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The following law enforcement agencies were contacted on the indicated dates by SA DANIEL V. HOGAN of the Glens Falls, New York, Resident Agency, for the purpose of determining if they maintain any unidentified latent fingerprints for comparison to those of subject, JAMES EARL RAY. The scope was confined to the date April 23, 1967, when RAY escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

On April 30, 1968, WESLEY DUBOIS, Identification Officer, Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, Ballston Spa, New York, who had one set of latent fingerprints, which were compared and were not identical to those of RAY.

Chief of Police PETER PEMBERTON, Saratoga Springs, New York, Police Department, was contacted on May 2, 1968, and had no sets.

Identification Officer, JAMES MC MORRIS, Identification Officer, Washington County Jail, Salem, New York, who had no sets available was contacted on May 7, 1968.

ARTHUR PARKER, Sheriff's Office, Hamilton County, Lake Pleasant, New York, was contacted on May 7, 1968, and had no sets available.

Sheriff WILLIAM T. CARBOY, Warren County Sheriff's Office, Lake George, New York, was contacted on May 7, 1968, and had no sets available.

Chief of Police JAMES DUGGAN, Glens Falls, New York, Police Department, who had no sets available was contacted on May 7, 1968.

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*Dan Hogan*

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SAC (91-2178)

5/20/68

SA EDWARD M. NALLY, JR. (P)

UNSUB; Robbery of State Bank  
of Albany, Colonie Center Branch,  
Colonie, New York  
11/22/67  
BR  
(OO: ALBANY)

On 5/15/68, photographs of unsub in Albany file  
91-2176 and wanted flyer on JAMES EARL RAY, subject in 44-493,  
were shown to WILBUR ROBERTS, teller of victim bank. ROBERTS  
advised that photographs of unsub in 91-2176 and photograph  
of RAY in no way resembled individual who robbed his bank on  
11/22/67.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-1141)

FROM : SA EDWARD M. NALLY

SUBJECT: AL 3027-C

DATE: 5/15/68

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)  
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| Dates of Contact<br><b>4/30/67, 5/7/68, 5/9/68</b> |                |
| Titles and File #s on which contacted              |                |
| <b>ROBERT BRUNET, ET AL</b>                        | <b>15-3766</b> |
| <b>FRANKLIN PARRIS, aka</b>                        | <b>88-4930</b> |
| <b>GEORGE E. WELLS</b>                             | <b>88-4927</b> |
| <b>MURKIN</b>                                      | <b>44-493</b>  |

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

**15-3766**

CI stated that on 5/7/68, he was in the Cue & Cushion attempting to develop information concerning whereabouts of whiskey stolen in this case. He said while there he talked to JOHNNIE ERSIG, a local hoodlum and former counterfeiter in Albany, NY, and one LOU COLUCCI, a gambler, and had determined from each of them that JOHNNY DE FRANCESCO, LEFTY BRUNET, and JOHNNY MARINO had talked to a unknown lawyer prior to their arrest in an effort to secure the attorney's services. The New York lawyer advised him that he would not come up to Albany to talk to them unless they paid him \$500 in advance. They reportedly paid him the \$500, he came to Albany, listened to their story, and told them he would

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact. | Rating<br><b>Excellent</b> | Coverage<br><b>Typ; UFAP; CR</b> |
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not touch their case with a ten-foot pole. They then reportedly hired BEN UNGERMAN and were extremely mad about losing \$500 to the attorney and were attempting to recover this money from the attorney.

CI further advised that ERSIG and COLUCCI advised that JOHNNY DE FRANCESCO figures he is a "cooked goose".

CI advised that he has been attempting to determine whereabouts of this liquor without developing any information at all in this regard.

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Photos of subjects of captioned case shown to CI on 4/30/68. He advised he did not know anyone to resemble them. He was alerted to be on the lookout for anyone resembling them.

During contacts on 5/7 & 9/68, he again stated he had not seen anyone resembling these subjects.

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Date: 5/18/68

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, LOS ANGELES 44-1574 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987  
FROM ALBANY 44-493

MURKIN

RE LA TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY EIGHTEEN, INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION ALBANY DIVISION RESULTED IN LOCATION OF  
RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG, WM, DOB [REDACTED], MASSENA, N.Y.,  
SIX FT., ONE SEVEN ZERO LBS., BROWN HAIR AND EYES, MEDIUM BUILD  
AND COMPLEXION, FORMERLY IN USMC, ALCOHOLIC, AT YMCA, SYRACUSE,  
N.Y. YOUNG NOT IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY. WAS IN MASSENA,  
N.Y. ON APRIL FOUR, LAST.

YOUNG REGISTERED AT CLARK HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, APRIL  
SEVENTEEN, LAST AND STAYED FOR ONE DAY ONLY. WAS IN BAR,  
NAME NOT RECALLED, IN VICINITY OF CLARK HOTEL WHERE HE MET AN  
INDIVIDUAL WHO'S NAME HE DOES NOT RECALL, DESCRIBED AS WM,  
THIRTYTHREE - THIRTYFOUR YRS., FIVE FT. ELEVEN, ONE SEVEN FIVE  
TO ONE EIGHT ZERO LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, HANDSOME, WHO STATED  
HE LIVED OFF GIRLS AND WAS THEN GOING WITH A GIRL WHO'S FATHER  
OWNED A DRUGSTORE IN LOS ANGELES. HE STATED THIS MAN ASKED HIM

WHETHER HE WAS IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY WHO SHOT DR.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING.

