

10-24-68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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

JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM;
CR - CONSPIRACY

OO: ME

ReBUtel 10-24-68.

Enclosed is LHM requested, original and four copies.

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1-Birmingham

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1400 - 2121 Building
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
October 24, 1968

Mr. Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., Esq.
Frank Nelson Building
205 North 20th Street
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Hanes:

This letter is in response to your recent telephone call to me in which you proposed a mutual exchange of information concerning matters affecting the security of the United States.

Your proposal has been given due consideration, and I have been instructed to advise you that if you have any information you feel would be of interest to the FBI, you should feel perfectly free to furnish it to me or any representative of this office.

Very truly yours

RALPH J. MILES
Special Agent in Charge

1 - addressee
① - Birmingham (44-1740)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

DATE: 10-29-68

FROM : SA Neil P. Shanahan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

By telephone call 2:30 p.m. this date, SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN, of the Memphis Division, advised that he had been in contact with Mr. ROBERT DWYER, of the Attorney General's Office, State of Tennessee. Mr. DWYER is the State Prosecutor handling the prosecution of JAMES EARL RAY at a trial in local court in Memphis, Tennessee, scheduled for November 12, 1968. Mr. DWYER referred to FD-302's reflecting interviews with Mr. WALTER LEON SPAIN, who, it was pointed out by DWYER, sold a hand gun to JAMES EARL RAY in October, 1967. Mr. DWYER requested that Mr. SPAIN be immediately contacted to determine his willingness to honor a subpoena to testify at the above-mentioned trial.

SAC JENSEN requested that this be handled immediately, and he was advised by the writer that WALTER LEON SPAIN would be contacted personally on October 30, 1968, and an airtel concerning his comments would be immediately submitted to the Memphis Division.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

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

MURKIN

Re Memphis telephone call, 10/29/68.

WALTER LEON SPAIN was contacted this date by SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN and was advised that the Attorney General's Office of the State of Tennessee was anxious to obtain his cooperation in presenting testimony in the forthcoming trial of JAMES EARL RAY in Memphis, Tenn. It was explained to Mr. SPAIN that the trial is scheduled to start on 11/11/68, but his testimony would not be required until a later date, possibly two weeks or more from the beginning of this trial. It was further explained to Mr. SPAIN that the State of Tennessee is authorized only to pay \$6.00 a day expenses and 10¢ a mile to cover the cost of transportation to and from Memphis. It was pointed out to Mr. SPAIN that, in all probability, he would be advised two days in advance of the day his testimony is to be given. It was also explained to Mr. SPAIN that the testimony to be requested from him concerns the circumstances under which he obtained a .38 caliber Liberty snub-nose revolver and the circumstances under which he disposed of this gun.

Following this explanation, Mr. SPAIN stated he is willing to cooperate with the Tennessee authorities to the best of his ability and would be agreeable to provide testimony in the above-mentioned trial.

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Mr. SPAIN stated that he resides at #3 Glen Iris Park, Birmingham, Ala., and subscribes at his residence to telephone 251-0075. He stated that he is employed by the American Automobile Association (AAA) at 2305 5th Avenue North, Birmingham, and that his business telephone is 323-4491.

10-31-68

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 October, 1968:

1.	MAN HOURS SPENT ON CASE:	<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>OVERTIME</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
	A. SPECIAL AGENTS	5129:15	2410:45	7540:00
	B. CLERICAL	1761:55	340:00	2101:55
	TOTALS	<u>6891:10</u>	<u>2750:45</u>	<u>9641:55</u>
2.	TOTAL MILEAGE BUCARS:			27,603
3.	OTHER COSTS: Transportation (Common Carrier)			\$416.00
	Per Diem			494.00
				<u>\$910.00</u>
4.	PEAK NUMBER SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING ON CASE:			1

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

District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, Memphis, Tennessee, has advised that the following FBI Agents should be alerted to the fact that their testimony will be needed in instant case. It is anticipated at this moment that efforts to select a jury will begin on 11/12/68 and witnesses will be heard as soon thereafter as possible. Mr. CANALE has stated he will make every effort to avoid needless lost time on the part of these Agents and for this reason he desires them to be available for immediate response to a subpoena. These Agents are as follows:

