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FBI TAMPA

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, HOUSTON, AND MAMPHIS  
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN; CR. OO: ME.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE FOUR TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT.  
FOR INFORMATION HOUSTON RETEL AS FOLLOWS:

"JIM SPARKS, EMPLOYEE OF ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, TEMPR-  
RARILY RESIDING AT TWO HONDRED ELEVENTH STREET, ROBINWOOD,  
ALABAMA ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTY EIGHT, INSANT, ONE CHARLES RAY  
JOHNSON, A CONCESSIONARIEMAN WITH HEART OF AMERICA SHOWS, FAIR-  
GROUNDS, TAMPA, FLORIDA BEARS RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT JAMES EARL  
RAY. SPARKS ADVISED SAW JOHNSON AT TAMPA THREE DAYS AGO.  
TAMPA ATTEMPT LOCATE CHARLES RAY JOHNSON TO DETERMINE IF  
IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY."

BEN ELLISON, SECRETARY, ROYAL AMERICAL SHOWS, FAIRGROUND  
ADVISED APRIL TWENTY NINE, INSTANT, NO HEART OF AMERICA SHOWS,  
TAMPA, NO CONCESSIONAIREMAN KNOWN NAMED CHARLES RAY JOHNSON,  
AND SUBJECT RAY PHOTOS EXHIBITED NEGATIVE.

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TP TWO FOUR C ADVISED APRIL TWENTY NINE, HEART OF AMERICA SHOWS HAVE NOT BEEN IN TAMPA, THAT IT IS SMALL ~~PLY~~ BY NIGHT OUTFIT, AND BILLBOARD MAGAZINE SHOWS HEART OF AMERICA TO OPEN APRIL TWENTY SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. SPARKS, JOHNSON, AND SUBJECT RAY ALL UNKNOWN TO SOURCE. SOURCE IS ON FAIRGROUND DAILY.

HOUSTON ATTEMPT LOCATE CHARLES RAY JOHNSON THROUGH HEART OF AMERICA SHOWS TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY.

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FBI ATLANTA

9 20 PM URGENT 4-29-68 ARK

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

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) 3P

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION APRIL TWENTYNINE INSTANT.

INTERVIEW OF WILLIAM ERNEST HARPER, COLUMBUS, GA.,  
WHO RESIDED AT ONE ZERO SEVEN DASH FOURTEENTH STREET, NE,  
ATLANTA, GA., IN JAN. AND FEB. SIXTYEIGHT, INDICATED THAT  
THE INDIVIDUAL WITH LAST NAME OF FAULKNER WHO RESIDED WITH  
HIM AND WHO RETURNED IN APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT, WAS BOBBY JOE  
FAULKNER NOT BILLY JOE FAULKNER. BOBBY JOY FAULKNER'S MOTHER  
ADVISED THIS DATE BOBBY JOE WAS IN ATLANTA THE FIRST WEEK IN  
APRIL AND LEFT AFTER THE KING ASSASSINATION INASMUCH AS  
CONSTRUCTION WORK SLOWED DOWN IN ATLANTA. HE IS PRESENTLY  
WORKING IN PINE HILL, ALA., AND LEAD SET FORTH FOR MOBILE  
TO INTERVIEW HIM.

REVIEW OF WANT ADS FOR CARS FOR SALE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE  
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CHECK OF DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS FOR NEW DRIVERS LICENSES IN STATE OF GA. FOR PERTINENT PERIOD CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CLOSED DURING PERTINENT PERIOD IN ONLY BANK IN AREA SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE WHICH HAS SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CONDUCTED THIS DATE. TWENTYFIVE BOXES CLOSED DURING PERIOD, MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE WELL KNOWN CUSTOMERS, REMAINDER BEING CHECHED OUT.

AIRLINE CHECKS BEING EXPANDED.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN AREA OF ABANDONMENT OF CAR AND AREA OF RESIDENCE EXPANDED, BUT NO ADDITIONAL INFO OBTAINED.

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE, RECOVERING FROM PROLONGED DRUNK. NOTHING ADDITIONAL OF SIGNIFICANCE OBTAINED.

FORMER HEAD OF HIPPIES, ATLANTA, WHO IS PRESENTLY INCARCERATED NARCOTICS CHARGE INTERVIEWED. FURNISHED INFORMATION RE POSSIBLE DRUG SOURCES IN HIPPIE AREA. HE WAS IN JAIL DURING PERTINENT PERIOD WHEN RAY IN ATLANTA.

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ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED NARCOTICS ASPECT WITH  
COOPERATION NARCOTICS OFFICERS ATLANTA PD.

CONTACT OF KLAN INFORMANTS RE POSSIBLE BOUNTY ON KING'S  
LIFE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA REINTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY NINE.  
STATED ANOTHER INMATE AT MISSOURI STATE PRISON, NAME UNRECALLED  
KNEW RAY. LEADS BEING SET FORTH BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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4/30/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1741) (P)  
RE : MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles and Memphis, 4/24/68.

Reairtel contained photo subject, purportedly taken by woman in Mexico. This photograph displayed to Birmingham witnesses JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO, JOHN DENNIS HANNERS, DONALD WOODS, U. L. BAKER, PETER CHERPES, WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR., and HERBERT KELLY on 4/26/68. DE SHAZO stated he thought the photo was a good likeness of subject and HANNERS said it looked "something like" subject, especially the hairline. The remaining witnesses each stated they did not believe this was the subject, and could not identify him from this photo.

These same witnesses were shown the 1966 Missouri prison photo of the subject, and all agreed this was a poor photo of the subject as they each did not remember him being that thin in the face.

Each witness to date has stated the best likeness of the subject is the 1960 Missouri prison profile photo, if hair was added.

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Airtel

To: SACs, Atlanta  
Birmingham  
Chicago  
Indianapolis  
Kansas City  
Los Angeles  
Memphis

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Bureau has received requests from receiving field divisions to circularize various business establishments either on a state wide or nation wide basis. The requests have not been specific as to what is to be accomplished but have been general in nature.

