

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

FROM : SA R. GORDON EDDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

RE: Erie County Mutual  
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Attached hereto is one copy of the description of JAMES EARL RAY and one copy of the two press releases issued of the Bureau concerning captioned case.

If supplementary copies of IO requested of Bureau are received prior to the next MAG meeting, sufficient copies should be taken along to furnish one to each Officer in attendance.

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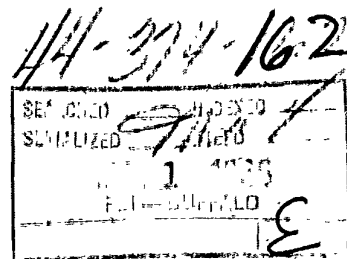
AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK. Will discuss MURKIN case with Officers in attendance at next MAG meeting, utilizing attached description and press releases.

Bureau has instructed that press releases are not to be amplified upon.

Nature of process outstanding appears on IO.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND  
EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

1 - SA JAMES A. COMFORT (Attachments 2)  
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DESCRIPTION

The following is a composite description of  
JAMES EARL RAY:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	3/10/28 or 3/10/29
Age	39 or 40
Place of Birth	Decatur, Quincy or Alton, all Illinois
Height	Approximately 5'10"
Weight	174 pounds in 9/66
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown (brush cut)
Build	Medium
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# Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SAC NEIL J. WELCH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Attached hereto for each Agent is a xerox copy of all available photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY with the exception of those appearing on the Identification Order. Each Agent should retain this set of photographs together with a copy of the IO so that he may utilize it in handling any leads which may be assigned to him. These photographs should be exhibited to persons interviewed during regular daily investigative activity.

For your additional information, the Bureau has advised that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed. It was also advised that investigation determined that the laundry marking in question in this case came from a laundry in Culver City, California.

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- 1 - SAC (Attachment 1)
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- 1 - SEC. SUPV. (Attachment 1)
- 1 - EACH AGENT (Attachment 1)

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FROM : SA R. GORDON EDDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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RE: Discussion of Murkin Case  
At Police Schools

All Police School Instructors receiving copies of this memo are requested to discuss the MURKIN case with students in their classes. This matter should be discussed by each instructor appearing before the class even though it was previously discussed by one of the preceeding instructors.

As soon as received from the Bureau, sufficient copies of the Identification Order of JAMES EARL RAY will be forwarded to each instructor handling each police school in the Buffalo Division. Sufficient copies will be furnished so that each Officer in attendance will have one copy of this I.O.

Attached hereto for discussing this case at these police schools is a copy of the physical description

1 - SA WILLIAM J. CONROY	(Attachments 2)
1 - SA RICHARD W. RUDY	(Attachments 2)
1 - SA R. GORDON EDDY	(Attachments 2)
1 - SA(A) DENNIS MARVIN GIBBS	(Attachments 2)
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1 - SA PAUL A. JOENSEN	(Attachments 2)
1 - SA WALTER J. SAMELSTAD	(Attachments 2)

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of RAY and a copy of the two press releases the Bureau has made in this case to date.

The Bureau had advised that the only public comment which can be made concerning this case is that appearing in these two press releases.

All Agents receiving this memo will submit a memo for captioned file showing police schools before which they discussed this case, date discussed, and whether IO's disseminated or not.

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DATE 5/1/68

FROM : SA RICHARD W. RUDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

On 4/29/68 Father David Mattie, St. Peter & Paul Church, High and E. Market St., Elmira, N. Y. advised that sometime before Easter, 1968, a man came to his parish seeking funds to continue a trip to the Catskills where he intended to seek employment. This man claimed he had ridden a freight train from Jamestown, N. Y. and needed the funds to continue his journey. This man was about 6', white male, long hair combed straight back, he wore dark trousers and a denim jacket, and he had sores all over his face. He mentioned he was from Tenn. and that he was afflicted with epilepsy.

Father Mattie advised he never furnished funds to such people but rather refers them to the Chemung Co. Welfare Dept. and in this case he referred the man to Mr. Raymond Fortier of that dept. Father Mattie advised since hearing about James Earl Ray he kept thinking about above man and finally decided to refer this man to the FBI. Father Mattie observed photographs of Ray but advise he could not be positive that above man was Ray although he thought there were similarities.

