

4/25/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: ME

Re Richmond teletype to Memphis, 11:01 a.m.,  
4/10/68, a copy of which is enclosed for each receiving  
office.

No investigation is being requested to identify  
the unknown individual observed by Mr. WILLIAM HACKNEY  
on 4/5/68 aboard an Eastern Airline flight that departed  
Atlanta, Georgia, at 10:30 a.m.

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1-Atlanta (Enc. 1)  
1-Charlotte (Enc. 1)  
2-Memphis

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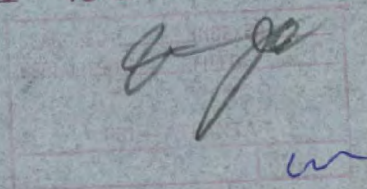
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Reg. Mail.....

Registered.....

44-2386-1371



## RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally 4/25/68 By Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Written Communication \_\_\_\_\_  
date date date

Information concerning:

*James Earl Ray*

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

*44-2386: Murkin*

*Harding memo to file dated 4/22/68*

Information furnished was obtained:

- ☒ during course of Bureau investigation  
☐ from informants  
☐ from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to:

*C.O.P. James Holt, Newton, Georgia*

Number of items disseminated: 1

Remarks:

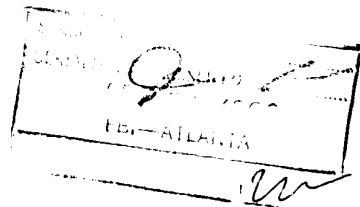
44-2386-1372

*Halbur H. Seitzer*

Special Agent

*1 - 66-1861*

*① - 44-2386*





FBI

Date: 4/26/68

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

To: SACs, Atlanta  
Birmingham  
Chicago  
Indianapolis  
Kansas City  
Los Angeles  
Memphis

✓ From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Bureau has received requests from receiving field divisions to circularize various business establishments either on a state wide or nation wide basis. The requests have not been specific as to what is to be accomplished but have been general in nature.

The suggestions already submitted, as well as any future such suggestions, should be fully evaluated by you as to nature of the circularization, what is expected to be accomplished, scope of the circularization, any disadvantages as weighed against advantages, costs, if any, involved and any other factors on which the Bureau can base an evaluation of the suggestions.

Subject armed and dangerous.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, 44-2386

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA NED A. MYERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo SAC, 4/19/68, by Complaint Clerk Roseberry.

On 4/25/68, MRS. LAMAR FRAZIER, was contacted at the Dairy Queen, Milledgeville, Ga., and advised that since contacting the Atlanta Office on 4/19/68, she has closely examined the recently released photographs of subject RAY, and has concluded the person she thought resembled him was not RAY. The man she saw bore the resemblance of RAY in the 1960 photograph, and had a reddish colored beard.

In view of the above, no further investigation being conducted on this lead.

2 - Atlanta (44-2386)

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*[Handwritten signature/initials over stamp]*



5010-108

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



April 25, 1968

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Re Atlanta teletype 12:38 p.m. 4/22/68.

The following investigation was conducted telephonically by SA DAN O. STEPHENS at Montgomery, Alabama, on 4/22/68:

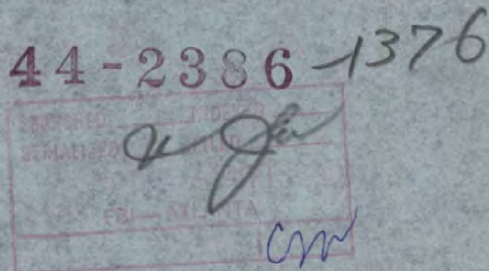
KATHLEEN DEININGER, Motor Vehicle Division, Ala. Dept. of Revenue, advised that 1968 license number 4-4163 was issued 11/4/67 to EDDIE JEAN GRIFFIN, Route 1, Box 191, Billingsley, Alabama, for a 1961 Ford, two door, VIN 1A32W174843. No duplicate license has been issued for this vehicle.

GERTRUDE KING, Driver's License Division, Alabama Department of Public Safety, advised that she was unable to locate a record identifiable with above individual.

H. H. CARR, Radio Operator, AST, advised that he was unable to locate stolen report for this car.

JAMES LOCKHART, Deputy Sheriff, Autauga County SO, Prattville, Alabama, advised that he resides in the Billingsley, Alabama, area and is familiar with most residents in that area. He stated that EDDIE JEAN GRIFFIN, Route 1, Billingsley, a Negro male, owns a 1961 Ford. He further advised that GRIFFIN is employed by Bushog, Manufacturing Company, Selma, Alabama and commutes to work there daily. He also advised that he knows of

2 - Memphis  
① - Atlanta (44-2386)  
1 - San Antonio (Info)  
2 - Mobile  
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no other person by that name in Billingsley area.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
ROBERT L. FRYE at Selma, Alabama on 4/23/68:

EDDIE JEAN GRIFFIN, Route 1, Billingsley, Alabama, advised that he owns a 1961 Ford, and produced a tag receipt indicating that 1968 Alabama license number 4-4163 was issued for his car. He further advised that this car was in his possession in Autauga County, Alabama, during 4/21/68, and, to his knowledge, it has never been in Texas.

BUDDY HOWORTH, Personnel Department, Bushog Mfg. Company, advised that his records reflect that GRIFFIN reported for work 7:00 a.m. on 4/22/68.

