

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-669)

FROM : SA JAMES P. BROWN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/7/68

Patrolman BIEBL, Northeast District furnished the following information:

MARTIN CARTER, N.M., 36, 2801 Homewood Avenue, Apt 1C, telephone 243-0694 advised that from photographs he feels that (8th Avenue) JAMES EARL RAY worked with him as a stonecutter at the Flynn Granite Company, Glen Burnie about two years ago. The man wore glasses and had advised at that time that he had just prior to employment been released after serving time on a Georgia chain gang.

*Carter contacted 5/8/68 & he advised that he left Flynn Granite Co about 4 1/2 to 5 years ago, and that the man he thinks looks like Ray was working there at that time. To his recollection this individual had the first name Ray, nickname "Red" & had reddish hair.*

*In view of employment around 1963 at Flynn Granite Co., individual could not be ident to Ray*

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN  
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

✓  
MURKIN

TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WERE RELEASED TODAY TO NEWS MEDIA IN WASHINGTON. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN IN MEXICO)." THIS IS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN DARK GLASSES AND SPORT SHIRT. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT IN CALIFORNIA)." THIS IS HEAD SHOT OF RAY IN BUSINESS SUIT WHICH SHOWS MARKED CLEFT IN CHIN. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE COPIES OF THESE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS LOCALLY AND YOU SHOULD INSURE THEY RECEIVE WIDE-SPREAD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ALL MEDIA CONTACTS. FIVE COPIES OF EACH OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ALL OFFICES. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO ADVISED.

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FROM : SA JAMES P. BROWN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/6/68

Re Bu teletype dated 4/29/68

Cpl. GARY COONRADT, Maryland State Police, Pikesville and Captain PAUL WOLINSKI, Baltimore County Police Bureau, both on 5/1/68 advised SA JAMES P. BROWN that their respective departments did not maintain an unidentified latent fingerprint file as such. Both advised that I.O. #4182 will be maintained in such a fashion that comparison will be made with finger impressions on the I.O. of all unidentified latents processed.

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DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : John J. Hogan

SUBJECT: Murken

Re Butel 4/24/68

On 4/25/68 flyers on Ray furnished to Friendship Airport Police for distribution to all airlines.

On 4/26/68 John Puccio, Bureau of Narcotics & Dangerous Drugs advised he had alerted his sources on Ray. He said he had no info. on Hippie Rooming Houses or such but that Hippies hang out around the following areas:

White Coffee Pot, Ginor, Reads, Howard & Franklin-Dulany St.

Mt. Vernon Square

Blue Sect 25th & Charles

Mode down Franklin & Cathedral after midnight on weekends

831 Euter St., rooms

1715 & 1719 N. Calvert St., rooms

Elmer Leslie caretaker, 831 N. Euter St.; J. Winters, 827 N. Euter who has charge of 5 buildings in the Fox Rock, Mr. Haalbeck, who handles rents at 1715, 1719 N. Calvert & several other buildings in area, White Coffee Pot Rest., Ginor & Reads Drug Store, all furnished with wanted flyers on Ray.



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TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

FROM : SA Kellis W. Sampson

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/7/68

ON 4-18-68 JAMES W. FOOKES, OWNER-MANAGER, DRI-VIN CLEANERS, 326 HUNGERFORD DR., ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND ADVISED THAT HIS LAUNDRY USED THE RED CLOTH TAGS ON SHIRTS TO BE IRONED ONLY AND NEVER PUT THEM ON UNDERGARMENTS OR ANYTHING BUT SHIRTS.

He stated his Laundry used A SEQUENCE OF TWO LETTERS AND 3 NUMBERS AND DID NOT USE A "DASH." HE STATED THE FIRST LETTER REPRESENTED THE MONTH, THE SECOND THE LAUNDRY BRANCH AND THE THREE NUMBERS THE LAST 3 NUMBERS OF THE INVOICE NUMBER.

HIS TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE WAS MODEL HSL1, AND HAD SERIAL NUMBER 31828.

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TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA ROY G. WETZEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JAMES A. JOHNSON,  
13216 Klaxton Drive,  
Laurel, Maryland,  
Look Alike

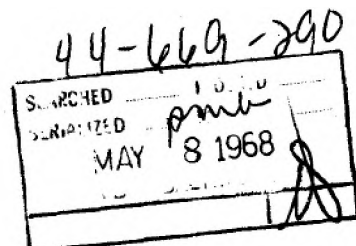
On 4/18/68, MRS. MARY ANN MUIR, 8903 Merill Lane, Apartment 302, Laurel, Maryland, telephone 776-7057, advised she had on 4/16/68 returned to her home in a Harding Pontiac vehicle together with MR. JAMES A. JOHNSON, 13216 Klaxton Drive, Laurel, Maryland, after both left their cars for repairs. MRS. MUIR felt that JAMES JOHNSON was similar in description and appearance to ERICK STARBO GULT, subject in instant case.

JOHNSON was described as about 5'7", fair complexion, 125-130 pounds, uneducated, driving a blue Pontiac station wagon with 1968 license.

Due to the variance in description, SA ROY G. WETZEL contacted MR. CHARLES GRAHAM, C & P Telephone Company, who advised that JAMES A. JOHNSON had been employed as a Laurel Race Track jockey since 1953 and was living in the Klaxton address in Laurel, Maryland, since 1963.

