

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/1/68

ReButel to Los Angeles, 4/26/68.

Referenced teletype advised HAROLD J. THOME, a possible mental case, had been attempting to have an audience with MARTIN LUTHER KING in Atlanta. He had reportedly threatened a neighbor in the past with a shotgun. The Bureau instructed that although subject RAY had been identified as the assailant, investigation should be conducted to determine if THOME might be implicated as a conspirator.

A review of Los Angeles files reflects HAROLD J. THOME had advised the Los Angeles Office office on 4/19/67 he had observed a pickup truck and dune buggy in a ravine near Tujunga, California, and the occupants of the vehicles were apparently burying something. He brought this to the attention of the FBI because he thought it was of possible interest in the YOUNG kidnaping case.

In September, 1967, THOME's son, STEVEN THOME, 355 West Acacia, Glendale, California, was interviewed at the residence of his father, 10520 Hillhaven Street, Tujunga, and advised his father had written President JOHNSON and the Pope on numerous occasions, voicing opposition to the war in Vietnam. He stated his father had been arrested in the past for pulling a gun on police officers who were attempting to stop some hippies from marching through a canyon area.

In September, 1967, Mrs. HAROLD THOME, former wife of THOME, stated she did not know his current address, but said he had been confined to mental wards in various hospitals in the Los Angeles area. She said besides having a mental problem, she considered THOME an alcoholic.

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On 1/4/67, TIM THOME, son of HAROLD J. THOME, advised this office his father was attempting to travel to Washington D. C. to see President JOHNSON.

Subsequent investigation of the dune buggy incident established the people working around the automobile were attempting to tow it out of an area in which it had been stuck and there was no apparent relationship to the Young kidnaping case.

The Atlanta Office advised that THOME had appeared at SCLC Headquarters, Atlanta on 11/6/67, insisting upon having an interview with MARTIN LUTHER KING for an unknown reason.

On 11/7/67, TIM THOME (above), advised his father had a history of mental difficulties, frequency of suicide and had been in and out of Camarillo State Mental Hospital.

On 9/14/67, KENNETH C. MERRYHEW, U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles, advised his department had investigated HAROLD JAMES THOME after receipt of a letter he had written President JOHNSON at his ranch in Texas, dated 12/21/66. MERRYHEW stated the letter in essence warned President JOHNSON he was "in grave danger" and set forth THOME's opposition to the United States involvement in Vietnam. MERRYHEW stated the letter indicated THOME had written the President on two previous occasions. Mr. MERRYHEW stated the records of Camarillo State Hospital reflected THOME was a patient from 1/30/64 to 5/2/64 and from 10/2/64 to 12/10/65. He was classified as a schizophrenic paranoid, disorganized, troublesome and unapproved. No further investigation was conducted by Secret Service.

Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) records reflect that on 3/13/66, THOME was arrested for threatening a neighbor with a gun. No disposition of this arrest was shown. On 6/4/67, THOME was arrested for drunk driving and at the time of arrest had a .410 shotgun on the dashboard of the car which was unloaded. No disposition for this arrest was shown.

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FD-302s concerning THOME are attached.

The following description of THOME was obtained from the records of the LAPD:

Name	HAROLD JAMES THOME
Birth Data	<input type="text"/> in Chicago
Height	5' 10"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue (wears metal rim glasses)
CII No.	294-617
LAPD No.	787-450T
Social Security Number	<input type="text"/>

THOME SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-2386) (P)
RE: 1968 Dodge Monaco
Serial Order # 1 B 514 213
VIN # 43 A 8 A 157 040
IGNV
OO: CV

Re CV tel to AT, 5/2/68; AT telephone call to CV,
5/2/68.

Captioned vehicle was thoroughly processed for latent fingerprints on 5/2/68. No impressions with identifiable ridge characteristics could be developed.

Atlanta is requested to expeditiously furnish Cleveland with status of captioned vehicle so that possible persons may be intelligently interviewed in the event an IGNV violation has occurred.

R. J. [unclear]
1 - (Atlanta) (44-2386) (MURKIN)
1 - (Cleveland) (44-2386) (MURKIN)

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) P

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA MARION E. CHEEK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/30/68 AT 1873-R, a member of Crisp County Hunting and Fishing Club #99, UKA, and a Province officer, was contacted and the proposition of a so-called "bounty" or "contract" for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was discussed. Informant had previously been mailed a picture of JAMES EARL RAY and on this occasion was afforded an opportunity to examine glossy prints of RAY's photograph. He did not recognize him and had no information concerning him. In the informant's opinion, the proposition of the Klan being behind a "bounty" or "contract" is beyond reason. He has never heard of a "bounty" or "contract" for KING or for anyone else. He pointed out that as much as CALVIN CRAIG and ROBERT SHELTON loved money that the leadership of the Klan certainly would not be behind such a proposition. He knows of no one in the Klan in Georgia wealthy enough to have put up enough money to have made the risk worthwhile in the assassination of KING. In addition, he pointed out that if a Klansman or a group of Klansmen had decided to assassinate KING they would have done so for the sheer hatred of Negroes rather than for money. Informant promised to be on the continuous alert for information concerning the proposition and stated he would immediately contact reporting agent.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA 44-2386

DATE: 5-6-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ROBERT SPRADLEY, 1084 Lakeview Drive, Jonesboro, Ga., 478-2671, called at 12:53 pm today and advised that he has been working at Mason School which is located behind the Artic Bear on Bankhead at Bolton. Today at about 12:35 pm he observed a man in the Artic Bear eating that he feels looks like subject RAY. This man was accompanied by another man and they mentioned they were waiting on a phone call.

The man SPRADLEY felt looks like RAY was 5'8", 165 lbs., dark black hair, greenish eyes, and was wearing a white shirt, green tie and green pants.

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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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RE ATLANTA TEL MAY ONE LAST.

CHARLES V. TYSON, MANAGER, HERTZ RENTALS, ALBANY, GA., ADVISED HE IS IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM HERTZ IN CHICAGO THAT VEHICLE DESCRIBED RETEL TURNED IN MAY TWO LAST, EVERGREEN PARK, ILL., TWO FIVE FIVE EIGHT WEST NINETYFIFTH ST. HE INSTRUCTED THEM NOT TO TOUCH VEHICLE UNTIL PROCESSED BY BUREAU.

