



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

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 21, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
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Examination requested by: **Atlanta**

Reference: **Letter 5/13/68**

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# Memorandum

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

FROM : SA DONALD G. WILSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/27/68

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Re memo of SA JAMES J. ROSE to SAC, Atlanta, dated 4/17/68.

On 4/17/68, ~~CANTRELL EVANS~~, 482 Holderness Ave., SW, Atlanta, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

EVANS stated that he went to work at 5:00 a.m., 4/17/68, at Wallace's Service Station, 1175 Gordon Rd., Atlanta. At 5:15 a.m., he observed a lone male approach the station on foot. EVANS stated that this individual fitted the description of GALT or photograph that he had seen on television. EVANS advised that this individual stood in front of the gas station for several minutes, then turned and ran down the street.

EVANS furnished the following physical description of this individual:

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| Sex:             | Male  |
| Race:            | White   |
| Age:             | 30  |
| Ht.:             | 5'9"  |
| Wt.:             | 180   |
| Hair:            | Brown - cut short                                   |
| Scars:           | Scar on right side of face - length of entire face. |
| Characteristics: | Left side of face was rough; appeared to be scared  |

On the same date, WILLIAM HUNT and JACK MAY, employees, Wallace's Service Station, 1175 Gordon Rd., Atlanta, both advised that they are acquainted with ~~CANTRELL EVANS~~. They advised that EVANS is prone to telling stories and often exaggerates many things.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis is one copy of Atlanta teletype to Director, 5/24/68, which was inadvertently sent to Miami instead of Memphis.

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URGENT 5/24/68 ELS

TO DIRECTOR, MIAMI, LOS ANGELES, AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION AT ATLANTA MAY TWENTYFOUR  
INSTANT.

R. A. WILLOUGHBY, SANDERSVILLE, GA., FATHER OF  
JAMES R. WILLOUGHBY, WHO FORMERLY RESIDED AT ROOMING  
HOUSE ON FOURTEENTH ST., ATLANTA, AT TIME SUBJ. RESIDED  
THERE, INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED JAMES WILLOUGHBY HAS  
MENTAL PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE REQUIRED HIS CONFINEMENT  
IN TWO MENTAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE PAST. STATED HIS  
SON IS GENERALLY RELIABLE EXCEPT WHEN DRINKING AND  
ON SOME OCCASIONS, HAS A TENDENCY TO EXAGGERATE  
AND FABRICATE. R. A. WILLOUGHBY STATED JAMES VISITED  
HIM AND JAMES' MOTHER WEEKEND OF MAY SEVENTEEN THRU  
NINETEEN, LAST, AND RELATED TO THEM SUBSEQUENTLY THE  
SAME STORY AS PREVIOUSLY RELATED TO THE INTERVIEWING  
AGENTS CONCERNING SEEING AN INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED BY HIM TO BE SUBJ. AT THE ROOMING HOUSE ON FOURTEENTH ST. 44-2386-1976

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Special Agent in Charge  
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CARL LOOSIER, ONE ZERO THREE FOUR LANIER BLVD., NE, ATLANTA, WHO LIVES BENEATH JERRY Q. DUTTON AND HIS WIFE, ADVISED THAT ONE JAMES THORNTON IS CURRENTLY RESIDING WITH THE DUTTONS AT ABOVE ADDRESS. HE IS DRIVING A WHITE RAMBLER STATION WAGON, BEARING CURRENT CALIF. LICENSE NYJ SEVEN TWO EIGHT. HE HAS BEEN RESIDING WITH THE DUTTONS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. LOOSIER'S DESCRIPTION OF THORNTON INDICATES HE IS IDENTICAL WITH JAMES PAUL THORNTON, LOS ANGELES FILE ONE ZERO FIVE DASH FIVE SEVEN TWO FOUR. THORNTON WAS FORMERLY CALIF. DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY AND RESIDED IN LOS ANGELES AREA. THORNTON ALSO FORMERLY RESIDED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA, IN CONNECTION WITH NSRP ACTIVITIES.

JAMES P. THORNTON, ONE ZERO THREE FOUR LANIER BLVD., NE, ATLANTA, HAS SPECIAL CHECKING ACCOUNT AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH AVE., BRANCH, ATLANTA, WHICH WAS OPENED MAY FOURTEEN LAST WITH ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR DEPOSIT IN TRAVELERS CHECKS. CURRENT BALANCE IS FIFTEEN DOLLARS SEVENTYFOUR CENTS. THORNTON LISTED EMPLOYMENT WITH

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PACIFIC FINANCE CO., SIX FOUR NINE WEST PEACHTREE ST.,  
NE, ATLANTA, AND STATED FORMERLY HAD BANK ACCOUNT AT  
SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, ANAHEIM, CALIF., NOT  
VERIFIED BY BANK.

NO SAVINGS ACCOUNT LOCATED FOR THORNTON AT  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

NO CHECKING OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT LOCATED YET FOR  
JERRY DUTTON; HOWEVER, CITIZEN AND SOUTHERN NATIONAL  
BANK, ATLANTA, RECEIVED APPLICATION FROM DUTTON, NOV.,  
SIXTYSEVEN, FOR CHARGE CARD. APPLICATION WAS DENIED  
BY THE BANK. IN APPLICATION, DUTTON FURNISHED AGE  
AS TWENTYSIX IN SIXTYSEVEN, WIFE ESTORIA V. DUTTON,  
EMPLOYMENT SOUTHERN INK AND LACQUER CO., STONE  
MOUNTAIN, GA., RESIDENCE FIVE TWO SEVEN FIVE WEST  
MOUNTAIN STREET, STONE MOUNTAIN, GA., PREVIOUS  
EMPLOYMENT STEELE CITY STAR, BOX EIGHT TWO NINE NINE,  
BIRMINGHAM, ALA. STATED HE HAD OPENED LOAN AT GAC  
FINANCE CO., BIRMINGHAM, ALA. HE LISTED NO BANK  
REFERENCES.  
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THUMB PRINTS MAINTAINED STATION CAPTAINS OFFICE, ATLANTA PD, BEING COMPARED WITH SUBJECT'S THUMB PRINTS IN EVENT SUBJ., HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND RELEASED OR SENT TO CITY FARM ON DRUNK OR OTHER CHARGE.

