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LEADS: (cont.)

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

1. From Herff Ford Agency, determine facts surrounding theft.
2. Through Waterway Marine, locate and interview R. L. BATEMAN concerning subject's activities during pertinent period.

ATLANTA

AT THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA

Follow and report prosecution.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-USA, Macon, Georgia

Report of: SA ROYAL A. MC GRAW
Date: April 26, 1968

Office: Atlanta, Georgia

Field Office File #: 26-43329

Bureau File #:

Title: ROBERT LEE NEWGENT, Also Known As
Larry Keith

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE

Synopsis: Chief WAYNE WILSON, Boston, Georgia, PD, during week of 4/8/68, observed subject driving a 1968 Ford Torino GT, bearing 1968 Missouri license JC2-468, after being interviewed by FBI Agents on 4/18/68, on another matter, subject stopped while driving Torino and placed car in garage owned by FRANK COCHRAN, Boston. NCIC checked by GSP, Thomasville, Georgia, on 4/20/68, revealed 1968 Missouri license JC2-468, reported stolen 11/23/67, Authority Post 37, Missouri State Patrol. Subject, aka LARRY KEITH, on 4/23/68, in signed statement admitted theft of 1968 Ford Torino GT from lot of Herff Ford Agency, Memphis, Tennessee, on 4/5/68, and subsequent transportation of stolen car to Boston, Georgia, via Cairo, Illinois. AUSA MANLEY F. BROWN, MDGA, Macon, Georgia, authorized prosecution and recommended \$1500 bond. Complaint filed 4/21/68, by SA ROYAL A. MC GRAW before USC WILLIAM J. TROWELL, Thomasville, Georgia, charging subject with violation of Title 18, Section 2312, U. S. Code. NEWGENT arraigned 4/21/68, before USC TROWELL, waived preliminary hearing, and was remanded to custody of USM, MDGA, Macon, Georgia, in lieu of \$1500 bond. Owner being advised. Recovery value \$3985.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SAs
M. ROBERT MC FARLAND and ROYAL A. MC GRAW:

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On April 18, 1968, subject, under the name of LARRY KEITH, was interviewed in connection with another matter. He, on that date, advised that the 1968 Ford Torino GT he had been driving was owned by a friend of VICTOR BATEMAN. Subject was living at the residence of R. L. BATEMAN, father of VICTOR BATEMAN, at Boston, Georgia. He denied having an automobile of his own.

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LEON CARR, Radio Operator, Georgia State Patrol, Thomasville, Georgia, advised Chief WAYNE WILSON, Boston, Georgia, Police Department, had on that date, requested him to run a National Crime Information Check (NCIC) check on 1968 Missouri license JC2-468; at 10:51 PM, April 20, 1968, he received message from NCIC showing the above license to have been reported stolen on November 23, 1967, on Authority Post 37, Missouri State Patrol.

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Chief WAYNE WILSON, Boston, Georgia, Police Department, advised LARRY KEITH came to Boston around April 8, 1968, driving a 1968 Ford Torino GT, bearing 1968 Missouri license JC2-468. KEITH was staying at the residence of R. L. BATEMAN, Boston, Georgia.

KEITH was interviewed by FBI Agents on April 18, 1968; following this interview he stopped driving the above Torino. He rented a garage from FRANK COCHRAN, Cochran's Service Station, Boston, and placed the Torino in storage. WILSON advised the serial number of the plates had been removed from the Torino.

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VICTOR BATEMAN, Post Office Box 341, Boston, Georgia, advised he is the son of R. L. BATEMAN. LARRY KEITH is an associate of his father, and has been staying at the residence of R. L. BATEMAN in Boston.

BATEMAN advised the 1968 dark blue Ford Torino GT belonged to LARRY KEITH. It was his understanding from conversation with KEITH that he purchased this Torino approximately 2 or 3 weeks ago. He allegedly traded a Corvette for the Torino. BATEMAN had no idea where KEITH had obtained the Torino.

