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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10678)

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OO: Memphis

Re Birmingham airtel, 6/21/68, which set forth results of interview with AUBREY DEE CHANDLER, Scottsboro, Ala., together as an enclosure & pamphlet application with the Palmer Writers School, Minneapolis, Minn.

OSCAR J. KELLER, District Manager, Inspectors of Petroleum, 8139 Oleander, New Orleans, La., advised SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR., as follows on 6/25/68:

DEREK ALBERT WAUGH is currently an employee of the Inspectors of Petroleum Co., and is in training as a petroleum inspector.

WAUGH, born [redacted] at Belfast, Ireland, is a British citizen and is in the United States as a non-resident alien. WAUGH was recommended for employment with the Petroleum firm by a Petroleum firm employee who had met WAUGH in Panama. WAUGH by profession is a radio officer and prior to entering the United States, sailed on tankers under the flags of different countries out of England.

WAUGH has been employed by the Inspectors of Petroleum Co., since 1/1/68 and when he arrived in New Orleans, he took a room in a rooming house at 2928 Tulane Ave., New Orleans. KELLER recalls that WAUGH lived at

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this address because on one occasion KELLER drove WAUGH home at the end of a day's work.

KELLER advised that WAUGH is a promising trainee and that because of his alien citizenship, he was encouraged by the company to participate in correspondence courses such as handwriting in order to better equip himself as an employee. KELLER had no specific knowledge that WAUGH may have enrolled in a commerce handwriting course.

KELLER described WAUGH as being 5'11", 165 pounds, reddish hair, cut short.

R. J. GONZALEZ, 225 South Salcedo, New Orleans, La., on 6/26/68, advised that he is the owner of the residence at 2928 Tulane Ave., New Orleans. GONZALEZ advised as follows:

During early 1968, he ran ads advising of the availability of rooms for rent at 2928 Tulane Ave., which neighborhood is a low class transient type area.

WAUGH telephonically contacted GONZALEZ in response to one of these ads and advised that he was from England, was learning the oil business, and needed a room. GONZALEZ met WAUGH at the 2928 Tulane Ave., address and WAUGH rented Apartment #3 at that address. The effective day of rent was on February 19, 1968 and WAUGH remained at that address until 4/19/68 when he moved elsewhere with a forwarding address not known to GONZALEZ.

GONZALEZ displayed his rental book and it disclosed that DEREK A. WAUGH was a renter from 2/19/68 through 4/19/68.

GONZALEZ described WAUGH as a pleasant individual, who was about 30, 6', 175 pounds, slender build, and blond hair.

He stated that WAUGH furnished no information about his background other than to indicate he would probably be working in Baton Rouge, La., from time to time in connection with the oil business. (KELLER mentioned that WAUGH had taken some training in Baton Rouge for his company).

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Both KELLER and GONZALEZ viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results.

New Orleans will review the INS file in the name of DEREK A. WAUGH for further background information, conduct credit and criminal checks and advise Bureau, Birmingham and Memphis.

On the basis of investigation conducted thus far, it does not appear that subject RAY rented any facilities at 2928 Tulane Ave., during March, 1968.

BILLY ALEXANDER
JAMES D. BAILEY
JAMES BEARDEN
E. T. BEDGOOD
O. K. BISHOP
M. R. BORZELLO
MITCHELL BRASWELL
ARLING E. BROOKS
J. R. CARPENTER
LUCY CHILDERS
JACK CROCKETT
LEONARD E. DAY
W. L. EVANS
ERIC S. GALT
ANDY GAST
JERRY GOALSBY
B. J. HARNE
GEORGI HOLLAND
GEORGE A. LANGFORD
B. LANTZ
LOUIS T. MECKER
HOWARD MERRITT
BILLY C. MILLS

*Alphabetical
listing of attachment
to ser. 1995 for use
in comparison photos.*

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HORACE ROBERTS

R. L. SHAW

CHARLES D. SMITH

WENDELL W. SMITH

BRYANT J. STEPHENS

V. J. TARO

D. TAYLOR

G. TAYLOR

C. F. WILSON

NICK H. WILT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/68

Miss ANNA CHRISTINE KELLY, Manager, New Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that her records reflect the following:

Name	Address	Room No.	Registration Date
D. TAYLOR	Myrtle, Mississippi	3	March 31 - April 6, 1968
R. L. SHAW	Ida, Louisiana	11	March 31 - April 6, 1968
JAMES D. BAILEY	418 E. National Street, Tomah, Wisconsin	3	March 31 - April 6, 1968
J. R. CARPENTER and E. T. BEDGOOD	Goldonna, Louisiana	19	March 31 - April 6, 1968
C. F. WILSON	2606 Seabreeze Orlando, Florida	23	April 1 - April 6, 1968
GEORGE A. LANGFORD	Route 8, Clarksville, Mississippi	20	April 1 - April 5, 1968
GEORGI HOLLAND	Hazelwood, North Carolina	41	April 1 - April 5, 1968
JERRY GOALSBY	Route 4, Ripley, Mississippi	15	April 3 - April 4, 1968
HORACE ROBERTS	3092 W. Vina Del Mar, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida	38	April 3 - April 4, 1968

