## Memorandum

TO SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM SA JOHN E. MC DANIELS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

> On 11/23/68, the following were contacted and each advised that they had no information re JAMES EARL RAY, aka. Each was shown photos of RAY and each advised that RAY was unknown to them.

> > NO 1494-C PCI PHILLIP GABREIL PCI SYLVIA TOTH PCI ALBERT MANSHARDT PCI ANNE KURGAN PCI GENEVA SELLERS

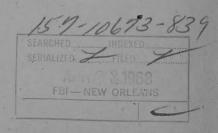
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652PM URGENT 5/2/68 GJM
TO KANSAS CITY BIRMINGHAM NEW ORLEANS MEMPHIS
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

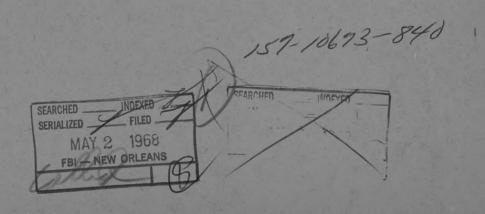
REBUTEL TO BH, ME, KC, SI, AND SL, MAY TWO, INSTANT, AND BHTEL TO NO, NO CC OTHER OFFICES, MAY TWO INSTANT.

KANSAS CITY, AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, SHOULD ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY JOHNNY VALENTI WHO WAS REPORTEDLY INCARCERATED THERE AT THE SAME TIME AS SUBJECT RAY. SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO HAVE VALENTI INTERVIEWED WHEN WHEREABOUTS LOCATED. NEW ORLEANS, HOLD IN ABEYANCE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE VALENTI PENDING INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY KANSAS CITY.

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702PM URGENT 5/2/68 WPK

TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH AND
SPRINGELELD

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

MURKIN

IT IS NOTED THAT SUBJECT APPARENTLY WAS NEAT IN HIS DRESS AND REGULARLY UTILIZED LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING SERVICES.

THE ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON, MEMPHIS, MOBILE AND SAVANNAH OFFICES SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO CIRCULARIZING 10'S AND/OR WANTED FLYERS TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN YOUR HEADONARTERS CITY AND OTHER LOGICAL POINTS IN YOUR TERRITORY. IN THE OTHER OFFICES THIS CIRCULARIZATION MAY BE LIMITED TO SUCH ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE LARGER CITIES AT THIS TIME. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED IN THE LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSE AREAS BE CONTACTED FIRST. IN ADDITION PERSONAL CONTACT FOR PURPOSE OF SHOWING SLICK PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT SHOULD BE UTILIZED WHERE JUSTIFIED.

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MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY FURNISH EACH OFFICE SUFFICIENT BACKGROUND REGARDING LAUNDRY MARKINGS AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE LAUNDRY ASPECTS OF THIS CASE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. FBI NEW ORLS 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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## Memorandum

SAC NEW ORLEANS (137-3303)	DATE: 5/6/68
ROM : SA ALBERT B. MILLER	CI SI R (Prob)
BJECT: CLARENCE (NMN) WASHINGTON PCI	
Dates of Contact 4/29/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted  MURKIN	157-10673
Purpose and results of contact	
MEGATIVE POSITIVE STATISTIC RE: 157-1	0673
On 4/29/68, PCI look EARL RAY, aka., without recogn	ed at photographs of JAMES ition.
PCI stated he has been very closely as reported by the the alert for information which apprehension of RAY.	en following the investigation e press and is constantly on h might bring about the
PCI advised that if value be developed, he will im	information of any possible mediately furnish it.
In connection with Rough 44-3500) assigned to SA A. B. discontinue efforts to locate the HAYNES has been located and in	LEMORN HAYNES inasmuch as
Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained	Coverage
by him since last contact. Very good	General intell. and
	Negro matters.
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DATE: 5/7/68

SAC. NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM

SA TERRY M. SCOTT

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

The following described vehicle was located abandoned in Liberty Parking Service Parking Lot, 231 S. Villere St., on 4/23/68. Vehicle reported stolen 4/9/68 from Parky, Georgia:

1968 Oldsmobile 4-door 98 Luxury Sedan, bearing 1968 Georgia license 194308, VIN 386698M311780

Communication from Atlanta advised vehicle owned by DORTA JOHNNY GALLIMORE, Perry, Georgia. Vehicle at time of theft registered approximately 1,400 miles and at time of recovery indicated 8,777 miles.

