

Zee Smith

132 - So Spruce St.
Kansas City, Mo.

Fred Gings (?)
B'ham.

C.A. Henderson
Huntsville, Ala.

C.R. Davis
1114 - Jupiter St
Gadsden, Ala.

M. Sellers (beaten up.)
Rt 1 - Box 407
Jemison, Ala

Billy Jackson
481 - S. Brevard
Cocoa, Fla.

* John Z. Rags (receipt executed for and)
1825 - Lafayette St.
St. Louis, Mo.

8-27-67

B. Z. Frost (trouble)

29 Lakewood

B'ham

Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Wells

B'ham

F. O. Oliver

B'ham

E. O. Black Jr.

667 W. 12th St

Jasper, Ala.

8-28-68

Jim Poynter

308 - No. Cherry

Effingham, Ill.

T. M. Vick

Columbianna, Ala.

Gerald W. Hamilton

B'ham

H. Z. Grimes
3890 Lee St.
Winston Salem, N.C.

J. B. Hayes
Cullman, Ala.

Rosemary Lindsey
B'ham.

J. E. Watkins
B'ham.

Curtis Parker
B'ham.

R. B. Frost (trouble)
B'ham

Dora Clark
Gary, Ind.

A. L. White
911 - Weaver Dr.
High Point, N.C.

Roy Burgess
630 - Kennan Rd
H'ville, Ala.

Joe Brady
no address - day rate

Mrs. P. Stone
415 - Taylor St.
San Antonio, Tex.

Corlea Parish
no address - day rate

W. J. Brother
B'ham.

Pete Martin
B'ham - day rate

11/22/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

ReBuairtel, 11/14/68, and Birmingham teletype
11/20/68.

Attached for information of the Bureau are four
copies of FD-302 reflecting location of guest registration
card for JOHN L. RAYNE at Granada Hotel, Birmingham, on
date 8/28/67. Five copies of this FD-302 are forwarded
to Memphis, and one each to interested offices.

Two copies of an insert are attached for the
Bureau and five copies for Memphis regarding a previous
search of the records at the Granada Hotel for the period
10/22-31/67, inclusive, which resulted negatively and was
based upon Bureau telephone call, 11/9/68.

Two copies of legible handwritten list of regis-
tration cards at the Granada Hotel are being furnished
Memphis in response to reBuairtel, 11/14/68, in order that
the names thereon may be compared with lists submitted
by the Mobile, New Orleans and, possibly, San Antonio
Divisions.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 6)
- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 12) (44-1987)
- 1 - Mobile (Enc. 1)
- 1 - New Orleans (Enc. 1)
- 1 - San Antonio (Enc. 1)
- 1 - St. Louis (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Birmingham

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44-1740-2099

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ME 44-1987
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The following investigation was conducted by
SA NEIL G. MARTIN on November 9, 1968:

At the request of the Bureau, a personal examination was conducted of the guest registration entry book of the Granada Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, from October 23 - October 31, 1967, 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 regarding his possible visit on October 25, 1967, with negative results:

FRANK L. PHILLIP
Night Desk Clerk
1129 Gadsden Highway

A. M. KOONCE
Relief Day Desk Clerk, resides at hotel

On November 12, 1968, the following individuals were likewise interviewed:

Mr. CHARLIE TRONCALE
Manager and owner
19 Norwood Boulevard

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 Ninth Court, West

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

11-21-68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P
RE: MURKIN
CR
OO:ME

Re Birmingham tel to Bureau, Memphis, and SL, 11-20-68, concerning registration card 9022 located at Granada Hotel for JOHN L. RICHIE for 8-28-67, giving home address of 1823 Lafayette St., SLMO.

Enclosed to Memphis are 18 copies of FD-302 of interview with EDWARD M. HALE, 1823 Lafayette, SLMO, 11-21-68.

Review of SL file failed to identify 1823 Lafayette with any known activities of RAY.

It was noted, however, JOHN HUBERT GAYRON stated 4-28 and 5-1-68, he and RAY frequented a bar, believed to be Ruby's Bar, later known as The Haven Bar, on Lafayette just west of 18th St. during 1968. (See SL report of SA HAROLD E. DORSON, 5-10-68, cover pages R & S.) GAYRON subsequently advised on 5-14-68, the correct name of the bar was Opal's Bar, later known as The Haven Bar. (See SL report of SA DORSON, 6-25-68, cover page Y).