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KAY CONE, Post Office Box 341, Boston, Georgia, advised she is a niece of R. L. BATEMAN, and lives at BATEMAN's residence. LARRY KEITH came to Boston, around April 8, 1968, accompanied by R. L. BATEMAN. KEITH was driving a 1968 dark blue Ford Torino GT when he arrived in Boston. She believed the Torino to be owned by LARRY KEITH.

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FRANK COCHRAN, Cochran's Service Station, Boston, Georgia, advised LARRY KEITH, care of R. L. BATEMAN, Boston, made arrangements with his son, WESLEY COCHRAN, to store a 1968 dark blue Ford Torino GT in an old garage owned by him, located adjacent to his service station. KEITH offered his son to pay him \$10 monthly for rental on the above garage.

COCHRAN advised subsequent to making the above arrangements with WESLEY COCHRAN, KEITH visited his filling station. COCHRAN told KEITH he had no insurance covering the storage of his automobile. KEITH told COCHRAN that he owned the 1968 Ford Torino GT, and that it was covered by insurance. KEITH also mentioned having liability insurance on the automobile, but stated this liability insurance did not cover drivers under the age of 25.

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Date April 26, 1968

ROBERT LEE NEWGENT, Also Known As LARRY KEITH, was interviewed by SA ROYAL A. MC GRAW at the Resident Agency, Thomasville, Georgia. SA MC GRAW identified himself to NEWGENT as being a Special Agent of the FBI. SA MC GRAW told NEWGENT he would be interviewed concerning a 1968 Ford Torino GT.

SA MC GRAW NEWGENT of his rights as shown by an executed rights and waiver form being maintained by the Atlanta Office.

During the first part of this interview, NEWGENT furnished the following incomplete statement:

"Thomasville, Ga.
April 21, 1968

"I, Robert Lee Newgent, do make the following statement to Royal A. McGraw, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I was born on [] at East St. Louis, Illinois, and consider my home address to be 501 North 61st Street, East St. Louis, Illinois. I am employed as a mate and engineer by Wisconsin Barge Lines, Cassville, Wisconsin. I completed nine grades of school at Clark Junior High School, East St. Louis, Illinois.

"I have been acquainted with Cecil Jones, Memphis, Tenn. for approximately one year. Jones works as a deckhand for barges on the Mississippi River. He generally secures work through Waterway Marine, Memphis.

"Around 3/18/68 I was employed aboard the Motor Vessel Ray A. I left this vessel and went to the Tip Top Club in Cairo, Ill. There I saw Cecil Jones. Jones told me to see him when I returned to Memphis.

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"On 3/30/68 I left the Motor Vessel Ray A at Memphis, Tenn. I again saw Cecil Jones at a tavern known as 'Jim's Place'. Jones told me he had a 1968 Ford Torino. This meeting would have been on 4/3/68.

"On 4/4/68 I again saw Jones at Waterway Marine in Memphis. He said he was getting ready to go on a boat and he wanted someboyd to take care of his 1968 Ford Torino.

"I told him I had to go to Cairo, Ill. to pick up R. L. Bateman. He told me to use his car and gave me two sets of keys to the car. He did not tell me where he got the car and I did not ask him. He did not give me the registration for the car.

"I took possession of the above 1968 Ford Torino on 4/4/68. I parked the car at Waterway Marine in Memphis, until 4/5/68. On 4/5/68 I took to the car binden badge Motel in Memphis and parked it on the motel lot.

"On 4/6/68 I drove the above car to East St. Louis, Illinois. I stayed at a motel at the intersection of Interstate 55 and Highway 40. I registered at this motel under the name of Larry Keith. While registering I checked the license number on the automobile. It was 1968 Missouri JC2-468. At this same time I noticed the serial number plate was missing from the door post of the automobile.

"On 4/7/68 I drove the car to Cairo, Ill. where I picked up R. L. Bateman. We left the same night and drove to Boston, Georgia."

