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the signature on the I.O. of JAMES EARL RAY was similar to signature of JAMES RAY of Jacksonville. He said the RAY family in Jacksonville originally came to Jacksonville from St. Louis, Missouri. He said he has not seen nor heard any more about the JAMES RAY family of Jacksonville since he departed in June 1966.

LEAD

JACKSONVILLE OFFICE

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Conduct appropriate investigation of JAMES RAY family of Jacksonville and determine whether or not identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

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Date: 4/30/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO: ~~DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC BIRMINGHAM (44-1987)~~
BUFFALO (44-374)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

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

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO APRIL TWENTY
NINE LAST.

FOR INFO BUFFALO, SUBJECT ORDERED PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT
FROM CAPTIONED FIRM LATE SEPTEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN, WHICH WAS
SHIPPED OCTOBER THIRD, SIXTY SEVEN. AMONG EQUIPMENT ORDERED
WAS ONE KODAK DUAL PROJECTOR M-NINE FIVE - Z, PRICE ONE HUNDRED
SIXTY EIGHT DOLLARS. HE ALSO ORDERED ONE KODAK SUPER EIGHT
D-THIRTY EIGHT, PRICE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS, WITH PLUS
AN HP ONE COMBINATION EIGHT MM SUPER SPLICER AND ONE TWENTY FOOT
REMOTE CONTROL CABLE. THE CABLE WAS RECOVERED IN THE MUSTANG
AT ATLANTA.

THE SUPER EIGHT CAMERA WAS NOT IN STOCK AND COMPANY SHIPPED
A CRESTLINE CAMERA AS REPLACEMENT. IN CONVERSATIONS AND
CORRESPONDENCE WITH COMPANY, SUBJECT ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT
WANT THE CRESTLINE CAMERA, WAS RETURNING IT, AND WAS INSISTENT
THAT THE KODAK SUPER EIGHT MODEL M EIGHT WAS THE SPECIFIC CAMERA

1 - Memphis (AM)

RJD: BIRMINGHAM (AM)Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in ChargeSent RAY M Per

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HE WANTED FOR USE WITH ABOVE PROJECTOR.

IN RETEL BIRMINGHAM REQUESTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER PROJECTOR HAS RECORDED SERIAL NUMBER AND IF SO LIST WITH NCIC. ALSO IF SERIAL NUMBER AVAILABLE, SUGGEST ADVISE BUREAU IN ORDER THAT DETERMINATION BE MADE WHETHER IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO REQUEST ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES TO FURNISH SAME TO MAJOR PDS FOR USE IN PAWN SHOP DETAILS CHECKING POSSIBILITY THIS ITEM MAY NOW HAVE BEEN PAWNED. ALSO IF SN AVAILABLE, CHICAGO SHOULD REQUEST HEADQUARTERS OF EASTMAN KODAK, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, FOR PURPOSE PLACING STOP IN EVENT ANY INQUIRIES RECEIVED AND ~~EXXRXRXKXX~~ ESPECIALLY IF STILL UNDER WARRANTY.

CONTACT WITH SUPERIOR BULK FILM CO., CHICAGO, THIS DATE, REVEALED FIRM DOES NOT MAINTAIN SERIAL NUMBERS OF CAMERAS OR PROJECTORS ON INCOMING OR OUTGOING SHIPMENTS.

CONTACT WITH EASTMAN KODAK CO., OAK BROOK, ILL., FILM CO.'S SUPPLIER DEVELOPED SERIAL NUMBERS OF OUTGOING SHIPMENTS NOT MAINTAINED. NO WAY TO CHECK FIRM RECEIVING SPECIFIC CAMERAS OR PROJECTORS. RE WARRANTIES. ALL WARRANTY SLIPS RECEIVED THERE

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ARE MAILED TO MAIN OFFICE, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, WHICH ARE
MAINTAINED UNDER NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS ON WHICH SERIAL NUMBER
IS ENTERED BY CUSTOMER.

BUFFALO, AT ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, CONTACT MAIN OFFICE,
EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY, AND SEARCH WARRANTY SLIPS UNDER SUBJECT'S
TRUE NAME AND KNOWN ALIASES, FOR ANY INFO RE ABOVE PROJECTOR.
ALSO NOTE SUBJECT'S PREFERENCE FOR THE PARTICULAR MODEL KODAK
CAMERA MENTIONED HEREIN AND SEARCH WARRANTY SLIPS IN SAME MANNER.
DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A FEASIBLE SEARCH CAN BE MADE FOR
SUPER EIGHT CAMERAS PURCHASED FROM NOVEMBER TEN, SIXTY SEVEN
TO MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, IN LOS ANGELES AREA. IF
POSSIBLE, SEARCH THESE PURCHASES AGAINST SUBJECT'S TRUE NAME
AND ALIASES.

IF SERIAL NUMBER OF PROJECTOR OR CAMERA OBTAINED, COVER
LEADS SET FORTH FOR CHICAGO IN RE BIRMINGHAM TEL.

AM CC TO MEMPHIS. *AND BIRMINGHAM*

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), EL PASO (157-186)

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) (2P)

MURKIN.