Chief of Police WILLIAM KAISER, Laurel, Maryland, advised SA ROY G. WETZEL that he knows of JAMES A. JOHNSON who is a jockey at Laurel during the season and does not feel he could be identical with ERICK STARBO GULT.

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TO : SAC (44-669)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA PAUL M. VAN DRIESSCHE      ATT: SA GROGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SA GROGAN was advised telephonically 4/15/68 of results of investigation set forth below:

RE: INVESTIGATION AT  
DANCE STUDIOS  
CONCERNING ERIC STARVO GALT  
4715768

At Montgomery County, Md.

The following were contacted re ERIC STARVO GALT with negative results by Agent indicated:

P.M. VAN DRIESSCHE

MIRIAM SELLER, SCHOOL OF DANCE,  
11705 Gail, Wheaton, Md.

VIRGINIA LIPPY, Lippy Sch. of Dance,  
11151 Viers Mill Rd., Wheaton

PAT PATRICK, Patrick School of Ball-  
room Dancing, 4923 St. Elmo Ave., Beth.

CATHERINE ROBERTS, Red Slipper Dance  
Studio, 11253 Grandview Ave., Silver  
Spring

DAWN CROFTON, Crofton Dance Studio,  
13203 Vandalia Dr., Rockville

HELLER BATYA, Batya Studio of Dance,  
9405 Caroline Ave., Silver Spring

ANNA MAE KRAFT, Kraft Studio,  
7601 Chelton Rd., Bethesda

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DAVID L. BORNSTEIN

NANCY DELANEY, Alberta's Dance  
Studios, 10315 Haywood Dr.,  
Silver Spring

ANNE COLLETTI, Art Linkletter's, -  
Totten Dance Studios, 5434 Westbard  
Ave., Bethesda

HERBERT BURNS, Arthur Murray Schools  
of Dancing, 934 Ellsworth, Silver  
Spring

J. IVY RANDALL, Ivy Randall School  
of Dance, 7209 Maple Ave., Takoma  
Park

CHARLES ROBERTSON, Robertson Corinne  
Phelps School of Dance, 5600 Wingate,  
Bethesda

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ NICKOLSON'S  
Studios Inc., 9906 Holmhurst Rd.,  
Bethesda, moved to West River, Md.



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Via TELETYPE

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TO SAN ANTONIO  
FROM BALTIMORE (44-669)  
MURKIN.

RE INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING RAY, HILTON HOTEL, SAN ANTONIO.  
FOUR WOMEN, WHO REQUESTED IDENTITIES BE PROTECTED, MET  
INDIVIDUAL AT BAMBOO HUT, SAN PEDRO AVENUE, SAN ANTONIO, MAY  
FOUR LAST WHO RESEMBLES PHOTO OF RAY TAKEN FALL OF SIXTY-SEVEN  
EXCEPT THAT INDIVIDUAL WAS THINNER IN FACE AND HAD HEAVIER  
EYEBROWS THAN PHOTO. INDIVIDUAL GAVE NAME OF BOB SHILLINGS  
(PHONETIC). CLAIMED HE WAS SINGLE, EMPLOYED WITH MC CAFFREY  
CONTRACTORS AND STAYING ON NINTH FLOOR, HILTON HOTEL AND A  
MEMBER OF CLUB AT THE HILTON.

INDIVIDUAL HAD ALUMINUM OR SILVER CIGARETTE LIGHTER  
WITH MC CAFFREY CONTRACTORS AND JOB WELL DONE IN BLACK LETTER-  
ING. DESCRIBED AS EARLY FORTIES, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TO  
TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE POUNDS, DARK HAIR, GRAYING  
ON SIDES, WAVE IN FRONT, GROOMED WITH HAIR TONIC, RUDDY OR  
TAN COMPLEXION, HARD OF HEARING RIGHT EAR, NEEDED A SHAVE,  
WEARING TAN SUIT, WHITE SHIRT, NO TIE. GAVE APPEARANCE OF

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Special Agent in Charge

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BEING CONSTRUCTION WORKER. THIS INDIVIDUAL WANTED TO TAKE  
THE WOMEN OUT TO DINNER AND INVITED THEM TO HIS ROOM AT HILTON  
WHICH THEY REFUSED.

SAN ANTONIO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WERE IN SAN ANTONIO  
FOR [REDACTED] AND WERE STAYING AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Special Agent in Charge

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-669

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : John J. Hogan

SUBJECT: *Murkin*

Re NY tel 4/30/68 & Dallas tel 5/1/68

Re Passengers on American Airlines flight 338 on 4/6/68.

On 5/1/68 Melvin Biron, owner of Taca Street Car Wash, Balto, advised he took above plane flight from Friendship Airport, Balto. to Phila. He sat in last or second to last seat on left side and did not notice the other passengers. I.O. of Ray was shown to Biron with negative results.

On 5/2/68 Madeline Jobst, 5531 Watcher St, Dallas, visiting relative at 4804 Lindley Rd, Balto. advised she had seat 27-A at the left rear of the plane on trip from Dallas to Friendship Airport, Balto. She was shown I.O. of Ray with negative results.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA LOUIS J. GHECAS on May 1, 1968

A telephone call made to the number 656-9911 ~~which~~ reflected that this number is the telephone number of the Bank of Delaware, 9th and Market Streets, Wilmington, Delaware. ~~It~~ It is noted that the code number for the Wilmington, Delaware area is "302".

