

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4-30-68

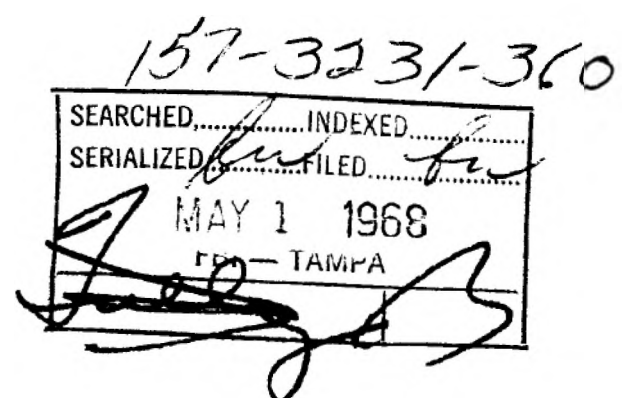
FROM : SA EDWARD J. TULLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4-30-68, Dave Plowden, Director, Identification Division, Brevard County Sheriff's Office, Titusville, Florida advised that he would cause a search to be made of all latent finger prints in file for comparison with those of James Ray. He advised that he would notify only if the results were positive. It should be noted that only the SOBO maintains a latent fingerprint file in Brevard County.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-3886L, MEMPHIS, TAMPA, ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST.

RECORDS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY REVEAL LEO BARNETT,
FBI NO. TWO SEVEN THREE SIX EIGHT SIX B WAS PAROLED ON
AUGUST ELEVEN, SIXTY SIX, TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., WITH PAROLE TIME TO BE SERVED CON-
CURRENTLY WITH FLORIDA SENTENCE AND BARNETT WAS FORMERLY
AT RAYFORD PRISON, FLA., UNDER NO. SIX SIX THREE TWO THREE.

THESE RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL A FRED MILLER NO. ZERO TWO
TWO SEVEN THREE, FORMER INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY,
WAS TRANSFERRED TO MISSOURI TRAINING CENTER FOR MEN, MOBERLY,
MO. ON MAY TWENTY NINE, LAST AND FRED HENRY MILLER,
NO. SIX SIX FIVE THREE FIVE WAS ASSIGNED TO MOBERLY MARCH
FOUR, LAST.

TAMPA AND ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW FORMER INMATES
CONCERNING ANY INFORMATION THEY HAVE REGARDING SUBJECT.

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*Nothing at this time.
Called Tom Walsh, Jacksonville
he already interviewed Leo
Barnett and set out
communication.
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*1 copy this Teletype sent
to SAC Jacksonville*

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RE: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE, IO #4182; WF #442-A;
TEN FUG (157-3231), CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UFAC - ROBBERY. (OO:ME)

Subject approved for Top Ten Fugitive List on p.m. of Saturday, 4/20/68, as an 11th TOP TEN, in order to give full publicity to the investigation to locate and apprehend him. All leads in this case are to be covered immediately and reported to #4 Supervisor and SAC. Contact informants and sources. If subject's apprehension appears imminent, immediately advise me. Case assigned to SA LABADIE. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

RE: HOWARD CALLENS JOHNSON, AKA - FUGITIVE, IO #4039,
WF #434, TEN FUG, UFAP - MURDER. (OO:MO) (88-4248)

Discontinues. Subject apprehended on 4/24/68 by BuAgents at Louisville, Kentucky.

RE: ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE UNIFORM (43-00)

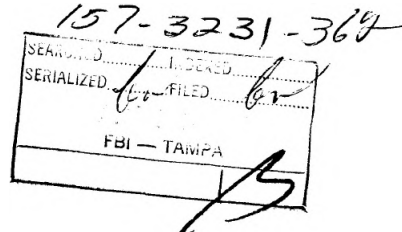
Bureau has pointed out that during recent racial disturbances where Federal troops and National Guard units were utilized, individuals participating in the disturbances had disguised themselves in the uniform of the Armed Forces. In each instance, the USA's Office authorized prosecution of these individuals under above statute. Each Agent should bear this in mind and in your daily contacts with local authorities, be sure to remind them of our jurisdiction in these matters and urge that they bring such promptly to our attention.

RE: FEDERAL GRAND JURY, MAY 28, 1968, TAMPA, FLORIDA (66-3)

All Special Agents are reminded to promptly furnish their supervisors with identities of any cases that should be presented to above Federal Grand Jury. As previously pointed out, a letter must be sent to USA's Office listing these cases. All note necessity for prompt handling.

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

FROM : SA HENRY L. BURGETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/30/68

Re memorandum of SPC AL L. SMITH dated
4/20/68.

The following investigation was conducted
by SAs RICHARD D. OYLER and HENRY L. BURGETT on 4/20/68.

Mr. CHARLES DONAH, Manager, Bartke's
Restaurant, International Airport, advised that earlier
that evening a guest in the restaurant approached him
introducing himself as GEORGE SANFORD and stating that
he observed a man in the restaurant believed to be the
person wanted for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.
Mr. DONAH stated that upon Mr. SANFORD's approaching
him he immediately noted that Mr. SANFORD had been
drinking rather heavily.

Mr. DONAH stated that he and other employees
at the International Airport made a close study of the
person referred to by Mr. SANFORD as possibly GALT.
He stated that he would not consider the individual
bearing any resemblance to GALT except for his hairline.
He stated that the individual in the restaurant was
approximately 38 years of age, about 5'9", 190 pounds,
clean shaven, dark hair, full round face, very healthy
looking individual who possessed no signs of nervousness
and was accompanied by a lady believed to be his wife.
Mr. DONAH stated that inasmuch as there was no close
resemblance, this individual was not questioned either
by himself or airport police.

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Miss DIANE MORRHOUSE, waitress, Parke's Restaurant, International Airport, advised that she served the individual referred to by Mr. SANFORD as the person resembling GALT. She stated that she had observed the photographs appearing in the newspapers and had noticed no resemblance of the guest to the photographs of GALT. She stated that after SANFORD called the employee's attention to this individual she carefully observed the guest while serving he and the lady accompanying him and stated that she definitely would not believe the guest and GALT to be identical.

She stated that she first noticed Mr. SANFORD inasmuch as he was walking across the entire dining room with a napkin in his belt and appeared to be drinking very heavily. She described this guest as a white, male, approximately 36 or 37 years of age, 5'10", 170-180 pounds, brown eyes, dark hair, flat top cut. Both the man and woman were wearing wedding rings. She described the lady as white, female, approximately 35 years of age, 5'5", 145 pounds, hair "dishwater blond". Miss MORRHOUSE also stated that she recalled after the couple completed dinner he requested that she validate his parking ticket. She also recalled that during the conversation she overheard them talking about attending a movie during the evening.