YOUNG STATED HE COULD RECALL MEETING NO ONE ELSE WHILE STAYING AT CLARK HOTEL AND DID NOT RECALL MENTIONING TO ANYONE ELSE HE STAYED AT CLARK HOTEL, ALTHOUGH WHILE DRINKING HE MAY HAVE MENTIONED BEING ASKED IF HE WERE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

YOUNG STATED HE IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED DOCKTORS PET CENTER, FAIRMOUNT BAR SHOPPING CENTER, SYRACUSE, N.Y. WHERE HE ANTICIPATES REMAINING FOR THREE MONTHS. HE WILL ATTEMPT TO RECALL NAME OF INDIVIDUAL AT ABOVE BAR.

YOUNG STATED HE DID NOT KNOW BOB BRICKLEY, FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY OR LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE. STATED INDIVIDUAL IN BAR MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH BOB BRICKEEY.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS # 37

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SAC (44-493)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The Bureau by Teletype 5/14/68, suggested that Police Departments be contacted and requested to display photographs of RAY to witnesses in their unsolved robberies.

All agents requested to handle this and report any pertinent information developed immediately.

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TO : SAC (44-493)

DATE: 5/18/68

FROM : SPC WILLIAM E. BARDON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to Director, 5/18/68.

Attached is original of an Albany teletype dictated by SA'S WALDBURGER and REA evening of 5/18/68. While transcribing attached from my dictation a call was received from Mrs. CAROL YOUNG, Camillus, N.Y. for SA REA. SA REA was immediately contacted and he advised he would immediately call Mrs. YOUNG. Attached teletype was held pending results of call between SA REA and Mrs. YOUNG, this call resulted in Mrs. YOUNG advising the present location of her husband, RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG and therefore cancelled the attached teletype. A new teletype was dictated and sent. Attached is submitted for file as a memo to show investigation at Massena, N.Y. as requested in ref teletype and to show order of locating YOUNG.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, LOS ANGELES 44-1574 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987  
FROM ALBANY 44-493

MURKIN

RE LA TEL TO DIR. MAY EIGHTEEN, INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION MASSENA, N.Y. UNABLE TO LOCATE RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG, AKA RAY YOUNG. YOUNG LEFT MASSENA MID APRIL FOR LOS ANGELES AND HAS REPORTEDLY RETURNED TO ROCHESTER, N.Y. AREA, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. YOUNG DESCRIBED AS WM, DOB JULY THIRTY, FORTY, MASSENA, N.Y., FORMER U.S. MARINE, SIX FT., ONE SEVEN ZERO LBS., BROWN EYES AND HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD AND COMPLEXION. YOUNG LIFE LONG RESIDENT OF MASSENA AND KNOWN BY A NUMBER OF MASSENA RESIDENTS. PHOTO OF YOUNG OBSERVED AND HE IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

CAROL YOUNG, WIFE OF RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG, CURRENTLY RESIDING TWENTY EAGLE LANE, CAMILLUS, N.Y.

YOUNG RESIDED LAST AT TWELVE LINCOLN PLACE, MASSENA, HOWEVER LANDLORD NOT AVAILABLE THIS DATE.

CAROL YOUNG, TWENTY EAGLE LANE, CAMILLUS, N.Y. ADVISED THIS DATE SHE IS SEPARATED FROM RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG AND RECEIVES

SEPARATE MAINTENANCE FROM HIM, HOWEVER SHE HAS RECEIVED MONEY FROM 1 Albany

1 - Buffalo (ENCL. 1) (AMSD) NOT SENT SEE MEMO DATED 5/18/68 AND ALBANY  
Approved: FJW/RSR:web Special Agent in Charge Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
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HIM VERY IRREGULARLY RECENTLY. SHE LAST HEARD FROM HIM BY TELEPHONE TWO TO THREE WEEKS AGO WHEN HE ADVISED HE WAS IN CALIFORNIA AND LOOKING FOR A JOB. SHE SAID SHE HAD HEARD NOTHING OF HIS RESIDING IN ROCHESTER, N.Y., ALTHOUGH THEY FORMERLY RESIDED THERE WHILE FIRST MARRIED. WHILE IN ROCHESTER YOUNG WORKED AT FOLLOWING JOBS:

ASSISTANT MANAGER, WILLIAM B. MORSE LUMBER CO.

DELIVERY MAN, UNITED PARCEL SERVICE.

FILM PROCESSOR, E. I. DU PONT CO.

SALESMAN, HYERS - TURNER GLASS CO.

MRS. YOUNG STATED HER HUSBAND DOES NOT RETURN TO FORMER EMPLOYERS LOOKING FOR A JOB BECAUSE OF HIS DRINKING PROBLEM AND FACT THAT HE WAS FIRED FROM ALL JOBS BECAUSE OF IT. SHE SAID HER HUSBAND  
KNOWING  
HAD NEVER MENTIONED/BRICKLEY BROTHERS OR LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE AND JACK WALLACE IS ONLY PERSON WITH WHOM CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH IN LOS ANGELES. JACK WALLACE WAS CLOSE FRIEND OF YOUNG WHEN HE WAS IN LOS ANGELES IN SIXTYTWO. HE IS PRESENTLY CAR SALESMAN FOR WHAT MRS. YOUNG BELIEVES IS A FORD AGENCY AND RECENTLY MARRIED. YOUNG

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INDICATED IN TELEPHONE CALL TO MRS. YOUNG THAT HE HAD LOCATED WALLACE AND "HAD BEEN OUT WITH HIM A FEW TIMES" AND WALLACE GAVE HIM AN AGENCY DEMONSTRATOR TO USE. WALLACE MAY KNOW PRESENT LOCATION OF YOUNG.

RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG SUFFERS TWICE YEARLY FROM SEVERE MIGRAINE HEADACHES WHICH CAUSE HIM TO LOOSE HIS MEMORY AND HE IS GENERALLY PICKED UP BY POLICE DURING THESE ATTACKS.

MRS. YOUNG STATED SHE ANTICIPATES HEARING FROM YOUNG SOON AND WILL ADVISE ANY INFORMATION SHE CAN OBTAIN ABOUT HIS LOCATION.

LOS ANGELES CHECK LOS ANGELES PD RE YOUNG AND ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JACK WALLACE AND INTERVIEW RE RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG.

BUFFALO CHECK ROCHESTER PD RE RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG.

AMSDACOPY OF TELETYPE FURNISHED BUFFALO WITH XEROX COPY OF REFERENCED LA TEL DUE TO FACT BUFFALO LEAD CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED UNTIL MAY TWENTY, NEXT. (P)

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Special Agent in Charge

REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 17, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680515052 JK

Specimens received 5/15/68

- K271 Three pieces of paper each bearing three sample laundry tapes, Serial No. 33607, obtained from Colesville Cleaners, Silver Spring, Maryland
- K272 Yellow piece of paper bearing two sample laundry tapes obtained from Waldorf Laundry, Waldorf, Maryland
- K273 White card bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Lustre Cleaners, Suitland, Maryland
- K274 White card bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Morningside Laundry, Hyattsville, Maryland

## Result of examination:

It was concluded that the machines used to prepare specimens K271 through K274 were not employed to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on Q69 and Q70 and that the machines designated K272, K273 and K274 were not used to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on Q97 and Q99. Differences were noted between the laundry tapes represented by K271 and those appearing on Q97 and Q99 but the lack of identifying features precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

K271 through K274 have been retained.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 17, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680515052 JK

Examination requested by: Baltimore

Reference: Airtel 5/14/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

It should be noted by Baltimore that only six samples of laundry tapes were received in the Laboratory.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Baltimore (44-669) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

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TO: SACS, NEW YORK AND PHOENIX (44-371)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO ALBANY, MAY TWENTYONE INSTANT.

FOR INFO OF NEW YORK, REFERENCED TEL ADVISED AS  
FOLLOWS:

ON MAY TWENTY, LAST, ROBERT VINCENT, ONE THREE THREE  
ZERO EAST DUNLAP AVENUE, PHOENIX, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED  
PHOENIX OFFICE ON MAY ELEVEN, LAST THAT HE OBSERVED  
INDIVIDUAL IN SAFEWAY STORE, SEVENTH STREET AND DUNLAP,  
PHOENIX, BEARING CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT RAY. ADVISED  
INDIVIDUAL CASHED FIFTY DOLLAR BILL FOR GROCERIES AND LEFT  
STORE DRIVING SIXTYSEVEN OR SIXTYEIGHT DODGE OR PLYMOUTH,  
BLACK VINYL TOP, WITH BLUE METTALIC BODY, BEARING NEW YORK  
LICENSE XG FOUR SIX SEVEN FIVE OR XG FOUR SIX SEVEN ONE FIVE.  
STATED INDIVIDUAL ACTED SUSPICIOUS AND WHEN HE LATER  
OBSERVED PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY, HE RECALLED INDIVIDUAL  
APPEARED SIMILAR TO RAY.

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DMV RECORDS REVEAL LICENSE ~~X~~G FOUR SIX SEVEN ONE FIVE  
NOT A VALID NEW YORK STATE ISSUANCE.

NEW YORK LICENSE XG FOUR SIX SEVEN FIVE ISSUED  
EUGENIE H. TRUDGIAN (FEMALE), FORTYNINE-TWENTYSIX DOUGLASTON  
PARKWAY, FLUSHING, NEW YORK, DOB [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], FOR NNETEEN SIXTYFIVE MAROON CHEVROLET FOUR DOOR  
SEDAN. NO REREGISTRATION TO DATE.

NO RECORD THEFT REPLATES.

NEW YORK WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO  
DETERMINE IF PLATES REPORTED STOLEN OR REREGISTERED TO  
VEHICLE SIMILAR TO THAT DESCRIBED BY REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC (44-493)  
ATTN: SA EDWARD M. NALLY, JR.

FROM : SE VINCENT H. MC PEAK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/21/68

Re Buairtel to All SACs and Legats, Mexico City and Ottawa, 5/9/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SE VINCENT H. MC PEAK at Albany, New York:

On 5/20/68 Miss LAURA GALLUZZO, New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Albany, New York, advised her department maintains records for unidentified dead in New York State; however, these records do not contain a fingerprint record of deceased. Miss GALLUZZO advised that possibly fingerprint records for unidentified dead in New York State would be maintained at local police departments.

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12:00 PM URGENT 5-21-68 MPB

TO: ALBANY

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) 2P

MURKIN

RE. LOOK-A-LIKE SUBJECT RAY OBSERVED SAFEWAY STORE,  
PHOENIX, MAY ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

ON MAY TWENTY, LAST, ROBERT VINCENT, ONE THREE THREE  
ZERO EAST DUNLAP AVENUE, PHOENIX, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED  
PHOENIX OFFICE ON MAY ELEVEN, LAST THAT HE OBSERVED IN-  
DIVIDUAL IN SAFEWAY STORE, SEVENTH STREET AND DUNLAP, PHOENIX,  
BEARING CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT RAY. ADVISED INDIVIDUAL  
CASHED FIFTY DOLLAR BILL FOR GROCERIES AND LEFT STORE DRIVING  
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WITH BLUE METTALIC BODY, BEARING NEW YORK LICENSE X G FOUR  
SIX SEVEN FIVE OR X G FOUR SIX SEVEN ONE FIVE. STATED IN-  
DIVIDUAL ACTED SUSPICIOUS AND WHEN HE LATER OBSERVED PHOTO  
OF SUBJECT RAY, HE REGALLED INDIVIDUAL APPEARED SIMILAR TO  
RAY.