Mr. CLAIBORNE WESB. Parking Attendant, Liberty Parking Service, 231 S. Villere St., described the driver of instant 1968 Oldsmobile as being a lone w/m, in his late 30's, 6', slander bulld, gray hair, style not recalled, waring a brown shirt and dark trousers and not wearing glasses or a hat.

The following day, on 5/3/68, Mr. WEBB was exhibated a group of photos of which contained photos of JAMES EARL RAY, which he positively eliminated as the driver of instant 1968 Oldsmobile.

The vehicle was theroughly checked for evidence for fingerprints of which some were located and obtained. Investigation re the theft of this vehicle continuing.

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TO

SAC (157-10673)(P)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM

SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

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

Extensive investigation was conducted at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, where the subject stayed on 12/17-19/67 in room 126 under the name ERIC S. GALT. A review of rerep reveals that the following employees of the Provincial Motel Cafe, who would have been working during the period of 12/17-19/67, were not interviewed:

EVELYN REVERTICA, owner
YVONNE RÎLEY, waitress
BEVERLY WILLIAMS, waitress
GLORIA YOUNG, waitress

LEAD:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LA. Will locate and interview above persons and exhibit various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY to ascretain if these employees recall RAY.

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SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM :

JOSEPH L. COLEMAN Complaint Clerk

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau, 5/1/68 (Serial # 822).

At 12:10 p.m., 5/7/68, RAYMOND HENRY STARMS telephonically contacted the New Orleans FBI Office. He advised
his father, HENRY STARMS, Baton Rouge, La., had just informed
him telephonically that the FBI in Baton Rouge had on the
morning of 5/7/68, contacted HENRY STARMS regarding the
present whereabouts of RAYMOND HENRY STARMS. STARMS stated
the purpose of his call is to find out why the FBI is interested
in him and to let the FBI know his present whereabouts in the
event the FBI is looking for him. He said he does not know
why the FBI might be interested in talking with him.

STARMS furnished his residence address as Apartment F, King David Apartments, 2816 David Drive, Metairie, La., Tel. # 888-9092. He said his business address is Suite 120, Courtland Plaza, 3900 Veterans Highway, Jefferson Parish, La., Tel. # 888-7640. STARMS stated he also has a telephone in his automobile, Number 367-2741 Unit 459.

New Orleans indices does not show recent reference to STARUS.

Check with SRA LITCHFIELD, Baton Rouge, determined that STARMS is being sought by FBI for interview in connection with captioned case.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509) (P)

MURKINS

ReNOtel 5/2/68.

Re: Call made from coin telephone, Alpine, Texas, on December 16, 1967, to 938-5638, Greenwood, Louisiana.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs DAVID W. HEDGECOCK and THOMAS A. STEPHEN-HASSARD on 5/3/68, at Baytown, Texas:

EDWARD L. HUNSUCKER, 1901 Florida Street, advised that he may have made a long distance telephone call from a telephone booth on Interstate Highway 10 in East Texas on 12/16/68. He explained that during mid-December, 1967, his nephew, A.L. HAMMETT, Greenwood, Louisiana, was seriously ill, and therefore, he, HUNSUCKER, made several long distance calls to the HAMMETT residence.

HUNSUCKER advised that he is a truck driver and travels throughout the country, often making telephone

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calls from roadside telephone booths. He advised that JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him by name, alias, and photograph.

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FBI ST LOUIS
11:50AM URGENT 5-7-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS, MEMPHIS, LITTLE ROCK,
NEW ORLEANS, CHARLOTTE

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3P

MURKIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL MAY SIX LAST AND ST. LOUIS AIRTEL TO BUREAU, SPRINGFIELD, AND MEMPHIS, APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST.