LOS ANGELES DETERMINE TO WHOM CALIF., LICENSE NYJ SEVEN TWO EIGHT ISSUED. ASCERTAIN JAMES PAUL THORNTON'S RESIDENCE DURING TIME SUBJ. HAS BEEN OUT OF PRISON AND EXHIBIT PHOTO TO NEIGHBORS AND ASSOCIATES OF THORNTON WHERE FEASIBLE. CONTACT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, ANAHEIM, CALIF., FOR RECORD OF BANKING ACTIVITIES.

BIRMINGHAM ATTEMPT TO LOCATE RECORD OF THORNTON'S RESIDENCE THERE AND CONDUCT SIMILAR INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SUBJ. AND THORNTON.

SIMILAR INVESTIGATION NOT BEING REQUESTED CONCERNING DUTTON IN BIRMINGHAM INASMUCH AS DUTTON HAS RESIDED IN ATLANTA SINCE FEB., SIXTYSEVEN.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO LOCATE BANK ACCOUNT OF DUTTON AND POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN HIM AND SUBJ.

END *ARMED & DANGEROUS.*

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FBI ATLANTA

FBI KNOXVLE

11-24 AM URGENT 5-24-68 CKH

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SAC, ATLANTA;

SAC, MEMPHIS

SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) 1P

MURKIN.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU DATED MAY TWENNY THIRD,  
LAST; KNOXVILLE TEL TO BUREAU MAY TWENTY, LAST; ATLANTA  
TEL TO BUREAU DATED MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE LEAD TO INTERVIEW BIRDIE LEE  
(ARCHIE) HOLLAND WAS SET OUT AS LEAD BY TELETYPE FROM KNOXVILLE  
TO BUREAU AND ATLANTA DATED MAY TWENTY, LAST.

ATLANTA TELETYPE DATED MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST ADVISES  
ROY BRICKLEY, JR. RESIDES ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA. EDNA WILBURN,  
SISTER OF FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY INTERVIEWED CHATTANOOGA, TENN.  
MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST AND SHE ADVISES THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW THE  
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF FRANK BRICKLEY.

LOS ANGELES. REQUESTED TO ADVISE KNOXVILLE WHETHER EDITOR  
THOMAS, "LOS ANGELES TIMES" IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF BRICKLEY  
AS BOB LNU.

END PENDING.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA 44-2386

DATE: 5-24-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry D. Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

MRS. GEORGE D. PHILLIPS, 84 12th Street, N.E., telephone 892-8981, telephonically advised at 12:41 pm today that she had just received her telephone bill and it contains a call that she nor anyone in her home made. The call was placed on 4-5-68 from Las Vegas, Nev., to a BUD HARRINGTON, in Kansas City, Mo., telephone 444-2060. The caller used a credit card in making the call. PHILLIPS has been interviewed by agents re captioned case and she felt there may be some connection between the call and case.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) P DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SA RICHARD E. FUGATT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of CC JERRY D. ROSEBERRY, 4/26/68, serial # 1344.

On 4/26/68, attempt was made to contact RAY BUCKELS, Apartment 817, Darlington Apartments, Peachtree Street, NE.

On the same date, W. W. NESSER, Manager, Darlington Apartments, advised he did not recall speaking to a girl with reference to any man who may have been following or bothering her. He stated he did not recall any incident occurring with regards to the matter.

M. SHUTLEY, Security Guard, Darlington Apartments, stated he had not been contacted by anyone with reference to a man bothering any woman at the apartments.

On 4/28/68, RAY BUCKELS, Apartment 817, Darlington Apartments, advised that he had returned from class at Georgia State College, when he noticed out of his window a man approach a girl sunbathing near the parking area. He stated the man approached from the bushes, spoke to the girl, then left. He stated that shortly thereafter this, the man then again returned, and spoke to another girl. This girl got up and went towards the apartment lobby. BUCKELS stated that he felt that the man looked somewhat like JAMES EARL RAY, and therefore went to the lobby to get a better look at the man. He stated that he did not notice the man around, but that he saw the girl talking to the manager.

BUCKELS described the man as W/M, about 40, and stated he felt the man "was dressed to appear younger than he was", wearing a white college type windbreaker, navy blue slacks, and a red turtle-neck sweater. He stated he had never noticed the man around the apartments before.

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BUCKELS advised he did not know who the girl was, but felt she worked in one of the shops at the apartment, and would make an effort to determine her identity.

On 5/10/68 and 5/22/68, BUCKELS advised he had not been able to identify the girl, and that he has not seen her around the apartments since the date in question.



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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1989)  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) P  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re Columbia airtel to Memphis, 5/14/68.

On 5/23/68, Mrs. BETTY CHAMBERS, employee of the United Airlines, Atlanta, Georgia, presently working at the Ticket Counter at the In-Town Motor Hotel, Atlanta, was interviewed with regard to data she furnished previously to this office concerning an individual named GENE HUDSON, thought by her to resemble JAMES EARL RAY.

Mrs. CHAMBERS advised that HUDSON first checked in at the hotel approximately 3/29/68, but she did not observe him at this time. On 4/12/68, he again checked in at the hotel without any luggage, and paid for his room a day in advance. On each succeeding day, from 4/13-14/68, he again appeared at the counter and paid an additional day's room rent. On 4/15/68, he left the hotel, carrying what appeared to be all his possessions wrapped in a newspaper.