CHICAGO, AT EVERGREEN PARK, ILL. CONTACT HERTZ OFFICIALS, DEVELOP INFO RE PERSON WHO TURNED IN VEHICLE, AND PROCESS VEHICLE FOR LATENT PRINTS FOR COMPARISON WITH PRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY.
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Approved: J. R. [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge
Sent 245/p 247/p 249/p M
Per [Signature]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386) (P) DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA JOHN F. LEUCK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memorandum of SA CHARLES S. HARDING, 4/22/68
(serial #947).

The following charter flight services were contacted at the Atlanta Airport, Fulton County Airport and DeKalb-Peachtree Airport, at which time all were given Wanted Flyers of JAMES EARL RAY and all, after checking their records, advised that he did not charter a flight with their flight services out of Atlanta on the dates of 4/4-5-6/68:

ATLANTA AIRPORT

Southern Aero, Inc.
Mr. D. N. RICKERT

Atlanta Air Taxi System
Mr. THOMAS F. MILLS

Air Charter, Inc.
Mr. CAL FRANKLIN

Atlanta Air Tax Service
Mr. J. SORRELS

Air Time, Inc.
Mr. ROBERT STACK

Nationwide Airlines
Mr. W. D. FERGUSON
FULTON COUNTY AIRPORT
Hill Aircraft
Mr. CRIS KELLEY

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FULTON COUNTY AIRPORT

Fulton Air Services, Inc.
Mr. CECIL GILHAM

Big Brother Aircraft, Inc.
BARBARA CLARK

DE KALB-PEACHTREE AIRPORT

Epps Air Service
SHIRLEY STOCKMAR

Executive Aviation
Mr. WILLIAM H. DEAS

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FROM : SA JOHN F. LEUCK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/12/68, the following hotels and persons were contacted by SA LEUCK at which time they were shown photos of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, and all advised that he has not been registered by them since 3/15/68 to date:

Mr. W. R. WEATHERFORD - Clerk
Imperial Hotel
355 Peachtree, N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. J. F. COLLENS, - Clerk
Peachtree Manor Hotel
826 Peachtree
Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. S. OLSEN
Shelton Hotel
304 W. Peachtree St.
Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. J. R. SENTELL
Park Hotel
70 Cain St.
Atlanta, Ga.

All of the above-listed individuals stated that the photo of RAY, aka Galt, was not familiar to them.

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

FROM : SA JOHN M. PALFI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/6/68

Re Serial 1023.

On 4/25/68, Mr. STEVEN CRAWFORD, Adult Probation Officer, Fulton Co. Probation Department, advised that AARON BENNER HOLCOMB had Mr. WILLIAM MEULLER as his probation officer. CRAWFORD stated that at the present time MEULLER was in court and was unable to be contacted at the present time. CRAWFORD advised that a review of HOLCOMB's file indicated that HOLCOMB did not report for his monthly visit to the Probation Office on 4/19/68 and that as a result, MEULLER had obtained a warrant for HOLCOMB's arrest charging him with providing false information to his probation office, in that he furnished that office a false address of 68 Rawson St., S.E., Apt. 48. CRAWFORD stated that should HOLCOMB report to his office in the next few days, he would contact the FBI and inform them of HOLCOMB's whereabouts.

On 4/25/68, it was noted that the address of 756 Woodson St., S.E. as given by HOLCOMB at the time of his arrest on 10/15/65 was a fictitious address.

On 4/25/68, Mrs. LINDA D. SULLIVAN, 718 Primrose St., advised that she is not familiar with the man named HOLCOMB nor did she remember him ever having lived at this address. She stated that she was unable to identify HOLCOMB from the picture presented to her.

On 4/25/68, Mr. AMOS A. BISHOP, maintenance man, Capitol Homes, was recontacted and he advised that he has not seen HOLCOMB since 4/17/68, the day on which he saw him three times in the area of Capitol Homes. BISHOP stated that HOLCOMB did not say where he was living but BISHOP believes that HOLCOMB



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was residing in the Little Five Points area, near Moreland and Euclid Avenues. BISHOP added that should he meet with HOLCOMB again, he will try to detain him and notify the Atlanta Office of HOLCOMB's whereabouts.

On 4/29/68, the following postal carriers (Protect Identities) of the U.S. Post Office, Station E, 1087 Euclid Ave., NE, were contacted re any person along their routes by the name of HOLCOMB:

L.R. DANIEL, Post Route #0717, advised that several weeks ago, he had received mail directed to a WAYNE HOLCOMB, 1338 McLendon St., however, there was no apartment listed. DANIEL stated that there were presently 18 apartments in that building and that he was unable to deliver it to any individual, apartment number.

W.V. THOMPSON, Utility Carrier, advised that approximately one week ago, a woman on Euclid Terrace had asked for mail addressed to HOLCOMB. THOMPSON stated that he did not have at that time any mail addressed to HOLCOMB nor has he had any since. He stated that to the best of his knowledge, the woman resided in #429 or #443 Euclid Terrace and that these two buildings were boarding houses.

SYLVESTER WADE, Postal Route #0705, advised that the only HOLCOMB on his route has been residing at a rooming house located at 337 N. Highland Ave. He stated that to the best of his recollection he had been delivering mail to that address addressed to HOLCOMB for the past two months.

C. MORSE, Postal Route #0704, advised that to the best of his knowledge, he has no one on his route by the name of HOLCOMB.

On 5/2/68, Mrs. BERTHA BOWLES, Apartment #4, 337 Highland Ave., advised that she is the landlady of this apartment house. She stated that there was a family by the name of HOLCOMB residing in apartment #3. BOWLES stated that Mr. HOLCOMB appeared to be 40 years old, had a wife, and a small child living with him. After viewing the photo of AARON HOLCOMB, Mrs. BOWLES stated that she was certain that this was not the man that we were looking for.

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Mrs. JUANITA DUTTON, 443 Euclid Terrace, Apt. #1, advised that she has lived in this apartment since the end of Jan. 1968. She stated since that time, a young man and a girl approximately 21 years of age and two children moved into apartment #2 next door. She stated that this man does not resemble the photo of HOLCOMB nor has she heard of any person named HOLCOMB in the area.

Mrs. DOROTHY PHILLIPS, 429 Euclid Terrace, Apt. #1, advised that this rooming house consist of four apartments and that she was almost totally unfamiliar with the occupants. She stated that the owner of the building was a Mr. SIM, however, she stated that she did not know his phone number nor address. Mrs. PHILLIPS stated that she personally pays her rent to Mrs. DORSEY, apartment #2, who acts as the landlord for the rooming house. Upon viewing the photo of HOLCOMB, she states she is totally unfamiliar with his face and that to the best of her recollection, this man has not resided in the immediate area.

