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4/25/68

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU DATED APRIL TWENTY THREE
LAST AND SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD, ILL., OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OF HARVEY
EDWARD LOWMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A,
FROM RECORDS OF MENARD PRISON AND FORWARD SAME TO ATLANTA,
TO BE DISPLAYED TO CURTIS AT DALTON, GA.

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS,
LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS AND SAN DIEGO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END.

- 1 - Atlanta (AM)
- ① - Birmingham (AM)
- 1 - Chicago (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (AM)
- 1 - St. Louis (AM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (AM)
- 1 - Las Vegas (AM)
- 1 - San Diego (AM)
- 1 - Memphis

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Date: 4/25/68

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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-
RE: MURKIN
CR

Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

- 1 - Each Continental Office
2 - Memphis

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LAUNDRY

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Approved: RG Jensen
Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE: Suspect at National Citizens
Council Meeting, Montgomery,
Alabama, 1/14-16/65

Reference is made to Birmingham teletype to Bureau, Memphis, Mobile and New Orleans reporting information concerning a National Citizens Council Meeting at the Whitley Hotel, Montgomery, Alabama, 1/14-16/65, and setting forth lead to conduct logical investigation to determine the identity of the delegate from Selma, Alabama, who may have registered as a guest at the Whitley Hotel, and thereafter determine the whereabouts of this person during pertinent period.

On 4/15/68, the following individuals at Selma, Alabama, were contacted in reference to information contained in above communication, all individuals being present or past officers in the Dallas County Citizens Council, and they reported they did not recall the Citizens Council Convention being in Montgomery during 1965, however, it possibly could have been held there.

2-Memphis

①-Birmingham (Info) (44-1740)

2-Mobile

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All advised that they have at various times attended the conventions, however, do not recall any conversation such as referred to in referenced teletype, and they have absolutely no information that might aid in the identification of any delegate from Selma, Alabama, who might have heard any such statements:

M. ALSTON KEITH, Attorney-at-law, past president, Dallas County Citizens Council.

THOMAS B. STRONG, Shell Oil Distributor, past secretary, Dallas County Citizens Council.

COMER SIMS, City Recreation Department Director, Selma, past delegate to Citizens Council conventions.

No further investigation is being made concerning this incident since subject has been identified, and no insert is being submitted.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE: JAMES MOORE, JR., Guest,
Holiday Inn, Selma, Alabama
4/18/68

Reference is made to Mobile teletype to Milwaukee 12:20 P.M., 4/18/68, airmail copy to Memphis, and Milwaukee teletype to Mobile 3:50 P. M., 4/18/68, with airmail copy to Memphis and Birmingham.

Milwaukee teletype identified MOORE, his wife, and another party, HENRY A. DELACENSERIE as apparently travelling with the MOORE's and verified their residence and employment in Wisconsin.

Accordingly, no investigation was made concerning MOORE at Selma, and no insert being submitted.

2-Memphis
1-Birmingham (Info) (44-1740)
2-Mobile
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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) -P-
 MURKIN
 OO MEMPHIS

Re Tampa airtel to Director 4/16/68; in case entitled "JOHN A. CHAMBLEE, RACIAL INFORMANT, OO JACKSON" the following references: Jackson airtel to Oklahoma City 3/23/65, Oklahoma City airtel to Jackson 3/29/65; in case entitled "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER" the following references: Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/2/65, Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau 4/8/65, Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/8/65, Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/22/65, Phoenix airtel to Jackson 4/27/65, and Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau 5/17/65.

RE: DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, FBI # 716 18A
FORMER TOP TEN SUBJECT

Enclosed herewith for the information purposes to Jackson and Atlanta, is one copy of Tampa airtel to Director, 4/16/68, for background information.

Set forth hereafter is a recapitulation of investigation concerning DONALD EUGENE SPARKS (former Top Ten Fugitive) and his allegedly being offered money by the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi to murder Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in 1964.

Jackson Division by airtel to the Bureau 4/2/65 in case "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER"

- 3 Bureau
- 1 Atlanta (Info)(Enc. 1)
- ② Birmingham
- 1 Jackson (Info)(Enc. 1)
- 2 Memphis
- 1 Tampa (Info)(157-3231)
- 3 Oklahoma City (2-44-686)
(1-170-5)

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 Special Agent in Charge

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forwarded to the Bureau an original and 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum showing information received from JOHN ARTHUR CHAMBLEE, a detective of the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department, considered by Jackson a reliable individual who is acquainted with members or former members of the WKKKKOM. CHAMBLEE, in reporting this information that was overheard as general rumor among Klansmen and he did not know the source, was doubtful of its truthfulness.

The information in substance was that on 3/17/65, CHAMBLEE advised that he had received unverified information that in 1964, the original Knights of the KKK of Mississippi had hired a "killer" from the State of Oklahoma to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. when KING was in Jackson, Mississippi. This "killer" was known as "TWO JUMPS" and came to Jackson, Mississippi to "case" the layout and while in Jackson, stayed at the Terrymore Motel. He was to use a high-powered rifle with telescopic sights. This deal allegedly fell through when the Klansmen could not raise the \$13,000 demanded by "TWO JUMPS."

CHAMBLEE also reported "TWO JUMPS" was allegedly also the killer of a Bureau Top Ten fugitive later identified as JOHN GIBSON DILLON. "TWO JUMPS" allegedly killed DILLON at the Flamingo Motel in Jackson, Mississippi and thereafter transported the body to Oklahoma or Kansas where it was dumped in an old well.

The Oklahoma City Division by airtel of 4/8/65, advised Bureau and Jackson Division that complete background in the case involving Top Ten Fugitive JOHN GIBSON DILLON did not substantiate that DILLON was killed in Mississippi. From facts available to Oklahoma City, it was doubtful in fact if DILLON was killed in Mississippi.

