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Memorandum

TO : SAC Buffalo (170-93) (P)

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA Thaddeus J. Szymanski

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: Curtis Bernard Fluker

☒ PRI (Ghetto)

Dates of Contact 4/18, 26 ; 5/9, 23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted 44-374 (MURKIN) 157-623 (POCAM) 91-3041 (Lib Nat Bank + Trust Co 1308 Jeff Ave 4/22/68) 157-228 (Potential Racial Violence Major Urban Areas) 91-3052 (Carl Edward Tate) 91-3071 91-3071 (Bank of Rflo 5/20/68)		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE 87-7144 (Unsub: Burglary Res of Mrs. Fincke, Pitts, Pa.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC Source unable to furnish any info. re unresolved criminal cases discussed with him. Was furnished most recent photo + IO of James Earl Ray. Source stated he has heard considerable discussion re Poor People's Campaign + that efforts being made to recruit participants for travel to Wash. D.C., but said most people not interested in going because don't know where they would stay or who would provide fare + meal expenses. Most people have idea campaign has no specific objectives + will accomplish little or nothing. He has stopped at Build Hdqtrs 2 or 3 times but saw nothing going on.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Potential good	Coverage RM

Said off at Belavan welding early April 1968 + now trying to get job in sales work.
No telephone at his residence.

1: 44-374 (MURKIN)

1: 157-228 (Potential Racial Violence Major Urban Areas)

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TO : SAC Buffalo (170-157)(P) DATE: 5/27/68

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☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

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SUBJECT: Alfred Ferdinand Richardson

☒ PRI (Ghetto)

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EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES
343 STATE STREET

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14650

TELEPHONE
AREA CODE 716 325-2000

May 23, 1968

The FBI recently asked us to send the enclosed identification sheet to you with the information that the party wanted -- James Earl Ray -- purchased a Kodak Instamatic M8 Movie Camera and a Kodak Instamatic M95 Movie Projector around October or November, 1967. The serial numbers of the equipment are not known.

There is the chance that Ray may appear sometime, at some place, to request service for his equipment. Should this happen in your place of business, please notify your local FBI Office at once. You will find the address and phone number on the back of the identification sheet.

Yours very truly,

JAWakeley

Manager,
Equipment Services

FHWakeley:smb

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Mr. Walter Samelstad
Federal Building
Post Office Box 3095
Rochester, New York 14614

Dear Mr. Samelstad:

Mr. Wakeley has asked that the attached copy of his May 23 letter be sent along to you. This letter was mailed to all locations in the United States, Hawaii and Bermuda where a person might seek service on a piece of Kodak equipment. It was accompanied by the identification folder covering the wanted person.

Yours very truly,



Secretary to
F. H. Wakeley

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)
ATT: SA EDDY

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE JR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Facts in this case were discussed with the following
on 5/28-29/68:

Greater Olean Council of Churches, Olean, N.Y. (Speech) 5/28/68

Olean, N.Y. PD Officers 5/29/68

NYSP, BCI Officers, Fredonia, N.Y. 5/29/68

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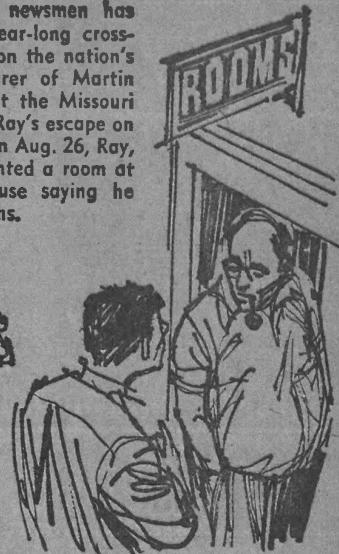
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James Earl Ray: MAN ON THE RUN



Sleuthing by federal agents and newsmen has pieced together key moves in a year-long cross-country journey of the No. 1 man on the nation's wanted list—the suspected murderer of Martin Luther King Jr. The trail starts at the Missouri State Penitentiary with James Earl Ray's escape on April 23, 1967. Four months later, on Aug. 26, Ray, using the alias Eric Starvo Galt, rented a room at a Birmingham, Ala., boarding house saying he planned to stay three or four months.