Mrs. RUBY DORSEY, 429 Euclid Terrace, Apt. #2, advised that she is the landlord and that she collects rent for the premises for the owner, Mr. SIMS. Mrs. DORSEY produced a rent receipt book dated from 1/12/68 to the present. A review of this receipt book failed to indicate any party by the name of HOLCOMB residing here. Mrs. DORSEY upon viewing the photo of HOLCOMB, stated she has not seen this man in the general area at any time.

On 5/2/68, Mrs. WILLIE ADDISON, resident manager, 1338 Mc Lendon Ave., Apt. #4, advised that the only HOLCOMB that had resided in this building to the best of her knowledge was a Mr. WAYNE HOLCOMBE. Mrs. ADDISON described HOLCOMBE as being a man in his 40s and residing in one of the apartments with his wife. Upon viewing the photo of HOLCOMB, she stated that she has never seen this man in the general area and she is certain that he has never lived there since she has been resident manager.

Mrs. CHARLES MUNRO, 1338 McLendon Ave., Apt. #7, advised after viewing a photo of HOLCOMB that she has seen him at the Davis Standard Station on the corner of McLendon Ave. and Moreland Ave. She stated that it was approximately 12 noon when she saw HOLCOMB at the filling station approximately two week ago. MUNRO was unable to describe the automobile in which HOLCOMB was traveling or if he was with anyone in particular.

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MUNRO added that she does not know the residence of NOLCOMB; however, she has seen him in the area quite a few times.

On 5/2/68, Mr. JIM DAVIS, Manager, Davis Standard Station, 1185 Euclid Ave., advised that NOLCOMB has been a frequent customer of his and that he usually "pals around" with a heavy set individual driving a 1957 Chrysler. DAVIS added that he most frequently sees NOLCOMB on Friday and Saturday nights and that he knows that NOLCOMB frequents the Redwood Lounge directly across the street.

On 5/2/68, Mrs. MARILYN SISSON, day manager, Redwood Lounge, 1172 Euclid Ave., advised that she is on duty at the lounge from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. everyday. She stated that upon viewing the photo, she is unfamiliar with the man named NOLCOMB and that if he does frequent this lounge, she suggested that contact be made with MAY PHILLIPS or BILLY CASEY, night managers of the lounge. She stated that these persons are on duty at the lounge from 4:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. each night.

On 5/2/68, Mr. J.A. MAZERGAMES, owner, Inman Park Delicatessen, 420 Moreland Ave., N.E., advised he is unfamiliar with the name of NOLCOMB and that after viewing a photo of NOLCOMB, he stated that he believes the face to be familiar. MAZERGAMES added that he has many customers during the day and it is quite possible that this man came in to purchase some food or drink some beer.

Mr. N.E. NOLAN, owner, Nolan's American Station, 309 Moreland Ave., N.E., advised that to the best of his recollection, he has not seen NOLCOMB in the area as a customer or a resident. He stated that if NOLCOMB should come into the station, he would notify the Atlanta Office of his whereabouts.

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On 5/2/68, STEVE ROSE, attendant, Beddingfield Phillips Station, 299 Moreland Ave., advised he is unfamiliar with the name of HOLCOMB. After viewing some photographs of HOLCOMB, ROSE stated that the photo resembles a person known to him as ED or EDDIE LNU. ROSE explained that he met EDDIE in Bradenton, Fla. while visiting with a friend. He stated that ED had lived at 11th St. East in Bradenton, and had since moved to the Atlanta area. ROSE advised that to best of his knowledge, ED was driving a 1955 Pontiac with 1968 Ga. tags.

He stated that this man had lived at a boarding house on Euclid Ave. across from the Moreland School and had supposedly married a girl by the name of LINDA EVANS, who resided with her mother in a boarding house on Seminole Ave. approximately two houses from Sinclair St. ROSE added that about five week ago, this man came into the station and asked for a map of each state that the station had available. ROSE stated the last time he had seen him was approximately three weeks ago.

On 5/2/68, Mrs. THOMAS DUKE, manager, 1073 Euclid Ave., advised that she has only one apartment that she rents out and that this apartment was currently empty. She stated that she had never heard of the name HOLCOMB nor had she seen anyone of his description in the area. She added that she would contact the Atlanta Office should she determine any information concerning HOLCOMB or his whereabouts.

Mr. W.S. EARP, manager, 1067 Euclid Ave., advised that he and his wife manage a six room boarding house at the above address. He stated that he currently has no HOLCOMBs residing there nor to the best of his recollection has he ever had anyone by that name residing in his apartments.

Upon viewing the photo, he stated that he has never seen anyone resembling that person in the area.

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Mrs. LILLIAN SHIELDS, manager, 1059 Euclid Ave., advised that she currently rents three rooms of her house to outside persons. She stated that she has never heard of the name HOLCOMB nor has she ever seen anyone in the area resembling the photo shown to her.

On 5/2/68, Mrs. GLADYS MC CLURE, 474 Seminole Ave., advised that her daughter, LINDA EVANS, had married a man by the name of ED BENNETT approximately two years ago. She stated that BENNETT was presently age 21 and she produced a photo of BENNETT that did not resemble HOLCOMB. She stated that the BENNETTs are now residing on Moreland Ave. and are expecting their first child in Nov.

On 5/2/68, Mr. JOHN T. HOLCOMB, 515 Lynch St., N.W. advised that he is the father of AARON HOLCOMB, however, he has not seen him for sometime. He stated that occasionally his son will call him on the phone; however, he will never give his father his current residence. Mr. HOLCOMB stated that when his son was approximately 12 years old, both he and his wife agreed to send him to Milledgeville due to a head injury and he stated that his son spent a total of six years there. Mr. HOLCOMB stated that he felt that his son was definitely staying around the Memorial Dr. or Cherokee Ave. area. He stated that his son used to live in an apartment between Woodward Ave. and Bryant St. with a friend who was constantly in trouble with the police. He added that it is quite possible that his son would frequent the Little Five Points area since he had lived there on Colquitt Ave. in the 1100 block at a rooming house sometime ago.

HOLCOMB added that his son was supposed to be working cleaning up a golf course on the Northside of town; however, Mr. HOLCOMB could not be certain as to which golf course. HOLCOMB further advised that to the best of his knowledge, his son usually "hangs out" in front of the White Front Grocery, on Memorial Dr. located across from the cemetery. He advised that the best way to contact his son would be to meet him at that address.