The Jackson Division on 4/2/65 interviewed PCI CLENNIE JOE BUCHANAN, described by Jackson as a notorious confidence man and gambler who had at that time been under development as an informant of the Jackson Division for some two months.

BUCHANAN was asked if he knew an individual named DONALD SPARKS or GENE SPARKS to which he promptly replied, "Who, TWO JUMPS?" He was thereafter shown a photograph of DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department Number 38224 dated September 7, 1963. BUCHANAN promptly identified this photograph of SPARKS as being identical to the person he has known for many years as "TWO JUMPS." BUCHANAN went on to relate that SPARKS got the nickname of "TWO JUMPS" from his ability as a cowboy and according to BUCHANAN, SPARKS was an excellent "broncho buster" and could ride almost any horse. BUCHANAN considered SPARKS to be an extremely hard and tough individual who would not hesitate to kill anyone. Extensive investigation was conducted in several field offices to concretely identify "TWO JUMPS" and from the identification of PCI CLENNIE JOE BUCHANAN, Jackson, Mississippi, it was felt that DONALD EUGENE SPARKS was identical to "TWO JUMPS."

Investigation by the Jackson Division at the Terrymore Motel in Jackson failed to disclose any registration that could be identified as being that of SPARKS. In addition to the above identification of SPARKS as "TWO JUMPS", Phoenix CI PX 737-C was interviewed at Phoenix on 1/26/65. This informant advised he knew DONALD EUGENE SPARKS and was well aware that SPARKS' nickname is "TWO JUMPS."

Based on this identification on 5/14/65, an attempt was made to interview DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, Inmate Number 71755, at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Following his being advised of his rights, SPARKS stated at the outset he would not furnish any information. He did deny being contacted by anyone at any time to commit a murder and said he did not kill anyone for money or any other reason. He denied ever being hired by anyone in the South and specifically in Mississippi to commit any murder. He denied knowing anyone connected with the Ku Klux Klan.

SPARKS at this time stated he had never cooperated with any police officers and did not intend to start doing so now. He said he had been contacted by numerous officers and would appreciate it if police officers would not bother him again since they wasted his time, as he was working in the plumbing shop in the Penitentiary and could not be away from his job. SPARKS terminated the interview by getting up and leaving the room.

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By airtel to the Bureau dated 5/17/65, in case "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER", the Bureau was advised of the attempted interview with SPARKS. Additionally, 9 copies of an FD 302 dated 5/17/65, was furnished to the Jackson Division. This showed the interview with SPARKS. At that time, it was the considered opinion of Agents that had worked cases involving SPARKS, his associates, and Agents who handled the former case involving former Top Ten Fugitive JOHN GIBSON DILLON, that information that SPARKS was hired to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and that he did kill DILLON was not accurate nor truthful information. It was pointed out that following DILLON's murder there was a massive amount of rumor, speculation and hearsay information circulated among the criminal element concerning the death of DILLON. It was this hearsay information that was probably being reported by Jackson's informant in all honesty.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that HERMIT EUGENE WING, aka, ANTI-RACKETEERING, is the subject of a current pending file, Oklahoma City 92-588, Bureau file 92-9329. He is an Oklahoma ex-convict, Burglar, Armed Robber, who travels extensively throughout the United States. He was last interviewed by Bureau Agents, 3/5/68, where he was living at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He was at that time employed at Jeanie's Lounge in Bartlesville.

LEADS

ATLANTA, JACKSON AND TAMPA DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Information copies of this communication are being furnished to Divisions above in the event additional inquiry appears necessary.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

At Fort Payne, Alabama

Although DONALD EUGENE SPARKS is notorious for his failure to cooperate with police officers, it is suggested an attempt be made to interview him concerning his using the name "TWO JUMPS" and being offered money by the Ku Klux Klan of

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Mississippi in 1964 to murder Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. An attempt should be made in the interview with SPARKS to determine if he is at all familiar with JAMES EARL RAY, present fugitive being sought for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and exhibit photograph of RAY to him.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4/24/68

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, CHICAGO, BALTIMORE, AND
ST. LOUIS
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

MEDICAL RECORDS, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, INDICATE JAMES RAY,
AGE TEN IN NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT, TREATED FOR AN EPILEPTIC
SEIZURE. ADDRESS AT THAT TIME AND OTHER RECORD INFORMATION
INDICATES THIS IS PROBABLY SUBJECT.

RUBY CARPENTER, EX-SECOND WIFE OF SUBJECT'S FATHER,
LOCATED, INTERVIEWED, AT QUINCY ADVISED FATHER'S TRUE NAME
IS JAMES GERALD RAY, AKA JERRY, AND RESIDED AUGUST, NINETEEN
SIXTY ONE TO AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE AT RURAL ROUTE ONE,
CLARENCE, MISSOURI, AFTER WHICH HE MOVED TO PRESENT RESIDENCE
CENTER, MISSOURI. HE RESIDED IN ST. LOUIS FROM NINETEEN
FIFTY TWO THROUGH NINETEEN SIXTY ONE AT FOUR ONE FOUR NINE
WEST PINE. SUBJECT RESIDED WITH FATHER APPROXIMATELY
NINETEEN FIFTY NINE AT FOUR ONE FOUR NINE WEST PINE STREET
DURING WHICH TIME HE WORKED AS BAKER AT UNKNOWN COMMERCIAL

1 - Springfield (44-561)

1 - Memphis (AM)

1 - Birmingham (AM)

1 - Omaha (AM)

1 - Kansas City (AM)