On May 1, 1968 MR. LARRY ALFORD, Assistant Vice-President and Personnel Officer, Bank of Delaware, 9th and Market Streets, Wilmington, Delaware, advised that he checked the following records without locating <sup>any records for</sup> anybody named FNU/BODDAR or BODDOR associated with this Bank either as an employee or customer of any type:

1. Personnel records on all employees employed by this Bank at its main Office or ~~any~~ of its Branches.
2. Savings Accounts on all customers active and closed during the past year at its main office and ~~any~~ of its Branches.
3. Checking Accounts on all customers active and closed during ~~the~~ past year at its main office and ~~any~~ of its Branches.

~~by the Bank of Delaware~~

4. Mortgage accounts on all customers active and closed during the past year ~~and~~ at its main office and ~~any~~ of its Branches.
5. Review of its trust relationships, accounts either open or closed during the past year.
6. Review of the records of the Travel Department of its main office and ~~its~~ branch offices, ~~and~~

Mr. ALFORD was unable to ~~suggest~~ suggest any other places where additional checks could be made to attempt to identify FNU BODDARD or BODDARD.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-669

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : John J. Grogan

SUBJECT:

Murkin

The following informants were contacted with negative results in captioned matter.

Phillips Vincent Grassia	4/11/68	SA Brown
Charles Floyd Phillips	4/11/68	SA Brown
BA 1328-S	4/15/68	SA F. Norton
BA 925-S	4/15/68	"
BA 1063-S	4/15/68	"
BA 1051-S	4/15/68	"
BA 1121-75E	4/16/68	"
BA 1235-S	4/16/68	"
BA 902-S	4/16/68	"
BA 1386-R Prob	5/2/68	SA Grogan
BA 1423-R Prob	4/13/68	"
BA 1396-R Prob	5/2/68	"
BA 1392-R Prob	5/3/68	"

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BA 1276-C	4/11/68	SA Hanson
James Jones	4/23/68	SA FY O'Neill
Alexander Ellerbe	4/16/68	SA Gant
BA 1389-C	4/15/68	SA Gant
BA 1128-C	4/17/68	SA Baker
BA 1434-C	4/15/68	SA Gant
BA 1280-C	4/15/68	SA Earnest
BA 1438-C	4/18/68	SA Mercer
Herbert S. Grabner	4/19/68	"
Earl Warren Thompson Jr	4/11/68	SA Beasley
Wilmer W. Cannon	4/11/68	"
Felix Morris Pack Jr	4/15/68	SA Campbell
BA 1303-C	4/15/68	"

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TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA Charles D. Crosier

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)  
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Dates of Contact 5/1/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN CIVIL RIGHTS 44-669		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage P.R. 44-669-295

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# **FBI Shows New Ray Photos**



FBI Photos via UPI

Washington, May 7 (Special)—The FBI released today these two newly obtained pictures of James Earl Ray, the ex-convict sought in the death of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The photo on the left was taken in Mexico in November, 1967. The other was taken some- where in California in late January or early February of this year.

An FBI spokesman said the photo on the right "is considered to be the best possible likeness of Ray." He would not say where the FBI obtained these pictures.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The Sun

Baltimore, Maryland

Date: 5/8/68  
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Author:  
Editor:  
Title: MURKIN

Character: CR  
or

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Submitting Office: BALTIMORE

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-669

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : John J. Hogan

SUBJECT: Murken

The following informants were contacted with negative results in captioned case:

Nathaniel Copeland	4/26/68	SA Mercer
BA 1372-C	4/16/68	SA Watson
BA 1316-C	4/16/68	"
BA 1262-C	4/9/68	SA Sibert
Willie Leon Christian	4/29/68	SA Grider
Walter Parker Hunter	4/24/68	SA Baker
Horace Spencer	4/22/68	SA Gorch
BA 1297-C	4/18/68	SA Sibert
Eddie Lee Groundtree	4/22/68	SA Gorch

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Date: May 7, 1968

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

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Via **AIRTEL** \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

To: All SACs and LEGATs

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

The Bureau has designated Memphis as office of origin in this case.

You were previously advised that leads in this Top Ten Fugitive case must be handled within 24 hours. The Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Springfield Offices are to prepare the results of their investigation to date in report form, not as an insert. At such time as the amount of investigation in these field offices does not appear to warrant individual reports, advise the Bureau and office of origin that inserts being prepared in future in lieu of reports, UACB.

All other offices will record the results in appropriate form and transmit 15 copies of each to the office of origin for inclusion in reports submitted by the Memphis Office. Should investigation increase in any such area warranting submission of individual report, do so and advise the Bureau and Memphis.

LEGATs are to submit results of investigation which can be disseminated in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination. Any administrative data which cannot be disseminated is to be set forth in the administrative section of your transmittal communication. Look-alikes and other leads resolved and reported by cablegram or other communication need not be rereported as copies of these communications are being forwarded office of origin by the Bureau for administrative handling of the case.