On Aug. 30, he bought a 1966 white Mustang, paying \$2,000 in cash. On Oct. 7, he checked out of the boarding house, after only six weeks, saying he was going to Mobile to look for work.



The trail picks up next in Los Angeles. Ray and a Hollywood songwriter, Charles Stein, made a Los Angeles-New Orleans round trip in the Mustang between Dec. 15 and 21. Ray also took dancing lessons at a Long Beach, Calif., studio during December. He mentioned to both Stein and a dance instructor owning a bar in Mexico.



Next came a bartending course. Ray began six weeks training on Jan. 20, 1968, graduating March 2 but declining a job the school had available for him. Ray said he was leaving Los Angeles to see a brother. On March 29, he turned up in Birmingham again, buying a .243-caliber rifle at a sporting store but turning it in next day for a .30-06.



April 4, Memphis: A man registering as John Willard but fitting Ray's description checks into a rooming house at 3:15 p.m., requesting a back room facing the motel where Martin Luther King was staying. At 6 p.m., King, standing on the motel balcony, was killed by a bullet from a .30-06 rifle.

Early on April 5, residents of an Atlanta housing development near the Georgia state capital noticed a man park a white Mustang. Police, alerted several days later, identified the car as Galt's. At Atlanta the trail vanishes, despite a manhunt extending beyond the border of the United States, to Mexico and Australia. Where is James Earl Ray?



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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-1521)(?)

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SA Thomas Alva Gray, Jr.

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: Robert Earl Wilson, aka

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Titles and File #s on which contacted 4/22/68 MURKIN 44-374 5/9/68 " " 5/31/68 " " _____ _____		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC On 4/22/68, PCI did not recognize subject James Earl Ray by name or aliases. On 5/9/68, PCI did not recognize photos of James Earl Ray. On 5/31/68, PCI did not recognize photo of Ray taken Jan or Feb of '68.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage Racial; General Criminal 44-374-267

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TO : SAC (137-1522) (P)

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SA Thomas Alex Day, Jr.

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: Willie Ann Williams, a.k.a.

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SA Thomas Alva Gray, Jr.

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: Helen Mary McDonald, aka

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5/31/68	"	"
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>On 4/22/68, PCI did not recognize subject James Earl Ray by true name or aliases.</p> <p>On 5/9/68, PCI did not recognize photos of James Earl Ray.</p> <p>On 5/31/68, PCI did not recognize the photo of James Earl Ray taken in Jan or Feb of '68.</p>		
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DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SA Thomas Alva Gray, Jr.

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: Patricia La Rusch, aka

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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5/9/68 " "

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Purpose and results of contact

☒ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

On 4/22/68, PSI advised that she did not know anyone by the name of James Earl Ray, Eric Starvo Galt or any of the aka's listed on memo dated 4/19/68 (MURKIN).

On 5/9/68, PSI advised that she did not recognize the photos of James Earl Ray.

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TO : SAC (44-374) (P)
ATTN: R. GORDON EDDY

FROM : SA THOMAS J. MOORE, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/3/68

Rememo of SA R. GORDON EDDY, dated 4/30/68.

Rememo instructs appropriate contacts be made with local law enforcement agencies for purposes of having those agencies which maintain latent fingerprints make comparisons of prints obtained since 4/23/67, with prints of JAMES EARL RAY. During a regular scheduled conference at the Rochester RA, it was decided that this matter would be handled by SAs. regularly assigned criminal matters.

It is noted that since referenced memo, the following individuals have been contacted in the instant case for information concerning RAY. Results were negative, but each agreed to contact the FBI if any information is received concerning RAY:

BERNIE HEFFERNAN, Manager, Trailways Bus Station

WILLIAM HICKS and JACK BARKER, Greyhound Bus Lines, Inc.

BOB CLONIS, Supervisor, Rochester Transit Corp.

Lt. ALBERT BLEVINS, Penn Central RR PD

MAUREEN HENRY and BILL BARNHARDT, United Airlines,
Monroe County Airport

R. ALEXANDER OTTO and RAY BEHNKI, American Airlines,
Monroe County Airport

GEORGE PLATT, Mohawk Airlines, Monroe County Airport

HELEN FERGUSON and MARTHA KELSEY, Richford Hotel,

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RECOMMENDATION

Route to SA R. GORDON EDDY for information.