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On 5/2/68, Mrs. E. L. BENMON, manager, White Front Market, 415 Memorial Dr., after viewing the photo of HOLCOMB, advised that she sees the man about every afternoon at approximately 4:30 p.m. She stated that he usually spends most of the evening in front of her store "tying up one of the phone booths." She stated that he usually spends his time here by himself and that he makes numerous phone calls and have other people call him back. She stated she was uncertain of his residence; however, he might be living in the Woodward Ave. or Cherokee Ave. section which was directly behind the White Front Market.

On 5/2/68, at approximately 4:40 p.m. HOLCOMB was interviewed by SA JOHN M. PALFI in front of the White Front Market.

On 5/3/68, the writer telephonically contacted Mr. WILLIAM MEULLER, HOLCOMB's Probation Officer, and advised him of HOLCOMB's general whereabouts. MEULLER stated that he has a warrant for HOLCOMB's arrest and that he expected to pick him up this date in front of the White Front Market.

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752PM EST 5-6-68 URGENT RGT
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) AND
ALBANY (44-493)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN. CR.

RE ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU MAY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE MICHEL ST. PIERRE.

PALM BEACH COUNTY FLA. AUTHORITIES ADVISE THIS DATE
THAT CLAUDE DAoust RELEASED FROM THEIR CUSTODY EVENING
APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF DAoust
UNKNOWN TO PALM BEACH COUNTY AUTHORITIES.

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TO JACKSONVILLE AND ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN CR.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO MIAMI DATED MAY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE PAY TELEPHONE LOCATED INSIDE U.S. POST OFFICE
NINETYTWO FOURTEENTH STREET, N.E. ATLANTA.

REFERENCED TELETYPE INDICATES PAY TELEPHONE LOCATED
INSIDE U.S. POST OFFICE, NINETYTWO FOURTEENTH STREET, N.E.,
ATLANTA, IN AREA WHERE JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED. CHECK OF
LONG DISTANCE CALLS REFLECTS FOLLOWING:

MARCH NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, AREA NINE ZERO FOUR - THREE
NINE EIGHT - ZERO ONE SIX EIGHT, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

SINCE JACKSONVILLE HANDLES TERRITORY COVERED BY AREA
CODE NINE ZERO FOUR, JACKSONVILLE IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER
AND DETERMINE IF ANY CONNECTIONS WITH JAMES EAL RAY.

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436PM URGENT 5/6/68 JSM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO SUMMARY TEL MAY ONE LAST; ATLANTA TEL INSTANT.

RE JAMES E. BODKER

BODKER'S SISTER, BROTHER-IN-LAW AND MOTHER PLACE HIM IN
CALUMET PARK, ILL., ON DATE OF KING MURDER. BODKER INTERVIEWED
MAY TWO LAST. BEARS VERY LITTLE PHYSICAL RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT
AND ELIMINATED. HE STATES RETURNED HERTZ CAR TO THEIR CHICAGO
OFFICE.

IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, CHICAGO WILL NOT PROCESS HERTZ
VEHICLE AS SET FORTH IN RE ATLANTA TEL. UAC NINE AM MAY SEVEN
NEXT. WILL CONTACT HERTZ OFFICIALS TO RELEASE VEHICLE.

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URGENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1987)

FROM: BIRMINGHAM, FBI (44-60861)

MURKIN:

RE LA AIRTEL MAY THREE LAST SUBMITTING LETTER AND ENVELOPE
ADDRESSED TO "THE LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER"

TYPING ON ABOVE ITEMS NOT IDENTICAL WITH THAT RECEIVED
IN THIS CASE ATTRIBUTED TO ERIC S. GALT.

SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES INDICATE JAMES RAY SIGNATURE ON
LETTER PROBABLY NOT BY JAMES EARL RAY. OVERTYPING OF PORTION
OF SIGNATURE AND LIMITED QUESTIONED HANDWRITING FURNISHED
DEFINITE OPINION:

TYPING HABITS, SPELLING AND PUNCTUATION AT VARIANCE WITH
TYPED LETTERS RECEIVED IN CASE NAME AND KNOWN HANDWRITING
OF SUBJECT RAY.

NO LATENTS DEVELOPED ON SPECIMENS.

SPECIMENS ARE TEMPORARILY RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY.

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air mail copies to SAC'S Birmingham
Atlanta ✓

1-Mr. Rosen Room 5708 JB
1-Mr. Conrad Room 7021 JB
1-Mr. Mortimer Room 7013 JB
1-Mr. Trotter Room 4150 IB

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) P DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : IG MARION W. DAVIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Telephone # 876-9416, pay station, located in USPO, 92 14th Street, NE, Atlanta. Records, Southern Bell Telephone Company, Atlanta, reflect the following long distance calls were made from this telephone # for period February and March, 1968:

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2/23/68	615-983-8012	Maryville, Tenn.	SS	PD	12:35 pm	19	.70 - 3.25 to chg. #
2/23/68	904-785-3964	Panama City, Fla.	SS	PD	6:22 pm	6	1.45
2/26/68	615-456-7068	Rogersville, Tenn.	SS	PD	9:04 pm	6	1.15
2/28/68	615-983-8012	Maryville, Tenn.	SS	PD	9:05 am	3	.70
3/1/68	305-523-7336	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	SS	PD	5:55 pm	7	2.05
3/2/68	305-523-7336	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	SS	PD	6:43 pm	6	1.50
3/4/68	803-224-1924	Anderson, S. C.	SS	PD	7:11 pm	3	.50
3/5/68	904-763-5495	Panama City, Fla. (Jimmy Marshall Volkswagen)	PP	PD	6:28 pm	3	1.50
3/5/68	703-487-6571	Portsmouth, Va. (Mrs. R. BREAKSLEY)	SS	PD	3:41 pm	3	1.45
3/6/68	404-259-5053	Dalton, Georgia (from H. C. KING)	SS	PD	6:43 pm	10	1.45
3/7/68	404-492-8923	McCaysville, Ga.	SS	PD	8:29 pm	3	.45
3/7/68	404-227-9724	Griffin, Ga. (JOHN HALLMAN)	PP	PD	12:49 pm	5	.90
3/7/68	305-377-8740	Miami, Fla. (A. SACHEROFF)	PP	PD	5:03 pm	5	Credit 2.00, .30 lost on prev. call
3/8/68	813-932-6807	Tampa, Fla.	SS	PD	10:36 pm	5	1.15
3/8/68	404-227-9724	Griffin, Ga.	SS	PD	2:21 pm	3	.40
3/9/68	404-786-5206	Covington, Ga.	SS	PD	1:33 pm	3	.40
3/10/68	815-469-5158	Frankfort, Ill.	SS	PD	10:24 pm	4	.95
3/12/68	404-536-4482	Gainesville, Ga. (ALFRED BLUNA)	PP	PD	4:57 pm	2	.65
3/12/68	904-246-7711	Jacksonville Beach, Fla. (Dr. GENE NUTTER) (from J. H. DENDY)	PP	PD	4:12 pm	4	1.65
3/13/68	404-227-9724	Griffin, Ga.	SS	PD	2:48 pm	3	.40
3/14/68	615-983-8012	Mayrville, Tenn. (from J. ELWOOD)	SS	PD	10:44 am	44	.70 - 8.35 under C. post chg. to # called
3/18/68	404-867-4292	Winder, Ga.	SS	PD	8:48 am	3	.45
3/19/68	904-398-0168	Jacksonville, Fla	SS	PD	3:57 pm	8	2.40
3/20/68	615-983-8012	Maryville, Tenn. (from DION ELLWOOD)	SS	PD	10:04 am	23	5.10 - 4.40 under C post chg. 3.91
3/20/68	404-786-5206	Covington, Ga.	SS	PD	4:15 pm	3	.40