OPAL HIGLEY advised on 5-15-68, she had operated Opal's Bar at 1803 Lafayette from 1947 to 1961. She was unable to recall RAY as having been a patron but recalled JACK (LNU), whose description fitted GAYRON, as a frequent customer. (See 6-25-68 SL report, page 84)

3 - Bureau
2 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 15)
2 - St. Louis
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From the foregoing it would appear RAY was probably generally familiar with the 18th and Lafayette area in SL.

The current SL City Directory lists SARAH M. HALE as the resident at 1838 Lafayette, SLMO.

This address was observed by SA DOBSON on 11-21-68, to be a two-story single-family brick dwelling. Mrs. HALE advised him on the same date she had resided there for the past 22 years. She has never rented any portion of the premises to other persons during this period. She was unable to identify the names utilized by RAY or photographs of him as pertaining to any person she has ever known. She was likewise unable to recall ever having been acquainted with any member of RAY's family.

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

11/23/68

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 11/14/68, and Birmingham
teletype 11/20/68.

Enclosed please find the original of a
registration card believed for subject RAY under alias
JOHN L. RAYNE. This reflects his registration at
9:05 a.m. on Saturday, 8/26/67, at the Grenada Hotel,
Birmingham, a third rate institution, giving residence
address of 1825 Lafayette St., St. Louis, Missouri.

It is requested that the handwriting appearing
on the three lines of the registration card be compared
with known handwriting of subject RAY. A Xerox copy
of the registration card is also enclosed for the Bureau
and each office receiving this communication. Mr.
ADRIAN HONCH, Clerk, has no independent recollection
of RAYNE.

A review of all registration cards during the
period 8/22-28/67 has been completed without noting
any significant card which might be indicative of the
presence of "RAYNE" during the period. A list of the
names will be furnished Memphis.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)(AM - RM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)(Enc. 1)(AM)
- 2 - Mobile (Enc. 1)(AM)
- 2 - New Orleans (Enc. 1)(AM)
- 2 - St. Louis (Enc. 1)(AM)
- 2 - Birmingham

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 22, 1968

Mr. CHARLIE TRONCALE, owner-manager, Granada Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, made available the guest registration cards for his hotel during the period August 22 - 28, 1967, inclusive. A review of these cards resulted in the location of guest registration No. 9022 for one JOHN L. RAYNS, residence 1825 Lafayette St., St. Louis, Mo., who checked in at 9:05 a.m. on Saturday, August 26, 1967, and was assigned to Room 210 by Desk Clerk ADRIAN M. KOONCE at a rate of \$4.50. No record was maintained as to the time of checkout or method of travel. The card reflected the guest had luggage. The original of this card has been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory at Washington, D. C., for appropriate handwriting comparison.

A record was obtained of the names and addresses (where recorded) of the approximately 150 guests, other than permanent residents, during the period for which the cards were reviewed and two copies of the list are being transmitted to the Memphis FBI Office. No guest card was observed for any "RAOUL" or similar name during the period involved.

Upon observing the guest registration card of RAYNS, Mr. ADRIAN M. KOONCE identified his initials as having roomed RAYNS, but stated that due to the elapsed time he had no independent recollection of him. He stated he had previously been exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and was unable to identify that individual.

No further information was obtainable from Mr. KOONCE or other personnel of the Granada Hotel.

On 11/20-21/68 at Birmingham, Alabama

File # BH 44-1740 -2102
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by SA HENRY A. SNOW:mfl *Has*

Date dictated 11/22/68

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Date: 11-27-68

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

In connection with the articles prepared by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, which have appeared in "Look" magazine, certain investigation has been conducted by offices receiving this Airtel. The Memphis Division, as office of origin, requests that results of investigation conducted by the various offices be furnished in the form of either FD-302 or investigative insert so that all results can be incorporated in a report. This material should be submitted so that it reaches Memphis no later than December 4, 1968.