RE EL PASO TEL TO BUREAU AND PHOENIX, THIS DATE.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

INSTANT DATE MRS. JEAN BIBBS, SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, WESTERN STATES TELEPHONE COMPANY, HOLBROOK, ARIZONA, ADVISED SHE HAD TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATED WITH WESTERN STATES PHONE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE AT FABINS, TEXAS, AND ARRANGED TO HAVE MISS MELBA HAMILTON, SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE THERE, OBTAIN TOLL TICKETS FOR DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN, LAST, AND REVIEW THEM FOR ANY LOUISIANA PHONE CALLS FROM PUBLIC TELEPHONES. MRS. BIBBS ADVISED THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE ABOUT FOUR:THIRTY P.M., THIS DATE AND IT WOULD BE FASTER FOR MISS HAMILTON TO REVIEW THE ACTUAL TOLL TICKETS THAN TO REVIEW THE MICROFILM RECORD

- ① - Birmingham (AM)
1 - Los Angeles (AM)
1 - Memphis (AM) (44-1987)

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WITH WESTERN STATES TELEPHONE CO. AT HOLBROOK, ARIZONA,
PER RETEL.

EL PASO AT FABINS, CONTACT MISS MELBA HAMILTON FOR ANY
INFO RE TOLL CALLS.

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BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN.

RE SUSPECT ROBERT DALE PORTER.

RE OKLAHOMA CITY TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, OMAHA, MEMPHIS,
EL PASO, ETC., APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST.

RECORDS CHECKED AT THE CLARK HOTEL, VAN HORN, TEXAS,
APRIL THIRTY, INSTANT, REFLECT ROBERT DALE PORTER, SAME
DESCRIPTION AS FURNISHED IN RETEL, CAME ON FOOT TO THE
HOTEL AT ABOUT SEVEN P.M., APRIL THREE, LAST, AND RENTED
ROOM SEVEN PAYING TWO DOLLARS FOR ROOM AS PORTER STATED TO
CLERK THAT TWO DOLLARS WAS ALL THE MONEY HE HAD. PORTER
SPENT NIGHT IN ROOM SEVEN GIVING ADDRESS OF ONE ZERO THREE
AND ONE HALF EAST BALMER, WAVERLY, IOWA. PORTER MADE NO

- 1 - El Paso
- ① - Birmingham (44-1740) (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)
- 1 - Oklahoma City (44-686) (AM)
- 1 - Omaha (44-310) (AM)
- 1 - St. Louis (AM)

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Approved: R. J. [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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TELEPHONE CALLS AT HOTEL AND DID NOT INQUIRE AS TO WHERE HE COULD MAKE A TELEPHONE CALL AWAY FROM HOTEL. PORTER WAS ALONE AND HAD NO VISITORS WHILE AT HOTEL. PORTER LEFT HOTEL AT ABOUT TEN A.M. ON FOOT APRIL FOUR, LAST, DIRECTION OF TRAVEL NOT STATED TO HOTEL PERSONNEL AND UNKNOWN.

IN ABSENCE OF PHOTO OF PORTER AND SINCE THE PORTER WHO STAYED AT HOTEL IN VAN HORN FITS DESCRIPTION FURNISHED OF PORTER IN RETEL, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY EL PASO RE PORTER.

BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, OKLAHOMA CITY, OMAHA, ST. LOUIS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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Date: 4/30/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY ENROUTE
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Re Bureau tel to EP, HO, and SA, 4/25/68.

Enclosed for the offices receiving copies of this airtel, are the indicated number of copies of pages listing long distance telephone calls.

3-Bureau (Encl. 5) (AMSD)
2-Albuquerque (Encl. 2) (AMSD)
2-Atlanta (Encl. 1) (AMSD)
②-Birmingham (44-1740) (Encl. 5) (AMSD)
2-Dallas (Encl. 4) (AMSD)
2-Detroit (Encl. 1) (AMSD)
2-Houston (Encl. 1) (AMSD)
2-Indianapolis (Encl. 2) (AMSD)
2-Los Angeles (Encl. 5) (AMSD)
2-Memphis (44-1987) (Encl. 5) (AMSD)
2-Newark (Encl. 1) (AMSD)
2-Oklahoma City (Encl. 2) (AMSD)
2-Phoenix (Encl. 4) (AMSD)
2-Sacramento (Encl. 1) (AMSD)
2-San Diego (Encl. 2) (AMSD)
2-San Antonio (Encl. 2) (AMSD)
2-El Paso

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Referenced Butel reads as follows:

During automobile trip of subject RAY and CHARLES STEIN departing Los Angeles on 12/15/67 and arriving New Orleans on 12/17/67, subject RAY made about six telephone calls from various pay stations in Texas.

They traveled via automobile on Interstate 10 through El Paso to Van Horn, Texas, and went south on Route 90 to San Antonio, then Route 90 or Interstate 10 to Houston, Texas, and to New Orleans.

Each office should check with telephone company and determine the long distance calls placed at each public telephone on the above mentioned routes during period of 12/15, 16, and 17, 1967, and have each call checked out.

On 4/30/68, Mrs. HELEN ORNELAS, Service Representative, West Texas Telephone Company, Pecos, Texas, made available duplicate bills on pay stations from Van Horn, Valentine, and Sierra Blanca, Texas.

Noted that these bills reflect the telephone numbers of the individuals receiving the telephone calls from the pay stations in the above mentioned communities. As noted above, the pertinent dates are 12/15, 16, and 17/67. The teletype codes of the respective offices have been added to these duplicate bills, indicating the telephone numbers to be checked out by the various offices receiving this airtel.

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ALL OFFICES

Review the enclosed duplicate bills for telephone numbers located in their divisions and conduct appropriate investigation as instructed in referenced Butel, set out above.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)
RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Pursuant to your telephonic request there is enclosed one copy of Birmingham report submitted in this matter on 4/17/68.

Due to limited number of copies available to Birmingham, it is requested that this report be returned to Birmingham when it has served its purpose.