On 4/30/68, Raymond Fortier, Director of Social Services, Chemung Co. Welfare Dept., advised that the above man referred by Father Mattie identified himself as Eugene Jonathan Laney, 1318 Gibson St., Johnson City, Tenn., dob 3/10/30 at Scott Co. Va. Laney informed Fortier that he suffered from epilepsy as a result of which he frequently falls resulting in numerous sores and cuts to his forehead. He advised he frequently traveled in search of employment since on learning of his epilepsy his employers usually let him go. Fortier advised that Laney was given some aid after which he left the area saying he was going to Penn. in search of employment. Laney appeared at Welfare Dept. on 4/8/68.

Fortier observed photographs of Ray and advised he is definitely not identical to Laney.

On 4/30/68 Rev. Lee Clair, Case Worker, and Charlotte Petzke, Receptionist, Chemung Co. Welfare Dept., each observed photographs of Ray and advised he is definitely not identical to the above mentioned Laney whom they had observed.

Above for information of file.



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TO : SAC (44-374)

FROM : SA RICHARD F. FOLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN;  
JAMES EARLY RAY, aka - FUGITIVE  
CR; UFAC - ROBBERY, 1ST.

DATE: 5/2/68

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On the evening of 4/30/68, these agents went to Ackerman's Restaurant, 2389 Lyell Avenue, Rochester, New York. A search of the Ackerman Parking Lot failed to reveal any out of stat license automobiles. A search of the interior of Ackerman's Restaurant failed to reveal any individual resembling JAMES EARL RAY.

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The 1967 Rochester City Directory indicates that Stylecraft Cleaners, Inc., dry cleaners, located at 146 Lyell Avenue, Rochester, New York.

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DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
JAMES EARL RAY, aka -  
FUGITIVE  
CR; UFAO - ROBBERY 1ST

Investigator D. J. MUNCH, NYSP, BCI, Fredonia, N. Y., advised SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE, JR., at 4:35 PM 5/2/68, that Mrs. MORRIS PRIEST, 448 Lakeshore Drive, East Dunkirk, N. Y., believes that she observed JAMES EARL RAY traveling in a green-colored automobile, bearing New York State License BF 2534 at approximately 5:00 PM, 4/30/68. Investigator MUNCH advised that Mrs. PRIEST observed this vehicle traveling on Route 5 toward Buffalo and that the individual she believes to be RAY was a passenger in the car.

Investigator MUNCH exhibited WF 442 and 442A to Mrs. PRIEST and she advised that the photograph on the extreme right of WF 442A closely resembles the above individual.

Investigator MUNCH advised that New York State License BF 2534 is registered to:

WALTER WZIENTEK  
45 Rich Place  
Buffalo, N. Y.  
Born 4/6/21  
Employment - Bethlehem Steel Corporation

for a 1965 Plymouth sedan, color blue.

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SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE, JR.

MURKIN  
JAMES EARL RAY, aka -  
FUGITIVE  
CR; UFAC - ROBBERY 1ST

Investigator D. J. MUNCH, NYSP, BCI, Fredonia, N. Y., advised SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE, JR., at 4:35 PM 5/2/68, that Mrs. MORRIS PRIEST, 448 Lakeshore Drive, East Dunkirk, N. Y., believes that she observed JAMES EARL RAY traveling in a green-colored automobile, bearing New York State License BF 2534 at approximately 5:00 PM, 4/30/68. Investigator MUNCH advised that Mrs. PRIEST observed this vehicle traveling on Route 5 toward Buffalo and that the individual she believes to be RAY was a passenger in the car.

Investigator MUNCH exhibited WF 442 and 442A to Mrs. PRIEST and she advised that the photograph on the extreme right of WF 442A closely resembles the above individual.

Investigator MUNCH advised that New York State License BF 2534 is registered to:

WALTER WZIENTEK  
45 Rich Place  
Buffalo, N. Y.  
Born 4/6/21  
Employment - Bethlehem Steel Corporation

for a 1965 Plymouth sedan, color blue.

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500 photographs of James Earl Ray attached.

I. O. 's sent separately.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

RE PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT ORDERED BY SUBJECT FROM SUPERIOR  
BULK FILM COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT.