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BAKERY IN ST. LOUIS. ON OCCASIONS SUBJECT RESIDED WITH MOTHER, ONE NINE ONE THREE HICKORY STREET, ST. LOUIS AND ALSO HAD ROOM IN ST. LOUIS, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. RUBY HAS NOT SEEN SUBJECT SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY ONE AND HIS ASSOCIATES ARE UNKNOWN TO HER. ACCORDING TO RUBY, SUBJECT NEVER MARRIED, WAS CLOSER TO BROTHERS, JERRY AND JOHN, THAN TO ANYONE ELSE. SINCE LEARNING OF SUBJECT'S INVOLVEMENT IN MURKIN, RUBY HAS TALKED TO HIS FATHER AT CENTER, MISSOURI, ON APRIL TWENTY ONE LAST, AT WHICH TIME HE ADVISED HE DID NOT KNOW SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS AND HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH HIM. RUBY TALKED TO SUBJECT'S SISTER, MELBA MARIE RYAN, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, AND MELBA LIKEWISE INDICATED NO INFORMATION CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS. RUBY BELIEVES SOMETIME DURING EARLY NINETEEN FORTIES SUBJECT'S FATHER RESIDED GALESBURG, ILLINOIS, WHERE EMPLOYED AS SWITCHMAN FOR CB & Q RAILROAD. SHE PROMISED TO COOPERATE AND REPORT SUBJECT IF LOCATED.

RECORDS, QUINCY COMPRESSOR, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, INDICATE SUBJECT EMPLOYED AUGUST SIX, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, THROUGH

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SEPTEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

NO

ONE LOCATED WHO RECALLS. RECORDS INDICATE PRIOR EMPLOYMENT
AVERY OR ARVEY CORPORATION, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AS LABORER
FOR ONE YEAR AND NEO PRODUCE COMPANY, CHICAGO, FOUR MONTHS,
DATES NOT SHOWN.

RECORDS, SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD NUMBER ONE,
QUINCY, SHOW SUBJECT REGISTERED APRIL THIRTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY
NINE, AT WHICH TIME OCCUPATION STUDENT, AMERICAN TELEVISION
SCHOOL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

GEORGE PARSONS (PROTECT IDENTITY), SOCIAL WORKER, QUINCY,
WHO TOOK CARE OF SISTER, MELBA, DURING NINETEEN FIFTIES,
ADVISED SUBJECT CLOSEST TO BROTHERS, JOHN AND JERRY, AND HE
IS CERTAIN THEY WOULD PROTECT HIM.

HAZEL HAMILTON, CASE WORKER, CATHOLIC CHARITIES, QUINCY,
ILLINOIS, ADVISED FAMILY RESIDED DES MOINES, IOWA, SHORT
PERIOD OF TIME NINETEEN FORTY TWO TO NINETEEN FORTY THREE
AFTER WHICH MOVED TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS. PRIOR TO DES MOINES
RESIDENCE, FAMILY LEFT EWING, MISSOURI.

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ADAMS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS INDICATE WHEN SUBJECT ARRESTED ALTON, ILLINOIS, AUGUST TWENTY, NINETEEN FIFTY NINE ON CHARGE ARMED ROBBERY HE HAD ACCOMPLICE, JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN. THESE RECORDS ALSO INDICATE SUBJECT'S FATHER AS JERRY RAYNES, RESIDED ONE SEVEN TWO SEVEN SOUTH ELEVENTH STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, JANUARY TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY. PRIOR RESIDENCE FOUR ONE FOUR NINE WEST PINE STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, OCTOBER SEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT. RECORDS ALSO INDICATE MOTHER AS LUCILLE RYAN RESIDED ONE ONE THREE FIVE SOUTH TENTH, APARTMENT EIGHT, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AS OF OCTOBER SEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT, AND ONE NINE ONE THREE HICKORY STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AUGUST NINE, NINETEEN FIFTY NINE. THESE RECORDS SHOW CHILDREN MELBA, CAROLE, AND FRANKLIN, WHO ARE SISTERS AND BROTHER OF SUBJECT, ALL BORN LEWIS COUNTY, MISSOURI. RECORDS FURTHER INDICATE FATHER EMPLOYED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS BY JACK RANDOLPH, J & R AUTO SALES, FIVE NINE ZERO ONE SOUTH BROADWAY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

SI ONE SIX FIVE SIX DASH C WHO IS ACQUAINTED WITH ASSOCIATE WALTER T. RIFE WORKING FULL TIME ON THIS CASE AND

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IN DAILY CONTACT WITH HIS ASSOCIATES, QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE COMMERCIAL BAKERY WHICH EMPLOYED SUBJECT APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FIFTY NINE AS BAKER. CHECK RECORDS; SET FORTH LEADS. CHECK RECORDS AMERICAN TELEVISION SCHOOL CONCERNING SUBJECT'S ATTENDANCE THERE APRIL THIRTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. ASCERTAIN RESIDENCE DATA. IDENTIFY ASSOCIATES. CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS RESIDENCES ADDRESSES SHOWN YOUR TERRITORY AT ST. LOUIS. APPROPRIATE INQUIRY J & R AUTO SALES AND AT LEWIS COUNTY, MISSOURI.

BALTIMORE UTILIZE ~~RELEVANT~~ INFORMATION FURNISHED ABOVE.

OMAHA INITIATE INQUIRIES DES MOINES, IOWA, CONCERNING PRIOR RESIDENCE OF FAMILY THERE APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FORTY TWO TO NINETEEN FORTY THREE, NOTING FATHER WAS EMPLOYED CB & Q RAILROAD, ALTHOUGH SUBJECT WOULD HAVE BEEN ONLY TEENAGER DURING RESIDENCE YOUR DIVISION.