Mr. J. C. SHERMAN, International Airport Police, advised that a man appeared at the police station introducing himself as GEORGE SANFORD exhibited a card indicating that he, GEORGE A. SANFORD, Director, Planning Division, City Hall of Lakeland, Florida. He stated that this individual appeared to have been drinking and upon approaching him stated that a man in the restaurant was believed to be GALT. Mr. SHERMAN stated that he went to the restaurant, joined the manager, Mr. DONAH and with the photographs of GALT in their possession, carefully studied the photograph and the individual.

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He described this individual as white male, approximately 35 to 36 years of age, 5'8", 160 - 210 pounds, dark hair, curly; full round face.

He described the lady accompanying this individual as white female, about 35 years of age; 5'5", 140 pounds, blonish color hair, long. He stated that his observation of the couple was that they were man and wife. He stated that the individual did not bear sufficient resemblance to the photograph of GALT to cause him to make any inquiry of this individual as to his identity.

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA ROBERT C. BALL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: ME)

On the morning of 4/25/68, Mr. H. H. BAER, 219 E. Jackson St., Orlando, Fla., telephonically contacted the Orlando RA and stated he wished to be contacted by Bureau Agents.

The following investigation was conducted by writer and SA GORDON W. TINDLE:

HAROLD H. BAER advised he operates a rooming house at 219 E. Jackson St., Orlando, Fla., and also stated he was a retired Pennsylvania Railroad Police Officer.

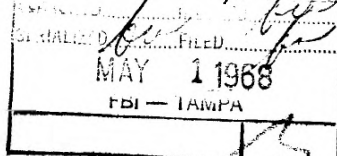
On the preceding day, 4/24/68, at about 4:30 PM, a small thinly-built white male appeared at his door and stated he was looking for a place to freshen up and rest. He advised he had been recommended to Mr. BAER's establishment by a friend and this friend had indicated he could acquire lodging very cheaply.

This individual stated he had been visiting his daughter in Pensacola, Fla., and was en route to Cocoa Beach, Fla., in connection with his employment and was supposed to have made contact with an individual by the name of W. A. MASTERSON or possibly WATSON, at the Greyhound Bus Terminal. He showed Mr. BAER a couple of Greyhound bus ticket receipts and Mr. BAER stated he observed on one that there appeared the name of Pensacola.

He described this individual as being about 5'8", 150 lbs., in his 40's.

At the time he was showing this individual a room, directly across the street, 2 Orlando police cars appeared and with that, this individual who had previously stated he was short of funds, made the remark that he was going to a near by store to cash a check, and left by a side door, across

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a back lot, and has not been seen by Mr. BAER since.

Mr. BAER advised that when this individual left, he had left behind a gray vinyl Scandinavian Airlines travel bag, which contained several pairs of trousers and some Banlon-type sports shirts. A measurement of the waistband of the trousers indicated they are probably size 32 waist.

He also left behind a package of laundry which contained a number of short sleeve sport shirts, which had been laundered and there appeared in the collar the initials "EKW".

Mr. BAER thought this was from a laundry located on South St. and he accompanied the agents to that location.

EDWARD R. THOMAS and his wife, MARY JANE THOMAS, owners, Palm Laundry, 211 East South St., Orlando, Fla., advised the laundry referred to above had not been laundered by their firm.

Living at the BAER residence is a retired nurse by the name of LIZZIE TOWNS. She recalled the individual described by BAER and stated he had brown hair and brown eyes.

LIZZIE TOWNS, AL BAER, EDWARD THOMAS and MARY JANE THOMAS were all shown copies of the Identification Order for JAMES EARL RAY and all stated that this individual was unknown to them and did not resemble the above described unknown subject.

About mid morning, 4/25/68, BAILEY SANDLIN, 1906 West Colonial Dr., Orlando, Fla., telephonically advised that he had previously contacted the Orlando RA, on that same morning, and had been contacted by two agents, whose names he could not recall. He advised he was recontacting the RA since the individual whom he had discussed with these agents, had telephoned him and had threatened him.

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Writer contacted the Orlando PD and was met at 1906 W. Colonial Drive by Sgt. STRAUB, Orlando PD, and during a short conversation with SANDLIN, he stated he was fearful of his life, since the previously-described individual had threatened to return to his office and to kill him.

During the conversation with SANDLIN, it was obvious that SANDLIN had been drinking and this opinion was confirmed by Sgt. STRAUB. SANDLIN was shown the IO for JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the individual depicted thereon, resembled the individual who had threatened him earlier that day.

Due to the obvious intoxicated condition of SANDLIN, no further attempts were made to interview him at this time.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA THOMAS J. WILKES -P-

SUBJECT: Murkin

Re: Complaint BAILEY SANDLIN

Re: JACKSONVILLE
RE CALL TO TAMPA 5/1
TAMPA TEL. TO BUREAU 5/1

BAILEY SANDLIN, insurance adjustor, 1906 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, Fla. telephonically advised SA Wilkes 4/25/68, that at approx. 8:55am, 4/25/68, he drove up in front of his office and noticed a man sitting in a 1967 or 1968 dark blue, 4 door Chevrolet. Sandlin stated the only numbers of the Fla. tag he could recall were 7W15-. He could not recall how many digits were in the tag number, and advised the Chevrolet was parked in the carport of his office.

He said the man who resembled James Earl Ray pointed a snub nose revolver at him, said "You aint seen me" and drove east on Colonial to the next street (Vern Dr.) where he turned right. Sandlin stated he got into his car and tried to follow individual but never saw the Chevrolet again.

It was noted during call from Sandlin that his voice was unusually hesitant between words and sentences, however, at the time, this was believed to be due to excitement.

J. R. Smith, Det. Bur. Orlando PD was immediately informed of the above by SA J. B. Hafley.

Upon arriving at 1906 W. Colonial Dr., Bailey Sandlin was interviewed in person by SA's Gordon W. Tindle and Thomas J. Wilkes. As the interview progressed, it became evident thru Sandlin's behavior and by his own admission that he was under the influence of liquor. He stated that he was an alcoholic and that during the morning of 4/24/68, his girl friend, ~~CHARLOTTE~~ Charlotte, McDaniel, had ~~been~~ in his apartment at 77 E. Amelia, Orlando. Sandlin asserted he became upset at this and had been drinking beer and vodka from the morning of 4/24/68 through the time the agents contacted him in person.

Every effort was made to ascertain if there was any truth in Sandlin's statements, however, he continuously changed his description of the suspect and varied the sequence of events as well as the times ~~there~~ alleged to have occurred.

