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TITLE OF CASE

JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Eric Starvo Galt,
W. C. Herron,
Harvey Lowmyer,
James McBride,
James O'Conner,
James Walton,
James Walyon,
John Willard,
Jim - FUGITIVE
IO #4182,
WF #442-A;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

CHARACTER OF CASE

CR - CONSPIRACY;
UFAC - ROBBERY

NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY

REFERENCES:

Reports of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 4/17/68 and 4/30/68 at Memphis

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FROM PHILA 44-1368

MURKIN

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU SIX FIVE LAST.

RE ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL:

closed
78-8764

57-9579

RUSSELL, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE TWO ONE FOUR FOUR A HAS IN THE
PAST FURNISHED MISLEADING AND UNRELIABLE INFO TO THE PHILA FBI OFFICE
& TO THE PHILA OFFICE OF BUREAU OF CUSTOMS. BUREAU REFER TO CASE E
ENTITLED, "COSTACHE GEORGE BELBA, AKA, IS - ALBANIA, OO-NYO, BUFILE
ONE HUNDRED THREE THREE TWO TWO ONE ZERO, A AND D".

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AND SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE SF TEL TO BUREAU, JUNE FIVE LAST; SF TEL TO
NEWARK JUNE FIVE LAST; RE ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL.
REVIEW OF NEWARK FILES REVEALS THAT ROBERT LAWRENCE
RUSSELL, AKA CHARLES E. LEAP, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE TWO-
ONE ONE FOUR A, HAS IN THE PAST FURNISHED FALSE AND UNFOUNDED
INFO TO THE NEWARK OFFICE AS WELL AS TO NEW JERSEY AUTHORITIES
AND TO THE NEW YORK CITY AND PHILADELPHIA OFFICES OF U.S. BUREAU
OF CUSTOMS.

RUSSELL HAS COME TO THE BUREAU'S ATTENTION IN CASE
CAPTIONED COSTACHE GEORGE BLEBA, IS-ALBANIA, OO NYO, BUFILE
ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE THREE TWO TWO ONE ZERO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CORRECTION PARAGRAPH THREE LINE TWO NAME SHOULD
READ BELBA NOT BLEBA.

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FBI DALLAS

125PM CST URGENT 6-6-68 EEA
TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2-P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL JUNE FIVE LAST CONCERNING PASSENGERS ON FLIGHTS
FROM ATLANTA TO CANADA.

JIM DONAHUE, BRANIFF AIRLINES, DALLAS, ADVISED FROM A REVIEW OF
THE AUDITORS COUPONS THAT BRANIFF TICKETS ZERO ZERO TWO-THREE ONE
ONE-ONE ZERO SEVEN ONE ZERO SIX THROUGH ONE ONE ZERO WERE ISSUED
TO RENEE BLAIS, PAUL BOUCHARD, RONALD LUTTRELL, ROGER BARBEAU AND
MRS. R. BARBEAU RESPECTIVELY. THEY WERE FOR BRANIFF FLIGHT ONE
EIGHT TWO FROM SAN ANTONIO TO DALLAS ON APRIL SIX LAST. THESE
BRANIFF TICKETS WERE REISSUES OF AIR CANADA TICKETS ZERO ONE
FOUR-FOUR SIX ONE-ZERO SEVEN ONE-NINE FIVE ONE THROUGH NINE FIVE
FOUR ISSUED TO ROGER BARBEAU, RENEE BLAIS, PAUL BOUCHARD AND
RONALD LUTTRELL RESPECTIVELY. IT WAS A REISSUE OF AIR CANADA TICKE
ZERO ONE FOUR-FOUR SIX ONE-EIGHT THREE EIGHT-FOUR ONE TWO FOR MRS.
R. BARBEAU. THESE PERSONS WERE SCHEDULED TO FLY DELTA AIRLINES
FROM DALLAS TO ATLANTA ON DELTA FLIGHT FIVE ZERO FOUR ON APRIL
SIX LAST. THEY HAD OPEN RESERVATIONS ON EASTERN AIRLINES FROM
ATLANTA TO MONTREAL.