Mrs. CHAMBERS said this individual wore a bright orange turtleneck sweater and white levis the entire time he was at the hotel, and while she could furnish no reasonable explanation for her opinion, she thought he reminded her of the photograph she had observed in the newspaper following the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING at Memphis, Tennessee.

The more recent photograph of subject, RAY, was exhibited to Mrs. CHAMBERS, and she immediately said she is absolutely certain that this is not the man she saw checking into the hotel who was using the name HUDSON. Mrs. CHAMBERS then said she thought HUDSON was a homosexual, that he gave her that impression through his manner, his speech, and his actions generally, and his conduct while at the hotel was questionable.

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Mrs. CHAMBERS said she could say positively that the more recent photograph of RAY in no way resembled HUDSON.

No additional investigation is being conducted regarding this inquiry concerning GENE HUDSON in view of the statements made by Mrs. CHAMBERS.

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SA JOHN B. REYNOLDS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 4:15 a.m., on 5/23/68, THOMAS E. CARLISLE was contacted at the Gulf Service Station located across from the Varsity Drive-in at North Avenue and Spring Streets NW, Atlanta, Georgia, as a result of CARLISLE's telephone call to this office on that date. CARLISLE furnished the following information:

He is a w/m, born on [redacted] in South Carolina, 5'5", 130 lbs., green eyes, brown hair. He listed his occupation as furniture salesman, previously employed by Webb Furniture Company, 725 East Broad Street, Albany, Ga., and also stated he is "a full time alcoholic". CARLISLE displayed Georgia driver's license number 960269 bearing his photograph and stated he was in the U. S. Air Force from July 13, 1950 until January 10, 1955, receiving a general discharge and had serial number 14341143. CARLISLE advised that he is married but separated from his wife, ANN CARLISLE, who resides at Number 8 William Bens Apartments on Whitney Avenue in Albany, Ga., and that she is employed by the Coats and Clark Thread Mill in Albany from the 3 to 11 shift. He stated he has five sons, the oldest, 16 years old, being presently confined to Milledgeville State Training School for Boys as a result of a burglary in Albany.

CARLISLE stated that he has been on lengthy drunk and was arrested a few weeks ago by the Albany, Ga., PD for drunk and disorderly conduct and fighting and was later bailed out of the Albany PD and continued his drunk and continued living along the riverbank in Albany, Ga. On Sunday, May 19, 1968, he stated he was walking around one of the churches in Albany and noticed a friend of his and asked this friend to take him to "The Anchorage", which is an alcoholic home in Albany. He stated he had previously been at this home on two or three occasions and was well known to a Mr. WOOLLEY (ph)

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of this home; however, on this particular occasion, WOOLLEY would not consent to take him into the home for any length of time. He stated he stayed Sunday night at The Anchorage and then Mr. WOOLLEY drove him approximately 150 miles to near Milledgeville, Ga., outside of Milledgeville, Ga., on the Milledgeville Road to the "Harbor", which is also an alcoholic home. While at the Harbor, he became acquainted with one WILLIS DAVIS whom he described as a w/m, approximately 35 years of age, weighing about 185 lbs., about 5'8" to 5'9", having black hair which is short cut and kind of kinky, and wearing green slacks and shirt and a blue fishing type cap. According to him, WILLIS was at this home for approximately two weeks and seemed very well acquainted with two other individuals at this home, one named CARP, a w/m about 50 who is over 6' tall and has numerous tattoos on his arms and another w/m named FRANK, approximately 45 years of age, about 5'9", weighing well over 200 lbs. He did not know the last names of these individuals but stated all three of them seemed to be particularly close to each other and appeared to be from the Atlanta, Ga., area.

CARLISLE stated that the Harbor Home is operated by a Rev. SMITH who lives at the Home at a small cottage with his wife and two teenage children. He stated there are six other patients at the home and Rev. SMITH furnishes brown pills to the individuals that come to the Home which he believed to be dope. He stated Rev. SMITH has a great supply of these pills in a room located across from his office and stated there are more pills in this room than you would find in the average drugstore. He advised that the guest at this home go each morning to a prayer meeting from 9 to 10 a.m., and then after the prayer meeting, they go out and work either around the home or go off in the general locality and cut firewood which will be utilized during the winter months. According to CARLISLE,

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DAVIS said he is from Hogansville, Ga., and worked at a cotton mill as a loom fixer at Hogansville and that his folks are trying to get him off of the bottle. He stated that DAVIS had visitors on the night of 5/22/68, which were reportedly his brother and sister. He stated, however, that these two individuals were supposedly from Oregon and that they gave DAVIS money.

CARLISLE stated that both DAVIS and Rev. SMITH and other members at the home would not be cooperative with anyone and stated that they were suspicious of him because he had previously been reading an article regarding the former district attorney JIM GARRISON in New Orleans who was investigating the OSWALD murder and had made certain comments regarding a newspaper article he had recently read which seemed to irritate the other members of the home which resulted in a certain amount of animosity towards him. CARLISLE stated that DAVIS indicated that he had a rifle with a scope and that he was capable of using this gun and also indicated that he owned a 1962 Ford automobile which was parked a good distance from the home across the railroad tracks at the residence of one CECIL (LNU). He stated DAVIS did not have any clothing with him but indicated he had firearms and clothing in his automobile.