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT: JAMES MORTIMER
ROBERT FRAZIER
GEORGE BONEBRAKE
MORRIS SAMUEL CLARK

ATLANTA: ALDEN F. MILLER
JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN
JOHN J. SULLIVAN
CHARLES HARDING

BIRMINGHAM: NEIL SHANAHAN
PETER BOYKIN

LOS ANGELES: FRANK KAHL
TED AHEARN

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 11/6/68

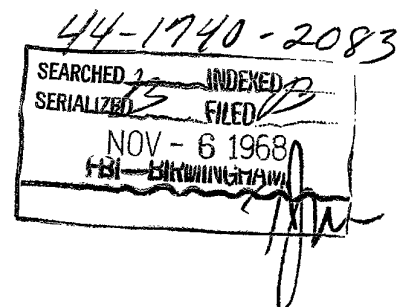
FROM : SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 11/1/68, SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN delivered to Mr. JAMES C. BEASLEY, Assistant Attorney General, State of Tennessee, at Memphis, Tennessee, one Remington model 700 .243 caliber rifle, serial number 283749. At the same time, 9 boxes of .243 caliber ammunition and a set of rings and bases for a Redfield scope were delivered to Mr. BEASLEY. The hand receipt signed by Mr. BEASLEY reflecting the transfer of this property is being maintained in the 1A section of this file.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Enclosed for Memphis are five copies each of five FD-302's reflecting interviews conducted concerning the identity of individuals handling the transaction wherein an individual using the name ERIC STARVO GALT took a test and received an Alabama state driver's license on September 6, 1967, transferred a license tag and purchased a new license tag during the same approximate period.

On November 4, 1968, Col. FLOYD MANN, Commanding Officer of the Alabama State Troopers, was contacted concerning the necessity of having two or more State Troopers appear in Memphis, Tennessee, for the purpose of furnishing testimony in the forthcoming trial of JAMES EARL RAY. Col. MANN advised that he would pledge 100% cooperation in this matter and any Trooper needed would be made available when requested. He advised that any subpoenas should be served on the Trooper at their home station. He advised that a subpoena duces tecum for the original application for a driver's license should be directed to Major BANKHEAD BATES, Alabama State Troopers, Headquarters, Montgomery, Alabama.

It should be noted that Trooper JIMMY HOLDER is unavailable for interview at the present time and no interview with him is anticipated in the light of Col. MANN's promise of cooperation. Trooper HOLDER should be subpoenaed at the Gadsden Office of Alabama State Troopers.

- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 25)
- ② - Birmingham

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For the information of Memphis, Mrs. MARY ANN HORSLEY stated at the time of interview that she was extremely reluctant to travel to Memphis to furnish testimony in this case. She advised that her husband would "pitch a fit" about her going and possibly would prevent her from making this trip. She stated also that she will do anything herself to avoid making this trip unless it is absolutely necessary. Miss SUE CLICE stated that she is also reluctant to testify in this matter but it is believed that she will do so if requested.

There is some confusion on the part of personnel in the Department of Revenue, Jefferson County, concerning the identity of the employee who affixed her initials "JD" on the tag receipt dated October 2, 1967. It is believed that she is a Negro female who worked as a part-time employee and is no longer residing in the Birmingham area. Efforts will be made by Birmingham to identify and locate this individual. It is requested that Memphis furnish the enclosed and contained information to appropriate members of the Attorney General's Office in Memphis, Tennessee.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/5/68

Sgt. TOM BARDEN, Alabama State Troopers, 715 North 18th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, was interviewed and after being explained the nature of the interview, furnished the following information:

Sgt. BARDEN reviewed the form concerning the application for a driver's license of one ERIC STARVO GALT and stated that this is a standard Form DL2 required to be prepared for every individual who applies for and receives an Alabama driver's license. He stated that this form indicates that the individual representing himself as GALT appeared at the Driver Testing Office at 715 North 18th Street, on September 5, 1967, and was furnished the inside portion of his examination on that day by Examiner Trooper CHARLIE RAYMOND THORNTON, whose initials C.R.T. appear on the front of this form. The typewritten portion of this form was filled out by one of the girls at the desk and under the date of birth section it is noted that he was the 79th person to appear on that date. The Yes-No section of this form was prepared by Trooper THORNTON and then signed by ERIC STARVO GALT. Trooper THORNTON also administered the Eyesight and Hearing Test. The road rules and road signs portion of the test were also administered at this time. GALT scored a 100 on the road signs and road rules tests as indicated by the 0 recorded for those portions of the test on the form. Trooper THORNTON then recorded in the Department Action Section of the form the 3-1 and IO notations, which indicate that he was given the road rules and road signs tests numbered 3-1 and the IO indicates that the test was incomplete inasmuch as the individual stated that he did not wish to proceed that day with the driving portion of the examination.

