

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-2386)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA ROBERT R. PERKY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following Car rental agencies were contacted 4/23/68 concerning cars rented from Mar 24-through April 6/68; Photo of RAY displayed; and inquiry made of any cars not accounted for:

Hertz, 202 Courtland St, NE; Sherry Cunningham

Avis, 143 Courfland St., NE; George Van Doan

Budget Rent A Car, Dinkler Plaza Hotel; Ted Bill

National Car Rental, Luckie Street; Becky Drum

Rich's Rent A Car, Forsyth Street; Denver Hoots, Jim Brumbelow
(also checked Lenox Rentals)

Avis; 3190 Peachtree Road; NE; C.W.Folsom

Hertz, 3387 Peachtree Road(Standard Station); Jim Pressley

Americar Rental, 3256 Peachtree (Amoco Station) Jerry Bigby

National Car Rental, 3411 Peachtree Road, NE(American Station) J C. Ga

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA RICHARD E. FUGATT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Psychiatrists in vicinity of 14th and
Peachtree, N.E.

The following Psychiatric clinics and offices
were contacted by SA's RICHARD E. FUGATT and HUGH
ROBINSON, Jr., on 4/23/68 with negative results re
ERIC STARVO GALT, aka,:

BERNARD M. STEINAU, M.D., Koff-Steinau Clinic,
136 11th Street;

ALDEAN FLETCHER, Business Office, Northside
Manor Hospital, 811 Juniper, N.E.;

EDITH TANGUAY, Peachtree Hospital, 41
Peachtree Place;

CAROLYN SIMMONS, Dr.'s JOHN D. CAMPBELL &
Charles F. Beall, 334-B, Doctors Buldg, 390
Peachtree, N.E.;

PEGGY KRINNER, Dr. JOSEPH SKOBA, etal, 132-B,
Doctors Bldg;

Mrs. A.T. THOMPSON, Dr. John Anderson, etal,
135-B, Doctors Bldg;

PAIGE OEFFINGER, Dr., August Youhem, etal,
365-C, Doctors Bldg;

H. MORELAND, Dr. G. BANNISTER, 245-B, Doctors
Bldg.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA DONALD P. BURGESS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM
OO: Memphis
Bufile 44-38861

On 4/25/68 JIM FLOYD WATSON, Cab Driver Number 47564, United Cabs Company, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that he had dropped a passenger at the Central Paramount Theatre, 104 Whitehall Street, Atlanta, at approximately 11:25 a.m. this date and that the passenger resembled the description and photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. WATSON stated he had picked this passenger up at the Airport Terminal and driven him directly to the above theatre upon his request. The individual had no baggage and was dressed in a light brown or tan sports coat with dark slacks and believed to be wearing a sports shirt open at the collar. He was believed to be about 5' 10", color of his eyes were unnoted, however his hair was light brown and closely cropped.

According to WATSON the subject was extremely nervous when he paid for the cab and he noticed him approach the theatre window in a very nervous manner. Subject wore no hat.

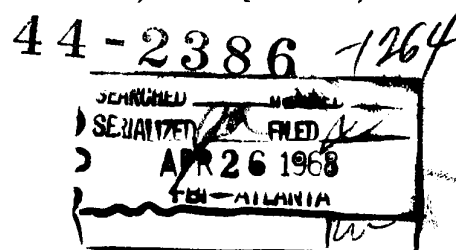
WATSON was subsequently accompanied to the Central Paramount Theatre by SAs DONALD P. BURGESS and O. RICHARD HAMILTON and the individual who he had previously described was located. This individual proved to be CHARLES BRYAN MC CORMICK, 1502 Park Avenue, La Grange, Georgia. MC CORMICK indicated that he was unemployed and in Atlanta looking for employment and that he had been employed until 4/24/68 by the Deering Millican Company, Hillside Mill, La Grange, Georgia. He was described as 5' 8", 150 pounds,

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Age 25, DOB [redacted] at Chambers, Georgia, light brown hair, very closely cropped in a blunt cut, blue eyes, no visible scars and marks. He was wearing a light tan sport coat, medium dark slacks, and a shirt and tie. MC CORMICK was extremely nervous and agitated and advised that he had been discharged from the Air Force as an epileptic. A subsequent phone call to MC CORMICK's employer, Deering Millican Company, La Grange, Georgia, disclosed that MC CORMICK had been in fact discharged from their employ on 4/24/68 and had been employed by that firm since 12/66. It is to be noted that although MC CORMICK claims to weigh 150 pounds he is a very slight and short individual and believed to be smaller than indicated on his DL and Selective Service card.

MC CORMICK also exhibited a general discharge from U. S. Air Force in his name. MC CORMICK is married to BRENDA MC CORMICK, same address and same employment and has 2½ year old child. Inasmuch as the UNSUB was positively identified as ROBERT BRYAN MC CORMICK no further investigation was conducted.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-3886L, CHICAGO 44-1114, AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APR. TWENTYEVE, 'SIXTYEIGHT.
RE: THREAT AGAINST KING BY ALFRED G. SCHNEIDER,
EIGHT ONE THREE SIXTYSIXTH.

INFO RE SCHNEIDER'S THREAT RECEIVED BY ATLANTA NIGHT OF
AUG. THIRTEEN, SIXTYSIX BY TELETYPE FROM JACKSON. INFO FUR-
NISHED STATION CAPTAIN'S OFFICE, ATLANTA POLICE, TWELVE TEN AM,
AUG. FOURTEEN, 'SIXTYSIX.

ON APR. TWENTYSIX, 'SIXTYEIGHT, SGT. BOBBY MOORE, SECURITY
UNIT, APD, ADVISED HE COULD LOCATE NO FORMAL RECORD AND HAD NO
RECOLLECTION THAT SCHNEIDER WAS DISCUSSED BY APD WITH
KING. P

A & D.

END

AGS.vsc

See #1240

TREAT AS ORIGINAL

Approved: *cm*
Special Agent in Charge
Sent 10⁰⁶ 10⁰⁸ 10¹⁰ 2 M
Per *W*

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Memorandum

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

FROM : SA THOMAS J. BARRETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: ME)

DATE: 4/26/68

Re insert of SA MARION E. CHEEK, 4/19/68, serial 848.

On 4/23/68, the following individuals were contacted as per leads set out in re insert:

RUTH HOLMAN, waitress, Penmont Restaurant,
163 14th Street, N.E.