3 BUREAU (AM)
② BIRMINGHAM (AM)
2 BUFFALO (AM)
2 CHICAGO (AM)
2 DETROIT (AM)
2 JACKSON (AM)
2 LOS ANGELES (AM)
2 MOBILE (AM)
2 SAN ANTONIO (AM)
2 SPRINGFIELD (AM)
1 MEMPHIS
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Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)
Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: November 29, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-681126110 JK

Specimens received 11/26/68

Q411 Registration card bearing the name and address "John L.
Rayms 1825 Lafayette St. St. Louis Mo."

Result of examination:

Employing K171, K211, and K257 as known standards,
it was concluded that the questioned writings on the Q411
registration card were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Q411 will be returned separately. Photographs were
made.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 29, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-681126110 JK

Examination requested by: Birmingham
Reference: Letter 11/22/68
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q411.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- ① - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Mobile Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - New Orleans Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - St. Louis Enclosure (Lab report)

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12-2-68

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 November, 1968:

1.	MAN HOURS SPENT ON CASE:	<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>OVERTIME</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
	A. SPECIAL AGENTS	5225:15	2440:45	7666:00
	B. CLERICAL	<u>1764:55</u>	<u>340:00</u>	<u>2104:55</u>
	TOTALS	<u>6990:10</u>	<u>2780:45</u>	<u>9770:55</u>
2.	TOTAL MILEAGE BUCARS:			27,715
3.	OTHER COSTS: Transportation (Common Carrier)			\$459.00
	Per Diem			498.00
				<u>\$957.00</u>
4.	PEAK NUMBER SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING ON CASE:			1

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Washington, D. C. 20537

**REPORT**

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO.

44-1987**December 2, 1968**

FBI FILE NO.

44-38861

LATENT CASE NO.

91978

TO:

SAC, Memphis

RE:

**MURKIN
CR**

REFERENCE:

Letter 11-22-68 from Birmingham Division

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

Birmingham

SPECIMENS:

**Q411, registration card bearing the name and address
"John L. Rayma, 1835 Lafayette Street, St. Louis,
Missouri"****No latent impressions of value were developed
on the specimen.****The specimen is being returned to Birmingham
Division.****Laboratory report separate.**

- 2 - Birmingham (44-1740) - Enc.**
- 1 - Mobile**
- 1 - New Orleans**
- 1 - St. Louis**

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-1740-2108

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Date: 12-4-68

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

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Reference Birmingham Airtel to Bureau 11/22/68, by which a handwritten list of names was furnished the Memphis Office. This list of names is enclosed herewith. They should be listed in appropriate FD-302's and returned promptly to Memphis for inclusion in a report now in preparation.

It is also requested that you submit separate FD-302's reflecting interviews with Mr. CHARLIE TRONCALE and Mr. ADRIAN M. KOONCE of the Granada Hotel.

② Birmingham (Enc. 1) (RM) *me*
1 Memphis

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*Come on
Henry!*

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Approved: *R. K. Jensen*
Special Agent in Charge

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*With each not
reached*

12-9-68

AIRTEL

AM

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

Chicago and Birmingham are requested to expedite the submission of FD-302's regarding investigation of information appearing in the "Look" magazine articles, as Memphis is now preparing a report concerning this phase of the investigation.

3 BUREAU (AM)
2 BIRMINGHAM
2 CHICAGO
1 MEMPHIS

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December 11, 1968

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

MURKIN
CG:ME

Responsive to your airtel of December 4,
1968, enclosed are fifteen copies each of the requested
FD-302's.

2-Memphis (Enc.45)
2-Birmingham
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*See
HSA*

Post

44-1987-2111

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/10/68

Guest registration cards and the guest ledger pertaining to guests at the Granada Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, Birmingham, were reviewed for the period August 22, 1967, through August 28, 1967, in an effort to determine whether any record might be located of the registration of JAMES EARL RAY under his alias, John L. Rayns.

Such a registration card, #9022, was located reflecting the registration of one JOHN L. RAYNS or RAYMS, residence 1825 Lafayette Street, St. Louis, Missouri, who registered at 9:05 a.m. (Saturday), August 26, 1967. The card reflected that RAYNS had luggage and was assigned to Room 210, at a rate of \$4.50, with one being indicated in his party. No telephone charges were made to his room and the initials of the desk clerk on duty reflected he was assigned a room by A. M. KOONCE.