RE CHICAGO TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

BERT S. LONNGREN, COORDINATOR, OUTBOUND TRAFFIC, EASTMAN  
KODAK COMPANY (EKCO), ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADVISED NO WARRANTY  
GIVEN FOR <sup>ANY</sup> ~~ALL OF~~ KODAK CAMERA EQUIPMENT AND SERIAL NUMBERS NOT  
RECORDED WHEN SHIPPED BY COMPANY. RAYMOND PORTER, DIRECTOR  
OF SECURITY, EKCO OFFICE, ROCHESTER, ADVISED WARRANTY IS FURNISHED  
FOR KODAK PROJECTOR M-NINE FIVE-Z AND APPROXIMATELY FIFTY PER  
CENT ARE RETURNED BY PURCHASERS. APPROXIMATELY SIX THOUSAND  
SOLD AND <sup>WARRANTY</sup> ~~AND~~ RETURNED SINCE OCTOBER, SIXTYSEVEN, AND CHECKS BEING  
MADE TO DETERMINE IF WARRANTY RETURNED BY SUBJECT, WHICH WOULD  
CONTAIN SERIAL NUMBER.

RICHARD TOWNSEND, GENERAL MANAGER, REPAIR CENTER, EKCO,  
ROCHESTER, ADVISED CAMERAS RECEIVED FOR REPAIRS ARE <sup>RECORDED</sup> INDICATED  
BY NAME AND BY STATE IN WHICH RESIDING. TOWNSEND ALSO ADVISED  
REPAIR OFFICES FOR COMPANY LOCATED NEW YORK CITY, ATLANTA,  
LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, CHICAGO AND DALLAS, PLUS THIRTYFOUR

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*IF* DUE TO DEFECT BY MANUFACTURER, BUT NO CARD IS FURNISHED FOR RETURN TO COMPANY IN THIS INSTANCE. CONTACTS BEING MADE WITH KODAK EXECUTIVES FOR COOPERATION IN CHECK OF ALL REPAIR CENTERS FOR SUBJECT.

INQUIRY DISCLOSED NO WAY TO DETERMINE PROJECTOR SOLD LOS ANGELES AREA NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN THROUGH MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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4:42PM URGENT 5/2/68 AMM 2P

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FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

REURTEL CALL INSTANT.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel with enclosures, dated 4/26/68,  
copy to Memphis with enclosures.

Mrs. VIOLA V. BORYS, 38 Church St., Waterloo,  
N.Y., advised on 5/1/68 that the individual referred to  
in her letter to the Bureau on 4/22/68 is not known to  
her personally, and she has not seen him since. She  
stated she had never seen this person before, does not  
know where he lives, or what his employment might be.  
She stated she has made inquiries concerning this indi-  
vidual; however, has been unable to determine his identity.

BORYS described this individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30-35
Height	5'6"
Weight	140-150
Hair	Black, wavy
Speech	Normal (no accent)

She advised that this individual was driving a  
red MGB, year not known, containing New York License OA 5560.

- 3 - Bureau (AM)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info) (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Info) (AM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- ① - Buffalo

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(8) *cah*

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On 5/1/68, a check of the New York State registrations through the Seneca County SO, Waterloo, N.Y., indicated New York License OA 5660 is issued to DARWIN STONE, 581 Geneva-Waterloo Road, Waterloo, N.Y. for a 1965 black Austin-Healey. His employment was shown as Seneca Army Depot (SAD), Romulus, N.Y.

On 5/1/68, Mrs. PHILIP STONE, 581 Geneva-Waterloo Road, Waterloo, N.Y., advised that DARWIN STONE is her son, and that he currently owns a red MGB automobile, New York License OA 5560. She stated her son is only home on weekends, as he currently attends the University of Syracuse, Syracuse, N.Y.

On 5/2/68, EUGENE HELPARD, General Investigator, Provost Marshal's Office, Seneca Army Depot, Romulus, N.Y., advised the only record at SAD concerning STONE is that he worked as a civilian employee from 2/67 to 9/67, has Social Security No. [REDACTED] and was born 8/22/36. When STONE left SAD, he indicated he was going back to college.