While making the above statement, NEWGENT stated that the 1968 Ford Torino GT was stolen from the "back lot" of the Herff Ford Agency, Memphis, Tennessee. When questioned as to how he knew this, NEWGENT admitted that the above statement was not true. He then furnished the following signed statement:

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"I, Robert Lee Newgent, do make the following statement to Royal A. McGraw, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I was born on [] at East St. Louis, Illinois, and consider my home address to be 501 North 61st Street, East St. Louis, Illinois. I completed nine grades of school at Clark Junior High School, East St. Louis, Illinois. I am employed as a mate and engineer by Wisconsin Barge Lines, Cassville, Wisconsin.

"On 3/30/68 I left the Motor Vessel Ray A at Memphis, Tenn. and stayed at Waterway Marine. On the evening of 3/13/68 I moved to the binden badge Motel.

"On 4/3/68 I visited Herff Ford in Memphis and looked at some new cars. I talked with some salesman concerning the purchase of a new Ford. This salesman directed me to the back lot where I saw a 1968 dark blue Ford Torino with the ignition key in it.

"On 4/4/68 I passed by this car lot and saw that the above car had not been moved. I then believed that the ignition key would still be in it.

"At approximately 10:30 a.m. on 4/5/68, I returned to the above car lot and stole the 1968 dark blue Ford Torino. I drove the car to the binden badge and parked it there.

"On 4/6/68 I left Memphis enroute to East St. Louis, Ill. When I left Memphis I had no license plate on the above car. I drove to a truck stop near the Arkansas-Missouri line and stopped to eat. While ther I saw an old model Pontiac with 1968 Missouri license JC2-468 barely attached. I took this license plate and placed it on the stolen 1968 Ford Torino.

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"I then drove to East St. Louis, Ill., where I spent the night at a motel at the intersection of Interstate 55 and Highway 40. Highway 203 also intersects at this motel. I registered there under the name of Larry Keith.

"On 4/7/68, I drove to Cairo, Ill., where I picked up R. L. Bateman from the Motor Vessel William H. Craig. Bateman and I left Cairo that same evening and drove the above 1968 Ford Torino to Bateman's home at Boston, Georgia.

"On 4/18/68 I was interviewed by Special Agents M. Robert McFarland and Royal A. McGraw, Federal Bureau of Investigation, at Boston, Ga., concerning another matter. Subsequent to this interview I removed the serial number plates from the above car. I have since destroyed both of these serial number plates.

"I know in transporting the above stolen 1968 Ford Torino from Memphis, Tenn. to Boston, Ga., I violated the Federal law.

"I have read this statement consisting of this, and four other pages, have initialed each page, and each correction, and have signed this statement because it's true.

"/s/Robert Lee Newgent

"Witnessed: Royal A. McGraw, Special Agent,
FBI, Atlanta, Ga., 7:36 p.m., 4/21/68."

The last paragraph of the above statement is in NEWGENT's handwriting.

The following is a physical description of NEWGENT as obtained by interview and observation:

Name
Also Known As

ROBERT LEE NEWGENT
LARRY KEITH

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Address	501 North 61st Street East St. Louis, Illinois
Date of birth	
Place of birth	East St. Louis, Illinois
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6 feet 2 inches
Weight	210
Hair	Reddish and curly
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Reddish
Build	Heavy
Scars and marks	Has operation scar on ankles of both legs
Relatives	
Father	HERBERT M. NEWGENT 501 North 61st Street East St. Louis, Illinois
Mother	MARY EVA NEWGENT, nee CLUTTER Same address
Brother	HERBERT M. NEWGENT, JR. Age 28 81st Street East St. Louis, Illinois
Half sister	BONNIE CLUTTER Age 31 Inmate of Alton State Hospital Alton, Illinois
Wife	SANDRA KAY NEWGENT, nee TINGLEY 2010 State Street Granite City, Illinois
Daughter	THERESA NEWGENT Age 8 2010 State Street Granite City, Illinois
Marital status	Separated
Education	Complete 9 grades of school at Clark Junior High School 3300 State Street East St. Louis, Illinois

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Employment

Mate and Engineer for Wisconsin Barge Lines, Cassville, Wisconsin for approximately 1 year under the name of LARRY KEITH.