ALBANY WILL DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER OF VEHICLE  
BEARING NEW YORK LICENSE X G FOUR SIX SEVEN FIVE OR FOUR  
SIX SEVEN ONE FIVE, AND SET FORTH LEADS TO IDENTIFY.  
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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574) AND SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY EIGHTEEN LAST, AND  
ALBANY TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY EIGHTEEN LAST.

RAY ANDREW YOUNG WAS REINTERVIEWED MAY TWENTYONE LAST  
AT DOCKTOR'S PET CENTER, FAIRMOUNT FAIR SHOPPING CENTER,  
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, AFTER RECEIPT OF REFERENCED LOS ANGELES  
TELETYPE AND HE FURTHER ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

HE WAS NEVER IN PRISON AND HAS BEEN ARRESTED ONLY THREE  
TIMES, ALL AT MASSENA, NEW YORK; TWICE, NINETEEN SIXTY AND  
NINETEEN SIXTYONE FOR PI AND ONCE, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO FOR  
DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

HE NEVER WORKED WHILE IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. HE DOES  
NOT RECOGNIZE THE NAME HAROLD'S CAFE, FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH  
MAIN, AS BEING A PLACE HE FREQUENTED. HE MAY HAVE BEEN THERE  
ONCE. HE FREQUENTED THE CAPTAIN'S DEN, ACROSS THE STREET FROM  
THE PHILLIP HOTEL AND THE RED ROGUE BAR, THREE BLOCKS FROM THE  
PHILLIP HOTEL WHERE HE STAYED SUBSEQUENT TO APRIL SEVENTEEN  
SIXTYEIGHT.

HE WAS NEVER MARRIED TO AND DOES NOT KNOW ONE WILLI SHEA.

1 - ALBANY  
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(1) *[Signature]*  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
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HE STATED HE HAS BEEN MARRIED ONLY ONCE AND THAT TIME WAS TO HIS PRESENT WIFE FROM WHOM HE IS NOW SEPARATED BUT NOT DIVORCED, CAROL YOUNG, NEE AVERY.

HE DOES NOT REMEMBER THE NAME LEAMONT WHITE, ALTHOUGH HE DID MEET A NEGRO MALE WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH WHITE THROUGH JACK WALLACE, MIDWAY MOTORS, TWO HUNDRED NORTH VERMONT AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. WALLACE WILL KNOW THE NAME OF THE NEGRO MALE HE MET. YOUNG REITERATED THAT HE DID NOT RECALL BOB OR FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY.

SINCE ABOVE INVESTIGATION ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE, NO INSERT WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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620PM LCC URGENT 5/22/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

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

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

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Assign Montpelier DMV lead to Curran*

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# Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS #40

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SAC (44-493)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Bureau, by airtel dated 5/10/68, advised that for information and investigative assistance, it should be noted that JAMES EARL RAY took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968 and prior to departing Los Angeles in March, 1968, made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

The Bureau has directed that the above should be born in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - Each Agent

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-493)

FROM : SA RUSSELL O. VAIL

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 5/17/68

On 5/8/68, at 5:01 p.m., SAM BROWNSTEIN, 89 Fourth Street, Troy, NY, called the Albany office to state that he thought he saw someone who looked similar to JAMES EARL RAY riding in a vehicle in Troy, New York.

On 5/9/68, Mr. BROWNSTEIN was interviewed by SA VAIL, who exhibited photos of RAY to BROWNSTEIN. BROWNSTEIN could not identify the person he saw to that of RAY from the photos, but stated that the person he saw had squinty eyes as the photo of RAY.

BROWNSTEIN could furnish no other information concerning the description of the person he thought to be RAY or the vehicle in which he was riding.

CC: ①-44-493  
ROV:cjc  
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Date 5-22-68

RE: MURKIN  
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

- ☐ For information      Retention ☐ optional      For ☐ action
- ☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
- ☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: ReBulet 5-20-68.

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

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

*for*  
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-1265)

DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH E. RILEY

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: JOHN VARRIALE

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| Dates of Contact<br><b>4/5, 12, 30 and 5/15/68</b>  |  |   |
| Titles and File #s on which contacted   |  |   |
| <b>RACIAL MATTERS</b>   | <b>157-99 (T.KELLY)</b>                                      |   |
| <b>MURKIN</b>   | <b>44-493 (E.NALLY)</b>                                      |   |
| <b>ROGER GAYNOR; GENE (LNU)</b>   | <b>165-NEW</b>   |   |
| <b>Schenectady CIP</b>  | <b>62-549 (RILEY)</b>  |   |
| Purpose and results of contact  |  |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE  | RE: AL 157-99 - 4/5  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE   | AL 44-493 - 4/12   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC  | PCI on indicated dates advised had no info re these matters. |   |
| RE: ROGER GAYNOR;<br>GENE (LNU)<br>ITWI<br>AL 165-NEW   |  |   |
| On 5/15/68, PCI advised that GAYNOR and GENE (LNU) had operated the F&G Distributors, 1600 Broadway, Watervliet, NY, dealing in all types of merchandise, and now believed to be out of business. Informant stated that the location was actually a front for gambling activity and subjects were using the phone to accept horse and sports bets. Informant identified Schenectady attorney ARMAND RICCIO as a good customer of subjects pointing out that RICCIO had admitted phoning sports bets to GENE. Informant further advised that GAYNOR is a known fence |  |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.   | Rating<br><b>GOOD</b>  | Coverage<br><b>CIP, ITWI, ITSP, Fug</b> |

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of stolen property and has been involved in mail order frauds involving orders for merchandise which he sells and fails to make payments.

