

**CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY**

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JAMES EARL RAY

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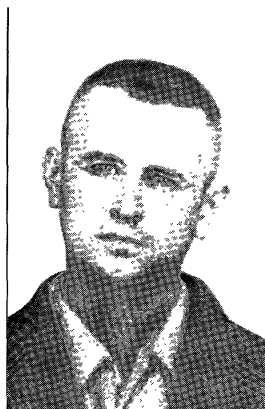
ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)

James Ray



DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5' 10"
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds
BUILD: medium
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

**IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE.
TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.**

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402 PM URGENT 4-23-68 TRB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS (44-1987, ST. LOUIS, LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

MURKIN

RE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

LOHMEYER REINTERVIEWED AT SAN JOSE BY BUREAU AGENTS TODAY. HE
IS UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE ANY PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY, HOWEVER, NAME
EARL RAY IS FAMILIAR TO LOHMEYER. HE IDENTIFIED ONE NINE FIVE FIVE
PHOTOGRAPH OF WALTER TERRY RIFE AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW IN QUINCY,
ILLINOIS, PRIOR TO ONE NINE FIVE FIVE. ALSO ADVISED HE KNEW JOHN RAY
HIS BROTHER, JERRY RAY. THESE PEOPLE ALSO USED NAME RYAN. LOHMEYER
SERVED TIME AT MENARD, ILLINOIS, WITH JOHN RAY AND LONNIE RIFE, BROTHER
OF WALTER.

DURING PERIOD ONE NINE FIVE FIVE TO ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT THE
RAY (RYAN) FAMILY CONSISTING OF MOTHER AND SISTER OF JOHN RAY
MOVED FROM QUINCY TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. DURING THIS PERIOD ONE
OF RAY FAMILY, POSSIBLY JERRY OR EARL RAY, WAS ARRESTED IN MISSOURI
FOR CRIME INVOLVING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS ACCORDING TO LOHMEYER.
LOHMEYER WORKED IN PRISON KITCHEN WITH JOHN RAY WHEN RAY WAS EIGHTEEN
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TO NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE. STATES RAY HAD STRONG PREJUDICE AGAINST NEGROES BUT EXPAINED THIS WAS GENERAL FEELING AMONG WHITE INMATES. LOHMEYER CONSIDERS JOHN RAY OF TEMPERMENT TO COMMIT MURKIN BUT PROBABLY WOULD BE INVOLVED AS HIRED ASSASSIN. THIS OPINION WAS NOT SOLICITED BUT WAS INTRODUCES IN INTERVIEW BY LOHMEYER WHO HAS CLOSELY FOLLOWED THIS CASE THROUGH NEWS MEDIA.

ALL OFFICES CONSIDER RAY BROTHERS AND RIFE BROTHERS AS POSSIBLE ACCOMPLICES OF JAMES EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO FURTHER IDENTITY JOHN LARRY RAY (RYAN) AND ASCERTAIN CURRENT ACTIVITIES.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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OTHER OFFICES ADVISED

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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FBI MIAMI

6:14PM URGENT 4-23-68 PJJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT AND FLIGHT CREWS OF EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL)
FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, GA., APRIL FIVE, LAST.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL NINETEEN, LAST,
SEVEN FORTY-SEVEN P.M.

CREWS OF EAL FLIGHT NINE FIVE FIVE AND N.Y. TO MONTREAL
LEG OF FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX ARE BASED IN MIAMI. ALL CREW
MEMBERS EXCEPT THOSE UNAVAILABLE ON VACATION, ETC., HAVE
BEEN INTERVIEWED AND SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECT RAY, WITH
NEGATIVE RESULTS. MAJORITY OF CREW EACH FLIGHT INTERVIEWED.

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FBI MEMPHIS

645PM URGENT 4-23-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, AND ATLANTA
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

ALL AGENTS FORMERLY ASSIGNED MEMPHIS DIVISION ON
SPECIAL HAVE NOW DEPARTED. NO EXTRA PERSONNEL REMAINING MEMPHIS
DIVISION. SEPARATE COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BUREAU AND INTERESTED
OFFICES.

NUMEROUS LOOK-ALIKE LEADS HANDLED AND ELIMINATED MEMPHIS
DIVISION.

ATLANTA REQUESTED CHECK NEWSPAPERS FOR POSSIBLE SALE
OF AUTOMOBILES BY INDIVIDUALS. IT BEING NOTED SUBJECT DID
PURCHASE AUTOMOBILE IN THIS MANNER IN BIRMINGHAM DIVISION.

ATLANTA WILL PURSUE LEAD.

NO OTHER PERTINENT ACTIVITY MEMPHIS DIVISION.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

A & D. P.

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TO BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN.

ON INSTANT DATE BILL DUHON, ADDRESS FIFTEEN HUNDRED FOURTEENTH AVE., S., BIRMINGHAM, ALA., TELEPHONE THREE TWO THREE - SEVEN EIGHT SIX EIGHT, CONTACTED BUREAU AGENTS, MONTGOMERY, ALA., THIS DATE AND ADVISED HE WAS ON DEEP SEA FISHING BOAT NAMED "CHARLIE" OUT OF PANAMA CITY, FLA., ON APR. TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT, FROM TWO A.M. THROUGH FIVE P.M. DUHON ADVISED HE SAW INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT ON THAT BOAT AND CONVERSED WITH HIM DURING ENTIRE TRIP. DUHON ADVISED HE HAD WANTED FLYER OF SUBJECT IN HIS POCKET AT THAT TIME. THIS INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY TOLD DUHON HE FORMERLY RESIDED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FOR ONE YEAR ABOUT TEN TO TWELVE BLOCKS FROM S. FOURTEENTH ST. INDIVIDUAL TOLD DUHON HE WAS IN SOME TYPE OF TROUBLE BUT FAILED TO ELABORATE.