CHICAGO CHECK RECORDS AVERY OR ARVEY CORPORATION AND NEO PRODUCE COMPANY FOR BACKGROUND DATA.

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BUREAU, FILE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION INDICATES JOSEPH
ELMER AUSTIN MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT FBI NUMBER
EIGHT TWO ONE SEVEN THREE THREE WITH EXTENSIVE RECORD
INCLUDING MURDER, ARMED ROBBERY, PAROLE VIOLATOR. BUREAU
REQUESTED TO FURNISH SPRINGFIELD AND INTERESTED OFFICES
CURRENT IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN,
FBI NUMBER EIGHT TWO ONE SEVEN THREE THREE TO ASSIST IN
LOCATING FOR INTERVIEW.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING SPRINGFIELD AT GALESBURG,
ALTON, QUINCY BASED ON ABOVE.

COPIES MAILED MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, OMAHA, AND KANSAS
CITY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4/24/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231-224) (P)
MURKIN
CR
(OO:ME)

Re: Airtel to Bureau, 4/23/68.

Car recoveries in Tampa Division checked during referenced period with negative results. All vehicles recovered in near future will be given same consideration.

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis
① - Birmingham (Info)
1 - Atlanta (Info)
1 - Tampa
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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

from: CINCINNATI (157-1893) P

JAMES EARL RAY: FUGITIVE: MURKIN. CR.

TODAY LAWRENCE (NMN) LITTLETON, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO SOURCE OF UNKNOWN RELIABILITY, ADVISED HE SAW MAN CLOSELY RESEMBLING NEWS-PAPER PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY IN BLUE CAR, MAKE AND MODEL UNKNOWN BEARING CANADIAN TAG SEVEN TWO DASH THREE SIX ZERO ON APRIL TWENTY-THREE LAST PARKED ON INTERSTATE SEVENTY, WEST OF SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

BUREAU IDENTIFY OWNER CANADIAN TAG THROUGH LEGAT.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND KANSAS CITY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

WJR/r1h

1 - Memphis

① - Birmingham

1 - Kansas City

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) & SAC, KANSAS CITY
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN

RE BH TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, APRIL TWO THREE, LAST.

ON APRIL TWO THREE, LAST, WILLIAM KENNETH KNIGHT WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE TAMPA CITY JAIL WHERE HE IS INCARCERATED. FOR THE INFO OF K.C. AND OTHER OFFICES RECEIVING, KNIGHT HAS FURNISHED VOLUME OF INFO RE POST OFFICE BURGLARIES DURING THE PAST YEAR. REFERENCED TELETYPE REQUESTED INTERVIEW CONCERNING ANY ASSOCIATION KNIGHT MAY HAVE WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

KNIGHT ADVISED AFTER VIEWING PHOTOS OF RAY ~~AND ERIC~~ ^{RAY} ~~NOT~~ THAT ~~HE WAS~~ WAS FAMILIAR TO HIM. HE ADVISED THAT HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS NOR HAD HE BEEN IN THE K.C. AREA OR ASSOCIATED WITH POSTAL STAMP FENCES DURING FIFTY-FIVE. KNIGHT ADVISED ONLY CONTACT WITH K.C. FENCE WAS IN SIXTY-SIX AND SIXTY-SEVEN

1 - Tampa
① - Birmingham (AM) (44-1740)
1 - Memphis (AM) (44-1987)
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(3) *BAB*

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TO FENCE LOOT FROM ATLANTA, GA., FLORENCE, ALA. POST OFFICE BURGLARIES. THOSE STAMPS WERE FENCED THROUGH BILLY MILES SKILLMAN WITH WHOM K.C. IS FAMILIAR. KNIGHT ADVISED NOT AWARE OF ANY ITALIAN FENCES IN K.C. HE ADVISED THAT SOMETIME DURING HIS PERIODS IN PRISONS HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED WITH RAY BUT CANNOT RECALL WHERE OR WHEN.

ON APRIL TWO THREE, LAST, POSTAL INSPECTOR WAYNE R. RICHIE, ORLANDO, FLA. ADVISED SA RICHARD K. HARPER THAT HE WAS NOT CONDUCTING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE POSTAL INSPECTIONS SERVICE IN FIFTY-FIVE NOR WAS HE IN THE K.C. AREA AT THAT TIME AND HE HAD NO INFO CONCERNING POSTAL FENCES DURING THAT PERIOD AT THAT PLACE. HE ADVISED, HOWEVER, THAT WILLIAM R. RUDDELL, POSTAL INSPECTOR, K.C., MO., IS FAMILIAR WITH MOST BURGLARS AND FENCES OPERATING IN THAT AREA AND HAS BEEN IN K.C. SINCE FIFTY-FIVE. RITCHIE SUGGESTED RUDDELL BE CONTACTED IN K.C. RE INFO DESIRED.

K.C., LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RUDDELL PER RE TEL.

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AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED BH AND MEMPHIS.

4/24/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (44-253)(P)
RE: MURKIN
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Re Salt Lake City airtel to Bureau, dated 4/16/68.

Following is a summary of additional investigation conducted in this case by Salt Lake City:

Re: LAUNDRY MARK 02B-6
or D2B-6

Mr. GORDON MARZ, Wasatch Dry Cleaners, 719 East 21st South, Salt Lake City, Utah, advised the above mark is not utilized by his company.

Re: LAUNDRY MARK 20R-3

The following have been contacted and stated the above-described laundry mark was not utilized by their respective companies:

GORDON MARZ, Wasatch Dry Cleaners, 719 East 21st South, Salt Lake City.
Mrs. CLEO MACKIE, Fashion Cleaners and Shirt Laundry, Salt Lake City.