2 - Chicago (Enc. 1)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)
1 - Birmingham

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Memorandum

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

FROM : SA DAVID T. DALY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/2/68

Investigation Re Bedspread found in Effects
Of Unknown Subject, a colored photograph
Of which was forwarded to Birmingham by the
Memphis Division

On 4/16 and 4/17/68 the following representatives of the below listed linen supply services were contacted by the writer with negative results. All advised that their service supplied some hotels and motels in the Birmingham area with bedspreads, however, their spreads were white or plain colored and they had not seen a spread similar to the one shown them as obtained from the suspect's effects in Memphis:

C. E. HANSON, Manager
National Linen Service
510 South 17th Street

AL ROACH
Clean Linen Service
510 South 24th Street.

In addition, the below listed commercial laundries who do linen laundry for motels and hotels in the Birmingham area advised that they had not seen a bedspread similar to the one in the picture forwarded by Memphis in Birmingham, Alabama. All of those contacted advised that numerous hotels and motels launder their own bedspreads.

③ - Birmingham
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Bedspread

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B. H. SAEGER, Plant Manager
American Peerless and Perfection Laundry
430 South 19th Street

A. C. NELSON
Laundry superintendent
at above company

JEWELL SWAN, Manager
Bertis Camp, Laundry Superintendent
Howards Laundries
907 Third Avenue North

ROBERT DIXON, Plant Superintendent
La Damme Cleaners
2900 and 6th Avenue South

TOM JONES, Owner Tom Jones Cleaners and
Laundry
1040 19th Street

O. A. CARTER
Laundry superintendent
Merle BENTON, Linen checker
Show White Laundry
649 Tuscaloosa Avenue.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA DAVID T. DALY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Mobile teletype to Bureau, 4/12/68.

Former Roomers at 2608 Highland Avenue

EUGENE AUSTEN SToudenMIRE, 1428 48th Street South, a student at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama, advised SA DAVID T. DALY on 4/19/68 that he formerly resided at 1412 13th Street South, which was a rooming house advertised in the paper along with 2608 Highland Avenue South.

SToudenMIRE advised that he did not answer the ad in the paper and never went to 2608 Highland Avenue and never stayed there. He said that he did not know JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT.

③ - Birmingham
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Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA DAVID T. DALY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Birmingham, 4/15/68.

Investigation re telephone call from
Telephone booth near 2608 Highland Avenue

On 10/6/67, Mrs. CHARLES METCALF, 3709 Locksley Drive, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that she was with her daughter, [REDACTED], when she made a telephone call from the telephone booth located at the corner of Highland and Niazuma Avenue and 26th Street because she recalls that her daughter was calling her boyfriend, [REDACTED], at the Darlington Hotel in Rome, Georgia, and that she told her daughter that she was going to make her use her own money for the telephone call.

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

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA DAVID T. DALY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN, 4/20/68, concerning telephone call to the New York Division by ROBERT CRAWFORD stating that his brother-in-law was JAMES EARL RAY; and teletype to New York, 4/20/68.

On 4/22/68, JIMMIE PITTSFORD LAY appeared at the Birmingham Office after being in telephonic contact with SA BARRETT. He advised that he is the brother-in-law of ROBERT CRAWFORD and that he understood that CRAWFORD had telephonically advised that he resembled the picture of suspect, JAMES EARL RAY.

It is noted from observation that LAY does not resemble suspect JAMES EARL RAY in that he has brown eyes, thinning hair with a bald spot on top, and has three tattoos on his arms - a tattoo of "JIMMIE" on his left forearm; a heart on his left bicep; an eagle on his right forearm.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	JIMMIE PITTSFORD LAY
Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	
POB	Fairfield, Ala.
Height	5'11"
Weight	190
Hair	Brown, thinning, bald spot on top
Eyes	Brown

③ - Birmingham
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Occupation	Merchant seaman Z559037-G1
Last employment	States Marine Steamship Company out of Mobile, Alabama
Union Affiliations	National Maritime Union
Marital Status	Married
Wife	BILLIE JEAN
Children	JIMMIE, age 20 
Address	552 Osceola Circle Fairfield, Alabama
Scars and Marks	$\frac{1}{2}$ " scar directly over left eyebrow.
Tattoos	"JIMMIE" left forearm; Heart on left bicep; Eagle right forearm;
Father	Deceased
Mother	EFFIE LAY 310 B, 34th Street Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA DAVID T. DALY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/2/68

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau,
Chicago, Memphis, and Mobile, 4/12/68.

Investigation re RICHARD GALT

On 4/16/68, IC WILLIAM H. CUSHEN
determined that the following had no record
of RICHARD GALT described as a merchant
seaman, age 40, to 42, 6', weight 165,
birth date 1926 to 1928:

Miss CATHERINE MC CRORIE
Recorders Court

Miss YVONNE HILL
Birmingham, Alabama Police Department
Identification Division

D. L. WEBBER
Deputy Sheriff
Jefferson County SO

Mrs. LAURA WOODS
Merchants Credit Association.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

FROM : SA FRANK R. SLAPIKAS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO:ME

DATE: 5/2/68

ReMotel to BH and ME 4/23/68, and
BH tel to MO and ME 4/24/68.

Charlie attests
11 refs. ph.
[Signature]

The following investigation was conducted
by SA FRANK R. SLAPIKAS at Centreville, Alabama:

On 4/24/68, Sgt. CLEO MEDDERS, 168 Engineer Company, advised that Major JULIUS DALTON MURPHY is assigned to the 145th Engineer Bn., stationed at Camden, Alabama. Major MURPHY resides at 119 Murphy Street, Centreville, Alabama.