WAITRESS NAMED MARY, WHO WORKS IN RESTAURANT NEXT TO LOUNGE, PANAMA CITY BOAT LANDING, ALLEGEDLY TALKED TO SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO
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TOLD HER HE HAD BEEN IN PANAMA CITY, FLA., AREA AT A HOTEL FOR THREE DAYS.

DUHON ADVISED ALL PASSENGERS OF FISHING BOAT NAMED "CHARLIE" SIGNED A REGISTER BEFORE PUTTING TO SEA. SEVERAL PASSENGERS ON BOAT SAW THIS INDIVIDUAL WHO RESEMBLED SUBJECT: ONE. ABBOTT FRANKFORD, TV SALESMAN, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.; TWO. TOM TINGLE, LANDLORD OF DUHON, FIFTEEN HUNDRED FOURTEENTH AVE., S., BIRMINGHAM, ALA.; THREE. DON SHIRLEY, THREE FOUR TWO EIGHT OLD COLUMBIA ROAD, BIRMINGHAM.

INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY GOT INTO A FIFTYSEVEN FOURDOOR CHEVROLET, WHITE OVER GREEN, POSSIBLE ALA. LICENSE WITH LAST THREE DIGITS NINE NINE ONE, OWNED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL'S FRIEND. DUHON DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT AS FOLLOWS: WM, FIVE FT. NINE, ONE SIXTYFIVE - ONE SEVENTYFIVE LBS., AGE APPROXIMATELY THIRTYSIX, BROWN EYES, HAIR DYED A REDDISH BLOND WITH EYEBROWS DARK BROWN AND NOT DYED, GREEN AND WHITE SHIRT, WHITE TENNIS SHOES, DARK TROUSERS.

SECOND INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED BY DUHON WHO ALLEGEDLY OWNED FIFTYSEVEN CHEVROLET WAS: WM, TWENTYSIX, SIX FT. ONE, ONE EIGHTY
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LBS., BROWN HAIR, SLENDER BUILD, ALLEGEDLY LIVED FIFTEENTH AVE.,
PANAMA CITY, FLA., POSSIBLY A MACHINIST.

DUHON ADVISED INDIVIDUAL WHO RESEMBLED SUBJECT KNEW THE
FOLLOWING PERSONS: ERNEST HOWELL, EXTERMINATOR BUSINESS, BIRMINGHAM,
ALA.; MANAGER OF THE REDMONT HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.; OWNER OF
BARBECUE PIT, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

JACKSONVILLE AND BIRMINGHAM DIVS. CONDUCT IMMEDIATE
INVESTIGATION PANAMA CITY, FLA., AND BIRMINGHAM, ALA., TO VERIFY
INFORMATION AND TO LOCATE SUSPECT TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH
SUBJECT. P.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ATLANTA

10:58 PM URGENT 4/23/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY,
SPRINGFIELD.

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYEIGHT.

NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS
CONTINUE TO BE CANVASSED AND SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT RAY.
CHECKS NEGATIVE TO DATE. LEADS OBTAINED FROM CLASSIFIED SECTION
OF NEWSPAPERS FROM MARCH TWENTYFOUR TO APRIL FIVE LAST AND
CONTINUE TO BE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

CAR RENTAL AGENCIES IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS ARE
BEING CHECKED, PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY EXHIBITED, SUCH CHECKS
NEGATIVE TO DATE.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION ON FOURTEENTH STREET, WEST
OF PEACHTREE STREET, CONDUCTED TODAY. RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOWN TO
PERSONS INTERVIEWED AND SUCH CHECKS NEGATIVE.
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CHECKS OF CREW MEMBERS AND PASSENGERS ON FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OF APRIL FIVE AND SIX LAST, CONTINUE THIS DATE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SUCH CHECKS ARE CONTINUING.

ADDITIONAL ATTEMPT MADE THIS DATE TO INTERVIEW JIMMY DELTON GARNER, OWNER OF ROOMING HOUSE AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET, ATLANTA, WHERE RAY ROOMED WHILE IN ATLANTA. GARNER CONTINUES TO BE IN A HIGHLY INTOXICATED CONDITION AND INTERVIEW NOT CONCLUDED.

INDIVIDUAL WITH NAME JAMES RAY WITH UNLISTED TELEPHONE NUMBER CHECKED OUT AND DETERMINED NOT IDENTICAL BASED ON HIS NEGRO RACE.

FLIGHT PERSONNEL OF EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE, APRIL TWELVE LAST, CONSISTING OF FIRST OFFICER AND TWO OTHER CREW MEMBERS, INTERVIEWED RE A PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THOSE THREE STATED GILCHRIST WAS IN ERROR IN STATING ONLY ONE PASSENGER DEBARKED AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. REMAINING THREE CREW PERSONNEL WILL BE INTERVIEWED APRIL
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TWENTYFOUR NEXT.

BANK ROBBERY OCCURRED AT WESTSIDE BRANCH OF FULTON NATIONAL BANK TODAY. RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOWN TO EYE WITNESSES AND HE WAS ELIMINATED AS SUBJECT OF THAT ROBBERY.