Also on 4/25/68, Mrs. Ann Wagner, 1904 W Colonial Dr. - 364A

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and Mrs. Alfred Penkaci~~h~~, 1910 W. Colonial, who were located ~~in~~ immediately adjacent to Sandlins office, advised that from at least 8:am until they were contacted by the agents, there had been no other car in Sandlin's carport except his Dodge. Both women were positive no Chevrolet, described above, had been in or near Sandlins office that day since at least 8:am.

Also on 4/25/68, Mrs. Margaret ^{Taylor}~~Taylor~~, widow of Deputy Sheriff Phillip Taylor, 1113 Santa Anita, advised the agents she is secretary to Sandlin and that she had received a call from him that morning. She ~~xxxxxx~~ stated he sounded very unusual and she wondered if he had been drinking. She asserted that Sand lin had previously told her he was an alcoholic and was active in Alcoholics Anonymous. He has also told her that when he drinks he has hallucinations thinking he has ~~xxx~~ achieved great success.

Mrs. Taylor further stated that Sandlin told her during his call that morning that when he arrived at the office, he had been accosted by a man in a car in the carport of his office who stuck a gun in his face. According to Sandlin, this had caused him to be upset.

She also declared that she talked with the landlord and occupants of the other half of the ~~brick~~ building in which Sandlins office is located, and Mrs. William Murrell, 1904 W. Colonial Dr. had advised her that she had arrived at the office at the same time as Sandlin, however, there was no car in ~~the carport~~ the carport at this time.

During the afternoon of 4/25/68, Ronald E. Zeigler, Zeigler and Associates, insurance adjustors, Deland, Fla. telephonically advised SA Wilkes he was employer of Sandlin. He further stated he had gone to Sandlins office a short ^{time} previously that same day in answer to a phone call from Mrs. Taylor, where he found Sandlin passed out due to drunkenness. He stated he closed the office, took Sandlin home, and put him to bed.

James Fuller, Det. Sgt., Orlando PD, was advised of the above.

No further action taken or recommended.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Bureau telephone call from Supervisor
CLEM MC GOWAN 4/30/68; telephonic complaint from BAILEY
SANDLIN to Department of Justice.

BAILEY SANDLIN, Mt. Dora, Florida, telephone
383-2181, contacted Mt. Dora Motor Lodge 4/30/68; his
permanent address is 77 East Amelia Street, Orlando,
Florida. He advised an individual, possibly JAMES EARL
RAY, had pulled a gun on him in the carport of his office,
1906 West Colonial Street, Orlando, Florida, on 4/26/68.
He contacted the FBI, Orlando, and Orlando Police
Department the same date regarding this information.

Resident Agency Orlando contacted telephonically
4/26/68 and advised they had received complaint and
investigated situation with negative results.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

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OO: MEMPHIS

Re Tampa teletype to Bureau 4/27/68.
Pittsburgh teletype to Director and Tampa 4/29/68.

SUSPECT RICHARD RUSSELL BALL

On 4/30/68, BALL, residence 3460 Dorreen Drive, Lakeland, Florida was contacted at his place of employment, CARL R. PROFFITT Company, Swindell Road, Lakeland.

Mr. BALL advised he has been living in Lakeland since 8/64, at which time he went to work for Food Transport Company, as terminal manager. He said he left Food Transport Company on 1/20/67 and was unemployed until 4/67, when he went to work for the Lakeland Transit Lines, as a bus driver.

BALL stated he remained at that employment only until the middle of 10/67 and after a week or two, returned to Parkersburg, West Virginia. Mr. BALL said while there he contacted CARL PROFFITT, an old friend, who owned a trucking company at 526 31st Street, Parkersburg, and arranged to open an office for him in Florida.

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BALL advised he returned to Lakeland in 11/67 and immediately opened an office for PROFFITT. He explained that PROFFITT sends him a schedule every Saturday, listing the destination in Florida, and the time of arrival, of every company truck, for the following week. It is his job to arrange a load, as close to the period of unloading as possible, for the return trip north.

BALL exhibited the weekly dispatch sheet for the week ending 4/6/68. It showed return loads, arranged by him, for 4/4,5,6,7/68

Wanted flyer #442-A concerning JAMES EARL RAY was shown Mr. BALL. He stated that the name in the photograph was unfamiliar to him. He said further that neither the name RAY nor any of the aliases shown on the flyer were names he was acquainted with.

BALL categorically denied having conspired with RAY or anyone else in the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He referred back to previous interview by the FBI concerning an alleged theft by him against KING and stated that he still did not believe he had made the threat, but was too inebriated to recall.

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FBI NEW ORLS

1109 AM URGENT 5-1-68 MMW

TO KANSAS CITY 44-760, MEMPHIS, TAMPA, COLUMBIA AND PHILADELPHIA
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTY
SEVEN RE CARLOS LEE BILLINGS.

FOR INFORMATION OF COLUMBIA, WHO DOES NOT HAVE BELOW NOTED
REPORT, REVIEW OF NEW ORLEANS FILE ON BILLINGS REFLECTS INFORMATION
FROM LITTLE ROCK REPORT OF SA WALTER W. SMART, JR., DATED
FEBRUARY ELEVEN, SIXTYSEVEN, CONCERNING THREE ZERO TWO FURNISHED
BY BILLINGS ON THAT DATE IN WHICH BILLINGS STATED WAS IN CUSTODY
AT CHESTER, PA., IN APRIL, SIXTYFIVE AND ESAPED FROM CUSTODY
WITH TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS, NAMES NOT MENTIONED, APPROXIMATELY
MAY SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE. FURTHER, HE PROCEEDED TO WILMINGTON, DEL.
WHERE ONE OF ESCAPEES APPREHENDED. FROM THERE HE AND OTHER
ESCAPEE WENT TO OCALA, FLA. FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED IN THIS
THREE ZERO TWO IT WOULD APPEAR BILLINGS NOT ONLY IS PRODIGIOUS
CAR THIEF AND CHECK PASSER, BUT A CON MAN AS WELL.

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IT IS ESPECIALLY NOTED THAT BILLINGS STATES IN THREE ZERO TWO IN RE COMMUNICATION THAT HE MET JAMES AND EDDIE IN COLUMBIA, S.C., IN MARCH, SIXTYFIVE. IN THREE ZERO TWO SET OUT IN REPORT OF SA SMART, HE ADVISED WAS IN CUSTODY IN APRIL, SIXTYFIVE AND DID NOT ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY UNTIL APPROXIMATELY MAY SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE WILL REVIEW FILE ON BILLINGS AND ASCERTAIN WHEN ESCAPED FROM CUSTODY, FORWARD SAME TO KANSAS CITY FOR REINTERVIEW OF BILLINGS AT SPRINGFIELD, MO.