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Teletype [REDACTED] been submitted to offices outside the Atlanta area for [REDACTED] investigation within their area.

Separate memo has been submitted on all long distance calls located in the Atlanta area. No leads being set forth on this memo.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA RAYMOND J. MICHEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telcall to Atlanta Office by ROGER K. SESSIONS
(protect).

ADMINISTRATIVE

ROGER K. SESSIONS, requested his identity be protected, 84 - 12th Street, Atlanta, advised on 5/3/68, that he observed a man who resembled the subject walk past his residence on 4/24, 25 and 26/68. He advised that on the days mentioned the subject walked by his residence coming from the direction of Columbia Street, heading toward Peachtree Street, and returned the same route, carrying two newspapers. He has not seen this man since 4/26/68.

SESSIONS, who advised he is a reformed alcoholic and never forgets a face once he has seen a person. He observed the photo of JAMES EARL RAY on television following the FBI series on Sunday night, 4/28/68. He telephoned the Atlanta Office on 4/29/68, and stated he had seen this man in the 12th Street area, but declined to give his name.

On 5/3/68, he telephonically recontacted the Atlanta Office and furnished his name and address.

Mr. SESSIONS identified the picture of JAMES EARL RAY displayed to him, however, stated the only time he saw this man was when he passed in front of his residence on the dates listed.

Mr. SESSIONS advised he served time in the Texas State Prison, Huntsville, Texas.

Based on the limited information supplied by Mr. SESSIONS concerning subject, no further investigation is being conducted. SESSIONS did state that the man he saw had black wavy hair. The last time he saw this person he was proceeding west on 12th St., and he did not see him enter any residence.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA ALDEN F. MILLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA HUGH ROBINSON, 4/25/68. (Serial 1191).

On 5/1/68, RICHARD G. DISTEL, Co-Pilot, EAL, Flight 320, on 4/5/68 to Canada, advised the photo of subject RAY meant nothing to him. He does not recall ever seeing anyone looking similar to RAY as a passenger on any of his flights.

DISTEL continues to reside 1840 Sullivan Road, College Park, Georgia, Apt. J-2, phone 761-9022.

On 5/3/68, DIANNE ELIZABETH ROSSITER, EAL Stewardess of Flight 320, 4/5/68, and who resides in Apt. C-4, 4758 Vinings Road, Vinings, Ga., phone 432-1456, advised after viewing photo of RAY that she does not ever recall seeing this person on board an EAL flight.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA JOHN E. OGDEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation has been conducted in an effort to locate persons known to JIMMIE D. GARNER who might have observed GARNER in the company of JAMES EARL RAY:

During a conversation with GARNER while he was in an intoxicated condition, he mentioned he obtained his whiskey after closing hours from the bellboys at the Peachtree Manor Hotel.

On 4/26/68, Bellboys JOHNNY OGLETREE, CHARLES E. HOLLIS, FRANK HURD and CLAUDE MINOR were contacted by the writer and SA O. RICHARD HAMILTON. All of the bellboys knew GARNER well, but none was able to recall ever having seen him in the company of an individual resembling the available photos of subject. Bellboy FRANK HURD recalled that on one Sunday, possibly 3/24/68, an unknown individual brought GARNER to the Peachtree Manor between 3:00 and 4:00 P.M. in a white auto. HURD did not get a look at the driver of this vehicle and was unable to further describe the car.

On 5/1/68, GARNETT DAVIS, 2211 Larchwood Drive, N.W., Atlanta, a former Bellboy at the Peachtree Manor, was interviewed but was unable to provide any pertinent information.

On 5/1/68, ANTHONY FLUTZ, a driver for the Atlanta Linen Co., was reinterviewed concerning the picking up of laundry at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., on 4/5/68. FLUTZ said he now recalls that on one occasion, possibly 4/5/68, he went to 113 - 14th Street, to wait for the individual who was collecting the laundry there. He is not sure whether this man was GARNER or someone helping him. He recalls that while waiting for the laundry in the hall, a white male, approximately 25 - 26 years of age, 5' 5", wearing a sports shirt and slacks, came out of a corridor leading back to the rooms and went out the front door. He could not be sure that this was 4/5/68, and it is noted the description offered does not fit the description of subject RAY.

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On 4/26/68, the manager of the Elite Liquor Store, corner of West Peachtree and 14th Streets, N.E., Atlanta, advised that JIMMIE D. GARNER is well known to him as the manager of the rooming houses on 14th Street. He said GARNER frequently purchases liquor at this store. Photographs of subject RAY were displayed to the individual, whereupon he advised he cannot recall ever seeing GARNER in the company of the person depicted in the photographs.

On 5/2/68, EDNA JACKSON, 646 Whitaker Street, N.W., Atlanta, advised she works occasionally at the cafeteria managed by GARNER. She said she has not worked at this cafeteria or at the rooming houses, which GARNER also operates, since prior to the assassination of Dr. KING. AGNES WILBERT, of the same address, and MAGGIE BOOKER, 636 Whitaker Street, both of whom in the past have worked for GARNER at the restaurant and rooming houses, separately advised they were not employed by GARNER on the date of 4/5/68. Photos of subject RAY were displayed to all three with negative results.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SUPV. CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 11:15 A.M., 5/6/68, Section Chief CLEM MC GOWAN of the Bureau, called and referred to a recent teletype of ours in which we stated our expanded airlines checks were being limited to 4/5, 6, 11, and 12/68. He stated these checks should also be made for 4/7 through 4/10/68.