INDIVIDUAL FURNISHING NAME JAMES WRAY, EIGHT TWO SIX EIGHT FORTTEETH STREET, NORTH, PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA, AGE THIRTYTHREE, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONTACTED INSURED DRIVEAWAYS, NINE FOUR TWO MURPHY AVENUE, S.W., ATLANTA, LATE DECEMBER OR EARLY JANUARY LAST CONCERNING DRIVING A CAR TO CALIFORNIA. JAMES WRAY NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE BECAUSE HIS NAME CONTAINED ON BLACK LIST PUBLISHED BY AUTO DELIVERY DIVISION OF DEALERS TRANSIT, INC. AND CONTAINED NOTATION "HE DROVE CAR FOUR US IN LOS ANGELES - UNRELIABLE." ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWED, JAMES WRAY BEARS SLIGHT RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT'S SIXTY PHOTOGRAPH AS CONTAINED ON IDENTIFICATION ORDER OF RAY. INSURED DRIVEAWAYS IS MEMBER OF DEALERS TRANSIT, INC.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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FBI ATLANTA

12:07 PM EST URGENT 4/24/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM 44-1740, JACKSONVILLE,
AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 2P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS, APR. TWENTYTHIRD,
LAST.

FOR INFO JACKSONVILLE AND BUREAU;

MOBILE DIV. ADVISED BY BILL DUHON, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., HE
WAS ON DEEP SEA FISHING BOAT NAMED "CHARLIE" OUT OF PANAMA CITY,
FLA., APR. TWENTYTWO, LAST. SAW INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT
AND TALKED TO HIM ON ENTIRE TRIP.

INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY GOT INTO A NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN FOUR-
DOOR CHEVROLET, WHITE OVER GREEN, POSSIBLE ALABAMA LICENSE
LAST THREE DIGITS, NINE NINE ONE, OWNED BY INDIVIDUAL'S FRIEND.
INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT W/M, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE
HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE LBS., TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE LBS., AGE
THIRTYSIX, BROWN EYES, HAIR DYED A REDDISH BLOND. SECOND
INDIVIDUAL, WHO ALLEGEDLY OWNED FIFTYSEVEN CHEVROLET, WAS W/M
SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS., BROWN HAIR, SLENDER
BUILD, ALLEGEDLY LIVED FIFTEENTH AVE., PANAMA CITY, FLA.
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AT 44-2386

INDIVIDUAL STATED HE KNEW MANAGER REDMONT HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

ON APR. TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, CLIFFORD STILES, OWNER REDMONT HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., CONTACTED AT ATLANTA, ADVISED HE DOES NOT RECOGNIZE PHOTOS OF RAY AS ANYONE HE KNOWS OR RESEMBLING ANYONE HE KNOWS.

STATED HIS FORMER MANAGER OF REDMONT HOTEL FROM FEBRUARY SIXTYSEVEN TO JANUARY FIFTEEN SIXTYEIGHT IS APPARENTLY ONE WHO INDIVIDUAL KNEW. FORMER MANAGER CECIL TRAMMEL, NOW AT REEF MOTEL, PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLA.

JACKSONVILLE LOCATE AND INTERVIEW TRAMMEL, DISPLAY PHOTO OF SUBJECT AND DETERMINE IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL ON BOAT.

END

CEB

FBI BIRMGHAM

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Airtel

**To: SAC's, Buffalo (44-374)
Chicago (44-1114)
Memphis (44-1987)**

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

**Re Chicago teletype 4-17-68, Buffalo teletype and airtel
4-11-68, and Memphis teletype 4-22-68.**

**The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent
impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of
James Donald Galt, FBI #173641C. No palm prints are available
in our Identification Division files for Galt.**

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1 - Birmingham (44-1740)**

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Airtel

**To: SAC'S, Miami (44-1854)
Memphis (44-1987)**

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Miami airtel 4-17-68, submitting palm prints of SA David H. Jellison and fingerprints and palm prints of Kathryn Hobson for elimination purposes.

Latent prints previously reported on the evidence submitted by the Miami Office, Q124 through Q126, are not identical with the palm prints of SA Jellison or the fingerprints and palm prints of Hobson. The palm prints of SA Jellison are being retained permanently in Latent Fingerprint Section. Fingerprints and palm prints of Hobson are being retained temporarily in the Latent Fingerprint Section.

- ① - Birmingham (44-1740)**
- 1 - Cleveland (44-385)**

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to Birmingham teletype, 4/17/68, setting forth information from a Birmingham PCI concerning one SHAW GALT (PHONETIC) whom she had met through THOMAS JOSEPH COX.

On 4/18/68, a recontact was made with the credit bureau and with the seaman unions, SIU and NMU. Both of these sources had previously been contacted regarding suspect ERIC STARVO GALT. They could give information concerning SHAW GALT.

Mobile indices are negative concerning SHAW GALT.

These negative contacts are recorded in the Mobile file and no insert of this negative investigation is being submitted to Memphis.

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R. Johnson *RJ* *44-1740-1253*

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CHICAGO
FROM RICHMOND (44-657):

MURKIN. CR. GO MEMPHIS.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST.