It is recommended that an ITWI case be opened to identify GENE(LNU) and determine if there is any violation of the ITWI statute.

RE: AL 62-549

On 4/30/68 and 5/15/68, PCI advised that most of the Schenectady gamblers are operating in constant fear of arrest by the Special Services Squad, which has greatly increased investigation and harassment of the various bookies. He pointed out that JOE MACE, proprietor of John's News on Clinton Street, did not know the winner of the first race at Aqueduct as late as 6:30PM last week. PCI advised that MACE "edges off" gambling action on the trotters to Albany bookies.

PCI advised that he is convinced from his observations over the years that there is no organized gambling syndicate controlling Schenectady gamblers.

MISCELLANEOUS

PCI advised that one "TRIP" described as W,M, 55-58,150, black hair, Italian operates a store on Main Street, Johnstown and has connections with employees of leather companies, who steal merchandise and sell same to TRIP.

He identified another fence known only as "KIP", operator of an accessories store in the Johnstown-Gloversville area.

5/22/68

airtel

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re NY license XG 4675.

Re Albany teletype to NY dated 5/21/68.

JOSIAH TRUDGIAN, 49-26 Douglaston Parkway, Flushing, NY, advised today that NY license XG 4675 was issued to his wife, EUGENEE H. TRUDGIAN for a 1965 maroon Chevrolet four-door sedan. The TRUDGIANS visited Phoenix, Arizona, in April, 1967, and have not been there since that date. Their license plates have not been stolen or lost. The license plates remain on the above described vehicle today.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Memphis  
1 - Albany (INFO)  
1 - Phoenix (INFO)  
1 - New York

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Date: **May 21, 1968**

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via **Airtel** \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

To: All SACs  
LEGATS, Mexico City  
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**

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

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

Armed and dangerous.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBANY (44-493) -P-

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA TOMMY M. KILMER

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

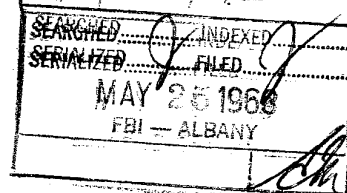
Re SAC memo dated, 4/26/68.

1. Mumber man hours: None
2. Total mileage: None
3. Out-of-ordinary costs: None

2 - Albany (44-493)  
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Date: MAY 22, 1968

Transmit the following in Plaintext  
 (Type in plaintext or code)

Via Teletype URGENT  
 (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC *Memphis*:

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

RE: MURKIN

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

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

## AIR MAIL COPIES TO FOLLOWING OFFICES:

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 1 - KANSAS CITY 1 - CHARLOTTE  
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| Per <i>Rea RLR</i> |              |

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Agent in Charge

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SIX ZERO.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

*that* NO FURTHER INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT *should be* BEING CONDUCTED IN LA RE "BOB"

LNU.

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

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

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING LA.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-2137)

FROM : SA Joseph E Riley

SUBJECT: John Vardine

DATE: 5/21/68

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)  
☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R  
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| Dates of Contact<br>4/12, 30; 5/21/68   |                |                           |
| Titles and File #s on which contacted<br>Munich 44-493 (NALLY)  |                |                           |
| Purpose and results of contact<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE<br><input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE<br><input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC<br>Re - 44-493<br>On 4-12-68, PCE advised had no info re captioned matter.<br>PCE did not furnish any info of value during contacts on 4/30 & 5/21. |                |                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.   | Rating<br>Fair | Coverage<br>WTAITWI, ITWP |

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-493)

FROM : SA JOHN F. CURRAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/26/68

RE MEMO OF SA E. F. O'CONNOR 5/13/68.

Upon receipt of information from Supervisor O'CONNOR it was immediately recalled that this ~~xxx~~ office and all police agencies in Vermont have had many problems with WARREN RICH in the past. He has spend most of his life in the Vermont State Hospital and the rest in the Vermont State Prison. There was a time when he and his son who is also a habitual criminal were on the street in 1966. They and two others, ~~THE~~ first name unrecalled NOVAK and WILLIAM SMITH toured to the midwest and were arrested in Missouri. RICH and his son were there only a short time and apparently were released and sent back to Vermont. Whether WARREN RICH met RAY in the Missouri State Penitentiary is very questionable and if he happened to have seen him there it would have been for a very brief time.

Upon the return of RICH and his son to Vermont his son was arrested and admitted to the State Prison. Soon after RICH alleged that his son was being mistreated, that the prison was corrupt, etc. etc. etc. He ~~has~~ received wide ~~and~~ recognition for his allegations and for several weeks was interviewed by everyone. The Governor was in on it etc. and at the conclusion no basis was found for any of his allegations.

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RICH has FBI #1492669, was born  in Vermont. Last served in State



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Prison from 9/25/61 to 6/30/65. Was in the State Hospital from 12/24/65 until 1/5/66 & from 4/15/66 until 6/15/66. Readmitted 10/25/67 and released 4/25/68. He was out from 1/4/68 to 1/10/68)

He resides with his mother at 14 Center Street when he isn't incarcerated or sleeping on the street. His father is dead. He was arrested by the St. Albans, Vt. PD on 4/26/68 and placed in county jail for a day or two as a drunk.

