

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA ROBERT K. LEWIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/19/68, the following individuals all on Northeast 14th Street were contacted regarding instant matter and were exhibited subject's photograph. None of them could furnish any pertinent information:

165 14th Street, W. J. WINGATE  
JOSI SLOCUM

169 14th Street, W. D. FLOWERS  
H. PAUL SWANN

173 14th Street, BESSIE SMITH

177 14th Street, PEGGY DU VAL  
FRANK MC LUNE

187 14th Street, GENE GUERRERO

193 14th Street, KATHELINE DALY

221 14th Street, Mrs. D. E. BORG

227 14th Street, SADIE SHORR  
EDITH WATERS  
BOB WATSON

239 14th Street, J. H. VAUGHN

243 14th Street, FRANK SIMPSON  
Mrs. F. A. MC COY

On 4/18/68, the following individuals all residing on Briarcliff Place, NE, were contacted with negative results:

1191 -- R. R. MOORHEAD

1185 -- THELMA MEURER



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1181 -- MAX KESSLER  
1175 -- CHARLES GILES  
1165 -- LOUIS MORGAN  
1161 -- Mrs. E. P. CHRISTIAN  
1155 -- T. S. CASSEY  
1145 -- Mrs. MARGARET BOSWELL  
1151 -- G. A. BURTON  
1141 -- GEORGE MERRITT  
1131 -- R. M. TEEL  
1121 -- M. B. STONE  
1115 -- J. C. GILMORE  
1111 -- R. C. PITMAN  
1101 -- CAROL HUTTO  
1095 -- FRANK FERNANDER

On 4/18/68, the following individuals residing on Greencove Avenue, NE, were contacted with negative results:

1047 -- L. H. METCALF  
1049 -- R. P. KOTHE  
1037 -- B. K. LANEY

On 4/18 and 19/68, the following individuals residing on Saint Louis Place, NE, were contacted with negative results:

1073 -- Mrs. D. E. COLEY  
1079 -- Z. SCHLITLER  
1085 -- V. S. BROWN

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1091 -- C. C. BREAUX  
1099 -- M. GLANTON  
1105 -- W. C. KANELLIUS  
1111 -- W. H. RICE  
1117 -- H. A. MC LELLAN  
1139 -- E. O. ELBERTS  
1151 -- L. J. LAMAR  
1159 -- O. H. COLLINS  
1167 -- T. H. POSNER  
1173 -- L. BROCK  
1182 -- D. S. WEEKS

On 4/18/68, the following individuals on  
Arlington Place, NE, were contacted with negative  
results:

856 -- H. M. KING  
862 -- MINNIE SMITH  
872 -- C. H. WEST  
876 -- A. T. ROBERTS  
890 -- H. C. MOORE  
885 -- O. E. HAYNES

On 4/18/ and 4/19/68, the following individuals  
on Clement Drive, NE, were contacted with negative results:

849 -- TOM BRUBAKER  
843 -- D. L. SHADRICK  
839 -- THELMA CRESSMAN  
833 -- ALBERTO HAVIS  
827 -- H. S. GRASELLE  
821 -- L. M. MOORE  
817 -- CHARLES R. BAKER  
811 -- C. L. SCOTT  
805 -- J. O. CRAWFORD  
799 -- J. D. ROLAND  
789 -- A. W. STEWART  
795 -- D. L. JAMESON  
783 -- P. R. GRIFFIN  
779 -- R. O. JACKSON.

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FROM : SA JOHN M. PALFI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

On 4/18/68, Mr. M. C. RHODES, Manager, Capitol Furniture Company, 165 Whitehall Street, Southwest, advised that on 3/26/68, a man by the name of JAMES EDWARD DAVIS had come into his store with his wife, who was pregnant, and ordered some furniture from the company. RHODES stated that the man put \$121.80 down and was supposed to pay \$99.90 in addition to that amount upon verification of his credit. On the purchaser's statement, DAVIS listed his age as 37, living at 1250 Donnelly Avenue, Southwest, Apartment 2B. He stated that he has resided at that address for a period of one year. He listed previous addresses as Isles of Pines Trailer Park, Gautier, Miss., and McLywam Drive, Waynesboro, Miss. DAVIS listed his employment as a mechanical contractor for the past one year with the Lorne Construction Company at 1983 Whitehall Street, Southwest. DAVIS listed his previous employment with the Ingall Shipyard, Gautier, Miss., and with the Kelly Brothers Construction Company in Waynesboro, Miss.

DAVIS indicated that he was now working out of Union Local #72. For identification, DAVIS furnished an Ala. driver's license, Number 2746123, and listed his wife's occupation as housewife. The form indicated that DAVIS owned a 1962 Buick financed by the Allied Finance Company, Campbellton Road, Southwest, and DAVIS listed Friedman Jewelers, Gordon Street, Southwest, as a credit reference.

RHODES stated that shortly after that day, he received a report from the credit bureau from Waynesboro, Miss., which stated that DAVIS had a very bad

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credit rating in the area, and that he had skipped out on his bills on previous occasions. At that time, RHODES and his partner, Mr. A. L. BURRELL, had decided not to furnish DAVIS with any credit at all and wished to terminate the contract. RHODES stated that BURRELL went out to DAVIS's house on 3/30/68, and that DAVIS's wife informed him that her husband was out of town on a fishing trip.

RHODES stated that the reason that he had brought this to the attention of the FBI was the fact that DAVIS seemed to fit the description of ERIC STARVO GALT and seemed to resemble the pictures in the paper concerning that man. He added that since the man had an Ala. driver's license and that he had been employed in the shipyard in Gautier, Miss., and that he had a bad credit reference, he believed that this might be the same person.

On 4/18/68, Mr. A. L. BURRELL, Salesman, Capitol Furniture Company, 165 Whitehall Street, advised that JAMES EDWARD DAVIS had come into his store on 3/26/68, and filled out an application in his presence for the purpose of purchasing some furniture. BURRELL described the man as being about 5'10", 175 lbs., and that there is a very slight resemblance to the picture in the paper of ERIC STARVO GALT. BURRELL stated that it is his opinion that this definitely was not ERIC GALT. He added that on 3/30/68, he had gone by the house to return some money to DAVIS. DAVIS was not present and his wife informed BURRELL that DAVIS had gone fishing. BURRELL advised DAVIS's wife to have DAVIS come into the store on Monday, 4/1/68, to pick up his money. BURRELL added that DAVIS did just that.

BURRELL felt that there was a very slight resemblance to the picture of GALT in the newspaper and that he was of approximately the same size as GALT as described in the paper.