BARDEN advised that the form was then placed in the file and was retrieved the following day, September 6, 1967, when the individual named GALT reappeared at this office to take the driving portion. He was then given this form and directed to the driving test area on 6th Avenue, North, between 16th and 17th Street, adjacent to Kelly Ingram Park, approximately three blocks from the testing office.

On 11/4/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # ME 44-1987
BH 44-1740 - 2085

by SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN:gas Date dictated 11/5/68

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BARDEN stated that this form further indicates that the driving portion of the test was administered by Trooper JIMMY HOLDER, whose signature appears at the bottom of the form. Before giving the test, HOLDER would have checked the automobile, which is recorded on the form as being a 1966 Mustang. He would have checked the lights, brakes and general safety conditions of the automobile and recorded the driver's license number of the accompanying driver. HOLDER would have then administered the driving portion of the test and requested the individual to sign his name in the block marked Applicant's Signature. Upon passing the test, the individual would have been directed to the Jefferson County Courthouse where he would have paid the required fee of \$4.50 after presenting this completed signed form to the clerk, who would then issue him a temporary driver's license. The clerk who handled this portion of the transaction, according to BARDEN, appears to be M. A. HORSLEY. This clerk would then forward this entire application to the Driver's License Record Department in Montgomery, Alabama.

BARDEN further stated that his comments concerning this transaction are based entirely upon his knowledge of the usual procedures engaged in by the Troopers employed at his office in giving drivers tests, and that he has no personal knowledge of the presence of an individual using the name ERIC STARVO GALT on September 5 and 6, 1967.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/6/68

Trooper CHARLIE RAYMOND THORNTON was interviewed and after being advised of the nature of the interview, furnished the following information:

Trooper THORNTON stated that in the courses of his business, he signs his name as C. R. THORNTON and when he uses his initials, he writes CRT. Trooper THORNTON advised that he has been a Trooper with the Alabama State Troopers for 21 years and currently resides at 4845 Avenue B, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, in trailer lot #35. He stated he can be reached at the Driver's License Testing Office, 715 North 18th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone number 324-3165.

After viewing a Xerox copy of Alabama State Form DL-2, he stated that his initials appear on the first page of this form indicating that he administered the inside portion of a driver's license test to a man using the name ERIC STARVO GALT on September 5, 1967. Trooper THORNTON advised that this form indicates that the outside portion of the test was given by Trooper JIMMY HOLDER, who is currently working in a Gadsden, Alabama, office of the State Troopers.

THORNTON advised that he does not know whether or not he would be able to identify anyone as being the individual who took the driver's test using the name ERIC STARVO GALT.

On 11/4/68 Birmingham, Alabama File # ME 44-1987
BH 44-1740-2086

by SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN:gas Date dictated 11/5/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/6/68

Mr. JAMES HEALEY, Director of Revenue, Jefferson County, Birmingham, Alabama, was interviewed and after viewing a Xerox copy of his standard State of Alabama Form DL-2, Application for Driver's License, stated that the individual signing this form as M. A. HORSLEY is in fact Mrs. MARY ANN HORSLEY, 2405 17th Avenue, North, telephone 251-7731. He stated that Mrs. HORSLEY is a temporary employee of Jefferson County who has worked in a temporary capacity for the past five years during the period of the automobile tag sales rush, usually from the first week in September until the first week in December.

Mr. HEALEY stated that the initials SC appearing on motor vehicle license transfer form are the initials of Miss SUE CLICK, Route 2, Box 327, Adamsville, Alabama, telephone 674-9024. He advised that Miss CLICK is a full-time employee of the Jefferson County Department of Revenue and has been so employed for approximately two years.