RE: RUSSELL LEE MARTIN AND CARL BENTON DRAKE.

CARL BENTON DRAKE, SELF-EMPLOYED CONTRACTOR, INTERVIEWED
BY ST. LOUIS APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST. STATED ACQUAINTED WITH RAY AS
FELLOW INMATE MSP NINETEEN SIXTY OR SIXTYONE UNTIL DRAKE
RELEASED SIXTYFIVE. MAIN ASSOCIATION WAS WALKING TOGETHER IN
PRISON YARD. DRAKE FEELS HE WAS AS CLOSE A FRIEND TO RAY AS ANY
OTHER PRISONER. RAY WAS LONER, CLOSE MOUTHED, KEPT OWN COUNCIL,
NEVER DISCUSSED PRISON ESCAPE PLANS. HAD FEW FRIENDS, BUT MIXED
WELL WITH OTHER INMATES, BOTH BLACK AND WHITE. NEVER DISPLAYED
PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE OR RACIST SENTIMENTS. NEVER INVOLVED
IN RACIAL DIFFICULTY AT PRISON.

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OFTEN MENTIONED INABILITY TO COMPLETE SENTENCE, BUT NEVER
MENTIONED ESCAPE PLANS OR OUTSIDE CONTACTS. ONLY VISITOR WAS
BROTHER, JOHN RAY. MENTIONED HE HAD SERVED TIME IN MENARD PRISON,
THAT ANOTHER BROTHER WAS KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT, BUT OTHERWISE

DID NOT DISCUSS BACKGROUND.

RAY NOT ADDICTED TO DRUGS, BUT NEARLY ALL INMATES USED ANY DRUGS AVAILABLE.

TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING DRAKE'S RELEASE HE VISITED JOHN RAY AT SUBJECT'S REQUEST. CONVERSATION CONCERNED SUBJECT'S WELFARE AT PRISON.

DRAKE UNAWARE OF SUBJECT'S ESCAPE UNTIL RECENT PUBLICITY.

REGARDS SUBJECT AS SMALL TIME ROBBER MENTALLY INCAPABLE OF

PLANNING ASSASRINATION WITHOUT INTELLIGENT OUTSIDE GUIDANCE.

BELIEVES SUBJECT CAPABLE OF BEING HIRED FOR KILLING AND WOULD

NOT BE ALONE IN MATTER. BELIEVES WHOEVER HIRED SUBJECT HAS

DISPOSEDOF HIM, AS WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO HIDE WITH HEAT ON AND

REWARDS ADVERTISED.

DRAKE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH FBI INANY
MANNER POSSIBEL SHOULD ANY INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT COME
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PAGE THREE SL 77-775 TO HIS ATTENTION. DRAKE APPEARED FRANK, STRAIGHT FORWARD AND SINCERELY WILLING TO FULLY COOPERATE. UACB REQUEST WILL BE MADE FOR DRAKE'S TOLL CALLS FROM APRIL FOURTH, AND FOLLOW UP INTERVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED TODAY TO LEARN IF ANY NEW INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS HAVE COME TO HIS ATTENTION. MARTIN WILL NOT BE MENTIONED. LITTLE ROCK IS REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT RESOLUTION OF RELIABILITY. MENTAL CAPACITY, AND REPUTATION FOR VERACITY OF PCI RUSSELL LEE MARTIN. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. CORR PAGE 2 LINE 13 OF TEXT WORD 2 SHOULD READ ASSASSINATION END MMW FBI NEW ORLS 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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1:L2PM URGENT 5-7-68 NLC

TO LOS ANGELES

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

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RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY THREE, LAST, AND NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY FOUR, LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN R OUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

ON MAY THREE, LAST RECORDS MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE CO.,
PHOENIX, ARIZONA, REFLECT ONLY NEW ORLEANS CALL FROM PHONE
BOOTHS IN RE EL PASO TELETYPE FOR DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND
SEVENTEEN, WAS CALLL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN, MADE
FROM SEVEN SEVEN TWO ZER SIX FOUR SIX IN ELPASO TO TWO EIGHT
TWO SEVEN FIVE NINE ONE NEW ORLEANS.