The suggestions already submitted, as well as any future such suggestions, should be fully evaluated by you as to nature of the circularization, what is expected to be accomplished, scope of the circularization, any disadvantages as weighed against advantages, costs, if any, involved and any other factors on which the Bureau can base an evaluation of the suggestions.

Subject armed and dangerous.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)  
RE : MURKIN

ReBhtel to Bureau, 4/25/68 and Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 4/26/68.

Referenced Birmingham teletype suggested that Bureau consider having an article on JAMES EARL RAY prepared for publication in the publications captioned "Journeyman Barber," which is published monthly by the Journeyman Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmetologists and Proprietors International Union of America (JBHCP), 1141 North Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind., and "Master Barber and Beauticians Magazine," published monthly by the Associated Master Barbers and Beauticians of America (AMBB), 219 Greenwich Road, Charlotte, N. C.

It is felt that such an article would receive nationwide publicity with barbers and barbershop owners since the JBHCP publication is sent to each member of the International within the U. S. and AMBB publication is sent to each barber-shop owner within the U. S.

The results of such publication may be of great value in determining whereabouts of subject since, in all probability, subject will use the services of a barber.

Since the above publications are printed by the JBHCP and the AMBB, the cost to the Bureau of having such

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an article published would be nil. If the Bureau considers authorizing such an article to be published, arrangements for such publication can be made through JOSEPH N. DePAOLA, Managing Editor of the "Journeyman Barber," 1141 North Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Ind., and arrangements for publication in the "Master Barber and Beauticians Magazine" could be made by contacting the editor, THOMAS H. BROUGHTON, AMBB, 2199 Greenwich Road, Charlotte.

Information copies are being furnished to Charlotte and Indianapolis.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/27/68

PAUL ALVIN LAIL was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of this interview.

LAIL advised he is presently living at 34 Barbados Drive, Palm Springs, with his wife BETTY and five month old baby.

LAIL stated he had been an inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary for three years and while confined there he had met and known JAMES EARL RAY. He stated he was not very close or friendly with RAY but he did eat with him a number of times when he was in the kitchen visiting with his friend, LEWIE "WHITEY" DOWDA. He said he also watched a number of ball games and television programs with RAY.

LAIL described RAY as being a guy who knew his way around but was not one of the wheels or leaders in prison; that RAY was a sharp intelligent guy who hung around with the boys who were always up to something and were in on all of the deals. LAIL advised RAY never seemed to have a lot of money but always seemed to have enough to get whatever he wanted.

LAIL said most of the guys (he cannot recall their names) that he, RAY, was with most of the time were on dope and were peddling it.

LAIL continued by saying that RAY's big buddy was NEAL ABBEY who was a "big wheel" and the guy who ran the prison kitchen with "an iron hand." LAIL stated ABBEY was the guy who got RAY into the kitchen which was a good deal (job).

LAIL advised that LEO BARNETT handled dope and peddled it in the Missouri State Penitentiary and he believes he is now in prison somewhere in Florida. He said that BARNETT would know for certain if RAY had been on dope and where and who he got the dope from.

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On 4/26/68 at Palm Springs, Florida File # Miami 44-1854  
 by SAs ROBERT W. WISEMAN and  
PATRICK A. PHILBIN PAP/KMM Date dictated 4/26/68

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LAIL further advised that FRED MILLER, "a cut and dried con," who worked in the tag plant of the prison, was one of the leaders and knew RAY well and he might be able to furnish information about him if he would talk to the FBI.

LAIL related that WHITEY DOWDA also knew RAY pretty well and would know more about him than he did since they both worked in the kitchen together for quite a while. He said WHITEY had been living in Marietta, Georgia, and he recently heard that WHITEY is now in jail in Marietta on a robbery charge.

LAIL stated there had been trouble with some of the Negro prisoners in the Missouri State Penitentiary who were Black Muslims so some of the prisoners decided to teach them a lesson and three or four of the Negro leaders were killed. LAIL stated he did not know if RAY was in on the actual killing, but he was close with the ones that did it and therefore could have been in on the killing or at least he knew who did kill the Negroes.

LAIL would not make any further statements about the killing of the Negroes in the Missouri State Penitentiary and he stated he could not furnish any names or identities but he did say there were ten inmates who were in on the killing of the Negroes.

LAIL said he could not recall RAY saying too much about Negroes and he does not believe from his conversations with RAY that he, RAY, was a racist, however, all of the inmates in the Missouri State Penitentiary did not like the Negroes because of their belligerent attitude and animosity toward the white inmates.

LAIL stated RAY liked to wear his hair short in the summer months and long in the winter. He said RAY used to have a "butch" cut in the summer months.

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LAIL stated from his association with RAY that he felt RAY would have a .45 automatic "stashed" on his person somewhere and he would not give up or be taken without a fight. LAIL said RAY is a "killer" in his opinion and that RAY would not be easy to catch or find. LAIL said RAY is "a city boy" and he does not figure him to be hiding out in the country. However, LAIL stated he would not figure RAY would hide out in a really big city like New York, but would pick one about the size of Houston, Texas.

LAIL said he could not recall RAY telling him or mentioning any place in particular he, RAY, always wanted to go to or visit, but he felt RAY would be in a warm climate rather than a cold one.

LAIL stated he had not been contacted or heard from RAY since he got out of the Missouri State Penitentiary over two years ago and to the best of his knowledge RAY would not know where or how to contact him.

LAIL advised he had visited WHITEY DOWDA in March, 1968, in WHITEY's home in Marietta, Georgia, for a few days. He said that WHITEY is his best friend.

LAIL continued by saying he recognized the name of SCHAFER and he thinks SCHAFER was a captain in the prison guard force, but he did not know him and/or if SCHAFER peddled dope in the pen.

LAIL stated he felt that there was a possibility RAY's escape was engineered by and assisted by outside help but he did not have any knowledge about it. Also he stated just about anything is possible with outside help and money, however, escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary is something else and is just about impossible in his opinion.

