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300 PM URGENT 4-29-68 JMS

TO ATLANTA 44-2386

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703 1P

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DANIEL SCHWARTZ, THREE FIVE FOUR THIRTY-NINTH STREET,
NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D.C., APAARTMENT FIVE ZERO NINE E,
ADVISED THAT AT ABOUT TEN THIRTY P.M., APRIL TWENTY-SEVEN,
LAST. HE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY DRIVING
AN OFF WHITE MUSTANG, GEORGIA LICENSE B Y EIGHT SIX SEVEN THREE,
IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

ATLANTA IDENTIFY REGISTERED OWNER AND HAVE OPERATOR
OF INSTANT CAR INTERVIEWED.

MEMPHIS SENT AIR MAIL COPY.

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FROM ATLANTA 44-2385

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REURTEL, APR. TWENTYNINE, INSTANT.

INSTANT LICENSE B Y EIGHT SIX SEVEN THREE IS NOT A
GEORGIA LICENSE. GEORGIA 'SIXTYEIGHT TAGS ARE WHITE ON
GREEN BACKGROUND.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS (44-1987),
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), ATLANTA (44-2386), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388) 2P

RE JAMES EARL RAY

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MILWAUKEE, MEMPHIS,
LOS ANGELES, AND BIRMINGHAM INSTANT DATE.

FOR INFO LOUISVILLE, RE TELETYPE ADVISED NINETEEN SIXTY SIX
MUSTANG ABANDONED BY RAY IN ATLANTA, APRIL FIVE, LAST, HAS SEARS
AND ROEBUCK REPLACEMENT BATTERY. LOCATED ON TOP OF NEGATIVE POST
IS NUMBER F FOUR ONE B E EIGHT. THE INSCRIPTION "SQUARE" FOUR
EIGHT IS ON TOP OF A LEAD SHIELD WASHER AT THE NEGATIVE POST
AND "C EIGHT" ON THE BOTTOM OF SAME WASHER.

MILWAUKEE REQUESTED TO CONTACT LARRY AMATEIS, FIELD SERVICE
MANAGER, GLOBE UNION, INC., AND FROM THE ABOVE INFO ASCERTAIN
SPECIFIC GLOBE UNION PLANT WHICH MANUFACTURED THIS BATTERY AND
TOWHICH STATE, IF POSSIBLE, BATTERY WAS SHIPPED FOR SALE. SET
OUT LEADS IF APPROPRIATE AND ADVISE ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM
AND LOS ANGELES OF RESULTS.

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LARRY AMATEIS, FIELD SERVICE MANAGER, GLOBE UNION, INC., MILWAUKEE, ADVISED F-FOUR ONE INDICATES BATTERY MANUFACTURED AT LOUISVILLE PLANT, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY AND THE "C EIGHT" INDICATES THAT THIS BATTERY WAS SHIPPED FROM THE LOUISVILLE PLANT TO A SEARS STORE IN MARCH OF SIXTY EIGHT.

HE ADVISED THAT LOUISVILLE SHIPS BATTERIES TO ALL OF KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN, OHIO, MISSOURI, N.E. PORTION OF INDIANA, SOUTHERN HALF OF W. VIRGINIA, NORTHERN PORTION OF TENNESSEE AND SOUTHERN HALF OF ILLINOIS.

HE ADVISED THE PERSONS TO CONTACT AT THE LOUISVILLE PLANT ARE MR. JOHN GAYHART OR MR. DARNELL, PHONE NO. FIVE ZERO TWO - NINE SIX FOUR - SIX FOUR THREE ONE.

HE STATED IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT SEARS STORE THIS BATTERY WAS SHIPPED TO. HE DOUBTS IF THE LOUISVILLE PLANT WOULD BE ABLE TO FURNISH THIS INFO UNLESS THERE WAS A WARRANTY CARD ISSUED WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE BATTERY.

LOUISVILLE AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, CONTACT MR. JOHN GAYHART FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFO RE INSTANT BATTERY.

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1153 PM URGENT 4-26-68 JBR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987),
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), AND LOS ANGELES (44- 1574)
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

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RE MEMPHIS TEL TO DIRECTOR, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM,
AND ATLANTA FOUR TWENTYSIX INSTANT.

RE SEARS ROEBUCK BATTERY FOR NINETEEN SIXTYSIX MUSTANG.

JOHN GAYHART, GLOBE UNION INC., LOUISVILLE, KY., ADVISES
CODING INFORMATION CONTAINED ON INSTANT BATTERY INDICATES THIS
BATTERY SHIPPED FROM LOUISVILLE PLANT TO SEARS ROEBUCK RETAIL
OUTLETS IN SOUTHERN ILL., MOST OF INDIANA, SOUTHERN MICHIGAN, ALL
OF OHIO, ALL OF WEST VA., AND ALL OF KY. HE ESTIMATES APPROXIMATELY
TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED SUCH BATTERIES USED IN FIVE DIFFERENT TYPE
AUTOMOBILES SHIPPED TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SEARS RETAIL STORES.
GAYHART ADVISES NO SERIAL NUMBER OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING
NUMBER CONTAINED ON EACH BATTERY MANUFACTURED AND DISTRIBUTED AND
VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE THE BATTERY AS AN INDIVIDUAL UNIT.
HE STATES CAN SUPPLY INFORMATION FROM SUMMARY SALES SHEETS AS TO
NUMBER OF SUCH BATTERIES SHIPPED DURING MARCH AND IDENTITY OF SEARS
RETAIL STORES RECEIVING SAME.

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GARRY KIETLEY, ASSISTANT MANAGER LOCAL SEARS AUTO DEPT., STATES ALL SUCH BATTERIES CONTAIN IN ADDITION TO CODE INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED, ALSO STOCK NUMBER IMPRITED IN PLASTIC ON RIGHT HAND CORNER OF BOTH ENDS OF BATTERY CONSISTING USUALLY OF TWO DIGITS. BATTERY ALSO CONTAINED WHITE ROUND STICKER, ABOUT SIZE OF A NICKLE. STICKER IS PLACED ON SIDE OF BATTERY CONTAINING A SMALL NUMBER , IN THIS INSTANCE, BETWEEN THE "C" AND FIGURE EIGHT AT THE BOTTOM A NUMBER INDICATING THE WEEK DURING MARCH IN WHICH THE BATTERY WAS MANUFACTURED . THIS WOULD PIN POINT EXCT WEEK IN MARCH AND NARROW PERIOR BETWEEN DATE OF MANUFACTURE AND APRIL FOUR. KIETLEY ALSO STATES THAT GENEREALLY WHEN A BATTERY IS PURCHASED, DATE OF SALE, NAME AND ADDRESS OF PURCHASER IS OBTAINED ON SALES TICKET AS WELL AS MAKE OF CAR.