Copies being made in alpha order to check photos of registration

On 4/10/68 at Memphis, Tennessee

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SAs JOHN W. BAUER
by STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON / JWB:jma Date dictated 4/10/68

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
V. J. TARO	P.O. Box #42, Adamsville, Tennessee	18	April 3 - April 4, 1968
JAMES BEARDEN	Ohio	12	April 3 - April 4, 1968
JACK CROCKETT	2526 W. Kiest, Dallas, Texas	14	April 3 - April 4, 1968
BILLY ALEXANDER and O.K. BISHOP	419 Raymond Street, Griffith, Indiana	26	April 3 - April 4, 1968
B. J. HARNE	2302, street unknown, Memphis, Tennessee	29	April 3 - April 4, 1968
M. R. BORZELLO	1101 South Cooper, Apartment #3, Memphis, Tennessee	30	April 3 - April 4, 1968
BILLY C. MILLS	2169 Central, Memphis, Tennessee	25	April 3 - April 4, 1968
NICK H. WILT	2937 Gulf, Memphis, Tennessee	27	April 3 - April 4, 1968
MITCHELL BRASWELL	3365 Lina Drive, Jackson, Mississippi	7	April 3 - April 4, 1968
WENDELL W. SMITH	600 Thompson Lane, Nashville, Tennessee	13	April 3 - April 4, 1968
LOUIS T. MECKER	623 NE 44th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri	10	April 3 - April 4, 1968
HOWARD MERRITT	3946 Rita Avenue, Lorain, Ohio	40	April 3 - April 4, 1968
G. TAYLOR and B. LANTZ	Destpoint, Minnesota or Mississippi	37	April 3 - April 4, 1968
BRYANT J. STEPHENS	Box #52C, Vicksburg, Mississippi	22	April 3 - April 4, 1968

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
ARLING E. BROOKS	407 Wilson Street, Gadsden, Alabama	39	April 3 - April 4, 1968
LUOY CHILDERS	3610 Lama, Memphis, Tennessee	36	April 3 - April 4, 1968
CHARLES D. SMITH	Myrtle, Mississippi	31	April 3 - April 4, 1968
ANDY GAST	Route #6, Fremont, Ohio	35	April 3 - April 5, 1968
LEONARD E. DAY	5607 Highway 61 South, Memphis, Tennessee	33	April 3 - April 4, 1968
W. L. EVANS	2149 College, Springfield, Missouri	21	April 3 - April 4, 1968
ERIC S. GALT	2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama	34	April 3 - April 4, 1968

Miss KELLY advised that during the period from 6:00 p.m. on April 3, 1968, to 1:00 p.m., April 4, 1968, the following individuals were on duty at the motel:

Mr. I. B. WEBB, 2569 Faxon Street, Memphis.

Mr. SAM HUDSON, 3847 Marion Avenue, Memphis.

HENRIETTA HAGEMASTER, 3578 Venable Avenue, Memphis.

SADIE MCKAY, 853 Button, Memphis.

SADIE MOORE, Route 1, Box 8482, Nesbitt, Mississippi.

SARAH LOVING, 3232 Democrat Road, Memphis.

7/1/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBHairtel to Bureau dated 6/28/68 regarding the photographing of registration cards of guests of all motels and hotels in the Birmingham, Ala., area for the date of 3/29/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Birmingham are two copies each of FD-302 of SAs JOHN W. BAUER and STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON dated 4/11/68 setting forth the identity of individuals who were residing at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tenn., on the same date that subject was registered under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

LEADS

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

On receipt of pertinent photographic prints of guest registration cards of motels and hotels in the Birmingham area from the Mechanical Section, will compare the names of guests at the Rebel Motel in Memphis as they appear on the enclosed FD-302 with names appearing on the registration cards of the various motels and hotels as submitted to the Bureau to determine if any of these names are duplicated.

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If any of these names are determined to be duplicated, Birmingham is requested to have pertinent offices conduct investigation to determine if the individual or individuals in question are associated with subject RAY.

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AM _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

In connection with investigation conducted to date in instant case, the Memphis Office has prepared a listing of pertinent dates, activity, and residences as known to Memphis concerning subject JAMES EARL RAY. This information may be subject to amplification as additional information becomes known.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Place</u>
4/23/67	Escape	Missouri State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri
7/18/67	Harkay Apts., \$450 lease, 7/18/67 - 1/18/68 H. ROTHMAN, owner, \$75 per month. GALT skipped out.	Montreal, Canada
7/26/67	Canadian Postal Money Order	Montreal, Canada
8/26/67	2608 Highland Avenue (Rented room.)	Birmingham, Alabama
8/28/67	Birmingham Trust Nat'l Bank (Rented safety deposit box.)	Birmingham, Alabama

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ALL COPIES AIRMAIL:

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1/2 BIRMINGHAM	2 MIAMI
2 CHICAGO	2 MOBILE
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2 JACKSON	2 SPRINGFIELD
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Place</u>
3/29-30/67	Bought Mustang from WILLIAM D. PAISLEY	Birmingham
9/12/67	Continental Dance Club Studio Aka. Friendship Club	Birmingham
10/3/67	Photographic Equipment to Galt (Per records Superior Bulk Film Co., Chicago)	Birmingham
10/4/67	Operator rooming house (P. CHERPES) signed for package for GALT	Birmingham
10/5/67	GALT typed letter from Birmingham Highland Avenue address returning camera to Chicago	Birmingham
10/7/67	Approximate departure	Birmingham
10/18/67	Letter from Film Company (above) returned to Chicago from Birmingham address	--
10/19 - 11/16/67	Room 212 Motel Rio, Morelos 86	Puerto Villarta Jalisco, Mexico
10/22/67	Superior Bulk Film Co., Chicago records show typed letter from GALT asking refund be sent Hotel Rio, Puerto Villarta, Jalisco, Mexico	
11/7-13/67	Hotel "Tropicana" (Rm. 417)	Puerto Villarta
11/17/67 - 1/18/68	1535 North Serrano (Apt. 6)	Los Angeles, Calif.
11/20/67	Records Chicago Film Co. (above) show GALT asked refund be sent 1535 North Serrano	Los Angeles, Calif.

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12/ 7-19/67	Provincial Motel (GALT)	New Orleans, La.
1/2 - 3/17/68	St. Francis Hotel 5533 North Hollywood Boulevard	Los Angeles
12/ 7 -2/12/68	National Dance Studios	Los Angeles
1/1 /68 - 3/2/68	International School of Bar- tendering	Los Angeles
3/24/68	113 14th St. N. E. (Rooming House) GALT last seen by landlord approximately 3/31/68	Atlanta, Georgia
3/29-30/68	Purchase of Weapon (HARVEY LOWMEYER), Aero-Marine Supply	Birmingham
4/1/68	Piedmont Laundry (GALT) No starch in clothes	Atlanta
4/3/68	Rebel Motel (ERIC S. GALT) Departed prior to 1 PM, 4/4/68	Memphis
4/4/68	Rooming House (JOHN WILLARD) South Main St., in about 3 PM	Memphis
4/5/68	Last seen A.M. of 4/5/68, Piedmont Laundry, parking Mustang	Atlanta

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Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases MURKIN			Address of subject			Character of case		
Complainant Anonymous			Complainant's address and telephone number			Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 6-2-68 Time 11:00am		
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace		
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion			
	Scars, marks or other data							

Facts of complaint

Caller said a man fitting description of Ray stayed at Peoples Hotel, Calera, Ala. on night of 6/1-2/68. He was driving Blue Mustang. This man had all his teeth missing and appeared to be around 40 yrs. old. Caller said Alvin Lucas was seen with this man. Lucas lives below Calera & either works or hangs around Kirs Garage located below Calera.

Albert Jones
Z.S. Court
corner
Peoples Hotel

(Robert Woodberry - Mahan)
Birmingham
Bell County
82 5316 Mahan

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Action Recommended

Glen S. McConnell
(Agent)

June 4, 1968

Airtel

To: SAC, Atlanta (44-2386)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN

Appl.
PERSONAL ATTENTION

ReLAairtel 5/22/68.

According to referenced communication, the Intelligence Units of the U. S. Treasury Department have been receiving from Federal Reserve Banks a form known as TCR-1 "Report of Currency Transactions; Person or Organization Concerned in Transaction Reported." These forms are completed or filled in by banks, savings and loan associations, and other financial type institutions when a transaction involves a deposit, withdrawal or other payment or transfer effected by, through, or to such financial institution, which involves the U. S. Currency in which \$10,000 or more is handled.

In view of this, every office receiving this communication will explore the feasibility of obtaining the information from Internal Revenue Service Intelligence Units within their division. It is very possible that the information requested by the Bureau regarding withdrawals of \$10,000 or more from banks could be more readily obtained through the Internal Revenue Service.

If any discussion ensues at banks or other financial institutions, you should not mention the completion and filing of these forms under any circumstances. This information is for your intelligence only.

- 2 - Birmingham (44-1740)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-10672)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (for info)

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office until 6/10
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Airtel SAC, Atlanta
RE: MURKIN

This should be handled personally by the SAC, not ASAC, and should not be designated to someone else in SAC's absence. If you are unable to obtain the desired information, advise the Bureau of details.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

F B I

Date: 7/1/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Laboratory is a typewritten letter dated 2/4/68 addressed to Mr. HEWITSON and signed by ERIC S. GALT. It is requested that this document be examined for handwriting and typing comparisons with other materials submitted in this matter. This document has been handled only by Mr. HEWITSON and SA LEON J. MEYER.

On 7/1/68 RONALD G. HEWITSON, 9692 Imperial Street, Garden Grove, California, furnished the following information. He advised that he is Sales Manager of the Terene Corporation, 2815 South Halladay Street, Santa Ana, California, and President of the Orange County, California, Chapter, Friends of Rhodesia, P. O. Box 613, Garden Grove, California.