GERRY HAMILTON, waitress, Piedmont Grill

MARIE GRIFFIN, waitress, Piedmont Grill

All of the above stated that they had previously been contacted by FBI Agents and shown photographs of RAY. They all stated that they were unable to make an identification from these photographs.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 24, 1968

ROBERT EVANS, 591 Parkway Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at the Crown Filling Station, directly across from the SCLC Headquarters on Auburn Avenue in Atlanta, and he advised he recalls seeing two white men using a phone booth at the station on the day before Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was killed in Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. EVANS said that he would place the time that he witnessed these individuals in the phone booth at between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. He stated he was playing checkers at the station, sitting almost in front of the phone booths used by the men, but that he cannot remember the identity of the person with whom he was playing checkers. He said he recalls seeing these men at the phone booth and one man seemed to be writing something on a pad and the other man was making one or more telephone calls.

EVANS said that during the time these men were in the phone booth, someone in the group around the station stated, "There goes Dr. KING." He said that the two men in the booth came out, walked across the driveway to nearly the center of the driveway, and looked at Dr. KING as he was walking down Hilliard Street from the South side of Auburn Avenue, where he apparently had parked his car across Auburn Avenue. KING entered the most westerly entrance of the SCLC Headquarters.

EVANS said that as he observed these men watching Dr. KING, the thought crossed his mind that they must not know Dr. KING, since his appearance in that area would not have created much interest because most of the people in the area knew who he was. He said he also thought to himself as he saw Dr. KING walking across the street that Dr. KING was probably getting ready to go to Memphis, because he knew Dr. KING was to be in Memphis the following day.

EVANS said that he would attempt to try to recall who was in the group at the filling station when this incident took place, but that he did not think he would be able to remember their identities.

On 4/18/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386 *1267*

SAs ARTHUR L. MURTAGH *AM*
by and JOHN M. PALFI *ALM:met*

Date dictated 4/23/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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JMP:met

EVANS added he believes ALDEN ALLEN is one of the persons who were at the station at the time of this incident, but he is not sure.

EVANS furnished the following description of the two individuals:

(1) A white male, age 30, 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall, 140 to 150 pounds, wore a hat. EVANS said he could furnish no additional information concerning this individual.

(2) A white male, 5 feet 8 inches tall, to 5 feet 9 inches tall, 140 pounds, hair light brown. EVANS said he could furnish no additional information concerning this individual.

EVANS said he noted that when the men left the station they walked first in an easterly direction which would be toward downtown, and then turned at about the edge of the filling station lot at Auburn Avenue and went in a westerly direction on Auburn Avenue, walking out of sight. EVANS was sure he did not see these individuals get into a car or see a car in the filling station parking lot appearing to be connected with them.

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Date: 4/25/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta teletype summary to Bureau, 4/24/68.

Enclosed for Bureau are three copies of insert reflecting interview with LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA.

One copy of above insert being furnished to Miami and Memphis for information. Two copies of insert furnished to St. Louis and San Diego. Six copies of insert furnished to Kansas City.

In addition to leads previously set out in retel, the following offices are requested to conduct the following investigation:

LEADSKANSAS CITY

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 3)
- 6 - Kansas City (Enc. 6)
- 1 - Memphis (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Miami (Enc. 1)
- 2 - San Diego (Enc. 2)
- 2 - St. Louis (Enc. 2)
- 2 - Atlanta

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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At Jefferson City, Missouri:

- 1) Will, at Missouri State Penitentiary, determine from medical records type rash JAMES EARL RAY had on side of head and medication prescribed for RAY.
- 2) Check correspondence file to determine if RAY has any approved correspondence which may identify girl friends RAY talked about.
- 3) Attempt to determine supplier of narcotics to RAY while RAY in prison and attempt to develop information concerning RAY's outside source of income, as RAY may now attempt to contact these persons.
- 4) Ascertain present whereabouts of inmate JERRY WHITE.
- 5) Through sources at prison, evaluate information furnished by DOWDA.

At Kansas City, Missouri:

Attempt to locate bar known as Gaslight, to determine if subject RAY is known there and attempt to determine identity of girl RAY met there.

At Columbia, Missouri:

Contact bars in vicinity of college and determine if subject RAY known as well as attempt to learn identity of girl RAY had met in this area.

At Lake Ozark, Missouri:

Will, through sources, attempt to identify narcotics pushers and through them determine if subject has been in this area.

SAN DIEGO

At Pales Verdes, California:

Will locate BOB GRAHAM and interview concerning DOWDA's visit Thanksgiving 1967; determine if DOWDA made any remarks concerning contact with RAY or anyone else in California.

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ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, Missouri:

Will attempt to locate bar known as Gaslight to determine if RAY is known at this bar and identity of RAY's girl friend.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA 44-2386

DATE: 4-26-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry D. Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

MRS. LUCAS E. BIRT, 325 Karen Drive, Alpharetta, Ga., 475-7428, called at 9:36 am today and advised that she and her husband have some pictures and information that may be of value in locating subject RAY. They will be available this morning for interview at their home until about 11:00 am.

Directions to their home: Go up hwy 19 from Atlanta to Citizens Bank in Alpharëtta, turn right on Devore Road, go 1 block and turn right onto Karen Drive. BIRTS live in 3 rd house on right, name and number on box.

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*Shea & Associates
Advised*

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Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO:MEMPHIS)
BUFILE: 44-38861

Re Atlanta airtel to Knoxville dated 4/18/68.

On April 23, 1968, photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka were exhibited to Mrs. ROSSIE JOHNSON, Secretary, and Mr. O. L. BAKER, Business Agent, both of the Painters Local #226 located at 540 Vine Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Both advised they could not recall anyone including past and present members of Painters Local #226 who resembles the photograph or description of RAY.

Mr. BAKER advised that even though Painters Local #226 has jurisdiction of Dalton, Georgia, painters only three active members of this local are located in Dalton and Whitfield County, Georgia. All other painters are non-union. He suggested the largest number of painters represented at any one place in Dalton, Georgia, would be the North Georgia Decorating Company, (FNU) LEMMONDS, General Manager and Owner. This is a known contractor who regularly employs 12 - 14 painters.