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BURRELL stated he cannot recognize the photograph as being the same man as DAVIS and he repeated that he was of the opinion that this was not the same man.

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DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA JOHN M. PALFI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: GEORGE CLAYTON

Re memo of SA O. RICHARD HAMILTON dated 4/17/68 (Serial 487-A), and memo of SA JAMES J. ROSE dated 4/17/68 (Serial 575).

On 4/19/68, Mr. BUDDY CUMMINGS, Desk Clerk, Fulton Hotel, 180 Luckie Street, advised that a Mr. GEORGE CLAYTON registered at this hotel at 7:00 a.m. on 4/14/68, and was assigned Room 17. CUMMINGS stated that CLAYTON had departed from the hotel between 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon on 4/17/68, with another man. When CLAYTON registered he listed his address as 4325 46th Avenue North, Birmingham, Ala. CUMMINGS described CLAYTON as being between 5'8" and 5'9", 165 to 175 lbs., brown hair, and was constantly wearing dark sunglasses. CUMMINGS stated that CLAYTON was a quiet man and seemed to mind his own business.

CUMMINGS stated that his suspicions were aroused when they were gathered in the lobby watching television and the topic of KING's assassination came up. CUMMINGS heard CLAYTON say that the assassin "got him with one shot. He must have been good," and then laughed. Shortly thereafter, he left the discussion and went up to his room. CUMMINGS added that when CLAYTON checked out he said that he was going back to work and would not be bothering them any more.

Upon being shown a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, CUMMINGS said that he was of the opinion that this was not the man, for if it were, he would have had to have lost a great deal of weight in the face. He added that CLAYTON seemed to have a much smoother face and one that was much younger looking than that of the photograph.

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FROM : SA JOHN M. PALFI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

On 4/18/68, Mr. JOHN E. HOOVER, Manager, Jefferson Hotel, 87 Pryor Street, advised that a review of his registration cards for the months of April and May of 1967 failed to reveal any name of GALT, WILLARD, or LOWMEYER. He added that the only tenant in his hotel that listed New Orleans, La., as his home was GLEN WARD, 4916 Jefferson Avenue. HOOVER stated that WARD occupied Room 530 for a period of two days from 4/15/67 until 4/17/67. HOOVER added that the only other information he had on WARD was that he had made one long-distance telephone call for the sum of \$1.10.

Upon being shown the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, HOOVER stated that he has only been manager of this hotel since January of 1968, and that the face was totally unfamiliar to him.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 17, 1968

On April 11, 1968, following search and processing of a 1966 white Ford Mustang, evidence obtained therein was prepared for transmittal to the Bureau and hand carried by SA ALDEN F. MILLER via Eastern Air Lines Flight 444 departing Atlanta, Georgia, at 3:59 AM and arriving Dulles Field, Washington, D. C., at 5:40 AM. On April 12, 1968, at 9:00 AM, one container of evidence addressed to the Laboratory itself was turned over to Mr. MORRIS S. CLARK, Hairs and Fiber Section of the Laboratory, for processing. The second container was turned over to SA JAMES H. MORTIMER as it contained items for document examination as well as latent fingerprint processing.

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On 4/11-12/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # AT 44-2386 - 105-9a  
by SA ALDEN F. MILLER :jlh Date dictated 4/17/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/68

On April 11, 1968, an examination was made of a 1966 Ford Mustang at the FBI Garage in Atlanta, Georgia.

This vehicle was a two-door 289, eight-cylinder, 2-barrel carburetor, color white, hardtop, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993. The mileage was noted as 39100.8. The Serial number was 6T07C190647, the body 65A, the color H, the trim 25, date 17A, DPSO 21. The serial number, body number, terminal date and DPSO were noted on the serial plate affixed to the left door. Also affixed to the left door was an RPM sticker H. BECKMAN Chevron Service, 1506 North Normandy Avenue, Los Angeles, California, Telephone #666-9921. The sticker reflected oil was drained 2/13/68, wheel bearings were checked at 34185 miles, wheels were aligned at this same mileage.

A Gulf Pride sticker was also affixed at this same location with no address or company name listed; however, mileage was noted on this sticker as 20253 and the only portion of date was "67".

On the left door post was noted an RPM chevron sticker. CORT-FOX FORD, 4531 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, Telephone 5-1131, reflecting service oiled at mileage 34290, oil filtered at same mileage.

On the left rear trunk lid was a metal insignia "Maring Ford".

The right rear window bore a sticker "Direccion General de Registro Federal de Automoviles, 1967 Octubre Turista, Aduana de Neuvo, Laredo, Tam." (rest of sticker torn).

This same sticker was also affixed to the right front windshield, lower right side, and it bore Folio #H294486. The last word which was torn on the other sticker is reflected on the second sticker as Tamps.

On 4/11/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386-1057-B  
Special Agents JACK B. SIMPSON, RICHARD H. DAVIS,  
by CARL E. CLAIBORNE, ALDEN F. MILLER, JACK T. BEVERSTEIN 9/13  
JBS:mhs Date dictated 4/11/68

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Tires on the vehicle were as follows:

Right front tire Firestone 7.50 by 14 deluxe Champion (black wall), good tread;

Right rear tire no markings, recap whitewall (tread on tire good); note Mustang symbol center of hubcap of this vehicle missing and area around this center was dented and torn.

Left rear tire no markings, a recap, whitewall (tread good);

Left front tire Medallion 110 7.75 by 14. Notation replaces 7.50 by 14 and notation Nylon tubeless, whitewall (good tread);

Spare tire in trunk Goodyear 6.95 by 14, power cushion. This tire was a whitewall and the tire was flat and the tread was almost bald.

#### ENGINE AREA EXAMINATION

Tag on air filter a Puralator tag, showing Puralator oil filter with a red ink notation Perl, Puralator air filter with red ink notation AFP 43, date of service in red ink 9/23/67. Mileage in red ink 20253.

On left front fender flange about 12 inches from last digit of PVIN a metal plate 1 1/4" by 3 1/2" bearing the following imprinting:

Top left corner D 372, below this 12 A 18 6T07C 190647. Below this 65A M 25, below this RM.

The battery was a Sears All-State high voltage (12 volt 54 plates). Under the negative terminal was a bright metal plate imprinted C8. On the engine side of the battery there was a white tape about the size of a nickel stuck on the battery, also showing the notation C-8.

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The following items of possible evidentiary value were located in the trunk of the vehicle:

1) Pair of mens shorts, olive green, make Diplomat, manufactured Hong Kong, China, 65% polyster; 35% cotton, size 34.