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LAIL stated he did not feel badly about MARTIN LUTHER KING getting killed, but he was sorry it happened in Memphis, Tennessee, and he would have rather seen KING killed in some Northern city. LAIL said he is a Southerner and his feelings are Southern.

LAIL stated that he is of course interested in the reward money and he could certainly use it. However, he said he really does not know if he would turn RAY in or not for the reward money if he had the opportunity. LAIL stated he was certain RAY did the killing of KING himself and not involved with anyone else. LAIL stated that he wanted to be honest with the FBI and he would have to think about this a couple of days as to whether or not he would or would not turn RAY in if he knew his possible or current whereabouts.

LAIL stated he really does not know where RAY is and he said that RAY had not contacted him and he had not seen RAY for over two years.

LAIL continued by saying he was a little surprised when he learned from the newspaper and television that RAY had been identified as KING's killer because he always figured RAY as being a guy that would be too smart to leave any clues or evidence around so that the police or the FBI would be able to trace and/or identify him.

LAIL examined the photographs of RAY and said he would never recognize him with the tuxedo and bow tie outfit on and further he said he never saw RAY with his hair long as it is either. However, he said the guy with the bow tie and tuxedo on is RAY.

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LAIL said after thinking it over that he is very interested in the money and if he thinks of anything or comes up with anything concerning RAY, he will contact either Special Agent PATRICK A. PHILBIN or ROBERT W. WISEMAN.

LAIL is a white male, born [redacted] Marion, North Carolina, 175 pounds, blue eyes, red hair, medium slender build, 6' 3", wife BETTY, and resides 34 Barbados Drive, Palm Springs, Florida.

4/27/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, Jacksonville, and Kansas City, 4/26/68.

Enclosed herewith are ten copies each of the interview with PAUL ALVIN LAIL for Kansas City and Memphis; one copy each for Atlanta and Birmingham.

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2 - Memphis (Enc 10)  
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: FBI LABORATORY  
SUBJECT: TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

ADMIN  
CR  
DO: MEMPHIS

Re Memphis airtel to all continental offices dated 4/19/68.

Referenced airtel reflects the FBI advised that pillow case and bed sheet located in Atlanta on 4/11/68 contained Thermo-seal laundry tapes, yellow in color, containing the code "208-3" with the first three characters of the code being 15 point type and the last two characters being 18 point type.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Laboratory are four pages of sample laundry marks bearing the code, "208-3" as made by four Thermo-seal machines, located at the Oak Park Cleaners, 3314 East Broadway, Tampa, Florida on 4/23/68. These machines contained the serial numbers 31630, 31603, 31731, and 32140, and produce a five character laundry mark with the first three characters being a 15 point type and the last two characters 18 point type.

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1-Birmingham (Info) (44-1743)  
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The laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed samples of laundry tapes with the laundry tapes mentioned in referenced airtel to determine if they have been produced by the same machine.

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Date: 4/27/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE  
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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS  
FROM NEWARK (44-354)

MURKIN

RE NK TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL TWENTY EIGHT LAST.  
RE MARJORIE FETTERS.

TO BY JERRY RAY, SUSPECT, WHO IS IN CHICAGO, ILL., AREA, TOLD ANOTHER WOMAN COMPANIONED FETTERS, CHICAGO, ILL., FETTERS WHO HAS EXPLORED A TRAIL TO CCC AND MENTIONED THE INQUIRED OF JERRY RAY THE WHEREABOUTS OF HIS FATHER. HE TOLD HER HE WAS BEING ON A FARM, RT. TWO, COUNTY ONE, MISSISSIPPI, AND WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD ANY BROTHERS HE SAID HE HAD ONE WHO WAS BUYING A BAR.

JERRY RAY ALSO MENTIONED HE HAD A SON, MICHAEL RAY, WHO RESIDES WITH THE PARENTS OF HIS DIVORCED MOTHER, NAME GI IN WHITESEBORO, MISSISSIPPI. HE STATED HE HAD MARRIED HIS WIFE IN ST. LOUIS, MO., BUT DID NOT SAY WHEN. FOR THE INFORMATION OF KNOXVILLE, MARJORIE FETTERS, FORMER MURKIN

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
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AND GO-GO DANCER, CONTACTED JERRY RAY THROUGH THE EXPOSE NEWSPAPER KNOWN AS THE CHRONICLE. SHE HAS NEVER SEEN JERRY RAY, BUT HAS WRITTEN LONELY-HEART TYPE LETTERS TO HIM. JERRY RAY DOES NOT KNOW THE FBI IS COGNIZANT OF THIS RELATIONSHIP AND FETTERS IS ATTEMPTING TO FIND OUT FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING FAMILY BACKGROUND OF RAY FOR THE FBI. NO MENTION OF FETTERS SHOULD BE MADE TO ANYONE ON INTERVIEWS.

LEADS

IF THE LOCATION IN WHITESBURG IS NOT KNOWN, CHICAGO SHOULD FURNISH KNOXVILLE WITH ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON EX-WIFE OF JERRY RAY, THAT WOULD ASSIST KNOXVILLE IN LOCATING FORMER IN-LAWS OF JERRY RAY.

KNOXVILLE SHOULD LOCATE THE IN-LAWS WHO POSSIBLY RESIDE ON A "POOF" TOBACCO FARM IN THE WHITESBURG, TENN., AREA AND WHO ARE TAKING CARE OF JERRY RAY'S SON, MICHAEL.

MAIL COPIES SENT TO BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY AND ST. LOUIS.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

4/29/68

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TELETYPE

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TO CHICAGO

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN.

LOOK-ALIKE, O'HARE AIRPORT, CHICAGO,

DELTA AIRLINE TICKET OFFICE, TWO P.M., APRIL NINE LAST.