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ATLANTA DIVISION

At Dalton, Georgia

- ② - Atlanta
1 - Memphis (Info)
2 - Knoxville

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Approved: W E / m
Special Agent in Charge

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KX 44-696

Will exhibit subject's photographs to officials of the North Georgia Decorating Company in an effort to identify the individual referenced lead set forth in Tampa teletype to Atlanta dated 4/15/68.

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FBI-HOUSTON

1102GGAM IMMEDIATE 4-26-68 IMR

TO DIRECTOR; ATLANTIC; BIRMINGHAM; MEMPHIS; NEW ORLEANS;

LOS ANGELES; SAN ANTONIO

FROM HOUSTON 44-1509

MURKIN

RE: LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN

REMYTEL LAST P.M.

LOMAX AND STEIN ARRIVED HOUSTON FOUR FIFTEEN P.M.,
APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST AND ACCORDING TO EVERETT COLLIER,
VP AND EDITOR, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, LOMAX AND STEIN SEARCHED
FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE HOURS WITH A CHRONICLE REPORTER
ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE THE PHONE BOOTH WHERE SUBJECT RAY
ALLEGEDLY MADE CALL ON EVENING OF DEC. SIXTEEN, LAST.
SEARCH WAS UNSUCCESSFUL, AND LOMAX AND STEIN ARE GOING TO
MAKE ANOTHER SEARCH THIS MORNING. LOMAX HAS REQUESTED
THE CHRONICLE TO PHOTOGRAPH THE PHONE BOOTH IF SAME IS LOCATED.
MR. COLLIER, ALTHOUGH COOPERATING SO FAR WITH LOMAX AND
STEIN, IS NOT SURE WHAT HIS POSITION WILL BE IN THIS

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SINCE HE DOES NOT BELIEVE STEIN CAN BE TOO ACCURATE IN LOCATING THE PHONE BOOTH. STEIN WAS DESCRIBED BY THE CHRONICLE REPORTER AS EXTREMELY "VAGUE" AND NOT SURE OF THE AREA WHERE THE CALL WAS ALLEGEDLY MADE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT IF THE PHONE BOOTH IS NOT LOCATED LOMAX AND STEIN WILL FLY TO SAN ANTONIO LATER TODAY AND START LOOKING FOR THE PHONE BOOTH FROM SAN ANTONIO TOWARD HOUSTON ON INTERSTATE TEN. COLLIER ALSO ADVISED THAT NORTH AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ALLIANCE (NANA) HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH LOMAX TODAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF WRITING A STORY TODAY ABOUT STEIN'S TRIP FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS WITH RAY, AND HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RAY. COLLIER STATED HE THOUGHT NANA WAS CONTROLLED BY DREW PEARSON, THE COLUMNIST.

ALTHOUGH A CHECK OF THE POSSIBLE TELEPHONE BOOTHS IN THE HOUSTON VICINITY HAS FAILED TO LOCATE A LONG DISTANCE CALL ON DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT A CALL WAS MADE ON THE EVENING OF DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST FROM A

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TELEPHONE BOOTH IN THE AREA DESCRIBED BY STEIN TO NUMBER
THREE ONE EIGHT DASH FOUR SEVEN SEVEN ZERO SIX ONE SIX,
LAKE CHARLES, LA.

NEW ORLEANS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK OUT THIS TELEPHONE
NUMBER.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.
END.

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)



Associated Press Wirephoto

KNEW KING SUSPECT
Raymond Curtis

Pal Links Ray to King 'Bounty'

By RICHARD LEGGITT

DALTON, Ga. (UPI)—A prison buddy of James Ray (Eric Galt) said Tuesday that when Ray heard there was a "million-dollar bounty" on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he smiled and said "I'll collect it."

Ray, a 40-year-old fugitive from the Missouri State penitentiary, is accused by the FBI

of conspiracy in assassinating King in Memphis on April 4.

In the Dalton jail, Raymond Curtis, 40, awaiting appeal on a murder sentence, said he has known Ray in the Kansas City jail, in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and in the state prison at Jefferson City, Mo.

He described Ray as likeable, addicted to "dope," a "loner" and a man concerned only with money.

On the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated—Nov. 22, 1963—Curtis said he, Ray, and about 150 other prisoners were in an exercise yard when they heard the news.

He said Ray remarked "Well, somebody made a pretty penny on that."

About a week later, Curtis said, he and Ray were in the yards when "a new man just in off the street" told them "the businessmen's association has a million dollar bounty out for Martin Luther King."

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Authorities in Jefferson City confirmed that Curtis and Ray were in prison at the same time. Authorities in Dalton said the

FBI had interviewed Curtis on Sunday and again Monday night. The FBI refused comment on the matter.

Curtis said Ray told him "he always carried a gun. He was always interested in money," Curtis said, but never mentioned racial matters.

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"I wouldn't consider him dangerous," Curtis said. "He didn't look for trouble."

"Of course, I'm not saying he wouldn't shoot you if you ran up on him now."

Curtis said he first met Ray in 1955, when he was serving time for bank robbery, and Ray for forging postal money orders, in the Kansas City jail. He said they were transferred to Leavenworth, where Ray "played a lot of miniature golf."

They met again when Curtis was sent to Jefferson City on a 10-year armed robbery conviction.

"He was there with a 20-year bid when I got there. I wouldn't say he was a friend," Curtis said. "A friend in a penitentiary is different than a friend on the street. But I was about as close to him as anybody in Jeff City."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The Atlanta
Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.

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Author: Richard Leggitt

Editor: Eugene Patterson

Title: MURKIN

Character: CR

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Curtis said he was hospitalized for six weeks with hepatitis and "he came to see me just about every day."

Asked about Ray's habits, Curtis said "he talked about beer—he liked beer, I knew that." He said he never heard him talk about dancing, but that he "did a lot of weight-lifting" at Jefferson City.

"I never heard him do much cussing. I just saw him get mad once and that was in a poker game. He liked to play poker. His favorite game was lowball."

"He talked about having lots of women. None special. He'd pick 'em up and leave 'em," Curtis said.

"You could pick him out of a crowd of 2,000 men in the prison yard. He would be off to himself walking and his mind would be somewhere else."

Curtis, convicted of shotgunning a man in the holdup of a poker game here last year, said when he heard of King's death he did not connect it with Ray because he didn't know Ray had escaped prison.

If others were in the plot with Ray, Curtis said, Ray "would go to his grave with the secret."