After viewing a Xerox copy of a receipt for a new license tag prepared in the name of ERIC S. GALT, Mr. HEALEY stated that the initials appearing on this form appear to be J. D., and after reviewing his records, could state only that he believes they belong to a temporary employee who was employed during the auto tag sales rush in 1967 and whose name he believes to be WILLIE JEAN DAVIS, 2820 21st Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. HEALEY advised that WILLIE JEAN DAVIS is not employed at the present time and unsuccessful attempts were made to contact her in September of 1968 to determine whether she would again work during the rush period.

Mr. HEALEY stated that a subpoena duces tecum for the tag transfer receipt and the receipt for new tag should be directed to him.

On 11/4/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # ME 44-1987
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Date 11/6/68

Miss SUE CLICK, Route 2, Box 327, Adamsville, Alabama, telephone 674-9024, was interviewed and after viewing a Xerox copy of a transfer receipt transferring a license tag from one WILLIAM D. PAISLEY to ERIC S. GALT, identified the initials SC as being her initials.

On 11/4/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # ME 44-1987
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/6/68

Mrs. MARY ANN HORSLEY, 2405 17th Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone 251-7731, was interviewed and after being shown a Xerox copy of an Alabama State Form DL-2, identified the signature M. A. HORSLEY as being hers.

On 11/4/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # ME 44-1987
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by SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN:gas Date dictated 11/5/68

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELCALL THIS DATE.

PERSONAL REVIEW GUEST ENTRY BOOK GRANADA HOTEL, TWO TWO THREE FOUR FOURTH AVENUE NORTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, BY BUAGENT THIS DATE FAILED TO REVEAL ANY ENTRY IN NAME JOHN L. RAYNES OR OTHER KNOWN ALIASES OF RAY FOR PERIOD OCTOBER TWENTYTHREE - THIRTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN.

ALL AVAILABLE HOTEL PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED AND DISPLAYED PHOTOS OF RAY THIS DATE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. OWNER AND OTHER HOTEL EMPLOYEES UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL NOVEMBER TWELVE, NEXT. PROMPT INTERVIEW RE THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THAT TIME.

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Date: 11-9-68 ✓

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN

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OWNER AND ALL PREVIOUSLY UNINTERVIEWED EMPLOYEES, GRANADA
HOTEL, TWO TWO THREE ZERO FOURTH AVE. NORTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
DISPLAYED PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, WITH
NEGATIVE RESULTS. AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

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Date: 11/12/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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NEGATIVE RESULTS. AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

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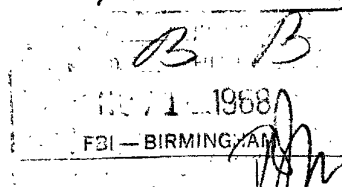
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TO: SAC, ATLANTA
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN

Mr. ROBERT SWYER, Executive Assistant Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee, advised this date that subpoenas issued in connection with trial scheduled for November 13 should be disregarded. Trial date has been tentatively set for March 3, 1969. SWYER requested that all potential witnesses who have received subpoenas should be made cognizant of change in trial date. Communication will be forwarded to interested witnesses by SWYER's office in near future advising them of new scheduled date for trial.

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2 LOS ANGELES (AM)
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AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Enclosed for Bureau and Memphis Division are four copies and five copies respectively of FD-302 reflecting interview with ~~SAUNDERS~~ LEE SAUNDERS.

SAUNDERS voluntarily furnished this information after he had mentioned this information to the military authorities at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, who in turn notified the FBI.

It is noted that SAUNDERS appeared sincere throughout the interview; however, he was extremely vague in details and was unable to provide any names of any individuals who could verify any of his story or the fact that he was in Memphis at the time of the assassination of KING. A review of the military records at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, reveal that SAUNDERS went AWOL from Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, on 3/31/68 and was not returned until October, 1968, to military control.

Any action based upon this interview is being left to the discretion of Bureau and office of origin.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 4) (RM)
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Date: 11-14-68

Transmit the following in _____
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To: SACs, Birmingham
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✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

William Bradford Huie, author, has written a second article for "Look" magazine concerning the travels of James Earl Ray since Ray's escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967. The second article appears in November 26, 1968, issue of "Look" (circulated November 12, 1968) and alleges the involvement of an individual by the name of "Raoul" in the King assassination. According to the article, Ray contacted "Raoul" in New Orleans, Louisiana; Selma, Alabama; Birmingham, Alabama, and in a motel across the border in Mexico.