H. ALVIN SHARPE, THE EDUCOIN COMPANY, NEW ORLEANS, LA., ADVISED APRIL TWENTYNINE INSTANT, THAT HE WAS IN CHICAGO ON APRIL NINE, SIXTYEIGHT. AT APPROXIMATELY TWO P.M., HE WENT TO DELTA AIRLINE TICKET OFFICE, O'HARE AIRPORT. HE HAD RETURN TRIP TICKET TO NEW ORLEANS AND DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING TICKET TO EASTERN AIRLINES SO HE COULD RETURN BY WAY OF LEXINGTON, KY. WHILE DISCUSSING THIS WITH ONE OF TICKET AGENTS, HE OBSERVED A MAN TALKING WITH ONE OF THE SEAT RESERVATION AGENTS OF DELTA AIRLINES LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF TICKET AGENTS AS ONE FACES THESE AGENTS. HE THOUGHT THIS MAN WAS ARTHUR DARDEN, A MARINE ENGINEER WHO RESIDES NEW ORLEANS. HIS ATTENTION DRAWN TO THIS MAN WHEN HE HEARD THE MAN SAY HE WANTED TO GO TO NEW  
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ORLEANS, BUT DID NOT WANT THE FLIGHT BY WAY OF ATLANTA. SHARPE WALKED TOWARD THE MAN SPEAKING TO HIM, THINKING HE WAS DARDEN, AND ASKED "WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN CHICAGO". THE MAN DID NOT RESPOND AND HAD A BLANK LOOK, WHEREUPON SHARPE REALIZED THIS MAN NOT DARDEN. HE THEN REALIZED THE MAN WAS SHORTER IN HEIGHT THAN DARDEN. SHARPE APOLOGIZED STATING HE THOUGHT MAN WAS SOMEONE HE KNEW. HE ADVISED THIS PERSON REMAINED AT THE SEAT RESERVATION COUNTER AND SEEMED TO HAVE A "HASSLE" WITH ONE OF THE TWO MEN AT THAT COUNTER. HE GATHERED IT CONCERNED THE MAN'S TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS, AS SHARPE HAD TO WAIT UNTIL EVENING FOR HIS PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. HE NOTED SOME THIRTY MINUTES LATER THAT THE MAN WAS TALKING TO THE SAME SEAT RESERVATION AGENT. HE ASSUMED THE MAN HAD BEEN THERE ALL THIS TIME.

SHARPE DID NOT SEE THIS MAN AGAIN AND DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THE MAN WAS ON HIS DELTA FLIGHT TO NEW ORLEANS WHICH LEFT CHICAGO APPROXIMATELY SIX P.M.

SHARPE STATES HAS OBSERVED A PICTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY DIFFERENT FROM THE FIRST PHOTO PUBLISHED OF ERIC STARVO GALT  
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AND BELIEVES THAT THE MAN REFERRED TO ABOVE WAS IN FACT RAY. SHARPE STATES HAS KNOWN DARDEN FOR FIFTEEN YEARS AND KNOWS DARDEN NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

CHICAGO CONTACT SEAT RESERVATION AGENTS ON DUTY O'HARE AIRPORT AFTERNOON APRIL NINE LAST. ASCERTAIN IF THEY CAN RECALL THIS INCIDENT AND WHETHER THEY CAN IDENTIFY PERSON DESIRING TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS, BUT NOT ON FLIGHT VIA ATLANTA. DETERMINE, IF POSSIBLE, NAME USED BY SUCH PERSON AND WHETHER THIS PERSON POSSIBLY JAMES EARL RAY. SUGGEST EXHIBIT VARIOUS PHOTOS OF RAY AS SHARPE STATES THE SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO OF RAY DOES NOT RESEMBLE MAN AT AIRPORT.

AIRMAIL COPIES ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

4/20/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype dated 4/19/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and interested offices is one Xerox copy of the file re JAMES E. RAY, Inmate Number 18121 dated 7/3/65, from the ISP, Pontiac, Illinois. Also enclosed is one copy of the Chicago Police Department file re JAMES RAY. In addition, there is enclosed a Xerox copy of the Cook County Jail inmate card dated 6/13/62, re JAMES E. RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 3)
- 1 - Memphis (Enc. 3) (44-1987)
- ① - Birmingham (44-1740) (Enc. 3) *per id*
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO:ME

Re memo of SA ROBERT J. ADAMS 4/25/68.

Following investigation conducted 4/26/68 by SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN & SA NEIL G. MARTIN.

Mrs. WILLIE DEAN FOWLER, Personnel Clerk, Hayes International Co., made available her personnel indices for past and present employees. These records were checked on all names known to have been used by subject JAMES EARL RAY. All names were negative.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO:ME

Re memo of SA C.T.ADAMS 4/24/68.

Following investigation conducted 4/25/68 by SA RICHARD D.SCHWEIN & SA NEIL G. MARTIN.

TUCK ROBERTS, Mgr. National Car Rentals Birmingham, advise d that after v~~ia~~awing photos of the subject of this case he had to state that neither FREDERICK R. GREEN or LANNIE E. GREEN resembled the photos.

Mr.ROBERTS stated that the only reason he thought the GREENS might have some bearing on this case was the fact they rented a car during the appropriate time period and were involved, allegedly, with a purchase of firearms. Since the announcement that ERIC GALT is an alias of JAMES EARL RAY he has changed his mind.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4-30-68

FROM : SA DONALD R. SOREENSEN (D)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4-29-68 Mr. BILL MEADOWS, Personnel Section, Genesco Shoe Company, Huntsville, Alabama advised SA DONALD R. SOREENSEN he could locate no record of employment for JAMES EARL RAY under either true name or known aliases.

1-Birmingham  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: ME

Re Memo of SA EUGENE J. LANDOLFI 4/23/68.

On 4/26/68 the following investigation was conducted by  
SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN & SA NEIL MARTIN.