"From what he said, I would consider he was an expert with a gun. I never heard him talk about a brother," Curtis said.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Ray's Buddy At Dalton Tells Of King Bounty

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(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The Atlanta Journal
Atlanta, Ga.

Date: 4-23-68

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Author:

Editor: Jack Spalding

Title: MURKIN

Character: CR

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JOHN T. DARKO

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM
OO: MEMPHIS
Bufile 44-38861

Re memo of SA CHARLES S. HARDING, dated 4/18/68.

On 4/24/68 PHILLIP HAROLD PETTIPT, Route 6, Clarks Bridge Road, Gainesville, Georgia, was contacted at which time PETTIPT advised that he had been arrested by the Atlanta Police Department 4/12/68 for DUI.

PETTIPT advised that he did not recall making any comment about driving a white Mustang from Birmingham to Atlanta.

PETTIPT stated that at the time he was quite intoxicated and advised that he could possibly have made such a statement, however, it would have been in a boasting and bragging manner.

PETTIPT further advised that he appeared in Atlanta on 4/23/68 to settle the DUI charge. PETTIPT reiterated that he did not recall making any remark about driving a white Mustang and attributed this information to his being drunk.

The following information was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	PHILLIP HAROLD PETTIPT
Address	Route 6 Gainesville, Georgia
DOR	
POB	Nelson, Georgia
Height	6' 1"
Weight	175 pounds
Eyes	Green
Hair	Brown

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JTD:sja

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Build	Large
Tattoos	Spider on back of right hand; Skull and crossbones back of left hand
Father	HAROLD PETTIPT Route 6 Gainesville, Georgia
Mother	MAUDE PETTIPT Route 6 Gainesville, Georgia
Ex-wife	JOYCE PETTIPT
Nee	WHITMIRE
Presently residing	Mountain View Gainesville, Georgia
Employment	Wallace Construction Company Gainesville, Georgia
Military	U. S. Navy 8 weeks (boot camp) General discharge under honorable conditions
Arrests	DUI numerous times; served four months Hall PWC 8/67.
Children	GRACIE Age 3 years
Social Security Number	
Vehicle	PETTIPT owns a 1959 Ford white and turquoise in color

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
MURKIN

Re AIRLINE PHASE OF INVESTIGATION

Re Atlanta airtel to Charlotte 4/19/68 concerning
airline ticket issued to N. P. GAULT.

On 4/22/68, LUKE ALLEN, Sales Manager, Coca Cola
Bottling Company, Raleigh, N. C., advised the only GAULT
associated with that company in the Raleigh area is
ENSLIE NICHOLSON GAULT who is District Sales Representative
for the Coca Cola Company out of Atlanta, Ga.

ENSLIE NICHOLSON GAULT was previously interviewed
and the results set out in an insert furnished Memphis by
airtel dated 4/19/68.

In view of the above no further action is being
taken by Charlotte regarding N. P. GAULT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 2 - Memphis
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
- 1 - Charlotte

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
April 22, 1968

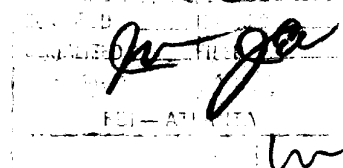
WANTED BY THE FBI

James Earl Ray, with known aliases of Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Connor, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim", is being sought by the FBI and charged with a civil rights conspiracy in which the victim was shot and killed and interstate flight - robbery.

According to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, Ray, who is 40 years of age, was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, since April 22, 1967, where he had been received on March 17, 1966, to serve a 30-year sentence following his conviction for armed robbery.

Ray has a known arrest record dating back to 1949, which includes a conviction for burglary in Los Angeles, California, in 1949; armed robbery in Chicago, Illinois, in 1959; and forging United States Postal Money Orders in Missouri in 1961.

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Ray had served in the U. S. Army from February, 1946, to December, 1948, at which time he was given a general discharge. He is a white male, born [redacted] [redacted] in Illinois (not confirmed), is approximately 5'10", weight 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes, brown hair, has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand.

Ray is a drifter and has been employed as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

Ray should be considered armed and dangerous. Anyone having information concerning him should immediately report it to the FBI. Call Birmingham telephone 382-7711 collect.

4/24/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-30861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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Re Birmingham telephone call to Bureau, 4/23/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an article for publication on JAMES EARL RAY, and enclosed for Atlanta and Memphis is one copy each of the article.

For information of Bureau and interested offices, the enclosed article for publication was furnished to Mrs. HELEN SPIVEY, Secretary, Alabama Service Station Association, Inc., 1102 South 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, on 4/23/68. Mrs. SPIVEY advised that she will publish the article in the Association's monthly magazine which is distributed to service station owners who are members of the Association throughout the State of Alabama. She advised that this article will appear in the April Issue of the Association's Magazine which will be distributed on or about 4/30/68.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1) (Info)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 1)
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

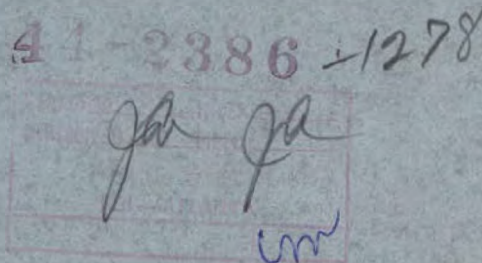
Re Bureau airtel to all offices dated 4/19/68,
and Miami airtel to the Bureau dated 4/23/68.

Re: Laundry Marking Machine and Code 20R-3.

ROBERT BERMAN, proprietor, Famous Cleaners,
3454 N. W. 7th Avenue, Miami, completed a review of his
records dating back to April, 1967, and determined that only
two yellow tapes bearing code 20R-3 were used for the
Royal Palm Cleaners, 4016 Royal Palm Avenue, Miami Beach,
since April, 1967. These tapes were used on 9/28/67 and
10/24/67.

ROBERT BOTE, proprietor, Royal Palm Cleaners,
reviewed his records for 4/28/67 and 10/24/67 and determined
that code 20R-3 was used on three undershirts and six
handkerchiefs in the name of Mr. LAURENT on 9/28/67. His
records further indicated that on 10/24/67 code 20R-3 was
used on two shirts in the name of Mr. COHEN. At no time
was code 20R-3 on a yellow tape used on any bedsheets or
pillow cases.