ATLANTA REQUESTED FURTHER EXAMINE INSTANT BATTERY
DETERMINING IF WHITE STICKER IS PRESENT ON SAME INDICATING NUMBER
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SUCH AS TWO THREE FOUR ETC., REFLECTING WEEK IN MARCH BATTERY
MANUFACTURED.

MEMPHIS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF INFORMATION AS TO NUMBER OF
BATTERIES SUPPLIED DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND IDENTITY OF SEARS
RETAIL OUTLETS OBTAINING SAME IS DESIRED FOR CONTACT ON
INDIVIDUAL BASIS DISPLAYING PHOTO OF RAY AS POSSIBLE PURCHASER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA RICHARD H. DAVIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA HARDING, 4/22/68.

The following persons were contacted during the period 4/23 - 25/68, and shown photos of JAMES EARL RAY and where records were available all aliases checked. None of them had any information concerning this case:

POLICE AGENCIES

- 1) Chief of Police BOBBY PLUNKETT
Gwinnett Co. PD (records)
- 2) Sheriff HOKE HUSTON, Gwinnett Co. SO
- 3) Post Commander BILLY HILLIARD, GSP Post #37,
Lawrenceville, Ga.

CREDIT BUREAU

Mrs. MURIEL GUTHRIE, Credit Bureau of Gwinnett Co.

NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS

- 1) MARVIN KNIGHT, Manager
Lamar Nash Buick Pontiac, Gainesville Highway,
Buford
- 2) RAY SHOEMAKER, Parts Manager, and LARRY BOWMAN,
Salesman, Osborne Chevrolet, Lee Street, Buford
- 3) PAUL BULLOCK, Sales Manager, Central Gwinnett Motors,
Inc., Crogan St., Lawrenceville

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- 4) ROBERT EVERETT, Sales Manager, Nash Chevrolet
Clayton St., Lawrenceville
- 5) DEWEY E. EVERETT, Sales and Rental Manager, Gwinnett
Sales and Service, Clayton St., Lawrenceville (Only
car rental agency in Gwinnett)*
- 6) PAT MAXWELL, Salesman, Maxie Price Chrysler-Plymouth
447 Scenic Highway, Lawrenceville

AIRLINES (None in Gwinnett)

BUSES

- 1) GLENN S. EDGE, Owner and Operator of Edge's
Restaurant and Bus Terminal (Greyhound and Trailways)

TAXICABS

- 1) PAUL PARKS, Telephone operator, Bowen Taxi, Crogan
Street, Lawrenceville
- 2) BOBBY GARRETT, Driver, Etheridge Cab (aka Ready Cab
Co.), a three-man independent association.

TRAINS

- 1) ED SALMON, Agent, Seaboard Coast Line Railroad,
Clayton St., Lawrenceville

CAR RENTALS

*(handled above under Gwinnett Sales and Service.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA RICHARD H. DAVIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/29/68

On 4/14/68 SA RICHARD H. DAVIS had contacted JAMES M. BULLOCK, United Cab, Inc., 255 Forsyth, SW, Atlanta, Georgia, and was told that most of the drivers did not show on their trip logs the origin and destination but usually the amount of the fare.

On 4/23/68 Mr. BULLOCK called the agent to say that he had talked to everyone of his cab drivers who had worked on 4/5/68 and questioned them concerning pick-ups on that date. Mr. BULLOCK stated that none of the drivers had made a pick-up in the vicinity of 14th and Peachtree.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis
Bufile 44-38861

Re Dallas airtel to Atlanta, dated 4/22/68.

On 4/29/68 Mrs. LENA RUDERSEAL, Georgia State MVB advised IC MARION W. DAVIS that records of her department reflect 1968 Ga. tag 76 D 337 was issued on 4/8/68 to RALEIGH D. STARK, 988 MP Company, Fort Benning, Georgia for use on 1965 Ford, two door Mustang, VIN 5T0T182543.

No stolen report located NATE or GSP, Atlanta, re 1965 Mustang.

Mr. A. T. CLINE, Federal Communications Commission, Atlanta, advised ham radio call letters KOM 9384 were listed to RALEIGH D. STARK, 3536 St. Mary's Road, Columbus, Georgia. Mr. CLINE further advised that his records do not reflect any derogatory information or any complaints filed against STARK for the past two years.

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ATLANTA DIVISION

2-Memphis
1-Dallas (Info)
2-Atlanta
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Dallas
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*Call Hall
Travel
Return Bureau*

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AT COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

Will conduct necessary investigation to
determine if STARK identical with subject.

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On April 17, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SA HUGH ROBINSON, JR.:

BILL JOHNSON, Plant Manager, Decatur Laundry, 250 Trinity Place, Decatur, Georgia, advised that said Laundry uses a "Polymark" marking machine made by the Pinnacle Products Corporation, Elmsford, New York.

Mr. JOHNSON advised that this machine does place a small piece of cloth tape on a garment with numbers imprinted thereon for identification purposes. However, he stated that his laundry never puts said tape marking device on either sheets or pillow cases. He stated that all flat work which would include sheets and pillow cases are washed in nylon net bags with no identification placed on them whatsoever. He indicated that the above described tape marking device would only be affixed to a shirt or other finished type item.

On April 17, 1968, Mr. W. M. MC FARLAND, Manager, Dial Cleaners, 3426 Shallowford Road, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that said laundry uses a Thermo-Seal marking device to identify finished items of laundry. He advised that the laundry does not normally place a Thermo-Seal tape on any flat work, which would include sheets and pillow cases. He stated that these items are usually washed separate from the shirts and other items, which would receive identifying marks. Mr. MC FARLAND was unable to identify the piece of Thermo-Seal tape in question.