2) One pillow dated 9/19/67, label "Crushed Landfowl Feathers" Reg. No. CAL 2823, approximately 20" x 26".

3) One pillow case bearing laundry mark "20R-3".

4) Two halves of styrofoam packing material outside dimensions 8 3/4" x 6 7/8" x 2".

5) Styrofoam dividers (two pieces) 1/8" thick, 2 1/4" wide and 6 3/4" long.

6) One cotton rug, color beige, 25" wide and 58" long.

7) One black sports shirt, five button, no tail, label "Arturo Rosetti Custom Tailors", size large, 100% cotton.

8) One sweat shirt, navy blue, short sleeve, no label.

9) One plaid plastic floor mat removed from trunk floor.

10) One Monticello medium-size shirt jacket, tapered, gray and black, six button.

11) One white sheet, form fitted, with additional piece attached and sewn with yellow thread.

12) One form fitted white sheet.

13) One pair brown socks.

14) One flip flop shower or beach shoe, for left foot, made in Japan, size 7 - 8 1/2.

15) One camera air release for shutter, Prinz brand.

16) Two pieces of card board, gold.

17) Small metal clip, (possibly for portable radio system).

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18) Assorted tools: jack, screw driver, lug wrench, hunting knife in case with "GESCO" on case.

19) Piece of Kleenex box with writing "At Pool" on one side and names GINGER DAY and ANITA KATZWINKEL, 1535 Serrano, Apartment 6, on other.

20) One air filter (removed from engine).

21) One 1967 Alabama license plate, 1A 88354, found on rear window ledge.

22) 1968 Alabama license plate 138993, affixed to car.

23) Sweepings from trunk, front and rear seat of vehicle.

24) Soil sample from spare wheel of vehicle, found in trunk.

25) Rear view mirror removed from vehicle.

26) One wiper blade found in trunk.

27) Spare wheel pressure plate, spare wheel anchor bolt and toggle lug found in trunk.

28) Sunglasses and case removed from glove compartment.

29) Paper scraps from under back seat.

30) Personna razor blade found on dashboard.

31) Two front floormats, and rear floormat removed from vehicle.

32) Four latents lifted from 1966 Mustang, as follows:

- a) lift from door handle (left)
- b) lift found eight inches behind right door handle plunger.

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- c. lift from right door handle.
- d. lift from driver's side door glass (front)

Locations of these prints were photographed.

Lifts were made of the serial plate and the Public  
Vehicle Identification Number.

Date April 22, 19681

The following items were personally taken via commercial airline to Washington, D. C., FBI Laboratory, and turned over to SAM CLARK, Hair and Fibre Section of this Laboratory, on April 15, 1968, by SA JOHN B. REYNOLDS:

1. Bed linen
2. Three (3) cigarette butts
3. City street map of Atlanta, book of paper matches and lined piece of paper
4. Newspaper utilized for shelf cover in wardrobe
5. Pink slip of paper with name "JIMMY OWEN" written thereon
6. Keyhole saw on top of wardrobe
7. Cigarette butt
8. Section of newspaper dated April 7, 1968
9. Latent lifts numbered one through twelve
10. Latent lifts numbered A1 through A3

On 4/15/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386 1060  
by SA JOHN B. REYNOLDS /rjb Date dictated 4/19/68

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Date April 22, 1968

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An examination was made of Room #6 at 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, and the following items were obtained:

1. 12 latent fingerprints taken from various parts of the room, including the venetian blind, hall wall, headboard and footboard of bed, which prints are numbered 1 through 12.
2. Bed linen taken off floor previously used on bed.
3. 3 cigarette butts taken from on top of wardrobe.
4. City street map of Atlanta, book of paper matches, and a lined piece of paper.
5. Newspaper utilized for shelf paper in wardrobe.
6. Pink slip of paper with name "JIMMY OWEN" written thereon.
7. 1 keyhole saw found on top of wardrobe.
8. 1 cigarette found under wardrobe.

Photographs of this room were also taken.

On 4/15/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386 1061  
by SAs ALDEN F. MILLER and  
JOHN B. REYNOLDS /rjb Date dictated 4/19/68

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Date April 22, 19681

An examination was made of Room #5 at 107 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, and the following items obtained:

1. 3 latent fingerprints taken from footboard of bed located in northwest side of room, which prints are numbered A1 through A3.
2. 1 newspaper, dated April 7, 1968.

On 4/15/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386 -1062  
by SAs ALDEN F. MILLER and  
JOHN B. REYNOLDS /rjb Date dictated 4/19/68

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Washington, D. C. 20537



## REPORT

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## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 44-2386  
FBI FILE NO. 44-38861  
LATENT CASE NO. 91075

April 19, 1968

TO: SAC, Atlanta

RE: MURKIN

REFERENCE: Letter 4-15-68

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Atlanta

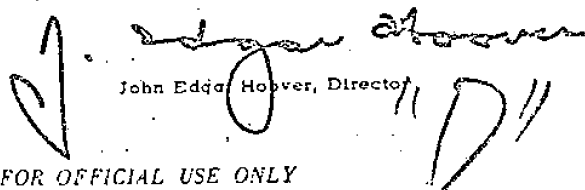
SPECIMENS: Portable TV and numerous items from storage  
room in Rooming House at 113 Fourteenth Street,  
Atlanta, Georgia, Q174 through Q200, and Q203

Six latent fingerprints and one latent impression, which may be a fingerprint, impression of lower joint of a finger, or partial palm print, were developed on map of Mexico, Q194. No other latent impressions of value found or developed.

One of the latent fingerprints on the map is identical with the latent fingerprint previously reported on the rifle, Q2, and with the latent fingerprint previously reported on binoculars, Q14. Other latent prints on the map compared with latent prints previously reported in this case, but no identification effected.

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Enclosed are an anonymous letter with the salutation "dear news man", and an envelope postmarked Atlanta, Ga., 4/18/68, addressed to WSB Radio Station, Atlanta, Ga., with one xerox copy of each.

The enclosed envelope postmarked Atlanta, Ga., 4/18/68, addressed to WSB Radio Station, Atlanta, Ga. 303013, contained the following anonymous letter:

"dear news man  
i am sorry to say that mr lester  
maddox hired his son an me to do the killing  
i didnt do the shooting but i was with him  
when it took place. mr lester maddox paid a  
large sum of money to do so the car is not mine  
it was five men all together

sorry but it the fact

sorrie that martin luther king king was kill

We was payed 25.000 to do so"

Both of the above items were forwarded from the WSB

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Radio Station in Atlanta to the Atlanta Office by mail where they were received on 4/23/68.