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2 - Memphis (RM)
2 - Birmingham (RM)
1 - Miami
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All other laundries using a Thermo Seal Marking Machine in the Miami Division were contacted and advised they do not use code 20R-3 on their laundry tapes.

SUSPECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Los Angeles teletype 4/22/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four (4) exposed, undeveloped sheets of color film and four (4) Polaroid pictures of reproductions of laundry marks placed on shirts and bed linens. Also enclosed for Chicago are four (4) Polaroid pictures of the above laundry marks.

The above laundry marks represent a collection of laundry marks placed on shirts, bed linens, and other items of clothing belonging to JAMES EARL RAY, while using the name ERIC STARVO GALT in the Los Angeles, California, area. These laundry marks may still be on various articles of clothing and linen in the possession of RAY.

Chicago is requested to complete arrangements for publication of the laundry marks in American Trade Magazine publications, if Bureau approval has been given to this project.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 8) (AMSD)
- 2 - Chicago (Encls. 4) (AMSD)
- 2 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)
- 1 - Birmingham (Info) (44-1740)
- ① - Atlanta (Info) (44-2386)
- 1 - Los Angeles

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Special Agent in Charge

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The Bureau may wish to furnish copies of the color photographs to all continental offices as well as the Legat, Ottawa for use in eliminating suspects. Laundry and Dry Cleaning trade publications will be distributed in Canada as well as the entire United States.

The packet containing the undeveloped sheet film contains exposure and film type data for information of the Color Film Processing Unit at the Bureau.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype dated 4/17/68, and
Atlanta airtel dated 4/18/68, concerning tires found
on abandoned white Mustang.

Sacramento received with reairtel the inked
impression of tire bearing serial number 4174P807, along
with a photo of this tire. It does not bear tread design
WT 771-X. These are therefore being furnished as enclosures
for the Los Angeles Office.

Tire bearing serial number 20427372, and the
mark 601, is the one bearing tread design WT 771-X,
and the one which reportedly came from a mold manufactured
by Supernold, Lodi, California. This may have been sent
to Los Angeles.

Los Angeles is requested to review the enclosures
received with reairtel and furnish Sacramento Division
with inked impression of tire 20427372, with photo, so
that manufacturer can be definitely established.

- 2- Los Angeles (Encls. 2)
- 2- Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
- 2- Memphis (44-1987)
- 2- Sacramento

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA RICHARD E. FUGATT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA ALDEN F. MILLER, 4/22/68, Serial number 1007.

On 4/23/68, Mr. KENNETH TROUP, Physical Education Instructor, E.A. Ware Elementary School, Hunter Street, made available a black leather billfold turned in to him by a student. Georgia Drivers license number 946925, in the name of WILLIAM D. WOOD, JR, DOB, [REDACTED] 6', 200#, contained photo of WOOD with crew cut, but was determined not ident with photos and description of JAMES EARL RAY, aka GALT.

Billfold now in process of being returned to owner.

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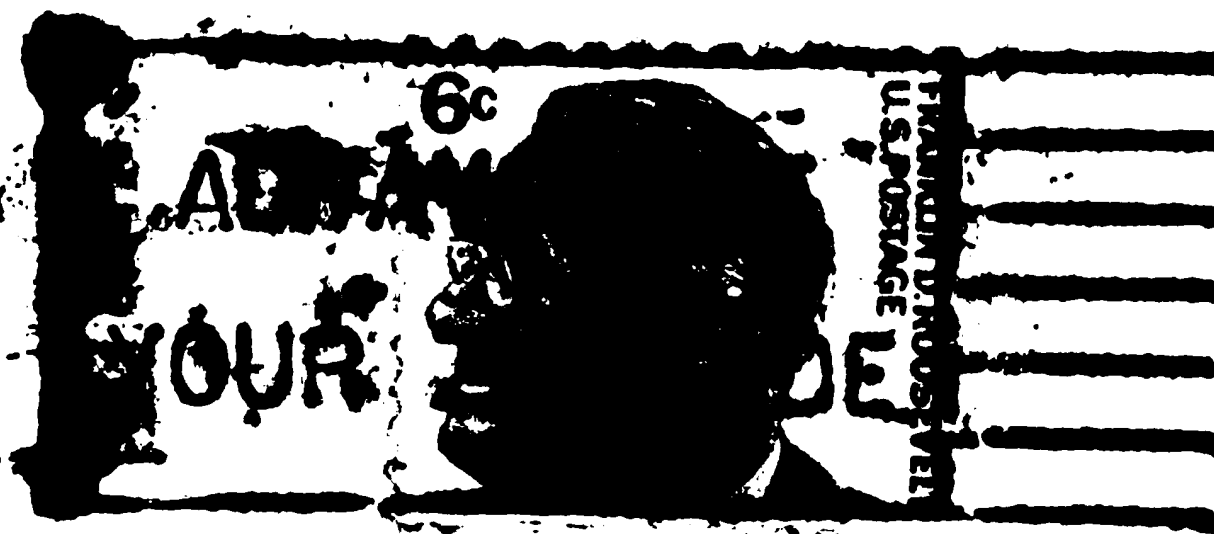
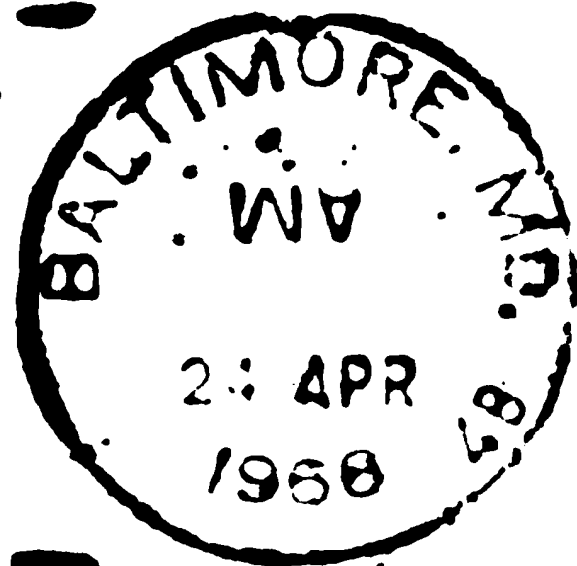
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TO THE F.B.I.,
ATLANTA, GA.