On 5/2/68, EDWARD DAILOR, Collections Manager, Credit Bureau of Geneva, N.Y., advised that DARWIN STONE, 581 Geneva-Waterloo Rd., Waterloo, N.Y., has been known to his files since 12/60.//

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

FROM : ASAC WASON G. CAMPBELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/3/68

At 8:42 a.m., 5/2/68, Professor JOSEPH LONERO, Room 208, Sturgess Hall, Geneseo College, Geneseo, N.Y., phoned concerning an anonymous letter then in his possession. Professor LONERO, who described himself as very active in the civil rights movement, said this letter claimed that ERIC STARVO GALT was then residing in the village of Ashante, N.Y., which Mr. LONERO interprets to be Asante.

The letter also contains information to the effect that a group calling themselves "Knights of the Valley" are arming themselves against future rioting violence by Negroes. Mr. LONERO furnished his business phone as 245-5179 and his home phone as 243-3460. He was advised that an Agent would promptly call on him in person to obtain the letter, which he said he would make available.

SA JEROME C. O'HANLON, Geneva RA, was instructed by telephone to have Professor LONERO contacted.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

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BUFFALO.

BUFFALO OFFICE PLANNING TO DISTRIBUTE IO'S TO ALL  
BORDER PATROLMEN, INS INSPECTORS AND INVESTIGATORS AND CUSTOMS  
OFFICERS IN BUFFALO DIVISION AND TO TOLL COLLECTORS AT ALL  
THREE BRIDGES ENTERING CANADA. ~~NORMAL~~ <sup>SIMILAR</sup> DISTRIBUTION PLANNED  
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ADDITIONAL IO'S HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY NUMEROUS U.S. AND  
CANADIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, BUFFALO DIVISION. DISTRIBUTION  
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BANKING INSTITUTIONS, HOTELS, MOTELS AND ROOMING HOUSES.

PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCIES HAVE ASKED FOR COPIES  
OF IO'S TO DISTRIBUTE TO THEIR PLANT SECURITY OFFICERS AND  
BANK GUARDS AS WELL AS PATROL CARS.

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IO'S TO MEET CURRENT DEMANDS.

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3:47P URGENT 5/3/68 LND

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SAC NEIL J. WELCH

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMO

## TOP TEN CANCELLATIONS

HOWARD CALLENS JOHNSON, aka - FUG.  
I.O. 4039; W.F. 439  
UFAP - MURDER

DAVID STUART NEFF, aka - FUG.  
I.O. 4179  
BR

DAVID EVANS, aka - FUG.  
I.O. 4177  
BR; INTERSTATE FLIGHT - BURGLARY,  
LARCENY, RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS

## I. O. CANCELLATIONS

JOHN BATTEN, aka - FUG.  
I.O. 4161  
UFAC - SECOND DEGREE MURDER

## DOUGLAS M. PRICE, SA

By teletype, 4/26/68, Bureau advised of the death of SA PRICE, who was shot and killed by an assailant while performing his official duties on 4/25/68. SA PRICE was 27 years of age and is survived by his widow, Mrs. BLANKA H. PRICE and one daughter of San Antonio, Texas.

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OFFICE TELEPHONE LINES FOR EMERGENCY USE

Two additional trunk lines have been added to the switchboard for use in the event the regular lines are deliberately "jammed" by dissidents or in an emergency. The nonpublished telephone numbers for these lines are 856-2236 and 856-2237. These numbers should be kept confidential and not disseminated without specific supervisory authorization. When answering incoming calls on these lines do not identify the location as the FBI but merely say "Hello."

FTS TELEPHONE SERVICE  
ELMIRA RESIDENT AGENCY  
ROCHESTER RESIDENT AGENCY

FTS telephone service was installed in the Elmira RA effective 4/23/68. The telephone number is 607-734-8998, which is the same as the commercial number.

FTS telephone service was installed in the Rochester RA effective 4/30/68. The telephone number is 546-1389.

All telephone calls to these RAs from headquarters or other RAs having FTS lines should be made by FTS line and for official purposes only.

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING  
RACIAL MATTERS

Bureau has advised that many offices are using the above caption to the Bureau concerning a variety of activities and racial incidents arising out of the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. This is creating problems from administrative and filing standpoints and should be discontinued immediately. Captions descriptive of the activity involved should be used in accordance with instructions in the Handbook, Page 154h of Part III.