HEWITSON stated that he had recently read a news item indicating that FBI Agents were investigating JAMES EARL RAY's alleged contacts with the American-South African Council, Washington, D. C. He stated that the Friends of Rhodesia work closely with the American-South African Council. He stated that he looked through some of his correspondence and found a letter bearing the signature ERIC S. GALT. This letter is quoted as follows:

- 4 - Bureau (Enc. - 1) (AM-RM)
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
 - ① - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info.) (AM)
 - 1 - Washington Field (44-703) (Info.) (AM)
 - 2 - Los Angeles
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Special Agent in Charge

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"DEAR MR. HEWITSON.

"I RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOUR OFFICE IN REPLY TO A LETTER I HAD SENT TO YOU REQUESTING INFORMATION ON RHODESIA, THE LETTER CLARIFIED MOST OF MY QUESTIONS REGARDING IMMIGRATION. SUCH AS PASSPORT. IT WAS NOT MY INTENTION TO LEAVE BEFORE NOVEMBER BUT WANTED THE INFORMATION BEFORE HAND, ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU SEND I WOULD APPREACITE. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE TO RHODESIAN COMMENTARY.

"SINCERELY,

"ERIC S. GALT

"1535-N-SERRANO

"L.A. CALIF. 90027.

/s/ "ERIC S. GALT"

HEWITSON stated that he would review his files to determine if any other communications from GALT are contained therein. He stated he was the only person to handle the enclosed letter, as he has no secretary. He stated that the note "ANS" appearing on the lower portion of this letter was made by him.

HEWITSON stated his organization has received much publicity in the Los Angeles area resulting from exposure on the JOE PYNE Show, a daily late nighttime television talk show. He stated the address of the Friends of Rhodesia appears on its literature, which is widely circulated.

SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

7/9/68

 SAC, Birmingham (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN

For inclusion in next Memphis report, there are attached twenty copies each of an Administrative page and FD-302's regarding the purchase of the .38 caliber Liberty snub-nose revolver at Birmingham by an individual believed to have been RAY.



It is noted that this gun was described in Atlanta teletype of 6/11/68 and was recovered from RAY at the time of his apprehension in London.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

In accordance with Bureau instructions by airtel dated 6/4/68, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE personally contacted Mr. WALTER COPPINGER, Director, IRS, 2121 Building, Birmingham, and arranged for a review of all Federal Reserve Bank forms TCR-1 involving withdrawals from any financial institution of currency of large amounts. All such forms were reviewed for the pertinent period suggested by the Bureau, but no unusual transactions were developed which could not be readily ascribed to normal business dealings.

In addition to the above, reliable officials of banks and financial institutions of Birmingham reviewed their records of withdrawals of large amounts of currency without locating any suspicious transactions.

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RMB:hss

Previous investigation had ascertained that on October 1, 1968, JAMES EARL RAY, as ERIC STARVO GALT, was living at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This address is 2.2 miles east of the residence of WALTER LEON SPAIN, #3 Glen Iris Parkway. On June 11, 1968, it was determined that SPAIN's residence is less than .5 mile from 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, which is the address used by JAMES EARL RAY when he purchased a rifle in Birmingham, Alabama, on March 29, 1968, as HARVEY LOWMEYER.

7/8/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 6/27/68; and
FBI Laboratory report dated 6/26/68, the latter which
concludes that the handwriting on the Palmer Writers
School pamphlet submitted under the name "ERIC A. WAUGH"
which bore handprinting, was not prepared by JAMES EARL
RAY.

In view of the foregoing, New Orleans will not
review INS file in name of DEREK A. WAUGH or conduct credit
and criminal checks in that name.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re ME airtel 4-19-68.

Following is the cumulative cost data for the Birmingham Division through the month of June, 1968:

1.	MAN HOURS SPENT ON CASE:	<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>OVERTIME</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
	A. SPECIAL AGENTS	4863:15	2375:15	7238:30
	B. CLERICAL	1745:15	340:00	2085:15
	TOTALS	<u>6608:30</u>	<u>2715:15</u>	<u>9323:45</u>
2.	TOTAL MILEAGE BUCARS:			27,523
3.	OTHER COSTS: Transportation (Common Carrier)			\$416.00
	Per Diem			494.00
	Total			<u>\$910.00</u>
4.	PEAK NUMBER SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING ON CASE:			4

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: July 8, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680705006 JK

Specimens received 7/5/68

Q385 Sheet of paper bearing typewritten letter dated 2/4/68,
beginning "I RECENTLY RECEIVED..." and signed
"Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions on Q385 are the same
style as those appearing on other items received in this matter
attributed to "Eric S. Galt."

Because of the lack of identifying features it could
not be definitely determined that the same typewriter was
employed to prepared Q385 and the other items but no signifi-
cant differences were noted.