ROBERT LLOYD, DEPUTY COMMANDER, BSWFP, ARLINGTON, VA.,
ADVISED THAT NOT JAMES WAS FORMER MEMBER WHO ASSAULTED DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING IN MONTGOMERY, SIXTYTWO. LLOYD HAS NOT
SEEN JAMES SINCE ABOUT SIXTYTHREE WHEN REASSIGNED FROM BSWFP.
RE TWO SIX NINE DASH R ADVISES JAMES PRESENTLY RESIDING FOUR
TWO SIX FIVE W, MONTGOMERY, CHICAGO. SEE CHICAGO FILE ONE FIVE
SEVEN DASH ONE ONE NINE TWO. CHICAGO ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF
JAMES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AIRMAIL)
- ① - Birmingham (44-1740) (AIRMAIL)
- 4 - Richmond (1- 157-93)
(1- 157-486) (post pending)
(1- 170-47A)

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TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPES TO DIRECTOR APRIL EIGHTEEN
AND APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT; MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO NEW ORLEANS
APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT; AND MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL
TO NEW ORLEANS APRIL TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT.

VINCENT LIBERTO, ANTHONY LIBERTO, AND MRS.
EMMA LIBERTO LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. ~~ALL~~ *Vincent and Anthony*
~~STATE~~ HAD NO TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH BROTHER FRANK IN
MEMPHIS ~~PRIOR TO APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT.~~ ^{IN} MRS. LIBERTO
CONTACTED SON FRANK IN MEMPHIS COUPLE OF DAYS AFTER THE
ASSASSINATION PURELY OUT OF CONCERN FOR THE FAMILY THERE.
NONE OF THE LIBERTO BROTHERS RESIDING IN NEW ORLEANS IN
THE PRODUCE BUSINESS. ANTHONY IS RETIRED DIABETIC FORMERLY
WORKING FOR VIKING TRUCK LINES; VINCENT PRESENTLY A
TRUCKER WITH VIKING; SALVATORE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED WITH
WEST BROTHERS TRUCKING. MRS. LIBERTO STATES SON FRANK
STOPPED TO VISIT LAST FRIDAY AFTER A TRIP TO HAMMOND, LA.
AREA TO BUY STRAWBERRIES. ALL FAMILY MEMBERS INTERVIEWED

① - Birmingham (AM)
1 - Atlanta (AM)
1 - New Orleans (157-10673)
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STATE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSASSINATION EXCEPT FROM HEADING
AND WATCHING NEWS MEDIA. VINCENT ADVISED AFTER VIEWING
PHOTO OF RAY HAD SEEN IN NEWSPAPER AND TV BUT NO OTHER
KNOWLEDGE. MRS. LIBERTO AND ANTHONY VIEWED PHOTOGRAPH
AND STATED LOOKED FAMILIAR BUT COULD NOT IDENTIFY IT.
SALVATORE LIBERTO UNAVAILABLE TO DATE AND WILL BE
INTERVIEWED EARLY AM APRIL TWENTYTHREE, NEXT. THREE
ZERO TWO'S FOLLOW.

END.

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

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OO:MEMPHIS
BUFILE: 44-38861

State wide checks throughout Kentucky have been completed in the names of HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER, JOHN WILLARD and ERIC STARVO GALT all with negative results through contact with the following agencies:

Credit bureaus, local county and state police departments, a check of city and telephone directories, Driver's License Bureau at Frankfort, Kentucky, as well as Automobile Registration Bureaus located in each of the 120 counties in Kentucky. A similar check was also made of Voter Registration Bureaus in the above counties.

Laundry checks as well as contact with Stry-Lenkoff Company, Louisville, Ky., manufacturers of the dry cleaning tickets "flag tags", the results of the latter which have been reported by separate communication. Other investigation regarding laundry checks have been negative throughout the State of Kentucky.

A check of all dancing schools throughout the State of Kentucky affording additional dancing lessons has also been completed.

A stop which had been placed on 4/11/68, with the Division of Motor Vehicles and KSP, Frankfort, Kentucky, resulting in an APB regarding the 1966 white Mustang was removed on 4/12/68.

A check was also made of Maritime Union at Paducah,

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Kentucky, and with a subsidiary of American Barge Line Company, Jeffersonville, Indiana, (serving the Louisville, Kentucky, metropolitan area) has been made with negative results. All of these above agencies have been alerted as to suspect GALT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA NORMAN D. MIDDLETON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The marriage and divorce records of Colbert County, Ala. were reviewed on 4/22/68 and failed to reflect any of the following names:

JAMES EARL RAY

ERIC STARVO GALT

W. C. HERRON

HARVEY LOWMEYER

JOHN WILLARD

JAMES MC BRIDE

JAMES WALTON

JAMES O'CONNER

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA JEREMIAH J. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

LEAD TO CHECK MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE RECORDS
CLAY AND CLEBURNE COUNTY, ALABAMA, 4/22/68

Heflin,
Mr. HORACE MERRILL, Clerk, Cleburne County, Alabama, made available divorce records which were checked with negative results for subject's name and aliases, on 4/22/68.

Heflin,
Mrs. TOYE THRASHER, Clerk, Probate Office, made available marriage records checked with negative results on 4/22/68.

Ashland, Alabama,
Mrs. ELIZABETH PRUET, Clerk, Probate Office, Clay County Court House, on 4/22/68 made available marriage records checked with negative results and advised she had no record of divorce for subject under name or aliases.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA ARTHUR JON COOK

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

The following investigation was conducted on 4/23/68 at Ft. Payne, Alabama, by SA ARTHUR JON COOK:

Sarah Selman, Clerk, Probate Judge's Office, DeKalb County, advised she could locate no marriage record from April 1, 1967 to April 23, 1968, for the following individuals: JAMES EARL RAY, EARL JAMES RAY, W.C. HERRON, EARL JAMES, JAMES MCBRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, OR JAMES WALYON.