Mr. MC GOWAN also stated that Los Angeles columnist LOUIE LOMAX had made statements in his column to the effect that the APD and the GBI did not have the correct fingerprints of RAY. Mr. MC GOWAN was advised that both of these agencies received the incorrect prints from the Missouri State Penitentiary, but they received the corrected set when the I.O. was issued.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SUPV. CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

In connection with JAMES EARL RAY's activities, it is noted that in Los Angeles he corresponded with a date Bureau in order to line up female companionship. In this connection, it is noted Atlanta has a computer dating bureau. This organization should be checked and RAY's photograph shown.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SUPV. CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The safety deposit boxes at the below-listed banks are to be checked for the identity of anyone who has secured a box since 3/20/68, or anyone who has closed a box subsequent to 4/5/68. Also check for anyone who has visited the safety deposit vault for the purpose of checking their box 4/5, 6, 11 and 12/68.

1) C & S Peachtree Palisades Branch, 1819 Peachtree Road, N.E. (SA PONDER)

2) C & S Pershing Point Branch, 1447 Peachtree Street, N.E. (SA PERRY).

3) National Bank of Georgia, 1430 W. Peachtree Street, N.E. (SA HEINEMAN).

4) National Bank of Georgia, Ponce de Leon Branch, 494 Ponce de Leon Blvd., NE, Atlanta. (SA LEE)

5) 1st National Bank, 1776 Peachtree Street, N.E. (SA HAMILTON).

6) 1st National Bank, 615 Peachtree Street, N.E. (SA BEVERSTEIN).

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386) (P) DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA JOHN E. OGDEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memorandum of SA CHARLES S. HARDING, 4/30/68, requesting contacts with establishments featuring "country music" and entertainment.

PLAYROOM
Peachtree & Tenth St., N.E.

On 4/30/68, BUDDY McMAHON, Mgr. of the Playroom, was contacted and photos of subject displayed to him. McMAHON was requested to alert all employees of his establishment of possible presence of this subject in his establishment and immediately notify this office of any pertinent info developed.

CHICKEN HAVEN RESTAURANT
2608 Stewart Ave., S. W.

On 5/1/68, DOT WALDEN, Mgr. of the Bantam Room of this restaurant, was contacted and photos of subject displayed to her. WALDEN said that the individual depicted in these photos was not familiar to her, but she agreed to notify all employees of this establishment concerning the possible presence of the subject and to advise this office of any pertinent info developed.

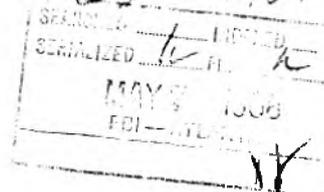
AL'S CORRALL
Juniper & Sixth St., N. E.

This establishment contacted by SA JACK T. BEVERSTEIN.

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1207 PM URGENT 5-7-68 LCS
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND MIAMI
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

IN ADDITION TO THE AIRLINES CHECKS ALREADY CONDUCTED,
MIAMI IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW RECORDS OF PASSENGERS LEAVING
ATLANTA ON APRIL SEVEN THROUGH TEN, SIXTYEIGHT, AGAINST THE
NAMES AND ALIASES OF JAMES EARL RAY. A SIMILAR CHECK IS BEING
MADE OF ALL OTHER AIRLINES SERVING THE ATLANTA AREA.

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TO MIAMI

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

PAY TELEPHONE LOCATED INSIDE U. S. POST OFFICE NINE TWO,
FOURTEENTH ST., NE., ATLANTA, IN AREA WHERE JAMES EARL RAY
RESIDED. CHECK OF L-D CALLS REFLECT FOLLOWING:

MAR. NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, AREA NINE ZERO FOUR DASH THREE
NINE EIGHT DASH ZERO ONE SIX EIGHT, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

MIAMI IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER AND DETERMINE IF
ANY CONNECTION WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 22, 19681

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

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

On 4/15/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386-1716
by SA JOHN B. REYNOLDS *jrjb* Date dictated 4/19/68

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SA BERNARD R. BERRY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/7/68

Re SAC Memo dated 4/30/68.

AT DALTON, GEORGIA

On 5/2/68 GBI Agent DON WARD, GSP Post #5, Dalton, advised that he would review his files for any cases in which he had maintained latent fingerprints of value and he would have them compared with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY.

It is noted that the GBI would be the only law enforcement agency that would maintain latent fingerprints on file of cases worked in Catoosa County and Whitfield County, Ga.

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801PM URGENT 5-6-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY,

AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-1987

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY SIX INSTANT.

EXPANDED AIRLINE CHECK CONTINUING, INCLUDING AIRPORT LIMOUSINE DRIVERS. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED TO DATE.

JIMMY GARNER REINTERVIEWED AND SHOWN PHOTO OF SUBJECT RECEIVED FROM U.S. POSTAL INSPECTOR, LOS ANGELES. GARNER STATES THIS PHOTO BEST LIKENESS OF SUBJECT HE HAS SEEN TO DATE.

EXPANDED SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX CHECK CONTINUING.

HIPPIE ROOMING HOUSES AND SOURCES IN NARCOTIC FIELD CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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AT 44-2386

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES RICHARD FLICK on April 25, 1968 at Marietta,
Georgia:

LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA was interviewed at the
Cobb County Jail, Marietta, Georgia, where he was incarcerated
and provided the following information regarding JAMES
EARL RAY:

DOWDA advised after the interview with agents
on April 24, 1968, he recalled that he had also been
employed by Liggett Lane (phonetic) Drug Company at Tenth
and Peachtree Streets, Atlanta, Georgia. DOWDA advised
he was employed there as the manager in the soda fountain
department. DOWDA advised that he had learned previously
that the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, had been seen in Atlanta
and thought possibly he might have come looking for DOWDA.
DOWDA stated he had no idea whether or not RAY might have
been aware of his employment, but stated there was a possibility
that he may have been. DOWDA continued he had been employed
at Liggett Lane Drug Company around November or December
of 1967. DOWDA stated during that time he worked under
Dr. (First Name Unknown) CHOTAS, who was the General Manager
of Liggett Lane Drug Stores and worked with EDITH (Last
Name Unknown) who became the Manager of the soda fountain
department after DOWDA left their employment. DOWDA advised
if RAY had ever come into the Liggett Lane Drug Store
looking for him these two persons would have been the persons
most likely to have been contacted in this regard.