Following information from Supervisor I proceeded from Montpelier, Vt. to St. Albans, Vt. and discussed the matter with Chief GEORGE HEBERT, NA, ST. ALBANS PD. He first comment was that he would bet anything he had that RICH made the call to Albany himself. He commented about the arrest of RICH following his release from the State Hospital. Also that he was in and wanted the chief to endorse a check so that he could cash it at a local bank. When the chief refused he went to the bank and told them that the chief said it was ok to cash the check. The bank still refused. HEBERT stated that in spite of the mental incompetence of the subject he has remained on a speaking acquaintance with him as he knows he doesn't work and he will be up to something in a short time. He said ~~the subject~~ RICH'S mother has always been cooperative ~~and~~ with him and in view of this he would check with her to see if RICH had written or received any letters or made any phone calls from the apartment. During subsequent daily contacts HEBERT related that the ~~subject~~ RICH had not been in contact with anyone as far as his mother could determine.

DR. W. BROOKS, Director, Vermont State Hospital, Waterbury, Vt. was contacted on 5/14/68 and he advised immediately upon receipt of the information about the matter that RICH made the call himself to Albany. He said he is always doing this and his file is full of this type information. He said his last visit to the hospital was the result of his taking out some accident insurance, faking an injury and when the hospital in Burlington wouldn't accept him he obtained admittance at the state hospital. Dr. Brooks stated he then claimed to the insurance company that his expenses at the State hospital should be paid to him on his policy. As we know there are no charges

at the state hospital.

Dr. BROOKS did determine ~~that~~ through other members of the staff including Dr. JARRETT that RICH commented to another patient, FNU LANGLOIS, that he knew JAMES RAY in prison in Missouri. ~~xxxxx~~ This conversation took place prior to RICH'S release on 4/25/68 and at about the time information was in the papers and on TV about JAMES RAY. He said LANGLOIS is still in the hospital and wouldn't have been capable to making the call to Albany.

Inasmuch as RICH is a mental case and ~~was~~ a publicity seeker no effort is being made to interview him re whether he made the call to Albany. Chief HEBERT and Dr. BROOKS both feel certain he did and ~~was~~ noted that he is probably hoping that the FBI will call upon him so that he can go to the papers etc. for additional attention.

HEBERT stated that even though he cannot believe that RICH has any contact with RAY he will be alert to this possibility in view of the particular case. He said he will report any movements or activities of RICH that seem pertinent

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

## Body Found Buried Could Be That Of King's Slayer

POTTSVILLE, Pa. (AP)—The burial in Potter's Field south of this Northeastern Pennsylvania town was simple and quiet, but it left behind the puzzle of what officials are calling "a very professional murder."

Richard Russell, Schuylkill County district attorney said Thursday night the persons who put four bullets into the body of the unknown victim also covered it with lime before placing it in a shallow grave to speed decomposition and obliterate fingerprints and facial features.

"The body could be anybody's but we're checking all possibilities—including that of James Earl Ray," added State Police Detective George Durilla of the Reading station.

The body was stripped to shorts and undershirt — "The dead man wore size 38 shorts. That's all we know," said Russell—to further conceal his past.

The only clues left in the slaying which occurred, apparently, in April and was discovered May 7, were the victims general characteristics and dental work.

Ray, object of an international search—is the alleged slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and has been missing since the April 4 assassination in Memphis, Tenn.

Some law enforcement officials and writers have advanced the theory that Ray's complete disappearance could only mean that he also has been slain — probably by the people that hired him for the killing.

The body found near the hamlet of Brandonville resembles Ray generally, said Russell, and, a special study by a University of Pennsylvania anthropologist indicates the decomposed facial structure may even have resembled Ray's, Russell added.

### Seek Dental Records

With this in mind, State Police have asked the FBI to forward Ray's dental records for

a positive check against the victim's dental work, which Dr. Wilton M. Krogman, the Penn anthropologist, described as "of poor to medium workmanship" of the type that might be done in "a second floor dental parlor for \$2 or perhaps a prison.

Dr. Krogman further described the victim as between 39 and 44 years old, about six feet tall, and having a round face with a high forehead and aquiline nose. (Records indicate Ray is 5-feet-11, 40 years old. He also has a high forehead and prominent nose.)

Russell said he still favors his first impression that the killing "was a gangland slaying" and indicated that the FBI also leans toward this theory. He said the FBI is asking all East Coast bureaus to check if any known gangsters are missing.

### "One Of Possibilities"

Joe D. Jamieson, agent-in-charge of the Philadelphia FBI office, refused to reveal details of his office's activities in the case but added, "Certainly Ray is one of the possibilities."

There was no indication when the FBI dental check would be completed.

The body was first discovered by two employees of the state Department of Forests and Waters who were surveying a scrub pine area for possible fire hazards.

Russell said they would have missed the shallow grave except for what appeared to be a groundhog hole. They investigated and found some animal had dug into the grave uncovering a human leg.

The body was dug up by State Police on May 9 and the investigation has continued since.

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RE: Investigation regarding 1955 Ford sedan bearing 1968 South Carolina License B52696 impounded by Syracuse, New York, Police Department.

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On May 17, 1968, the Albany Division advised that a 1955 Ford sedan, Fairlane, white and blue, bearing 1968 South Carolina License B52696 had been impounded May 1, 1968, when located in the 100 Block of Temple Street at Syracuse, New York. This vehicle had been impounded by the Syracuse, New York Police Department, had Vehicle Identification Number U5NT130747 and had not been claimed by the owner.

On May 17, 1968, Mrs. MAE YOUNG, Car Registration Section, South Carolina Highway Department, Columbia, South Carolina, advised above license was issued to JAMES H. SUMMEY, 203 Ashmore Street, Greer, South Carolina, for a 1961 Ford, Falcon, Vehicle Identification Number 1H176172167.