In view of fact that car reportedly seen in San Antonio late 4/21/68, is owned by a Negro male who stated he has not been in Texas, it would appear that the anonymous caller gave incorrect license number to San Antonio office. Accordingly, no further investigation is being made and no insert is being submitted concerning this incident UAC.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

F B I

Date: 4/16/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN

Re Tampa teletype to Director dated 4/15/68 and report of SA RICHARD K. HARPER dated 7/5/67 at Tampa entitled, "BERNARD CLINTON LWEIS, ET AL".

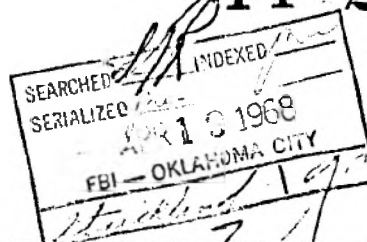
RE DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, FBI # [REDACTED]

On 4/16/68, [REDACTED] FBI # [REDACTED] furnished the following information to Special Agent RICHARD K. HARPER at the Tampa City Jail where he is presently incarcerated.

[REDACTED] advised that after thinking about the MARTIN LUTHER KING assassination he learned the following which he thought he should relate.

He advised the armed robbery of SHELBY JACKSON at Baton Rouge, Louisiana on June 5, 1966 about which [REDACTED] furnished information to SA RICHARD K. HARPER which is contained in referenced report. The following incident took place while travelling toward Memphis, Tennessee along with DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, and HERMIT EUGENE WING FBI # [REDACTED]

3-Bureau  
2-Birmingham  
2-Memphis  
②-Oklahoma City  
2-Tampa (157-3231)  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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TP 157-3231

██████████ advised that they were listening to the car radio and the news of the shooting of MEDGAR EYANS was broadcast and the three of them were trying to figure out a route to Memphis which would bypass possible road blocks. During the conversation which took place KNIGHT recalled SPARKS and WING discussing the fact that SPARKS had been offered a \$10,000. payment to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. They did not elaborate on this other than to indicate that when both were in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, some "agents" had come to interview SPARKS concerning this alleged offer and payment and that he had "run them off" meaning that he had refused to talk to the agents about the matter.

██████████ was quizzed thoroughly concerning this incident and advised that it was not discussed further, nor would SPARKS mention who had approached him with the offer.

██████████ stated that SPARKS is perfectly capable of committing a murder and is a known hater of Negroes. According to KNIGHT, SPARKS is not known to make jokes and it was believable to ██████████ that an actual offer was made to SPARKS by someone.

For the information of offices receiving, DONALD EUGENE SPARKS is presently incarcerated at Fort Payne, Alabama and has been incarcerated during the period of the MARTIN LUTHER KING murder which would definitely eliminate SPARKS as a suspect.

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Furthermore, Tampa is not in a position to elaborate this information and it is requested that:

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA & McALESTER, OKLAHOMA

Review files for any pertinent details regarding "agents" attempting to interview SPARKS concerning alleged offer to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

For the information of Oklahoma City, Tampa files reflect SPARKS incarcerated at McAlester, Oklahoma from 3/9/65 - 5/10/66 under penitentiary # [REDACTED]. Oklahoma should advise the Bureau, Memphis and Birmingham of any pertinent information in this regard.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA

May desire to interview DONALD EUGENE SPARKS concerning this matter upon receipt of background information from Oklahoma.



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Date: 4/24/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) -P-  
MURKIN  
OO MEMPHIS

Re Tampa airtel to Director 4/16/68; in case entitled "██████████, RACIAL INFORMANT, OO JACKSON" the following references: Jackson airtel to Oklahoma City 3/23/65, Oklahoma City airtel to Jackson 3/29/65; in case entitled "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER" the following references: Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/2/65, Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau 4/8/65, Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/8/65, Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/22/65, Phoenix airtel to Jackson 4/27/65, and Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau 5/17/65.

RE: DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, FBI # ██████████  
FORMER TOP TEN SUBJECT

Enclosed herewith for the information purposes to Jackson and Atlanta, is one copy of Tampa airtel to Director, 4/16/68, for background information.

Set forth hereafter is a recapitulation of investigation concerning DONALD EUGENE SPARKS (former Top Ten Fugitive) and his allegedly being offered money by the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi to murder Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in 1964.

Jackson Division by airtel to the Bureau 4/2/65 in case "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER"

- 3 Bureau
- ① Atlanta (Info)(Enc. 1)
- 2 Birmingham
- 1 Jackson (Info)(Enc. 1)
- 2 Memphis
- 1 Tampa (Info)(157-3231)
- 3 Oklahoma City (2-44-686)  
(1-170-5)

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*He. J. J.*

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

forwarded to the Bureau an original and 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum showing information received from [REDACTED], a detective of the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department, considered by Jackson a reliable individual who is acquainted with members or former members of the WKKKKOM. [REDACTED], in reporting this information that was overheard as general rumor among Klansmen and he did not know the source, was doubtful of its truthfulness.

The information in substance was that on 3/17/65, [REDACTED] advised that he had received unverified information that in 1964, the original Knights of the KKK of Mississippi had hired a "killer" from the State of Oklahoma to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. when KING was in Jackson, Mississippi. This "killer" was known as "TWO JUMPS" and came to Jackson, Mississippi to "case" the layout and while in Jackson, stayed at the Terrymore Motel. He was to use a high-powered rifle with telescopic sights. This deal allegedly fell through when the Klansmen could not raise the \$13,000 demanded by "TWO JUMPS."