DOWDA stated he had never received any information
that anyone similar to RAY had been seeking him but stated
that there was a distinct possibility that this may have been
true.

DOWDA further advised sometime after he had been
arrested by agents in Marietta, Georgia, at the Bonanza
Sirloin Pit, he had been advised by persons, who he could
not recall that a long distance phone call had been made to
the Bonanza Sirloin Pit in Marietta around November or

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December, 1967, and was received at that time by either LLOYD JERINGAN or DAN AYERS (Phonetic). DOWDA advised that he was not certain which of these persons received this phone call but was advised that the person who called left no phone number and apparently did not identify himself to the person who received the telephone call. DOWDA advised he had no idea who the phone call may have been from and stated that he never did receive any further information about this call, nor was the call ever completed to him.

DOWDA stated as best he could recall the phone call might have originated in Oklahoma, but stated that neither he nor, as best he could recall, RAY had any mutual friends in that area.

O. A. HEMBREE, 2424 Sewell Mill Road, Marietta, Georgia, advised that LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA had been employed by him as a tractor driver and all around assistant from March 8, 1968 to April 12, 1968. HEMBREE advised that during this time DOWDA had worked satisfactorily for him every day that they could have worked, weather permitting. HEMBREE advised the total duration of this time was approximately five weeks and stated that as best he could recall at no time did DOWDA ever leave this area. HEMBREE continued that on two or three occasions, DOWDA had worked on Saturdays, but had never worked on any Sundays during this time. HEMBREE advised there was no way to specifically determine the exact dates on which DOWDA worked, but provided the following dates on which DOWDA was paid and the amounts.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount of Check</u>
March 8, 1968	\$50
March 15, 1968	\$65
March 22, 1968	\$25
March 29, 1968	\$42.38

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount of Check</u>
April 5, 1968	\$60
April 21, 1968	\$80.64

HEMBREE stated during this five or six week period, he had made two loans to DOWDA in two checks, one for \$30 and one for \$10. HEMBREE advised that if DOWDA were to have been employed five days per week, his checks would run approximately \$90 to \$115. HEMBREE advised that all of the checks indicate that DOWDA may not have possibly worked all five days of the week, but again stated that this was due to the weather, stating that in rainy-type weather it was impossible for them to work.

HEMBREE stated that DOWDA had been a satisfactory employee while working for him.

Atlanta leads are being handled by SA JACK T. BEVERSTEIN.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) P DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA BERNARD R. BERRY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis teletype to Atlanta 5/1/68.

On 5/3/68 the records of the Walker County, Ga., Tax Office as furnished by Clerk RALPH AIKEN reflects that 1968 Georgia license 15J4423 was registered 3/29/68 to LEWIS SHEPPARD, JR., 808 Indian Avenue, Rossville, Ga., for 1953 Chrysler, VIN 70130084, purchased used 3/9/68. The date of the purchase of the vehicle or the Social Security Number of SHEPPARD is not indicated.

MR. AIKEN advised that the tax records of Walker County, Ga., reflect no record of LEWIS SHEPPARD, JR.

On the same date, Walker County, Ga., Sheriff RALPH JONES and Rossville, Ga., Police DOYLE HICKS, and Mayor PAUL ELLIS, advised they know of no one named LEWIS SHEPPARD, JR.

On 5/3/68 the records of the Credit Bureau of Chattanooga, as searched by Clerk NANCY REYNOLDS, revealed that the only SHEPPARD in her files with that spelling was SAMUEL LEWIS SHEPPARD, Route #2, Webb Road, Chattanooga, Tenn. Upon contact MR. SHEPPARD advised that he is retired, has never lived in Georgia, has never owned a 1953 Chrysler or 1960 Thunderbird, and never has owned a Georgia tag.

On 5/3/68 MR. GEORGE W. CRAWFORD, Custodian at the Rossville High School, advised that he resides at 808 Indian Avenue in Rossville, Ga., and has for the past 25 years. He stated he knows no one named LEWIS SHEPPARD, JR., advised he has never owned a 1953 Chrysler and stated that he knows of no one named SHEPPARD who has resided in that neighborhood.

On the same date GBI Agent PAUL GRIFFIN who resides at 801 Indian Avenue advised that he has never known anyone named SHEPPARD residing in that neighborhood.

On 5/3/68 the records of the Chattanooga, Tenn., PD as searched by Clerk KAREN HANNAH revealed the only record

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identifiable with a LEWIS SHEPPARD reflects that a LEWIS SHEPPARD, NM, was arrested 3/24/68 as a passenger in a 1962 Chevrolet convertible, blue, wherein the driver of the vehicle was arrested for DUI. No additional information was available about this individual.

Inasmuch as efforts to identify and locate LEWIS SHEPPARD, JR., have been negative in Rossville and Walker County, Ga., the following leads are suggested in an effort to locate and identify this individual:

Note: It is suggested that a copy of re communication (Serial #1336) be furnished to agent to whom leads assigned.

It is further noted that re communication reflects SHEPPARD's address as 808 Enden Avenue, Rossville, which is incorrect. It should be 808 Indian Avenue.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will check 1967 registrations for 1960 Ford Thunderbird, H6YA117024, and for 1953 Chrysler, VIN 70130084.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA 44-2386

DATE: 5-8-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JAMES JOHNSON, 2840 Sewell Road, S.W., 758-9858, called at 12:53 pm today and advised as follows:

He works at Mead Packaging Company, Marietta & Ashby, and a white man ~~xxxx~~, SID COLLINS, who works there told him last night that on 4-2-68 his wife left home with a man that has been in prison. They took COLLINS' white Pontiac which was seen in Talladega, Ala., on 4-3-68. COLLINS and his wife are not now living together, but he did see her after above incident and mentioned that she and the man she was with must have had something to do with the assassination of MLK. He said she looked at him with an unusual expression, but did not reply.

JOHNSON (Negro) said he and COLLINS go ~~xxx~~ to work at 3:00 pm after which time JOHNSON can be called at TR5-2711 ext 414 until 5:00 pm then he can be called at TR5-5243. COLLINS has expressed an interest in talking to someone about possibility the man with his wife was RAY. JOHNSON said he can arrange a meeting with COLLINS for agents if desired.