Seaman through National Marathon Union Joliet, Illinois, for approximately 3 years under the name of ROBERT LEE NEWGENT.

Baker by father at NEWGENT's Tasty Pastry Shop, East St. Louis, Illinois, for approximately 4 years.

Registered with Local Board at Belleville, Illinois

Selective Service

Military Service

None. NEWGENT stated he was not eligible for military service due to his having had operation on both ankles, and due to his having steal pins in both ankles.

**Social Security
Number**

[redacted] under name of ROBERT LEE NEWGENT

Identification Record

1957, East St. Louis, Illinois, assault on policeman, charged dismissed; 1967, Belleville, Illinois, altercation with wife and disturbing peace, case dismissed.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROYAL A. MC GRAW:

On April 21, 1968, the facts of this case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) MANLEY F. BROWN, Middle District of Georgia (MDGA), Macon, Georgia. Mr. BROWN authorized prosecution and recommended \$1500 bond.

On April 21, 1968, a complaint was filed by SA ROYAL A. MC GRAW before United States Commissioner (USC) WILLIAM J. TROWELL, Thomasville, Georgia, charging ROBERT LEE NEWGENT with a violation of Title 18, Section 2312, United States Code. This complaint charged that on or about April 21, 1968, at Boston, Georgia, NEWGENT did with unlawful intent transport in interstate commerce from Memphis, Tennessee, to Boston, Georgia, a motor vehicle knowing it to have been stolen. The statement of probable cause on the above complaint referred to a 1968 Ford Torino GT.

On April 21, 1968, NEWGENT was arraigned before USC WILLIAM J. TROWELL, Thomasville, Georgia. After waiving a preliminary hearing, NEWGENT was remanded to custody of the United States Marshal, MDGA, Macon, Georgia, in lieu of \$1500 bond. NEWGENT was photographed and fingerprinted at the time of the above arraignment.

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Chief WAYNE WILSON, Boston, Georgia, Police Department, exhibited the automobile observed by him in the possession of ROBERT LEE NEWGENT, also known as LARRY KEITH subsequent to April 8, 1968.

An examination of the above automobile by SAs M. ROBERT MC FARLAND and ROYAL A. MC GRAW at Thomasville Sales Company, Thomasville, Georgia, revealed that the serial number plate riveted to the instrument panel on the right hand side which would be visible through the windshield had been removed. The serial number plate riveted to the left front door hinge pillar post had also been removed.

An examination showed the above automobile to be a 1968 Ford Torino GT, Correct Vehicle Identification Number 8A42Y198134, bearing 1968 Missouri license JC2-468. This was a dark blue automobile with a white interior. It was equipped with radio, heater, air conditioning, power steering, and power brakes. It had bucket seats, and tinted windows. It was also equipped with automatic transmission and white side-wall tires. It had an odometer reading of 2,199.7 miles. It was equipped with a V8 390 engine, and was in excellent running condition.

The above automobile was stored at the Thomas County Jail, Thomasville, Georgia.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SAs M. ROBERT MC FARLAND and ROYAL A. MC GRAW:

BILL JASTON, Salesman, Thomasville Sales Company,
Thomasville, Georgia, on April 22, 1968, advised the retail
value of a 1968, Ford Torino GT was \$3985.

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

'Single Man' Theory Holds In King Death

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said Saturday there is no significant evidence that the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "goes beyond the single actor" who fired the fatal shot.

Clark made the statement during a news conference here in reply to a question concerning the reports of a possible conspiracy of Southern businessmen who might have been involved in the King slaying.

"We could make a long, long list—as long as the imagination of man runneth—of people who could possibly be involved in this," Clark said, "but there's no significant evidence that it goes beyond the single actor."