On April 17, 1968, Mr. JOHN STRICKLAND,

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Manager, Roswell Cleaners, 836 North Atlanta Road, Roswell, Georgia, advised that his laundry has in the past used a Thermo-Seal marking device to identify laundry items. However, he stated that he has not used this machine in his operations for over six months. Mr. STRICKLAND further advised that the Thermo-Seal marking tape would almost always be affixed to a shirt or dress or other item of finished laundry. He stated that it is not his practice to put Thermo-Seal tapes on unfinished or flat laundry items such as sheets and pillow cases. He advised that this type of material is usually washed in a nylon net bag and the only identification is on the bag itself and not on the unfinished laundry item.

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1031A EDT URGENT 4/30/68

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE AND MOBILE
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

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EARL FUOSS, REGIONAL INSPECTOR, IRS, ATLANTA, GA., ADVISED
APR, THIRTY, INSTANT, HE DISCOVERED TAX RETURN FOR JAMES EARL
RAY, JR., SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN RETURN INDICATES RAY, JR. IS
WITH U. S. NAVY, JACKSONVILLE, FLA., AND HAS ADDRESS OF TWO FIVE
EAST SOUTH ST., MONTGOMERY, ALA.

JACKSONVILLE AND MOBILE IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION
TO DETERMINE IF INDIVIDUAL RELATED TO SUBJECT RAY. P

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS & MOBILE
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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JIMMIE GARNER, PROPRIETOR, ROOMING HOUSES LOCATED ONE ZERO SEVEN AND ONE ONE THREE - FOURTEENTH ST., N.E., ATLANTA, ADVISED BILLY FAULKNER AND WILLIAM ERNEST HARPER RESIDED ROOM EIGHT AT ONE ZERO SEVEN - FOURTEENTH ST., N.E., FROM JANUARY TWENTYTWO THRU FEBRUARY FIFTH, 'SIXTYEIGHT. HE ADVISED FAULKNER RETURNED AND BELIEVED FAULKNER RESIDED ONE ONE THREE - FOURTEENTH ST., FOR PERIOD APRIL TWO THRU APR. EIGHT, 'SIXTYEIGHT.

ERNEST WILLIAM HARPER, SEVEN ZERO FOUR BEENING DR., COLUMBUS, GA., INTERVIEWED, APR. TWENTYSIX, 'SIXTYEIGHT AND VERIFIED RESIDENCE AS MENTIONED ABOVE FROM JAN. FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR OR FIVE WEEKS WHILE EMPLOYED AS ELECTRICIAN IN ATLANTA, WORKING FOR CONTRACTOR ON HOUSING PROJECT OFF WHITEHALL STREET. HARPER STATED BOBBY FAULKNER IS SON OF J. C. FAULKNER, JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, COLUMBUS, GA. BOBBY FAULKNER AND HARPER RESIDED TOGETHER FOR FEW WEEKS AT FOURTEENTH ST. ADDRESS UNTIL FAULKNER LEFT ATLANTA, RETURNING TO COLUMBUS, GA. HARPER HAS NO INFO RE SUBJECT AND STATED FAULKNER COULD BE LOCATED THRU FATHER, J. C. FAULKNER, COLUMBUS.

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MRS. J. C. FAULKNER, FIVE NINE TWO SIX REED AVE., COLUMBUS, ADVISED INSTANT DATE BOBBY JOE FAULKNER, HER SON AND JAMES C. FAULKNER, HER HUSBAND PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY ALLEGHENY CONTRACTING CO., PINE HILL, ALA., WORKING ON CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PAPER MILL AND RESIDE AT TRAILER COURT FIVE MILES FROM CONSTRUCTION PLANT. STATED BOBBY JOE FAULKNER HER SON, WAS WORKING IN ATLANTA AT TIME KING MURDERED IN MEMPHIS AND RETURNED TO COLUMBUS SHORTLY THEREAFTER DUE TO DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION WORK AS RESULT OF KING'S FUNERAL. MRS. FAULKNER UNABLE TO FURNISH INFO CONCERNING RESIDENCE OF BOBBY JOE FAULKNER, ATLANTA, GA.

IN VIEW OF ALCOHOLIC CONDITION OF GARNER, IT WOULD APPEAR BOBBY JOE FAULKNER IS IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL HE FORMERLY IDENTIFIED AS BILLY FAULKNER DURING PERIOD APR. SECOND THRU EIGHTH.

MOBILE AT PINE HILL, ALA., LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BOBBY JOE FAULKNER CONCERNING HIS RESIDENCY AT FOURTEENTH ST. ADDRESS, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, APR. SECOND THRU EIGHTH, LAST. DISPLAY PHOTOS OF SUBJECT AND OBTAIN ALL POSSIBLE INFO RE SUBJECT, INCLUDING HIS USE OF SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG AND ANY OTHER AUTO KNOWN TO BE IN POSSESSION OF SUBJECT, BEARING IN MIND SUBJECT APPARENTLY DEPARTED ATLANTA AREA APR. FIFTH, SIXTYEIGHT, AND POSSIBILITY MAY EXIST SUBJECT COULD HAVE LEFT WITH FAULKNER. P

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@450P EDT DGS, FBI MEMPHIS

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FBI JACKSVLE

6:17 PM EST URGENT 4/29/68 JLC

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS
AND MEMPHIS
FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 2P

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR, ET AL, APRIL TWO SIX, LAST. RE
LEO BARNETT ASSOCIATE OF RAY IN MISSOURI STATE PRISON.