Peter Green, Register, Circuit Court in Equity, DeKalb County, advised he could locate no divorce record for the following individuals from April 1, 1967, to April 23, 1968: JAMES EARL RAY, EARL JAMES RAY, W.C. HERRON, EARL JAMES, JAMES MCBRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, OR JAMES WALYON.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA CLAUDE TIMOTHY ADAMS

SUBJECT: **MURKIN**

HERMAN SHAW, 911 11th Wayx S., Birmingham, contacted the Birmingham FBI Office on 4/24/68 and advised the complaint agent that he observed an individual, who resembled RAY, at the corner of 15th St and 6th Ave. S. on 4/23/68.

SHAW advised that individual was driving a white Valliant automobile with a 1968 Ala Lic beginning with 1A-17.

SHAW is employed at a barber shop located at 1424 6th Ave S.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA CLAUDE TIMOTHY ADAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ROBERT KING, 2229 Third St. NE, Centerpoint, Ala., called the Birmingham FBI office and requested that an agent come to his house to discuss a matter in connection with this case.

KING advised that he is employed at Mercury Truck Lines and drove for a period of time with a SIDNEY STILES who is also employed with Mercury. KING stated that on one occasion, STILES mentioned that if the two of them saw the victim in this case and ran him off the road and killed him it would be worth a lot of money to them.

KING stated that he does not trust STILES, who has threatened him orally in the past, and asks that his name not be mentioned in this investigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA LAWRENCE G. GETTINGS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: ME

Re memo to all agents dated 4/22/68.

On 4/23/68, SA LAWRENCE G. GETTINGS contacted the following sources and informants in compliance with rememo with negative results:

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BH 333-C
CS BH 369-R
Rev. EDWARD GARDNER
Mrs. GEORGIA PRICE
Mrs. HELEN COOLEY

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1 - 157-3206
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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Re Birmingham telephone call to Bureau, 4/23/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an article for publication on JAMES EARL RAY, and enclosed for Atlanta and Memphis is one copy each of the article.

For information of Bureau and interested offices, the enclosed article for publication was furnished to Mrs. HELEN SPIVEY, Secretary, Alabama Service Station Association, Inc., 1102 South 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, on 4/23/68. Mrs. SPIVEY advised that she will publish the article in the Association's monthly magazine which is distributed to service station owners who are members of the Association throughout the State of Alabama. She advised that this article will appear in the April Issue of the Association's Magazine which will be distributed on or about 4/30/68.

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- 1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1) (Info)
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Birmingham, Alabama
April 20, 1968

WANTED BY THE FBI

James Earl Ray, with known aliases of Eric Starvo Galt, G. L. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBrice, James O'Connor, James Patton, James Rayson, John Willard, "Jim", is being sought by the FBI and charged with a civil rights conspiracy in which the victim was shot and killed and interstate flight - robbery.

According to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, Ray, who is 41 years of age, was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, since April 20, 1967, where he had been received on March 17, 1967, to serve a 20-year sentence following his conviction for armed robbery.

Ray has a known arrest record dating back to 1941, which includes a conviction for burglary in Los Angeles, California, in 1943; armed robbery in Chicago, Illinois, in 1952; and forging United States Postal Money Orders in Missouri in 1955.

Ray had served in the U. S. Army from February, 1946, to December, 1948, at which time he was given a general discharge. He is a white male, born [redacted] [redacted] in Illinois (not confirmed), is approximately 5'10", weight 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes, brown hair, has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand.

Ray is a drifter and has been employed as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

Ray should be considered armed and dangerous. Anyone having information concerning him should immediately report it to the FBI. Call Birmingham telephone 322-7711 collect.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

Mr. CARL GRIMES, Manager, Tarrant City Branch, First National Bank of Birmingham, Tarrant City, Alabama, advised that signature card shows that one ROBERT BORSARI, giving address 1606 Jackson Blvd., Tarrant, Alabama, business address "Redkin Laboratories, Inc.," and stating his business to be "teacher of new theory," telephone number 841-2411, stating he had no former banking connection, opened an account on February 16, 1968, which was handled by Mr. ROBERT M. GANDY. Account was opened with deposit of \$150.00 check on Redken Laboratories, Inc.

Mr. GRIMES stated that a teller who was engaged in preparing statements and canceled checks for mailing to customers, being aware of the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING at Memphis, Tennessee, and recent publicity concerning person who may have been responsible, thought there was something peculiar about the pattern of the account of BORSARI, the canceled checks, and the places where they were cashed. She called it to the attention of Mr. GRIMES and they felt it warranted notifying the FBI to check out this man.

Mr. GRIMES stated that the account was opened after a telephone introduction by JOHN GALLAWAY, whose address is 1606 Jackson Blvd., Tarrant City, Alabama. He described GALLAWAY as an eccentric with a mental problem and Mr. GRIMES has been told he has been in a mental institution. GALLAWAY has a budget checking account at First National Bank, Tarrant City. BORSARI's account is mailed to the address of GALLAWAY. BORSARI is described as a salesman for Redken Laboratories, 14721 Calipa Street, Van Nuys, California. Mr. GRIMES stated he had sent deposit slips to the company and knows that it does exist because the company mails checks for BORSARI to the bank for deposit.