DAVIS stated that he suspected Rev. SMITH of operating a conspiracy or syndicate type organization and would hide out anybody who came to the home who was being sought by the law. He stated that he believed all of the individuals at this home were capable of murder and it was his opinion that they were hired killers who had found a good place to stay. He advised that DAVIS, on 5/22/68, became suspicious of a ladder which was located outside of the dormitory at the home at a telephone pole which was obviously being used by the telephone people to repair telephone lines; however, DAVIS became very alarmed at the sight of this ladder and stated it was undoubtedly the FBI surveilling him. As a result



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of his suspicions, DAVIS stated he was going to leave the home and CARLISLE suspected that he would leave the home on May 23, 1968. (Thursday) CARLISLE stated that DAVIS was always talking about his brother and he overheard DAVIS and other members of the home discussing his, CARLISLE's, activities, and indicated that he, CARLISLE, would get his when they went out to the woods the next day to cut firewood. CARLISLE stated as a result of this conversation, and the fact that he feared for his life, he left the home at approximately 11 p.m., on the night of May 22, 1968 (Wednesday night) and hitchhiked a ride into LaGrange, Ga., by an unknown taxi driver who was returning to LaGrange and then later obtained a ride by hitchhiking on a truck to Atlanta, Ga. He advised that he had not been to Atlanta, Ga., previously other than to pass through and is not familiar with the Atlanta area.

CARLISLE indicated that during the lessons which are held every morning for one hour, that Rev. SMITH usually walks around and makes statements to the different members of the home such as "You are a big fool", at which time one of the members will answer in the affirmative. He also stated that on one occasion, Rev. SMITH made the statement to DAVIS "You shot MARTIN LUTHER KING", which DAVIS acknowledged "yes". He also stated that Rev. SMITH was always quoting parts of scripture from the Bible which he, CARLISLE, interpreted as being directed to him which CARLISLE stated made him fear for his life and therefore he wanted to leave the home. CARLISLE stated that he in no way wanted his name used in the event any contact was made at the home; however, he stated that he was interested in the reward for the arrest of the murderer of Dr. KING and wanted the reward in order to turn the money over to his wife and five children.

CARLISLE viewed a photograph, the current photograph of RAY, and stated in his opinion this definitely was WILLIS DAVIS.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Atlanta (44-2386)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SA Jimmy E. Hayes

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Telephone number 562-3955 is listed to Mr. L. G. LYELL, East Stoge Street, Temple, Georgia. A check of calls made from a pay station located on a wall at Kirkpatrick Pharmacy, 14th and Peachtree Streets, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, reflects a call was made to LYELL's number on 3/19/68.

On 5/23/68, an I.O. and slick photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. LYELL and their teen-aged daughter. All advised they have never seen this individual and do not know him. They stated their daughter has friends in the Atlanta area who call her from time to time and this call may have been one of them when happened to be in the area. Otherwise, they were unable to explain why they received any calls emanating from this pay station.

It is noted that Mr. L.G. LYELL is vice-president of the Temple Bank and known to be law-abiding and trustworthy.

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

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN THE ATLANTA  
DIVISION MAY TWENTYTHREE INSTANT.

POSTAL INSPECTOR, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, TODAY ADVISED  
THERE IS AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF POSTAL  
INSPECTOR, WASHINGTON, D.C., A LIST OF ALL OBSCENE  
PEN-PAL CLUBS IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH ARE PRESENTLY  
UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

POSTAL INSPECTOR ELMER GILLESPIE, ATLANTA, ADVISED  
THERE ARE NO SUCH CLUBS OPERATING IN ATLANTA AT THE  
PRESENT TIME AND THAT THE CHIEF POSTAL INSPECTOR CAN  
FURNISH A CURRENT PRINT-OUT OF THIS LIST CONTAINING  
IDENTIFICATION OF APPROXIMATELY SIXTYFIVE SUCH PEN-PAL  
AND LONELY HEARTS CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.  
THIS LIST PRESENTLY INCLUDES THE CLUB IN LOS ANGELES  
KNOWN AS THE LOCAL SWINGER AND NUMEROUS OTHERS OF A  
SIMILAR NATURE.

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Special Agent in Charge  
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A LOOK-ALIKE RESIDING IN A HOME FOR ALCOHOLICS IN  
HOGANSVILLE, GA., ELIMINATED THIS DATE BY FINGERPRINTS.

CHECK OF SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES AND CHECK OF LARGE  
WITHDRAWALS FROM BANKS CONTINUING.

WFO, AT WASHINGTON, D.C. WILL OBTAIN ABOVE LIST  
FROM CHIEF POSTAL INSPECTOR AND WILL SET OUT APPROPRIATE  
LEADS.

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KRH/LCS

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

5/23/68

SA SCOTT T. FENSTERMAKER

MURKIN  
CR

Re memo of SA SCOTT T. FENSTERMAKER 5/9/68.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA SCOTT T. FENSTERMAKER:

On 5/14/68 it was learned at Davison's Department Store that CORA MERRITT was no longer employed there and that her address is 1627 Orlando, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Unsuccessful attempts to contact MERRITT at this address were made on 5/14/68 and 5/15/68. On 5/16/68 MERRITT advised as follows:

OLYSESSES "BUDDY" LAMB did make the remark that he had killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; however, he had been drinking and had said it only as a joke and all the people who heard the remark treated it as a joke. She had met LAMB through a friend, did not know him well, and does not know his present whereabouts. He had borrowed the car of a friend of his (whom she thinks is named "JIMMY" BENNETT) from Riverdale, and had been gone from the Atlanta area with it at the time KING was killed. His absence caused some of his friends to jokingly accuse him of killing KING and led to his remark that he did. LAMB had never made any remarks of a racial nature and MERRITT has no doubt at all that his remark was only made in jest. She believes that he was simply on a "drinking spree" during his absence from Atlanta.

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It was observed during the interview of Mrs. GEORGE PHILLIPS (who furnished the information concerning LAMB's remark to MERRITT) that PHILLIPS is an elderly widow. Thus, it appears that she could have misunderstood MERRITT's statement about LAMB. In addition, investigation has revealed that JAMES EARL RAY was in Los Angeles during the time LAMB was living in Mrs. PHILLIPS' boarding house. Consequently, it is not believed that this matter warrants further investigation.