On 4/24/68, Major JULIUS DALTON MURPHY, Serial No. 02270491, advised that he is stationed with the 145th Engr. Bn., located at Camden, Alabama, and resides at 119 Murphy Street, Centreville, Alabama. MURPHY further advised that he owned a 1966 Ford Mustang, two-door, bronze in color, which currently bears a 1968 National Guard License Plate, number unrecalled; and further advised that the same vehicle also bore a 1967 Alabama National Guard tag, No. not recalled.

MURPHY indicated that early in November, 1968, he was issued his 1968 Alabama tag and replaced his 1967 Alabama tag with his new tag and discarded his old tag in the household trash. MURPHY indicated when he placed the tag in the trash, this was the last he saw of it.

On 4/24/68, MRS. FRANCES HARKINS, License Commissioner's Office, Bibb County Courthouse, advised

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that a review of her records reveals 1967 Alabama license NG 2691 was issued to DALTON MURPHY, Centreville, Alabama, for a 1966 Ford, two-door, VIN 6F07T-368461. This tag was issued on 11/15/66.

License Commissioner's records further reflected that 1968 Alabama License NG 2859 has been issued for a 1966 Ford, same VIN as above, and 1968 Alabama license NG 2860 has been issued for a 1965 Chevrolet, four-door, VIN 164395A-155467. Both of the above 1968 Alabama tags were issued to DALTON MURPHY, Centreville, Alabama, on 11/3/67.

*So Shapiro - states Murphy has no
resemblance to Subject.
(JH)*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Birmingham

DATE: 5-2-68

FROM : HOMER E. PARKER
SPC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 11:25 PM, 5-2-68, RODNEY GENTLE, Office of Civil Defense Mobilization, Scottsboro, Alabama, office phone 574-2133, telephoned FBI Birmingham and said that a 1967 blue Stingray, Alabama 1968 license 39-2400, was stolen from the square at Scottsboro on afternoon of 5-2-68. He said this is a fast running automobile and the person that stole it apparently intended to flee. He said the thief was also apparently a lock expert.

GENTLE expressed opinion that possibly JAMES EARL RAY could have stolen this Stingray. He said he talked to a man who saw the thief and this man described the thief as reasonably fat, heavy face.

GENTLE does not know who owns the stolen Singray. It was difficult to elicit information from GENTLE.

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*Tel to Huntsville by Mr. Martin
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JHB*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-561775 JK

Examination requested by: Kansas City
Reference: Airtel 4/27/68
Examination requested: Document
Remarks:

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1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Re: MURKIN
CR

Lab. No. D-561775 JK

Specimens received 4/29/68

K211 Various documents comprising thirty-four pieces of paper bearing purported known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY, obtained from his file at Missouri State Penitentiary

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned hand printing appearing on items attributed to Eric S. Galt was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, K171 and K211.

Because of the presence of characteristics which cannot be explained on the basis of the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, it cannot be definitely determined whether the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 was prepared by this individual; however, significant handwriting similarities were noted.

Specimen K211 has been photographed and is temporarily retained.

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FBI ATLANTA

1125 PM URGENT 5-1-68 ARK

TO MIAMI

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 1P

MURKIN CO: MEMPHIS.

MIAMI IS REQUESTED THRU EASTERN AIRLINES TO DETERMINE
WHETHER SUBJECT TRAVELLED VIA FAL FROM MONTREAL, CANADA TO
ATLANTA OR BIRMINGHAM, UNDER REAL NAME OR ALIASES DURING
PERIOD EIGHT TWENTYTWO SIXTYSEVEN TO FLIGHT TWENTYSIX SIXTYSEVEN,
IT BEING NOTED DURING THIS PERIOD SUBJECT USING NAME OF GALT.

AVSO COPIES MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

END.

RGT

FBI MIAMI

END

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647PM URGENT 5/2/68 GJM

TO KANSAS CITY BIRMINGHAM NEW ORLEANS MEMPHIS
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO BH, ME, KC, SI, AND SL, MAY TWO, INSTANT,
AND BHTEL TO NO, NO CC OTHER OFFICES, MAY TWO INSTANT.

KANSAS CITY, AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, SHOULD
ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY JOHNNY VALENTI WHO WAS REPORTEDLY
INCARCERATED THERE AT THE SAME TIME AS SUBJECT RAY. SET
OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO HAVE VALENTI INTERVIEWED WHEN
WHEREABOUTS LOCATED. NEW ORLEANS, HOLD IN ABEYANCE
INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE VALENTI PENDING INFORMATION DEVELOPED
BY KANSAS CITY.

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7 59PM EST 5-2-68 URGENT RGT
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN.

RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS, MONTREAL TO ATLANTA, AUGUST
TWENTY TWO THROUGH TWENTY SIX LAST.

RECORDS, EAL, MIAMI, INDICATE FLIGHTS ONE ZERO NINE AND
ONE THREE ONE SCHEDULED MONTREAL TO ATLANTA AUGUST TWENTY TWO
THROUGH TWENTY SIX LAST. BIRMINGHAM PASSENGERS USED SAME FLIGHTS
TO CONNECT IN ATLANTA FOR BIRLINGHAM. TICKETS THESE FLIGHTS
EXAMINED. NONE FOUND IN NAME OF ANY ALHAS OF SUSPECT RAY.

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CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 1P

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY TWO SIXTYEIGHT.