The Laboratory is requested to search the enclosures through the anonymous letter file as well as a latent fingerprint of known anonymous letter writers, in view of the fact it appears the enclosures are possibly products of a prolific letter writer, or one who is likely to become one in the future.

The enclosed letter and envelope were handled by SAs CHARLES E. HARDING and CHARLES T. HAYNES upon receipt at the Atlanta Office. They were handled by numerous individuals at the WSB Radio and T.V. Station in Atlanta, and attempts to identify those individuals and obtain elimination fingerprints will not be done at present.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY,  
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FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

MURKIN

RE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

LOHMEYER REINTERVIEWED AT SAN JOSE BY BUREAU AGENTS TODAY. HE  
IS UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE ANY PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY, HOWEVER, NAME  
EARL RAY IS FAMILIAR TO LOHMEYER. HE IDENTIFIED ONE NINE FIVE FIVE  
PHOTOGRAPH OF WALTER TERRY RIFE AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW IN QUINCY,  
ILLINOIS, PRIOR TO ONE NINE FIVE FIVE. ALSO ADVISED HE KNEW JOHN RAY AND  
HIS BROTHER, JERRY RAY. THESE PEOPLE ALSO USED NAME RYAN. LOHMEYER  
SERVED TIME AT MENARD, ILLINOIS, WITH JOHN RAY AND LONNIE RIFE, BROTHER  
OF WALTER.

DURING PERIOD ONE NINE FIVE FIVE TO ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT THE  
RAY (RYAN) FAMILY CONSISTING OF MOTHER AND SISTER OF JOHN RAY  
MOVED FROM QUINCY TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. DURING THIS PERIOD ONE  
OF RAY FAMILY, POSSIBLY JERRY OR EARL RAY, WAS ARRESTED IN MISSOURI  
FOR CRIME INVOLVING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS ACCORDING TO LOHMEYER.

LOHMEYER WORKED IN PRISON KITCHEN WITH JOHN RAY WHEN RAY WAS EIGHTEEN  
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TO NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE. STATES RAY HAD STRONG PREJUDICE AGAINST NEGROES BUT EXPAINED THIS WAS GENERAL FEELING AMONG WHITE INMATES. LOHMEYER CONSIDERS JOHN RAY OF TEMPERMENT TO COMMIT MURKIN BUT PROBABLY WOULD BE INVOLVED AS HIRED ASSASSIN. THIS OPINION WAS NOT SOLICITED BUT WAS INTRODUCES IN INTERVIEW BY LOHMEYER WHO HAS CLOSELY FOLLOWED THIS CASE THROUGH NEWS MEDIA.

ALL OFFICES CONSIDER RAY BROTHERS AND RIFE BROTHERS AS POSSIBLE ACCOMPLICES OF JAMES EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO FURTHER IDENTITY JOHN LARRY RAY (RYAN) AND ASCERTAIN CURRENT ACTIVITIES.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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OTHER OFFICES ADVISED

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FBI MIAMI

6:08PM URGENT 4-23-68 PJL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND  
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT AND FLIGHT CREWS OF EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL)  
FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, GA., APRIL FIVE, LAST.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL NINETEEN, LAST,  
SEVEN FORTY-SEVEN P.M.

CREWS OF EAL FLIGHT NINE FIVE FIVE AND N.Y. TO MONTREAL,  
LEG OF FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX ARE BASED IN MIAMI. ALL CREW  
MEMBERS EXCEPT THOSE UNAVAILABLE ON VACATION, ETC., HAVE  
BEEN INTERVIEWED AND SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECT RAY, WITH  
NEGATIVE RESULTS. MAJORITY OF CREW EACH FLIGHT INTERVIEWED.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, AND ATLANTA  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

ALL AGENTS FORMERLY ASSIGNED MEMPHIS DIVISION ON  
SPECIAL HAVE NOW DEPARTED. NO EXTRA PERSONNEL REMAINING MEMPHIS  
DIVISION. SEPARATE COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BUREAU AND INTERESTED  
OFFICES.

NUMEROUS LOOK-ALIKE LEADS HANDLED AND ELIMINATED MEMPHIS  
DIVISION.

ATLANTA REQUESTED CHECK NEWSPAPERS FOR POSSIBLE SALE  
OF AUTOMOBILES BY INDIVIDUALS, IT BEING NOTED SUBJECT DID  
PURCHASE AUTOMOBILE IN THIS MANNER IN BIRMINGHAM DIVISION.

ATLANTA WILL PURSUE LEAD.

NO OTHER PERTINENT ACTIVITY MEMPHIS DIVISION.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

A & D. P.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND ATLANTA  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN; CR; OO: MEMPHIS.

A CANVASS OF MUNICIPAL AIRPORT PARKING LOT, BIRMINGHAM,  
DISCLOSED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED VEHICLES WITH STATE OF GEORGIA  
LICENSE PLATES PARKED THEREON. PARKING ATTENDENTS UNABLE TO STATE  
WHEN VEHICLES ARRIVED NOTING THAT DATED TICKET STUB IS GIVEN TO  
PERSON WHEN ARRIVING AND PERSON MUST PRESENT TICKET STUB WHEN  
DEPARTING FOR PAYMENT OF BILL. VEHICLES ARE ONE NINE SIX EIGHT FORD  
FOUR-DOOR, YELLOW IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE  
*7515873*  
SEVEN J ONE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN THREE; ONE NINE SIX TWO CHEVROLET  
IMPALA, FOUR-DOOR, BEIGE IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE  
*2516613*  
TWO J ONE SIX SIX ONE THREE, WHICH HAS ARMY UNIFORM IN NAME OF RUSSELL  
L. MAUGANS, AND OTHER PERSONAL EFFECTS THEREIN; ONE NINE SIX EIGHT  
PONTIAC, FOUR-DOOR, BONNEVILLE, BLUE WITH BLACK VINYL TOP, BEARING  
*1A 15353*  
SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE ONE A ONE FIVE THREE FIVE FIVE. THE  
ADDITIONAL VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED IN THE BIRMINGHAM MUNICIPAL FREE  
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PARKING LOT AND IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE DATES OF ARRIVAL. ONE NINE SIX SIX CHEVROLET BELAIR, <sup>757393</sup> FOUR-DOOR, BEIGE IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTY-SEVEN GEORGIA LICENSE SEVEN J SEVEN THREE NINE FIVE; ONE NINE SIX EIGHT AMERICAN MOTORS REBEL, <sup>1-49914</sup> TWO-DOOR, RED IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTY EIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE ONE - FOUR NINE NINE ONE FOUR; ONE NINE SIX SEVEN OR ONE NINE SIX EIGHT BUICK LESABRE FOUR HUNDRED, <sup>1530347</sup> TWO-DOOR, YELLOW IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE ONE - J THREE ZERO THREE FOUR NINE; ONE NINE SIX EIGHT CHEVROLET IMPALA, FOUR-DOOR, MAROON IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE FIVE J <sup>557569</sup> SEVEN FIVE SIX NINE. NCIC NEGATIVE.