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SA ROBERT W. THOMSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/21/68, MAURICE SCARBOROUGH, 3981 Young Ave., Columbus, Ga., furnished the following information:

He stated that in September through approximately November, 1966, he was employed at the Johnson Truck Stop, Chattanooga, Tenn., and that during this time he became acquainted with a man using the name JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that he is positive of this time of employment inasmuch as he had check stubs from this place of employment indicating it was during that time. He stated that RAY hung around the truck stop for a short period of time picking up odd jobs and that RAY had a half-brother named ROY BROOKS, an employee of the Johnson Truck Stop and that BROOKS resided in Cohutta, Ga. He stated also that RAY had a half-brother whose first name he could not recall but whom he addressed as HERMAN and that HERMAN's last name was GAULT, who resided in Chattanooga, Tenn.

SCARBOROUGH stated that sometime around August, 1966, RAY left the Chattanooga area stating that he was going to Atlanta, Ga. to obtain employment with some type of car towing service in Atlanta and that he has not seen RAY since that time.

SCARBOROUGH stated after viewing a photograph of subject of captioned matter that the man he knew in Tenn. as RAY had similarities to subject, but that his hair was much more curly than that depicted of subject's. SCARBOROUGH stated that he could furnish no additional information regarding the RAY with whom he was acquainted in Chattanooga, Tenn. during the summer of 1966.

In view of fact that subject of captioned matter was in custody during this period of time, it is recommended that no further action in this matter be taken.

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# Memorandum

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

FROM : SA HARRY L. LEE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/23/68

Reference is made to Bureau airtel to all SACs dated 5/9/68 with regard to the contact of agencies maintaining information regarding unidentified dead to cover the possibility that the subject may have died since the commission of this crime.

Lt. WAYNE SPIVA, Identification Division, Atlanta Police Department, advised 5/20/68 that unidentified deceased human bodies are processed almost in every instance by the Fulton County Coroner's Office, located near Grady Hospital, Atlanta, and that in these instances officers from the Identification Division of the Atlanta Police Department are called upon to complete fingerprinting and to assist in the identification.

Lt. SPIVA said that he maintains a record of these requests. He examined these records, but found no instance in which an unidentified body had been located since the first of April, 1968. Lt. SPIVA said they have had almost no instances in which they were unable to identify individuals found deceased, as for obvious reasons, it is of considerable importance that a large amount of inquiry be conducted to establish conclusively the identity of persons found through police investigations in this manner.

Lt. SPIVA said, however, that he did not believe that his records were entirely complete, and he suggested contact with the Fulton County Coroner's Office.

Contact with Sgt. GARRISON at the Fulton County Coroner's Office on 5/21/68 disclosed similar data to that furnished by Lt. SPIVA. Sgt. GARRISON said that there have been no unidentified bodies handled by the Coroner's Office since the first of April, 1968, and he was certain that any

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instances of this sort which arose would be fully investigated by his office. Sgt. GARRISON advised that should there be any indication of any sort that an identification of a deceased might be made with JAMES EARL RAY, the Atlanta FBI Office would of course be promptly notified.

Sgt. GARRISON further advised that he thought the most complete records maintained in this connection would be found either in Georgia Bureau of Investigation files or in the files of the State Crime Laboratory.

Sgt. GARRISON explained that Dr. HERMAN JONES of the State Crime Lab is called upon in practically every instance to furnish some kind of medical opinion in this regard, and he thought the files maintained by that office would be complete with regards to the entire State.

On 5/21/68, Dr. HERMAN JONES of the State Crime Laboratory was interviewed, and he confirmed that data furnished by Sgt. GARRISON.

Dr. JONES said that in every instance he knows of, unidentified human bodies found deceased during the course of investigations throughout the State of Georgia are processed by individuals in the State Crime Laboratory who handle every aspect of this work, including dental examinations, etc. Dr. JONES said there have been no instances of an unidentified body found since April 1, 1968, or, in fact, there have been none over the past several years with the exception of several skeletons found in which death must have resulted several years ago.

Dr. JONES said he felt he could say conclusively that an unidentified deceased human body found anywhere in the State of Georgia would be called to the attention of the State Crime Laboratory and the records would therefore be available to this source. Dr. JONES said he could assure this office that if there were the slightest indications that in any such matter JAMES EARL RAY might be considered as a possible identification, he would promptly notify the Atlanta FBI Office. Dr. JONES emphasized the identification of deceased human bodies is of extreme importance from several aspects, and he did not think it probable that, because of the thoroughness of the investigations in this regard, the

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question of JAMES EARL RAY and the identification of a body  
would not be fully explored.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Memphis teletype to Atlanta and Knoxville,  
5/1/68.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA BERNARD R. BERRY in Walker Co., Ga.:

On 5/3/68, the records of the Walker Co. Tax Office, as furnished by Clerk RALPH AIKEN, reflect 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 No. of SHEPPARD is not indicated.

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

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

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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 spelling "Sheppard" was SAMUEL LEWIS SHEPPARD, Route #2, Webb Road, Chattanooga, Tenn. Upon contact, Mr. SHEPPARD advised 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 said 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 identifiable with a LEWIS SHEPPARD reflects that a LEWIS SHEPARD, Negro male, 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.

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



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On 5/17/68, Walker Co. Tag Commissioner J. MILLARD PICKELL, advised that 1968 Ga. tag receipt for 15J4423 did not indicate a previous Ga. registration, nor did it indicate from where the 1953 Chrysler was purchased.

The following investigation was conducted by IC MARION W. DAVIS, at Atlanta, Ga.:

On 5/13/68, Mrs. LORETTA BROOKS, Georgia State MFB, Atlanta, Ga., advised records of her department were thoroughly checked for 1966 and 1967 and she could locate no record of instant 1960 Ford Thunderbird or the 1953 Chrysler ever registered with State of Georgia.

All records for County 15 have been sent to Florida for card punching and will not be available for approximately two weeks.