LEO BARNETT, AGE THREE SEVEN, FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI, PRESENTLY
INCARCERATED FLORIDA STATE PRISON, RAIFORD, FLA., ADVISED KNEW RAY IN
MISSOURI STATE PRISON FROM ABOUT ONE NINE SIX TWO TO AUGUST, ONE NINE
SIX SIX, HOWEVER, NOT WELL. RAY WAS IN DIFFERENT CELL BLOCK AND WORKED
IN KITCHEN WHILE BARNETT WORKED IN SOAP FACTORY. BARNETT WOULD ONLY
SEE RAY APPROXIMATELY ONCE A WEEK. HE MET RAY THROUGH MUTUAL FRIEND,
BILLY MILES, AND ONLY ASSOCIATED WITH RAY BECAUSE OF MILES WHO IS
PRESENTLY AT NEW PENITENTIARY, MOBERLY, MISSOURI. HE RECALLED RAY
AS QUIET, NOT SAYING MUCH, AND BOTHERING NOBODY, A LONER, WITH NO
CLOSE FRIENDS. DESCRIBED HIM AS HAVING BAD NERVOUS CONDITION AND
A DEFINITE MENTAL PROBLEM. RAY IN HIS OPINION WAS TAKING POWDERED
AMPHETAMINE WHILE IN PRISON AND ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF AMOUNT
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RAY WAS USING, HE SUSPECTED GREAT QUANTITY AT TIMES WHEN THE SUPPLY WAS AVAILABLE AND AT OTHER TIMES NONE DUE TO WEIGHT LOSSES AND GAINS OF TEN TO FIFTEEN POUNDS OVER SHORT PERIODS. BARNETT NOTED THAT AMPHETAMINE TAKEN IN QUANTITIES WOULD PRODUCE A SUBSTANTIAL RAPID WEIGHT LOSS. THE SUPPLY OF AMPHETAMINE PRIOR TO ONE NINE SIX FOUR WAS READILY AVAILABLE AT FIVE DOLLARS A SHOT OR LESS. AFTER ONE NINE SIX FOUR WAS VERY SCARCE BUT WHEN AVAILABLE REMAINED AT FIVE DOLLARS A SHOT. BARNETT WAS CERTAIN RAY WAS NOT INVOLVED IN KILLING OF THREE NEGROES IN ONE NINE SIX FOUR SINCE HE WAS AWARE OF THOSE INVOLVED. THE ONLY PLACE HE HEARD RAY SPEAK OF WAS RAYTOWN, NEAR KANSAS CITY. BARNETT FOUND IT HARD TO BELIEVE RAY WAS COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTANT KILLING SINCE HE THOUGHT HIM TOO STUPID WITH NOT ENOUGH INITIATIVE. OTHER THAN MILES, ONLY INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW WHO WOULD KNOW RAY WELL WOULD BE LOUIE "WHITEY" DALTA (PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED).

ST. LOUIS, AT NEW PENITENTIARY, MOBERLY, INTERVIEW BILLY MILES REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH RAY.

KANSAS CITY, AT RAYTOWN, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION RE RAY, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ST. LOUIS (44-775),
AND ATLANTA
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

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SUMMARY, CHICAGO DIVISION.

VA RECORDS WERE EXTENSIVELY REVIEWED AT THE FURTHER REQUEST
OF THE CHICAGO DIVISION AND EVEN THOUGH THE REHABILITATION
AND EDUCATIONAL FOLDER FOR JAMES EARL RAY HAS BEEN DESTROYED,
MICROFILM RECORD OF JAMES WAS LOCATED SHOWING PAYMENTS FROM
MAY TWO, NINETEEN FORTY NINE TO JANUARY THIRTY ONE, NINETEEN
FIFTY TWO. THE CHICAGO ADDRESSES WHERE THE CHECKS WERE MAILED
HAVE BEEN OBTAINED AND NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION BEING
CONDUCTED. VA RECORDS DID NOT REVEAL IDENTITY OF INSTITUTIONS
WHERE TRAINING RECEIVED. FOREGOING IS ONLY INFORMATION ON
FILE.

REVIEW OF MICROFILM RECORDS, COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL, INDICATES
SUBJECT TREATED FOR GUNSHOT WOUND ON LEFT FOREARM AND
LACERATIONS OF SKULL. RECORD DID NOT DISCLOSE SPECIFIC
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POINTS OF INJURY. NO BACKGROUND INFORMATION. RECORDS BRIDWELL HOSPITAL, STILL BEING SEARCHED. ESTIMATE INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL MAY ONE NEXT.

BROTHER JERRY RAY LEFT CHICAGO NOON THIS DATE TO VISIT WITH BROTHER AND SISTER IN ST. LOUIS, RETURNING TO CHICAGO LATE MAY ONE NEXT. ST. LOUIS ADVISED BY SEPARATE TEL.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO ELIMINATE ALL INDIVIDUALS KNOWN TO CHICAGO WHO HAVE THREATENED KING IN PAST. BUREAU AND MEMPHIS ADVISED OF STATUS BY SEPARATE TEL THIS DATE.

RE LOOK ALIKE AT PURE OIL STATION, AMERICUS, GEORGIA. PURE OIL COMPANY OFFICIALS HAVE LOCATED TRANSMITTAL SLIP FROM GAS STATION AND PRESENTLY HAVE REDUCED POSSIBILITIES TO THIRTY SIX CUSTOMERS WHICH WILL BE FURTHER REDUCED BY REVIEW A.M. NEXT.

CONTINUING EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION BEING AFFORDED INSTANT MATTER.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA

CHICAGO NEW ORLEANS

FROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574

MURKIN.

RE LOUIS LOMAX

CALIFORNIA BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATIONS
FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT LOUIS LOMAX, FBI THREE TWO NINE
FOUR EIGHT ZERO A WAS SENTENCED TO STATE PENITENTIARY,
JOLIET, ILLINOIS (TWO NINE THREE ZERO FIVE) FROM FEBRUARY
TEN NINETEEN FIFTY TO MAY NINE NINETEEN FIFTY SIX. HE
SERVED TWO SENTENCES FOR LARCENY. JAMES EARL RAY SERVED
AT JOLIET (THREE TWO FOUR ONE NINE) FROM SIX THIRTEEN FIFTY
TWO TO JULY SEVEN NINETEEN FIFTY TWO WHEN TRANSFERRED TO PONTIAC
ILLINOIS. POSSIBILITY EXISTS LOMAX ACQUAINTED WITH RAY.

RE EMPLOYMENT

RAY WORKED IN BAKERY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY.
REVIEW OF RECORDS BAKERY AND CONFECTIONERY WORKERS UNIONS
LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA UNDER NAME OF RAY AND
ALL ALIASES NEGATIVE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN BAKERY INDUSTRY.

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RE CHARLES AND RITA STEIN.

