler, Missouri. He was then transferred to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey to await transportation to the European Theater of Operations. He states that he left the continental limits of the United States for Germany in July of 1946. Overseas he was attached to the 382nd Military Police Battalion. He admits that he was once AWOL for a period of two days which resulted in a suspended sentence to confinement for period of sixty days. He returned to the United States from Germany in December of 1948 and was, he states, on December 23, 1948 given a general discharge under honorable conditions.

Defendant states that his last employment was with an uncle whom he refuses to identify but who resides in Quincy, Illinois. He worked for this uncle as a painter for a period of time in the summer of 1954.

He claims that from August 1951 to May 1952 he was employed by the Berg Erickson Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. This employment was terminated when he was arrested for robbery, which eventually resulted in a penitentiary sentence.

He states that from July of 1950 to June 1951 he was employed by the Arboy Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. He was discharged from this employment for absenteeism caused by his arrest in Alton, Illinois for vagrancy when visiting in that city.

He claims that from April 1950 to July of 1950 he was employed as a laborer at a wage of 90¢ per hour by the Neo Produce Company, Chicago, Illinois. He claims to have left this employment to accept more lucrative employment.

From July 1949 to September 1949 defendant states he was employed as a laborer at a wage of \$1.10 per hour by the Dryden Rubber Company, Chicago, Illinois. He quit this job to move to California.

He purports that from May 1944 to December of 1945 he was employed at a wage of 65¢ per hour by the International Shoe Company, Hartford, Illinois. He indicates he was laid off by this employer in a general reduction of forces and that he then entered the army.

X. RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES:

None.

XI. SUMMARY:

This defendant, white male, age 27, no dependents, has entered a plea of guilty to an Information in one count which charges that he at Kansas City, Missouri