ATLANTA DETERMINE IF VEHICLES STOLEN OR IF POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH MURKIN INVESTIGATION.

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8:37 PM URGENT 4-23-68 JWE

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, TAMPA  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT, M. B. HOLLIS, MANAGER,  
INSURED DRIVEAWAYS AND AUTO TRANSPORT COMPANY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA,  
ADVISED ONE JAMES WRAY, EIGHT TWO SIX EIGHT FORTIETH STREET,  
NORTH, PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE  
THIRTYTHREE, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATTEMPTED TO CONTRACT TO DRIVE AUTO  
FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, EARLY JANUARY,  
SIXTYEIGHT.

HOLLIS STATES WRAY WAS LISTED ON "DRIVER BLACK LIST" PUBLISHED  
BY AUTO DELIVERY DIVISION OF DEALERS TRANSIT, INC., WHICH REFLECTED  
WRAY PREVIOUSLY DROVE VEHICLE FOR AUTO DELIVERY IN LOS ANGELES  
AND CLASSED AS UNRELIABLE DUE TO EXCESSIVE ACCIDENTS.

HOLLIS STATED SIXTY PROFILE PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EAR L RAY  
BEARS RESEMBLANCE TO JAMES WRAY.

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TAMPA AT PINELLAS PARK, WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO INTERVIEW AND/OR ELIMINATE WRAY.

LOS ANGELES, WILL REVIEW BLACK LIST PUBLISHED BY AUTO DELIVERY DIVISION OF DEALERS TRANSIT, INC. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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1000 PM URGENT 4/23/68 ALS  
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES, AND ATLANTA  
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN; CR. OO:ME.

RE ATLANTA TEL INSTANT DATE.

JAMES WRAY MENTIONED IN RETEL UNDOUBTEDLY IDENTICAL TO JAMES  
WILLARD WRAY OF WHOM DIRECTOR, MINNEAPOLIS, PHOENIX, LOS ANGELES, AND  
MEMPHIS ADVISED BY TMPA TEL DATED APRIL NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. RETPTL  
REFLECTED INVESTIGATION TAMPA DIVISION AT PINELLAS PARK, FLA.  
DETERMINED JAMES WILLARD WRAY TO BE DRIVER FOR INSURED DRIVE -  
A - WAY SYSTEMS, PINELLAS PARK, FLA. AND NOT DEEMED TO BE  
IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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11:10 PM URGENT 4/23/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY,  
SPRINGFIELD.

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYEIGHT.

NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS  
CONTINUE TO BE CANVASSED AND SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT RAY.  
CHECKS NEGATIVE TO DATE. LEADS OBTAINED FROM CLASSIFIED SECTION  
OF NEWSPAPERS FROM MARCH TWENTYFOUR TO APRIL FIVE LAST AND  
CONTINUE TO BE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

CAR RENTAL AGENCIES IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS ARE  
BEING CHECKED, PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY EXHIBITED, SUCH CHECKS  
NEGATIVE TO DATE.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION ON FOURTEENTH STREET, WEST  
OF PEACHTREE STREET, CONDUCTED TODAY. RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOWN TO  
PERSONS INTERVIEWED AND SUCH CHECKS NEGATIVE.

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CHECKS OF CREW MEMBERS AND PASSENGERS ON FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OF APRIL FIVE AND SIX LAST, CONTINUE THIS DATE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SUCH CHECKS ARE CONTINUING.

ADDITIONAL ATTEMPT MADE THIS DATE TO INTERVIEW JIMMY DELTON GARNER, OWNER OF ROOMING HOUSE AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET, ATLANTA, WHERE RAY ROOMED WHILE IN ATLANTA. GARNER CONTINUES TO BE IN A HIGHLY INTOXICATED CONDITION AND INTERVIEW NOT CONCLUDED.

INDIVIDUAL WITH NAME JAMES RAY WITH UNLISTED TELEPHONE NUMBER CHECKED OUT AND DETERMINED NOT IDENTICAL BASED ON HIS NEGRO RACE.

FLIGHT PERSONNEL OF EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE, APRIL TWELVE LAST, CONSISTING OF FIRST OFFICER AND TWO OTHER CREW MEMBERS, INTERVIEWED RE A PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THOSE THREE STATED GILCHRIST WAS IN ERROR IN STATING ONLY ONE PASSENGER DEBARKED AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. REMAINING THREE CREW PERSONNEL WILL BE INTERVIEWED APRIL  
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TWENTYFOUR NEXT.

BANK ROBBERY OCCURRED AT WESTSIDE BRANCH OF FULTON NATIONAL BANK TODAY. RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOWN TO EYE WITNESSES AND HE WAS ELIMINATED AS SUBJECT OF THAT ROBBERY.

INDIVIDUAL FURNISHING NAME JAMES WRAY, EIGHT TWO SIX EIGHT FORTTEETH STREET, NORTH, PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA, AGE THIRTYTHREE, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONTACTED INSURED DRIVEAWAYS, NINE FOUR TWO MURPHY AVENUE, S.W., ATLANTA, LATE DECEMBER OR EARLY JANUARY LAST CONCERNING DRIVING A CAR TO CALIFORNIA. JAMES WRAY NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE BECAUSE HIS NAME CONTAINED ON BLACK LIST PUBLISHED BY AUTO DELIVERY DIVISION OF DEALERS TRANSIT, INC. AND CONTAINED NOTATION "HE DROVE CAR FOUR US IN LOS ANGELES - UNRELIABLE." ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWED, JAMES WRAY BEARS SLIGHT RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT'S SIXTY PHOTOGRAPH AS CONTAINED ON IDENTIFICATION ORDER OF RAY. INSURED DRIVEAWAYS IS MEMBER OF DEALERS TRANSIT, INC.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END..