INVESTIGATION AT FORMER NEIGHBORHOOD OF STEINS AT THREE THREE FOUR ZERO FLOYD TERRACE, LOS ANGELES REVEALS STEINS POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL NARCOTIC ACTIVITIES. FORMER NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR AND PAUL LYON, WHO RESIDED DIRECTLY ACROSS STREET RECALL OBSERVING WHITE MUSTANG BEARING OUT OF STATE LICENSE PARKED IN FRONT OF STEINS RESIDENCE DURING LATE NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED AT ATLANTA SUBJECT DRUG ADDICT AND INVOLVED IN ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC, INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF STEINS POSSIBLY INVOLVED WITH SUBJECT IN THIS TRAFFIC. IT IS NOTED IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW, CHARLES STEIN STATED FIRST MET SUBJECT IN SULTAN ROOM, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES DECEMBER FOURTEEN SIXTY SEVEN. IF STEIN INVOLVED WITH SUBJECT, IT IS POSSIBLE STEIN WOULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL INFO RE SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES.

FOR INFORMATION OF NEW ORLEANS, ACCORDING TO NEIGHBORS, RITA STEIN'S MOTHER VISITED STEIN RESIDENCE ON FLOYD TERRACE ON TWO OR THREE OCCASSIONS PRIOR TO THANKSGIVING DAY, SIXTY SEVEN, WHEN ALLEGED DRUG ACTIVITY

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TAKING PLACE. EXACT DATES OF VISIT UNKNOWN.

RE DYERLL DENNIS.

INVESTIGATION NEGATIVE RE WHEREABOUTS OF RAY
FERNANDEL AND JACK PENDLETON. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

RE LOOK ALIKES

LOS ANGELES CONTINUES TO CHECK OUT REPORTED
LOOK ALIKES. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHICAGO REVIEW RECORDS AT JOLIET PENITENTIARY TO
DETERMINE IF SUBJECT AND LOMAX WERE ASSIGNED SAME WORK
GANGS WHILE AT JOLIET.

INTENSIVE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION RE STEINS AND
MARIE MARTIN BEING CONDUCTED AT LOS ANGELES PRIOR TO ADDITIONAL
INTERVIEWS.

INVESTIGATION ALL PHASES CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED MILWAUKEE FOR INFO.

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233 PM URGENT 4-29-68 ARK

TO ST. LOUIS

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 1P

MURKIN

MANIFESTS OF ONLY TWA DEPARTING FLIGHTS ATLANTA PREVIOUSLY
CHECKED FOR SUBJECT UNDER NAMES OF GALTO, LOWMYER AND WILLARD.

ST. LOUIS WILL CHECK PERTINENT MANIFEST RECORDS OF TWA
FOR DATES APRIL FIVE, SIX, ELEVEN AND TWELVE, FOR POSSIBLE
DEPARTURE ATLANTA OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY UNDER REPORTED
ADDITIONAL ALIASES W. C. HERRON, MC BRIDE, O'CONNER, WALTON AND
JAMES WALYON, IT BEING NOTED TWA HAS ONLY FLIGHTS A DAY FROM
ATLANTA.

STOPS AGAINST SUBJECT AND ALIASES SHOULD BE PLACED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

JLS

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937 PM URGENT 4-29-68 ARK

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

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) 3P

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION APRIL TWENTYNINE INSTANT.

INTERVIEW OF WILLIAM ERNEST HARPER, COLUMBUS, GA.,
WHO RESIDED AT ONE ZERO SEVEN DASH FOURTEENTH STREET, NE,
ATLANTA, GA., IN JAN. AND FEB. SIXTYEIGHT, INDICATED THAT
THE INDIVIDUAL WITH LAST NAME OF FAULKNER WHO RESIDED WITH
HIM AND WHO RETURNED IN APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT, WAS BOBBY JOE
FAULKNER NOT BILLY JOE FAULKNER. BOBBY JOE FAULKNER'S MOTHER
ADVISED THIS DATE BOBBY JOE WAS IN ATLANTA THE FIRST WEEK IN
APRIL AND LEFT AFTER THE KING ASSASSINATION INASMUCH AS
CONSTRUCTION WORK SLOWED DOWN IN ATLANTA. HE IS PRESENTLY
WORKING IN PINE HILL, ALA., AND LEAD SET FORTH FOR MOBILE
TO INTERVIEW HIM.

REVIEW OF WANT ADS FOR CARS FOR SALE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE
TO DATE.

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CHECK OF DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS FOR NEW DRIVERS LICENSES IN STATE OF GA. FOR PERTINENT PERIOD CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CLOSED DURING PERTINENT PERIOD IN ONLY BANK IN AREA SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE WHICH HAS SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CONDUCTED THIS DATE. TWENTYFIVE BOXES CLOSED DURING PERIOD, MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE WELL KNOWN CUSTOMERS, REMAINDER BEING CHECKED OUT.

AIRLINE CHECKS BEING EXPANDED.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN AREA OF ABANDONMENT OF CAR AND AREA OF RESIDENCE EXPANDED, BUT NO ADDITIONAL INFO OBTAINED.

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE, RECOVERING FROM PROLONGED DRUNK. NOTHING ADDITIONAL OF SIGNIFICANCE OBTAINED.

FORMER HEAD OF HIPPIES, ATLANTA, WHO IS PRESENTLY INCARCERATED NARCOTICS CHARGE INTERVIEWED. FURNISHED INFORMATION RE POSSIBLE DRUG SOURCES IN HIPPIE AREA. HE WAS IN JAIL DURING PERTINENT PERIOD WHEN RAY IN ATLANTA.

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ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED NARCOTICS ASPECT WITH
COOPERATION NARCOTICS OFFICERS ATLANTA PD.

CONTACT OF KLAN INFORMANTS RE POSSIBLE BOUNTY ON KING'S
LIFE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA REINTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY NINE.
STATED ANOTHER INMATE AT MISSOURI STATE PRISON, NAME UNRECALLED
KNEW RAY. LEADS BEING SET FORTH BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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12-01 AM 4/30/68 GFH

TO DIRECTOR ATLANTA MEMPHIS
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703 1P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, KNOXVILLE, RICHMOND AND
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

J. C. VAUGHN, OFFICE MANAGER, CURTIS WRIGHT CORPORATION, EIGHT
TWO ONE FIFTEENTH STREET, N. W., WDC ADVISED THIS DATE HE WAS A PASS-
ENGER ABOARD DELTA AIRLINER FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX FROM ATLANTA ON APRIL
FIVE LAST. HE SAID THAT HE HAD ATTENDED AN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION
MEETING AT ATLANTA THE EVENING OF APRIL FOUR LAST.