NEW ORLEANS HOLDING IN ABEYANCE COVERAGE OF LEAD AT CANAL BANK INN UNTIL AUTHENTICITY OF BILLINGS' STORY DETERMINED.

KANSAS CITY ADVISE OTHER OFFICES IN RECEIPT OF REAIRTEL WHETHER THEY DESIRE LEADS SET OUT TO BE HANDLED AT THIS TIME OR HELD IN ABEYANCE.

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FBI BIRMINGHAM

419 PM URGENT 5-1-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND TAMPA

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 3P

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, AND TAMPA

TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST.

JAMES SPARKS, TWO ZERO ZERO ELEVENTH STREET, ROBINWOOD, FOR-

MERLY EMPLOYED BY ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, WAS CONTACTED THIS DATE BY

BUREAU AGENTS REGARDING CHARLES RAY JOHNSON, AND FURNISHED THE

FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

HE FIRST OBSERVED JOHNSON WHEN HE (JOHNSON) CAME TO THE WINTER

FAIRGROUND OF ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS AT TAMPA, FLORIDA, ON APRIL

EIGHT, LAST, SEEKING EMPLOYMENT AS AN "EXTRA". JOHNSON APPEARED

NEATLY DRESSED, WAS WEARING A DARK BROWN BUSINESS SUIT, AND IS

DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, SIX FEET TO SIX FEET TWO INCHES TALL,

ONE SIX FIVE TO ONE SEVEN FIVE POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR.

SPARKS ADVISED JOHNSON WAS HIRED A A "BOUGHIE" AROUND THE

CONCESSION STANDS TO PERFORM ODD JOBS, SUCH AS, PAINTING, STOCKING

AND MOVING SHOW EQUIPMENT. FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH JOHNSON, SPARKS

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ADVISED HE BELIEVES JOHNSON IS TOTALLY UNFAMILAR WITH THE OPERATIONS OF AN AMUSEMENT PARK AND THE FUNCTIONS OF A "ROUGHIE." SPARKS STATED HE OBSERVED JOHNSON DAILY FROM THE DATE HE ARRIVED UNTIL FOUR DAYS AGO WHEN HE (SPARKS) LEFT THE COMPANY TO SEEK NEW EMPLOYMENT.

SPARKS FURTHER ADVISED THAT IN HIS OPINION JOHNSON ACTED VERY NERVOUS AND WAS WARY OF STRANGERS AROUND THE SHOW.

SPARKS STATED THAT AS AN "EXTRA", JOHNSON WAS PAID IN CASH ON A DAILY BASIS AND PROBABLY LIVED ON THE TRAIN WITH THE REST OF THE SINGLE MALE EMPLOYEES. SPARKS ADVISED THAT EMPLOYEES HIRED AS EXTRAS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE PAYROLL BY NAME BUT ARE LISTED AS EXTRAS ONLY.

SPARKS ADVISED THAT THE CONCESSION SUPERVISOR FOR ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS IS KNOWN AS "HOTSHOT" AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY KNOW JOHNSON. SPARKS STATED HE BELIEVED THE SHOW IS ENROUTE TO MEMPHIS AND WILL EVENTUALLY SET UP IN CANADA.

MRS. LINDA SPARKS, WIFE OF JAMES SPARKS, ADVISED SHE WAS EMPLOYED ON THE CONCESSION STANDS OF ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, AND AFTER OBSERVING A PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT RAY, SHE STATED THAT ~~THIS WAS A~~ *photo assembly*
a MAN SHE KNEW AS CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

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TAMPA, WILL RECONTACT ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS AND ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW "HOTSHOT" REGARDING JOHNSON.

MEMPHIS, WILL CONTACT ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, IF LOCATED IN MEMPHIS, TO INTERVIEW "HOTSHOT" REGARDING CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

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Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT

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Via TELETYPE URGENT

(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, TAMPA TELETYPE
 ONE
 APRIL TWENTY NINE, LAST AND BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE MAY 1, INSTANT.

whose identity is known to Bureau,
 L. B. DEMAY [^] IS ALSO KNOWN AS QUOTE HOTSHOT UNQUOTE.

~~THE IDENTITY OF TP TWO FOUR C IS KNOWN TO THE BUREAU.~~

DEMAY ADVISED HE HIRES AND PAYS PERSONALLY ALL QUOTE EXTRAS
 UNQUOTE AND QUOTE ROUGHIES UNQUOTE ON BAIRGROUNDS, TAMPA. HE HAS
 NOT HIRED ANY EXTRA OR ROUGHIE SINCE IN TAMPA QUARTERS. ONLY HIS
 REGULAR CREW ARE EMPLOYED, HE KNOWS EACH PERSONALLY, AND NONE
 ARE IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY. THE NAME OF CHARLES RAY JOHNSON
 IS UNKNOWN TO HIM AND HE HAS NEVER BEEN HIRED BY HIM AND HE WOULD
 NOT ASSOCIATE ANY PERSON WITH A DESCRIPTION OF CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.
 NO ONE DEFINITELY SLEEPS ON ANY TRAIN AND NO EXTRAS ARE TO BE HIRED
 UNTIL THEY REACH THE ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS FIRST STOP. THE SHOWS
 ARE NOT TO MOVE OUT OF TAMPA QUARTERS UNTIL MAY TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY
 EIGHT. DEMAY STATED HE COULD NOT RECALL JAMES SPARKS NOR WIFE,
 BUT IF SPARKS IS THE PERSON HE THINKS HE IS QUOTE HE IS HALF CRAZY

Approved: *S.J.L.*
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~~UACB, TAM~~
IN VIEW OF DISCREPANCIES IN SPARKS INFORMATION, TAMPA WILL NOT PURSUE MATTER FURTHER UACB. MEMPHIS SHOULD DISREGARD LEAD IN RETEL AS ROYAL AMERICAN HAS NOT LEFT TAMPA.

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FBI TAMPA

1012PM URGENT 5/1/68 MJR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, TAMPA TEL
APRIL TWENTY NINE, LAST AND BIRMINGHAM TEL MAY ONE INSTANT.