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AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New York teletype to Baltimore dated 4/30/68 concerning the names and phone numbers of tourist passengers on AAL Flight #338 from Dallas to Philadelphia on 4/6/68; Baltimore teletype to Philadelphia 5/2/68 re (FNU) BOODOR; Philadelphia telephone call to Baltimore 5/9/68 re (FNU) BOODOR.

In referenced New York teletype of 4/30/68:

(FNU) BOODOR, AC 215-793-1320 listed to ROBERT BOODORFF, General Wayne Drive, Lenape, Pa. It was determined that this individual works at the home office of Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Del., phone AC 302-656-9811, Ext. 8797. This individual travels extensively and can best be interviewed at Hercules in Wilmington, Del. Telephone lead set out for Baltimore to handle on 5/9/68.

This individual appears to be identical with the (FNU) BOODOR, AC 302-656-9911 set out under leads for Baltimore in referenced New York teletype.

(FNU) AINSWORTH, AC 215-VI 3-5650 determined to be BRUCE AINSWORTH, III, a student at TCU, Fort Worth, Texas. Teletype lead set out for Dallas 5/2/68.

- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
- ② - Baltimore (44-669) (RM)
- 1 - Dallas (44-2649) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Oklahoma City (44-686) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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(FNU) SIKRA, AC 215-EL 7-5009, determined to be JOHN F. SIKRA, 28 North Westview Avenue, Feasterville, Pa. SIKRA interviewed 5/1/68. He was on Flight 338 but could not recall seeing anyone resembling RAY. SIKRA is an employee at the Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, and not identical to RAY.

(FNU) RANDALL, AC 717-EX 3-1381 determined to be THOMAS RANDALL, a student at SMU, Dallas. Teletype lead set out for Dallas 5/3/68.

Leads

BALTIMORE:

AT WILMINGTON, DEL.

1. Will interview ROBERT BODDORFF at the Home Office of Hercules Powder Company to determine if he is identical with the two (FNU) BODDORs listed on pages two and seven of referenced New York teletype.

2. Will exhibit appropriate photographs of RAY to BODDORFF if he was on Flight 338.

5/1/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES ROBERT VAUGHN, MEMPHIS PD NUMBER SEVEN FOUR SIX EIGHT ZERO; JAMES WILLIAM VAUGHN, FBI NUMBER THREE NINE EIGHT ZERO FOUR FOUR D; AND JAMES ELLIS VAUGHN, JR., FBI NUMBER ONE EIGHT FIVE TWO FOUR FIVE A, WITH PRINTS DEVELOPED OF AN EVIDENTIARY VALUE IN THIS MATTER.

BALTIMORE ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 4/30/68 and WFO airtel to Director,  
4/11/68.

Enclosed for Memphis is a copy of re WFO airtel.

RE EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON  
BOMBING SUSPECT

Investigation by Atlanta and Baltimore have established JOHNSTON's whereabouts during pertinent period of instant matter, and in view of this, no additional investigation is being conducted concerning him at this time.

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2 - Memphis (Enc. 1)  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC Ba 44-669

FROM : SA James K. Thulin - P.

DATE: 5/6

SUBJECT: Murkin  
Civil Rights  
(OO:ME)

Re: Memphis airtel to all Continental  
offices dtd 4/19/68

On 5/1/68 Mr. J. Burns, Manager,  
Waldorf Laundry and Dry Cleaners,  
Waldorf, Md. made available samples  
of Thermo-Seal numbers 02B-6 and  
20R-3 to the writer.

The above is the only laundry  
establishment in Chesapeake St. Mary's  
Co. Md. utilizing Thermo-Seal.

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TO : SAC (44-669)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA PAUL M. VAN DRIESCHE ATT: SA GROGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Albany airtel 4/10/68, Albany Tel 4/11/68 and Memphis airtel 4/19/68.

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT  
INVESTIGATION AT LAUNDRIES  
4/18/68

Thermo-Seal Machines  
SN 32219  
SN 32207

Investigation at 332 Commerce Lane, Rockville, Md., disclosed that the Penthouse Laundry, one listed as operating at this address was no longer there and that the building had been torn down. It was ascertained the business was now listed as Blue Ribbon Laundry, 4712 Hampden Lane, Bethesda, Md. That laundry was contacted by SA MELVIN MERCER and reported separately.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-669)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA PAUL M. VAN DRIESSCHE ATT: SA GROGAN

*(Was let inv. at laundries.)* *pt*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SA GROGAN was telephonically advised of results of investigation set forth below on 4/10/68.

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT  
INVESTIGATION AT LAUNDRIES  
4710768

At Montgomery County, Md.

The following laundries were contacted by the indicated Agent with negative results re ERIC STARVO GALT and laundry tag 02B-6, or D2B-6:

DAVID L. BORNSTEIN

ALFRED ALE, Artcraft Cleaners, 7923 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, Md.

ALBERT SPENCE, Bel-Air Cleaners, 7011 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda

BROOK FARREN, Bell Laundry Inc., 4706 Leland, Chevy Chase, Md.