3 - Bureau
② - Birmingham (44-1740)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Salt Lake City

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Mr. MARVIN HOWARD, Paramount-Murray Laundry Company,
Salt Lake City.
Mr. JOHN JANSEN, Vogue Cleaning and Shirt Laundry,
Salt Lake City.
Mr. CLYDE AKINS, Model Laundry, Ogden, Utah.

All Criminal Informants, Racial Informants, and Security Informants in Salt Lake City Division are being contacted in this matter.

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI. (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Los Angeles teletype 4/22/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four (4) exposed, undevelopped sheets of color film and four (4) Polaroid pictures of reproductions of laundry marks placed on shirts and bed linens. Also enclosed for Chicago are four (4) Polaroid pictures of the above laundry marks.

The above laundry marks represent a collection of laundry marks placed on shirts, bed linens, and other items of clothing belonging to JAMES EARL RAY, while using the name ERIC STARVO GALT in the Los Angeles, California, area. These laundry marks may still be on various articles of clothing and linen in the possession of RAY.

Chicago is requested to complete arrangements for publication of the laundry marks in American Trade Magazine publications, if Bureau approval has been given to this project.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 8) (AMSD)
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The Bureau may wish to furnish copies of the color photographs to all continental offices as well as the Legat, Ottawa for use in eliminating suspects. Laundry and Dry Cleaning trade publications will be distributed in Canada as well as the entire United States.

The packet containing the undeveloped sheet film contains exposure and film type data for information of the Color Film Processing Unit at the Bureau.

4/24/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, BALTIMORE
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
RE: MURKIN

Re my call to Baltimore today; Birmingham tel to Baltimore 4/22/68; mytel to Memphis, New York and Newark 4/20/68.

RE: THOMAS JOSEPH COX

Baltimore should discontinue lead through Source 4 inasmuch as THOMAS JOSEPH COX interviewed Houston and negative results furnished to receiving offices.

- 2 - Baltimore
- 1 - Birmingham (info)
- 1 - Memphis (info)
- 1 - Houston

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO : DIRECTOR, (44-38861), NEW YORK (44-1609),
SPRINGFIELD

FROM: DENVER (157-203)

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MURKIN, OO: ME.

RE: UNIDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF MINUTEMAN

RE NEW YORK AIRTEL TO BUREAU, DATED APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

ON APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST, SA BOYD D. ADSIT INTERVIEWED
PHOTOGRAPHER, CARL IWASAKI, ONE FOUR SIX FIVE MONROE STREET,
DENVER, WHO ADVISED THAT CANNOT RECALL NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL
IN PHOTOGRAPH FURNISHED THE DENVER OFFICE BY NEW YORK. HE
FELT THAT THE PICTURES WERE MOST LIKELY TAKEN AT A MEETING
HALL OF THE MINUTEMEN IN COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

HE FELT THAT THE WRITER, WILL JARVIS, MIGHT KNOW THE
IDENTITY OF THE UNIDENTIFIED MAN.

MR. IWASAKI STATED HE TOOK NUMEROUS PICTURES, ALL OF
WHICH ARE IN THE POSSESSION OF TIME, INCORPORATED, NEW YORK
CITY, AND A THOROUGH REVIEW OF ALL PICTURES MIGHT POSSIBLY

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1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)

① - Birmingham (44-1740) (AM)

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CONTAIN ONE ON WHICH THE IDENTITY OF THE UNIDENTIFIED
MAN IS SET FORTH.

HE ALSO STATED THAT HE RECALLED SEEING A SPECIAL
AGENT OF THE FBI IN THE COMPANY OF THESE MINUTEMEN AND
THAT THIS SPECIAL AGENT MIGHT POSSIBLY KNOW THE IDENTITY
OF THE MAN IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS. HE STATED THAT HE COULD
NOT REMEMBER THE SPECIAL AGENT'S NAME BUT THAT HE DEFINITELY
RECALLS HIM AS BEING AN AGENT FROM HAVING SEEN HIM ON MORE
THAN ONE OCCASION DURING THE COORS KIDNAPING CASE IN
COLORADO. HE STATED THAT BECAUSE HE RECOGNIZED HIM, HE WAS
CAREFUL NOT TO PHOTOGRAPH HIM.

IT IS NOTED THAT IN RE NEW YORK AIRTEL, THE NAME OF
SA JACK ROBERTS WAS MENTIONED BY CHIEF REESE DOBSON, ST.
CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS A MAN HE BELIEVED TO BE WORKING
UNDER COVER AMONG THE MINUTEMEN.

SAME LEADS AS SET OUT IN RE AIRTEL SHOULD BE COVERED
BY SPRINGFIELD AND NEW YORK.

MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM ADVISED AIRMAIL.

END TELETYPE

FBI

Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL)
SAC, ALBANY
SAC, KANSAS

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (3 P)

MURKIN

WALTER TERRY RIFE REINTERVIEWED. JOHN DAVID DAILY UNKNOWN TO RIFE. RIFE STATES WILLIARD J. MC BRIDE A FICTITIOUS PERSON FROM WHOM HE AND RAY CLAIMED THEY PURCHASED THE STOLEN MONEY ORDERS FROM KELLERVILLE, ILLINOIS POST OFFICE BURGLARY IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. RIFE USED NAME OF VERNON ELMO RIFE ON FIRST ARREST WHEN FINGERPRINTED. FOR THIS REASON NAME OF VERNON ELMO RIFE COULD BE SHOWN AS ASSOCIATE OF RAY IN JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WHEN ACTUALLY WAS WALTER RIFE.