SAC (44-374) (P)
ATTN: R. GORDON EDDY

6/3/68

SA THOMAS J. MOORE, JR.

MURKIN

Rememo of SA R. GORDON EDDY, dated 4/30/68.

Rememo instructs appropriate contacts be made with local law enforcement agencies for purposes of having those agencies which maintain latent fingerprints make comparisons of prints obtained since 4/23/67, with prints of JAMES EARL RAY. During a regular scheduled conference at the Rochester RA, it was decided that this matter would be handled by SAs. regularly assigned criminal matters.

It is noted that since referenced memo, the following individuals have been contacted in the instant case for information concerning RAY. Results were negative, but each agreed to contact the FBI if any information is received concerning RAY:

BERNIE HEFFERNAN, Manager, Trailways Bus Station

WILLIAM HICKS and JACK BARKER, Greyhound Bus Lines, Inc.

BOB CLONIS, Supervisor, Rochester Transit Corp.

Lt. ALBERT BLEVINS, Penn Central RR PD

MAUREEN HENRY and BILL BARNHARDT, United Airlines,
Monroe County Airport

R. ALEXANDER OTTO and RAY BEHNKI, American Airlines,
Monroe County Airport

GEORGE PLATT, Mohawk Airlines, Monroe County Airport

HELEN FERGUSON and MARTHA KELSEY, Richford Hotel,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

FROM : SA JACK W. SUNDERLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(Buffalo 44-374)

DATE: 6/3/68

JOHN A. FOREST, aka
John Forbes
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING
(Buffalo 62-0)

At 3:35 PM on 6/3/68, an individual who identified himself as FRANK POMPI, Officer in Charge, INS, Niagara Falls, New York, telephone BUTLER 2-3144, telephonically advised SA JACK W. SUNDERLAND that INS officials at Lewiston, New York, are presently interrogating an individual trying to enter the United States from Canada claiming to be JOHN FORBES, DOB 5/11/41, POB Toronto, Ontario, Canada. POMPI stated that personal effects in possession of FORBES indicate his real identity may be JOHN A. FOREST, DOB 5/1/41, POB Salem, Oregon. Also, that this individual has a wallet in his possession containing an article that relates to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

POMPI was advised that indices of the Buffalo Office would be checked and a return call would be made to him after he advised he was calling the FBI to determine if this person might be a fugitive wanted by the Buffalo Office of the FBI or if the Buffalo Office would be interested in interviewing him in view of the article located in his wallet pertaining to KING.

Indices of the Buffalo Office do not contain any information identifiable with JOHN A. FOREST or JOHN FORBES based on data furnished by POMPI.

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This matter was discussed with SA R. GORDON EDDY, case Agent in MURKIN matter; and he directed writer to immediately make efforts to locate a resident agent in Niagara Falls to proceed to Lewiston, New York, and interview this person in view of the possible MURKIN aspects.

SA SUNDERLAND determined from the receptionist at INS Headquarters, Buffalo, that FRANK POMPI is, in fact, Officer in Charge of INS at Niagara Falls.

SA SUNDERLAND attempted to telephonically contact POMPI at 3:50 PM at telephone number Butler 2-3144, and received no answer. The INS receptionist, Buffalo, advised the number they have for POMPI is Butler 2-3141.

at 4:00 PM, 6/3/68, SA SUNDERLAND telephonically filled in SA RAYMOND C. KRUGER about this matter, and he stated he would immediately telephonically contact POMPI to make arrangements to interview this person.

It is noted that POMPI, when contacting the Buffalo Office, advised that unless the FBI desired to interview FOREST or FORBES, he was being turned back to Canada and would not be allowed to enter the United States. POMPI advised that unless further interrogation of him is progress by INS would develop some violation that would cause him to be held by INS authorities, he would be of no interest to INS officials.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

FROM : SA R. GORDON EDDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/4/68

Copies of all photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were furnished to the following Police Departments to exhibit to witnesses in all unsolved robberies, present and future:

Buffalo PD Robbery Squad
Amherst PD
Cheektowaga PD

During the conduct of investigation of a bank robbery at Whitesville, New York, between 5/7-10/68, RAY's I.O. was exhibited to persons contacted in Allegany County, New York; Potter County, Pennsylvania; and Erie County, Pennsylvania. SA(A) DENNIS MARVIN GIBBS advised that the I.O. was exhibited to approximately 100 people.