On 4/12/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740-1264
by SA DONALD BUTHRIE:gas Date dictated 4/12/68

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Mr. GRIMES stated he shook hands with BORSARI when he arrived to open the account at the bank and probably had a 30 second contact with him but he described him as follows:

Age	26-27
Height	5'8" or 5'9"
Weight	160-165 lbs.
Hair	Long brown chestnut colored or lighter
Clothing	Wearing a sweater, had neat appearance.

He described GALLAWAY as being a person difficult to get along with, is arrogant and runs Jackson's Shoe Shop on the main street in Tarrant City and lives in the rear of the business. He is described as an agitating person who has had trouble with neighboring people around his business, maybe concerning the parking of automobiles in the wrong places and similar things.

He described GALLAWAY as follows:

Age	35-38
Height	6'1"
Weight	Unknown, but is on the chubby side
Hair	Black
Complexion	Olive.

JOHN GALLAWAY asked Mr. GRIMES to finance a car for BORSARI a few weeks ago and Mr. GRIMES said he would not as BORSARI had no credit in the Birmingham area. GALLAWAY had said he would endorse the note with BORSARI and this would have been all right with Mr. GRIMES but two or three days later GALLAWAY called Mr. GRIMES and was bragging that it was financed elsewhere and said the car had been bought.

Mr. GRIMES, in viewing the canceled checks to be mailed to BORSARI, noticed that there was one

payable to the Sheraton in Atlanta on March 15, 1968; one to the Super Store, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, on April 2, 1968; one to the Newport Motel, Newport, Arkansas, on April 3, 1968; one to Walridge Motel, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, on April 4, 1968; and one to Holiday Inn, Little Rock, Arkansas, on April 5, 1968. He noted the dates were near or including the murder date and that from a review of a map, the Arkansas addresses were not far from Memphis.

He furnished copies of canceled checks for this account, as well as copies of the statement sheet for the account for a period dating April 9, 1968, and one copy of the signature card.

The checks were itemized as follows:

Check number 114 for \$25.00 dated March 7, 1968, payable to Quality Courts Motel, at Jacksonville, Florida, showing additional name of Heart of Jacksonville Motel. It appears that Phillips Credit Card number [REDACTED] was used as identification as noted on the back.

Check number 115 dated March 8, 1968, payable to Eastern Airlines for \$25.00, place not legible. It was charged to the account on March 13, 1968.

Check number 116 dated March 9, 1968, payable to City of Birmingham in amount of \$4.00.

Check number 117 dated March 11, 1968, payable to Delta Airlines, \$25.00, and apparently was cashed at Atlanta, Georgia.

Check number 118 dated March 13, 1968, payable to Delta Airlines in the amount of \$40.00, apparently at Atlanta, Georgia.

Check number 119 dated March 15, 1968, payable to Sheraton-Biltmore (Atlanta) in the amount of \$71.08.

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Check number 120 dated March 18, 1968, payable to Delta Airlines in the amount of \$25.00, at Birmingham.

Check number 121 dated March 19, 1968, in the amount of \$17.70 is payable to Alabama Leather Company at Birmingham, Alabama.

Check number 122 dated March 18, 1968, in the amount of \$600.00 is payable to Adamson Ford, Inc., at Birmingham.

Check number 123 dated March 20, 1968, in the amount of \$25.00 payable to Eastern Airlines at Birmingham.

Check number 124 dated March 22, 1968, for \$30.00 is payable to Delta Airlines at Birmingham.

Check number 125 dated March 24, 1968, in the amount of \$35.00, payable to Delta Airlines at Birmingham.

Check number 126 for \$25.00 is dated March 29, 1968, payable to Delta Airlines at Birmingham.

Check number 127 is dated March 30, 1968, for \$20.00 and is payable to Delta Airlines, at Birmingham.

Check number 128 dated March 31, 1968, for \$12.00 payable to V. W. EASLEY and cleared Merchants and Farmers Bank, Mathison, Mississippi.

Check number 129 dated 3/2/68 for \$6.18 payable to Newport Motel, Newport, Arkansas.

Check number 130 for \$10.00 dated April 2, 1968, payable to Rorex AG Super Market, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

Check number 131 for \$10.30 payable to Walridge Motel, April 4, 1968. Deposited in bank April 4, 1968, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Check number 132 for \$25.00 dated April 5, 1968, payable to Holiday Inn, showing Gulf credit card number

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██████████ on the face and another identification number, ██████████. It was deposited by Holiday Inn of America, Inc., Little Rock South.

The statement for the period ending April 9, 1968, shows that a total of \$1,032.80 in checks was paid on the account during the previous month, deposits made during the month amounting to \$648.43, balance at beginning of period of \$620.37 and ending balance \$236.00.

Mr. GRIMES stated that GALLAWAY had called him later in the day, April 12, 1968, and asked that the statement and canceled checks be sent to him immediately as BORSARI was to be in town over the weekend and wanted same.

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TO BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-769/ 2P

MURKIN.

MARY ALICE HICKEY, ABC LIQUORS, U. S. TWENTYSEVEN NORTH, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., ADVISED INDIVIDUAL ENTERED THAT STORE TEN FIFTEEN AM THIS DATE AND PURCHASED HALF PINT VODKA AND ORANGE JUICE AND SPOKE WITH COUNTRY ACCENT. HICKEY STATED INDIVIDUAL APPEARED IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY, WHOSE PHOTOGRAPH AND DESCRIPTION SHE HAD SEEN IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

INDIVIDUAL WAS DRIVING RED GMC TRUCK WITH RAIL AROUND BED AND ALA. LICENSE. VEHICLE HAD "AAA REST UNKNOWN" GADSDEN, ALA. ON DOOR. HICKEY ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN LICENSE AS VEHICLE DEPARTED AND BELIEVES ALA. LICENSE TO BE ONE TWO - ONE TWO THREE NINE SEVEN.