EXPANDED TAXICAB CHECK AND REVIEW OF TRIP SHEETS CONTINUING.
NEGATIVE TO DATE.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFO
OBTAINED TO DATE.

CONTACT OF INDIVIDUALS OFFERING USED CARS FOR SALE IN
CLASSIFIED ADS CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION OF STOLEN CARS, INCLUDING THOSE FURNISHED BY
NCIC FOR THE PERTINENT PERIOD CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
OBTAINED TO DATE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI LOS ANG

9:45PM URGENT 5-2-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, BIRMINGHAM,
KANSAS CITY, AND ATLANTA
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE CHARLES STEIN

REINTERVIEW OF CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, MAY TWO INSTANT.
PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW WAS TO REVIEW INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY
FURNISHED BY STEIN AND OBTAIN FROM HIM DETAILED INFORMATION
REGARDING HIS MEETING OF INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO HIM AS ERIC
GALT (JAMES EARL RAY), THE DISCUSSIONS THEY HAD, THEIR
TRIP TO AND FROM NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, THEIR ACTIVITY
WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS, AND THEIR ACTIVITY IN LOS ANGELES
SUBSEQUENT TO NEW ORLEANS TRIP. AGENTS CONDUCTING
INTERVIEW, ONE OF WHOM IS FAMILIAR WITH NEW ORLEANS AREA,
HAD IN THEIR POSSESSION EXTENSIVE INFORMATION REGARDING
STEIN'S BACKGROUND.

STEIN FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION
AS IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS. STEIN ADVISED ONLY ACTUALLY
OBSERVED GALT (RAY) MAKING ONE PHONE CALL; HOWEVER, BELIEVES
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MAY HAVE MADE OTHER CALLS WHILE NOT IN STEIN'S PRESENCE. STEIN STATED ONE CALL HE OBSERVED MADE FROM PUBLIC COIN BOX PHONE BOOTH DURING NIGHT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. STEIN ADVISED ARRIVED IN NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST.

STEIN ADVISED HE AND LOUIS LOMAX DID NOT LOCATE PHONE BOOTH IN QUESTION, WHEN TRIP RETRACED BY THEM. FEELS THIS DUE TO FACT LOMAX TRACED TRAVEL IN REVERSE FROM WAY IT ACTUALLY OCCURRED. STEIN STRONGLY FEELS BY RETRACING TRIP ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS HE WOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH IN WHICH CALL WAS MADE BY GALT (RAY).

STEIN DENIED GALT EVER VISITED HIM AT THREE THREE FOUR ZERO FLOYD TERRACE, HOLLYWOOD, NOR EVER HAVING MET GALT BEFORE THEIR MEETING IN SULTAN ROOM, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, HOLLYWOOD, NIGHT OF DECEMBER FOURTEEN LAST. DENIES EVER HAVING FURNISHED ANY TYPE DRUG TO GALT (RAY), OR EVER HAVING SEEN GALT(RAY) USE ANY. STEIN ADMITTED PAST ARRESTS FOR POSSESSION BARBITUATES AND STATED WOULD KNOW A "DOPEHEAD" IF HE SAW ONE. STATED GALT WAS NOT A "DOPEHEAD", BUT POSSIBLE HE MIGHT HAVE TAKEN "PILLS", ALTHOUGH NEVER IN PRESENCE OF STEIN.

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STEIN STATED HE WAS QUITE IRRITATED WITH LOUIS LOMAX, BECAUSE LOMAX USED HIM FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES. STEIN EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR HIS LIFE FROM THE KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BECAUSE OF PRESS EXPOSURE GIVEN HIM BY LOMAX.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT STEIN TELLING TRUTH AS BEST HE REMEMBERS OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH GALT (RAY).

BUREAU MIGHT DESIRE TO CONSIDER RETRACING STEIN'S TRIP WITH GALT (RAY) TO NEW ORLEANS, WITH PURPOSE IN MIND OF LOCATING PHONE BOOTH IN WHICH STEIN PERSONALLY OBSERVED GALT (RAY) MAKING CALL. POSSIBLE SUCH RETRACING MIGHT BE PRODUCTIVE IF CONDUCTED IN LOGICAL MANNER AND MIGHT POSSIBLY BRING OTHER FACTS TO MEMORY OF STEIN.

STEIN ADVISED HE RECALLS THAT GALT (RAY), ON TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, TOLD HIM NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON HE WAS GOING TO SEE. STEIN STATED NAME WAS ITALIAN SOUNDING, WAS A WELL-KNOWN NAME IN NEWORLEANS, AND ADDRESS GAVE STEIN MENTAL PICTURE OF CHALMETTE-INDUSTRIAL CANAL AREA. STEIN ADVISED WHEN ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH ON TRIP WITH LOUIS LOMAX, LOMAX ASKED HIM IF SAM RISCHELLE (PHONETIC)

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WAS PERSON NAMED BY GALT (RAY). STEIN ADVISED TOLD LOMAX HE COULD NOT REMEMBER NAME, NOR COULD HE RECALL IT DURING INTERVIEW, THIS DATE.

REINTERVIEW WITH RITA STEIN

RITA STEIN, AKA RITA ROSAS; SISTER OF CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN REINTERVIEWED TODAY SEPARATELY BUT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH REINTERVIEW OF HER BROTHER, PURPOSE WAS TO REVIEW IN DETAIL WITH HER FACTS SURROUNDING ORIGINAL MEETING WITH ERIC GALT AND ATTEMPT TO FILL OUT ANY FACTS SHE MIGHT HAVE OVERLOOKED DURING ORIGINAL INTERVIEWS.