[REDACTED] also reported "TWO JUMPS" was allegedly also the killer of a Bureau Top Ten fugitive later identified as JOHN GIBSON DILLON. "TWO JUMPS" allegedly killed DILLON at the Flamingo Motel in Jackson, Mississippi and thereafter transported the body to Oklahoma or Kansas where it was dumped in an old well.

The Oklahoma City Division by airtel of 4/8/65, advised Bureau and Jackson Division that complete background in the case involving Top Ten Fugitive JOHN GIBSON DILLON did not substantiate that DILLON was killed in Mississippi. From facts available to Oklahoma City, it was doubtful in fact if DILLON was killed in Mississippi.

The Jackson Division on 4/2/65 interviewed [REDACTED] described by Jackson as a notorious confidence man and gambler who had at that time been under development as an informant of the Jackson Division for some two months.



[redacted] was asked if he knew an individual named DONALD SPARKS or GENE SPARKS to which he promptly replied, "Who, TWO JUMPS?" He was thereafter shown a photograph of DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department Number 38224 dated September 7, 1963. [redacted] promptly identified this photograph of SPARKS as being identical to the person he has known for many years as "TWO JUMPS." [redacted] went on to relate that SPARKS got the nickname of "TWO JUMPS" from his ability as a cowboy and according to [redacted] SPARKS was an excellent "broncho buster" and could ride almost any horse. [redacted] considered SPARKS to be an extremely hard and tough individual who would not hesitate to kill anyone. Extensive investigation was conducted in several field offices to concretely identify "TWO JUMPS" and from the identification of [redacted] [redacted], Jackson, Mississippi, it was felt that DONALD EUGENE SPARKS was identical to "TWO JUMPS."

Investigation by the Jackson Division at the Terrymore Motel in Jackson failed to disclose any registration that could be identified as being that of SPARKS. In addition to the above identification of SPARKS as "TWO JUMPS", [redacted] [redacted] was interviewed at Phoenix on 1/26/65. This informant advised he knew DONALD EUGENE SPARKS and was well aware that SPARKS' nickname is "TWO JUMPS."

Based on this identification on 5/14/65, an attempt was made to interview DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, Inmate Number 71755, at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Following his being advised of his rights, SPARKS stated at the outset he would not furnish any information. He did deny being contacted by anyone at any time to commit a murder and said he did not kill anyone for money or any other reason. He denied ever being hired by anyone in the South and specifically in Mississippi to commit any murder. He denied knowing anyone connected with the Ku Klux Klan.

SPARKS at this time stated he had never cooperated with any police officers and did not intend to start doing so now. He said he had been contacted by numerous officers and would appreciate it if police officers would not bother him again since they wasted his time, as he was working in the plumbing shop in the Penitentiary and could not be away from his job. SPARKS terminated the interview by getting up and leaving the room.

By airtel to the Bureau dated 5/17/65, in case "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER", the Bureau was advised of the attempted interview with SPARKS. Additionally, 9 copies of an FD 302 dated 5/17/65, was furnished to the Jackson Division. This showed the interview with SPARKS. At that time, it was the considered opinion of Agents that had worked cases involving SPARKS, his associates, and Agents who handled the former case involving former Top Ten Fugitive JOHN GIBSON DILLON, that information that SPARKS was hired to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and that he did kill DILLON was not accurate nor truthful information. It was pointed out that following DILLON's murder there was a massive amount of rumor, speculation and hearsay information circulated among the criminal element concerning the death of DILLON. It was this hearsay information that was probably being reported by Jackson's informant in all honesty.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that [REDACTED] is the subject of a current pending file, Oklahoma City 92-588, Bureau file 92-9329. He is an Oklahoma ex-convict, Burglar, Armed Robber, who travels extensively throughout the United States. He was last interviewed by Bureau Agents, 3/5/68, where he was living at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He was at that time employed at Jeanie's Lounge in Bartlesville.

LEADS

ATLANTA, JACKSON AND TAMPA DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Information copies of this communication are being furnished to Divisions above in the event additional inquiry appears necessary.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

At Fort Payne, Alabama

Although DONALD EUGENE SPARKS is notorious for his failure to cooperate with police officers, it is suggested an attempt be made to interview him concerning his using the name "TWO JUMPS" and being offered money by the Ku Klux Klan of



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Mississippi in 1964 to murder Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. An attempt should be made in the interview with SPARKS to determine if he is at all familiar with JAMES EARL RAY, present fugitive being sought for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and exhibit photograph of RAY to him.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4/25/68

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

RE SANFRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU DATED APRIL TWENTY THREE  
LAST AND SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD, ILL., OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OF HARVEY  
EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A,  
FROM RECORDS OF MENARD PRISON AND FORWARD SAME TO ATLANTA,  
TO BE DISPLAYED TO CURTIS AT DALTON, GA.

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS,  
LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS AND SAN DIEGO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END.