SA JAMES P. MC MAHON has distributed I.O.s on RAY at Fort Erie, Greenwood, Woodbine, Garden City and Mohawk Race Tracks.

SA LEE MASON EIDSON has made the following contacts relative to MURKIN, all negative:

GLENWOOD PINO
PRI - Ghetto
5/2, 14 and 23/68

PERTH BROWN
PRI - Ghetto
5/9 and 23/68

On 5/14/68, SA(A) DON FRITZ HEIM exhibited photographs of RAY to approximately 150 students at Newark High School, Newark, New York.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

FROM : SA MAURICE G. ANTHONY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6-3-68

RE memo of SA GORDON EDDY 4-30-68.

On the indicated dates, copies of IO #4182, and or photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, were distributed to the listed individuals. None were able to furnish any information concerning subject or his current location:

5-9-68: BU 415-S
5-10-68: LEROY SWAN, JR., PRI-Ghetto
" ROBERT L. IVERY, PRI-Ghetto
" REV. MARVIN CHANDLER, Racial Liaison Source
5-15-68 ASTLEY G. LEWIS, PRI-Ghetto
" CURTIS A. BEAMAN, PRI-Ghetto
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5-29-68 MRS. WILLING, Manager, Howard Johnson's Motel
Jefferson Road and West Henrietta Road

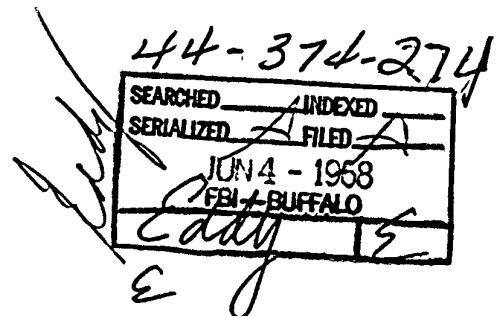
ACTION:

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ACTION:

Route memo to SA EDDY for information.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)
MURKIN

In view of developments in the Toronto, Canada area, the Bureau is requested to furnish Buffalo with 300 copies of the photograph of RAY, taken in late 1/68 or early 2/68 in California; and 100 copies of the photograph of RAY taken in 1967 in Mexico.

RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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① - Buffalo
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

FROM : SA JAMES P. MC MAHON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/4/68

Re SAC Memo, dated 6/3/68.

The squad working this case for the RCMP in Toronto, Ontario, Canada is headed up by Sergeant HOWIE FULLERTON.

Investigation conducted by them in addition to that set forth in your memo is being outlined below for your assistance in any inquiries received from the Bureau and further for the purpose of requesting further investigation in the United States and London, England:

First, with regard to PAUL BRIDGEMAN, the RCMP through investigation last night determined that PAUL BRIDGEMAN, who resided at 102 Ossington Street, Toronto, was in fact RAYMON GEORGE SNEYD. He resided at that address from 4/8 until 4/19/68, when he left without notice. It is noted that investigation indicates that RAYMON GEORGE SNEYD on 4/19/68 took up residence at 962 Dundas Street, Toronto, Ontario, where he paid rent on a weekly basis covering the period up until 5/10/68. The last payment of rent which he made there was 5/3/68 and was for the week in advance.

The RCMP have advised that in contacting the landlady at 102 Ossington on the night of 6/3/68, the landlady, being Mrs. ADAM SZPAKOWSKI, they showed her the passport photograph of RAYMON GEORGE SNEYD, and although they had not identified themselves to her or told her the reason for their inquiry, she immediately identified the photograph as being that of the man who had murdered MARTIN LUTHER KING and further identified it as the individual who had roomed at her rooming house from 4/8 - 4/19/68. She told the

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RCMP investigation has established that an individual using the name and passport of RAYMON GEORGE SNEYD departed from Toronto, Ontario for London, England on BOAC Flight 600 5/6/68 with a scheduled return on 5/21/68, by BOAC Flight 601. A review of the manifest of Flight 601 for 5/21/68 failed to disclose any listing of SNEYD on that trip.