The above-mentioned registration card was made available and has been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate handwriting comparisons. A review of the registration records during the above-mentioned period, August 22 - 28, 1967, reflected the following guests had been registered at the Granada Hotel during that period:

August 22, 1967

H. J. LOVE
address illegible (drunk)

JEWEL LATHAM
address illegible

JOHN L. HERRIN, JR.
Birmingham, Alabama

ROY TURNER
no address

ROY TURNER,
no address

On 11/20-21/68 at Birmingham, Alabama

File # BH 44-1740 - 2112
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by SA HENRY A. SNOW:rte

12/10/68

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V. R. BLACKWELL,
Birmingham, Alabama

D. A. MC KINLEY,
Bessemer, Alabama

RALPH HOCKLANDER,
85-E Twenty-second Street,
Holland, Michigan

PAT PARKER,
Birmingham, Alabama

J. T. WRIGHT,
2987 Kohr Drive,
San Diego, California (Telephone Company)

DAN HILL
Route 2, Box 105,
Summerville, South Carolina

J. N. MARTIN,
Attalla, Alabama

T. L. ASHLEY,
Birmingham, Alabama

JAMES A. MOORE,
Wilsonville, Alabama

M. N. HENLEY,
city illegible, Alabama (day rate)

O. BROWN,
city illegible, Alabama (day rate)

J. E. KNOX,
1140 Wells Avenue,
Gadsden, Alabama

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W. W. NALLY,
Smyrna, Georgia

H. T. JOHNSON,
Birmingham, Alabama

August 23, 1967

R. V. TOMPKINS,
Curry Court,
Talladega, Alabama

W. E. BRYANT,
403 Fourth Avenue,
Jasper, Alabama

MARVIN AUCY,
Route 1,
Huntsville, Alabama

F. O. OLIVER,
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. GENE PHILLIPS
Birmingham (do not readmit - she tried to knife
bellboy)

JERRY LANGSTON,
Birmingham, Alabama

W. R. SMITH,
Atlanta, Georgia

ANTHONY DAUGHERTY and
BERNARD PETTIT,
34 Court Drive,
Wilmington, Delaware

JESSE WHITE,
Springville, Alabama

T. E. (illegible)
Birmingham, Alabama

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CECIL MORGAN,
Route 1, Box 91,
no city, Alabama

B. R. BROWN,
2893 Dunn,
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE STRANGE,
Jasper, Alabama

J. E. JACKSON,
Chicago, Illinois

H. P. GOINS,
1754 Pennington Place,
Atlanta, Georgia

CHARLES SMITH,
Atlanta, Georgia

ARLEN WORKMAN,
908 Broad,
Durham, North Carolina (Navy)

THOMAS C. PRANER,
Trussville, Alabama

ROBERT BISHOP,
Sylacauga, Alabama

R. E. GLANTON,
Tarrant, Alabama

J. B. CARTER,
Cullman, Alabama (day rate)

W. CROOK,
Bessemer, Alabama

ROY HIGGINBOTHAM,
Birmingham (day rate)

WILMA PARKER,
2211 Forrest,
Gadsden, Alabama

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C. T. PATTON,
Cullman, Alabama (day rate)

M. F. KING,
Maylene, Alabama

August 24, 1967

F. O. OLIVER,
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. BUSBY,
5209 Center Street,
Houston, Texas

TOM WILLIAMS,
Sou. Cafeterias,
Birmingham, Alabama

WALLACE JORDAN,
515 Eleventh Street,
Sylacauga, Alabama

ARLEN ARRINGTON,
Holly Pond, Alabama

C. L. WOOD,
515 Pine Street,
Leeds, Alabama

G. L. BOSWELL,
Valpariso, Florida

J. W. BANFORD,
Bessemer, Alabama

GEORGE CAUSEY,
Pell City, Alabama

ERNEST G. WALLACE,
Pea Ridge, Alabama

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W. W. NALLY,
Smyrna, Georgia