L. B. DEMAY, WHOSE IDENTITY IS KNOWN TO BUREAU, IS ALSO
KNOWN AS QUOTE HOTSHOT UNQUOTE.

DEMAY ADVISED HE HIRES AND PAYS PERSONALLY ALL QUOTE EXTRAS
UNQUOTE AND QUOTE ROUGHIES UNQUOTE ON FAIRGROUNDS, TAMPA. HE HAS
NOT HIRED ANY EXTRA OR ROUGHIE SINCE IN TAMPA QUARTERS. ONLY HIS
REGULAR CREW ARE EMPLOYED, HE KNOWS EACH PERSONALLY, AND NONE
ARE IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY. THE NAME OF CHARLES RAY JOHNSON
IS UNKNOWN TO HIM AND HE HAS NEVER BEEN HIRED BY HIM AND HE COULD
NOT ASSOCIATE ANY PERSON WITH A DESCRIPTION OF CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.
NO ONE DEFINITELY SLEEPS ON ANY TRAIN AND NO EXTRAS ARE TO BE HIRED
UNTIL THEY REACH THE ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS FIRST STOP. THE SHOWS
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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI WASH DCX

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FBI BIRMGHAM

CAF

FBI MEMPHIS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA WALTER B. GRANGER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM

On 4/10/68 the writer made inquiry at and examined the following documents without effecting any information concerning ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD:

LDB 30 and 107 per HELEN KENNEDY, Clerk
St. Petersburg and Clearwater Driver's License
Records, JEAN SAPP
The St. Petersburg, Clearwater and Suburban
City Directories for the years 1963 through
1967.
The current telephone directories for St.
Petersburg, Clearwater and Tarpon Springs.
Gulfport PD per BRYSON ENGLISH.
KENNETH City PD, Miss JANET MILES
Madeira Beach PD, JACK O'BRYANT

It should be noted that one JOHN WILLARD listed as a retired person, according to the 1967 St. Petersburg City Directory, lives at 155 5th Ave., North, St. Petersburg, Fla. This individual was also uncovered during a credit check and he was interviewed by SA JOHN HIPPARD and further information concerning this individual should be in communication written by him. *see 5228*

Hotel
Ahl Crest Hotel
405 6th St., So.

Person Contacted
Mr. GILLETTE

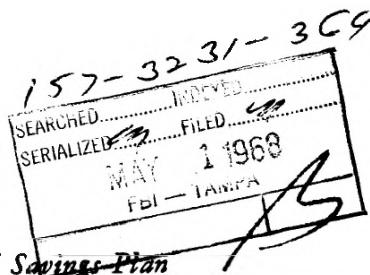
Albermarle
145 3rd Avenue, N.E.

Mrs. E. BOBB

Alexander
537 Central

E. FARRIOR

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Alma
1027 Central

Mrs. BERRAN

Astor
533 5th St. So.

Mr. SARAS

AVALON
443 4th Ave., No.

Mrs. GUNTER

Ballard
354 4th St., No.

Mrs. CLARK

Bay Plaza
135 1st Ave. No.

Miss YOUNG

The Bennett Beach
5200 Gulf Blvd.
St. Petersburg Beach

Mrs. FINNEGAN

Bill RonRico
938 2nd Ave., So.

Mr. FRANK GRAYSON, JR.

Bishop
256 1st Ave. No.

Mr. VETZEL

Boca Ciega
5156 54th St. S.

Mrs. VETZEL

Boulevard
924 4th St. No.

Mrs. BENTZ

Butler Arms
145 3rd Avenue, North

Mrs. BARRY PRITCHARD

Campbell
219 3rd Ave. North

LEROY BLANCHARD

The CARTER
1046 4th St. No

KERMIT MC CRAY

Central
319 2nd St., No.

GLADYS CORMAL

Chicago
521 5th St., So.

Mr. TONER

TP 157-3231

Chief Motel
8490 U. S. 19 North

GORDON REYNOLDS

CLINTON CREST
343 4th Ave. No.

FRANK FREEL

Colonial
126 2nd Ave. NE

JOE LATLER

Colton
278 2nd Ave. So.

Mrs. R. WILLIAMS

Columns
570 3rd Ave., So.

Mr. POLCAR

Concord
100 2nd Ave. No.

Mr. GRAHAM

Conner
256 2nd St. No

Mrs. WARE

Cordova
253 2nd Ave. No.

Mr. BATCHELOR

CRAWFORD
746 Delmar South

Mr. BLACK

Curtisdale
211 5th Ave., No.

Mrs. RODRIGUEZ

Deermont
235 2nd Ave. No.

Mrs. HARNIGAN

Dennis
326 1st Ave. No.

Mrs. ANNE DENNIS

Detroit
215 Central

Mr. CHARLES BROZIER

Echo Valley
336 3rd Ave. So.

Mrs. BERTHA GUND

Edge Park
256 1st St., No.

Miss COZETTE HOUSTON

Edgewater Inn
307 7th Ave. NE

Mr. MacVean

TP 157-3231

El Tovar
129 6th St. So.

Mr. WILBUR MARTIN

EMBASSY
221 5th Ave. No.

Mrs. STANLEY

Empire
1099 1st Ave. No.

Mr. GLASSMAN

Essex House
1914 4th St., No.

Mrs. WAGNER

Fairfax
2832 4th St. No.

Mr. FREGAU

Gaycrest
1612 2nd Ave. No.

Mr. STROBEL

Gayvista
419 3rd Ave. No.

Mrs. STROBEL

Gayfair
433 2nd St. No.

Mrs. IESEMAN

General Lee
4554 Central

Mr. SETTERGREN

Gilmore
341 4th St. South

Mr. GILMORE

Gordon
526 5th Ave. North

Mrs. FLORENCE TIDWELL

Golham
455 3rd Ave. So.

Mr. HARRY JONES

Granada
460 3rd St.No.

Mrs. CAMPBELL

Grobe
326 2nd Ave. So.

Mrs. Grobe

Harmon
615 4th Ave. No.

CATHERINE GRIFFITH

HENRI
173 Central

Mrs. ODOM

TP 157-3231

Hibiscus House
160 3rd Ave. No.

GLADYS TOWEL

Hillcrest
220 5th Ave., No.

FRED HALEY

Holiday
600 Beach Drive., NE

Mr. BASTAIN

HOLLANDER
421 4th Ave. No.

Mr. GUSTAVSON

Hotel Apartments
826 Central

Mr. HADDOCK

Houlton
342 3rd Ave., No.

Mr. BEVIER

Hubbard House
1138 8 th Ave. So
St. Petersburg, Fla

JIMMIE SABACIUS

Inquiry at all of the above mentioned hotels
and establishments failed to reveal either GALT, LOWMEYER
or WILLARD's current or past residence at any of these.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA WILLIS R. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/30/68, JAMES MORELAND, laborer, Longboat Key Golf Club, Longboat Key, Florida, telephonically advised that a white male known only as CARL, had been employed at the Longboat Key Golf Club the past 5 days, and quit this date. MORELAND said he believed CARL resembled a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY which he had seen in the newspapers.

MORELAND was contacted by SA WILLIS R. SMITH, and stated he only knows CARL by his first name, but observed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, IO #4182, and stated the 1968 photo of RAY most resembles CARL. He stated this CARL (LNU) worked under the Assistant Pro at the golf club, HAROLD GREEN.