RIFE STATED ONLY VISITORS TO JACKSON COUNTY JAIL FOR EITHER HE OR RAY WERE FBI AGENTS WHO INTERVIEWED BOTH CONCERNING A BANK ROBBERY AT HULL, ILLINOIS. RIFE DID NOT KNOW ANY COIN IN NEW ORLEANS AND KNOWS OF NO ASSOCIATE OF RAY IN NEW ORLEANS. RIFE AND RAY MET A WILLIAM COHEN IN KANSAS CITY

1 - Bureau (AM)
1 - Springfield (44-561)
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IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, RE PASSING OF POSTAL MONEY ORDERS.
THIS WAS A MAN FIFTYFIVE TO SIXTY YEARS OF AGE, DARK SKIN,
GRAY HEADED, PROBABLY WOULD BE KNOWN TO KANSAS CITY PD.
RIFE HAS NO BACKGROUND ON THIS INDIVIDUAL.

RIFE STATED RAY WAS PREJUDICE AGAINST NEGROES IN A
GENERAL WAY, HAS NEVER KNOWN RAY TO BELONG TO ANY ORGANIZATION
OR TO MAKE ANY THREAT AGAINST NEGROES.

NO RECORD OF JOHN DAVID DAILY IN QUINCY. NO RECORD OF
GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS UNDERTAKERS IN QUINCY, LINDWOOD
NONEXISTANT STREET IN QUINCY. NO RECORD OF NORMAN J.
ROBERTS IN QUINCY, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN NONEXISTANT
IN QUINCY.

SI ONE SIX FIVE SIX, - C VERY CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF RIFE,
STATES RIFE DEFINITELY PULLED BURGLARY OF KELLERVILLE
POST OFFICE IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE BUT WILL NOT ADMIT TO
BURGLARY.

KANSAS CITY WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE WILLIAM COHEN IN
KANSAS CITY.

ALBANY, AT ALBANY, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE NORMAN J.

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ROBERTS AND GEORGE J. ROBERTS. P.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS,
ATLANTA, CHICAGO, AND ST. LOUIS. P.

END.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC CHICAGO
FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2549) (2 P)

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO CHICAGO AND DALLAS, APRIL TWENTYFOUR
LAST; CHICAGO TEL TO BIRMINGHAM, APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN, TWO SEVEN TWO FIVE JOMAR ST., SAN ANGELO,
TEXAS, INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTYFIVE INSTANT AND NOT IDENTICAL
WITH SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

BORDEN STATED WAS IN SAN ANGELO, TEXAS, ON EVENING OF
KING MURDER.

BORDEN STATED HE FORMERLY OWNED 'SIXTYSIX CHEVELLE, BLUE
COLOR. WITH TWO REAR RADIO ANTENNAS, BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE
[REDACTED] AND CAR STILL REGISTERED IN HIS
NAME. HOWEVER, BORDEN SOLD VEHICLE TO RUSSELL RALPH, TWO THREE
FOUR FOUR S. SACRAMENTO, CHICAGO, ILLINOIA, AND TITLE NOT CHANGED
IN NAME AS YET.

BORDEN STATES RUSSELL RALPH IS W/M, TWENTYFOUR YEARS, SIX
FEET, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY, BROWN HAIR, TRUCK DRIVER, AND BEARS

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NO RESEMBLANCE WHATSOEVER TO SUBJECT RAY'S PHOTO.

CHICAGO. AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. WILL CHECK OUT RUSSELL
RALPH FOR IDENTITY AND ELIMINATION PURPOSES.

BIRMINGHAM ADVISED AM. P

4/25/68

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, ATLANTA
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT, RE
INFORMATION FURNISHED BY RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS.

POLICE AND INFORMANT SOURCES UNABLE TO IDENTIFY FENCE
NAMED COIN (PH) IN NEW ORLEANS AREA. SOURCES BELIEVE COIN
POSSIBLY IS DANIEL BERNARD COHEN, AKA DAN, AGE SIXTY, SIX FEET,
TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BROKEN NOSE. COHEN HAS NO CRIMINAL RECORD
BUT FOR YEARS HAS ASSOCIATED WITH CRIMINAL ELEMENT, PARTICULARLY
BURGLARS. POLICE SOURCE SAID COHEN WAS FENCE IN FIFTIES, STATED
COHEN WAS ONCE QUITE WEALTHY, BUT LOST ALL MONEY.

COHEN INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, DOES
NOT RECALL RAY, BUT STATES SOMETHING VAGUELY FAMILIAR ABOUT
RAY IN THAT RAY'S FACIAL FEATURES RESEMBLE MANY INDIVIDUALS.
COHEN SAID PRIOR TO FIFTYSIX COHEN HIRED MANY EX-CONS IN

- 1 - New Orleans
 - ② - Birmingham (AMSD)
 - 1 - Kansas City (AMSD)
 - 1 - Memphis (AMSD)
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OPERATION OF ~~CURRENT~~ CIGARETTE COMPANY, A VENDING MACHINE COMPANY. COHEN STATES RECALLS NO ONE IN AREA WHO ASSOCIATED WITH CRIMINAL ELEMENT WITH NAME SIMILAR TO COHEN'S NAME.

COHEN ADVISED REMAINS CLOSE FRIENDS WITH CHARLES ADAM SMITH (FBI NUMBER ONE THREE ONE EIGHT SIX FIVE), WHOM COHEN WILL LOCATE FOR INTERVIEW. *by FBI*

SMITH WAS INCARCERATED IN U. S. PENITENTIARY, FT. LEAVENWORTH, KS., FOUR TIMES: THIRTYFIVE; FORTYTHREE FOR TWO YEARS; FORTYSEVEN FOR FOUR YEARS, LAST RECEIVING FOUR YEAR SENTENCE APRIL TWO, SIXTYTWO AT TOPEKA, KS., IN USDC.