On May 20, 1968, JAMES H. SUMMEY, 203 Ashmore Street, Greer, South Carolina, advised SA EDWARD M. CONROY as follows:

He is the owner of a 1961 Falcon that is parked at his home. He stated the current 1968 tags on the car are the only ones that he has had, that none have been stolen or replaced.

On May 20, 1968, Mr. SUMMEY advised that his son had examined the car and determined that both 1968 South Carolina plates Number B52696 are presently on the car.

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**AIRTEL**

**AIRMAIL**

**TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)**

**FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299) (P)**

**MURKIN  
CR**

**(OO: MEMPHIS)**

**Re Albany airtel to Atlanta, 5/13/68.**

**Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies, for Albany 2 copies and for Atlanta 1 copy of investigative insert re investigation concerning 1955 Ford sedan reportedly bearing 1968 S. C. License B52696 impounded by Syracuse, New York PD.**

**LEADS:**

**ALBANY:**

**AT SYRACUSE, N. Y.**

**Will recheck to determine license located on instant car as 1968 S. C. License B52696 issued for 1961 Falcon as both tags are currently on vehicle at Greer, S. C.**

- 2 - Memphis (Encls-15)**
- ② - Albany (44-493) (Encls-2)**
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Encl-1) (Info)**
- 2 - Columbia**

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5/29/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299)  
FROM : SAC, ALBANY (44-493)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Columbia airtel dated 5/24/68.

License number of 1955 Ford Sedan Fairlane white and blue, set forth in Albany airtel to Atlanta 5/13/68 was transcribed in error. The license number should be D52696.

COLUMBIA

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Recheck South Carolina Highway Department,  
Car Registration Section.

CC: 2-Columbia  
1-Atlanta (Info)(44-2386)  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
2-Albany

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5/31/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to All SACS, 5/9/68.

On 5/20/68, Miss LAURA GALLUZZO, New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Albany, New York, advised SE VINCENT H. MC PEAK that her department maintains records for unidentified deceased persons in New York State. However, no fingerprint record is kept.

On 5/29/68, Mrs. CATHERINE KOSTERS, Identification Analyst, Bureau of Identification, New York State Identification and Intelligence System, advised IC FRANCIS M. HICKEY that her department maintains a fingerprint record of unidentified deceased persons for the State of New York. Mrs. KOSTERS stated that to her knowledge, all police departments contribute fingerprints of unidentified deceased to the State Bureau of Identification.

Mrs. KOSTERS advised a search of the Identification Bureau's unidentified deceased file failed to locate any fingerprints identifiable with subjects.

3-Bureau  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
1-New York (Info)  
1-Buffalo (Info)  
2-Albany  
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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
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Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 5/22/68.

RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG was recontacted 5/29/68, at Docktor's Pet Center, Fairmount Shopping Center, Syracuse, N.Y., and he identified the photograph of LESTER EDWARD PACKETT, FBI #827170A as being the individual he met at the bar in the vicinity of the Clark Hotel on 4/17/68. He stated that he recalled this individual had a southern accent and made some comment about being from Tennessee.

In view of this identification no further investigation being conducted regarding this aspect of case.

2-Los Angeles                      ARMED AND DANGEROUS  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
1-Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)  
1-Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)  
1-Charlotte (Info)  
1-Detroit (Info)  
1-Kansas City (Info)  
1-Knoxville (Info)  
1-Las Vegas (Info)  
1-Miami (44-1864) (Info)  
1-Mobile (Info)  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SA \_\_\_\_\_

FROM : SAC 44-493

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

DATE: 6/3/68

The Bureau, by letter dated 5/20/68, advised that each SAC and Legal Attache is to promptly remind their cooperative established news sources in a discreet and tactful manner of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King.

This money now totals at least \$100,000.

THE BUREAU FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE FBI SHOULD NOT BE PUBLICIZED AS THE SOURCE OF THIS REMINDER.

Bureau further advised by R/S dated 5/22/68 that in the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the MURKIN case, established sources may be confidentially advised that according to a compilation set forth in the 4/27 edition of the "Commercial Appeal", Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and "Scripts-Howard Newspapers", and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has underwritten the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

SA NALLY will handle contacts at Albany.

Recipient Agents are to follow instructions set forth above.

- 1 - Each SRA
- 1 - SA UNGERMANN
- 1 - SA SORROWS
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

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SA JOSEPH HOLIDAY

MURKIN  
WF#442

Dr. J. DAVID LAUGHLIN, D.D.S., 32 Pleasant Street, Woodstock, Vermont, on 5/31/68, advised that he had an emergency patient that day who he treated for a tooth ache, and the man closely resembled JAMES EARL RAY. He said he tried to obtain some information from this person as to where he was from and learned only that this person had been in Indiana, Arizona and Florida. He was very reluctant to talk.

This individual furnished his name as WILLIAM LEONARD, and stated he was working at the Woodstock Inn, Woodstock, Vt. He was described only as being between the ages of 35-40, and generally answered the description of RAY.

The Doctor advised that this individual paid him with a roll of dimes, and he noted that he had an expensive piece of bridge work in his mouth, and that his other teeth were generally in bad shape. He claimed that an expensive piece of bridge work with the other teeth bad is an unusual thing to see.