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL did not mention the man sought in connection with the slaying, James Earl Ray, by name and did not elaborate on the investigation except to say that he still feels confident an arrest will be made soon.

"I was hopeful an arrest would be obtained before now," he said. "The individual being sought is in a very difficult situation and it will be difficult for him to avoid arrest."

Clark was in Atlanta to speak at an Emory University Law Day luncheon.

Asked if he thought the slaying of King would result in effective gun legislation, Clark said it is "incredible that it has taken this long" to obtain such legislation. However, he said he would not "describe a direct casual relationship" between the slaying and the legislation.

"I hope to see action on this legislation in the Senate next week," he said.

CLARK was asked if he would prefer that the upcoming March by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on Washington in connection with its Poor People's Campaign not be held.

He replied, "This depends on what you mean by a march. These are anxious times. There will be tension in our cities for some time. It is important that self-discipline be displayed in order to avoid the risk of violence. And violence will impede the progress of this country."

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The Atlanta Journal
and The Atlanta
Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.

Date: 4-28-68

Edition: Final

Author:

Editor: Jack Spalding &
Title: Eugene Patterson
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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

Australian visa issuing authorities have no record of inquiry regarding visa from anyone using name or aliases of subject.

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Date April 29, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____.

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

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

To: FBI, Atlanta (44-2386)

Date: April 29, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561623 JK

Specimens received 4/25/68

Q290 White envelope postmarked "ATLANTA, GA. 1A 18 APR 1968" bearing address "W S B. Radio Station Atlanta Ga. 303013" (portions of this address handwritten, hand printed and typewritten)

Q291 Sheet of white paper bearing typewritten message beginning "dear news man i am sorry..." and ending "...to do so"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the typewriting on Q290 and Q291 is not identical with typewriting appearing on questioned items previously received in this case in the Galt name. Due to the presence of distortion in the questioned writing on Q290, and because of the lack of comparable material, a definite conclusion could not be reached whether JAMES EARL RAY, FBI# 405942G, prepared the questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q290. Significant handwriting differences were noted in the handwriting and hand printing on Q290 when compared with material submitted in this case attributable to RAY.

Q290 and Q291 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies have been added to this file for future reference. The typewriting on these specimens most closely corresponds to a standard for Royal pica style of type, spaced ten letters to the inch. Q290 and Q291 were examined for watermarks and indented writing with negative results. Q290 and Q291 have been photographed and are being returned to Atlanta separately.

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

To: FBI, Atlanta (44-2386)

Date: April 29, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-561623 JK

Examination requested by: Atlanta

Reference: Airtel 4/23/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks: You will be advised separately regarding the
latent fingerprint examination and disposition of Q290
and Q291.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosure (Lab report)

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Via Airtel _____
(Priority)

To: SAC's Atlanta (44-2386)
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel, 4/25/68, submitting one can, one drinking glass, one paper bag, and three transparent lifts for latent print examination.

No latent prints of value found or developed on the submitted items which have been destroyed as requested in re airtel.

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10:50 AEDT URGENT 4/30/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND LOUISVILLE

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

RE LOUISVILLE TEL, APR. TWENTYSIX, LAST.

EXAMINATION BATTERY LOCATED 'SIXTYSIX MUSTANG REFLECTS BATTERY IS SEARS ALL-STATE HIGH VOLTAGE INTERNAL CELL CONNECTORS BATTERY WITH NO. FIVE TWO IN WHITE LETTERS IN WHITE CIRCLE IN PLASTIC ON RIGHT SIDE OF THREE SIDES OF BATTERY. METAL RING PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED ON NEGATIVE POST ALSO CONTAINS LETTER W IN ADDITION TO OTHER INFO ALREADY SET OUT. CLOSE EXAMINATION OF WHITE PAPER CIRCLE PASTED ON BATTERY ONLY REFLECTS LETTERS C - EIGHT; NO OTHER LETTERS OR NUMBERS VISIBLE.