HAROLD GREEN, assistant pro, Longboat Key Golf Club, Longboat Key, Florida, advised that CARL HUGHES has worked as a helper moving golf carts at the golf club for the past week, and quit on the morning of 4/30/68. GREEN stated HUGHES lives at an unknown address in Sarasota, Fla. He observed the IO of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated he does not believe HUGHES is identical with RAY.

Mrs. ELLEN NELSON, bookkeeper and cashier, Longboat Key Golf Club, Longboat Key, Fla., advised that CARL WORTH HUGHES was employed as a laborer at the Longboat Key Golf Club from 4/23 to 4/30/68. He is described on the personnel records as a white male, born [REDACTED] (age listed as 42 years), Social Security [REDACTED] residing at 1858 Morrill St., Sarasota, Florida, telephone 958-2772, 6'; 180 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, separated. His former employment was shown as salesman with Richmond Construction Company, Sarasota, Fla. from 4/15/67 to 4/15/68, and he was employed as a tile setter in Los Angeles, California from 1953 until 1966. Mrs. NELSON stated she does not recall HUGHES, and after observing the IO #4182 of JAMES EARL RAY, she stated she can not say whether or not HUGHES resembles the photograph of RAY. She noted that HUGHES is to return to the golf club this afternoon to pick up his pay check.

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The SAC was telephonically advised of the above on 4/30/68.

On 4/30/68, SA's WILLIS R. SMITH and ROBERT C. SMITH contacted CARL WORTH HUGHES at his residence, 1858 Morrill Street, Sarasota, Florida, and after a comparison of HUGHES' fingerprints with the fingerprints of RAY as they appear on IO#4182, it was determined HUGHES was not identical with RAY. The following description of HUGHES was obtained:

Race: White
Sex: Male
Name: ~~CARL WORTH HUGHES, Jr.~~
DOB: 7/18/25
POB: Sarasota, Fla.
Height: 6'
Weight: 180 lbs.
Hair: Brown, graying and receding at temples
Eyes: Green
Occupation: Salesman; tile setter
Tattoos: picture of ship Ironsides on outside upper left arm;
Naval emblem outside upper right arm
Social Security #: 263-26-2266
Marital: Separated
Wife: PHYLLIS L. HUGHES
1710 Patterson Ave.,
Sarasota, Fla.
Residence: 1858 Morrill St.,
Sarasota, Fla.
Military: U.S. Navy from 12/17/41 to 3/12/42
Discharge: Medical

HUGHES stated that he was employed in the U.S. Merchant Marines from 1943 until 1953.

The above is being submitted for information purposes only.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA GORDON W. TINDLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/30/68, Mrs. BERNARD ROBINSON, 3206 Delaney St. Orlando, Fla. reported to SA JAMES B. HAFLEY that she has a maid who told her that she has a sister working as a domestic and the sister had seen an individual who, after discussing his strange activities with her sister, she felt could possibly be identical with the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY which had been recently published.

On 4/30/68, Mrs. HENRIETTA BROOME, domestic, above address advised SA GORDON W. TINDLE that her sister is IDA MAE KEITH who works for NEED A MAID in Orlando and that on Mon. 4/22/68 she worked at a home where a man kept watching her and in that way was very suspicious. She was talking with her sister about the KING murder and her sister said that possibly this strange man was JAMES EARL RAY.

On 4/30/68, Mr. CALVIN NOBLE, Mgr. NEED A MAID, 26 Washington St. Orlando, Fla. advised that IDA MAE KEITH worked at Mrs. ROBERT PEACOCK's home, 730 Nottingham, Orlando on 4/22/68 and on instant date she is employed at 510 Ventrus Ct. Maitland, Fla.

On 4/30/68, IDA MAE KEITH, domestic, above address advised the writer she could not recall where she was working when she encountered the strange individual as she works at different assignments each day. She said that the employer had a man and woman house guests and the man kept watching her all day and she became suspicious of him. She was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY on the WF and she said that the individual she had seen was not identical with RAY.

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430PM PM URGENT 4/29/68 CAB

FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

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

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM K. GARNER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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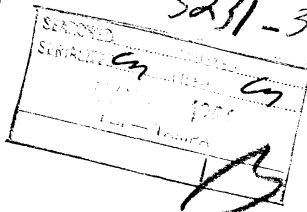
Retelephone call from #4 Supervisor, 5/2/68.

On 5/3/68, the following logical police departments were contacted in the Lakeland RA territory, and advised that they do not maintain files on latent fingerprints developed in unsolved crimes.

1. AL BRADY, Chief, Identification Division, Polk Co. SO.
2. Det. BILL CREAMER, I.D. Man, Lakeland PD.

Both advised that the latents are filed with the particular case and would be almost impossible to locate for comparison.

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Memorandum

TO : SA C, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA A. LEWIS BARNETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN
Re Latent Prints

On 5/1/68, BUDDY PARKER, Records Officer, Fort Myers Police Department, advised that his department has no file of latent prints for unsolved crimes. He checked the fingerprint classification of RAY against all persons fingerprinted by the Fort Myers Police Department and advised that ~~XXXXX~~ RAY had never been fingerprinted by his department.

On 5/1/68, HENRY WRIGHT, Identification Officer, Lee County Sheriff's Office, advised that his department keeps a record of latent prints of unsolved crimes by fingerprint classification. He reviewed the fingerprints of RAY against all latent unknown classifications and advised that none of the latents were identical with RAY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA DAVID A. DRISBELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

In connection with checking latent fingerprint files on unsolved crimes with JAMES EARL RAY, the following individuals were contacted on dates indicated and advised that a check of their respective files failed to reflect RAY as a suspect by check of fingerprints appearing on his IO:

Deputy KARL BERNHARDT, Identification Division, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Clearwater, Florida, 5/1 and 5/3/68

Sgt. AL ISABEL, Records and Identification Bureau, St. Petersburg, Florida Police Department, 5/1 and 5/3/68.

Sgt. JAMES S. LAFER, Records and Identification Bureau, Clearwater, Florida Police Department, 5/1 and 5/3/68.

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SAC, (157-3231)

SA Donald G. Montegar

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Re memo SA Montegar 4/30/68

On 5/8/68 following persons advised they had reviewed latent print files and were unable to match any with ID # 4182.

William Hassett, Sarasota County SO

Mike Prieto, Manatee Co. SO

Thurman Ray, Sarasota PD

Frank Mahr, Bradenton PD

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SAC, (157-3231)

SA Donald G. Montegar

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Re Butel to all offices 4/29/68

On 4/30/68 it was determined that the following agencies maintained a file of latent prints on unsolved crimes in their respective areas.

All advised they would begin immediately to check these files against IO # 4182 and when the project is completed would advise.