For example, in reporting information concerning disturbances that may have occurred in Buffalo, the caption "RACIAL DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BUFFALO, NEW YORK, APRIL 9, 1968; RACIAL MATTERS," could be used.

Information directly relating to the investigation of Dr. KING should be reported under the caption "MURKIN," Buffalo file 44-374.

### MURKIN

From time-to-time, all Agents will receive a copy of a memo in this case. These memos should be read carefully by each Agent as they not only keep each Agent current with developments in this case but they also, on occasion, set out leads which all Agents are expected to handle. One such lead set out in a memo of 4/23/68 specified that all criminal informants and appropriate racial and security informants be exhibited photos of RAY and furnished his description and all aliases.

Every Agent should carry RAY's IO with him and exhibit it to persons contacted during the regular course of business in rooming houses, hotels, motels, at race tracks, in taverns, at transient labor hiring halls, financial institutions, automobile dealers, car rental agencies, railroad, bus and train ticket agents, etc. Memoranda should be submitted to Buffalo file 44-374 showing the identities of persons contacted.

### MURKIN

Bureau radiogram 4/23/68, advised as follows:

"REMYAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL 19 LAST FURNISHING BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

"SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES (POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL 23, 1967. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION. ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

"SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS."

THREATS AGAINST 1968 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES  
INFORMATION CONCERNING (CRIMINAL SECTION)

By airtel 3/28/68, Bureau called attention to the fact that threats have been received in the field against current Presidential candidates. Some of these threats come within FBI jurisdiction. Any threats against such candidates should be furnished immediately to the Bureau, the Candidates office, appropriate local authorities and Secret Service locally and in Washington, D. C. This must be done whether or not a violation over which we have jurisdiction exists.

Follow-up letterhead memoranda must confirm oral notification of the threat. Furnish LHMs to the Bureau for dissemination at headquarters level.

To aid the Bureau, each threat received must utilize in the caption identifying data as to the date of the communication or threat and geographical location where the threat was made or received. Where the threat is in our jurisdiction, investigation must be initiated immediately in addition to making proper notification to those agencies involved.

STOCKPILING OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION

For the information of all Agents, a control file in this office has been opened on the above captioned matter, 157-613.

Into the above file will be channelized all information pertaining to the acquisition of arms and ammunition by purchase, theft and otherwise, and the possible stockpiling of same by black or white racial extremists.

It is required that the racial coordinator review information channeled into this file at least twice a month and any data therein submitted in the regular LHMs captioned "POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS."

ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

As you are aware, for some considerable time you have been instructed to report at Niagara Falls Air Force Base at 7:30 A.M. on the date you are scheduled for your annual physical exam. I have been advised by officials at NFAFB that at least half of the Agents who have been scheduled within the past few months have not been reporting until 8:00 - 8:15 A.M. This has created problems at the AFB and interrupts their working schedule. They have been reluctant to ask Agents who are late to report at some future date since they are aware of the demands upon our time as well as their own demands. However, they are soliciting our cooperation in having our personnel report promptly as scheduled at 7:30 A.M. I expect all employees to comply with instructions issued regarding such matters and hope that it will not be necessary to again bring this to your attention.

DRAWING UP OF COMPLAINTS

The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals has instructed all USCs in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin to cease drafting affidavits and, presumably, complaints, for Agents. U.S. v. PASCENTE, 387 F2d 923 (1967).

While this decision is not now controlling in the Second Circuit covering Buffalo, it could possibly be cited by defense attorneys in the future.

The correct practice should be that Agents should prepare their own affidavits and complaints, and be assisted, when necessary, by the principal Legal Instructor. The statement of probable cause may be prepared on a separate sheet prior to appearing before the USC and simply attach and incorporate it to the formal affidavit or complaint by reference.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

We in Buffalo should be alert to the possibility of utilizing the decision in BRULAY v. U.S., 383 F2d 345 (1967).