BOTTOM OF BATTERY CONTAINS WORDING, "THE RICHARDSON COMPANY" AND FOUR PATENT NUMBERS AND A CIRCLE CONTAINING LETTERS AND NUMBERS LR SIX EIGHT.

LOUISVILLE RECONTACT GLOBE UNION, INC. AND ATTEMPT TO TRACE BATTERY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

END

LCC

FBI WASH DC

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FBI LOUISVILLE...BAW

44-2386-1491

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FBI MOBILE

2:12PM

URGENT 4/30/68 WGL

TO: ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: MOBILE (157-2627) 4P

MURKIN CR. OO: MEMPHIS

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO MOBILE APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST.

BOBBY JOE FAULKNER, EMPLOYED MACMILLIAN DASH
BLOEDEL PAPER MILL SITE, YELLOW BLUFF, ALA., BY ALLEGHANY
ELECTRIC COMPANY, SUBCONTRACTOR FOR RUST ENGINEERING COMPANY,
STATES RESIDED AT GARNER'S ROOMING HOUSE, ATLANTA, GA., ON
FOURTEENTH STREET, ON TWO OCCASIONS. ONCE DURING LATTER PART
OF JANUARY AND FIRST PART OF FEBRUARY, SIXTYEIGHT, AND SECOND
TIME DURING PERIOD OF APRIL TWO THROUGH EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

FAULKNER STATES PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC
STARVO GALT, SHOWN ON IO AND WANTED FLIER, IS PERSON UNKNOWN
TO HIM WHILE AT GARNER'S ROOMING HOUSE. CLAIMS PHOTO OF RAY
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QUOTE YOUNG FELLOW UNQUOTE, WHITE MALE, TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTY, ABOUT FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE FORTY LBS., LIGHT BROWN, CLOSED CROPPED HAIR, WHO LIVED AT ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH STREET IN THE SECOND FLOOR, FRONT BEDROOM. THIS PERSON DROVE A SIXTYTHREE OR SIXTYFOUR GOLD COLORED PLYMOUTH, APPEARED TO BE WELL DASH EDUCATED, AND HE THOUGHT THIS PERSON WAS A COLLEGE STUDENT. FAULKNER STATED HE BELIEVED THIS PERSON HAS LIVED AT GARNER'S FOR QUOTE LONG PERIOD UNQUOTE OF TIME AND MAY STILL BE THERE.

FAULKNER, DURING PERIOD APRIL TWO THROUGH EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, LIVED AT GARNER'S QUOTE SECOND HOUSE UNQUOTE, WHICH IS LOCATED NEXT DOOR TO ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH STREET, ATLANTA, GA. ONLY OTHER PERSON HE OBSERVED LIVING THERE WAS A WHITE MALE, OVER FIFTY YEARS OF AGE, SIX FEET, ONE FIFTY TO ONE SIXTY LBS., GRAY HAIR, WRINKLED ROUGH SKIN ON FACE. HE SAW THIS INDIVIDUAL WITH TWO ASSOCIATES DESCRIBED AS: ONE:
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WHITE MALE, FORTY TO FORTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET EIGHT TO FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, TWO HUNDRED TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, BALDING ON TOP. THIS INDIVIDUAL APPARENTLY HAD THROAT OPERATION, AS HE HAD A HOLE IN HIS THROAT COVERED BY A PIECE OF GAUZE AND SPOKE IN A GRUFF WHISPER.

OTHER MAN WAS A WHITE MALE, LATE FORTIES, FIVE FEET SIX TO FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, GRAY HAIR AND WAS VERY SHORT. ALL THREE WORE GRAY WORK CLOTHES AND HE ASSUMED THEY WERE POSSIBLY ELECTRICIANS. NONE OF THREE RESEMBLED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT.

FAULKNER LEFT THE ROOMING HOUSE EARLY MORNING OF APRIL FIVE SIXTYEIGHT, TRAVELED AFTER WORK TO HOME IN COLUMBUS, GA., AND DID NOT RETURN TO ROOMING HOUSE APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT TURNED KEY TO ROOM INTO GARNER AT GARNER'S RESTAURANT, LOCATED ON NORTHSIDE DRIVE.