RAY TOWNSEND, Dispatcher, ALABAMA HIGHWAY EXPRESS Co., B'ham  
advised that the Tractor-Trailer in Re memo was driven by LINDEN  
SALTER who resides in Haleyville, Ala. Mr. TOWNSEND stated that his  
route sheets indicate that SALTER would or could have been in Arab  
Ala on the date set forth in re memo. TOWNSEND advised that SALTER  
does not look like JAMES EARL RAY. He further advised that SALTER  
has been employed by Alabama Highway Express for over two years.

A review of TOWNSENDS records shows that SALTER was driving  
in Alabama during the periods RAY would have been in California, Mexico.  
ect.

It is felt that a lead to interview SALTER at Haleyville, Ala.  
would be unproductive.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BU ( 44-1740)

FROM : SA PATRICK J. MONTANAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/29/68

Mr. WADE HADMAN of 1613 Cresthill Road, Birmingham, Ala. ( 502-7855), telephonically contacted the office this date and furnished the following information.

He saw the photo of the man in the Martin Luther King case flashed on TV at the end of the FBI program and the request for assistance from the public in this matter.

He felt compelled to express the following opinion. He believes the FBI has become very political and he does not believe it is a good thing for the FBI or the country. He does not know if Mr. Hoover is responsible for this and recalled that Mr. Hoover called Dr. King a liar a few year ago and never retracted the statement. He suspects the President, the AG and Mr. Goldberg of the IT as responsible for this political turn by the FBI.

Mr. WADE HADMAN described himself as a Lt. Col. in the Ala. State Militia, a businessman and a long time resident of Alabama. He advised further that he is a "strict segregationist" but he does not condone murder.

He was advised that his opinion would be made a matter of record, as requested.

It was pointed out to MR. HADMAN that the killing of Dr. King was a violation of federal Civil Rights statutes and that the FBI would investigate this matter, like all other cases within our jurisdiction, to the full limit of our ability and without apology to anyone.

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*JES*

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Director, FBI

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*JH* SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

MURKIN

Mr. WADE HARMAN, 1613 Cresthill Road, Birmingham, Alabama, telephonically contacted the office this date and stated that he was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Alabama State Militia, a businessman, and a "strict segregationist."

He said he saw the photograph of the man who allegedly murdered MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., flashed on the TV at the end of the FBI Program last night and felt compelled to express his opinion. He said that he does not condone murder; however, he believed the FBI has become very political and he does not believe it is a good thing for the FBI or the country. He said he does not know if Mr. HOOVER is responsible for this; however, he recalls that Mr. HOOVER described Dr. KING as a liar a few years ago and never retracted his statement. He suspects The President, the Attorney General, and Mr. ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG as responsible for this political turn by the FBI.

Mr. HARMAN was advised that the killing of Dr. KING was a violation of the Civil Rights Act and that the FBI has investigative jurisdiction in these matters. It was clearly pointed out to him that this case, like all other cases within our jurisdiction, would be investigated vigorously and without apology to anyone.

The above furnished for Bureau's information.

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②-Birmingham  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (62-0) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CHARLES L. WEST ✓ 44-1740-1106  
5200 RYE DRIVE  
DAYTON, OHIO  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

WEST, whose telephone number is 233-9609, Dayton, Ohio, telephonically contacted the Dayton RA 4/22/68 and related the following:

WEST, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, owns a home there at 3514 7th Avenue South, which he rents to R. T. CAMERON. This property has been managed for him by a cousin, GENEVA HARDEMON, 219 67th Street, who also operates a beauty school under her own name.

After visiting his son at Forrest Park, Georgia, Mr. WEST arrived in Birmingham and checked into the Bama Motel, 6712 First Avenue North, shortly after noon on 4/4/68. He remained there until 4/9/68 or 4/10/68 when he left to return to Dayton, Ohio where he is employed as a photo engraver by the McCall Corporation.

WEST had traveled to Birmingham to remove certain personal property from the home he owns there and through attorney J. CARTER MC FERRIN to initiate eviction proceedings against his tenant.

WEST who made the trip alone took with him in his automobile a .44 caliber Marlin carbine which he inadvertently left in his room at the Bama Motel. On the day he checked out of the Motel he discovered after traveling some distance that he had left the carbine in his motel room, and he stopped at a pay phone from which he contacted a man at the motel who informed him that they had the rifle. WEST told him to give the rifle to his cousin, GENEVA HARDEMON, above, who would ship it to him. The man he talked with at the motel indicated that he is acquainted with Mrs. HARDEMON and that this would be done.

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1-Cincinnati

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WEST called his cousin on the night of 4/21/68 to find out if she had shipped his rifle and was told by her that a maid at the Bama Motel had reported the matter of the rifle to the FBI at Birmingham and possibly the Birmingham PD. Mrs. HARDEMON told him that FBI agents had been to her home and examined the rifle after which she was told to hold onto the rifle and not ship it to Mr. WEST.

WEST suggested that his cousin might be confused and that she had probably been visited by Birmingham detectives rather than FBI agents.

WEST is willing he said to cooperate with law enforcement in anyway possible where his carbine is concerned; however, he is interested in its return to him. He has no record of the serial number on the weapon but stated he bought it from a fellow employee at the McCall Corporation in Dayton more than a year ago and has a cancelled check for the purchase of the weapon.

He described himself as W/M/A, dob [redacted] at Birmingham, Alabama, 5'8½", 180 pounds, grey hair, hazel eyes, ruddy complexion.

Birmingham may wish to furnish the foregoing information to local authorities in view of their possible interest in instant firearm.

*Mrs. Geneva Hardemon 219-67th  
St. Contacted 4-30-68. She advised  
that she did not tell Mr. West that  
FBI agents had been to her home and  
informed her not to ship rifle to Mr. West.  
She was advised that the FBI  
has no further interest in this rifle.  
J.F.*

SAC, CINCINNATI (62-0)

4/30/68

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

CHARLES L. WEST  
5200 RYE DRIVE  
DAYTON, OHIO  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

MURKIN  
CR  
CC:ME

Re Cincinnati letter to Birmingham, 4/25/68.