Diss was not a white man that kill King.
it was a black man that did it. and
brown - Carmichael - Bowel will be
next. We are good negros and they is bad
negros. We gets along good with the white
people. and we will ^{fight} for the white
people.

We the good negros

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM J. WATRY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/25/68, in response to a call from Lt. JIMMY HELMS of the Atlanta Police Department, SA's JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN and WILLIAM J. WATRY went to the Atlanta Police Department at 5:00 p.m., to contact Lt. HELMS who was interviewing an individual who refused to identify himself. This individual who admitted residing at 280-A Georgia Avenue, SE, Atlanta, furnished the following information:

The individual furnishing the information who, hereafter, is being referred to as informant, stated that he had been drinking earlier that afternoon in a tavern two and one-half blocks east of Peachtree on the south side of Ponce de Leon Avenue, at about 1:30 p.m. There was another individual at the end of the bar who subsequently called the informant over to where the other individual was drinking. The other individual did not mention any name but stated "You know I am the one who miffed out MARTIN LUTHER KING". They sat drinking for 30 or 40 minutes more and then returned to the Unknown Subject's room in the Park Hotel at Cain and Ivy Streets where they went by Checker Cab 28. En route to the hotel, the Unknown individual inquired of the driver what the fare would be to go to Memphis and the driver inquired from his dispatcher and learned that the Memphis fare would be \$50. The unidentified individual made no further reference to going to Memphis. When they got to the Park Hotel, they got out of the taxicab and went to a room on one of the upper floors of the hotel that the informant believes to be either room number 247, 347, 227, or 327. This was about 2:30 p.m.

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After they arrived in the room, the unidentified individual propositioned the informant to rob the Domino Lounge "tonight", which meant the night of 4/25/68. The informant agreed to be back to the hotel room at



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7:00 p.m., on 4/25/68, at which time the unidentified individual was supposed to disclose more detailed plans for robbing the Domino Lounge. The unidentified individual claimed to have an automatic pistol but the informant never saw the gun.

As soon as the informant got out of the room, he went to the police department to report the above matter to Lt. JIMMY HELMS who in turn called the FBI.

The informant described the unidentified individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'2"
Age	40-45
Hair	Graying black hair combed back
Clothing	Gray suit, white shirt, stripped tie

He claimed that the unidentified individual used an alias of JIM ADAMS and while at the bar appeared to be known by the girl bartender and during the time there, went out and bought a \$7 vase of flowers for her and later on took the vase and flowers back from her and returned them to the store down the street where he had purchased them and got his money back.

The informant stated that he had never seen the unidentified individual prior to this time. He stated it would not jeopardize him in any way if the FBI Agents interviewing him were to go to the hotel to identify the individual referred to above.

On 4/25/68, SA's DOLAN and WATRY went to the Park Hotel and through the Desk Manager determined that an individual named JAMES ADAMS was renting room number 19. The desk man pointed out the room on the second floor

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of the hotel and then the occupant of the room was aroused and allowed the Agents to enter and interview him. The occupant identified himself as JAMES HAYES ADAMS, age 41, who has numerous arrests with the Atlanta PD for drunkenness. His ex-wife, EVELYN ADAMS, lives at 1026 Collier Road in Atlanta and has phone number TR 2-8156. ADAMS admitted to having several arrests for drunkenness and admitted to having spend three separate hitches at Milledgeville State Hospital. He described himself as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
DOB	
POB	Harlan, Kentucky
Height	6'2"
Weight	150
Hair	Long, black receding
Eyes	Blue
Nose	Prominent and pointed

ADAMS denied making any statement concerning the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING or robbing of the Domino Lounge.

ADAMS was recognized as being identical with an individual whose interview had taken place under similar circumstances when he said irresponsible things after a drinking orgy at a hotel that he was staying at on Mitchell Street in Atlanta. It was apparent to the interviewing agents that ADAMS bore no resemblance whatsoever to the fugitive RAY. ADAMS was cautioned against making such irresponsible remarks when he is drinking. It was obvious to the interviewing Agents that both ADAMS and the informant had been drinking quite heavily. There was a strong odor of liquor on their breaths when they were interviewed.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH PATRICK AYERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: NEIGHBORHOOD

The following neighborhood investigation was conducted in an effort to locate a possible residence of subject under the name of ERIC STARVO GALT or person resembling the photo of ERIC STARVO GALT on Barnett Ave. from 740 to 791. Original notes reflecting names and addresses being maintained in 1A section of file.

Notes concerning neighborhood from 791 to 847 on Barnett St. also being maintained in file.

From Greenwood Ave., NE 856-860 also covered and notes maintained in file.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH PATRICK AYERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of Complaint Clerk JERRY D. ROSEBERRY
4/18/68.

On 4/22/68, Mr. J. BIDGOOD, Georgia Department of Labor, advised he recalls SAMUEL VILLOLOVA looking for work and being sent to the Shower Door Co. of America. Mr. BIDGOOD observed photos of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that VILLOLOVA in no way resembled RAY in his opinion.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH PATRICK AYERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: GREGG KERGOSIEN

Re memo of SA JAMES J. ROSE, 4/13/68.

Mr. GREGG KERGOSIEN on 4/22/68 advised that he did not make a call to the FBI concerning GALT. However, he stated he had been in personal conversations with several people and he had mentioned that GALT was not an uncommon name in the Atlanta area, and he pointed out there is a place where he stores his boat known as Galt's Ferry Land which is near Lake Allatoona. KERGOSIEN stated that he does not know nor has he seen any person resembling GALT or RAY at any time.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH PATRICK AYERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA JOSEPH PATRICK AYERS dated 4/16/68.

On 4/26/68, Mr. J. SPILLERS, operator, Phillips 66 Service Station, Powers Ferry and Roswell Roads, stated he recalls discussing a matter concerning two men who came to his station in a green Opel car. SPILLERS stated that Mrs. BEN J. CAMP is a regular customer and that she was present when the men drove up in the Opel car. The two men were in their 20s or 30s, fully dressed and bearded.

The car had a Florida license plate and the following day, Mr. CAMP asked him if he had recalled the two bearded men at which point, she then produced a newspaper photo of ERIC STARVO GALT and she had pencilled in a beard which caused the photo to somewhat resemble one of the two bearded men in the Opel car.