VAUGHN IS WHITE MALE, SIXTYONE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET NINE
INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, GREY HAIR. NO FURTHER INVESTI-
GATION RE VAUGHN IS BEING CONDUCTED BY WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA 44-2386

DATE: 4-30-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry D. Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JOHN HEAD, R & R Body Shop, 4300 Old Peachtree Road, Doraville, 457-9490, called at 10:22 am today and advised that he picked up a hitchhiker this morning on the expressway, north, near the Capitol. This man was dirty, wearing brown short sleeve shirt and dark trousers, and stated he was going from Florida to Minnesota.

HEAD let him out of the car at 14th and the expressway and he jumped from car without saying thank you or anything. HEAD thinks he looks "very much like" subject RAY. He let this man out about 9:10 am.

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FBI BIRMINGHAM

4:59PM 4-29-68 URGENT AMB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740) (P) 2P

MURKIN; CR; OO:MEMPHIS.

BIRMINGHAM FILES SHOWS THAT RAY DURING HIS PERIOD OF RESIDENCE BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, FROM AUGUST TWENTYSIX, SIXTYSEVEN, THROUGH OCTOBER FIVE, SIXTYSEVEN, UTILIZED THE SERVICES OF A LOCAL CLEANING ESTABLISHMENT ON FIVE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS, THESE BEING ON A WEEKLY BASIS. RAY HAD HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS CLEANED, WHICH CONSISTED OF COATS, TROUSERS, SHIRTS, TIES AND UNDERCLOTHING. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS ALSO NOTED RAY, WHILE IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, UTILIZED THE SERVICES OF THE HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT, FOR CLEANING OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS. HE ALSO UTILIZED THIS SAME TYPE SERVICE AT ATLANTA, GORGIA, LEAVING DRY CLEANING AT THE PIEDMONT LAUNDRY ON APRIL ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND PICKING UP HIS LAUNDRY ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, THE DAY HE ABANDONED HIS MUSTANG. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE SHOWS THAT RAY IS ALWAYS CLEAN SHAVEN,

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NEAT , WELL DRESSED AND PRESENTS CLEAN NEAT APPEARANCE. HE APPARENTLY IS VERY METICULOUS ABOUT HIS PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND CLOTHING AND POSSIBLY HAS A FIXATION ABOUT CLEANLINESS. IN VIEW OF THIS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT RAY WILL CONTINUE TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF LAUNDRIES AND CLEANERS AS HE HAS IN THE PAST AND, THEREFORE, THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO CONTACTING ALL LAUNDRIES AND CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN EACH DIVISION TO APPRISE APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL OF SUBJECT'S FUGITIVE STATUS AS WELL AS THE PURPORTED REWARD BEING OFFERED FOR RAY'S APPREHENSION. BIRMINGHAM IS INSTITUTING CONTACTS OF ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANERS/

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA JOHN B. REYNOLDS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

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HARRIS advised that GRANDIN resides on West Peachtree St., address unknown. She is employed as a secretary for one of the professors in the Electrical Engineering Department at Georgia Tech.

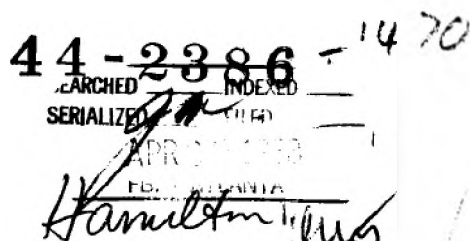
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PM PM URGENT 4/29/68 CAB

TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE IO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE SIXTY-SEVEN.

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

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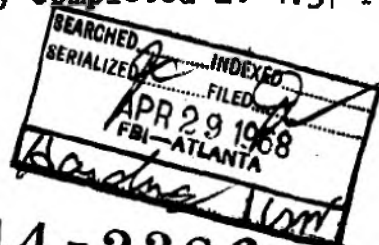
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4-29-68

FROM : SA JOSEPH G. SHEA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Columbia teletype to Atlanta 4-27-68.

Retel reflected that a DR. WILLIAM HUTTO, 1819 Marion, Columbia, S.C., had observed a Grey Volkswagon, bearing 1968 Georgia license 7D 8205, traveling at a high rate of speed towards Columbia, S.C., at about 8:45 AM. DR. HUTTO observed that the lone male driver in profile resembled JAMES EARL RAY.

COP ROBERT L. DRAKE, Smyrna PD, Smyrna, Georgia, on 4-27-68, advised that 1968 Georgia license 7D 8205 is registered to CHARLES WORTZ, 2016 Olive Springs, Marietta, Ga. This is the address of the Francis Ann Apartments according to Chief Drake.

Assistant COP James Bennett, Cobb County PD, So. Cobb Drive, Marietta, Ga., advised that they have no record of a 1968 Grey Volkswagon, VIN 318122283, bearing 1968 Georgia license 7D 8205, having been reported stolen. Above check was made on 4-27-68.

Mrs. Betty Byers, Manager, Francis Ann Apartments, 2016 Olive Springs, Marietta, Georgia, advised on 4-27-68 that CHARLES WORTZ, resides at Apartment B-1, at that address and holds a very responsible position with Lockheed-Georgia Company. She stated that he is single and drives a grey 1968 Volkswagon. She advised that her records reflect that WORTZ leased apartment B-1 in March 1967 and indicated a permanent address of 3837 Cumming, Omaha, Nebraska. His nearest relative was shown as C.B. WORTZ, 7224 Ohio, Omaha, Nebraska. She described WORTZ as M/W, late 20's or early 30's, slender, 6', Sandy colored hair which is curly and worn very long in beatnik style. She stated that when WORTZ rented the apartment he was wearing very long sideburns almost reaching his chin and since March 1967 has grown a full beard which gives him an unusual appearance. Mrs. Byers advised that WORTZ is a very friendly person who attends every social get-to-gether sponsored by the Francis Ann Apartments to promote social activities between residents of the Apartments. She stated that she has seen the picture of JAMES EARL RAY in the newspapers and does not believe that WORTZ favors RAY at all. She said that it would be hard for anyone to identify WORTZ as RAY since his full beard covers his face completely.