FAULKNER HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AT PINE HILL , ALA., THE PAST THREE WEEKS AND HAS NOT RETURNED TO ATLANTA SINCE

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THAT TIME.

INSERTS FOLLOW.

AM COPY FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CORR PAGE ONE LINE ELEVEN WORD TWO SHLD BE "GALT"

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FBI ATLANTA

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44-2386

Post Office Box 1683
Atlanta, Georgia 30301
April 30, 1968

Mr. James Riordan
c/o Mrs. Raymond Riordan
812 Margaret Street
Rhinolander, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

Enclosed under separate cover are the three rolls of film which you made available to this office on April 20, 1968. Also enclosed are copies of the photographs developed from this film.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

FRANK V. HITT
Special Agent in Charge

Package Copy 1

1-Addressee
1-Package Copy
1-Atlanta
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44-2386-1493

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Outdoor telephone pay station located on wall, Kirkpatrick Pharmacy, 14th and Peachtree Streets, N.E., Atlanta, in area where JAMES EARL RAY resided. Check of long distance calls reflects the following:

3/18/68, Area 404-267-2183, Monroe, Ga.

3/19/68, Area 404-562-3955, Temple, Ga.

The subscribers of above numbers should be determined and contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

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[Handwritten signatures and initials]
M. Warr

Post Office Box 1683
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

April 26, 1968

Miss Katherine Granger
234 West Ridley Avenue
Ridley Park, Pennsylvania 19078

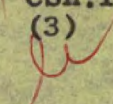
Dear Miss Granger:

I am in receipt of your recent letter concerning
Robert Day and appreciate your bringing this to my attention.

Very truly yours,

FRANK V. HITT
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SA CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

It is noted our investigation of JAMES EARL RAY indicates that he liked country music and was known to have evidenced great interest in it.

The following places in Atlanta are well known for their country and western music and the proprietors or managers thereof should be contacted, as well as pertinent employees and patrons and exhibited photos of RAY:

Playroom
Peachtree and 10th
BUDDY MC MAHON, Manager

4/30 Buddy McMahon

Chicken Haven
2608 Stewart Avenue, S.W.

5/1 Dot WARDEN

Al's Corral
Juniper - 6th Street, N.E.

} Bernstein Handling

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

It is noted that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was in Los Angeles, Calif., and left there 3/16/68, for Atlanta. It is further noted that JAMES EARL RAY is believed to have left Los Angeles on or about 3/17/68 and arrived in Atlanta on or before 3/24/68. It is possible RAY has followed KING around for a period of time. In this connection, Miss DORA MC DONALD, Secretary to Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., should be reinterviewed to determine if she has a record of KING's travels for the past year.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL RESIDENT AGENTS AND ROAD TRIP AGENTS DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : *JS* FRANK V. HITT, SAC
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SUBJECT: MURKIN

By teletype dated 4/29/68, the Bureau instructed that 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 JAMES EARL RAY, as set forth on the attached I.O., be compared with latents obtained since his escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on 4/23/67. This is for the purpose of possibly establishing RAY's past whereabouts and source of income.

Each Resident Agent and each Road Trip Agent will, upon receipt, contact the law enforcement agencies in their territory and conform with Bureau instructions as set forth above.

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1 - Each Resident Agent
1 - Each Road Trip Agent
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[Signature]

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427P EDT URGENT 4/30/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, ALBANY, JACKSONVILLE, MIAMI, AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 3P

MURKIN

ALBANY, JACKSONVILLE AND MIAMI REFER TO YOUR FILE ENTITLED
UNSUB; SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC DEVILLE, VIN F SEVEN ONE ONE TWO SEVEN
NINE FIVE, SIXTYSEVEN-SIXTYEIGHT FLORIDA LICENSE ONE W ONE SEVEN
NINE ONE THREE ZERO, ITSMV. ALBANY FILE TWENTYSIX - ONE THREE
ZERO THREE THREE; JACKSONVILLE TWENTYSIX - ONE EIGHT THREE NINE
NINE; AND MIAMI TWENTYSIX - THREE THREE FOUR ZERO ONE.