INVESTIGATION IN AREA HAS FAILED TO LOCATE VEHICLE OR ANY ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE DATA.

BIRMINGHAM AT GADSDEN, WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AN "AAA" COMPANY, POSSIBLY STEEL COMPANY, IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY VEHICLE.

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MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY, WILL DETERMINE REGISTRATION OF ALA. LICENSE ONE TWO - ONE TWO THREE NINE SEVEN TO DETERMINE IF ISSUED TO VEHICLE OF ABOVE DESCRIPTION.

INVESTIGATION AT TALLAHASSEE CONTINUING.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P) DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SA JOHN SHANLEY, New York Division, telephonically advised today that SA PETER LOFTIS received a call this date from a man identifying himself as ROBERT CRAWFORD. CRAWFORD stated he is brother-in-law of JAMES EARL RAY in that he and RAY were at one time married to sisters.

CRAWFORD advised that his wife from whom he is divorced is DORIS CRAWFORD, 1545 Martin Avenue, Birmingham, and that JAMES EARL RAY's wife (DORIS's sister) is JEAN RAY, who lives in a house directly behind the house occupied by DORIS CRAWFORD.

CRAWFORD advised that DORIS CRAWFORD still uses his name and has a son, KENNETH.

*NY WILL CONFIRM BY TELETYPE AND
INTERVIEW CRAWFORD IN DEPTH*

*BH Phone Book - DORIS CRAWFORD
1227 AVE I ENSLEY 788-8344*

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SA Joe Connors - 9¹⁰ AM.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LEE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: ME

DATE: 4/24/68

ReCEtel to Bureau, Birmingham, Mobile and
Memphis, 4/17/68, and MOtel to Birmingham, 4/17/68.

On 4/18/68, CLEON YATES, Commissioner, Morgan
County Motor Vehicle Registration Department, Decatur,
Alabama, advised that 1968 Alabama license 52-25871 was
issued to CHARLES W. GALLAWAY, 1022 5th Avenue, Southeast,
Decatur, Alabama, on 11/30/67, for a 1965 Ford Mustang
two-door, VIN 5F07T664522, and the signee for this license
is COYNIS MILLER.

On 4/18/68, Mrs. CHARLES W. GALLAWAY, 1022 5th
Avenue, Southeast, Decatur, Alabama, advised that her
husband owns a 1965 white Ford Mustang and he is presently
employed by an unknown asphalt company at Easley, South
Carolina. She pointed out that he was in the Decatur
area on a visit during the weekend of 4/13-14/68; however,
he returned to his employment in South Carolina after this
visit.

In view of the above information, no further
investigation is being conducted in regard to this lead.

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of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 19, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560791 JK

Specimens received 4/15/68

K63 Nineteen photocopies of checks, numbers 114 through 132, and photocopy of registration card, number [REDACTED] bearing purported known handwriting of ROBERT BORSARI (printed from submitted roll of 35 millimeter Panatomic-X film)

ALSO SUBMITTED: Photocopy of bank statement of ROBERT BORSARI (printed from submitted film)

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on items submitted in this case were not prepared by ROBERT BORSARI, K63.

Specimens K63 has been retained.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 19, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560791 JK

Examination requested by: Birmingham

Reference: Airtel 4/12/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 22, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561203 JK

Specimens received 4/19/68

Q247 Eastern Airlines ticket envelope for Flight 399/Y,
Atlanta to Memphis, furnished by DANNY BATESK168 One 3 x 5 card bearing purported known handwriting
of JOHN WILLARD

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the writings on K168 and the writings on specimens attributed to Eric S. Galt were not prepared by the same individual. Differences were noted between the writings appearing on K168 and the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature but because of the limited questioned material and the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations in K168, a definite opinion was not reached as to whether these were prepared by the same person.

Nothing of significance was noted as a result of an examination of Q247.

Specimens Q247 and K168 have been retained. These specimens were photographed.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 22, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-561203 JK

Examination requested by: Atlanta

Reference: Letter 4/19/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to Atlanta and Memphis dated 4/19/68.

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND
ATLANTA AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM: PITTSBURGH (44-578)

TIME: 11:25

MURKIN

RE JACKSONVILLE TEL PITTSBURGH FOUR TWENTYTWO LAST.

ON FOUR TWENTYTWO LAST, CONRAD WITALIS, VICE PRESIDENT
IN CHARGE OF ELECTRO AIR CORP., MC KEE ROCKS, PA., ADVISED
THAT JOE S. RAGAN, JR., HIRED BY THAT COMPANY THREE TWENTY
SIXTYSEVEN. RAGAN IS EMPLOYED AS SALES REPRESENTATIVE FOR
STATES OF FLORIDA, ALABAMA, AND GEORGIA. RESIDES AT SIX ZERO
FOUR EIGHT DRIFTWOOD TRAIL, MAPLETON, GA.

RAGAN DESCRIBED AS WM, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED
FIFTY LBS., BROWN HAIR.

PHOTOS VIEWED BY WITALIS WHO STATED NOT SIMILAR TO RAGAN.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT PITTSBURGH
RE RAGAN.

AIR MAIL COPIES BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM.