LEADS

KNOXVILLE

At Madisonville, Tenn.:

Will furnish Atlanta any pertinent information regarding THP inquiry concerning 1968 Ga. license 15J4423 and 1964 Thunderbird, VIN H6YA117024.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SA HARRY L. LEE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

With regard to a lead set forth in memorandum of Supervisor CHARLES S. HARDING to the SAC dated 5/16/68 (Serial 1923), the following is submitted.

On 5/20/68, Sgt. GARRISON, Fulton County Coroner's Office, advised that unidentified deceased human bodies are processed through the Fulton County Coroner's Office with the assistance of officers of the Identification Division of the Atlanta Police Department. Sgt. GARRISON explained that State law requires that this investigation be conducted and he is absolutely certain an unidentified deceased human body found anywhere in the area of Fulton County would immediately be called to the attention of the Coroner's Office for a considerable amount of investigation.

Sgt. GARRISON explained that the identification of human bodies is of considerable importance, and every effort is extended by the Coroner's Office to insure that proper identification is effected. Sgt. GARRISON said he did not think it possible that the subject of this case, JAMES EARL RAY, could have died in Fulton County and that inquiry would not have been made of the Coroner's Office to establish complete identification of the matter, as notification of next of kin, the question of the expense of burial, etc. always calls for such inquiries.

Sgt. GARRISON said he felt that he could ensure that no such incident had taken place in this area, and he advised that any data tending to indicate information concerning the subject of this case would be promptly referred to the Atlanta FBI Office.

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This robbery was committed by a very young white male, and a photograph of this individual was obtained by bank cameras at the time of the robbery. He in no way resembles JAMES EARL RAY, and additional descriptive data indicating him to be approximately 19 or 20 years of age would appear to eliminate RAY conclusively as a suspect in this matter.

Atlanta file 91-3985, in the case entitled UNSUBS (2); First State Bank, Marshallville, Georgia, 10/27/67, BR.

This robbery was committed by two Negro males.

Atlanta file 91-4026, in the case entitled, UNSUB; Fourth National Bank, Crosscountry Branch, Columbus, Georgia, 11/27/67, BR.

This robbery was committed by a man described as 50 to 55 years of age, 6' tall, 180 lbs., balding. An excellent suspect has been developed in this case, and it appears that an identification in this matter may be forthcoming. The photograph of RAY has been displayed in this matter, but no identification of any sort was effected.

Regular contact has been maintained with Lt. CHRISTIAN of the Robbery Squad, Atlanta Police Department, and with Lt. NORMAN FLANNIGAN, Burglary Squad, Atlanta Police Dept., with regard to the possible identification of RAY as a suspect in local robberies and burglaries. Lt. CHRISTIAN advised that reviews of his immediate records furnished no indication that RAY should be considered a logical suspect in anything occurring during the preceding year, although his photograph has been exhibited in several instances during recent weeks. Lt. CHRISTIAN said he did not believe any reasonable indication had been developed to believe that RAY should be considered a logical suspect.

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SA HARRY L. LEE

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Reference is made to Bureau radiogram to all field divisions, 5/14/68, suggesting that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY should be displayed to appropriate witnesses in unsolved bank robberies where witnesses are available (see serial 1859).

Examination of unsolved Atlanta bank robberies since the date of the subject's escape in this case in April, 1967, discloses the following unsolved bank robbery matters:

Atlanta file 91-3692, in the case entitled UNSUBS; Citizens and Southern National Bank, Bankhead Branch, Atlanta, Ga., 4/13/67, BR.

This robbery was committed by a Negro male.

Atlanta file 91-3705, in the case entitled, UNSUB; First National Bank of Cartersville, Drive-In Facility.

This robbery was committed by an individual of very small stature who was wearing a mask at the time he entered the drive-in facility. There is only one witness who observed this individual, the drive-in teller, and no identification could possibly be effected inasmuch as the man was wearing a mask at the time of the robbery. It would not appear that the exhibition of photographs in this matter would serve any purpose.

Atlanta file 91-3839, in the case entitled, UNSUB; Gainesville National Bank, Westside Branch, Gainesville, Georgia, 4/17/67, BR.

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FBI INDAPOLS

1025PM URGENT 5-23-68 DPL

TO: DIRECTOR (44-1574), ATLANTA, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES  
FROM: INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST; KNOXVILLE  
TELETYPE, MAY EIGHTEEN LAST.

RECORDS U.S. PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE, IND., REFLECT FRANK  
WILLIAM BRICKLEY, WMA, BORN [REDACTED] AT TENN.,  
FIVE FEET SEVEN, ONE FORTYSIX POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES,  
TWO INCH SCAR ABOVE LEFT EYE, SENTENCED SIX YEARS INDETERMINATE  
WESTERN DISTRICT VIRGINIA, MAY TWENTYTHREE SIXTY, YCA - ITSMV.  
LATER ARRESTED AS PAROLE VIOLATOR. BRICKLEY CONVICTED MARCH  
TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYSIX, RECEIVED ONE YEAR CONCURRENT MIDDLE DISTRICT  
ALABAMA FOR ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER. BRICKLEY RELEASED JAN.  
SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, NO SUPERVISION, INTENDED RESIDENCE WITH  
MOTHER, MRS. DOROTHY (ROY) BRICKLEY, THREE ZERO ONE ROWLAND AVE.,  
ROSSVILLE, GA. COPY OF BRICKLEY'S PAGE RECORD SENT USPO, ATLANTA,  
GA., FOR INFORMATION UPON RELEASE.  
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FOLLOWING RELATIVES NOTED: SISTER BIRDIE LEE (ARCHIE) HOLLAND,  
ONE TWO TWO THREE EAST THIRTYFIFTH STREET PLACE, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.,  
SISTER EDNA WILBURN, TWO EIGHT ZERO EIGHT EAST THIRTYNINTH STREET,  
CHATTANOOGA; BROTHER ROY BRICKLEY, JR., CHATTANOOGA; SISTER MARY  
F. (CHARLES) DURHAM, WILDWOOD, GA.; SISTER ANN (GENE) CRAWLEY,  
ADDRESS UNKNOWN.