W. M. TAYLOR, Bergmann's Laundry, 822 Rockville, Pike, Rockville, Md.

FELICE MUOLLO

BARBARA BARISH, Elite Laundry, Wheaton Plaza

CLARENCE HAMILTON, Fashion Custom Dry Cleaners, 11128 Georgia Ave., Wheaton

BARRY KESSLER, Kessler 1 Hour Martinizing, 1310 E.-W. Highway, Silver Spring

EDWIN WALTON, Langley Custom Dry Cleaners, Inc. 1119 University Boulevard, Langley Park, Md.

DAN ANDERSON

SAMMY LEE Laundry, 7019 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, Md.

ROSE BOARSTEIN, Minor Super Cleaners, 10305 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda

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FRANK BLEICHER, Marvel Cleaners & Launderers,  
8728 Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring, Md.

I. CHANEY, Mayfair Launderers & Dry Cleaners,  
2nd Ave. & Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, Md.

BILL DRAYMOND, East-West Valet, Silver Spring

STANLEY J. ORENSTEIN

REEVE PRATT & GENE WEBER, Morningside  
Cleaning Center, 8220 Georgia Ave., Sil Spr.

FUNG MOY, Moy's Laundry & Dry Cleaning,  
3786 Howard Ave., Kensington, Md.

UNS GOLDMAN, Old Colony Laundry Co. Inc.,  
6855 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring

H. H. WOLF (Mrs.), Penthouse Dry Cleaning Co.,  
Inc., 4712 Hampden Lane, Bethesda

Penthouse Dry Cleaning Service Inc. (Same  
Co. as above.)

CHARLES M. FLEURY

KEN KELLMER, Randall's Drive-In Valet,  
4871 Cordell Ave., Bethesda

F. TURKOFF, Real Cleaners & Launderers,  
11201 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring

MISS OLA SMITH, Snow White Laundry, 8636  
Flower Ave., Takoma Park, Md.

Mrs. NORA LEE, Swift Cleaners, 6917 Laurel  
Ave., Takoma Park, Md.

P.M. VAN DRIESCHE

Mrs. WILLIAM L. SEYMOUR, Poolesville Cleaners  
& Laundry, Poolesville, Md.

EDWARD BOORSTEIN, Prestige Cleaners, 2411  
University Blvd., Wheaton, Md.

ARTHUR JAFFE, Prestige 1-Hour Cleaners,  
9420 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md.

Mrs. OPAL VAN FOSSAN, Washington Linen Service,  
Colesville Rd. & 2nd Ave., Silver Spring, Md.

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VAN DRIESSCHE Contd.

Mrs. LUCILLE LENIHAN, Wheaton Services Inc.,  
2501 Ennals Ave., Wheaton, Md.

Mrs. LEONARD KATZ, Wolfson's Department Store,  
206 E. Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg, Md.

WAN CHI, Norge Laundry & Dry Cleaning, White  
Oak Shop Center, Silver Spring, Md.  
(This is a self-service laundry only.)

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669) P  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles tel to Baltimore and Memphis,  
4/26/68.

Mrs. STANLEY WHITNEY OLSON (MARGARET STELLA OLSON), age 60, residing in a trailer home behind the Star-Lite Inn, Pocomoke City, Maryland with mailing address of P.O. Box 245, Pocomoke City, and having home telephone number (Area 301) 957-2337, provided the following information:

She advised that she is the mother of KATHERINE PATRICIA OLSON WILLIAR, a white female born [redacted] at Quantico, Virginia, 5'5" tall, 110-115 lbs., gray-green eyes, brunette hair, attractive facial features. She is known generally as PAT OLSON. Her husband, ROBERT WILLIAR, died in Baltimore, Maryland about 6-7 years ago of a brain tumor. Her child, [redacted], born [redacted] resides with Mrs. STANLEY OLSON at Pocomoke City, Maryland.

About two years ago her daughter, hereafter referred to as PAT, left Maryland and traveled to Coral Gables, Florida in the company of an unknown man, leaving her daughter behind. Her address or employment there unknown. She stayed for a period in Florida, and then went to New Orleans where she resided for a short period of time. Her address or employment there also unknown to Mrs. STANLEY OLSON. She apparently

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was taking some type of drugs during this period, and was seldom in contact with her parents. She has no particular occupation, and has become a "drifter", according to Mrs. S. OLSON. She went to Mexico, location not known, after leaving New Orleans and after a short stay there, went to California, where she is currently believed to be residing.

Mrs. S. OLSON provided some letters from PAT from which the following addresses were obtained:

12/20/67 - PAT OLSON, 5842 Carlton Way, Hollywood, California. Later with this return address was postmarked Los Angeles, California (36) on indicated date.

11/29/67 - PAT OLSON, 5842 Carlton Way, Los Angeles, California, Apt. 3.

11/25/67 - PAT OLSON, St. Francis Hotel, Room 527, Hollywood and Western Blvd., Los Angeles, California.

4/27/67 - PAT OLSON, 1746 North Gramercy Place, Apt. 16, Hollywood, California.

3/31/67 - K. WILLIAR, in care of TERRY CALLIGAN, 1746 South Gramercy Place, Hollywood, California.