- 1 - Atlanta (AM)
- 1 - Birmingham (AM)
- 1 - Chicago (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (AM)
- 1 - St. Louis (AM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (AM)
- 1 - Las Vegas (AM)
- 1 - San Diego (AM)
- 1 - Memphis

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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-  
RE: MURKIN  
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Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

- 1 - Each Continental Office  
2 - Memphis

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44-2386-1380

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Approved: RG Jensen Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

AT 44-2386

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On April 12, 1968, SA CHARLES F. ROESENER contacted all of the hotel and motel proprietors listed on pages 513 and 514 of the Southern Bell Telephone Yellow Pages Directory for 1967. Each of the individuals contacted was requested to check the register of the respective hotel or motel from April 5 through April 12, 1968 to determine if any of the following names appeared on the registers:

LEONARD GAULT

ERIC STARVO GALT

HARVEY LOWMEYER

JOHN WILLARD

The results of the above investigation failed to reveal any information relative to the subject's registration at any of the above motels or hotels.

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AT 44-2386

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The following investigation was conducted on April 22, 1968 at 57 Lombardy Way, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia:

Mr. J. A. STANISLAUS advised that he was not acquainted with Mr. ROBERT DAY, an individual alleged to be living in his building, but when shown a picture of ERIC STARVO GALT, advised that no individual residing at 57 Lombardy Way even closely resembled the photograph.

Mr. GARY E. DASH, Apartment 2, advised that he had resided at 57 Lombardy Way for approximately one year and was not familiar with any resident whose likeness was at all comparable to the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT.

Mr. JAMES H. BEVERLY, Apartment 10, stated that he was acquainted with most everyone in the building, though not by name, and he advised that he was certain that there was no individual residing at 57 Lombardy Way who bore any likeness to the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT.

44-2386-1382

*E. J. [unclear]*  
*Rosen [unclear]*



AT 44-2386

CFR/hjm

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The following investigation was conducted at  
Atlanta, Georgia on April 19, 1968:

Mrs. LORRAINE TAYLOR, C and L Cafe, 282 Ponce de Leon Avenue, advised on April 19, 1968 that she was not acquainted with any customer named POPENELLI, and after observing the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, commented that she was reasonably certain that no man of that general description or likeness had been in her cafe. She stated that for approximately a three week period of time, an individual vaguely resembling the photograph had come into the cafe in afternoons about 4:00 p.m. for supper and she advised that this individual had ceased to come into the cafe for approximately two weeks. She advised that the man she was referring to was approximately 5 feet 5 inches tall and appeared to be Greek in that he had a dark olive complexion and ~~co~~ black hair.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

*Rosenberg*

AT 44-2386

CFR/hjm

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The following investigation was conducted at Atlanta, Georgia on April 22, 1968:

Mrs. ROY BROOKS, resident manager, 815 through 817 Ponce de Leon Avenue, advised that she was acquainted with all the tenants in her building and after looking at a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, advised that she was certain that no tenant even remotely resembled the likeness in the photograph. She stated the individuals residing at 815-817 Ponce de Leon, are older people who had been in the building for five to twenty years and that she has not presently got any vacancies nor has she had any in the last many years within her building.

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211PM URGENT 4-27-68 KOB

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS,  
LOS ANGELES, AND SAN ANTONIO  
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN; CR.

RE HOUSTON TEL. APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST.

RE LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN.

HOUSTON CHRONICLE REPORTER ON APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST  
ACCOMPANIED LOMAX AND STEIN ON AUTO TRIP FROM HOUSTON TO  
SAN ANTONIO ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE TELEPHONE BOOTH ALLEGEDLY  
USED BY RAY. TELEPHONE BOOTH NOT LOCATED.

CHRONICLE REPORTER, DON MICHAELS, ADVISED THAT HE LEFT  
LOMAX AND STEIN IN SAN ANTONIO AT FOUR THIRTY PM, APRIL  
TWENTY SIX, LAST. STATED LOMAX AND STEIN RENTED AUTOMOBILE  
FROM SAN ANTONIO AVIS CAR RENTAL, COWTOWN OFFICE, AND  
INDICATED THEY INTENDED TO SEARCH FOR TELEPHONE BOOTH WEST  
OF SAN ANTONIO. MICHAELS ADVISED IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT  
STEIN WAS TAKING LOMAX "FOR A RIDE" AND BOTH APPEARED TO BE  
COMPLETELY LOST AS FAR AS LOCATION OF TELEPHONE BOOTH.  
MICHAELS ALSO STATED THAT STEIN HAD INDICATED THAT HE HAD  
SLEPT MOST OF THE TRIP FROM CALIFORNIA TO NEW ORLEANS WITH RAY.  
ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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MRB

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA.  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

RE OKLAHOMA CITY AIRTEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST.

BUREAU AGENTS ATTEMPTED TO INTERVIEW DONALD EUGENE SPARKS,  
FBI NUMBER SEVEN ONE SIX EIGHTEEN A, FORMER TOP TEN SUBJECT,  
AT DE KALB COUNTY JAIL, FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA, THIS DATE. SPARKS  
REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED OR TO DISCUSS ANYTHING WITH AGENTS AND  
WAS EXTREMELY UNCOOPERATIVE.

AIR MAIL COPIES JACKSON, TAMPA, OKLAHOMA CITY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ATLANTA

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FBI MEMPHIS

612PM URGENT 4/27/68 CAF

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN. CR.

NO PERTINENT INVESTIGATION TO REPORT THIS DATE. MATERIAL  
RECEIVED FROM OTHER OFFICES IS BEING REVIEWED AND ANALYSED  
SO THAT APPROPRIATE LEADS AND ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CAN  
BE CONDUCTED. P.