Inasmuch as WORTZ has resided at the above address since March 1967 and subject RAY did not escape until April 1967 and in view of above facts furnished by Mrs. Byers, WORTZ is being considered not identical with the subject.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA BRUCE D. THOMSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call from Supervisor CHARLES S. HANDING 4/26/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA's BRUCE D. THOMSON and JACK M. WEBBECK at Tallapoosa and Waco, Georgia on 4/26/68:

Mr. B. V. JOHNSON, Proprietor of Johnson's Store, Route 1, Waco, Ga., advised that he is familiar with LLOYD C. JOHNSON of Waco, Ga., commenting that JOHNSON is a cousin of his. Mr. JOHNSON stated that LLOYD JOHNSON is "a no good liquor runner", and has been in trouble most of his life. Mr. JOHNSON advised that the last time he saw LLOYD he was driving a late model Chevrolet pick-up truck. He indicated that LLOYD has not been around the local area in several months. Mr. JOHNSON was displayed a photo of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt and stated that LLOYD JOHNSON bore little or no resemblance to the person pictured.

Mr. WILLARD ROBINSON, Proprietor of Willard's Store, Route 2, Tallapoosa, Ga., Old Highway 100, advised that he is familiar with LLOYD C. JOHNSON as JOHNSON has traded with him for several years as has his father EMORY JOHNSON. ROBINSON stated after viewing a photo of JAMES EARL RAY that JOHNSON is not identical with the person pictured. ROBINSON stated that LLOYD did own a '65 or '66 Chevrolet pick-up truck, color gray or light green but that he now owns a late model Chevy II color light blue.

Mr. EMORY JOHNSON, Route 2, Tallapoosa, Ga., Old Highway 100, Buncombe Community advised that he is the father of LLOYD C. JOHNSON. Mr. JOHNSON stated that his son now resides in Atlanta or Smyrna, Ga. and is employed by a company which manufactures Campers in the Atlanta, Ga. area. Mr. JOHNSON advised that his son owns a '67 or '68 Chevy II, color blue and that he purchased the tag for this auto in Haralson County, Ga.

Mr. JOHNSON stated that he did not know the name of the company for whom his son worked but that his other son, CLYDE JOHNSON, who lives on this same road bought one of these campers.

Investigation determined that the name on this camper was ROADMASTER.
LEAD AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will attempt to determine whereabouts of Co. in Atlanta which sells or manufactures Roadmaster Campers and thereafter locate and interview LLOYD C. JOHNSON re instant matter.



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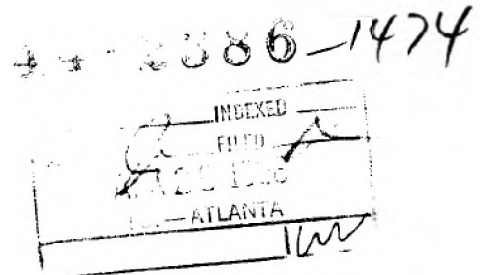
FROM : SA ARTHUR L. MURTAGH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/30/68, Mr. RON KOHN, Anti-Defamation League, 41 Exchange Place, Atlanta, Georgia, was recontacted and advised after a search of his records that his files contain no reference to any of the additional aliases of JAMES EARL RAY as follows:

W.C. HERRON
JAMES MC BRIDE
JAMES O'CONNER
JAMES WALTON
JAMES WALYON

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1226P EDT URGENT 4/30/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 2P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, APR. TWENTYTHREE, LAST.

INSTANT 'SIXTYEIGHT AMERICAN MTRS REBEL, TWO-DR, RED IN COLOR, 'SIXTYEIGHT GA. LICENSE ONE - FOUR FOUR NINE ONE FOUR, REGISTERED APR. THREE, LAST, TO HERTZ CORP., TWO ZERO TWO COURTLAND, N.E., ATLANTA, VIN A EIGHT A ONE NINE SEVEN M TWO FOUR EIGHT ONE NINE SEVEN. HERTZ CORP. ADVISED THIS IS THEIR CAR NO. SEVEN ZERO ZERO TWO SIX. VEHICLE LAST RENTED APR. THREE LAST, TO A SALLY WILLIS, GRAY ADVERTISING, INC., AND RETURNED APR. SIX, LAST, TO HERTZ AIRPORT OFFICE. FROM APR. SIX TO DATE, ACCORDING TO HERTZ RECORDS, VEHICLE NOT RENTED, LEASED, OR DISCOVERED MISSING. HERTZ DOES NOT KNOW HOW VEHICLE GOT TO BIRMINGHAM. HERTZ DRIVER WENT TO BIRMINGHAM TO PICK UP ANOTHER VEHICLE AND WHILE THERE WAS TOLD TO PICK UP RED REBEL, AS IT WAS PROPERTY OF HERTZ.

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ATTEMPT BY ATLANTA AGENTS TO EXAMINE VEHICLE NEGATIVE,
AS HERTZ HAD THOROUGHLY CLEANED CAR AND HAS NOW RENTED CAR
A7S OF TEN A.M., APR. TWENTYNINE, LAST.

BIRMINGHAM WILL CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION IN ATTEMPT
ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE HOW VEHICLE GOT TO BIRMINGHAM.
EXHIBIT PHOTOS OF JAMES EAR RAY TO ALL AIRPORT PARKING LOT
ATTENDANTS. P

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

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM
OO: Memphis
Bufile 44-38861

Re memo of SA CHARLES S. HARDING, dated
4/25/68 (Serial 1202).

On 4/26/68 SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN contacted
the following garages in the Capitol Homes area in
an attempt to locate a car which may have been left
at one of these garages by JAMES EARL RAY. With
negative results, photographs of subject were shown
at each place of business.

The following were contacted:

Melvin Sullivan, Shell Service Station,
311 Memorial Drive

Bob Shaw, Manager, Standard Oil Service
Station, 224 Clarke Street

Sam Chrengast, Manager, Humble Oil Service
Station, 364 Hill Street

Harry Smith, Gulf Service Station, 363 Hill
Street

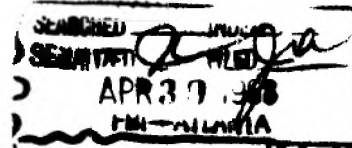
John Stokes, Service Station at 280 Memorial
Drive,

R. E. Sims, ABC Atlanta Scales, Memorial
Drive

Mr. B. Blankenship, Auto Service, 335 Hunter
Street, SE

O. C. Wells, Gulf Oil Service Station, 327
Memorial Drive

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Leslie Sumner, Asst. Chief, APD, Albany, Ga.