The following is a listing of those motels and a hotel in the respective areas in which Ray was alleged to have registered as a guest using the name Eric S. Galt or John L. Rayns.

New Provincial Motel
New Orleans, Louisiana
December 17, 18, 1967
(New Orleans Division)

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Airtel to SACs, Birmingham
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RE: MURKIN

Granada Hotel
Birmingham, Alabama
August 25, 1967
(Birmingham Division)

Flamingo Motel
Selma, Alabama
March 24, 1968
(Mobile Division)

Each division will obtain a list of the guests registered at the respective motels and hotel for a period of three days before, during, and three days after the listed period. This list should include, but not be restricted to, name, address, and identification of any vehicle used by the guests. The possibility exists that a common denominator will appear at the above in order that the identity of "Raoul" will be established.

In addition, the article sets forth that Ray stayed at an unnamed motel in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, 10-7-67. Since it is not known how many motels are located in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, the San Antonio Office should conduct the desired investigation only if feasible. Advise the Bureau and Memphis accordingly.

The Memphis Division, upon receipt of this information from the other listed divisions, will completely evaluate this information for possible identification of "Raoul." The name "Raoul" is Spanish for Ralph and it should be considered that this could be either a given name or a surname.

This is to be handled immediately and results furnished to the Bureau promptly.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 11/15/68

FROM : SA NEIL G. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call, 11/9/68.

At the request of the Bureau, a personal examination was conducted of the guest registration entry book of the Granada Hotel, 2230 4th Avenue North, Birmingham, Ala., from 10/23 - 10/31/67, for the name JOHN L. RAYNES, JAMES EARL RAY and all other known aliases of subject RAY, with negative results.

The following employees were displayed photographs of subject and were interviewed re his possible visit on 10/25/67, with negative results:

FRANK L. PHILLIP
Night Desk Clerk
1129 Gadsden Highway

A. M. KRONCE
Relief Day Desk Clerk
resides at hotel

On 11/12/68 the following individuals were likewise interviewed:

Mr. CHARLIE TRONCALE
Manager and Owner
19 Norwood Blvd.

O. C. SMITH
Regular Day Desk Clerk
1300 North 22nd Street

Mrs. CATHERINE MONTGOMERY
Hotel Maid
1712 Avenue T, Ensley

ELMORE STUDAMIRE
Hotel Bellhop
214 9th Court West

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It is noted, per Mr. TRONCALE, that these are the only employees of the hotel that were employed there during the pertinent period.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

DATE: November 18, 1968

FROM : SA DAVID T. DALY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 11/9/68, a telephone call was received from the Bureau from SA DICK LONG, Division 6, who advised that the Bureau was in receipt of an advanced copy of "Look" magazine, which was to be made published on November 12, 1968, and contained an article regarding the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He advised that this article contained information that JAMES EARL RAY, on October 25, 1967, had stayed in Birmingham at the Granada Hotel, 2234 Fourth Avenue, North, using the alias of JOHN L. RAYNES.

He advised that this information was previously unknown and he requested that investigation be conducted to verify this information and that the Bureau be advised by teletype on November 9, 1968.

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TO BUREAU 44-38861 MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND ST LOUIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

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REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER NINE ZERO TWO TWO, LOCATED GRANADA HOTEL TODAY FOR JOHN L. RAYNS, ONE EIGHT TWO FIVE LA FAYETTE STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI WHO ARRIVED AT NINE ZERO FIVE AM SATURDAY, AUGUST TWENTYSIX SIXTYSEVEN, HAD LUGGAGE, AND WAS ASSIGNED ROOM TWO ONE ZERO AT RATE FOUR DOLLARS FIFTY CENTS WITH ONE IN PARTY WITH NO TELEPHONE CHARGES AND METHOD OF ARRIVAL UNKNOWN. BY REFERENCE TO PAGE SIXTYSIX OF REPORT SA HENRY A. SNOW, BIRMINGHAM, APRIL SEVEN-
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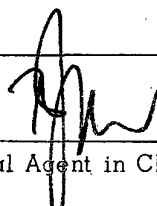
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/15/68

ROBERT LEE SAUNDERS, Private, United States Army, Serial No. US [REDACTED] advised he was in military custody while being transported to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, following his apprehension at Cleveland, Mississippi, for being absent without leave. SAUNDERS provided the following information to Special Agent LARRY K. SYLVESTER, who identified himself as a Special Agent with the FBI. Also present during this interview of SAUNDERS was Lt. Col. DALE HAMILTON, Provost Marshal, Ft. McClellan, Alabama.