JACK LACAZE, INMATE ORLEANS PARISH PRISON, HOLD-UP MAN AND SAFE BURGLAR, ADVISED LACAZE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH COHEN IN FIFTIES, BUT RAY IS UNKNOWN. ~~SETATEW~~ COHEN WOULD HELP ANYONE, CRIMINAL OR NOT, EXCEPT WHEN BEING SOUGHT BY LAW. LACAZE SAID HE HAS OPERATED IN SOUTHERN LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI AND NAME COIN UNKNOWN AS ASSOCIATES OF CRIMINALS OR FENCE.

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BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4/25/68

Airtel

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

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel 4/19/68, submitting major case prints of Jerry William Ray, aka Jerry William Ryan, FBI #662651A.

The remaining unidentified latent prints in this case are not identical with finger or palm prints of Ray.

Laboratory report and disposition of submitted known handwriting and hand printing specimens separate. The prints of Ray are being retained.

- ① - Birmingham (44-1740)**
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)**
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)**

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 25, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561276 JK

Specimens received 4/22/68

K191 Six handwriting sample forms bearing known handwriting
and hand printing of JERRY WILLIAM RAY

ALSO SUBMITTED: Major case prints of JERRY WILLIAM RAY

Result of examination:

Differences were noted between the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 when compared with the known handwriting of JERRY WILLIAM RAY, K191. Because of the limited questioned writing involved and the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations in the known material, a definite opinion was not reached.

It was concluded that the other questioned writings attributed to Eric S. Galt were not prepared by JERRY WILLIAM RAY, K191.

Specimen K191 and the ALSO SUBMITTED material are retained.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 25, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

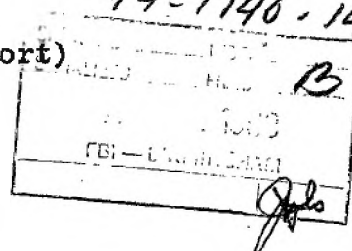
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Lab. No. D-561276 JK

Examination requested by: Chicago
Reference: Airtel 4/19/68
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Remarks:

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

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 2 - Chicago (44-1114) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
- ① - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)



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REPORT
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 25, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561483 JK

Specimens received 4/23/68

K196 Three post cards, two addressed to "Miss Suzy Ryan" and the other addressed to "Miss Carol Ryan" bearing purported known handwriting of JOHN RAY, aka JACK RAY

Result of examination:

Differences were noted between the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 when compared with the known handwriting of JOHN RAY, K196, but the limited questioned signature and the lack of comparable material precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

It was concluded that the other questioned writings submitted in this case were not prepared by JOHN RAY, K196.

K196 is returned to Chicago. Photographs are retained.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 25, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-561483 JK

Examination requested by: Chicago
Reference: Airtel 4/22/68
Examination requested: Document
Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 2 - Chicago (44-1114) Enclosures (3) (2 Lab report, K196)
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PM URGENT 4/26/68 OLP

TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES AND HOUSTON
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 11 PAGES

MURKIN.

INVESTIGATION RE MOTELS AND LODGING PLACES ALONG
CHEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY.

INVESTIGATION AT ALL MOTELS AND LODGING PLACES
ALONG CHEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY FROM THE GENTILLY SHOPPING CENTER
TO THE INTERSECTION OF U. S. HIGHWAY NINETY AND HIGHWAY
ELEVEN WHICH IS THE MOST LOGICAL AREA THAT RAY WOULD HAVE
SELECTED A LODGING PLACE DURING THE THREE SEVENTEEN - TWENTYFOUR
SIXTYEIGHT PERIOD NOW COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
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Ray

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT SEVEN TWO FIVE, APRIL ONE SIXTYEIGHT, WHERE ON WAS REPORTED RIFLE BOX LABELED "MAUSER UNDER CONTROL OF FLIGHT CAPTAIN."

MAX K. JONES ADVISED THAT HE WAS ASSIGNED AS FIRST OFFICER OF DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT SEVEN TWO FIVE ONE FOUR ONE SIXTYEIGHT WHICH FLIGHT ORIGINATED FROM NEWARK, NEW JERSEY AND TRAVELED TO NEW ORLEANS WITH STOPS AT WASHINGTON, D. C., ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM. JONES RECALLS THAT A STEWARDESS HAD BROUGHT A BOX CONTAINING A GUN TO THE CABIN OF THE PLANE. HE SAID THAT THE BOX WAS LARGE ENOUGH IN SIZE TO CARRY

A RIFLE. JONES STATED IT IS NORMAL POLICY TO PUT ANY WEAPONS CARRIED BY PASSENGERS IN THE PILOT CABIN. JONES UPON VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY STATED HE DID NOT RECOGNIZE RAY.

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RE: TELEPHONE CALL FROM PHONE BOOTH, HOUSTON, TEXAS,
DECEMBER SEVENTEEN SIXTYSEVEN, TO LAKE CHARLES, LA.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, TELEPHONE COMPANY, LAKE CHARLES,
LA., SHOWS THAT PHONE NUMBER, AREA CODE THREE ONE EIGHT,
FOUR SEVEN SEVEN DASH ZERO SIX ONE SIX, IS THAT OF HERTZ
RENT A CAR, MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, LAKE CHARLES, LA., AND THEY
HAVE HAD THAT NUMBER FOR WELL OVER THREE YEARS.