It was concluded that the "Eric S. Galt" signature on
Q385 was prepared by the writer of other signatures in this
name appearing on specimens previously received some of which
have been investigatively identified as having been prepared by
James Earl Ray.

Q385 will be returned separately. Photographs are
retained.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: July 8, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680705006 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 7/1/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q385.

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PAGE(S) INFORMATION IN
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1Date June 20, 1968

All Sunday issues of "The Birmingham News," for the months of September and October, 1967, were reviewed at "The Birmingham News." From this review, it was determined that only one want ad for a .38 caliber revolver was placed by WALTER LEON SPAIN, that being in the October 1, 1968, issue.

On 6/11/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740-2005
by SA ROBERT M. BARRETT and
SA WILLIAM A. SAUCIER / RMB:hss Date dictated 6/14/68

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Date June 20, 1968

WALTER LEON SPAIN, #3 Glen Iris Parkway, Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following:

In the Spring of 1967, SPAIN's son, WALTER E. SPAIN, gave Mr. SPAIN a .38 caliber Liberty snub-nose revolver, which his son had purchased in late 1966 or early 1967 from a gun dealer near Atlanta, Georgia. His son owed Mr. SPAIN some money and the gun was a partial payment of this debt.

In the Fall of 1967, after having been hospitalized in August, 1967, at Huntsville, Alabama, for an illness and being in need of money to pay bills, Mr. SPAIN sold many personal items by means of placing want ads for these items in the "Birmingham News." Among the items sold was the .38 caliber Liberty snub-nose revolver. Mr. SPAIN recalled he placed an ad for this gun in a Sunday paper, and that same Sunday he received a call from a man who asked about the gun, the price, and the directions to get to SPAIN's residence. The caller said he was in the western section of Birmingham. About an hour after this call, and while SPAIN's wife and daughter were at church, a man came to the front door and said he had called about the gun. He looked at the gun, stated he had been looking for a gun of the same type, and when told again that the price was \$65.00, he gave SPAIN two twenty dollar bills, two ten dollar bills, and a five dollar bill, after saying he would take it. SPAIN did not give the man a receipt for the money, nor did he record his name or see any identification of the man, and he did not obtain any information as to his name. The man left carrying the gun in his hand. SPAIN furnished neither ammunition nor any papers for the gun.

When the man first arrived, SPAIN observed he had parked his car, described by SPAIN only as a late model, white or light-colored, on the street in front of SPAIN's house, a distance of about 150 feet. SPAIN did not pay any further attention to the car. SPAIN did recall the buyer saying he lived in the western section of Birmingham, but he did not mention any specific address or employment.

On 6/11/68 Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740-2006
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The buyer said he wanted the gun to keep around his house. Mr. SPAIN described the buyer as a white male, about forty to forty-five years of age, 5'8" or 5'9" tall, 170 to 175 pounds, dark hair slightly graying at the temples, with a local (Alabama) accent. The man was wearing a sport shirt and slacks, colors unrecalled, and he did not have glasses.

Mr. SPAIN was shown five different photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and he chose one which had been taken in California during January or February, 1968, as "resembling the man" who bought the revolver; however, Mr. SPAIN would not make a definite identification of the photograph of RAY as the buyer.

Mr. SPAIN recalled he was contacted by FBI Agents on April 7, 1968, and shown an artist's conception of an individual the FBI was attempting to locate. At that time, he advised Agents the drawing reminded him of someone he may have seen previously, but was unable to furnish any other identifying information. After viewing the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and being questioned about the sale of the revolver, SPAIN said he was now able to connect the sale of the revolver with the drawing in that the person depicted in the drawing reminded SPAIN of the person to whom he had sold the revolver.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 20, 1968

WALTER E. SPAIN, 2904 - 42nd Avenue North,
Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following:

Sometime in December, 1966, SPAIN went to Atlanta, Georgia, with his father, WALTER LEON SPAIN, so his father could attempt to obtain employment. While in Atlanta, WALTER E. SPAIN saw an advertisement in a newspaper for a .38 caliber Liberty snub-nose revolver, which was being sold by a gun dealer in a small town outside Atlanta, believed to be Mapleton, Georgia. SPAIN, accompanied by his father, went to this gun dealer and bought the gun and SPAIN returned it to his residence in Birmingham, Alabama.

In the Spring of 1967, SPAIN gave the gun to his father in partial payment of a debt he owed to his father. SPAIN was later told by his father that he had sold the gun after placing a want ad for it in a Birmingham newspaper. SPAIN was not present when his father sold the gun and therefore did not see the purchaser.

On 6/11/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740 - 2007
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SA WILLIAM A. SAUCIER / hss Date dictated 6/14/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 7/9/68

FROM : SA A.L. KING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 7/7/68, Lt. Col. EARLE L. DENTON, U.S. Army, #45 Vestavia, Northport, Ala. furnished the following information:

He advised he heard that "RED" FARRIS, owner, Farris Pest Control, Inc., Tuscaloosa, Ala. has said that he met a man in a bar in Birmingham, Ala. prior to the shooting of Dr. KING who said he was going to "shoot KING" and that he had a "gun in the car". He advised he understands that FARRIS met the man a day or two prior to the shooting in Memphis.