Birmingham conducted investigation in connection with MURKIN regarding CHARLES L. WEST stopping Bama Motel, Birmingham and fact that he had rifle at motel. In view of information obtained during this investigation that WEST was at motel from afternoon 4/4 - 4/12/68 and was also attempting to sell real estate, and no information developed that he was connected with MURKIN, no further investigation regarding WEST was conducted at Birmingham. Mrs. GENEVA HARDAMON was not interviewed.

On 4/30/68 Mrs. GENEVA HARDAMON, 219 67th Street, Birmingham, Ala., advised that she has not informed her cousin, CHARLES L. WEST, that the FBI had been to her home or had advised her to hold his rifle. She stated that the operators of the motel had informed her of the FBI's interest in regards to WEST having a rifle and being in Birmingham, and she had informed Mr. WEST that she did not intend to ship the rifle until she was positive that this matter had been resolved. Mrs. HARDAMON was advised that the FBI had no further interest in Mr. WEST or his rifle.

Above being furnished for information of Cincinnati in view of possibility WEST may recontact Dayton RA.

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2 - Birmingham  
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Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND  
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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2 - Indianapolis	2 - Philadelphia	

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

*4/26*

*We have done this but follow with*

*all 1. E. Agents on Day to Day*

*Send memo to all Agents*

*PP's to do so.*

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AT 44-2386

For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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**Airtel**

**To: SACs, Atlanta (enc.)**  
**Birmingham (enc.)**  
**Mobile (enc.)**  
**Savannah (enc.)**

**From: Director, FBI**

**MURKIN**

Enclosed for Atlanta and Savannah is one copy each of a list of motor vehicles and license plates stolen in the State of Georgia. A comparable list regarding motor vehicles and license plates stolen in Alabama is enclosed for Birmingham and Mobile. The lists were compiled from information retained in NCIC.

Each office should conduct necessary investigation in their respective divisions in an effort to determine whether the subject may have been involved in any of these thefts.

In view of the possibility he may have stolen a motor vehicle and concealed it prior to his return to Atlanta on 4-8-68, the list predates that period. Investigation should also be conducted regarding those vehicles which have been recovered in the event the subject utilized one of those and subsequently abandoned it.

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*Review + line up  
individual leads*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA ERIC L. WILSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo SA ERIC L. WILSON, dated 4/19/68.

EDWARD L. JENKINS, aka LEE JENKINS, 2910 16th Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Ala., was contacted and furnished the following information:

He advised that he and his wife were in Bessemer, Ala., on the evening of 4/12/68 when he met HOMER AARON who was associated with him in a social club. JENKINS advised at this time AARON mentioned that on 4/11/68 he picked up two white men in Bessemer, Ala., in his cab and drove them to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to the airport. JENKINS advised that AARON told him that one of the men who was driven to Tuscaloosa, Ala., bore a strong resemblance to the sketch of the loose nose individual who had allegedly killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. JENKINS advised AARON had told that these men had given him \$20 to drive them to Tuscaloosa, Ala., and also gave him a \$5 tip. JENKINS advised that he admonished AARON for not notifying the authorities before this but AARON advised he was very nervous about this and was afraid to do it.

JENKINS advised he knows nothing further concerning this and that the above is only what AARON had told him on 4/12/68.

On the same date the following individuals were contacted and they all advised the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, as it appears on FBI Wanted Poster #442, is not familiar to them:

1. TED HOUSE, Southern Airways, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Airport
2. M. R. SHIRLEY, Southern Airways, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Airport

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(3) *July*

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*interview Aaron*  
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3. IRA TUCKER, Southern Airways, Tuscaloosa, Ala.,  
Airport

On the same date IRA TUCKER, Terminal Manager of Southern Airways, Tuscaloosa Airport, Northport, Ala., advised that he remembers a colored cab driver dropping off two white individuals sometime during the morning of 4/11/68. TUCKER advised that he cannot recall the color of the cab or what the individuals looked like, however he is fairly certain that neither of the individuals is similar to the photo of ERIC STARVO GALT.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA NEIL G. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re memo of SPC GLENN ROTENBERRY, 4/21/68.

On 4/21/68, Special Agents DAVID B. ZWIRN and NEIL G. MARTIN interviewed ROBERT D. CLEMENTS at the Holiday Inn, Bessemer Super Highway, Room 428, and obtained the following information concerning CLEMENTS:

He is employed by Guerden Industries, Alexander City, Alabama, and works specifically for Embassy Mobile Homes, Inc. He entered the motel 4/19/68 planning to stay two days and advised that he usually stops at this motel while traveling for the company.

The following description and information was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	ROBERT D. CLEMENTS
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	29
Hair	Red
Weight	180 lbs.
Height	5'10"
Wife	BEVERLY CLEMENTS
Child	Boy - ROBERT, JR.
Business address	P.O. Box 729 Alexander City, Alabama.

CLEMENTS observed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, subject in this case, and advised that he did not know anyone resembling him nor did he know anyone named JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT.

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- 44-1740 Subfile look-alikes

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, (170-198)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA LARRY K. SYLVESTER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: WALTER BAKER  
PRI (GHETTO)

Dates of Contact 4/15/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 44-2740 1740 General Racial Climate 157-0		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE 44-1720 PRI advised that subjects name or photograph were unfamiliar to him and that he had never seen the subject in the Talladega, Ala. area. <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC 157-0 PRI advised that he knew of no racial unrest or proposed demonstrations or violence in Talladega, Ala. He stated that he has noticed an increase in "SOUL BROTHERS" and "BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL" sweatshirts worn by the students of the Talladega College. PRI stated that in his opinion this was more of a fad or passing fancy of the students and not an important cause to them. His inquiries to determine what these sweatshirts meant were negative as the students all had different ideas. PRI stated that he had attended the last two meetings of the Talladega Improvement Association and would continue to attend and report anything of value.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage Racial
① 44-1740 1- 170-198 1- 100-5415 LKS		

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Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. DeLoach.....  
Mr. Mohr.....  
Mr. Bishop.....  
Mr. Casper.....  
Mr. Callahan.....  
Mr. Conrad.....  
Mr. Felt.....  
Mr. Gale.....  
Mr. Rosen.....  
Mr. Sullivan.....  
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Mr. Trotter.....  
Tele. Room.....  
Miss Holmes.....  
Miss Gandy.....