The crew aboard BOAC Flight 600 on 5/6/68 is listed below:

Captain E. BROWN
Flight Officer A. WOOD
Flight Officer R. THOMAS
Flight Officer J. MORTON
Flight Steward P. HILL
Flight Steward J. MARTIN
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The RCMP learned from BOAC at Toronto that this crew broke up after that flight to London on 5/6/68 and are now assigned to numerous other flights and are not likely to be back into Toronto during the next year. It was

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therefore suggested that the most logical place for the interview of all of the above-listed crew members would be at BOAC Headquarters, in London, England.

X The RCMP have a hand printed and signed note from RAYMON GEORGE SNEYD to the Kennedy Travel Agency, dated 4/20/68 and have developed a palm print on this note which may or may not be that of SNEYD. It is noted that the handwritten signature on this note bears numerous similarities to the written signature of JAMES EARL RAY, on his IO.

It was also noted that the photograph of RAYMON GEORGE SNEYD which he furnished in connection with his application for the Canadian Passport resembles the best available photograph of RAY.

The RCMP recovered from the room which SNEYD formerly occupied at 962 Dundas Street a blue flight bag not otherwise identifiable, and within it was a metal strongbox containing six packs of unused Kodak 8 mm movie film all of which bears the expiration date of 11/68, numerous roadmaps of Canada, as well as maps of the City of Toronto and a Polaroid Self-Timer, #192, bearing the marking "Made in Japan."

Since SNEYD apparently used the name PAUL BRIDGEMAN from the date of his apparent arrival in Toronto, that is 4/8/68, it appears logical that he may well have used the same name in obtaining airlines reservations for his trip to Toronto. The RCMP are therefore arranging to review all flight manifests of passengers arriving at the Toronto International Airport from 4/5/68 until 4/8/68. This is based upon the understanding that RAY was known to have been in Atlanta, Georgia on 4/5/68.

It is suggested that Atlanta check all departures from the airport in that city for the period 4/5-8/68 for any reservations obtained there in the name PAUL BRIDGEMAN.

SAC (44-374) (P)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SA R. GORDON EDDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following contacts have been made re captioned case:

BU 388-C
Contacted 4/16 and 5/17/68
By SA CECIL M. MILLER

ALBERT TAYLOR
PCI
Contacted 5/14/68
By SAA DON FRITZ HEIM

JOE GILLEY
PCI
Contacted 5/14/68
By SAA DON FRITZ HEIM

CLYDE STEWART
PRI (GHETTO)
Contacted 5/8/68
By SA CECIL M. MILLER

DANIEL HOLYARD
PRI (GHETTO)
Contacted 5/8/68
By SA CECIL M. MILLER

BERTH BROWN
PCI (GHETTO)
Contacted 5/9 and 5/23/68
By SA LEE MASON EIDSON

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GLENWOOD PINO
PRI (GHETTO)
Contacted 5/2, 14, 23/68
By SA LEE MASON EIDSON

The MURKIN case was discussed with and photographs of RAY exhibited to approximately 150 students at Newark High School, Newark, N.Y. by SAA DON FRITZ HEIM.

6/4/68

CODE

CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO: LEGAT, LONDON

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REBUCAB JUNE THREE LAST.

INQUIRY HAS DISCLOSED THAT WHILE SNEYD TRAVELED FROM TORONTO TO LONDON ON MAY SIX LAST, NO ONE USING THE NAME OF SNEYD RETURNED ON MAY TWO ONE LAST AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED.

SNEYD DEPARTED ON BOAC FLIGHT SIX ZERO ZERO FROM TORONTO. CREW MEMBERS ON BOAC FLIGHT IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS: E. BROWN, CAPTAIN; A. WOOD, R. THOMAS AND J. MORTON, FLIGHT OFFICERS; P. HILL AND J. MARTIN AND R. JOHNSTONE, STEWARDS; S. ELLIS, E. CRUMP, A. THICK AND

- ① - BUFFALO
- 1 - MEMPHIS (44-1987)
- 1 - LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4)

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**CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, LONDON
RE MURKIN**