FILE INDICATES BRICKLEY HAS EXCESSIVE DRINKING HABITS, IS  
SOPHISTICATED, AND HOSTILE TOWARD QUESTIONING. PRIOR RECORD  
INCLUDES KIDNAPPING AND HIGHWAY ROBBERY. BROTHER ROY BRICKLEY, JR.,  
WAS CO-DEFENDANT IN KIDNAPING CASE.

BRICKLEY BELIEVED IDENTICAL TO PERSON FURNISHING INFORMATION  
REGARDING RAY TO EDITOR LOS ANGELES TIMES.

JUNE, SIXTYSIX PHOTO BEING OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO INTER-  
ESTED OFFICES.

ATLANTA INTERVIEW INDICATED RELATIVES AT WILDWOOD AND ROSS-  
VILLE, GEORGIA, AND REVIEW BRICKLEY'S RECORD USPO, ATLANTA, IN  
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRICKLEY.

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KNOXVILLE AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN., THROUGH RELATIVES ATTEMPT  
TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRICKLEY.

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Date: 5/23/68

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Via A I R T E L \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel to the Bureau et al 5/20/68.

RE 1968 DODGE DART RECOVERED  
LAMBERT-ST. LOUIS AIRPORT

Enclosed herewith for the assistance of the Indianapolis Division are two Xerox copies of referenced airtel. Also, enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of an investigative insert; Indianapolis two copies of an investigative insert; and other offices receiving one copy of an investigative insert setting forth investigation conducted at Richmond, Illinois.

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INDIANAPOLIS

AT RICHMOND, INDIANA. Will conduct investigation as set forth for the Chicago Division under Richmond, Illinois, in referenced airtel to preclude the possibility of an error in SCHEIDERMAN's address.

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Special Agent in Charge

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RE 1968 DODGE DART RECOVERED  
LAMBERT-ST. LOUIS AIRPORT

The following investigation was conducted on  
May 23, 1968, by SA JOSEPH B. GRAFF:

ROBERT HRODEY, Dispatcher, Mc Henry County Sheriff's Office, Mc Henry, Illinois, advised that on May 19, 1968, his department had received a request from the Kirkwood, Missouri, Police Department to locate and interview SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad Road, Richmond, Illinois. HRODEY said that he dispatched a car to that area at which time the deputy learned that there was no such address in Richmond, Illinois, as 6535 Noad Road.

ROSS COURTEMASH, Postmaster, Richmond, Illinois, advised that there is no such address as above in that town nor, in fact, in Mc Henry, Illinois.

Chief of Police WILLIAM BOTTS advised from records and recollection there was no information available at his police department concerning a SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN. Chief BOTTS also stated that there was no such address as above.

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URGENT 5/22/68  
TO ALL FIELD DIVISIONS  
FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN

INASMUCH AS RAY IS KNOWN TO STAY AT "FLOPHOUSES" AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS.

ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, 1968, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTYFIVE YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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TOR 2:16PM JH

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND ATLANTA, AND MEMPHIS  
FROM DETROIT (44-989) 2P

MURKIN.

RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA  
APRIL FIVE THROUGH TWELVE LAST.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHT LAST.

DETROIT TELEPHONE EIGHT SEVEN THREE-THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO,  
EXTENSION SEVEN, ROOM THREE TWO FOUR, WHICH WAS CONTACT  
POINT FOR RESERVATION MADE BY ONE RAYE FOR EAL FLIGHT ONE  
TWO FOUR Y ON APRIL FIVE LAST FROM ATLANTA TO PHILADELPHIA  
AS SET OUT IN RE TEL, IS PHONE NUMBER OF ST. REGIS HOTEL,  
DETROIT.

ON APRIL TWO LAST, DATE ABOVE RESERVATION MADE, ROOM  
THREE TWO FOUR WAS OCCUPIED BY MR. MELVIN SCHULTZ, XEROX  
CORP., SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

MR. SCHULTZ ADVISES ROOM THREE TWO FOUR, ST. REGIS  
HOTEL, USED APRIL TWO LAST FOR BUSINESS LUNCHEON AT WHICH  
HE AND TWO OTHER EMPLOYEES OF XEROX WERE PRESENT ALONG WITH  
THREE EMPLOYEES OF BENDIX CORP., ONE OF WHOM WAS KENNETH  
CRUISE. TO KNOWLEDGE OF MR. SCHULTZ NO ONE MADE RESERVATIONS  
FOR EAL FLIGHT FROM ATLANTA. HE WAS CONTACTED  
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OTHER TWO EMPLOYEES OF XEROX AND THAT NEITHER MADE NOR CONFIRMED ANY RESERVATIONS FOR ONE RAYE.

KENNETH CRUISE, BENDIX CORP., ADVISES THAT NEITHER HE NOR THE OTHER TWO EMPLOYEES OF BENDIX PRESENT AT THE BUSINESS LUNCHEON WITH XEROX APRIL TWO LAST, MADE OR CONFIRMED ANY AIRLINES RESERVATIONS FOR ONE RAYE.

MR. MARASCO, RESERVATIONS MANAGER, ST. REGIS HOTEL, ADVISED THE HOTEL HAS NO WAY TO ASCERTAIN WHO MIGHT HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS WITH EAL UNDER NAME OF RAYE.

GARTH PEARSALL, SUPERVISOR, DELTA AIRLINES, CONFIRMED THAT RESERVATIONS WERE MADE THROUGH DELTA AIRLINES ON APRIL TWO LAST FOR EAL FLIGHT ONE TWO FOUR Y ON APRIL FIVE LAST FROM ATLANTA TO PHILADELPHIA IN NAME RAYE. ANY FURTHER INFO RE RAYE MUST BE OBTAINED FROM DELTA HEADQUARTERS, ATLANTA.