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URGENT 4-29-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 3P

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

REBUTEL APRIL TWENTYSEVEN AND BU TEL CALL APRIL  
TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

REPLIES RECEIVED FROM ALL BUT TWO PROVINCES INDICATING  
EITHER NO SUCH NUMBER AS SEVEN TWO DASH THREE SIX ZERO OR CAR IN  
POSSESSION OF OWNER AND NOT IN OHIO AREA APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.  
MOST LOGICAL PROVINCE, ONTARIO, RECORDS INDICATE SEVEN TWO DASH  
THREE SIX ZERO ISSUED BEIGE SIXTYSIX VALIANT WHICH IS BEING  
CHECKED OUT. BUREAU TO BE FURTHER ADVISED.

WITH REFERENCE ANONYMOUS TEL CALL TO BUREAU TEN TWENTYFIVE  
PM, APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST FROM FINDLAY, OHIO INDICATING MAN  
RESEMBLING PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY SEEN BRUNSWICK, CANADA BY CALLER  
WHO PICKED UP GIRL NAMED MONA AND TOOK TO BRUNSWICK, CANADA.  
NOTED NO BRUNSWICK, CANADA, BUT COULD REFER PROVINCE OF NEW  
BRUNSWICK. AS THERE IS A FORT FAIRFIELD, MAINE

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ACROSS BORDER FROM PERTH, NEW BRUNSWICK, INQUIRIES BEING MADE THERE; HOWEVER, BUREAU'S ATTENTION CALLED TO FAIRFIELD, MAINE ON U. S. TWO ZERO ONE NORTH OF AUGUSTA AND A BRUNSWICK, MAINE AT JUNCTION U. S. TWO ZERO ONE AND INTERSTATE NINETYFIVE. FELT ANONYMOUS CALLER COULD HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO BRUNSWICK, MAINE AND SUGGEST APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

REINTERVIEW QUINTALS RESULTED IN STATEMENT INDICATING NOW BELIEVE GALT DEPARTED APARTMENT MONTREAL JUST PRIOR LABOR DAY WEEK END, SIXTYSEVEN, HAD TAKEN TRIP TO U. S., DESTINATION NOT KNOWN, FOR THREE-DAY PERIOD ABOUT ONE WEEK PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, PAID ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS IN CASH AT TIME SIGNED LEASE, DOES NOT RECALL IF PAID RENT ON AUGUST EIGHTEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND DEFINITE DATE LAST SAW GALT NOT RECALLED.

OWNER OF APARTMENT, ROTHMAN, ALSO REINTERVIEWED AND SAID NO ATTACHMENT TO LEASE LOCATED AND SINCE NO ACCURATE RECORDS KEPT COULD NOT ESTABLISH EXACT DATE OF GALT'S DEPARTURE BUT BELIEVED JUST PRIOR LABOR DAY WEEK END. ALSO RECALLED GALT'S TRIP TO U. S., NO DETAILS RECALLED, FOR THREE-DAY PERIOD A WEEK OR TWO PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, AND COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL

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INFORMATION.

PCMP MONTREAL REQUESTED CIRCULARIZE CANADIAN MERCHANT  
MARINE FACILITIES, DANCE STUDIOS, USED AND NEW CAR OUTLETS  
AS WELL AS RENTAL AGENCIES AND BANKS AND POSTAL SUBSTATIONS.

END .XXX

MKP

FBI WASH DC

VIA TELETYPE

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

STATE 004

URGENT 4-17-68 EXR

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 172

*Calv*

MURKIN.

RE KEY FOUND IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

REBUCAD APRIL ONE FOUR LAST.

ASSISTANT MANAGER, HOTEL MARIA ISABEL, PASEO DE LA REFORMA THREE TWO FIVE, MEXICO CITY, ADVISES ALL ROOM KEYS HAVE BRASS TAG WITH REQUEST IN SPANISH THAT KEY BE RETURNED TO HOTEL AT THAT ADDRESS. IN ADDITION KEYS ARE STAMPED "ALBA," NAME OF LOCAL KEY MANUFACTURER, AND ALL CARRY THE NUMBER "MIR THREE NINE ZERO THREE FOUR," WHICH IS A CODE NUMBER FOR KEYS FROM THIS HOTEL.

REVERSE SIDE OF BRASS TAG HAS A MONOGRAM OF THE HOTEL INITIALS  
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REGISTRATION CARDS NOT FILED BY ROOM NUMBER, AND NO RECORD KEPT OF MISSING KEYS. HOWEVER, REGISTRATION CARDS BEING CHECKED FOR OCCUPANTS OF ROOM ONE ONE THREE ONE IN RECENT PAST AND RESULTS WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RECEIVED: 3:33PM EXR

BRD CC MR. FREEMAN

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Birmingham

DATE: April 29, 1968

*JRM* : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY  
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM  
NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 80.

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA MARION B. HUMMEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: CHARLES R. MASHBURN,  
former inmate of Missouri State Prison

CHARLES R. MASHBURN, Route 1, Owens Cross Roads, was located on 4/30/68, and interviewed by the writer. MASHBURN advised he was sentenced from Portageville, Mo., to the best of his recollection, in 1961. He received two four-year sentences to run consecutively. He was released in July of 1965, on parole to Alabama.

MASHBURN advised that the name JAMES EARL RAY sounds vaguely familiar to him and he believes that he had heard that name while in prison at Jefferson City, but he does not know him. After being shown a photograph of RAY, MASHBURN advised that the photograph also looks vaguely familiar, but he could not definitely say that he recalls it from his prison time. He said a good possibility exists that the familiarity of the picture and the name could be caused by the recent publicity which RAY has been given.