PENDING. *ARMED AND DANGEROUS*

1 - BUREAU (AM)
1 - MEMPHIS (AM)
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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to all offices dated 4/19/68.

Re: Laundry Marking Machines and Code 20R-3

Enclosed for transmission to the FBI Laboratory are eight Thermo Seal Marking Machine Tapes, yellow in color, bearing code 20R-3.

ROBERT BERMAN, proprietor, Famous Cleaners, 3454 N. W. 7th Avenue, Miami, Florida, advised that his laundry does laundry and dry cleaning for several small cleaning establishments in the Miami, Florida area. He advised that he uses code 20R-3 about once every three weeks for the Royal Palm Cleaners, 4016 Royal Palm Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. BERMAN believes that a yellow tape probably would have been used at least two or three times since April, 1967.

BERMAN advised that he is checking his records in efforts to determine the exact dates since April, 1967, that code 20R-3 has appeared on yellow tapes for the Royal Palm Cleaners. Thus far, BERMAN has determined this code was used on yellow tape for the Royal Palm Cleaners on September 28, 1967, and October 24, 1967.

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Special Agent in Charge

Laundry

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BERMAN advised that he has not replaced any of the type characters in his Thermo-Seal marking machine since he purchased it three years ago. The model number of his machine is H5M4 and the serial number is 32647.

He further advised that approximately three or four months ago the Thermo-Seal tapes changed somewhat and he is now using the new variety. He also stated that he replaces the blades in the machine that cuts the tapes about every three months.

BERMAN made available eight yellow tapes, produced by his machine, bearing code 20R-3, which are being furnished the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes.

SUSPECT IN THIS CASE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED
AND DANGEROUS.

FBI BIRMGHAM

FBI EL PASO

1229PM URGENT 4-24-68 WPS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM EL PASO (157-186) -P- 1P

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

LAUNDRY MARKINGS ON PILLOW CASE AND BED SHEET.

RUSSELL NORTON, MANAGER, ODESSA LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, ODESSA, TEXAS, ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST, THAT HIS THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE ONLY USED NUMBERS, DID NOT USE LETTERS, AND, THEREFORE, COULD NOT HAVE MARKED PILLOW CASE AND BED SHEET IN QUESTION.

NO OTHER THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES KNOWN TO BE LOCATED IN EL PASO DIVISION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Laundry

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FBI KAN CITY

312PM URGENT 4-24-68 KAM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

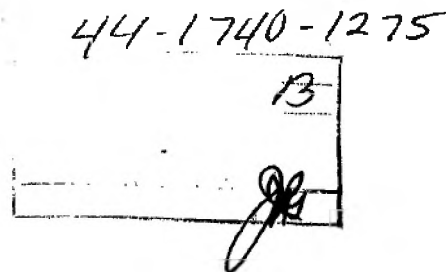
MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST.

RECORDS JACKSON COUNTY, MO. SO REVEAL RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS
INCARCERATED THERE FROM MARCH TWENTY-TWO, FIFTY-FIVE UNTIL AUG. ELEVEN,
FIFTY-FIVE, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO LEAVENWORTH, KS.
PENITENTIARY. RECORDS, USP, LEAVENWORTH, REVEAL CURTIS INCARCERATED
THERE FROM AUG. ELEVEN FIFTY-FIVE UNTIL SEPT. TWENTY-ONE FIFTY-FIVE,
AT WHICH TIME HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO USP, ATLANTA, GA.

RAY INCARCERATED WITH WALTER TERRY RIFE AT THIS TIME. RIFE HAS
BEEN INTERVIEWED IN THIS MATTER. RECORDS, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL,
FAIL TO LIST ANY VISITORS OF RAY, RIFE OR CURTIS AT THAT TIME BUT
RECORDS MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. THE FENCE CONNECTED WITH THE
ITALIAN UNDERWORLD IN KANSAS CITY WHO ALSO ENGAGED IN HANDLING STOLEN
POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IS BELIEVED TO BE JAMES BRADLEY, JR. HE IS
CURRENTLY INCARCERATED LEAVENWORTH PENITENTIARY FOR VIOLATIONS OF
STOLEN POSTAL MONEY ORDERS. BRADLEY AVOWED COOPERATION BUT ADVISED
THAT SUBJECT UNKNOWN TO HIM.

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PAGE TWO

CURTIS INCARCERATED MISSO

U
RI STATE PENITENTIARY MAY FIFTEEN,
SIXTY-TWO, CHARGED WITH ROBBERY, SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS, PAROLED
JUNE TWENTY-SEVEN, SIXTY-SIX.

REVIEW OF KANSAS CITY FILE ENTITLED "RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS",
KANSAS CITY NINETY-ONE - ONE FOUR ONE FOUR, REVEALS THAT IN
INDIANAPOLIS LETTER TO ATLANTA DATED AUG. THIRTY-ONE, FIFTY-SIX,
DEFENSE ATTORNEY FOR CURTIS OPINED THAT CURTIS WOULD "LIE, STEAL
OR COMMIT OTHER CRIMES TO FURTHER HIS OWN INTERESTS IN ANY PARTICULAR
MATTER". THIS STATEMENT APPARENTLY MADE AS A RESULT OF CURTIS'
ATTEMPTING TO IMPLICATE CURTIS' WIFE AND BOYFRIEND IN A PREVIOUS
BANK ROBBERY IN INDIANA, AND ALL INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CURTIS
AT THAT TIME WAS DETERMINED TO BE WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ESCAPE PROPENSITIES.

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FBI BIRMGHAM