INFORMATION FURNISHED WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH INFORMATION ORIGINALLY FURNISHED. CLAIMS NEVER MET GALT PRIOR TO MEETING WITH HIM IN SULTAN ROOM BAR, IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, HOLLYWOOD, IN MID-DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN, DAY BEFORE HE DROVE HER BROTHER TO NEW ORLEANS TO BRING BACK HER DAUGHTERS [REDACTED] STATES SHE WAS INTRODUCED TO HIM THAT EVENING BY HER COUSIN, MARIE MARTIN, WAITRESS IN SULTAN ROOM BAR. SHE SAID SHE TRIED TO MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL SHE GET HER KIDS BACK FROM NEW ORLEANS, AND QUOTE THIS WAS NO PLAY CLOSE QUOTES. HE CLAIMED HE UNDERSTOOD, AND STATED HE WOULD BE GLAD TO TAKE HER AS HE WAS ON VACATION AND NOT WORKING. SHE WENT HOME AND TOLD HER BROTHER THERE WAS A GUY AT SULTAN ROOM BAR THAT WAS WILLING TO DRIVE HER TO NEW ORLEANS. HAD CHARLIE GO TO SULTAN ROOM TO SIZE HIM UP THAT EVENING.

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NEXT MORNING SHE CONVINCED CHARLIE HE SHOULD GO TO NEW ORLEANS IN HER PLACE, AS SHE WAS AFRAID TO RIDE ALONE TO NEW ORLEANS WITH MAN SHE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN. GALT SHOWED UP AT HER HOUSE EARLY THAT AM AND SAID THAT HE WAS DOING A FAVOR FOR HER, AND SHE COULD DO A FAVOR FOR HIM BY HAVING HER BROTHER, HER COUSIN MARIE, ACCOMPANY HIM TO REGISTER AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS, AND FOR HER TO DO LIKEWISE. SHE AND BROTHER AND COUSIN AGREED, AND DROVE IN HIS WHITE MUSTANG TO WALLACE HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. SHE RODE IN BACK SEAT WITH HER TWO SONS. GALT, MARIE AND CHARLIE RODE IN FRONT SEAT.

FOLLOWING RETURN TO HER HOME ON FRANKLIN STREET, GALT AND CHARLIE LEFT FOR NEW ORLEANS.

NEXT SAW GALT EARLY AM ON THE MORNING HE AND CHARLIE RETURNED WITH HER TWO DAUGHTERS FROM NEW ORLEANS. HE HELPED UNLOAD CAR AND LEFT IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. RETURNED BRIEFLY NEXT DAY TO DELIVER CHILD'S BLACKBOARD OVERLOOKED IN UNLOADING CAR PREVIOUS MORNING. SHE INSISTS HE NEVER ENTERED HER HOME FARTHER THAN HALF WAY ACROSS FRONT ROOM. NEVER HAD FOOD OR DRINK OR USED BATHROOM IN HER HOME. SHE ALSO INSISTS SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE HE WAS OR MAY HAVE BEEN NARCOTICS USER OR PEDDLER.

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ADDED ON THIS INTERVIEW THAT HER SECOND HUSBAND, STANLEY LINO ROSAS, WHO DIED OF OVERDOSE OF MORPHINE IN HOLLYWOOD, WAS NOT KNOWN TO HER TO BE ADDICTED TO NARCOTICS; HOWEVER, SHE SAYS HE ADMITTED TO HER AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE THAT HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON NARCOTICS CHARGE IN LOUISIANA. SHE CLAIMS SHE DOES NOT KNOW DETAILS OF THAT ARREST; WHETHER HE WAS USER OR PUSHER. THINKS HE MAY HAVE SERVED TIME IN ANGOLA STATE PEN, BUT IS NOT SURE. SAYS THIS WAS ALL BEFORE SHE MET HIM.

PHOTO OF GALT (JAMES EARL RAY) TAKEN BETWEEN AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN AND FEBRUARY SIXTY EIGHT, FURNISHED BY U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS, EXHIBITED TO RITA STEIN. SHE STATES THIS IS BEST LIKENESS OF GALT OF ANY PHOTOS SHE HAS SEEN. PHOTO OF GALT IN DARK GLASSES TAKEN DURING FALL SIXTY SEVEN PUERTO VALLARTA RESHOWN AND SHE STATES IT IS VERY POOR LIKENESS. STATES GALT'S WALK, POSTURE, AND STATURE WAS NEVER RELAXED, IMPRESSED HER AS ALWAYS BEING IN STATE OF MILITARY ATTENTION. CHARLES STEIN ALSO EXPRESSED OPINION THAT PHOTO FURNISHED BY USPO BEST LIKENESS OF INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS GALT.

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RE GALT'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH "SWINGER" CLUB.

U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS OFFICE FURNISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT TAKEN DURING PERIOD AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN TO FEBRUARY SIXTY EIGHT AND LETTER WRTTEN BY GALT FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST.

THESE ITEMS FURNISHED U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS BY PATRICIA K. ANDERSON TWO EIGHT ZERO ZERO GLENVIEW, LOS ANGELES WHO RECEIVED LETTER AND PHOTOGRAPH FROM GALT RESULTANT FROM HER NAME BEING INCLUDED ON LIST OF QUOTE THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE A CORRESPONDENCE CLUB IN DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA.