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ARK

FBI ATLANTA

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FBI ATLANTA

FBI-COLUMBIA

630AM URGENT 4-27-68 WIA  
TO ATLANTA  
FROM COLUMBIA (44-299)

MURKIN

DR. WILLIAM HUTTO, ONE EIGHT ONE NINE MARION ST.,  
COLUMBIA, S. C., ADVISED HE OBSERVED AT EIGHT FORTYFIVE AM  
TODAY ON INTERSTATE TWENTYSIX A GRAY VOLKSWAGEN, TWO DOOR,  
BEARING SIXTYEIGHT GA. LICENSE [REDACTED]  
TRAVELING AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED TOWARD COLUMBIA. DR. HUTTO  
COULD ONLY SEE PROFILE OF DRIVER AND IS OF OPINION NONE  
PERSON IN CAR RESEMBLES SUBJECT.

HANDLE.

AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

END

WRB

FBI ATLANTA

*Above and results of SA Shear's  
enquiry included in  
teletype summary for 4/27/68*

44-2386-1388 *True*

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*See Jones - Tug Dept  
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FBI ATLANTA

1040 PM URGENT 4-27-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND COLUMBIA

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 2P

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT:

DR. WILLIAM HUTTO, ONE EIGHT ONE NINE MARION ST., COLUMBIA, S. C. ADVISED HE OBSERVED AT EIGHT FORTYFIVE AM APRIL TWENTYSEVEN ON INTERSTATE TWENTYSIX A GRAY VOLKSWAGEN, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT GA. LICENSE [REDACTED] TRAVELING AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED TOWARD COLUMBIA. DR. HUTTO COULD ONLY SEE PROFILE OF DRIVER AND IS OF OPINION LONE PERSON IN CAR RESEMBLED SUBJECT.

ABOVE LICENSE ISSUED TO CHARLES WORTZ, TWO ZERO ONE SIX OLIVE SPRINGS ROAD, APARTMENT B ONE, MARIETTA, GEORGIA. NO STOLEN REPORT ON AUTO AND MANAGER OF APARTMENT COMPLEX DESCRIBES WORTZ AS YOUNG, DEPENDABLE, SUBSTANTIALLY EMPLOYED BY LOCKHEED MARIETTA COMPANY AND RESIDENT OF APARTMENT B ONE SINCE MARCH SIXTYSEVEN. WELL LIKED BY NEIGHBORS AND ACTIVE IN LOCAL CIVIC CLUB. FURTHER DESCRIBES WORTZ AS WHITE, SIX FOOT, WEARS LONG HEAVY BUSHY BEARD AND HAS SANDY HAIR. NEVER KNOWN TO BE INVOLVED IN TROUBLE. SINGLE AND KNOWN TO PRESENTLY BE ON VACATION SOMEPLACE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

CONTACT OF INDIVIDUALS ADVERTISING AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE  
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AT 44-2386

THROUGH NEWSPAPERS CONTINUING AND NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHECK OF PASSENGERS ON FOREIGN BOUND AIRLINES LEAVING  
ATLANTA APRIL FIVE CONTINUING.

CONTACTS WITH RACIAL INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE ANY INDICATION  
OF ALLEGED BOUNTY PLACED ON THE LIFE OF KING CONTINUING.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI-COLUMBIA

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/28/68

FROM : SPC LAWTON W. GREENE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The writer was telephonically contacted at 12:10AM this date by Henry Crouch, dispatcher WEST FAIR CAB CO, 651 W. Fair St, Atlanta, phone 521 - 1515.

Crouch stated one of his drivers, RAYMOND PYE, picked up a man at the Biltmore Hotel at 11:20PM, 4/27/68. Stated person wanted Crouch to take him to Chattanooga, Tenn. Crouch stated Pye did not know fair to Chattanooga, and ask a driver with Buffalo Cab Co. how much he charged.

Buffalo Cab driver observed Pye passenger and radioed his dispatcher and told him to contact West Fair Cab dispatcher and tell him to advise Pye not to carry man to Chattanooga untill someone could check him out, as his passenger bore a striking resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY.

Crouch stated he radioed Pye and told him to come by the office and check out before taking passenger to Chattanooga, but Pye refused.

Supvr. Harding advised 12:15AM.

SA Henry, Dalton RA advised 12:20AM, AND stated would have lookout placed for cab.

ADDENDUM: Taxi described ~~xx~~ by Crouch as: 1961 Chevrolet, Black in color with white dome light. Cab # 116, with his( Henry Crouchs name on it.

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*Henry Stalled Out I-75  
for 3 Hrs, but never saw  
cab -*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4-28-68

FROM : SPC ALVIN R. KNOWLES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 9:00 PM this date, writer was telephonically contacted by an anonymous male caller who stated that the FBI should have a look-out on the 12th. and Crescent streets between 5:00 PM and 5:30 PM, every afternoon. Caller stated subject resembles RAY and subject wears dark glasses when purchasing a newspaper. Caller stated subject always purchase two ~~xx~~ papers daily. Caller then terminated the call.

Above for info.

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FBI-HOUSTON

519PM URGENT 4-28-68 EVB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS,  
NEW ORLEANS, LOS ANGELES, AND SAN ANTONIO  
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN

RE HO TELS APRIL TWENTY-FIVE, TWENTY-SIX AND TWENTY-SEVEN  
LAST.