On 7/8/68, the following investigation was conducted by SAs A.L. KING and CLARENCE E. WRIGHT at Tuscaloosa, Alabama:

WALLACE WADE FARRIS, President, Farris Pest Control, Inc., U.S. 11 By-Pass was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He advised on April 2, 1968 he was in the Escape Lounge in Birmingham, Alabama with CHARLIE THOMPSON, manager of the Birmingham Office of the Farris Pest Control, at approximately 9:00 pm. He advised a Dr. CHARLES MULLINS or DAVE MULLINS accompanied by a white male, 35-40, 5'9", dark hair and wearing sport clothes came in and sat down at their table. He advised Dr. MULLINS is well known in Birmingham and known to CHARLIE THOMPSON and further, he believes THOMPSON met the unknown white male on a previous occasion. He advised after they sat down they began to talk about MARTIN LUTHER KING and how much the Klan would pay to "kill KING". He advised Dr. MULLINS did most of the talking and remarks such as "would you take \$15,000 or \$25,000 to go along and act as a decoy etc". He advised Memphis, Tennessee was mentioned and he told them that KING was more useful being alive and further he would not go along on any such plan. He advised they mentioned going to Memphis to shoot KING but stated he could not remember the exact words used. He further advised they talked about getting one of his own people to get him out where they could "get at him".

FARRIS advised he took the above as bar room talk and this was his reason for not saying anything previously. He advised the later photos of JAMES EARL RAY resembled the individual with Dr. MULLINS but said the earlier photos did not resemble the person he observed in the Escape Lounge in Birmingham.

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FARRIS advised due to the fact the bar was dark he does not know if he could identify the person that was with Dr. MULLINS even if he were to see him in person again.

FARRIS advised he cashed a check in the bar the night of April 2, 1968 and this would verify his being there. He further advised he is of the opinion they left the bar to return to Tuscaloosa, Ala. about 10:00 pm that night.

FARRIS further advised CHARLIE THOMPSON, tel # 328-0492, could be reached at his office in Vestavia Park Office of FARRIS PEST Control and he could further identify Dr. MULLINS in Birmingham. He advised Dr. MULLINS appeared to be a radical segregationist and gave the impression of being under the influence of liquor.

LEAD:

At Birmingham, Ala.

Will locate and interview CHARLIE THOMPSON, Manager, FARRIS PEST CONTROL, INC., and interview re above.

After Dr. MULLINS is further identified will, if feasible, interview re identity of white male in his company at the Escape Lounge on the night April 2, 1968.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740)(P)

DATE: 7/11/68

FROM : SA SNOW

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo SA King, 7/9/68.

Following by SAS Saucier and Snow at BH on 7/11/68.

Mr. Charles H. Thompson, Mgr., Farris Pest Control, 623 Graymont Ave., West, stated as follows:

On the night of 4/2/68 he was having drinks in the Escape Lounge, 900 2nd Ave., No., with Mr. Farris of Tuscaloosa who owns the business. After a few minutes another friend, Dr. Charles E. Mullins, came in with a mutual friend, Dave Reeves, who brought their drinks over to the table occupied by himself and Farris. General "liquor talk" followed for about an hour but he, Thompson did not hear any conversation concerning King. A few days after King's murder Farris had inquired of him concerning Dr. Mullins car since news reports had indicated that a Mustang was involved. Thompson stated that Dr. Mullins drives a Mustang, but his is black.

Thompson related that Dr. Mullins is a native of the BH area whom he has known for several years and operates the Longview Hospital, 1100 Bankhead Highway, Graysville, where he is also engaged in the practice of medicine. His companion on that evening, Reeves, is a local resident who sometimes accompanies Dr. Mullins in drinking. Reeves is employed by a large pharmaceutical supply company of BH, and prior to that was employed as a salesman for Nelson Weaver Real Estate Co.

After viewing photos of subject Ray, Thompson stated definitely that Reeves and Ray are not identical. BH indices negative as to any Doctor Mullins.

No further action indicated.

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LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. **44-1574**
 FBI FILE NO. **44-38861**
 LATENT CASE NO. **91075**

July 11, 1968

TO: **SAC, Los Angeles**

RE: **MURKIN**
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REFERENCE:

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Los Angeles**

SPECIMENS: **Letter, Q385**

Airtel 7/1/68

Seven latent fingerprints of value developed on letter, Q385.

Latent fingerprints not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #403942G, or Special Agent Leon J. Mayer.

On basis of information furnished, no fingerprint record located here for Harold G. Hewitson.

Specimen enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

Enc.

- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)**
- 2 - Birmingham (44-1740)**
- 1 - WFO (44-703)**

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Date: 7/16/68

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TO: ALL SACs

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 7/9/68.

The Bureau has requested that all divisions continue to submit monthly cost data until further notice.

In view of the above, all divisions are requested to comply with the Bureau's instructions, including offices who have negative cost data to report.