MARVIN HERRING,
no address

JOHN SCOTT,
Birmingham, Alabama

JAMES BLACK,
1123 Peachtree Street,
Atlanta, Georgia

J. B. MC GRAW,
Ensley, Alabama

V. L. GAY PARKER,
2211 Forrest Avenue,
Gadsden, Alabama

MARTIN PHILLIPS,
Birmingham, Alabama

JACK WILLIAMSON,
2617 Pansy,
Huntsville, Alabama

JAMES FOSTER
no address

T. W. WINSTON,
Birmingham, Alabama

AL HURST,
Route 4,
Piedmont, Alabama

JIM POYNTER,
308 North Cherry,
Effingham, Illinois

H. T. JOHNSON,
Birmingham, Alabama

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August 25, 1967

L. P. FRACHISEN,
1216 Raley,
East Gadsden, Alabama

KENNETH WASSURN,
Birmingham, Alabama

HARRY B. CARTER,
843 St. Charles Avenue, Northeast,
Atlanta, Georgia

GEORGE BURK,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

EDWARD P. MOSS,
1721 McCahill Street,
Decatur, Alabama

PATRICIA A. MIROLA and
KATHLEEN A. DELANEY,
369 North Street,
Middletown, New York

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. JOHNSON,
2116 Fourteenth Street,
Chattanooga, Tennessee

RICHARD GLENN,
Birmingham, Alabama

BILL GREEN,
Route 3, Birmingham, Alabama

JACK MILLER,
2125 Lake Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

JAMES FOSTER,
Leeds, Alabama

FLOYD TURNER,
7905 Fifth Avenue,
Anniston, Alabama

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RAY MATTOX,
Route 2,
Hanceville, Alabama

J. F. MURPHREE,
1237 Forty-eighth Street, North,
Birmingham, Alabama

Mrs. LARRY BLACK,
Birmingham, Alabama

LUKE HARBIN,
2373 Cherokee Road,
Birmingham, Alabama

TONY SMITH and
THOMAS JONES,
address illegible

WESLEY HISSAIN,
1824 South Utah Avenue,
Gadsden, Alabama

JAMES MARSHALL,
Johnson City, Tennessee

HUGH W. FARR,
912 Tenth Street, Southwest,
Birmingham, Alabama

ROY CHAPMAN,
Mobile, Alabama

BILL WILSON,
2132 Earglow Avenue,
Gadsden, Alabama

T. M. VICK,
Columbiana, Alabama

HELEN PURDY,
Birmingham, Alabama

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MARK PHILLIPS,
Oneonta, Alabama

DELL DYARS,
Route 1,
Talladega, Alabama

E. J. SMITH,
104 Second Avenue,
Huntsville, Alabama

JOHN HOWELL,
Crimson Towers,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

H. A. PERSEY,
1000 Marshall,
Mattoon, Illinois
(REA Express)

August 26, 1967

S. COX,
Birmingham, Alabama

J. C. JONES,
Birmingham, Alabama

WADE FOWLER,
Sylacauga, Alabama

JOE SMITH,
Mobile, Alabama

A. L. CLAYTON,
Gadsden, Alabama

LARRY DAVIS,
Route 2,
Centreville, Alabama

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COLVIN VICTORY,
5361 First Avenue, North,
Birmingham, Alabama

PAUL J. LEAGUE,
819 Asylum Street,
Flint, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES O'BRIAN,
1625 Twelfth Avenue,
Meridian, Mississippi

FRED HERR,
Birmingham (drunk)

PASCO BIGBIE,
Birmingham, Alabama

PAUL WESSE (or WESSON),
3924 Knollwood Lane,
Birmingham, Alabama

PAUL SOUTH (or SMITH)
Birmingham, Alabama

LEE SMITH
132 South Spruce Street,
Kansas City, Missouri

FRED GINGSS (?)
Birmingham, Alabama

C. A. HENDERSON,
Hanceville, Alabama

C. R. DAVIS,
1114 Jupiter Street,
Gadsden, Alabama

Mr. SELLERS (beaten up)
Route 1, Box 407,
Jemison, Alabama

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BILLY JACKSON,
481 South Brevard,
Cocoa, Florida