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MR. DONAHUE SAID THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PASSENGERS ON THE AUDITORS COUPON AND THE RESERVATIONS INFORMATION HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY BRANIFF AIRLINES.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THESE PERSONS WERE TRAVELING AS A PARTY SINCE THEIR TICKETS ARE IN NUMERICAL ORDER AND THEY TRAVELED ON CONTINUING FLIGHTS TOGETHER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ATLANTA

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI ATLANTA

730PM URGENT 6-6-68 LCS
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE FIVE LAST AND BUTEL TO
ATLANTA, JUNE SIX INSTANT.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED JUNE SIX INSTANT.

REVIEW OF RECORDS OF DELTA AIRLINES AND SOUTHERN AIRWAYS,
ATLANTA, REFLECTS FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON PERSONS TRAVELLING
FROM ATLANTA TO CANADA BETWEEN APR. FIVE AND APR. TWELVE LAST
ON EAL FLIGHTS BUT TICKETED BY DELTA AND SOUTHERN AIRWAYS.

THE FOLLOWING IS LISTING OF PASSENGERS, DATES OF FLIGHT,
AND ORIGIN OF PASSENGERS VIA DELTA AIRLINES: DICK LAYTON,
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., APR. EIGHT LAST, ATLANTA TO TORONTO; MRS.
A. BOUTON, COLUMBIA, S.C., ATLANTA TO MONTREAL, APR. SIX LAST;
MR. C. A. DELRIO, NEW YORK CITY, ATLANTA TO TORONTO, APR.
EIGHT LAST; R. BALFOUR, AUGUSTA, GA., ATLANTA TO MONTREAL,
APR. SEVENTEEN LAST; MARK ELLERBEE AND BEN NEWBERRY, MACON,
GA., ATLANTA TO TORONTO, APR. SEVENTEEN LAST.

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VIA SOUTHERN AIRWAYS: MR. AND MRS. P. O'CONNOR, MONTREAL,
ATLANTA TO MONTREAL, APR. TEN AND ELEVEN LAST; MISS M. C.
NICOLAS, PANAMA CITY, FLA., ATLANTA TO MONTREAL, APR. FOURTEEN
LAST; MRS. C. LARSON, PANAMA CITY, FLA., ATLANTA TO MONTREAL,
APR. SEVEN LAST.

DELTA STILL ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE TWO OTHER TICKETS.

AM COPIES SENT COLUMBIA, KNOXVILLE, NEW YORK, SAVANNAH,
AND JACKSONVILLE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

HOLD FOR ONE MSGS

DND

FBI MEMPHIS

LCC
FBI WASH DC

6/4/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (66-756)

MURKIN.

Re Kansas City daily summary 6/4/68.

Enclosed to Bureau and each office is one photograph of
PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department
#104182, for use in investigation requested in referenced daily
summary.

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1240 PM TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS
FROM BUFFALO

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REMYTELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, JUNE FOUR LAST, AND MYLET TO
FBI LAB JUNE FOUR LAST TRANSMITTING HANDWRITING SPECIMENS OF
SUSPECT RAMON GEORGE SNEJD.

RAMON GEORGE SNEJD.

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO DEVELOPED AT TORONTO, ONTARIO RE
SUBJECT AND USE OF NAME AND IDENTITY OF RAMON GEORGE SNEJD.

AMONG ITEMS RECOVERED FROM ROOM PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY HIM
AT FOUR SIX TWO DUNDAS STREET WEST, TORONTO, UP UNTIL MAY NINE
LAST, WERE FIVE ROOLS OF KODAK SUPER EIGHT CARRIDGE TYPE COLOR
MOVIE FILM, LOT NO. K A FOUR SIX FOUR, EXPIRATION DATE NOV.
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, ~~ONE~~ ONE EIGHT OUNCE JAR COLD CREAM, NUMEROUS
MISCELLANEOUS BANDAIDS AND THREE BROWN PAPERSACKS, A GRAY METAL
STRONGBOX, AND A DARK BLUE ZIPPER TYPE FLIGHT BAG. ALL ABOVE
ITEMS PROCESSED BY RCMP, TORONTO, ONTORIO, BUT ONLY ONE
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FINGERPRINT OF QUESTIONABLE VALUE DEVELOPED.

ALSO LOCATED IN ROOM WERE MAPS OF CANADA AND OF CITIES OF TORONTO AND MONTREAL. TWO PARTIAL PALM LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED ON MAP. ONLY ONE OF THE PACKS OF FILM APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN OPENED BUT NOT KNOWN WHETHER CONTAINS ANY EXPOSURES. THIS BEING PROCESSED BY KODAK AT TORONTO.