Sarasota PD

Sarasota County SO

Manatee County SO

BRADENTON PD

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5-1-68 URGENT ERA

TO SACS OANSAS CITY 44-760< MEMPHIS 44-1987 TAMPA< COLUMBIA AND
NEW ORLEANS 157-10673
FROM SAC PHILADELPHIA 44-368

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL KANSAS CITY ET AL INSTANT RE CARLOS LEE
BILLINGS.

REPORT SA GENTRY H> LOWE, JR, JUNE SIXTEEN, SIXTYSIX, AT PHILA<
CAPTIONED< "CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, AKA; ITSP; ITSMV; UFAP = PRISON
BREACH" REFLECTS SUBJ ESCAPED MAY TWENTYFOUR SIXTYFIVE.

COPY OF REPORT WAS FURNISHED ALL OFFICES>

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TO: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Tampa teletype, 4/19/68.

Re hitchhiker picked up by EDWARD A. JOYNER.

Mr. JOHNNIE GORE, 1385 Northland, Mount Dora,
Florida, advised he is acquainted with Mr. EDWARD A. JOYNER,
of Tampa, Florida. Mr. GORE advised however that nobody
contacted him recently concerning affiliation with a country
band.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-3231)

DATE: May 1, 1968

FROM : SA Joseph J. Pieper

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

On 5/1/68 Mrs. Funston (Marcelyn) Bennett, 5419 30th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida, came to the RA to report that she had on two occasions seen a man, who resembles the photograph of Galt (photo with eyes painted in). She saw him at the corner of 9th and Central. Whether the first occasion was one or six months ago she does not recall. He introduced himself to her by saying "I am a Pole. I have blue eyes. My name is Ray." Thereupon, he went into a nearby bar.

She again saw him at the same corner on 4/13/68; then he was talking to an old man; and was joined by an old woman, and with the old woman he went into the same bar. On this occasion Mrs. Bennett got on the bus, and a tall man in a trench coat asked to sit next to her. He wore gloves, and she asked him whether he was English. To this he replied, "I am Eric Starvo Galt. I am the one who gave the order."

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After going ~~over~~ the details she was not sure as to whether or not she met the Eric Starvo Galt individual after the King murder or before. She was quite sure it was before, but then could not explain his remark as having significance to the King murder.

As Mrs. Bennett was leaving the RA her attention was attracted to the Top Ten board, and pointing to the photo of Carmen Raymond Gagliardi, advised that he was identical to a man she met in Williams Park in St. Petersburg, who introduced himself to her as "Carmen."

The writer has reason to believe that no credence should be given to the identification of Mrs. Bennett.

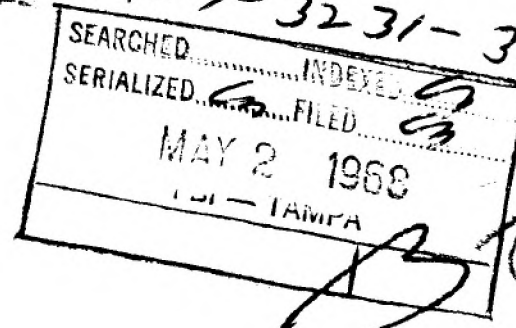
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Index name: Mrs. Funston (Marcelyn) Bennett. 157-3231-375

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Memorandum

TO : SAC TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA THEODORE R. SEMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
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On 4/11/68 the following individuals advised that a records review of their respective businesses, for 1968, did not reveal any record for the names Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer or John Willard:

Cleanor Luter, Mgr.
Venetia Hotel
P.O. Box 765
Venice, Fla.

William Mitchum
Manager Downtown Apts.
308 W. Venice Ave.
Venice, Fla.

Sada Wagner, Mgr.
Carna Hotel
120 W. Oak St.
Arcadia, Fla.

Nora Wood owner
Magnolia Apts.
111 W. Magnolia
Arcadia, Fla.

P.D. Spear, Mgr.
Seminole Hotel
5 West Magnolia
Arcadia, Fla.

Mabel Lilly owner
Wanchula Hotel
118 So. 5th Ave.
Wanchula, Fla.

at Venice, Fla.

On 4/11/68 Inez Hatchett, Dispatcher, Venice P.D. advised that a records review of that P.D. did not reveal any identifiable arrest record for names Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer or John Willard.



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at Venice, Fla.

On 4/11/68 Edine Hope, Mgr., Venice Credit Bureau advised that records of that credit bureau did not reveal any record for the name Ciri Starns Salt. A record was located for Alex T. Salt and wife Elizabeth, P.O. Box 1616 Venice. The record showed the Salt's have been known to the Venice Credit Bureau since 6/4/60, and reportedly had formerly resided at 54 Admiral Rd., Toronto, Canada.

at Arcadia, Fla.

On 4/11/68 LaRae Clarke, Clerk, DeSoto County Credit Bureau, 28 So. Park advised that records of that credit bureau did not reveal any record for the name Ciri Starns Salt.

On 4/11/68 Frieda Brantley, Clerk, Office of the County Judge, DeSoto County Court House advised that a records review of that office did not reveal any drivers license in the name Ciri Starns Salt.

On 4/11/68 Lillie Hay, Clerk, DeSoto County Tag (Auto) Office advised that a records review of that office did not reveal any registration record for a 1966 Mustang VIN 6T07C190647, 1968 Alabama license 1388993 or under the name Ciri Starns Salt.

On 4/11/68 Frank Cline, Sheriff, DeSoto County advised that a records review of that office did not reveal any identifiable arrest record under the name Ciri Starns Salt.

at Waukegan, Fla.

On 4/11/68 Lamer Bailey, DS, Hardee SO advised he could locate no identifiable arrest record under name Ciri Starns Salt.

On 4/11/68 Nancy Cright, Clerk, Office of the County Judge advised that records of that office did not reveal any motor vehicle registration for a 1966 Mustang VIN 6T07C190647, 1968 Ala. 1388993 or a drivers license in the name Ciri Starns Salt.

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957 957 AM URGENT 5/2/68 PHM
TO MEMPHIS, TAMPA, COLUMBIA, PHILADELPHIA, NEW ORLEANS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO KANSAS CITY MAY ONE LAST.

INASMUCH AS CARLOS LEE BILLINGS ADVISED HIS
ACTIVITIES IN COLUMBIA, SC., TOOK PLACE IN ABOUT MARCH, SIXTYFIVE,
OR EARLY SIXTYFIVE, THE LEADS SET FORTH PREVIOUSLY BY THE
KANSAS CITY OFFICE IN THIS MATTER SHOULD BE COVERED.