RE LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN

HUGH AINSWORTH OF NEWSWEEK CONTACTED TELEPHONE CO., HOUSTON,  
TEXAS AND ADVISED LOMAX AND STEIN HAD IDENTIFIED A COIN TELEPHONE  
LOCATED AT ENCO SERVICE STATION, ROUTE NINETY, UVALDE, TEXAS  
AS ONE ALLEGEDLY USED BY RAY TO MAKE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS  
BETWEEN HOURS OF SIX PM AND NINE PM TWELVE SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN.  
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THIS PHONE IS BR EIGHT NINE ZERO FOUR EIGHT.  
AINSWORTH REQUESTED TOLL CALLS FROM THIS PHONE BE CHECKED TO  
DETERMINE IF ANY CALLS MADE TO NEW ORLEANS TWELVE SIXTEEN  
SIXTYSEVEN AND HE BE ADVISED. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AT TELEPHONE  
CO. HAS ADVISED THIS OFFICE NO CALLS MADE TO NEW ORLEANS FROM  
THIS PHONE DURING ENTIRE MONTH OF DEC. SIXTYSEVEN. DURING  
HOURS SIX PM TO NINE PM TWELVE SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN ONLY ONE  
INTERSTATE CALL MADE FROM THIS PHONE WHICH WAS MADE BY A  
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*Lead handling advised  
4-28-68 [Signature]*

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PERSON IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS BEN GOMEZ  
TO THE RESIDENCE OF GUADALUPE MATA(PH) IN CALIFORNIA, PHONE  
FOUR ZERO EIGHT DASH EIGHT FOUR TWO DASH TWO ZERO ONE FOUR.  
OTHER EIGHT CALLS DURING THIS PERIOD WERE TEXAS CALL WHICH  
WERE OBTAINED FROM TELEPHONE CO. AND WILL BE CHECKED OUT.  
LOS ANGELES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK OUT THIS TELEPHONE  
NUMBER.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SA CHARLES PAUL ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: ATLANTA)

DATE: 4/26/68

On 4/25/68, a review was conducted of ledger book maintained by JIMMIE DELTON GARNER concerning his rental of rooms at 107 and 113 14th Streets. It was noted that BILL FAULKNER was a resident of GARNER's roominghouse, paying rent from 2/20/67 until 3/27/67. The notation "WILLIAM G. FAULKNER, P. O. Box 15, Midland City, Alabama," identified as his father, appears in this ledger.

A separate entry for 1968, made by GARNER, reflects that BILLY FAULKNER occupied Room 8, 107 14th Street, Atlanta, Georgia. Residency began on 1/22/68, until the period approximately 2/12/68. Rentals paid reflect \$15.50 on 1/22/68, and \$15.50 on 1/29/68, with a \$.50 key deposit. GARNER explained that the \$.50 key deposit would indicate he was rented a room in the building located at 107 14th Street. The same ledger sheet indicates that FAULKNER returned and rented a room on 4/2/68, and made a \$1.00 deposit for keys, and GARNER stated this would indicate he lived in the 113 14th Street Building.

A further review of the ledger maintained by GARNER for 1968 reflects that WILLIAM EARNEST HARPER, 704 Benning Drive, Columbus, Georgia, was assigned to Room 8, 107 14th Street, on 1/22/68, paying \$15.50. He subsequently paid \$10.50 and \$23.40 for this residence through the period 2/19/68, or possibly 2/26/68.

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Will contact WILLIAM EARNEST HARPER, 704 Benning Drive, Columbus, Ga., and interview concerning identity and all information possible re BILLY FAULKNER.

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA ROBERT L. MC FALL

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Remymemo dated 4/19/68.

On 4/24/68, Mrs. GEORGE B. WHITEHEAD, 509 Summit Drive, Decatur, Georgia, was contacted and shown the wanted flyer of JAMES EARL RAY. She identified the 1968 photo of GALT as the man she saw at the Star Motel on 4/9/68, however, she could not identify the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

In view of the above, TOM RAINES, Star Motel, Package Store, was also contacted and shown the photographs. He stated that the picture of JAMES EARL RAY alias ERIC STARVO GALT looked a little like a man who was there on 4/9/68 but that this man weighed about 240 pounds and was 6' or 6' 1" tall. He further stated that this man was accompanied by another man approximately 6' 1" or 6' 2" with dark hair cut close, weighed 150 to 160 pounds. They had mentioned to him that they had gone around Memphis on the day of King's assassination and were going to work on the pipe line being laid near Conyers, Georgia. He advised one man was JIM HAGGARD and that the other man's name was COUCH but he didn't remember which was which.

A review of motel records was negative on known aliases of RAY.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA HILBERT ARPS

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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HAL SUIT, Station WSB, Atlanta, telephoned SA THOMAS MITCHELL on 4/27/68 and stated their station had received a telephone call from JAMES ARTHUR KELLEY, who claimed a man had told him he had killed MARTIN LUTHER KING. KELLEY was at Jimmy's Package Store, 68 Georgia Ave., Atlanta.

JAMES ARTHUR KELLEY was contacted by SA HILBERT ARPS at Jimmy's Package Store, 68 Georgia Ave., Atlanta on 4-27-68. KELLEY was weaving considerably because of obviously having been drinking but was able to maintain his balance.