In this case the defendant, a citizen of the U.S. and a narcotics smuggler, was arrested in Mexico by the Mexican Municipal Police on facts inadequate to make probable cause for arrest under the Fourth Amendment in the U.S. A search of his car, in which the arrest was made, and a house revealed narcotics. This contraband was seized. BURLAY then made statements to the Mexican police. Both the statements and the narcotics were used in evidence during a conspiracy trial held in the U.S. District Court in California. BURLAY appealed his conviction alleging the use of the narcotics violated his right against unreasonable search and seizure under the Fourth Amendment, and the use of his statement violated his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. The Appellate Court upheld the conviction, stating the Fourth Amendment offers no protection against the actions of foreign police pursuing matters of their own jurisdiction in their own country.

It is to be noted that while the U. S. Customs Officers had alerted Mexican Federal Police to BRULAY's activities generally, the action of the Mexican police was not instigated by the officers of the U. S. and no such officer participated in that action in any way.

#### ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE UNIFORM CIVIL DISTURBANCES

SAC Letter #68-23 (C) cited recent instances in which individuals involved in riot activity, or at least were present in the disturbed area, had been arrested wearing military uniform. Such instances could be particularly significant when Federal troops or National Guard units are also present. In those cases the USA authorized prosecution. The SAC Letter instructs that in any racial disturbances we should be particularly alert for such violations. Insure all local law enforcement agencies are aware of FBI jurisdiction in this regard.

#### RACIAL INFORMANTS - SECURITY INFORMANTS

SAC Letter #68-20, 3/26/68, above caption, pointed out that in view of the continuing stress we are placing on our informants, we should insure that all interviews conducted with informants are exacting and thorough. SAs handling

informants (racial and security) must be cognizant of the fact that much of the information furnished by these informants is being disseminated promptly to key Government officials as well as local authorities. In view of this, every interview conducted with a racial or security informant should be such that no "loose ends" are left hanging, and that all information available to the informant is obtained at time of interview.

You are also reminded that you should not merely collect information from informants but also direct their activities in order that the Bureau will obtain the full benefit of the informant's potential.

DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING UNITED STATES  
INTERVENTION IN VIETNAM (VIDEM)

SAC Letter #68-20, 3/26/68, above caption, referred to current Bureau instructions requiring that all information developed regarding such demonstrations be submitted to the Bureau by teletype for immediate dissemination to the White House and other interested Government agencies, followed by an LHM for routine dissemination to the intelligence community. In addition, certain offices submit quarterly reports concerning demonstrations which have occurred during the previous three months.

In this regard, the Bureau instructed that we should continue to submit teletypes, but that effective immediately, a separate LHM regarding each routine demonstration should be discontinued. In the future, each office is required to transmit to the Bureau by the close of business each Monday an LHM reporting on demonstrations during the past week.

Offices submitting quarterly reports are to discontinue them. In order to facilitate handling at SOG, all communications reporting on anti-war demonstrations are to be furnished to the Bureau under the VIDEM caption. Discontinue the use of organizational captions. Continue to include pertinent information concerning activity in demonstrations in organizational and individual reports where applicable.

During the coverage of these demonstrations, we should be particularly alert to violations of various Federal laws, such as the Selective Service Act. All criminal violations should be reported under the appropriate caption.

TRAVELERS CHECKS STOLEN IN BLANK  
ITSP MATTER

An Oklahoma U. S. District Court has held that a travelers check is a complete instrument without either purchasers signature or countersignature and that, therefore, any addition is considered an endorsement.

As you are aware, courts had previously ruled that forged endorsements did not come within the purview of the ITSP Statute.

The Department disagrees with the court's position, but does not feel that this is the appropriate case to appeal to the Supreme Court. The Department has researched this matter and in the event you are faced with a situation in which the court or the USA feels compelled to follow the Oklahoma Court, you should immediately advise the Bureau and suggest to the USA that he consult with the Department in order that he might have the benefit of their views.

RACIAL INFORMANTS - RACIAL MATTERS

SAC Letter #68-20, 3/26/68, above caption, set forth the following change concerning the handling of oral information furnished by racial informants. It will no longer be necessary to authenticate information furnished orally by a racial informant except in those instances where the information could possibly be used in local as well as Federal prosecution. To avoid duplication of recording information received from an informant, where no prosecution is involved, use may be made of one or a combination of teletype, LHM, or memo, to replace the informant's statement. All information received from racial informants must, however, be adequately recorded.