SAUNDERS advised that he went AWOL from Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, around March 29, 1968. He then traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, where he stayed for a period of approximately two days and then obtained a ride from Cleveland, Ohio, to Memphis, Tennessee, with an individual SAUNDERS knew only as "Stoop" who drove a pink Cadillac and was from Memphis, Tennessee. SAUNDERS stated that he was broke when he arrived in Memphis, Tennessee, and located a place to sleep in a condemned building at 1408 Beal Street in Memphis. SAUNDERS slept there one night and was walking down an alley to return to this building at approximately 3:30 A.M., the second night when he observed four Negro males standing near the alley just ahead of him. SAUNDERS stated that he stopped and stood in the shadows as he was afraid these individuals would try to harm him. As SAUNDERS stood there he overheard these individuals arguing. One individual said "Let me get him." The other individuals were arguing they should be the one to "get him." One of the individuals who SAUNDERS described as a large Negro male, approximately 6'6" to 6'7" tall, approximately 30 years of age, and wearing a thin beard which encompassed his entire face, stated something to the effect that he should be the one to "get KING." Also, this individual stated that he would get the gun.

SAUNDERS described the others with the big man as follows:

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No. Two Man was described as a Negro male, young, approximately 20 years old, 5'4", wearing khaki pants.

No. Three Man was described as a Negro male, 5'11", medium-heavy build, balding hair and worn natural with two parts. This individual also wore metal rim glasses with very small lens.

No. Four Man was described as a Negro male, approximately 5'10", approximately 25 years of age, and wore a black tam with blue decorations.

SAUNDERS stated that upon hearing these individuals talk, he became afraid and ran in the opposite direction so that he would not have to pass in front of them. SAUNDERS stated that he then went to the Greyhound Bus Station where he sat the rest of the night.

At approximately 10:30 A.M., the following day, SAUNDERS stated he returned to Beal Street where he went to a bar called the Bucket of Blood and purchased approximately two beers. SAUNDERS stated that he observed these four individuals in the tavern at that time. He then got up and left this tavern after having been inside approximately 15 minutes and upon coming out observed two of the four individuals he had seen the previous night standing on the curb on Beal Street near the tavern. SAUNDERS stated as he began to walk down Beal Street, he observed a 1954 blue Ford convertible with white top drive up and the individuals who were standing on the curb then got inside. SAUNDERS stated that he observed this vehicle was driven by the large Negro male with the beard who he had seen the previous night. SAUNDERS stated that he also observed that a rifle sight approximately 8" in length was laying in the rear deck of the automobile. SAUNDERS stated that he did not see any gun and that it was obvious the sight was not attached to a gun.

SAUNDERS stated that he returned to the bus station where he later learned of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated that up until this time he was unaware that KING was in Memphis and had not

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associated any of the statements he had overheard with MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SAUNDERS advised he felt he could identify the large Negro male who wore the beard but would be unable to identify any of the other individuals. He reiterated that his entire basis for believing that these individuals may have been responsible for the murder of KING was the single mention of the word "KING" by one of the individuals in the alley the previous night.

The following descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	ROBERT LEE SAUNDERS
Alias	Robert Lee Richardson (SAUNDERS stated that this is the name that appears on his birth certificate; however, he has never used this name)
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
DOB	
POB	Cleveland, Mississippi
Height	5'11"
Weight	162 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Wife	ANNIE BELLE SAUNDERS % VEESSIE NELSON Cleveland, Mississippi
Mother	SALLIE MAE SAUNDERS Route 1, Box 54 Cleveland, Mississippi
Occupation	Private, United States Army currently stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky
Arrest record	Claims once for auto theft in Chicago, Illinois, approximately 1963, and was released after being held 8 or 9 hours. SAUNDERS also claims to have been arrested twice for being AWOL.

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