KELLEY stated he and a friend, JOSEPH O'SHIELDS, had been drinking a quart of wine. While standing outside of Jimmy's Package Store, O'SHIELDS made a comment during their conversation that he, O'SHIELDS, had killed MARTIN LUTHER KING and had done this to collect the million dollars. He was not sure if O'SHIELDS really meant this, however, he telephoned WSB to report it. O'KELLEY was shown the Identification Order of JAMES EARL RAY but said there was no resemblance between RAY and O'SHIELDS. O'KELLEY said he lives with his mother, BERTIE MC LSKEY, at 658 Hight St., SW, Atlanta and works as an expressway worker for the City of Atlanta at 510 Northside Dr., Atlanta.

Mr. R.H. CAVIN, clerk, Jimmy's Package Store, 68 Georgia Ave., Atlanta, stated to SA ARPS on 4-27-68 he knows both ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ KELLEY and O'SHIELDS. KELLEY has been around for 3 to 4 years and has worked for the store in the past. KELLEY has a drinking problem but probably meant well in telephoning WSB. O'SHIELDS has been around for 2 to 3 years and is definitely a wino. He did not hear the conversation between KELLEY and O'SHIELDS, however, he would discount anything O'SHIELDS said while drinking. CAVIN was shown a copy of the Identification Order of JAMES EARL RAY and said this did not resemble O'SHIELDS.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SA THOMAS R. HENRY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/26/68

Re memorandum from SA CHARLES S. HARDING dated 4/22/68, Serial 945.

On 4/22/68, Mr. PARKS WHITEHEAD, Chief Ticket Agent, Delta Airlines, advised after a check of passenger manifests for 4/5 and 6/68, that the following individuals boarded Delta flight 106 at Atlanta bound for either London, England, or Frankfurt, Germany. He stated this flight originated in New Orleans, Louisiana, and stopped over at Dulles International Airport in Virginia and at Dulles, Pan American crew would take over for the flight to Europe with no other stops in the United States:

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Mrs. ROBERT OPPENLANDER, Atlanta phone 233-8597, who flew to London, England, 4/5/68. It was determined Mrs. OPPENLANDER is the wife of a Delta Airlines Vice-President and her flight to London was verified;

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Mrs. J. CHANCE, South Pittsburgh, Tennessee, Chattanooga, Tenn. phone 837-7207, flight to London, England, 4/5/68;

*Virginia*  
A lead has been set forth for the Knoxville Office to verify Mrs. CHANCE's flight.

*verified \**  
(FNU) SEBRING, Atlanta phone 522-1300, Extension 8131 (business) and Atlanta phone 351-1685 (home). Mr. SEBRING's flight to London, England, on 4/5/68, was verified by his Secretary in Atlanta, Georgia, BARBARA BATES;

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*Chkd \**  
Mrs. D. B. SCARBOROUGH, Macon phone 745-9411, Extension 231 (business) and phone 743-1885 (home). Mrs. SCARBOROUGH's flight to London, England, was verified by a fellow employee, Mrs. E. RAY, bookkeeper, Urban Renewal Office, City Hall, Macon, Georgia;

*WFO done\*  
T2Q 4/30/68*  
J. C. VAUGHN, who listed Dulles or Washington, D. C. phone FL 4-6411 (home) and phone 628-5804 (business); flight to London, England, 4/5/68;

It is to be noted a lead was sent to WFO to verify this flight and eliminate VAUGHN.

There were no passengers for Frankfurt, Germany, on Delta flight 106, 4/5/68.

*done\**  
Mrs. CHARLOTTE CLARK, Clarkston, Georgia, phone 443-6758 (home); Mrs. CLARK's flight at London, England, 4/6/68, was verified by her mother, Mrs. STUBBLEFIELD;

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let Rich.*  
A. BURNE, no further identifying data, who listed a flight to London, England, 4/6/68;

A lead has been sent to the Richmond Division to check Customs, Dulles Airport, and establish back-ground with regard to BURNE.

*Lead for  
WFO  
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NORMA PERRY, phone 462-2382. It is to be noted it is not known if this is a Georgia phone number. It is not an Atlanta, Georgia, phone number. Contact with the Southern Bell Information Office in Atlanta reflects that if the area code is 404, the location would be Rising Fawn, Georgia, and if the area code is 912, the location would be Nahunta, Georgia. Attempts to locate anyone by the name of NORMA PERRY through dialing this number in both Rising Fawn and Nahunta, Georgia, has been negative. At no time has anyone answered this phone; however, checks with local operators those locations reflect they have no listing of PERRY in those locales.



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A lead has been set forth for Richmond at Dulles to obtain further information with regard to NORMA PERRY through Customs Officials.

\* Mrs. S. D. BROADBEAR, Atlanta phone 633-2167 (home). Mrs. BROADBEAR's flight to London, England, on 4/6/68, has been verified through neighbors who reside near her home at 1074 North James Town Road, Atlanta;

\* JOSEPH L. COLLINS, Atlanta phone 523-8475 (business) and/or phone CE 7-3536 (home). Mr. COLLINS' flight on 4/6/68, to London, England, was verified by his secretary at above business phone, Miss LUANNE KELLER;

\* Mr. and Mrs. B. L. ALBRITTON, Atlanta, Georgia, phone 344-7663 (home). Mr. and Mrs. ALBRITTON's flight to London, England, on 4/6/68, was verified through personal contact with Mr. ALBRITTON, since both parties have now returned.