TELEPHONE LOG AT HERTZ OFFICE DOES NOT SHOW ANY
INCOMING CALLS FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS OR OUTGOING TO HOUSTON,
TEXAS DURING PERIOD DECEMBER FIFTEEN THROUGH SEVENTEEN,
SIXTYSEVEN. EMPLOYEES DO NOT REMEMBER RECEIVING SUCH A
CALL. REVIEW OF HERTZ RECORDS DECEMBER FIFTEEN THROUGH
SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN SHOWS ONLY RENTALS IN AND OUT OF LAKE
CHARLES TO PERSONS WITH COMPANY CREDIT CARDS ALL KNOWN TO
HERTZ EMPLOYEES. PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY SHOWN TO HERTZ
EMPLOYEES. RAY UNKNOWN TO ANY EMPLOYEE AND EACH ADVISED
THEY DO NOT RECALL HAVING RENTED CAR TO ANY SUCH PERSON.

RAY REGISTERED AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL, NEW ORLEANS,
LA., ON DEC. SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT.
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RE ANTHONY CHARLES DECARVELHO, FRIEND
OF CHARLES STEIN.

DECARVELHO INTERVIEWED FOUR TWENTYSIX SIXTYEIGHT AND ADVISED THAT CHARLES STEIN WAS IN NEW ORLEANS THE WEEK BEFORE DECEMBER, TWENTYFOUR, LAST. ON UNRECALLED DATE HE FOUND A NOTE IN HIS DOORWAY FROM STEIN, AND THAT EVEING HE MET STEIN AT RESIDENCE OF MARIE LEE. HE HAS KNOWN STEIN FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS, AND IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF STEIN.

DECARVELHO ADVISED THAT STEIN WAS WEARING A BEARD, WHILE HE WAS IN NEW ORLEANS, AND HE AND STEIN HELD NUMEROUS CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING THE "COSMIC PHILOSOPHY", WHICH DEALS WITH FLYING SAUCERS, SPACE PEOPLE ON EARTH, AND ATTEMPTS TO GET CLOSER TO THE CREATOR. DECARVELHO STATED THAT STEIN IS A BELIEVER IN THIS PHILOSOPHY, AND TRIED TO CONVERT HIM.

DECARVELHO STATED THAT STEIN ADVISED "THE CREATOR PROVIDED FOR ME", IN REFERENCE TO HIS TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS. DECARVELHO ADVISED THAT STEIN CLAIMED AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE HAD JUST MET, NAMED GALT, HAD DRIVEN HIM TO NEW ORLEANS, AND HE WAS REFERRING TO THIS INDIVIDUAL WHEN SPEAKING ABOUT THE CREATOR PROVIDING FOR HIM. STEIN ADVISED DECARVELHO

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THAT GALT WAS TRAVELLING THROUGH NEW ORLEANS TO A NEIGHBORING STATE, EITHER MISSISSIPPI OR ALABAMA, ON BUSINESS, AND WAS TO PICK UP STEIN AND TAKE HIM BACK TO LOS ANGELES, AFTER COMPLETION OF HIS BUSINESS.

DECARVELHO STATED THAT STEIN LEFT LOS ANGELES WITH APPROXIMATELY THIRTY DOLLARS, AND THAT GALT PAID FOR EVERYTHING ON THE TRIP. STEIN ADVISED DECARVELHO THAT HE FELT HE WAS ON THE THRESHOLD OF CONVERTING GALT TO THE "COSMIC PHILOSOPHY", AND HOPED TO COMPLETE THIS CONVERSION ON THE RETURN TRIP TO LOS ANGELES.

DECARVELHO STATED ON THE DAY STEIN LEFT NEW ORLEANS, DECARVELHO DROVE TO MARIE LEE'S RESIDENCE TO SAY GOOD-BYE. AS HE WALKED UP TO THIS HOUSE, HE OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL STANDING ON THE FRONT STEPS AND CHARLES STEIN TOLD HIM, THIS IS GALT. DECARVELHO AND GALT DID NOT HOLD A CONVERSATION, AND GALT REMAINED ON THE STEPS AS DECARVELHO AND STEIN CARRIED SUTICASES TO GALT'S WHITE MUSTANG.

DECARVELHO STATED THAT GALT HAD SOME PERSONAL ITEMS IN THE TRUNK, WHICH HAD TO BE MOVED BEFORE THE LUGGAGE FOR

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RITA STEIN'S TWO CHILDREN, COULD BE PLACED IN THE TRUNK, AND GALT WALKED FROM THE PORCH AND RE-ARRANGED THE TRUNK TO MAKE ROOM FOR THIS LUGGAGE. DECARVELHO STATED HE OBSERVED SOMETHING THAT APPEARED TO BE A SURVEYOR'S TRANSIT, THAT WAS WRAPPED IN A BROWN LEATHER CASE, SIMILAR TO A GOLF BAG. HE NOTICED NOTHING ELSE UNUSUAL IN THE TRUNK. DECARVELHO ADVISED HE GAVE STEIN AND GALT A MAP WITH DIRECTIONS TO GET OUT OF THE CITY, AND THEY LEFT IMMEDIATELY.

DECARVELHO STATED THAT GALT DOES NOT RESEMBLE THE PICTURE TAKEN AT THE BARTENDER SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES. HE STATED GALT'S FACE IS MUCH MORE SHALLOW.

HE DESCRIBED GALT AS A WHITE MALE, LATE TWENTIES OR THIRTIES, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE SIX ZERO POUNDS, SLIM BUILD, DARK HAIR, LIGHT BROWN EYES, WITH NO DISTINGUISHING MARKS OR CHARACTERISTICS. DECARVELHO ADVISED THE PHOTOGRAPH THAT APPEARS ON THE IO AND WANTED FLYER THAT WAS TAKEN IN ONE NINE SIX ZERO, IS A GOOD LIKENESS OF GALT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SHORT HAIR.

DECARVELHO ADVISED THAT HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM
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