ON MAY FOUR AND MAY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, ARNOLD AND ISABELLE THOMAS, NEGROES, THREE FIVE TWO THREE HAMBURG ST., NEW ØRLEANS, WHO HAVE TELEPHONE TWO EIGHT TWO- SEVEN FIVE NINE ONE LISTED TO THEM WERE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING CALL FROM ELPASO, TEXAS,

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ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. THOMAS AND WIFE COULD NOT RECALL ABOVE PHONE CALL, BUT STATED PERHAPS THEIR SON, ARNOLD THOMAS, JR. HAD MADE PHONE CALL, THOMAS, JR., RESIDES ONE

FIVE ZERO EAST ONE ONE PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

LOS ANGELES LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR.

DETERMINE IF HE MADE PHONE CALL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN.

AIRMAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, PHOENIX AND EL PASO.

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR IP

MURKIN

TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WERE RELEASED TODAY

TO NEWS MEDIA IN WASHINGTON. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE SHOULD

BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN NINETEEN

SIXTY-SEVEN IN MEXICO)." THIS IS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN DARK

GLASSES AND SPORT SHIRT. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD BEAR

CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR

EARLY FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT IN CALIFORNIA)." THIS IS

HEAD SHOT OF RAY IN BUSINESS SUIT WHICH SHOWS MARKED CLEFT IN

CHIN. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE COPIES OF THESE TWO

PHOTOGRAPHS LOCALLY AND YOU SHOULD INSURE THEY RECEIVE WIDE
SPREAD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ALL MEDIA CONTACTS. FIVE COPIES OF

EACH OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ALL OFFICES

LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO ADVISED.

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SAC (157-10673) (P)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM

SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

44-38861

#### Predication

In the investigation of captioned matter New Orleans has been attempting to identify an alleged fence by the name of COIN (ph), with negative results.

Investigation has determined that JAMES EARL RAY and CHARLES STEIN left Los Angeles, Calif., on 12/15/67 and arrived in New Orleans on 12/17/67. STEIN has indicated that en route, somewhere in Texas, RAY made one or two long distance telephone calls from coin phones and also indicated he was going to contact either architectural or contracting firm.

Check of City Directories revealed there is a Coyne Construction and Engineering Company, 201 Richard, Gretna, La., telephone 367-4624.

The telephone directory lists <u>DAVID M. COVNE</u>, 3266
Athis, telephone 282-0267; <u>JOHN E. COVNE</u>, 735 Rupp, Gretna, telephone 366-3895; <u>LYNN EDWARD COVNE</u>, Robert, Gretna, telephone 362-4413; <u>PHILIP G. COVNE</u>, 900 Richard, Gretna, telephone 366-6563.

SA DECKER is requested to review any toll calls for the above numbers from 12/15 through 17/67 and again from 3/17-24/68.

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	(Type in plain text or code)
Via	AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority or Method of Mailing)
	TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
	FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)(P)
	SUBJECT: MURKIN (00: Memphis)
	Rerep SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 4/29/68 at New Orleans.
	Memphis and Atlanta can refer to pages 19 through 24 of rerep, which sets forth a list of all guests who were registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, La., between 12/17 and 19/67.
	2 - Memphis 3 - Atlanta (44-2386) 2 - Baltimore 3 - Buffalo 3 - Chicago 2 - Cincinnati 2 - Detroit 2 - Houston 2 - Jacksonville 2 - Miami 2 - Minneapolis 3 - Mobile 2 - New York 2 - Oklahoma City 3 - Pittsburgh
	2 - San Diego 2 - Springfield (2) - New Orleans SMC: epk (41) ofth (41) ofth
	Approved: Special Agent in Charge  Sent M Per Special Agent in Charge

Other Offices receiving copies of this airtel were not furnished rerep and so the following background information is being set forth to assist these Offices in conducting the requested investigation:

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

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

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

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

NO 157-10673 In the preparation of these reports, it is suggested that an appropriate predication for this part of the investigation be utilized in the details prior to reporting the results of contacts with these individuals. As an example, the following information might be used for this predication: Information was Received from the New Orleans Office of the FBI that (insert name and address of person) had registered on (insert date) at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Of course, if any pertinent information is developed as a result of these contacts, this information should be brought to the attention of the Bureau and Memphis by the most expiditious means. Each Office is reminded that previous Bureau instructions are that leads in captioned matter should be covered within 24 hours. ATLANTA RAY EASTERWOOD 139 Briar Lane, Atlanta, Ga. Room 219 One in Party 12/18/67 E. D. ELLIOTT 1610 Southland Circle, N.W., Atlanta, Ga. Room 202 One in party 12/19/67 N. R. HINEC 1610 Southland Avenue Atlanta, Georgia One in party 12/19/67 3 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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

#### BALTIMORE

Mr. and Mrs. Waldorf Plitcher BX 1449 10820 Georgia Avenue Wheaton, Maryland Car - Chevrolet, Maryland license AE 2099 Room 225 Two in party 12/18/67

#### BUFFALO

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

Mr. and Mrs. VINTON P. OSTRANCHERse LP 5907 126 Meadow Lane Buffalo, New York Car - Cadillac, New York license TP 3035 Room 207 Two in party 12/19/67

Defen, Texas

#### CHICAGO

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

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

#### CINCINNATI

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

#### DETROIT

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

#### HOUSTON

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

#### **JACKSONVILLE**

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

#### MIAMI

W. H. RUNGLER (?) 2899 Columns Avenue, Miami, Fla. Car - Cadillac, Florida license lWW11380 12/18/67

### MINNEAPOLIS

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

#### MOBILE

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

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

#### NEW YORK

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

#### OKLAHOMA CITY

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

#### PITTSBURGH

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

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

#### SAN DIEGO

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

#### SPRINGFIELD

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

#### NEW ORLEANS

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

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

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## Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: May 7, 1968

FROM : SA ELVER B. LITCHFIELD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE SERIAL 822

MR. HENRY STARMS, 2250 Cederdale, Baton Rouge, La. advised on 5/7/68 that RAYMOND STARMS is his son and that he can be reached at New Orleans, a. through radio telephone New Orleans operator 367 2741 unit 459.

Chief of Police ALIVN CORLEX, Debham Springs, La. advised on May 7, 1968, that he had learned that RAIMOND STARMS had telephone number 888 7640 in New Orleans.

New Orleans reserval 822 page 3 last para, should interview STARMS for any information reallegation that there were several business men in INTEXX the area of Baton Rouge, who were taking up a collection to hab e Martin Luther King assassinated.

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TO:

SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM:

SAC, KROXVILLE (44-696) (P)

MURKIN

Re New Orleans airtel to Knoxville dated 5/1/68.

DAVIDSON TEXADA LANYERS, a divinity student at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, interviewed 5/3/68 and eliminated as suspect. LAMDERS at time of interview in possession of 1965 Mustang, Louisiana license CL 794 which he stated was given to his wife by her father just prior to her marriage to LAMDERS in December, 1966.

#### LANDERS described as follows:

Race: Sex:

Birth:

Place of Birth:

Height: Weight: Eves:

Marital Status:

Wife:

Residence:

Drivers License:

White Mala

New Unleans, Louisiana

5110" 183 lbs. Blue

Married CAROL LANDERS

University Quadriplex Sewanee, Tennessee

1968 Louisiana drivers license 130 52 99

2 - Hemphis (AM)

1) - New Orleans (Info.) (AM)

7 - Knoxville

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5/7/68

ATRTEL

TO:

SAC. Houston (44-1509)

FROM:

SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Pittsburgh airtel, dated 5/3/68, regarding Gulf Credit Card 13 12 68 19 52 in the name of S. G. STEXNER.

Contact at Gulf Oil Corporation, Philadelphia, reflects instant credit card handled by Gulf's Houston Office.