\* Mrs. SARAH PARKER, c/o Mrs. H. R. MOBLEY, Savannah phone 354-5065 (home). Mrs. PARKER's flight on 4/6/68, to Frankfurt, Germany, was verified by her son-in-law, Mr. R. A. MOBLEY;

\* Mr. AXEL SCHUSCHKE, Atlanta phone 938-0825. Mr. SCHUSCHKE's flight on 4/6/68, to Frankfurt, Germany, was verified through contact with his sister, Mrs. HELGA LUNDY, at above Atlanta phone.

\* Mr. WALDROP, Atlanta phone 633-0847, business, home phone Manchester 846-9754. Mr. WALDROP's flight to Frankfurt, Germany, 4/6/68, was verified through telephonic contact with his wife, MARY HELEN WALDROP at Manchester, Georgia.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA THOMAS R. HENRY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 4/17/68, Mr. LEONARD DAVIS, 347 Mitchell St., Atlanta, Georgia, advised that on approximately 3/29/68, he was looking for a building to rent on Pulliam Street, saw a man standing by a sign, which indicated rental space, and asked him if he knew of any rental property. This man, who gave DAVIS his card, was identified as HORACE MONROE WALTON of 1319 Sagewood Circle, Stone Mountain, Georgia, telephone 443-6158. He indicated he knew of no rental property and then engaged DAVIS in general conversation. During the conversation which eventually got around to Dr. KING, WALTON indicated that "if you're looking for trouble, you'll eventually get it." In WALTON's opinion, KING had been a trouble maker and was looking for trouble and indicated he had put his tail between his legs and run when he was in Memphis the last time.

It has been determined from a check of the City Directory and from contact with WALTON's business associate in the shoe business in Atlanta that WALTON is a man in his middle 70's, weighing close to 300 lbs. All efforts to contact him to date through his home have been negative. If it is desired by the #3 Supervisor that this lead be pursued any further, it is requested this lead be assigned to a Headquarters City Agent.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SA THOMAS R. HENRY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/26/68

Re memorandum from SA CHARLES S. HARDING dated 4/22/68, Serial 923.

All issues of the "Atlanta Journal" and the "Atlanta Constitution" from the date of 3/23/68 through 4/6/68, were reviewed in the want ad section. All automobiles appearing in the ads which were being advertised by the owner personally and different from used car lot advertisements were recorded during the above period and telephonically contacted by Atlanta Agents. This list of individuals was in excess of 700 persons and to date no hits have been recorded. Most of the individuals contacted all advised they had seen the picture of RAY in the newspapers and on TV and those who had sold their cars, which comprised no more than one-fourth of this group, advised that they either personally knew the individual to whom they sold their car, had sold it to a used car lot, or that the individual to whom they did sell, definitely did not look like RAY. Agents are still in the process of telephonically contacting these individuals; however, there is not over 100 persons left to be contacted, and this will be completed this date.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA THOMAS R. HENRY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: Unknown Subject Dressed as Air Force Enlisted Man

Re memorandum from SA JAMES J. ROSE dated 4/18/68,  
Serial 669.

On 4/19/68, Mrs. CALVIN ZONGKER, 3231 Howell Drive, Smyrna, Georgia, advised she could furnish no additional background information concerning the unknown individual who first appeared at the First Baptist Church of Atlanta during Sunday services, 4/14/68, and was there again for evening services that night. She stated this individual definitely was not over 25 years of age, was at least 6'2" tall, and weighed, in her opinion, in excess of 200 lbs. She stated that her husband is 6' tall and weighs 190 lbs., and she is certain this individual is a little taller and considerably heavier. She stated this individual claimed he had come in from Arlington, Virginia, was en route to Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala., and either indicated he was related to former President WOODROW WILSON or that he was named after former President WOODROW WILSON. At one time, he also indicated he was going to Birmingham, Alabama, while talking to a young peoples group at the Church that evening. She stated this man had closs set eyes, a thick neck, and rounded shoulders, and after personally viewing the photograph of RAY, she was of the opinion that the man she saw was too young and weighed too much.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SA THOMAS R. HENRY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/26/68

Re memo from SA JOHN M. PALFI dated 4/18/68,  
Serial 675.

On 4/19/68, Mrs. JEAN DEVANE was interviewed at her place of employment, R. C. Allen Business Machines, Spring Street, Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. DEVANE stated that on 4/17/68, while eating lunch in the Varsity Restaurant, Atlanta, a man walked by in front of her who, in her opinion, closely resembled the TV pictures she saw that evening of ERIC STARVO GALT. She stated, however, this man could not have been over 25 years of age, was very clean cut; however, his hair appeared to be dark brown or almost black and was growing out from a crewcut. She stated she has never seen this man before or since, and she had no idea where he might now be.

On 4/19/68, Mr. DWIGHT GUINN, who is in charge of all curb boys, and FRANK GORDY, owner, Varsity Restaurant, advised after a conference with all employees that none had come forward and indicated they had ever seen anyone resembling JAMES EARL RAY at the Varsity. All have been alerted and should anyone fitting that description and closely resembling RAY appear at the Varsity, the curb boys will discreetly determine to obtain tag number of car and furnish to the FBI.

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