JAMES E. O'DOWD AND ANN L. MEYERS, OWNERS OF QUOTE THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE STATED THEY RECALLED INDIVIDUAL NAMED ERIC GALT HAD SENT IN FEE OF ONE DOLLAR FOR LIST OF SWINGERS. BOTH RECALLED GALT HAD SENT FIVE LETTERS TO CLUB FOR TRANSMITTAL TO INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED IN LIST OF SWINGERS BY SYMBOL NUMBER. - NO RECORD OF INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM GALT SENT LETTER MAINTAINED. RECORDS THIS CLUB CONTAIN NAME OF PATRICIA SHUBERT, TWO EIGHT ZERO ZERO GLENVIEW, LOS ANGELES.
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RE ADVERTISEMENT PLACED IN LOS ANGELES FREE PRESS BY GALT.

ON MAY TWO INSTANT, GENE TURNER, ACCOUNTANT, LOS ANGELES "FREE PRESS", L.A. AVANT GARDE NEWSPAPER, MADE AVAILABLE ADVERTISEMENT PLACED BY ERIC S. GALT ON JANUARY THIRTY LAST. ADVERTISEMENT PROBABLY RECEIVED AT "FREE PRESS" BY MAIL. ADVERTISEMENT READS: "SINGLE MALE CAUC. THIRTY SIX YEARS. FIVE ELEVEN ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LB. DIGS FR. CULT. DESIRE'S DISCREET MEETING WITH PASSIONATE MARRIED FEMALE FOR MUTUAL ENJOYMENT, AND/OR FEMALE FOR SWING SESSIONS APT. FURN. WILL EX. PHOTO. WRITE ERIC S. FOUR ZERO SIX SO. SECOND ALHAMBRA, NINE ONE EIGHT ZERO TWO."

NOTATION BELOW ADVERTISEMENT READ "RETURN NAME AND ADDRESS, ERIC S. GALT. SAME AS ABOVE. INCLOSED IS M.O. FOR FOUR DOLLARS TWENTY FIVE CENTS, RUN ADD UNDER THIRTY ONE UNIT SYSTEM. THANKS"

EXAMINATION OF ABOVE REVEALED ENTIRE CONTENTS TYPEWRITTEN USING RED RIBBON. NO HANDWRITING INVOLVED.

TURNER STATED ADVERTISEMENT RAN IN FEBRUARY TWO DASH EIGHT LAST EDITION OF ABOVE PAPER, ALSO MADE AVAILABLE.

ABOVE ADDRESS IN ALHAMBRA IS THAT OF C. M. HEDGPETH INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS ON APRIL FOURTEEN LAST. HE STATED GALT WAS PAYING CUSTOMER OF HIS MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE AT FOUR ZERO
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SIX SOUTH SECOND STREET FROM FEBRUARY ONE LAST TO MARCH ONE LAST. ALL MAIL WAS TO BE FORWARDED TO GALT AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL IN HOLLYWOOD. HEDGPETH STATED HE WAS CERTAIN GALT NEVER RECEIVED ANY MAIL THROUGH HIS FORWARDING SERVICE.

PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT, LETTER AND ORIGINAL OF LA FREE PRESS ADVERTISEMENT FURNISHED BUREAU FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION VIA AIR TODAY.

LOS ANGELES WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PATRICIA K. ANDERSON FOR INTERVIEW.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

HEP

FBI BIRMINGHAM

Routing Slip
FD-4 (Rev. 6-14-66)

Date **5/3/68**

To:

☐ Director

FILE

BH 44-1740

Att.:

☒ SAC **ATLANTA (44-2386)**

Tills

MURKIN

☐ ASAC

(RM)

☐ Supv.

☐ Agent

☐ SE

☐ IC

☐ CC

☐ Steno

☐ Clerk

RE: **AT telephone call
instant date.**

☐ Rotor #: _____

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign _____ Reassign _____

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline _____

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Handle

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Recharge serials

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Return serials

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Send Serials _____

to _____

☐ Submit new charge out

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**Key found in 1966 Mustang in Atlanta,
Georgia, forwarded herewith in accordance
with Atlanta telephone call today.**

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JOSEPH H. GANDLE

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON
KANSAS CITY, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH AND
SPRINGFIELD

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

MURKIN.

RE BUTEL MAY TWO LAST.

ONE PAIR SHORTS AND T-SHIRT BELIEVED PROPERTY OF SUBJECT,
RECOVERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SLAYING, BORE BLACK LAUNDRY MARKS
O TWO B DASH SIX" ON RED THERMO SEAL TAPE. SHEET AND PILLOW
CASE FOUND IN ABANDONED MUSTANG AT ATLANTA BORE BLACK LAUNDRY
MARKS "TWO ZERO R DASH THREE" ON WHITE THERMO SEAL TAPE.

IN VIEW OF RAY'S INDICATED TENDENCIES TOWARD PERSONAL
CLEANLINESS, PHOTOS OF RAY SHOULD BE SHOWN AT ALL LAUNDRIES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF REBUTEL AND CONSIDERATION
GIVEN TO ALERTING LAUNDRIES ABOVE DESCRIBED TAGS MAY STILL
BE AFFIXED TO SOME OF SUBJECT'S LAUNDRY.

THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO FURNISH RECEIVING OFFICES WITH
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PHOTOGRAPHS IN COLOR OF LAUNDRY MARKS.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 TAMPA 157-3231 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, MAY ONE, LAST, AND TAMPA TEL, MAY ONE, LAST,
REGARDING CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

JAMES AND LINDA SPARKS, BIRMINGHAM, REINTERVIEWED, AND
JAMES SPARKS REITERATED THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED AT ROYAL AMERICAN
SHOWS DURING THE SUMMER AND WINTER MONTHS FOR APPROXIMATELY
FIVE YEARS. HE ADVISED THAT HE WAS KNOWN ON THE FAIRGROUNDS AS
"CHEROKEE" AND THAT TED AND JOE PATTERSON, WHO WORKED IN THE SHOW
COOKHOUSE, WOULD REMEMBER HIM. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS IDENTIFI-
CATION CARD MANIFEST NO. FIFTEEN, WHICH EXPIRES JUNE THIRTY,
SEVENTY, AND THAT HE HAS RECEIVED W-TWO FORMS FROM ROYAL AMERICAN
SHOWS UNDER HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SPARKS FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE PERSONALLY
COOKED MEALS FOR "HOTSHOT", WHOM TAMPA HAS IDENTIFIED AS L.B.
DEWAY.

BOTH SPARKS AND HIS WIFE REITERATED PHOTO OF RAY RESEMBLES
MAN KNOWN TO THEM AS CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

PHOTOS OF SPARKS AND WIFE FOLLOW AMSD FOR ASSISTANCE TAMPA.

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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TO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P.

MURKIN

REBUTEL FOUR TWENTY-FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT.

BUREAU IS DISSEMINATING THE REPORTS IN THIS CASE TO THE DEPARTMENT, THEREFORE, BUREAU AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO BIRMINGHAM TO DISSEMINATE ONE COPY EACH OF THE REPORTS OF ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS TO USA AT BIRMINGHAM. COPIES OF REPORTS SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED TO USA, MEMPHIS OR ANY OTHER USA.

ADVISE USA, BIRMINGHAM IN WRITING THAT REPORTS OR CONTENTS THEREOF ARE FOR THEIR OWN USE AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO OUTSIDE PERSONS.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA AND LOS ANGELES.

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1400 - 2121 Building
Birmingham, Alabama, 35203
May 3, 1968

Honorable Macon L. Weaver
United States Attorney
Federal Building
Birmingham, Alabama

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, also known as
Eric Starvo Galt, etc.
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding herewith the following listed
reports prepared in this matter:

SA JOE C. HESTER, Memphis, dated 4-17-68;
SA HENRY A. SNOW, Birmingham, dated 4-17-68;
SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA, Atlanta, dated 4-18-68;
SA LEROY W. SHEETS, Los Angeles, dated 4-18-68;
SA JOE C. HESTER, Memphis, dated 4-30-68.

It is requested that the contents of these reports
be kept confidential and not disclosed to persons outside
your office.

Very truly yours,


JOSEPH H. GAMBLE
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL SENIOR RESIDENT AGENTS (44-1740) DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Advise by return routing slip directed to SA ROBERT M. BARRETT the number of I.O.'s regarding JAMES EARL RAY, aka, that will be needed by your Resident Agency to personally circularize (by Buagents) all cleaning and laundry establishments in your area.

all leads to be handled on 24 hr.

① - 44-1740
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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3 14 PM URGENT 5-3-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

JAMES W. BROWN WAS REINTERVIEWED AT TALLADEGA, ALA., WHERE HE IS ATTENDING REHABILITATION STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE BLIND. HE IS BLIND IN ONE EYE. BROWN WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION AS TO THE POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF THE COOLEY ORGANIZATION. HE DID SAY THAT THERE WERE FOUR OR FIVE PERSONS PRESENT WHEN RAY MADE THE REMARK THAT THE COOLEY ORGANIZATION WOULD PAY TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO GET MARTIN LUTHER KING KILLED AND HE WAS GOING TO KILL KING UPON HIS RELEASE. HE SAID JOHNNY VALENTI, NOONIE EDEN (PH), AND CHESTER EALEY (PH) WERE THE ONLY THREE NAMES HE CAN RECALL OF THESE PERSONS PRESENT. HE SAID TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE ALL THREE ARE STILL CONFIEND TO THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. HE SAID THIS WAS IN THE LATTER PART OF SIXTYTHREE. HE WILL TESTIFY TO THIS INFORMATION. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY FURNISH ANY INFORMATION HE DEVELOPS OR CAN RECALL TO THE FBI CONCERNING SUBJECT.

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN.

JAMES W. BROWN WAS REINTERVIEWED AT TALLADEGA, ALA., WHERE HE IS ATTENDING REHABILITATION STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE BLIND. HE IS BLIND IN ONE EYE. BROWN WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION AS TO THE POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF THE COOLEY ORGANIZATION. HE DID SAY THAT THERE WERE FOUR OR FIVE PERSONS PRESENT WHEN RAY MADE THE REMARK THAT THE COOLEY ORGANIZATION WOULD PAY TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO GET MARTIN LUTHER KING KILLED AND HE WAS GOING TO KILL KING UPON HIS RELEASE. HE SAID JOHNNY VALENTI, NOONIE EDEN (PH), AND CHESTER EALEY (PH) WERE THE ONLY THREE NAMES HE CAN RECALL OF THESE PERSONS PRESENT. HE SAID TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE ALL THREE ARE STILL CONFINED TO THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. HE SAID THIS WAS IN THE LATTER PART OF SIXTY THREE. HE WILL TESTIFY TO THIS INFORMATION. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY FURNISH ANY INFORMATION HE

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TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY ENROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES
TO NEW ORLEANS.

REBUTEL TO EL PASO DATED APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST, AND
EL PASO TEL TO DIRECTOR AND PHOENIX APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST, WHICH
CONTAINS BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS RE THIS MATTER.

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