TSJ

FBI MEMPHIS

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FBI BIRMGHAM

1134 PM URGENT 4-23-68 GDM  
TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN.

RE MOBILE TEL TO BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS APRIL  
TWENTYTHREE SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA RE TEL ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

"ON INSTANT DATE BILL DUHON, ADDRESS FIFTEEN HUNDRED FOURT-  
EENTH AVE., S., BIRMINGHAM, ALA., TELEPHONE THREE TWO THREE -  
SEVEN EIGHT SIX EIGHT, CONTACTED BUREAU AGENTS, MONTGOMERY, ALA.,  
THIS DATE AND ADVISED HE WAS ON DEEP SEA FISHING BOAT NAMED "CHARLIE"  
OUT OF PANAMA CITY, FLA., ON APR. TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT, FROM TWO  
A.M. THROUGH FIVE P.M. DUHON ADVISED HE SAW INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING  
SUBJECT ON THAT BOAT AND CONVERSED WITH HIM DURING ENTIRE TRIP.  
DUHON ADVISED HE HAD WANTED FLYER OF SUBJECT IN HIS POCKET AT THAT  
TIME. THIS INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY TOLD DUHON HE FORMERLY RESIDED IN  
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FOR ONE YEAR ABOUT TEN TO TWELVE BLOCKS FROM S.  
FOURTEENTH ST. INDIVIDUAL TOLD DUHON HE WAS IN SOME TYPE OF  
TROUBLE BUT FAILED TO ELABORATE."

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"WAITRESS NAMED MARY, WHO WORKS IN RESTAURANT NEXT TO LOUNGE,  
PANAMA CITY BOAT LANDING, ALLEGEDLY TALKED TO SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO  
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TOLD HER HE HAD BEEN IN PANAMA CITY, FLA., AREA AT A HOTEL FOR THREE DAYS".

"DUHON ADVISED ALL PASSENGERS OF FISHING BOAT NAMED "CHARLIE" SIGNED A REGISTER BEFORE PUTTING TO SEA. SEVERAL PASSENGERS ON BOAT SAW THIS INDIVIDUAL WHO RESEMBLED SUBJECT: ONE. ABBOTT FRANKFORD, TV SALESMAN, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.; TWO. TOM TINGLE, LANDLORD OF DUHON, FIFTEEN HUNDRED FOURTEENTH AVE., S., BIRMINGHAM, ALA., THREE. DON SHIRLEY, THREE FOUR TWO EIGHT OLD COLUMBIA ROAD, BIRMINGHAM."

// "INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY GOT INTO A FIFTYSEVEN FOURDOOR CHEVROLET, WHITE OVER GREEN, POSSIBLE ALA. LICENSE WITH LAST THREE DIGITS NINE NINE ONE, OWNED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL'S FRIEND. DUHON DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT AS FOLLOWS: WM, FIVE FT. NINE, ONE SIXTYFIVE - ONE SEVNTYFIVE LBS., AGE APPROXIMATELY THIRTYSIX, BROWN EYES, HAIR DYED A REDDISH BLOND WITH EYEBROWS DARK BROWN AND NOT DYED, GREEN AND WHITE SHIRT, WHITE TENNIS SHOES, DARK TROUSERS."

"SECOND INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED BY DUHON WHO ALLEGEDLY OWNED FIFTYSEVEN CHEVROLET WAS: WM, TWENTYSIX, SIX FT. ONE, ONE EIGHTY  
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LBS., BROWN HAIR, SLENDER BUILD, ALLEGEDLY LIVED FIFTEENTH AVE., PANAMA CITY, FLA., POSSIBLY A MACHINIST."

"DUHON ADVISED INDIVIDUAL WHO RESEMBLED SUBJECT KNEW THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: ERNEST POWELL, EXTERMINATOR BUSINESS, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.; MANAGER OF THE REDMONT HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.; OWNER OF BARBECUE PIT, BIRMINGHAM, ALA."

"JACKSONVILLE AND BIRMINGHAM DIVS. CONDUCT IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION PANAMA CITY, FLA., AND BIRMINGHAM, ALA., TO VERIFY INFORMATION AND TO LOCATE SUSPECT TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT. P."

ARMED AND DANGEROUS."

MRS. BILL DUHON, FIFTEEN HUNDRED FOURTEENTH AVE., S., BIRMINGHAM, ADVISED TONIGHT HER HUSBAND HAS NOT RETURNED FROM MONTGOMERY, ALA.

MRS. EVELYN BELYEU, MANAGER OF REDMONT HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM, ADVISED OWNER OF HOTEL, CLIFF STILES, WAS IN PANAMA CITY, FLA., APRIL TWENTY LAST AND PRESENTLY ATTENDING CONVENTION OF HOTEL-MOTEL ASSOCIATION IN ATLANTA. NAME OF HOTEL UNKNOWN IN ATLANTA. STILES PROBABLY STAYING AT HOTEL WHERE CONVENTION BEING HELD.

ATLANTA LOCATE AND INTERVIEW STILES AND DISPLAY PHOTO OF SUBJECT TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO INDIVIDUAL ON FISHING BOAT  
END PAGE THREE

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"CHARLIE" AS INDICATED BY DUHON.

EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW OTHER INDIVIDUALS  
RESIDING IN BIRMINGHAM.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MOBILE.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO:Memphis)

Re Birmingham tel to Bureau, 4/13/68.

Enclosed for Birmingham and Memphis are two copies each of two photographs of EDWARD EULAN HILL, FBI #594073E, the subject of a Racial Matters investigation conducted by Birmingham and Atlanta in 1965. HILL was described as a racial fanatic and stated he was a demolitions expert and available for Klan use. He further stated he purchased a rifle scope in April, 1965.

HILL is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	
POB	Polk County, Georgia
Height	5'10 1/2"
Weight	182
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue

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taken from 174-149  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SA JACK T. BEVERSTEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/23/68

On 4/23/68, JULIA ROGAN, AAACon Auto Transport, Inc., 175 Peachtree Street, advised that they advertise for drivers to transport motor vehicles to various parts of the country. She stated she had been reading the newspapers concerning the murder of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING and had checked names of persons who had made application to drive automobiles for them without locating any name used by JAMES EARL RAY. Mrs. ROGAN again checked her list of drivers and was unable to locate the name of JAMES EARL RAY or any of his aliases. She stated no one resembling photograph of JAMES EARL RAY has applied in person at their office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SA JACK T. BEVERSTEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

The "Atlanta Constitution", on 3/29/68, advertised for a baker at 1999 Cheshire Bridge Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

On 4/23/68, SAM LAZAR, owner, Bagels, 1999 Cheshire Bridge Road, Atlanta, Georgia, advised SA JACK T. BEVERSTEIN no person resembling photographs of JAMES EARL RAY had applied for baker's position with him. LAZAR could furnish no information concerning RAY.