2 - ALL OFFICES
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RE: **MURKIN**

RE YOUR AIRTEL OF 6/28/68

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<input type="checkbox"/> The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, <input type="checkbox"/> conceal all sources, <input type="checkbox"/> paraphrase contents.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____			

Remarks:

Enclosed is one set of photographs in accordance with referenced communication. You should correlate the comparison of names appearing on these photographs as to names appearing as guests at the Rebel Hotel in Memphis on 4/3/68 with the Memphis Division. Bureau will compare the signatures appearing on the photographs to that of James Earl Ray.

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TO BIRMINGHAM

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REBUTEL TO MEMPHIS JULY NINETEEN LAST.

BY TEL DATED JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST, THE MEMPHIS DIVISION
FURNISHED BUREAU A LIST OF NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS BEING USED BY
SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., SO IN HANDLING SUBJECT RAY DURING HIS
PERIOD OF CONFINEMENT AT THE SHELBY COUNTY JAIL. INCLUDED
IN THIS LIST WAS THE NAME OF ED ASHBURN, DOB [REDACTED]
AT FENTRESS COUNTY, TENN., CURRENT ADDRESS P.O. BOX SIX EIGHT,
CARTHAGE, TENN.

BY RETEL, BUREAU ADVISED THAT THE NAME ED ASHBURN APPEARED
IN THE JUNE TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, COMMUNICATION FROM
BIRMINGHAM CAPTIONED "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA." THE BUREAU
REQUESTED THAT BUREAU BE ADVISED IF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE
IDENTICAL.

BIRMINGHAM ADVISE MEMPHIS, AND IF NECESSARY BUREAU,
IF ED ASHBURN, DOB [REDACTED] IS IDENTICAL WITH

ED ASHBURN MENTIONED IN COMMUNICATION DESCRIBED ABOVE

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TO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN

REURTEL JULY TWENTYTWO, LAST.

REVIEW OF BH FILE STYLED "EDD ASHBURN, AKA. ED ASHLEY; RM-KLAN," BH FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH THREE THREE EIGHT TWO, REVEALS NOT IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT OF YOUR INQUIRY SINCE HE IS LONG TIME RESIDENT OF SCOTTSBORO, ALABAMA, AND COSIDERABLY OLDER THAN THE ED ASHBURN MENTIONED URTEL.

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FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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617 PM URGENT 7-23-68 GDM

TO DIRECTOR

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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INSPECTOR WILLIAM J. HALEY, BIRMINGHAM PD, ADVISED FIVE PM INSTANT DATE THAT HE HAS RECEIVED COMPLAINT FROM ATTORNEY ARTHUR HANES, BIRMINGHAM, COUNSEL FOR JAMES EARL RAY. HANES ADVISED HALEY SEVERAL HARRASSING AND THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS RECEIVED BY WIFE AND SECRETARY DURING HIS ABSENCE, RANGING FROM SILENT CALLS TO OUTRIGHT THREATS OF DEATH. HANES, ACCORDING TO HALEY, BELIEVES CALLS LOCAL IN NATURE. INSPECTOR HALEY ADVISING SECURITY PERSONNEL, SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMANY AND INSTITUTING INVESTIGATIVE MEASURES.

BIRMINGHAM CONDUCTING NO INVESTIGATION BUT WILL BE ALERT TO ANY POSSIBLE FEDERAL VIOLATION AND WILL COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH BIRMINGHAM PD.

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Brief description of activity or material Informant furnished report of meeting between ROBERT M. SHELTON & ART HANES in Birmingham, Ala.		File where original is located if not attached 170-189-SF1-205

Remarks: Informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following report:

All necessary action has been taken on information furnished.

CAUTION: EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF ANY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT, SINCE ONLY SHELTON, SEXTON, NEAL, SPEARS, HANES & SOURCE ARE AWARE OF THIS MEETING. TO DIVULGE THIS INFORMATION WOULD SEVERELY COMPROMISE SOURCE.

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July 15, 1968

Information was recieved at Tuscaloosa, Alabama that on July 14, 1968, after picking up JAMES SPEARS at Decatur, Ala., SPEARS along with ROBERT M. SHELTON, MELVIN SEXTON & COY NEAL flew to Birmingham, Alabama. After arriving at Birmingham, Ala., SHELTON placed a phone call to ART HANES, former Mayor of Birmingham, Ala., asking if they could meet. At about 9:30pm HANES arrived at the airport, and met privately with SHELTON for about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Nothing was said as to the subject under discussion, but it is felt that they talked about the recent Justice Department Suit against the Luverne Klavern in South Alabama.

After meeting with HANES, SHELTON, SEXTON, NEAL & SPEARS flew to Tuscaloosa, Alabama where it was learned that SHELTON may stop in Luverne, Alabama on 7-15-68 to talk with the Klan members involved in the ablove mentioned suit. SHELTON feels that the best thing for the members to do at this point is to lay low, since he does not believe the Justice Department has a very ~~xxxxxx~~ strong suit. SHLETON feels that if they had a case strong ~~xxxx~~ they would go after the Klan with a conspiracy suit, instead of a injunctive type suit.