Mrs. S. OLSON advised that on a date she recalls to be 3/18/68, PAT telephoned her from somewhere in California. The conversation was general, and PAT mentioned that she was babysitting for some woman in California, city not named. Nothing was said concerning anything relating to MURKIN. On about 4/3-4/68 PAT called again from California and the conversation again was general. PAT spoke most of the time with her daughter [REDACTED]. Several days after receiving that last call on 4/3-4/68 Mrs. S. OLSON received an inquiry from the telephone operator concerning that call. The operator advised her that a PAT OLSON was using a telephone credit card of another person. No inquiries from the telephone company were received after the call of 3/18/68.

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Mrs. S. OLSON advised that she does not know any of PAT's friends in California. She has never heard the name of CHARLES or RITA STEIN, MARIE MARTIN or MARIN. The name, aliases and photograph of JAMES EARL RAY are unknown to her. Mrs. S. OLSON advised that her husband, age 50, is employed with the Contee Construction Co., Baltimore, Maryland, Telephone 636-3758, and is not home during the week. She is certain that he would not be familiar with the names of STEIN or MARTIN or RAY.

Los Angeles, determine if PAT OLSON is known to STEIN's and interview OLSON for knowledge of subject.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

FROM : SA BERNARD F. NORTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 5/9/68

Re New York teletype, 4/30/68 to Baltimore and others.

KEN SMYTHE, Philadelphia Office, called this date to indicate that they have identified the (FNU) BODDOR on Page 2 and Page 7 of re teletype. He is ROBERT BODDORFF of Lenape, Pennsylvania. Their investigation has disclosed that he is employed with Hercules Powder Company in downtown Wilmington, telephone 302-656-9811-8797.

The Philadelphia RA at Lenape was in touch last evening with BODDORFF who advised that he was on the pertinent flight in this case and is in an almost constant state of travel for the Hercules Company. BODDORFF said that he would be glad to cooperate with the FBI and requested that an Agent see him Friday morning, 5/10/68 between 9 A.M. and noon.

It will be noted that apparently there was a transposition in numbers from the original telephone number in this case.

It is suggested that ROBERT BODDORFF, Hercules Powder Company, only address downtown Wilmington, be contacted on 5/10/68 in the morning.

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TO: SAC, BA (44-669)

FROM: SA CHARLES M. FLEURY

SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Bu tel dated 4/29/68.

On 5/1/68 Lt. A. McCullough,  
Identification Bureau, Montgomery  
County PD, Rockville, Md. was  
requested to compare the prints of  
James Earl Ray with latents received  
by his office since 4/23/67. He agreed to do this.

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Date May 3, 1968

RE:

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☐ For information      ☐ Retention optional      ☐ For appropriate action      ☐ Surety, by \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of another photograph taken of James Earl Ray, aka Eric S. Galt in Fall of 1967.

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Date 5/3/68

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, also known as - FUGITIVE  
Identification Order 4182; Wanted Flyer 442A  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; INTERSTATE  
FLIGHT - ROBBERY

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☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

Enclosed are five smooth finished copies of the photograph of James Earl Ray. The Memphis Division is the office of origin in this investigation. Memphis Office file number is 44-1987.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-669)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA PAUL M. VAN DRIESSCHE

ATTENTION: SA GROGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re WFO airtel 4/20/68. (44-669-149)

RE: PHILIP E. COX  
MIDWAY DINER  
GERMANTOWN, MD.

The writer on 5/7/68 observed PHILIP E. COX, 13905 Bauer Dr., Rockville, Md. at his place of business, the Midway Diner, at which time it was observed that he did not bear a strong resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY based on available photographs.

Polks City Directories of 1964, 1966 & 1968 listed COX and his wife BETTY J. COX as residing at 13905 Bauer Dr., Rockville. His employment in 1964 was listed as Driver, Pepsi Cola Co.. The '66 and '68 directories show his proprietorship of the Midway Diner.

Lt. GUY LEWIS, MCPD, Rockville, Md., a life long resident of the above area, advised 5/6/68 that he has known COX for about 3-4 years and recalled he was a Pepsi Cola Truck Driver prior to operating the Midway Diner. He had no derogatory information and felt that he did not resemble the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. There were no indications that COX has ever been out of the area on any extensive periods and that he is constantly tied up with his diner as he and his wife operate it alone.

COX is described as being a white male, 6'2", 200#, brown hair and eyes, muscular build. He does not have a southern accent.

In view of the above no further investigation is being conducted re COX.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (170-251)

FROM : SA HUGH M. BARNHARDT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM H. KEYS

DATE: 5/6/68

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R  
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Dates of Contact 4/25/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN CR 44-669 POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOL., Etc. 157-857		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE KEYS could furnish no information concerning MURKIN <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE and no information of value concerning racial <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC violence.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating good	Coverage Racial

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC Baltimore (44-669)

FROM : SA STANLEY J. ORENSTEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

DATE: 5/3/68

On 4/18/68 MRS. NERENE SANDY, Super Giant Laundry, 8750 Arliss St., Silver Spring, Md advised she is the operator of Thermo-Seal Marking Machine #32626, manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Co. Syracuse, N.Y. She said she only places the Thermo-Seal tags on finished men's dress shirts, never on unfinished laundry such as men's drawers and T-shirts. The Super Giant Laundry, she said, doesn't use the number combination of 02B-6.

She said no one else uses the machine and the laundry would have no reason to place a thermo-seal tag on a pair of laundered men's drawers or T-shirt.

The above was verified with Manager RICHARD CUNNINGHAM.