* JOHN L. RAYNS (receipt executed for card),
1825 Lafayette Street,
St. Louis, Missouri

August 27, 1967

B. L. FROST (trouble),
29 Lakewood,
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. WELLS,
Birmingham, Alabama

F. O. OLIVER,
Birmingham, Alabama

E. Q. BLACK, JR.,
667 West 12th Street,
Jasper, Alabama

August 28, 1967

JIM POYNTER
308 North Cherry,
Effingham, Illinois

T. M. VICK,
Columbiana, Alabama

GERALD W. HAMILTON,
Birmingham, Alabama

H. L. GRIMES,
3890 Lee Street,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

J. B. HAYES,
Cullman, Alabama

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ROSEMARY LINDSEY,
Birmingham, Alabama

J. E. WATKINS,
Birmingham, Alabama

CURTIS PARKER,
Birmingham, Alabama

R. B. FROST (trouble)
Birmingham, Alabama

DON CLARK,
Gary, Indiana

A. L. WHITE,
911 Westover Drive,
High Point, North Carolina

ROY BURGESS,
630 Kennan Road,
Huntsville, Alabama

JOE BRADY,
no address (day rate)

Mrs. P. STONE,
415 Naylor Street,
San Antonio, Texas

CORLEE PARISH,
no address (day rate)

W. J. BROTHER,
Birmingham, Alabama

PETE MARTIN,
Birmingham (day rate).

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/10/68

CHARLIE TRONCALE, Manager-Owner, GRANADA Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, inspected the registration card of one JOHN L. RAYNS (or RAYMS), who was a guest at this hotel on August 26, 1967. He advised that he had no independent recollection of that guest and did not recall him. He advised that he had previously viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY without having made any identification but he pointed out that he is rarely in his establishment and all guests' registrations are handled by the desk clerk on duty.

On 11/20/68 at Birmingham, AlabamaFile # BH 44-1740 - 2113
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12/10/68by SA HENRY A. SNOW:rte *fas*

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Date 12/10/68

ADRIAN M. KOONCE, regular night clerk at the Granada Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, reviewed the registration card, #9022, which reflected the registration of guest, JOHN L. RAYNS or RAYMS at his hotel at 9:05 a.m. (Saturday), August 26, 1967. Mr. KOONCE identified his initials as being the desk clerk on duty at that time and stated that ordinarily throughout the work week, he is on duty at night but on Saturdays, he works the day shift. He stated he had no independent recollection whatsoever of the guest whom he had registered as RAYNS or RAYMS on August 26, 1967, but that his notation indicated the guest did not have luggage, and occupied Room 210 at a rate of \$4.50 per day, with only the guest being indicated as in the party. No telephone charges were made to the room and the method of arrival of the guest was unknown. The time of departure was not indicated in the records of the Granada Hotel.

Mr. KOONCE related that he had previously viewed several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and had been unable to recall that individual as being a previous guest in his establishment and did not connect the photographs of RAY with the registration of guest RAYNS or RAYMS.

On 11/21/68 at Birmingham, AlabamaFile# BH 44-1740 - 2114SA HENRY A. SNOW:rte *was*

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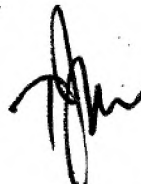
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)
MURKIN

Re recent investigation to identify the apparent mythical character, "RAGUL", based on article in Look Magazine written by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE concerning subject's travels.

Of possible interest as to how the name RAGUL may have come to the mind of HUIE and/or RAY, there is attached a circular received by SA HENRY A. SNOW through the Alabama Historical Association in which the name RAGUL is mentioned. HUIE, having been a former student at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, would have undoubtedly been familiar with the subject matter of the circular.

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TO: ALL SAC's
FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA
(OO: MEMPHIS)
BUFILE 44-38861

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68, and
Memphis airtel to All SAC's, dated 7/16/68.

Discontinue the monthly submission to the Memphis
Division of the cost data requested in referenced airtels,
since the Bureau has agreed this submission can be discon-
tinued.