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Date: 4/22/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (91-NEW) (P)  
SUBJECT: ~~JAMES L. HOLT~~  
POTENTIAL BANK ROBBERY  
SUSPECT  
OO: ATLANTA

On 4/20/68 J. J. WHEELER, Route 4, Rome, Georgia, reported that he was advised by subject's sister-in-law, SYLVIA HOLT, that subject may be escapee from Missouri prison. He suggested may be identical with JAMES EARL RAY, Aka., ERIC STARVO GALT in MURKIN case.

J. W. JENNINGS, Jennings Funeral Home, Rome, advised that JAMES L. HOLT is a white male, DOB [REDACTED] 5'7", 150 pounds, dark brown hair, dark complexion, Social Security Number [REDACTED] and has been employed by him continuously as funeral attendant since 12/12/67. States subject was previously employed as Security Guard at Stone Mountain, Georgia State Park before coming to Rome and claims to have attended Missouri University.

WILLIAM S. TIERCE, Bill's Truck Stop, Rome, former Atlanta CI and former Assistant Chief of Police, Stone Mountain Police (Protect Identity) advised that HOLT had been employed as a guard.

2-St. Louis  
2-San Francisco  
2-San Diego  
2-Los Angeles  
2-Sacramento  
3-Atlanta (2-91-NEW)  
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Special Agent in Charge



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HOLT only worked two or three months and was not fingerprinted upon entering service. TIERCE advised that subject frequents his truck stop and his sister-in-law lives in a trailer next to the truck stop. Subject has indicated that he may be wanted in Missouri and claims that in past was questioned by FBI as Bank Robbery suspect in unnamed city in California.

Several weeks ago HOLT came to TIERCE's establishment carrying several guns and indiscriminately fired through roof of building. TIERCE described HOLT as being 5'4" - 5'5", appears to be about 26 years of age, 140 pounds.

HOLT has abandoned wife and presumably gone to Missouri. SYLVIA HOLT is now working in a local tavern and TIERCE believes she would not cooperate with police and would alert HOLT if HOLT is guilty.

For additional information, the entire security force at Stone Mountain, Georgia, was discharged about six months ago after \$16,000 robbery of week's park receipts. It appeared to have indications of having inside assistance. It was reportedly learned at that time that many of the security members had criminal arrest records. NCIC and Atlanta indices negative re HOLT.

LEADS:

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

Determine if subj listed as former escapee from Missouri State Prison.

SACRAMENTO, SAN DIEGO, SAN FRANCISCO, AND  
LOS ANGELES DIVISIONS.

Review indices to determine if subject wanted

AT 91-NEW

or was considered Bank Robbery suspect.

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Submitting FD-9 re subject and will consider interviewing SYLVIA HOLT if above investigation unproductive in establishing HOLT's status.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Atlanta

DATE: 4-22-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry D. Roseberry

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION  
FAYETTE COUNTY, GA.  
RACIAL MATTERS

On 4-19-68 Reverend EDWARD NELSON, Tyron, Ga., telephone 461-7985, appeared in this office furnished a copy of some notes he had typed and written re DEAN MATHIS and EARL STRATHER, residents of Fayette County. NELSON stated he wanted to furnish the information to the FBI on a confidential basis as he felt the FBI should be aware of these men as they are "racist".

He described STRATHER as a wealthy man who owns a construction company. He is a w/m, 35, flies a twin engine plane and travels a great deal. On occasion he has flown to British Honduras on business. MATHIS is a w/m, 34, who runs a Gulf service station in Peachtree City.

He stated he knows that STRATHER has killed a Negro for which he was acquitted by a jury. He feels that it is possible that both men could have had some connection with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, but he has no reason to suspect this other than they are both "racist".

The ~~typed~~ typed and written notes furnished by NELSON are attached.

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

Dean B. Mathis

1) April 15th., 1968, 11:30-45 P.M. (Tax Night) an unidentified man began a conversation about Eric Starvo Galt as if he were intrigued with the name and person of Dr. King's assassin. He spoke knowledgeably on the subject as if he were interested in the character, more than usual. He was involved in the search of Eric Starvo Galt, emotionally. As I recall, this unlearned man startled me with his native interest in the assassination of King. He seemed to be testing my reactions to his knowledge of King's assassin. I recall my shock after hearing his proper pronunciation of Eric Starvo Galt. He was so careful and clear and gentle in how he said the name. I was totally unprepared for this dialogue from this provincial southerner and segregationist. This man awoken my conscience that another human being was enthralled with the fictitious name of Dr. King's assassin. Mathis spoke so knowingly of the character and the originality of the name from literature. To be honest, I was overwhelmed with this man's native interest and self-style intelligence on Eric Starvo Galt. Since I realized that my conversationist was more informed on Eric Starvo Galt than I, the conversation changed into a new aspect of the events.

2) Mathis spoke of Martin Luther King, revengefully, as a great man, Nobel Peace Prize Winner, but grieved that so many respectful people had appreciated King beyond his own perception and ability to appreciate him. He could not comprehend the fact that King was given such a royal funeral. He was hostile toward disciples of King - and baffled at his international support.

In speaking of Dr. King, he was adamant in saying that King may have been non-violent in theory, but never had such violence and destruction followed any single man. He was vicious in criticism. He held King responsible for all violence, national upheaval, and social disorder. His illustration was several marches and his death. Mathis did not approve of King leading a March and then, leaving it to the mob.

He illustrated his hatred and hostility toward King. Once, Negroes in Moultrie, Georgia asked Dr. King to lead a civil rights demonstration. According to Mathis' version, King requested a fee of \$5,000.00 which negroes citizens attempted to raise, but failed. Negroes thought King's request was extravagant and lost respect for him. King did not go to Moultrie, so the Negroes were outraged and disenchanted with King. Mathis was very bitter with King here and at people who paid for civil disobedience, especially, King whom he accused as being Communist

3) Mathis made a statement, questioning the sincerity of the people in the funeral march from which I took the issue-up and rebutted him.

4) We argued the issue of racism, segregation, intergration, intermarriage, etc. I stood my ground and kept backing him in a defensive corner.

5) Mathis was intelligent for non-college, rural, service station man. He was outspoken segregationist. He wore blue service station clothing. He was average looking man, 165 lbs, 5'8", hair grown-out from crew cut and a little greasy looking and tired.