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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669) P  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO:MEMPHIS

Re Baltimore airtel to the Bureau, dated 4/23/68,  
and Memphis airtel to Baltimore, dated 5/1/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are three photos of JAMES  
ROBERT VAUGHN, JAMES ELLIS VAUGHN, JR., and JAMES WILLIAM  
VAUGHN.

On 5/1/68, CLARENCE L. BLACKBURN, #56984, Maryland  
House of Correction, Jessup, Maryland, was shown photos of  
JAMES ROBERT VAUGHN, JAMES ELLIS VAUGHN, JR., and JAMES WILLIAM  
VAUGHN. BLACKBURN advised that he is acquainted with JAMES  
ROBERT VAUGHN, Memphis Police Department #74680.

This is the individual that BLACKBURN worked with  
in the Washington, D.C. area in late 1965 or early 1966, and  
he is the individual who allegedly stated that he would shoot  
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING if he ever came to Memphis. BLACKBURN  
could provide no further information than was set out in  
referenced airtel to the Bureau, dated 4/23/68.

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MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will display photos of JAMES ROBERT VAUGHN to logical  
witnesses to determine if VAUGHN could have been involved in  
any manner in the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

DATE: 5/10/68

FROM : SA ROBERT E. WATERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

## AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MARYLAND

On May 8, 1968, the following persons all advised that they were on American Airlines Flight Number 338, April 6, 1968. All viewed a photograph of the subject but none recall having seen an individual meeting his description on the flight:

1. Private JAMES D. FERGUSON, Army Serial Number [REDACTED];
2. Private SIDNEY J. BACA, Army Serial Number [REDACTED];
3. Private LARRY R. LARK, Army Serial Number [REDACTED];
4. Private WAYNE J. PRESTON, Army Serial Number [REDACTED].

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

408 Post Office Building  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

May 10, 1968

TO: ALL NEWSPAPERS IN MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

Gentlemen:

JAMES EARL RAY, who is being sought as a fugitive in connection with the slaying of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., has been the subject of nationwide attention. In order to obtain the greatest publicity and bring about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is requesting the aid of the nation's press.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would give this additional publicity concerning RAY and I am enclosing a newspaper mat and proof sheet for your use in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Edwin R. Tully*  
EDWIN R. TULLY  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO : SAC *Baltimore* 170-253 DATE: *5-10-68*

FROM : SA *N. Curtis Scarborough* ☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)  
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: *Walter Flower Walland* ☐  
*Probationary Racial Informant*  
*Shells*

Dates of Contact <i>5-10-68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>157-857</i> <i>44-669</i>		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC  <i>Flower advised he had no pertinent information to furnish; however, he agreed to remain alert.</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>same</i>	Coverage <i>same</i>

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

DATE:

FROM : SA LOUIS J. GHECAS

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

RE: Baltimore memorandum dated 5/9/1968.

On May 10, 1968 Mr. ROBERT BODDORFF , General Wayne Drive , RD # 5, Lenape , West Chester , Pennsylvania was interviewed at his place of employment the Hercules Powder Company , Wilmington , Delaware where he is employed as a <sup>Sales</sup> ~~National~~ Manager. Mr. BODDORFF , advised that he was a passenger on American Airlines Flight # 338 which left Dallas , Texas at 9:05 A.M. on April 6, 1968 and arrived at Philadelphia , Pennsylvania at about 1:30 P.M. that same date.

Mr. BODDORFF observed several photographs <sup>of</sup> ~~including~~ IOSX and WFS which included the ~~photographs of~~ IO and WF of JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. BODDORFF stated that he does not recall having observed anybody on this ~~plane~~ plane which resembled JAMES EARL RAY.

MR. BODDORFF noted that all company trips belating to the Hercules Powder Company are made through the Bank Of Delaware, Wilmington , Delaware.

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Date: 5/10/68

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TO: BALTIMORE (44-669)  
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)  
MURKIN

Re WFO telephone call to BA (SA BRUCE GALLAGHER,  
Hyattsville, RA), 5/10/68.

On 5/10/68, Mrs. HAROLD SHIRK, 8419 Rambler, Adelphi, Maryland, telephone number 422-1253, telephonically advised SA BERNARD A. DE SANTIS that on Wednesday, 5/8/68, at 2:15 p.m. she observed a man who resembled the recent photographs of JAMES EARL RAY which were published in the newspaper. She advised that she had seen this individual at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Adelphi Road. At that time he was wearing a pair of black pants, white shirt and no hat. He was walking and not known to be carrying any packages.

LEADBALTIMORE

AT ADELPHI, MARYLAND. Will reinterview Mrs. HOWARD SHIRK for information to identify the above unknown man.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/10/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReWFOtelephone call to Richmond (SA KENNETH W. NIMMICH, Alexandria RA) 5/10/68, and WFOtelephone call to Baltimore (SA TRAVIS X. O'NEILL, Hyattsville RA) 5/10/68.

RE: BUBBLE-EYE MASON

On 5/10/68, WF 1651-C advised that the following information was obtained from a barroom conversation concerning JAMES EARL RAY:

BUBBLE-EYE MASON, a current inmate at Lorton Reformatory, who has done time with RAY and is allegedly a friend of RAY, has knowledge of a hideout used by RAY in Mexico. Furthermore, MASON reportedly said RAY was aware of a "contract" out on MARTIN LUTHER KING prior to the time RAY escaped prison and that RAY had talked of collecting this contract.