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LAWRENCE LONGSHORE PERSONS

Born Iloilo, Philippine Islands

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116-5780 AEAA investigation on him, and derogatory info.
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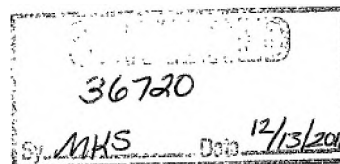
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TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 1/7/69

FROM : SA PETER JOHN BODKIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN



L. L. PERSONS, 1056 32 nd Street South, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone number 328-0630, who had been previously interviewed in captioned case, appeared at the Birmingham FBI Office and confidential furnished the following information:

He stated approximately ten days ago THAD HOLT, former owner of WAPI telephonically contacted and asked how he could get in touch with his brother, ALBERT C. PERSONS, as WILLIAM BRADFORD HUEY wanted to contact him. He advised he furnished HOLT with his brother's address and telephone number. He advised one or two days later HUEY contacted his brother and asked him to work for him on the JAMES EARL RAY case. He advised that his brother is presently working for HUEY on the RAY case.

He produced a book written by his brother entitled the "Bay of Pigs", printed by SWALLEY Printing Company, Birmingham, Alabama. He stated that SWALLEY printing Company has printed material for ASA CARTER a Super Racist and former public relations man for former Governor GEORGE WALLACE. He further brought in the name of HENRY YESICK as friend of CARTER's and the Winn Oil Distributor in the Birmingham area. He stated that YESICK put up the money to have this book printed, which cost \$10,000.00.

He stated that he is of the opinion that there is a possible conspiracy between CARTER and RAY in the killing of MARTIN LUTHER ~~XX~~ KING and that is originated in Birmingham. He stated that he believes there is some connection with this book and the RAY Case, since the book contains numerous Spanish names. He stated that he also believes there is connection with the RAY case and this book, because HUEY wants his brother to work for him on the RAY case. He said the way HUEY spends money that he could find out all he wants to knows about the activities of RAY with out having his brother, AIBERT, work for him.

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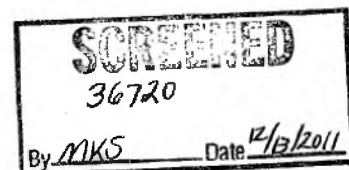
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He stated that his brother has numerous friends in Birmingham, Alabama, is acquainted with numerous people, is a former news paperman and a professional pilot, and his brother believes this is the reason HUEY has employed him to work on the RAY case. He stated his brother does not believe there is any connection between the RAY case and his book. He stated his brother home phone is 251-8054 and his business phone is 595-0431 in the event it is necessary to contact.

Mr. PERSONS advised he felt he should bring this information to the FBI for whatever action the FBI felt would be appropriate.

No action is being taken on the above and it is being furnished only as a matter of information.

The book mr. PERSONS furnished is being placed in the 1A section of this case.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P.*)

DATE: 1/17/69

FROM : SA SNOW

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This file is being placed in pending inactive status until trial of subject Ray scheduled for this Spring or until further request is received for investigation from the OO.

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SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN

On Monday, 1/20/69, Mr. DON WOODS, Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Ala., was contacted by SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN in connection with another matter. During this contact, WOODS advised that on the Saturday before Christmas, 12/21/68, at about 5:30 p.m., WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE entered Aeromarine and asked to speak with him concerning information relative to JAMES EARL RAY. WOODS stated that he told HUIE he ~~would~~ not care to discuss anything concerning this case with him, as he intended to testify as a witness in the trial of JAMES EARL RAY. HUIE then stated that he wished to purchase a Model 760 Remington, Caliber 30.06 Rifle, identical to the one allegedly purchased by RAY. He requested that the same type scope be mounted on this rifle as was mounted on the rifle previously purchased by RAY. WOODS sold HUIE this gun and scope; and while mounting the scope, he was further questioned by HUIE concerning the method of mounting and bore sighting this scope. WOODS advised that he answered HUIE's questions to a degree but did not reveal any information concerning his previous transactions with JAMES EARL RAY. HUIE also requested WOODS to furnish him with a Browning rifle box similar to the one carried by RAY, but WOODS did not furnish him one. HUIE offered to buy such a box, and WOODS stated he would have sold it to him if he had one but did not have one of that type. He did furnish HUIE with a Browning box designed for a Browning shotgun but much shorter in length than a Browning rifle box.