SPILLERS stated that he agreed at the time with Mrs. CAMP that it did somewhat resembled GALT but after viewing various photos of JAMES EARL RAY, he was quite sure it could not be identical.

He further stated that the beard was approximately two inches in length and it is noted that they were observed on 4/13/68 and GALT had been seen in Atlanta on 4/6/68 without any beard.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JOHN P. GRANFIELD AND SA C. O. KENNERLY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE:

LEWIS DOWDA

On 4/25/68, LLOYD JOURNIGAN, 3788 Captan Drive, Chamblee, Georgia, Telephone Number 451-9197, advised that he is self-employed at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit enterprise.

He furnished the following information:

In about the latter part of April of 1967, an individual who was a stranger to him and who identified himself as LEWIS DOWDA, aka "Whitey" Dowda, applied for employment at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit, Marietta, Georgia, where JOURNIGAN was then employed as manager. He does not know by what means DOWDA was aware of the employment opportunity, but assumes that it was in response to a newspaper ad which JOURNIGAN had run. DOWDA filled out an application form which is now in the possession of JOHN MC CABE, 34 12th Street, Atlanta, Georgia, who maintained the books for the Bonanza Sirloin Pit. DOWDA was employed as a cook and subsequently became Assistant Manager and was employed at this Bonanza Sirloin Pit in Marietta through the first week of October, 1967, except for a short period of time in September, when DOWDA was arrested by the FBI. DOWDA left voluntarily during the first week of October, claiming that he was sick and that when DOWDA did not return to his employment by November of 1967, JOURNIGAN decided that DOWDA was not going to resume employment.

JOURNIGAN subsequently sold out his interest in the Bonanza Sirloin Pit in Marietta, Georgia, and DOWDA

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was re-hired by E. R. COLLINS at that same place for a period of about 30 days in January of 1968.

When DOWDA was first employed at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit in April of 1967, there was a young woman whose name was SHARON GRAHAM who was employed as a part-time worker there and who worked full time at the Telephone Company. GRAHAM and DOWDA started dating and subsequently married and JOURNIGAN was the best man in the wedding.

DOWDA, prior to this employment at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit, Marietta, was employed by the Henbrea Equipment Company, Marietta, and claimed to have come to Marietta from Missouri or Arkansas where he owned or worked in a restaurant. He also claimed to have been in the military service for five or six years and cooked while in the service.

The only individual with whom DOWDA was friendly was an individual known to JOURNIGAN only as "Dink", who was employed by TOM DURETTE, Owner of the Uniroyal Tire Company in Marietta, Georgia. DINK and DOWDA lived together prior to DOWDA's marriage with Mrs. (FNU) JOHNSON on West Dixie Street, Marietta. He described DINK as being a white male, 6'2" to 6'3", 240 lbs., 40 years of age, no upper or lower teeth.

He has no information as to the whereabouts of DINK and he has not seen him since prior to the first week of October, 1967. He last saw him on the night prior to DOWDA's terminating employment at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit when DINK told him that WHITEY DOWDA wanted DINK to help him rob the Bonanza Sirloin Pit. DINK informed JOURNIGAN that he declined to participate in this robbery and it was on the same night that DINK left Marietta. JOURNIGAN was not robbed at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit.

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Some three to four weeks subsequent to DINK's informing him of WHITEY's plans for the robbery, JOURNIGAN received a telephone call from DINK, who said he was in Okla. and who inquired as to whether or not JOURNIGAN had been robbed. DINK also said that he would be on the way back to Marietta but never showed up.

DOWDA had no other friends to his, JOURNIGAN's knowledge, and did not correspond with any individual that he, JOURNIGAN, knows of. DOWDA never mentioned subject JAMES EARL RAY or any of RAY's aliases and he viewed photographs of subject with negative results.

He advised that DOWDA was not outspoken in his racial views and got along well with colored help when he worked at the Bonanza Sirlain Pit. When he worked he performed in a very satisfactory manner.

He advised that on many occasions, DOWDA would work long hours and would thereafter go out drinking and carousing for the rest of the night and would work with very little sleep. Based on this, JOURNIGAN figures that he was probably using "No-Doz" pills.

DOWDA kept talking about going to the Ozarks and Missouri because he had previously vacationed in these areas.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA 44-2386

DATE: 4-26-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry D. Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

GBI Agent CATHY called at 12:40 pm today and advised as follows: Today at about 8:30 am a man driving a 1968 blue Chevy II Nova drove into the Pure Oil Station in Canton at Marietta and East Streets. He spent about 15 minutes in the rest room while there.

Employees of the station, JERRY GIBBS and ROGER EDWARDS, felt he looked something like subject RAY. D.L. "JR." EDWARDS, brother of ROGER EDWARDS and employee of Fulton Co. PWC, felt this man looked like RAY also. D.L. EDWARDS followed the car, lost it, and found it parked at Goldkist Poultry company behind a trailer. EDWARDS' brother in law is dock foreman at the company and he could not identify the car as belonging to anyone he knew.

Officer WOODS in Canton was notified and he notified CATHY. CATHY examined the car and determined it bore VIN 113698W230207, 1968 Ga. license 64D1202, and was a 1968 blue Chevy II Nova, 4 door, with rough interior. The seat covers on the front seat had been ripped off down to the springs and padding and covered with a yellow bedspread. The floor mats in front and rear had been taken out down to the metal. A partially addressed envelope lay in the front seat with addressee Virginia Roland, Box 121, notown given. A copy of 4-22-68 Atlanta Journal Constitution and a copy of Atlanta yellow pages telephone book and a black waist length man's jacket were found in the car. CATHY had a check made with Haralson County re tag and found it to be issued to LLOYD C. JOHNSON, Waco, Ga., for instant car.

CATHY watched the car for about 3 hours and left for 10 minutes to go to bathroom and found it gone when he returned. He believes car is still in area.

Following is description of man seen by above 3 witnesses: white male, 40-44 years, 5'10", 170 lbs., dark brown hair thinning at crown in rear, deep set eyes, coarse voice, light to medium complexion, wearing brown pants, checked white short-sleeved shirt, and shoes that might have had cement on them.

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CATHY can be contacted on GSP highband 80.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (PP) DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JAMES O. PONDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/26/68, Mr. RALPH BARBER, Deputy Director, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, 1831 Peachtree Road, N.E., Atlanta, telephone 526-3111, was contacted with respect to captioned matter and he advised that they would alert their sources re information concerning subject JAMES EARL RAY.