For the benefit of Pittsburgh, the complainant, Mr. CALVIN PLYLER, was probably referring to CHARLES STEIN, the West Coast song writer who allegedly made a trip to New Orleans with RAY in December, 1967.

It would appear that the complainant's information would lack pertinence.

However, since Philadelphia is not aware of the details of RAY's relationship with STEIN on their trip to New Orleans, it is being left to the determination of Houston as to whether the Pittsburgh lead has substance and should be handled.

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## Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

DATE:

5/1/68

FROM SA LELAND A. LYNN

SUBJECT: MURKIN RM

Re. memo of SA CALLENDER 4/25/68

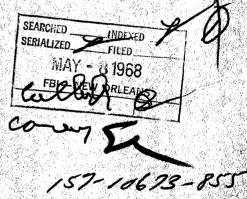
The following investigation was conducted by SA LELAND A. LYNN at Lafayette, Louisiana:

On 4/29/68, Inspector DONLON RICHEY, Lafayette Police Department advised that most of the so called "hippies" in Lafayette are students at the University of Southwestern University, Lafayette. There are a very few of the so called "hippies" in Lafayette, and the only rooming house where a few may live is a rooming house in the 1000 bolck of Lafayette, Street,

On the same day Mr. amd Mrs. O. E. BROUSSARD, 10/4.
Lafayette Street advised that the rooming house at 1016 Lafayette street is occupied by four or five young men and several young girls. The men have long hair. Shth stated the photograph of RAY is not identified with any of the individuals staying at this house.

Two while males, with long hair residing at 1016 Lafayette Street, and who declined to identify themselves advised that the photograph of RAY was not familiar to them nor was it the photograph of any of their associates in Lafayette. One of these individuals indicated that kakaxakaax at total of four boys and two girls live at this address. They indicated they were either students at the university or recently resigned dropped out.

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## Memorandum

TO

: SAC (157-10673)

DATE:

5/7/68

FROM

SA THURMAN P. KELLEY

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

RE memo of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER 5/3/68 and serial 659.

On 5/7/68 Sgt. J. L. HOOD, Identification Officer, Shreveport PD, Shreveport, La., advised that he checked the unidentified latent praints against prints of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results.

On 5/7/68 Capt. J. W. WILKINS, Identification Office, Caddo
Parish SO, Shreveport, La., advised that he checked the unidentified latent prints
against prints of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results.

On 5/7/68 Capt. W. R. THORNTON, Identification Officer, Bossier City FD, Bossier City, La., advise that his office does not retain unidentified latent fingerprints.

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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Re Little Rock airtel to Memphis, 4/30/68.

The following investigation was conducted by BAS RICHARD L. ECREERG and EUGENE W. HUIZ:

JIM AUS/IN, Litwin Corp., 520 E. William Street, Wichita, Kansas, /advised 5/2/68, his records reflect WILLIAM G. SORRMALS, 1820 West Douglas Street, Wichita, was employed for this company 2/19/68 as design engineer and is presently employed. The records reflect he was born 3/19/21 and has Social Security # time sheet reflects he worked nine hours in Wichita from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm on 4/4/68. He stated he could locate no record for a BOB NELSON.

WILLIAM G. SORVALLS, 1020 West Douglas Street, Wichita, Kansas, advised 1/2/58, he was working in Wichita for Litwin Corp. on 4/4/68. He stated be is acquainted with ROBERT NELSON who works for Litwin Corp. but who is on the payroll of another company. He stated NELSON is from Birmingham and has worked in Little Rock and Atlanta, however, NELSON has never been in Memphis to his knowledge. SORRELLS stated he drives a white Chevrolet Corvair and it was noted this car had Oklahoma license ZD JY79.

BOB NELSON, Litwin Corp., 520 E. William Street, Wichita, advised 5/2/68, his full name is ROLYE BERNARD NELSON but he is known as ROBERT or BOB. He stated he resides at 2216 Wildwood, Wichita, and has worked at Litwin Corp. in Wichita since August 1967. He stated he drives a white Oldsmobile and he has not been in Memphis for a year or more. He stated he was working in Wichita the day KING was murdered

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and he and a friend by the name of SORRELLS, who is also from the South, made kidding remarks about the murder such as "You surely made a fast trip to Memphis and back". He stated that undoubtedly some of their kidding remarks were overheard as neither he nor SORRELLS made a trip to Memphis and had no knowledge of the murder.