**M. JAGNINSKA, STEWARDESSES. THIS CREW DISBANDED AFTER
FLIGHT OF MAY SIX LAST AND ARE NOT ASSIGNED TO CANADIAN
FLIGHTS. THROUGH BOAC HEADQUARTERS IDENTIFY AND ASCERTAIN
WHEREABOUTS OF FLIGHT CREW AND INTERVIEW FOR FULL DETAILS
CONCERNING SNEYD.**

**CHECK SHOULD BE MADE TO DETERMINE IF SNEYD HAS
DEPARTED ENGLAND SINCE MAY SIX LAST, IT BEING NOTED SUBJECT
PREVIOUSLY INDICATED AN INTEREST IN GOING TO RHODESIA.
PHOTOGRAPH OF INDIVIDUAL USING NAME OF SNEYD, AS WELL AS
PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT BEING FORWARDED AIR MAIL.**

AIR MAIL COPIES ^{/SENT} TO BUFFALO, MEMPHIS AND LEGAT, OTTAWA.

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DECODED COPY

☐ Radio☒ Teletype

3:37PM URGENT SVW 6-5-68
TO MEMPHIS AND BUFFALO
FROM DIRECTOR
MURKIN: CR

REFERENCE BUFFALO LETTER JUNE FOUR LAST SUBMITTING
PHOTOCOPY OF HAND PRINTED NOTE ALONG WITH PHOTOGRAPH AND
PALM PRINT. CONSIDERING THE RAMON GEORGE SNEYD SIGNATURES
ON THE THREE ITEMS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY LEGAT, OTTAWA IN
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HAND PRINTING AND SIGNATURE ON THE NOTE REFERRED TO ABOVE AS
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PREPARED BY SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. RESULTS OF THE FINGER-
PRINT EXAMINATION WILL BE FURNISHED SEPARATELY. LABORATORY
REPORT FOLLOWS.

LEGAT OTTAWA ADVISED.

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☐ Radio☒ Teletype

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LEGAT OTTAWA ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : SA DON FRITZ HEIM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo SA EDDY, 4/30/68.

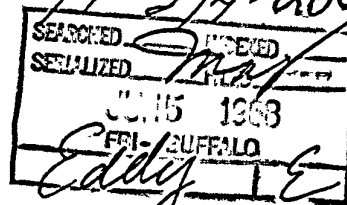
The following departments were contacted concerning latent fingerprints obtained since 4/23/67 with negative results:

5/13/68, Police Department, Newark, N.Y., Seneca County Sheriff's Office, Waterloo, N.Y., Waterloo, N.Y. Police Department, Phelps, N.Y. Police Department, Seneca Falls, N.Y. Police Department, Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Lyons, N.Y. and the Lyons, N.Y. Police Department.

5/9/68, Penn Yan, N.Y. Police Department and Yates County Sheriff's Office, Penn Yan, N.Y.

5/13/68, Dansville, N.Y. Police Department, Livingston County Sheriff's Office, Geneseo, N.Y., Ontario County Sheriff's Office, Canandaigua, N.Y. and Canandaigua, N.Y. Police Department.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

FROM : SA R. GORDON EDDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/5/68

RE: CONTACTS WITH VICE
SQUADS, PIMPS, AND
PROSTITUTES

The Bureau has advised that JAMES EARL RAY is known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." The photograph of RAY wearing dark glasses, which has been furnished to all Agents, was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico.

The Bureau has instructed that in daily contacts with informants, officers of the Vice Squads, and prostitutes, this information should be borne in mind.

Attached hereto for assistance in handling this lead are 20 copies of IOs of RAY for each Agent. Also attached is a Xerox copy of a photograph of RAY, showing the distinct cleft in his chin.

LEADS

(1) In regular contacts with law enforcement officers having any contacts with pimps or prostitutes, furnish a copy of the IO of RAY.

1 - SA CHESWORTH
1 - SA HEVERON
1 - SA FOLEY
1 - SA MANNING
1 - SA ANGLE
1 - SA O'HANLON
1 - SA HEIM
1 - SA BUCHER
1 - SA RUDY
1 - SA RISDON

1 - SA KRUGER
1 - SA HINER
1 - SA SMALLDON
1 - SA MOULIN
1 - SA UTZ
1 - SA NEAL
1 - SA COMFORT
1 - SA EDDY

RGE:cah
(19)cah

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LEADS (CONTINUED)

(2) In interviews with pimps, prostitutes, and similar characters, will exhibit photograph of RAY. Memphis has advised that the photograph of RAY taken in late 1/68 or early 2/68 in California is the best likeness. This photograph is the one which clearly shows the cleft in RAY's chin.