MASHBURN advised that in 1963, he was sent to the prison farm known as Renze Farm and remained at the farm until he was paroled. He is positive that RAY was not at the farm. MASHBURN also stated he is positive that RAY was not in his particular cell block at the main prison because he knew the prisoners in his own cell block. He said there were three different cell blocks and that the only time the prisoners from the three cell blocks were together was on Sunday when they were all in the yard at the same time.

Concerning dope at the prison, MASHBURN said that he personally did not use any, even while he was in prison, and has no personal knowledge of any traffic in dope; however, he does know dope and narcotics were available and he knows that one guard whose nickname was "PADDLE FOOT" was fired, prior to 1963 when MASHBURN was sent to the prison farm, for "fooling with dope." MASHBURN

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does not know this guard's name or any other details, but does recall his nickname of "PADDLE FOOT" and says that he wore about a size 14 shoe, from which his nickname arose.

MASHBURN said he did not know any other individuals from the State of Alabama who were in the Missouri State Prison during the pertinent period other than MASHBURN's father, CARL MASHBURN, who was sentenced at the same time and place as MASHBURN. MASHBURN's father, CARL MASHBURN, died eight months ago.

RE: GERALD D. RAY, alleged to be an employee  
at the Boeing Aircraft Company in  
Huntsville.

Send  
TT /  
On 4/30/68, WALTER HARGROVE, Security Officer for the Huntsville Division of the Boeing Company, reviewed all available personnel records and advised that there was no GERALD D. RAY presently employed at Huntsville Division of Boeing, nor was there anyone of this name on loan to the Huntsville Division from any other Boeing division. HARGROVE could furnish no other information regarding GERALD D. RAY.

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7:02 PM URGENT 4/30/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY,  
AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION APRIL THIRTY INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AMONG HIPPIE ELEMENT, ATLANTA.  
THIS PHASE ALSO INVOLVED WITH INDIVIDUALS FAMILIAR WITH NARCOTIC  
AND DRUG TRAFFIC. NOTHING OF SIGNIFIGANCE OBTAINED TO DATE.

CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CLOSED DURING PERTIMENT  
PERIOD AT BANK IN AREA OF RESIDENCE WHICH HANDLES SAFETY DEPOSIT  
BOXES COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING, NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHECK OF NEWSPAPER WANT ADS AND FOLLOW UPS ON USED CARS  
FOR SALE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION OF STOLEN CARS DURING PERTIMENT PERIOD  
CONTINUING. NO SIGNIFIGANT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

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8:30PM URGENT 4-30-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE LOUIS LOMAX AND CHARLES STEIN.

LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER, APRIL THIRTY, CONTAINED ARTICLE  
BY LOMAX CONCERNING TRIP WITH STEIN TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH  
UTILIZED BY SUBJECT DURING DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN. LOMAX REPORTED  
THAT DURING TRIP HE AND STEIN HAD LOCATED PHONE BOOTH IN TEXAS,  
AND THAT PHONE COMPANY WAS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE RECORDS RE CALLS  
MADE FROM SUCH BOOTH IN EFFORT TO LOCATE QUOTE CASH MAN UNQUOTE  
WHO BANKROLLED SLAYING OF KING. LOMAX ALSO CLAIMED THAT FBI HAD  
PHONE COMPANY RECORDS AND HAD DECLINED TO LET LOMAX SEE SUCH  
PHONE RECORDS RE TELEPHONE BOOTHS LOCATED IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL  
AT LOS ANGELES. LOMAX TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LOS ANGELES  
OFFICE AM APRIL TWENTY NINE AND ASKED FOR ANY INFORMATION RE THIS  
CASE AND WHETHER OR NOT FBI HAD ANY PHONE RECORDS. LOMAX WAS  
ADVISED ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE WAS CONTAINED IN PRESS RELEASE  
ISSUED BY THE BUREAU. NO FURTHER COMMENTS MADE TO HIM.  
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PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFICIALS ADVISE THAT LOMAX HAS NOT ASKED FOR ANY CHECK OF TELEPHONE BOOTH IN TEXAS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CHARLES STEIN, WHOSE INFORMATION FOLLOWS THIS, INDICATES THAT NO PHONE BOOTH WAS LOCATED DURING TRIP.

RE CHARLES STEIN

STEIN INTERVIEWED TODAY STATED HE DID NOT LOCATE PAY PHONE BOOTH USED BY SUBJECT DURING COURSE OF TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN. STEIN STATED HE RECEIVED NO MONEY FROM ANY NEWSPAPER MEN, INCLUDING LOMAX, ALTHOUGH PROMISED UP TO TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR HIS COOPERATION. STEIN DECLINED TO ADVISE WHO MADE SUCH AN OFFER. STEIN STATED HE HAS BEEN CONNED, DUPED, USED AND BEEN MADE A MARK BY NEWSPAPERS. STEIN ADVISED HE IS PRESNETLY CONFUSED AS TO WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED DURING DECEMBER TRIP AND WHAT NEWSPAPERS HAVE SAID HAPPENED.

RE ITEMS IN TRUNK OF MUSTANG

STEIN ADVISED HE CAN NOT REMEMBER ANY POSSESSIONS OF SUBJECT IN MUSTANG OTHER THAN SUIT CASE AND YELLOW BOX. HE STATED SUBJECT PICKED HIM UP AT HOUSE OF SISTER, MARIE LEE, NEW ORLEANS TO BEGIN RETURN TRIP. STEIN ADVISED DECARVELHO AT SISTER'S HOUSE, BUT CANNOT RECOLLECT WHETHER ANYTHING PUT IN TRUNK AT THIS TIME. TRUNK THEN LOADED WITH CARDBOARD BOX AT RESIDENCE OF MOTHER, BUT STEIN ONLY REMEMBERS YELLOW BOX AND SUIT CASE AS BEING IN TRUNK.

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