The CI advised there is absolutely no way to evaluate remarks attributed to MASON or to identify the source.

- 1 - Baltimore
- 2 - Richmond (44-651)(RM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)
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WFO 44-703

Officers of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) advised that BUBBLE-EYE MASON is WARDELL HICKS, 1112 60th Avenue, Fairmont Heights, Maryland, who was charged on 3/18/67, with ADW and was sentenced to 10 months on 10/13/67. HICKS was born [REDACTED] at Washington, D.C. (WDC), and is a Negro male assigned District of Columbia Department of Correction Number 99311, MPD Number 137889 and FBI Number 448038B.

On 5/10/68, SA KENNETH W. NIMMICH, Alexandria RA, Richmond Division telephonically advised WFO that WARDELL HICKS had been released from the D.C. Reformatory, Lorton, Virginia, on 5/8/68.

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AT FAIRMONT HEIGHTS, MARYLAND. Will interview HICKS for any information concerning RAY.

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Date: 5/10/68

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)  
 FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)  
 RE: MURKIN

Re Baltimore teletype to San Antonio, 5/8/68.

On 5/9/68 SA's GEORGE KEEFER and DEAN N. LLOYD interviewed the following individuals at the Palacio Del Rio, the only Hilton hotel in San Antonio, Texas:

A. L. JOHNSTON, Assistant Manager  
 WILLIAM W. BLACK, Chief of Security  
 FELUX SHAW, Head Waiter, Club Room  
 FRED DE LA GARZA, Club Room Waiter  
 PAMELA DAVIS, Membership Secretary

The photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was displayed to these individuals without identification. Hotel records and club records were reviewed with negative results. Registration cards for individuals staying on the ninth floor on 5/4/68 were reviewed without locating the name of any individual identifiable with RAY or identified as an employee of McCaffrey Contractors.

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# Memorandum

TO : ALL SENIOR RESIDENT AGENTS

FROM : SUPERVISOR MAURICE E. GARRISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 5/10/68

The Bureau has requested that wider publicity be given concerning RAY and that daily and weekly newspapers be furnished with newspaper mat and proof sheet.

The mats and proof sheets, approximately 5 inches by 10 inches, show a photo of RAY together with background data and description which will be mailed to all daily and weekly newspapers from Baltimore. The Bureau has advised that other publications such as shopper's guides not be overlooked. Since shopper's guides and other such publications would normally be printed by firms in the localities where the publications are distributed, each RA is requested to contact any such publication in their area to determine if such publication would cooperate with the Bureau and then request the needed number of mats or proofs needed by routing slip to S-1 Supervisor. The mats and proof sheets will then be mailed to the resident agency for distribution.

1 - Each Senior RA  
① - Baltimore (44-669)  
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SA 44-1242

A search of City Directories and telephone books did not disclose any contractor by the name of McCaffrey.

On 5/9/68 SA GEORGE KEEFER interviewed the following persons at the Bamboo Hut, 6812 San Pedro, San Antonio:

BOB GUERRA, owner

ANN ROSS, bartender

Miss ROSS advised that she did not see anyone sitting at the bar at the Bamboo Hut on the night of 5/4/68 who resembled the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY or in any way resembled the description of the individual in retel.

BOB GUERRA advised that he was on duty on the night of 5/4/68 waiting on tables situated in a different portion of the establishment from that occupied by the bar. He said that he remembered four women who sat at a table and who appeared to be bowlers attending a Women's Bowling Congress Convention currently being held in San Antonio. He said that during the evening an individual described as in retel did approach these women and try to become better acquainted with them. He said it was his observation that they did not want to have anything to do with him and tried to discourage conversation but that he was persistent. GUERRA said he had never seen this man before and that the individual has not been in the Bamboo Hut since 5/4/68. After seeing the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY on W.F. # 442A GUERRA stated that he is of the opinion that the man above referred to is not identical with RAY. He said that the patron of 5/4/68 was about 5'11" tall, weighed about 150 pounds, and had a very slender build. He said that the man was in his 40's, had long dark hair, was well dressed but looked dirty. He said he did not see any scars or marks on this man and did not note any peculiarity with reference to an ear. He said the man had a very narrow face with a long pointed chin and was drinking whiskey from a bottle he had brought with him. He said he did not see the cigarette lighter described in retel and did not hear the name BOB SHILLINGS. He stated that he would call the FBI if this individual ever appeared again at the Bamboo Hut.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (170-226)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA JAMES F. KENNEDY

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

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SUBJECT: E. THOMAS WILLIAMS  
R-PROB (GHETTO)

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Dates of Contact 4/8/68, 4/25/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 44-669 Racial Situation 170-		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC  Informant contacted on above dates and in general terms the racial situation discussed with him. No specific information was obtained to indicate informant is in touch with any racial elements which are planning any trouble and he has no information relative to the specific causes of racial riots or individuals involved or any out of town influences.  He was advised on both occasions of the Bureau's interest in these matters and to be alert to anything in the normal course of his business which would indicate any trouble in these areas in the future.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage

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