IT IS NOTED THAT BILLINGS WAS IN CUSTODY IN APRIL
SIXTYFIVE, AND ESCAPED AGAIN IN MAY, SIXTYFIVE, SO IT IS
QUITE POSSIBLE THAT HIS STORY BASED ON SOME FACTS WHICH SHOULD BE
REVEALED.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (42-205192)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (42-3339) (RUC)

JAMES LEE KIDDER
AFSN 19 453 322
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(OO:LA)

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, dated 4/25/68.

During the investigation of one JAMES KIDDER, a suspect in the MURKIN investigation, the Tampa Division advised Memphis of his location in Memphis and of the identity of the original source of information who was also in Memphis. The Bureau advised Memphis he was not being further investigated as a suspect in the MURKIN case, but he may be identical with the captioned fugitive and Los Angeles, (OO), furnished a photograph and background to Memphis.

JAMES SHUSTER, Seminole Boulevard, Cassleberry, Florida, furnished the information concerning the whereabouts of KIDDER in Memphis to the Tampa Division which information was obtained telephonically from his wife who is in Memphis.

- 3 - Bureau (42-205192)
- 1 - Jacksonville (info)
- 3 - Los Angeles (42-3144)
(1 - 44-1574)
- 2 - Memphis
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On 4/16/68 JAMES SHUSTER was recontacted and he said he had heard from his wife in Memphis who said KIDDER was still residing with her mother VIRGINIA McDANIEL on Peabody Street in Memphis but she had no additional information. JAMES SHUSTER's wife, CHRISTINA McDANIEL SHUSTER, 632 North Dunlap, Memphis, Tennessee, did not know JAMES SHUSTER had been contacted by the FBI or that KIDDER may be a fugitive. SHUSTER said his job would end at the Sanford - Orlando Dog Track about 4/19/68 and he planned to visit his wife in Memphis.

On 4/30/68, an attempt to contact JAMES SHUSTER met with negative results and his sister-in-law, Mrs. NORMIE SHUSTER, JR., 117 Edinburg Drive, Winter Park, Florida said he had departed Florida driving a truckload of racing dogs to Boston. He planned to see his wife and later work the summer season at the Pensacola, Florida dog track. She said that KIDDER was last known to be in Memphis and she knew of no plans for him to return to Florida but if he did she would notify the FBI.

It is being left to the discretion of Memphis and Los Angeles to set forth any lead for the Jacksonville Division in the event it becomes desirable to recontact JAMES SHUSTER when he arrives to work at the Pensacola, Florida dog track.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-1842)-7

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA Robert W. Knight

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: BENNIE FRISCO

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| Dates of Contact 4/19/68 | | |
| Titles and File #s on which contacted 157-1489 RACIAL VIOLENCE (McGOUGH) 157-3231 MURKIN (LABADIE) | | |
| Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC PCI said he had been fined \$500.00 on the gambling charge against him. Said he had also been threatened with loss of his Beverage license if fine was not paid. He borrowed money & paid fine. Had no info re gambling activities & claims no contact with gamblers, but future contacts appear warranted because of potential for furnishing racial info. 157-3231: Alerted to info re MURKIN case. 157-1489: PCI owns a Bar at 1513 22nd St. Most of his customers are Negroes. He has a personal interest in any potential racial trouble. It was stressed that he should advise us of any info re possible racial disturbances. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact. | Rating G | Coverage |
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315PM URGENT 4-30-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) AND TAMPA
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 3P

MURKIN.

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

FOR INFO OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TEL, ON ABOVE TRIP SUBJECT RAY
ALLEGEDLY MADE SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS FROM PUBLIC COIN TELEPHONES
WHILE IN TEXAS. A CHECK OF TOLL CALLS MADE FROM COIN PHONES ALONG
ROUTE FOR DEC. FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN LAST ARE BEING MADE
AND FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO DATE. EACH OFFICE SHOULD
ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NO. LISTED AND
ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY BY INTERVIEW OF THIS INDIVIDUAL FROM WHOM INSTANT
CALL WAS RECEIVED. IF RAY MADE CALL, OBTAIN ALL AVAILABLE INFO
CONCERNING HIM.

HOUSTON DIVISION.

CALLS MADE FROM COIN PHONE AT MARATHON, TEXAS:

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TWO EIGHT EIGHT FOUR, BAYTOWN, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, THREE NINETEEN PM, TWO TWO SEVEN - SIX
NINE NINE ONE, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

SAN ANTONIO DIVISION.

CALLS MADE FROM COIN PHONES AT MARFA, TEXAS:

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, ONE FIFTYTHREE PM, TWO TWO THREE - NINE
EIGHT FIVE TWO, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, TEN FIFTYTHREE PM, SEVEN SEVEN FIVE - TWO
SIX ONE SEVEN, DEL RIO, TEXAS.

CALLS MADE FROM COIN PHONES AT MARATHON, TEXAS:

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, TWELVE TWENTYTWO PM, FOUR THREE THREE - FIVE
FOUR NINE SEVEN, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, TEN SEVENTEEN PM, THREE FOUR FIVE TWO
THREE ONE ONE, SANDERSON, TEXAS;

DEC, SEVENTEEN LAST, SEVEN ZERO THREE PM, NINE TWO TWO -
ZERO TWO SEVEN FOUR, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

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DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, SIX FIFTYSEVEN PM, THREE FOUR FIVE - TWO
THREE ONE ONE, SANDERSON, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, EIGHT FIFTYSEVEN PM, FIVE THREE TWO - THREE
FIVE ONE TWO, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

TAMPA DIVISION.

CALL MADE FROM COIN PHONE AT MARFA, TEXAS: DEC. SIXTEEN LAST,
EIGHT FORTYTWO PM, FIVE EIGHT EIGHT - TWO TWO TWO SEVEN, DADE CITY,
FLORIDA.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

SAN ANTONIO ADVISED TELEPHOICALLY.

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FBI TAMPA

5/2/68

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)
MURKIN
CR
(OO:ME)

Re Dallas teletype to the Director, 4/30/68, re telephone calls by subject RAY en route from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

On 4/30/68, a review of the Dade City, Trilby, Lacombe and San Antonio 1967 phone book, revealed that telephone number 588-2227 was subscribed to by a Mr. RAY RICHTER, Highway 52 West, San Antonio, Florida.

On 5/1/68, Mr. and Mrs. RICHTER were interviewed at which time they stated that their phone number was 588-2227 and has been that for at least the past year. Mr. and Mrs. RICHTER stated that the call in question on 12/16/67, at 8:42 p.m. was made by their son-in-law, DON SAMEC, 337 Northeast Ridgeway Road, Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. RICHTER stated that SAMEC was on his way to San Antonio to marry their daughter, PAT, and had been in an accident somewhere in Texas, but could not recall the name of the town. SAMEC had called to notify them of this accident and that there would be no delay in

3 - Bureau
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