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AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (107-370)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (105-722) (P)
SUBJECT: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)
RM (AL-4)
(OO: RM)

RM 415-A advised that on 7/14/68 ROBERT E. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, had a meeting at Birmingham, Alabama, with ARTHUR BRYAN, Attorney for JAMES EARL RAY. Source advised that this meeting lasted approximately one-half hour; however, informant is not aware of the subject matter discussed. Informant stated he believes BRYAN and SHELTON talked about the Justice Department suit concerning the Laverne Klavern, Lufkin, Alabama.

Source further stated that on 7/15/68 ROBERT SHELTON flew to Lufkin, Alabama, and attempted to contact members of the Laverne Klavern, with negative results.

The above is being furnished for the Bureau's information and if any additional information is developed concerning this meeting, the Bureau will be promptly advised.

CAUTION: THE ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED EXCEPT TO SOURCES AND SHELTON ARE AWARE OF SHELTON'S CONTACT WITH BRYAN, AND SHELTON'S SUBSEQUENT FLIGHT TO LUFKIN, ALABAMA.

- 3 - Bureau (RM - 30)
- 2 - Mobile (107-100) RM - RM
- ① - Birmingham (2 - 105-722)
- (1 - 170-100-SF)
- (1 - 44-1740) (JAMES EARL RAY)

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553PM URGENT 7-24-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-¹⁷⁴⁰~~1470~~) 1P

MURKIN.

ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE SAC THIS DATE AND ADVISED THAT IN NEAR FUTURE HE INTENDS TO TALK TO THE DIRECTOR. HE STATED THIS CASE IS OF "GRAVE NATIONAL CONCERN." HE FURTHER STATED "THE THRUST CAME FROM THE LEFT." HE INDICATED THAT HE OWES A DUTY TO HIS CLIENT; HOWEVER, HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF AN AMERICAN FIRST AND STATED THE BUREAU SHOULD NOT LET UP IN THEIR EFFORTS. HE DID NOT ELABORATE NOR EXPAND ON STATEMENTS, AND WHEN QUESTIONED INDICATED HE WOULD AT SOME FUTURE DATE FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE DIRECTOR.

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Date: 7-24-68

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE SAC THIS DATE AND ADVISED THAT IN NEAR FUTURE HE INTENDS TO TALK TO THE DIRECTOR. HE STATED THIS CASE IS OF "GRAVE NATIONAL CONCERN." HE FURTHER STATED "THE THRUST CAME FROM THE LEFT." HE INDICATED THAT HE OWES A DUTY TO HIS CLIENT; HOWEVER, HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF AN AMERICAN FIRST AND STATED THE BUREAU SHOULD NOT LET UP IN THEIR EFFORTS. HE DID NOT ELABORATE NOR EXPAND ON STATEMENTS, AND WHEN QUESTIONED INDICATED HE WOULD AT SOME FUTURE DATE FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE DIRECTOR.

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AIRMAIL

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

Re Memphis airtel, 7/1/68, and Bureau routing slip 7/12/68, enclosing one box of photographs of guest registrations of hotels and motels for the Birmingham area night of 3/29/68.

A comparison of the names appearing in the photographic prints of the guest registrations with the names appearing as guests at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, on 4/3/68, was completed in the Birmingham Office on 7/24/68.

In no instance was a duplication of names noted, nor was there noted during the comparison any significant name or address which would warrant further action.

The photographic prints as furnished by the Bureau will be retained.

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

DATE: 7-27-68

FROM : HOMER E. PARKER
SPC

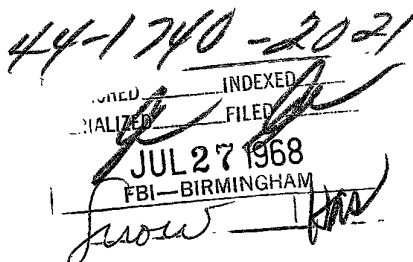
SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 5:55 PM, 7-27-68, SA CHARLIE GILLESPIE, Division 6, SOG, telephonically advised that news reports received at SOG indicated Attorney ARTHUR HANES in the RAY case was making statements to the press that he had received threats and that his family had received threats. SA GILLESPIE requested that Birmingham send a communication to Bureau advising whether Birmingham did or did not have any information on this matter.

SAC GAMBLE was connected with SA GILLESPIE at which time SAC informed SA GILLESPIE that Birmingham had sent this information to the Bureau and that I would call SA GILLESPIE and furnish him the date of the communication.

I called SA GILLESPIE at 6:11 PM and read him Birmingham Tel to Director, 7-23-68, 6:17 PM, and also told him that after receipt of this tel by Bureau, SAC received call from Division 6 instructing that Birmingham not do anything and to not maintain liaison with local PD in this matter. I told SA GILLESPIE that Birmingham would advise Bureau if any further information was received. He said this answered his original inquiry of 7-27-68.

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