ATLANTA CONTACT DELTA MAIN OFFICE AND ASCERTAIN ANY FURTHER INFO RE RAYE.

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URGENT 5-22-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTYTWO  
INSTANT.

POSTAL INSPECTOR ATLANTA, GA., ADVISED THIS DATE  
THERE ARE STILL REMNANTS OF LONELY HEART CLUBS OPERATING  
IN ATLANTA MAINLY IN OBSCENE LITERATURE TYPE BOOKS, WHICH  
ORIGINALLY OPERATED AS LONELY HEART CLUBS. THE MAIN CLUB  
IS THE PENDULUM BOOKS. THERE ARE NO CLUBS IN THE AREA  
KNOWN AS THE LOCAL SWINGER OR SIMILAR NAME. THE MOST  
RECENT CLUB TO OPERATE THIS AREA WAS THE REBEL,  
WHICH CLUB WAS RAIDED APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO AND FORCED  
TO DISCONTINUE OPERATIONS. MEMBERS, APD VICE SQUAD, ADVISED  
RECORDS OF REBEL CLUB SEIZED BY THEM WERE NEGATIVE RE RAY  
AND ALIASES. FORMER OPERATOR OF THE REBEL CLUB ADVISED  
RAY UNKNOWN TO HIM.

ESCORT SERVICES IN ATLANTA AREA BEING CONTACTED.

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge  
Sent *6:40/p* *7:21/p* *M*  
For *[Signature]*

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CHECK OF HOSPITALS AND SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES OVER  
PERTINENT PERIOD CONTINUING.

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JBR/LCS

FBI DETROIT

9:11PM DEFERRED 5/22/68 LPS 1P

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, DETROIT AND MEMPHIS MAY THREE LAST.

RE HAROLD G. ANDERSON.

CONTACT WITH ALL BRICKLAYERS AND MASONS UNION LOCALS, EMPLOYMENT  
AGENCIES, FORD MOTOR CO., CHRYSLER CORP., GENERAL MOTORS CORP.  
INDICATES NO ONE EMPLOYED UNDER NAME HAROLD ANDERSON, SOCIAL  
SECURITY NUMBER  IN  
METROPOLITAN DETROIT AND SURROUNDING TOWNS.

DETROIT WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ANDERSON UACB.

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FBI CHICAGO

452PM URGENT 5/22/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KNOXVILLE (44-696), MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
ATLANTA (44-2386) AND MOBILE (157-2627)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE PERSONAL REVIEW OF TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA  
APRIL FIVE TO TWELVE LAST.

ALL UAL FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA ABOVE DATES COMPLETED.  
FOLLOWING ARE ONLY TWO POSSIBILITIES DEVELOPED.

EAL TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SEVEN TWO EIGHT THREE ZERO  
EIGHT TWO NINE FIVE TWO ISSUED APRIL EIGHT LAST PASSENGER  
JAMES C. GALT. TRAVELED ON APRIL TEN EAL FLIGHT SIX ZERO  
ZERO CHATTANOOGA TO ATLANTA. LEAVE ATLANTA VIA UAL FLIGHT  
SIX NINE SIX A SAME DATE. TICKET PURCHASED TENNESSEE VALLEY  
TOUR AGENCY, INC., CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

EAL TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SEVEN FOUR ONE ONE TWO FIVE  
THREE FOUR EIGHT NINE FOR TRAVEL MOBILE TO ATLANTA APRIL  
EIGHT LAST UAL FLIGHT THREE SIX ZERO. LEAVE ATLANTA SAME DATE  
UAL FLIGHT SEVEN NINE SIX. OTHER TRAVEL LISTED ALSO OUT OF  
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ATLANTA APRIL EIGHT LAST EAL FLIGHT ONE ZERO THREE DESTINATION  
MOBILE PASSENGER MR. J. D. O'CONNOR, EAL MOBILE. UNDER FORM  
OF PAYMENT APPEARS NUMBER N NINE TWO FOUR FOUR FIVE ZERO THREE.

AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE AND MOBILE, ALABAMA, IDENTIFY  
AND ELIMINATE PURCHASERS OF FOREMENTIONED TICKETS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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10-25 AM URGENT 5-21-68 CKH

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696) 2 P

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE MAY EIGHTEEN LAST, KNOXVILLE  
TELETYPE MAY NINETEEN LAST, LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR  
MAY TWENTY LAST.

GREYHOUND BUS TICKET AGENT, AUGUSTA NICHOLS, CONTACTED  
MAY TWENTY LAST AT KNOXVILLE, AT WHICH TIME NINE PHOTOGRAPHS  
WERE PRESENTED TO HER --TWO OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE OF  
FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY. ONE MADE MAY TWENTY-TWO SIXTY-  
FIVE AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE; ONE MADE JULY NINETEEN SIXTY AT  
CHILLICOTHE, OHIO. NICHOLS IMMEDIATELY PICKED OUT BOTH  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF BRICKLEY AND SAID THEY WERE PHOTOGRAPHS OF  
THE SAME INDIVIDUAL ND THAT SHE HAD SEEN THIS MAN IN THE  
RECENT PAST, PROBABLY IN THE BUS STATION AT KNOXVILLE. SHE  
DOES NOT RECALL SELLING A TICKET TO BRICKLEY ON APRIL SEVEN  
LAST. SHE DOES NOT KNOW ANYONE NAMED FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY.

THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FURNISHED KNOXVILLE WITH  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF BRICKLEY TAKEN MAY THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTY-  
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FIVE, USP, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA. THIS PHOTOGRAPH VERY  
SIMILAR TO PHOTOGRAPH OF BRICKLEY TAKEN CHATTANOOGA, TENN.  
MAY TWENTY-TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE.

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Date: May 21, 1968

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To: All SACs  
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Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, Subject James Earl Ray has been known to associate with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and Dangerous.

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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 21, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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