LILLIAN SPENDER, MANAGER OF KENNEDY TRAVEL AGENCY, TORONTO, ONTARIO, WHO HANDLED FLIGHT BOOKING AND OBTAINING OF PASSPORT FOR SUBJECT, INTERVIEWED IN DETAIL TODAY. SHE COULD NOT MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY OR RECALL ANY DETAILS OF TRANSACTION WHICH WOULD FIRM UP SNEJD'S IDENTIFICATION WHICH WOULD BE IDENTIFICATION AS RAY. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION BY HER GENERALLY FITS RAY AND NOTATION MADE BY HER ON SNEJD'S PASSPORT APPLICATION REGARDING SCAR OVER CENTER OF NOSE NOW BELIEVED BY HER TO HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN IN CENTER OF FOREHEAD.

SPENDER STATES SNEJD PURCHASED ROUND TRIP TICKET, TORONTO TO LONDON, VIA BOAC, PAYING THREE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE DOLLARS IN CANADIAN MONEY ON MAY TWO LAST, WITH LIMIT OF TWENTY ONE DAYS FROM MAY SIX LAST FOR USE OF RETURN HALF OF TICKET. STATES TO GET REFUND FOR UNUSED PORTION SNEJD WOULD HAVE TO RETURN IT TO BOAC, TORONTO, OR KENNEDY TRAVEL AGENCY.

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INVESTIGATION AT TORONTO ESTABLISHED THAT IN ADDITION TO
• CANADIAN PASSPORT IN NAME RAMON GEORGE SNEJD, SUBJECT ALSO HAS
BIRTH CERTIFICATE IN THAT NAME WHICH HE OBTAINED FROM BUREAU OF
VITAL STATISTICS, TORONTO, BY LETTER DATED APRIL SIXTEEN LAST.
CERTIFICATE ATTESTING TO HIS BIRTH AT TORONTO ON [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], BEARS THE NAMES OF ~~MRX~~ PARENTS AS FATHER
GEORGE SNEJD AND MOTHER MAIDEN NAME GLADYS MAE KILNER (THESE ARE
THE CORRECT NAMES OF THE PARENTS OF THE REAL RAMON GEORGE SNEJD.)

RCMP AND METROPOLITAN TORONTO PD (MTPD) CONDUCTING EXTENSIVE
INVESTIGATION OF THE REAL RAMON GEORGE SNEJD WHO IS A POLICE
OFFICER ON THE TORONTO, ONTARIO PD, TO ASCERTAIN HOW SUBJECT OBTAINED
THE NECESSARY BACKGROUND DATA TO OBTAIN FRAUDULENT BIRTH CERTIFICATE
AND CANADIAN PASSPORT.

BUREAU ADVISES LEGAT, LONDON RE BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND HAVE
CANADIAN EMBASSY, LONDON ALERTED REGARDING SNEJD.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN TORONTO, ONTARIO.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY.

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URGENT 6/6/68
TO ALL FIELD DIVISIONS
FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN.

FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF OFFICE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH INVESTIGATION THAT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA FROM APRIL 8, 1968 UNTIL MAY 6, 1968, UNDER NAMES PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. SUBJECT DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, ON MAY 6, 1968 AS SNEYD AND IS BELIEVED USING CANADIAN PASSPORT IN THAT NAME. SUBJECT BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS REVIEW OF DRIVER'S LICENSE BUREAU RECORDS AS REQUESTED IN BUREAU RADIO GRAM MAY 21, 1968 MAY BE DISCONTINUED.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRANCE INTO U.S. SHOULD PLACE APPROPRIATE STOPS WITH BORDER AND CUSTOM AUTHORITIES UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE GIVEN

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THAT THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN SNEYD AND KING ASSASSINATION. YOU MAY ADVISE AUTHORITIES THAT INDIVIDUAL USING NAME SNEYD IS BEING SOUGHT BY FBI FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT FOR CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

FOR INFORMATION OF BORDER OFFICES THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON RESIDING IN TORONTO, CANADA, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPARTMENT NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH USED BY SUBJECT IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN EVENT BORDER STOPS DISCLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL NAMED SNEYD IS ENTERING YOUR TERRITORY. COPIES MAILED WFO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

TOR 2:35PM JH