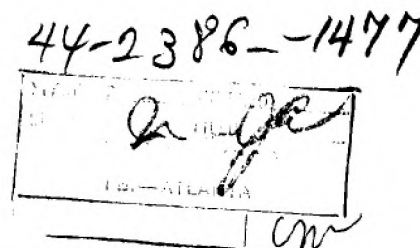
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Robert S. Kermann
Special Agent



AT 44-2386

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The following investigation was conducted on April 23, 1968, in Atlanta, Georgia by SA CHARLES F. ROESNER:

Mrs. ETHEL ELLINGTON, Clerk, Georgia Selective Service System Headquarters, 901 West Peachtree Street, advised that a search of her files failed to reveal any information in the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, or JAMES EARL RAY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 26, 1968

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Mrs. EDNA E. CROOKE, 169 Memorial Street, SE, Apartment 511, was contacted and furnished the following information:

Her apartment overlooks the parking lot in which the 1966 white Mustang was subsequently found. CROOKE said she had never seen this car arrive at the parking lot but was aware that it had parked there for several days prior to its discovery. CROOKE said that on April 5, 1968, she was visited by a friend, Mrs. FLOYD MEDLEY, Jonesboro, Georgia. Sometime about dusk, Mrs. MEDLEY was seated at the front door taking care of her young children. This area overlooks the parking lot which is in front of the CROOKE apartment. At this time nothing was said about any car being in the parking lot. After the discovery of the white Mustang and on a day which CROOKE believes was April 14, 1968, she talked with Mrs. MEDLEY on the telephone. At this time MEDLEY mentioned that while seated at the front steps on April 5, 1968, she had observed a white colored car, which was probably a Mustang slowly drive into the parking lot. Because of the darkness, she was unable to see the license plate on this car and did not get a good look at the driver. She was interested in the car because at first she thought it might be driven by CROOKE's former husband. MEDLEY said that the car drove slowly in the lot and then turned around and left.

CROOKE said she did not recall that MEDLEY had said anything further about the car. About a week or ten days ago, CROOKE was visited by a reporter named DON MC KEE and she mentioned MEDLEY's conversation to him. At that time CROOKE was aware of the unlisted phone number for MEDLEY and furnished it to MC KEE, who immediately phoned her. CROOKE said she overheard the entire conversation and that MC KEE took no notes whatsoever and that at no time

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by SA ROBERT K. LEWIS R :sja Date dictated 4/26/68

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asked MEDLEY to describe the driver of the car or what the driver was wearing.

CROOKE advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CROOKE said it is MEDLEY's attitude that Mrs. MEDLEY actually does not know anything about this case anyway. CROOKE further advised that the MEDLEYS have had their unlisted phone number changed and she does not at this time know what it is and she does not know their address, except that they live in a large subdivision somewhere south of Jonesboro.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4-29-68

FROM : SPC ALVIN R. KNOWLES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Approximately 9:00 PM this date [REDACTED], 1766 Denise Dr., Forest Park, Ga., telephone number 478-8048, telephonically contacted this office and stated he saw a person fitting the description of JAMES EARL RAY two or three blocks from Ashby St., Atlanta, Approx. 8:45 PM, 4-29-68.

Above for info.

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Date April 29, 1968

MRS. F. E. MEDLEY, 661 Utoy Court, Jonesboro, Georgia, advised that in early April 1968 her husband took a temporary job in Atlanta. During this period of three or four days she and her small children resided with EDNA CROOKE, 169 Memorial Street, Apartment 511. One evening just at dusk she and her children were seated on the front steps of this apartment. The steps overlook the parking area where the 1966 white Mustang was subsequently located. While seated there, a white Mustang drove slowly into the parking area. It was driven by a man whose face she did not see. He appeared to be wearing a white knit shirt. The car stopped for a few minutes and she observed that it had a 1967 Georgia license, beginning with the numeral 2. The driver did not get out of the car but drove back out of the area. EDNA CROOKE was not present during this occurrence and MEDLEY subsequently mentioned the incident to her, thinking the man might have been CROOKE's ex-husband, who has been causing her some trouble. MEDLEY said she is not even sure on what night this happened but is positive it was after the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING and CROOKE has told her it was April 5, 1968. MEDLEY said she did not know if there was another white Mustang in the lot on this particular evening.

MEDLEY said that a week or ten days ago she was telephoned by a reporter who was then at CROOKE's apartment. She said she was very upset because CROOKE had caused this. She stated that her conversation with the reporter was very garbled because he was not only talking to her but apparently with two or three other persons who were with him and kept interjecting remarks. She stated she never felt that what she saw had anything to do with the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and she never told anyone that the car she saw had Alabama tags. She advised she now has unlisted telephone number 478-1317.

On 4/26/68 at Jonesboro, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386 -1481
 by SA ROBERT K. LEWIS and SA DONALD F. TACKITT RKL/vsc Date dictated 4/26/68

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JACK T. BEVERSTEIN:

On April 25, 1968, EDITH BUSBY, Manager, Soda Fountain, Lane-Liggett Drugstore, 10th and Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia, advised LEWIE DOWDA had been employed as Manager of the Soda Fountain from December 23, 1967, to January 23, 1968, at which time DOWDA left, claiming he was going to move to Florida. She stated it is her understanding DOWDA is now employed at the Bonanza Steak House, Marietta, Georgia. BUSBY viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she had never seen this individual. She advised no one has contacted her concerning the whereabouts of DOWDA.

On April 25, 1968, Dr. TOM CHOTOS, Manager, Lane-Liggett Drugstore, 10th and Peachtree Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, advised photograph of JAMES EARL RAY is unfamiliar to him. He stated no one has ever contacted him for instructions how to contact LEWIE DOWDA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA GRANFIELD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LEWIE BOWDA PHASE

On 4/29/68 Mrs. MAZEL PROPHITT, American Tire Co., Atlanta, telephoned the Atlanta Office and advised that records of that company failed to reflect any information or application form executed by BILLY BINK CUMLEY.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE ITSMV	

REFERENCE: Atlanta teletype to Bureau, 4/22/68

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Through Motor Vehicle Division, determine to whom 1968 Missouri license JC2-468 issued, and determine circumstances of theft.

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