FOR INFO THESE OFFICES, CAPTIONED CAR FOUND ABANDONED
ATLANTA AIRPORT, NOV. THIRTEEN, 'SIXTYSEVEN. CAR LEFT AT AIRPORT
ANYWHERE FROM THIRTY - SEVENTYFIVE DAYS AND INVESTIGATION REFLECTS
CAR REPORTED STOLEN AUG. TWENTYFIRST, 'SIXTYSEVEN, FROM CHARLES
GILL AND TARDIVEL STREETS, MONTREAL, CANADA, WHILE IN POSSESSION
OF LOU EISENBERG, TWO TWO EIGHT FIVE CHARLES GILL STREET, MONTREAL.
CAR PROPERTY OF NEPEAN MTRS., LTD., SEVENTY RICHMOND RD., OTTAWA,
ONTARIO, CANADA. EISENBERG PARKED CAR ON STREET NEAR HOME AT ONE
AM, AUG. TWENTYFIRST, 'SIXTYSEVEN, AND CAR MISSED ELEVEN THIRTYSEVEN
AM, AUG. TWENTYFIRST, 'SIXTYSEVEN, AT WHICH TIME COMPLAINT NUMBER
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P SEVEN - TWO ZERO - THREE FIVE THREE SEVEN SIX NINE, MADE TO MONTREAL PD. INVESTIGATION MIAMI REFLECTED CAR REGISTERED TO MICHAEL ST. PIERRE, TWO ONE FIVE ONE N.W. ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ST., WHICH IS LOCATION OF THE FAMOUS DOOR LOUNGE. ST. PIERRE UNKNOWN AT THAT ADDRESS; HOWEVER, PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED MAIL, PARTICULARLY CORRESPONDENCE FROM PHILLIP SIXTYSIX PETROLEUM CO. INVESTIGATION CAPTIONED MADE REFLECTS RAY LAST MONTREAL, CANADA, SOMETIME IN AUG. 'SIXTYSEVEN. POSSIBILITY EXISTS CADILLAC RECOVERED ATLANTA, USED BY RAY IN TRAVELS TO SOUTH.

ALBANY RECONTACT MONTREAL PD FOR ANY FURTHER INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE THEFT REPORT ON 'SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC. CONSIDER DOING APPROPRIATE NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AND INTERVIEW LOU EISENBERG, DISPLAYING PHOTOS TO ASCERTAIN IF RAY KNOWN IN AREA OF THEFT.

JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSEE. RECONTACT MVR, OBTAIN ORIGINAL REGISTRATION AND FORWARD TO LAB FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISON WITH SUBJECT RAY.

MIAMI AT ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ST. CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, DISPLAY PHOTOS OF RAY, CONTACT POST OFFICE AUTHORITIES. ALL IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY RAY AS POSSIBLY USING ALIAS OF MICHAEL ST. PIERRE.

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MIAMI NOTE RAY REPORTEDLY IN BIRMINGHAM, AUG. TWENTYNINE, 'SIXTYSEVEN AND LOOKED AT 'SIXTYSIX MUSTANG, WHICH HE SUBSEQUENTLY PURCHASED FOLLOWING DATE. REGISTRATION FOR CADILLAC ALSO INDICATES DATE AUG. TWENTYNINE, 'SIXTYSEVEN.

SEPARATE COMMUNICATION DIRECTED TO KANSAS CITY TO CONTACT PHILLIP SIXTYSIX PETROLEUM CO. RE ST. PIERRE.

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407P - SAB, FBI MEMPHIS

359P - PYB, FBI ALBANY

350P - CAB, FBI WASH DC

343P - GWC, FBI JACKSVLE