BARBER advised there is very little amphetamine drug sale on the Atlanta market, however, there are periodic supplies which come to this country from Mexico. He pointed out that amphetamine drugs give a person the same reaction as cocaine, i.e., it causes them to have a compulsion to kill, delusions and somewhat of a feeling of being hunted or persecuted.

Regarding the 14th Street area, which is frequented by the "hippie element", he advised there is very little traffic in LSD and amphetamine drugs, however, this group has been using other dangerous drugs and their derivatives.

BARBER suggested that the proprietor of a book shop, name unrecalled, located on W. Peachtree, in the 900 block, which caters to the psychedelic element, be contacted since she is cooperating with the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, particularly SA RUSSELL JESSUP. He also stated this individual whose name he cannot recall, was arrested within the past several days by the Atlanta PD Vice Squad.

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Will contact Agent JESSUP of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and determine the feasibility of contacting this individual who operates the above-mentioned bookshop, and who is known to be a peddler of dangerous drugs.

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108PM URGENT 4/26/68 LMA

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987),
DALLAS, AND RICHMOND (44-657).
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 3P

MURKIN OO MEMPHIS

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING

RE CHICAGO TEL APRIL TWENTY FIVE, LAST TO DIRECTOR,
AM COPIES TO DALLAS, ST. LOUIS, WFO AND SPRINGFIELD; RICHMOND
TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL TWENTY FIVE, LAST.

FRED CATALANO, NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE'S PARTY, (NSWPP)
LEADER, CHICAGO, ADVISED, INSTANT, MEDIZER REPORTEDLY LEFT CHICAGO
ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO. TOLD CATALANO WAS GOING TO VISIT FRIENDS IN
DALLAS, TEXAS. WOULD PROBABLY BE IN TOUCH WITH DALLAS NSWPP UNIT, IN
CARE OF LT. ALVIS GREY.

ADVISED WOULD PROBABLY SPEND TIME AT TARGET LOUNGE, NEAR
DALLAS, WHERE MAY HAVE WORKED AS DRUMMER.

ADVISED MEDIZER WOULD MOST LIKELY GO TO ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA
AT NSWPP HEADQUARTERS AFTER CURRENT TRAVEL. ADVISED CHRIS
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VIDNJEVICH, NSWPP, ARLINGTON, MIGHT ALSO HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE MEDIZER PRESENT LOCATION.

FOR INFO DALLAS, JOHN C. MEDIZER IS WHITE MALE, BORN

[REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE POUNDS, BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES, WAS ACTIVE IN NSWPP IN CHICAGO, SUMMER AND FALL, SIXTY SEVEN.

MEDIZER QUIT JOB AT ROTO PRINT COMPANY, CHICAGO, MARCH TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT TELLING CO-WORKERS HE WAS GOING TO ARGENTINA TO WORK FOR NAZIS, AFTER FIRST VISITING DALLAS, WHERE HE HAD FRIENDS. CHICAGO NSWPP SOURCE ADVISES MEDIZER WORKED AS DRUMMER IN VARIOUS PLACES IN DALLAS PRIOR TO COMING TO CHICAGO.

MEDIZER DURING EMPLOYMENT CHICAGO MADE VAGUE THREATS AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THAT HE WOULD "TAKE CARE OF HIM".

MRS. MORRIS, DIPLOMAT HOTEL, CHICAGO, WHERE MEDIZER RESIDED, ADVISED MEDIZER TOLD HER HE WAS GOING TO AUSTRALIA. HE LEFT NO FORWARDING ADDRESS.

BASED ON STATEMENT MADE BY MEDIZER RE KING, DALLAS SHOULD ATTEMPT LOCATE MEDIZER AND INTERVIEW RE ANY POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT MURKIN.

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IF NOT LOCATED SUTEL LEADS TO LOCATE.

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY-FIVE LAST.

TODAY, MRS. PEGGY FOISTER, HIGH POINT, N.C., ADVISED
[REDACTED], AGE FIFTEEN, FROM MEXICO CITY, MEXICO,
RESIDED AT HER RESIDENCE FROM NOVEMBER LAST UNTIL APRIL SIX
LAST, WHEN HE FLEW BACK TO MEXICO. SHE ADVISED HE WAS IN
HIGH POINT AT THE REQUEST OF HER AND HER HUSBAND, AND WHILE
IN HIGH POINT, ATTENDED NORTHEAST JR. HIGH SCHOOL.

TODAY, MRS. MARIE SECHREST, NORTHEAST JR. HIGH SCHOOL,
ADVISED [REDACTED], BORN [REDACTED], ARRIVED
IN THE U.S. IN NOVEMBER LAST, AND ATTENDED THAT SCHOOL FROM
APPROXIMATELY NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR LAST UNTIL APRIL FIVE LAST.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE , NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED.

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MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS
CITY, SPRINGFIELD, MIAMI, APR. TWO FOUR LAST.

PAUL ALVIN LAIL, THREE FOUR BARBADOS, PALM SPRINGS, FLA., SAID
HE KNEW RAY FOR THREE YEARS IN MO. STATE PEN BUT HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD
FROM RAY SINCE HE GOT OUT A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS AGO.

LAIL SAID LEWIE "WHITEY" DOWDA WORKED WITH RAY IN KITCHEN MO.
STATE PEN AND WOULD KNOWN MUCH MORE ABOUT HIM. ALSO NEAL ABBEY WAS
RAY'S REAL BUDDY AND WOULD REALLY KNOW MUCH MORE ABOUT RAY THAN ANYBODY
ELSE. LAIL SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF ABBEY WAS IN OR OUT OF MO. STATE
PEN.

LAIL ADVISED RAY ASSOCIATED WITH GROUP WHO KILLED NEGROES IN
MO. STATE PEN BUT DOES NOT KNOW IF RAY WAS IN ON IT OR NOT. HE SAID
RAY NOT RACIST BUT KNOWS HE DID NOT LIKE NEGROES AS MOST OF THE INMATES
FELT THE SAME WAY ABOUT NEGROES.

LAIL ADVISED RAY WOULD BE HARD TO FIND AND FEELS THAT HE WILL
HAVE A FORTYFIVE AUTOMATIC "STASHED" ON HIM AND WOULD NOT GIVE UP.
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