In addition, you may now utilize the FD-209 to channelize observations of racial conditions in ghetto areas where the situation is described as calm, by placing a copy of the FD-209 in the informant's Sub-A file and in the appropriate control file covering racial violence.

FILING SYSTEM -  
FILING OF COPIES OF AFFIDAVITS AND COMPLAINTS

Recent inspection brought a Trend Memorandum charging error of filing of complaints and affidavits as 1-A exhibit rather than as serial. These instructions were last brought to your attention in Agents' Memo #68-7, 1/23/68. Your future compliance with this requirement is expected.

DAILY REPORTS -  
FAILURE TO RECORD ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES IN DETAIL

Recent inspection brought a Trend Memorandum pointing out that Daily Reports (FD-28) being submitted by a number of Resident Agents indicates a general tendency, at the start of each workday, for the Agent, after entering on duty, to record a general statement that he was performing administrative work, or in the RA reviewing serials or mail. In the lefthand column under file number is written word "ADM" or the RA general file number is utilized. In several instances the space at the left is entirely blank.

Generally, this initial performance of duty encompasses the period of time from 15 minutes to as much as several hours. Also, the same type administrative duty is performed the last hour or less of the workday by many RAs, and again no file numbers are listed other than the RA administrative file.

It is pointed out that in the preparation of Daily Reports it is essential that these forms clearly indicate the nature of all work being performed at any given time. In the event an Agent is performing administrative details relating directly to the administrative operation of the RA, then the RA administrative file number should be set forth. In all other instances, specific file numbers relating to the work being performed by the RA should be set forth as appropriate.

You are expected to forthwith comply with these instructions.



PUBLICATIONS, REQUEST FOR

Form FD-399, FBI Publications Requisition, is to be utilized in requesting publications or pamphlets from the Bureau, whether for the office or other recipients. Three copies are sent to the Bureau, one copy is to be designated for Buffalo file 66-1827-A. Appropriate spaces are set out in the form for the addresses of recipients. Instructions for completing the form appear on the reverse side thereof.

ANTI-RIOT LAWS

By airtel 4/25/68, captioned "ANTI-RIOT LAWS," Bureau pointed out that matters arising under Chapters 12 and 102 of Public Law 90-284, the new Civil Rights Bill, will be handled under a new classification, 176, with the character "ANTI-RIOT LAWS," teletype abbreviation ARL.

The Department has not yet advised of its policy regarding investigation to be conducted, if any, in these matters. The Bureau is closely following this matter and will furnish specific instructions in the future. Until such time, you should take the following steps upon receipt of complaints alleging violation of Chapters 12 and 102 of Public Law 90-284:

- 1) Advise Bureau immediately by teletype of all complaints received; follow promptly with LHM, and furnish copy to the appropriate USA.
- 2) If facts of complaint received appear to constitute a possible violation of State or local law, immediately advise appropriate State and local authorities.

This classification is being assigned to the No. 3 Desk.

DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

Following information received in Bureau airtel 4/29/68, with instructions that it be immediately brought to the attention of all supervisory and investigative personnel:

"Matters arising under Titles VIII and IX of Public Law 90-284, the new civil rights bill, will be handled under a new classification, classification number 177 with the character 'Discrimination in Housing,' teletype abbreviation DIH. Copies of the above legislation were previously furnished to you.

"The Department has not yet advised of its policy regarding investigation to be conducted by the Bureau in these matters. This is being closely followed and you will be appropriately advised. Until such time as specific instructions are received from the Department, you should take the following steps upon receipt of complaints alleging violations of Titles VIII and IX of Public Law 90-284:

"1. Complaints alleging discrimination.

- "a. Submit letterhead memorandum within three days; furnish copy to appropriate U. S. Attorney.
- "b. Advise complainant that the provisions of that law require that his complaint be filed with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development within 180 days after the occurrence of the alleged discrimination.

"2. Complaints alleging interference.

- "a. Immediately advise the Bureau by teletype, followed promptly thereafter by letterhead memorandum; furnish copy of letterhead memorandum to appropriate U. S. Attorney.
- "b. If facts of complaint indicate a possible violation of state or local law, immediately advise appropriate state or local authorities."

Classification 177 is being assigned ASAC's Desk.