The above information was furnished to SA MEE telephonically on this same date. This in view of the writers scheduled in-service. One copy of this memo has been forwarded directly to SA MEE.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 3, 1968

Mr. RICHARD TOMKINSON was reinterviewed at his residence, 97 Union Avenue, Saratoga Springs. He said that on Saturday morning, May 25, 1968, he was successful in contacting NELSON SCHAUB through Saranac Lake, New York telephone 891-0403. He said he looked through his personal effects on that date and came up with this number, which is in a building which includes the Montgomery Ward store, Saranac Lake. He said that after a couple of calls, he was successful in contacting SCHAUB at this number. SCHAUB said he had been trying to get in touch with TOMKINSON. TOMKINSON said he urged SCHAUB to come to Saratoga Springs on May 27, 1968, as he wished to talk on an important matter. TOMKINSON mentioned to SCHAUB that he could not go to the Saranac Lake area because one of his own cars had been involved in an accident. TOMKINSON said this was true. TOMKINSON also advised that he would be leaving the area on business in a couple of days and there was certain information he had to have from SCHAUB which was very important. He also feigned an interest in the 1966 or 1967 gold Cadillac which SCHAUB owned as a replacement vehicle for TOMKINSON's wrecked car.

SCHAUB told TOMKINSON he would come to Saratoga Springs if possible. They agreed to meet at an apartment building owned by TOMKINSON at 641 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs.

SCHAUB did come on that date to Saratoga Springs and enroute, he told TOMKINSON he had trouble with the car which he drove, as it nearly threw a rod. The car, a 1957 Ford, Vehicle Identification No. 7EG208167, blue in color, was left behind 641 North Broadway. SCHAUB, not finding TOMKINSON there, apparently walked to TOMKINSON's residence and arrived there between 5:00 and 5:30 PM when TOMKINSON was out. He waited until about 6 PM when TOMKINSON came back. When he saw TOMKINSON, SCHAUB mentioned what had

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by SA DANIEL V. HOGAN *Dvh* Ped 5/29/68 Date dictated 5/29/68

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happened to the 1957 Ford, but mentioned that on the way from 641 Broadway to TOMKINSON's residence he had spotted a 1961 white Mercury Comet for sale by a private owner. They went off together and SCHAUB purchased this car from an unidentified former owner for \$125. He took the license plates from the Ford and put them on the Comet. He gave the registration and keys to the Ford to TOMKINSON to hold because he was not sure whether he would ever come back for the Ford or have TOMKINSON junk it instead.

TOMKINSON exhibited a New York registration indicating that a 1957 Ford, VIN 7EG208167, was purchased from PATRICIA A. BICKEL, 743 Myrtle Avenue, Albany, New York, on February 28, 1967. It was purchased by NELSON R. SCHAUB, Saranac Lake, New York. The registration number was 8168799, license 2499AC.

After buying the car, TOMKINSON went by the apartment building to make up a bed in a room for SCHAUB in the event that he wished to stay overnight. While there, TOMKINSON told SCHAUB that he had checked out certain information pertaining to rewards in connection with the producing of JAMES EARL RAY. He said he told SCHAUB that there was no direct reward being offered by the Federal Government, and that much of the reward money was offered by the city of Memphis. SCHAUB indicated to TOMKINSON that he wanted to forget the matter because he wanted to stay alive. SCHAUB indicated that either one or both of them could be dead before the information got far enough to do any good.

TOMKINSON said that since SCHAUB did not appear to want to talk further in this regard, he was not in a position to press him further and they went back to TOMKINSON's house and ate dinner before going to the Saratoga Raceway where they saw the races and did not discuss the matter further.

After the races, they went to the Spa Diner, where SCHAUB mentioned he had been to a meeting at the Armory in Lake Placid, New York, since he and TOMKINSON had last visited.



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Some of the people involved in the conspiracy were present there, but the purpose of the meeting was for another reason. It was apparently a well publicized affair, and SCHAUB mentioned that a couple of the doctors were there. He mentioned that "the doctor" was there and volunteered that he was not a surgeon.

SCHAUB also told TOMKINSON that he had sold his Cadillac around May 14, 1968, to a woman for \$3300.

From the Spa Diner, SCHAUB dropped TOMKINSON off at his home between 1:00 and 1:30 AM on May 26, 1968.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 3, 1968

RICHARD TOMKINSON, 97 Union Avenue, Saratoga Springs, New York, telephone 584-3071, was interviewed at the Glens Falls Resident Agency. He said he is the president of Delaware Corp., a vending machine company, which is incorporated in the state of Delaware and he gives as its address c/o Postmaster, Little Creek, Delaware.

TOMKINSON advised that on Monday, May 6, 1968, around suppertime, NELSON SCHAUB, who resides in the Saranac Lake, New York area, came to the TOMKINSON residence alone. TOMKINSON invited him into the house and while Mrs. TOMKINSON and the three TOMKINSON children were in the kitchen area, SCHAUB and TOMKINSON conversed in the living room. Almost at the outset, SCHAUB said to TOMKINSON, "How much guts do you have?". TOMKINSON said he asked SCHAUB ~~what~~ was on his mind. SCHAUB replied to the effect, "I think the guy deserves a medal and instead of that there's a price on his head." It was quickly understood by TOMKINSON that SCHAUB was talking about the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. SCHAUB agreed with TOMKINSON's conclusion. SCHAUB then approached TOMKINSON about a means by which they could make a lot of money legitimately, from the U.S. Government, and that TOMKINSON could realize \$50,000 for very little effort. SCHAUB explained that he understood that reward money for locating JAMES EARL RAY was in the amount of \$100,000. They terminated the conversation at this point because the TOMKINSONS were ready to eat dinner and SCHAUB was invited.

No discussion concerning the above matter was held during the meal, but afterward, SCHAUB and TOMKINSON decided to go to Saratoga Raceway, a harness racing track, at Saratoga Springs. Enroute to the track, SCHAUB mentioned to TOMKINSON that SCHAUB was interested in getting the reward money for RAY. However, people high up in Government were apparently also involved in the conspiracy, and he wanted to make no inquiries

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