JIM AUSTIN, Litwin Corp., 520 E. William Street, Wichita, advised 5/2/68, his office does not keep complete records on personnel who are employed for other companies and working at Litwin Corp. He did, however, had a time sheet which reflected ROLFE B. NELSON was a Senior Engineer and he worked nine hours during the day of 4/4/68.

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

DATE:

4/29/68

FROM

SA THOMAS E. DUHADWAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE WILLIAMD J. MC BRIDE, ake VERNON MC BRIDE

The above two names were used by subject RAY when he passed three stolen U. S. Postal Money orders in New Orleans in 1953.

Credit and criminal checks were conducted re these names with negative results. The below listed individuals were contacted by IC CHARLES L. MURRY:

IC CHARLES L. MURRY:

B. T. Kayler, Credit Bureau of New Orleans.

Mrs. Alice Doran, Clerk, Identification Bureau, NOPD
PATRICK HORRIGAN, Cadet, Record Room, NOPD

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SUBJECT:

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Re Atlanta mirtel 4/25/68 (serial 559).

Information has been received from the Atlanta Office. that JAMES EARL RAY, subject of this case, was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation tion has not established a mode of transportation for RAY since this date. Atlanta requests that all Offices review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68 and where the transporter of the vehicle is not otherwise identified or accounted for, RAY should be considered a suspect.

It is requested that all Agents handling ITSMV matters send to SA CALLENDER by routing slip the file number of any UNSUB 26 matter where the vehicle was recovered in Louisiana and reported stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68 to the current date.

All Agents should remain alert in the future for any 26 matter wherein the car was stolen from the State of Georgia.

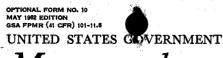
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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA ROGER A. BOMBARDIER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 4/29/68. (serial 659)

On 5/7/68, Deputy DOMAINE, Identification Officer, Terrebonne Parish SO, Houma, La., Chief Deputy GASTON GROS, Assumption Parish SO, Napoleonville, La., and Major NORMAN DIAZ, LaFouche Parish SO, Thibodeaux, La., all advised that their respective agencies did not maintain an unidentified latent fingerprint file in connection with matters under their jurisdiction.

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DATE:

5/7/68

FROM

SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

The background of this particular phase of this investigation is that CHARLES STEIN, of Los Angeles, Calif., has advised he was driven to New Orleans, La., from Los Angeles, Calif., by JAMES EARL RAY. They left Los Angeles on 12/15/67 and arrived New Orleans 12/17/67. They left New Orleans and returned to Los Angeles on 12/19/67.

STEIN advises that while en route to New Orleans and while in the State of Texas, RAY made one or two long distance telephone calls from a pay telephone.

As a result, the Bureau has instructed El Paso, Houston and San Antonio to obtain the long distance telephone calls placed from each public telephone on the route that STEIN and RAY traveled in their Divisions.

As a result, the Houston Division has provided a list of approximately 300 telephone calls made for the period 12/15-17/67 from coin telephones located on Interstate Highway 10 and Route 90 within the Houston Division to Louisiana.

There is attached for each Resident Agent a list of calls from these coin telephones to the area covered by the Agent. The following investigation should be conducted:

- 1) Determine the identity of the subscriber.
- 2) Check Office indices in regards to the subscriber.
- 3) Ascertain locally through normal sources if the subscriber is known to be a member of a klan or hate-type group or may be a symmethizer.

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- 4) Interview the subscriber about the calls received and determine, if possible, the identity of the caller.
- 5) Exhibit various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and ascertain from the subscriber if RAY is known.

The results of determining the identity of the subscriber, as well as the interviews and any investigation in this matter should be placed on FD-302, using a mat.

SA KUSCH will handle New Orleans.

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