COLLINS did live somewhere near Marietta, but now lives nearer his job.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, ATLANTA 44-2386 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM BUFFALO (44-374) 2P

MURKIN

SGT. C. A. FLYNN, N.Y. STATE POLICE, WATERLOO, N.Y.,
FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION THIS DATE:

OTIS DUNHAM, BORDER CITY ROAD, GENEVA, N.Y., FURNISHED
INFO RECEIVED FROM SON, CHARLES DUNHAM, IN TELEPHONE
CALL ON MAY SIX LAST AND MAY SEVEN LAST, WHEREIN CHARLES
DUNHAM INDICATED HE HAD INFO CONCERNING ASSASSINATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THAT PRESENT IDENTIFICATION OF
KING MURDERER WAS WRONG AND THAT MURDERER IS NAMED EITHER
WESLEY, WELSTON, WESTON, OR NAME SIMILARLY SOUNDING.
CHARLES DUNHAM INDICATED HE HAS WORKED IN ATLANTA, GA.
COFFEE HOUSE, HOWEVER, IS BELIEVED PRESENTLY UNEMPLOYED
AND LIVING IN SO-CALLED HIPPIE CIRCUMSTANCES. DUNHAM'S
EMPLOYER AT COFFEE HOUSE ARRESTED ON NARCOTICS CHARGE
SUBSEQUENT TO KING MURDER AND PRESENTLY CONFINED IN MENTAL
HOSPITAL OR SOME PENAL INSTITUTION IN ATLANTA, GA. NAME OF
COFFEE HOUSE OR OWNER NOT KNOWN, BUT OWNER SUPPOSEDLY HAS
KNOWLEDGE OF KING MURDER.

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OTIS DUNHAM INDICATED HIS SON SEEMED TO BE SCARED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION AND FEELS THAT HIS SON MAY POSSIBLY HAVE SOME INFO CONCERNING THIS MATTER. HE ADVISED HIS SON CALLED FROM ATLANTA TELEPHONE AREA CODE FOUR ZERO FOUR DASH EIGHT SEVEN FIVE DASH FIVE FOUR THREE SEVEN, WHICH IS A ROOMING HOUSE AT FOUR ONE SIX SEVENTH ST., ATLANTA, GA.

CHARLES DUNHAM DESCRIBED AS BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ROME, N.Y.; SIX FEET; TWO HUNDRED LBS.; BROWN EYES AND BROWN HAIR, AND WEARS THICK GLASSES. DUNHAM FORMERLY A MEMBER OS U.S. NAVY, HOWEVER, RECEIVED UNDESIRABLE DISCHARGE IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR IN VIEW OF HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES.

OTIS DUNHAM REQUESTED HIS NAME NOT BE MENTIONED AS FURNISHING ABOVE INFO.

ATLANTA ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CHARLES DUNHAM CONCERNING THIS MATTER RE ANY INFO HE MAY HAVE.

RAY IS CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

ONE AM CC TO KANSAS CITY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-2386

DATE: 5-8-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mrs. VALERIA HARDY (protect Identity), 90 Memorial Drive, Apt. 166, home phone 523-6020, office phone 524-4175, called at 10:50 am today and advised as follows:

This morning she caught the 8:30 am bus number 31 at Memorial and Martin to town and noticed a man walk up Martin to the stop and board the bus with her. This man appeared to look like subject RAY. He was wearing a white shirt and tie, but was not wearing a jacket. She does not recall having seen this man in the area before. HARDY only occasionally rides bus # 31 so she does not know if this man rides it on a regular basis.

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TO SACS MIAMI (44-1884)
JACKSONVILLE (44-789)
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

REJKAIRTEL MAY TWO LAST SUBMITTING COPY OF
AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION AND MMAIRTEL MAY TWO LAST
SUBMITTING ITEMS RELATING TO BOAT RENTALS ALL BEARING
SIGNATURE MICHEL ST. PIERRE.

CONCLUDED MICHEL ST. PIERRE SIGNATURES ON DOCUMENTS
SUBMITTED NOT PREPARED BY JAMES EARL RAY. LATENT REPORT
AND DEPOSITION OF EVIDENCE FURNISHED SEPARATELY. COPY
MAILED TO MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, KANSAS CITY AND ALBANY.

- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) - Airmail
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) P DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA JOHN P. GRANFIELD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/3/68, J. H. VAUGHN, 239 14th Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, telephone 892-3933, advised that he is a retired postal employee and is presently operating a rooming house at the above address.

He advised that 2 individuals came to his rooming house some 4 weeks ago and occupied a room there at a rate of \$15 per week. He stated that 1 of the individuals gave his name as (FNU) BROWN, and the other individual was identified by BROWN as T. J. HENRY from Calhoun, Mississippi, whose description is very similar to that of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

SAs ROGER L. KAAS and JOHN P. GRANFIELD subsequently located the individual identified by VAUGHN as T. J. HENRY and HENRY was eliminated on the basis of fingerprints as being identical with subject RAY.

HENRY identified himself and exhibited identification reflecting that his name is ESCOR C. HENRY, JR., 239 14th Street, NE, Atlanta, and he claimed that he is employed as a day laborer, working out of the Labor Pool, Briar Street, NE.

HENRY advised that he was born Bruce, Mississippi, [redacted] and served in the U. S. Army for 16 years, ASN [redacted] and [redacted]. HENRY claimed that he is divorced and that his wife was EVELYN HENRY (address unknown). HENRY advised that his parents are Mr. and Mrs. E. C. HENRY, SR., Calhoun, Mississippi. He gave his Social Security # as [redacted] HENRY is 5' 9½" tall; 163 pounds; blue gray eyes; and dark brown hair.

NCIC check as to HENRY under his name and birth data was negative.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)(P) DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : IC MARION W. DAVIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of IC MARION W. DAVIS, 5/6/68.

Records, Southern Bell T&T Co., Atlanta, reflect the following long distance calls made from 876-9416, pay station located USPO, 92 - 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia:

3/18/68, area 404-867-4292, Winder, Ga. *listed to EMILY L. KINS
RT 1, PO Box 444 - Winder, Ga. Service Contract - 2-23-67.*

3/20/68, area 404-786-5206, Covington, Georgia. *listed to WILTON
COYNER, 306 NORTH HILL ST. MAIL BOX 6005 TO 129 GREEN ST. COVINGTON,
DIRECTORY shows address LEADS
AS 4129 TATE ST. COVINGTON.*

ATLANTA

At Atlanta, Winder and Covington, Ga.:

Will identify subscriber to above and conduct necessary investigation to determine if subject, JAMES EARL RAY, known to them.

MWD:lcc

*Burgess advised
5-9-68 - handling
Dorke advised
as above being handled
by Special Agent
Davis*

*Identify subscribers
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