Thru an Racist

was at home on night of assassination  
1- Earl could have planned plot, and  
established personhood of Galt  
He has airplane and flies everywhere

2- Dean Mathis could have established  
the personhood of Galt.  
He has been in Fayette County  
only since December

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6) Somehow, I identified him in the conversation as running the Gulf Service Station in Peachtree City, Georgia and the cousin of personal friend. I understood him to say that he was Uncle of my friend which is true, but he indicated to me that his brother owned and operated the service station which is ~~false~~ *true. W. A. Mathis is owner. Dean Mathis simply operates the station.*

7) Mathis' excuse for late income tax preparation was drunkenness of Mr. McWilliams of Peachtree City. This was a joke since Attorney Thomas Jones was just completing mine, too. He seemed worried, tried, and restless - and often rambled his hands through a small box of papers.

8) Mathis asked me the Ayrian argument about intermarriage. I stated abruptly that "it was no one's business who married whom". Then, he pulled out the quotations from the Bible about "birds of feather" and "Ham in The Old Testament". I refuted these racist views, and he became very angry and hostile.

9) The Nephew of Dean Mathis talked to me two days later about my encounter with Mathis. My friend indicated that Mathis was not impressed with my liberal views - and especially - offended with my intermarriage views. It was suggested that I should have been more passive toward Mathis. My friend said that he wished that I had not said anything to Mathis about the subject. *Mathis was furious because Thom Jones had ever charged him an income tax.*

10) I discovered that Dean Mathis settled down in Peachtree City just before Christmas. He was living somewhere in Alabama, or mid-West. He was an old Navy man who had traveled extensively - a migrating character who had finally come back to Fayette County to settle down after boyish fng in the big world.

11) Mathis' parents are deceased. They were South Georgians. They died when Mathis was youth. He came to Fayetteville to live with J. C. Booth. He was star athlete for two years at Fayetteville High School. He had moments of high school glory, dated the most intelligent and beautiful girls of County. Then, it was over. He went into Navy and became a nobody. He married a girl on his own level and has negative, bitter attitudes, and generally, is hostile toward life in general. I believe that he is divorced from his wife.

*Edward B. Johnson*

(we met Bill Gideon at 6:55 P.M. at Bu. Bu. Bu.)

Earl - Bill Gideon said "Earl was all upset", they had called the last minute and said they couldn't come. Earl was quoted as "upset, calamity was at home, and could not come". Coy Jensen did not say.

Did Earl plot this assassination? He had airplane, money, mentality, imagination, pickin' up, few - concerned Fayette Methodist, and travels to establish Eric Salt. Earl goes to British Honduras in Latin America.

Radio broadcast were planned with state in announcing Dr. King's death.

Earl called Clyde on Sunday of National Mourning and asked Clyde Smith, pastor of Fayetteville Methodist Church not to mention King's death.

Dean Mather could have established the pleasant of Eric Salt.

Dean Mather & Earl Straughter could be of similar age - and Fayette County Clergymen and Leaders

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	Earl in Fla	St + Clyde in Fla	13	Fla		
	"	Fla + Earl	Confession 20	24 Earl at Gideon's		
				28 Earl's plane at		23 Bill Gideon Pgs - Earl Nelson
				4 St + B. M. Earl at home	Jonesboro	

April 1

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA RICHARD E. FUGATT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReMemo of SA JAMES J. ROSE, 4/17/68, Serial Number 627.

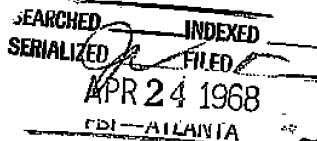
On 4/19/68, RALPH W. SMITH, 1226 Bywood Lane, Cab #9, Courtesy Cab Company, advised that at approximately 12:45PM, 4/15/68, he picked up a W/M, 30-35 years of age, wearing silky slacks, light blue shirt and a red silk jacket at 1669 South Gordon Street, S.W. He stated that the man advised him he wished to go to the Georgia Hotel on Luckie Street, but prior to getting there, the man requested to be let out near Spring and Walton Streets. SMITH stated that he had not picked up a fare from this residence before this. He stated that he saw the man leave the house when he arrived to pick him up.

On the same date, FRANK HERRING, Desk Clerk, Georgia Hotel, Luckie Street, advised that to his knowledge, there has not been anyone fitting the description of ERIC STARVO GALT register or enter the hotel.

On 4/23/68, ANN ROGERS, 1669 South Gordon St., S.W., advised that she resides at this address with her sister. She stated that they have lived here since Feb. 1968 and that there could possibly have been a gentleman leave the house by cab on 4/15/68. She stated that she is a bartender at the NCO Club, Fort Mac Pherson, and that she has used the services of the Courtesy Cab company on numerous occasions. She further advised that she is not familiar with anyone fitting the description of JAMES EARL RAY.

2-Atlanta

44-2386-1077



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



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Date: 4/22/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, ATLANTA  
 FROM: *[Signature]* SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

On 4/18/68, at 3:35 PM, MRS. A. L. BROOKS, 2817 Whitmore, telephone 332-5607, telephonically contacted the Fort Worth Resident Agency to furnish the following information:

On this date at about 2:30 PM, she observed a Ford Mustang, white in color, proceeding west on White Settlement Road, near the Trinity River in Fort Worth. This vehicle caught her attention because it matched the description of the vehicle involved in captioned case and it had out-of-state license plates and a two-way radio in it, as was evident from the call letters on the window and the antenna. She advised that she recalled a newspaper account which stated that possibly two white Mustangs with a two-way radio, were involved.

License number Georgia 76D337 (possibly 76B337)  
 Radio Operators Number KOM 9384

MRS. BROOKS advised that the vehicle was occupied by the driver and a white female whom she was unable to describe. She described the driver as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Hair	Light brown or dark blond
Build	Heavy, but not fat
Remarks	Wearing sport shirt and sunglasses

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Determine possessor of above described automobile and if identical with subject.

2-Atlanta  
 2-Memphis (44-1987)  
 Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M  
 Special Agent in Charge

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# Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-2386)

FROM : FRANK V. HITT, SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

In discussing case telephonically today with SAC JENSEN, Memphis, he mentioned receiving a copy of correspondence from Newark to the Bureau showing that a Canadian Postal Money Order No. C-31600868, had been purchased 7/28/67, at Montreal, Canada for \$17.50 and was signed ERIC GALT. This \$17.50 was paid to the Lock Institute in New York. Newark's correspondence to Bureau suggested Bureau may wish to check this item further.

## LEAD

Will check haul-away and drive-away firms to determine if subject might have employed this fashion to get away from City of Atlanta. Arrangements should also be effected with NATB, Atlanta, in order that the Atlanta Office will be notified on any Georgia thefts (cars) which are recovered elsewhere.

FVH:lcc  
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*NATB-lead handled re GA cars.  
recovered elsewhere  
leads re haul away handled re GA cars.  
1095-1073  
in file.*

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*Reynolds*