(3) Will, in contacts with informants and other sources who are familiar with pimps and prostitutes, exhibit the photograph of RAY.

RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

6/5/68

SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

MURKIN

RE: Kodak Instamatic M8
Movie Camera and Kodak
Instamatic M95 Movie
Projector

Attached hereto is a Xerox copy of a letter Eastman Kodak sent to all locations in the U.S., Hawaii, and Bermuda, where a person might seek service on a piece of Kodak equipment.

Memphis is requested to advise Buffalo when this stop is no longer necessary. Stop notice attached.

RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Memphis (Enc. 1)

① - Buffalo

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

FROM : SA R. GORDON EDDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/5/68

At approximately 3:10 p.m., 6/5/68, ASAC WASON G. CAMPBELL telephonically contacted the Buffalo Office from Toronto. He advised that they had just finished interviewing Miss LILLIAN SPENCER, travel agent for Kennedy Travel Bureau. She told them that the man using the name of RAYMON GEORGE SNEYD first contacted her on 4/16/68. She made out most of his passport application for him although he signed it. He showed no identification or birth certificate. She felt he must have given her the return date of 5/21/68 because this plane was for a 21-day excursion and he was showing his return before the 21 days would have been up.

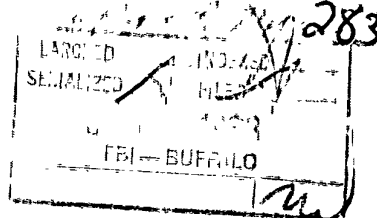
In his passport application SNEYD shows PAUL BRIDGMAN as the person who would always know his whereabouts. This is the name that SNEYD used when he stayed at the Ossington address.

On the application it has to be shown that the traveler has a smallpox vaccination. She does not recall how she verified SNEYD had one.

Miss SPENCER said that SNEYD wrote her a letter saying he was going to a community in northern Ontario on a business trip but would be back. He came back on 5/2/68 at which time he paid for his ticket with \$345 in Canadian currency. She did not recall the denominations but it was for a round trip ticket. Miss SPENCER said that normally if he cashed in the unused return trip ticket it would be returned to the travel agency where he purchased it but this is not an iron-clad situation.

Miss SPENCER could not identify our photographs of RAY although she identified the photo on the passport as that of SNEYD. She said there was nothing outstanding about him in her mind and described him as a "milk toast" type who looks more assertive in the passport photo than he impressed her in

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person. He sat with his hands folded in his lap, as she recalled. There was nothing about his accent or demeanor that made her think he was not Canadian. He wore no hat, and an ordinary suit. She could recall nothing unusual about his clothing. He wore his glasses naturally and did not act like a person wearing glasses for the first time.

Miss SPENCER said he did not have to have a birth certificate because he said he was a native of Toronto.

ASAC CAMPBELL said he and SA MC MAHON had been at a one-hour conference in the morning with MTPD Chief JAMES MACKEY, A Deputy MTPD Chief, the Superintendent of the RCMP, an RCMP Sergeant and Corporal and an MTPD Detective.

ASAC CAMPBELL said that the following material had been recovered which had been in SNEYD's possession which has been previously reported in memorandum:

- 5 packages of film
- Gray metal strongbox
- Miscellaneous band-aids
- 3 paper bags, one size 16
- Empty cardboard box which had contained plastic material used for laminating identification
- Jar of Stein's cold cream, theatrical type
- 3 maps, one of Montreal, one of all Canada and one of Toronto

All had been processed with silver nitrate and one latent was developed on the box.

ASAC CAMPBELL did not know at this time what was going to happen to the evidence recovered.

With regard to the real RAYMON GEORGE SNEYD, the subject had his correct date of birth. SNEYD cannot explain how the subject got it. The RCMP and MTPD went to the Bureau of Vital Statistics where they found a letter from the subject dated 4/16/68 enclosing a money order for \$2. In this letter he