During this conversation, HUIE advised WOODS that his purpose was to take this rifle with scope attached and box to Memphis, Tenn., where he could re-enact the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The above is submitted to Memphis for whatever action deemed appropriate.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 1/28/69

MR. DON WOOD, Aeromarine Supply Company, Airport Road, Birmingham, Alabama, was contacted in connection with another matter, and during this contact, related the following information:

Mr. WOOD advised that on Saturday, December 21, 1968, at approximately 5:30 p.m., he was visited in his store by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, noted author from Hartselle, Alabama. Mr. HUIE requested conversation with Mr. WOOD concerning certain facts surrounding the purchase of a rifle by JAMES EARL RAY, the alleged assassin of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Mr. WOOD stated that he told HUIE initially that he intended testifying in this matter during the trial of JAMES EARL RAY in Memphis, Tennessee, and did not wish to discuss any of this information with HUIE. Mr. HUIE stated then that he desired to purchase a rifle similar to the one purchased from WOOD by JAMES EARL RAY, and stated more specifically, that it was a Model 760 Remington 30.06 caliber. Mr. HUIE likewise requested that WOOD mount a telescopic sight similar to the one purchased by RAY, on this rifle. Mr. WOOD advised that he sold Mr. HUIE this rifle and while mounting the scope on this rifle, Mr. HUIE questioned him at length concerning the technical aspects of bore-sighting this scope, which questions Mr. WOOD answered.

Following the transaction involving this rifle, Mr. HUIE asked Mr. WOOD for a Browning Rifle box similar to the one furnished JAMES EARL RAY at the time he purchased the rifle. Mr. WOOD stated he told Mr. HUIE that he did not have such a box but did furnish him with a Browning shotgun box which was much shorter in length than the box Mr. WOOD furnished to JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. WOOD stated that the rifle Mr. HUIE purchased would not fit in the Browning box he gave Mr. HUIE.

Mr. WOOD advised that HUIE told him he intended taking this rifle to Memphis, Tennessee, where he would re-enact the alleged shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING from the rooming house of the Lorain Motel.

On 1/20/69 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740 - 2121

SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN:rtel

1/28/69

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To: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReMEairtel to the Bureau dated 2-8-69.

Information has come to the Bureau's attention that James Earl Ray claims that a Doctor Schwartz (phonetic) treated Ray while he was in Birmingham, Alabama. It is noted that investigation has determined that Ray was in Birmingham, Alabama, from August 26, 1967, to approximately October 6, 1967, and again on March 29 through March 31, 1968.

Conduct appropriate investigation regarding the association of Doctor Schwartz with James Earl Ray. This matter must be completely resolved.

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

All offices receiving copies of this airtel should note that the trial in instant case has been postponed from March 3, 1969, until April 7, 1969, in Division III of the Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tenn. In the event you receive inquiries from any witnesses who have been previously subpoenaed, you should advise them that their testimony will still be desired for the new trial on 4/7/69. If they have any need for further details, they should correspond directly with Attorney General PHIL A. CANALE, Shelby County Courthouse, Memphis, Tennessee.

The Bureau is requested to advise Legats London, Paris, and Ottawa of the postponement in order that they may be able to answer any inquiries from persons in their areas who may have been subpoenaed.

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Special Agent in Charge

ME 44-1927

In view of plans being laid throughout the country for the observance of 4/4/69 as a memorial observance for MARTIN LUTHER KING, it is suggested that the Bureau consider requesting all offices to advise Memphis of any information they may receive which would indicate that militant groups or individuals plan to come to Memphis on 4/4/69 and who may remain to demonstrate or otherwise disrupt subject's trial on 4/7/69.

3/25/68

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

ReBairtel, 2/14/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA HENRY A. SNOW at Birmingham, Alabama:

Dr. FERDINAND F. SCHWARTZ resides at 5305 11th Avenue, South, phone 353-8212, and maintains his office at 916 South 20th Street, Birmingham, phone 351-8430, which is in the Five Points South area, not far distant from the rooming house in which RAY resided under the alias ERIC S. GALT. Dr. SCHWARTZ is rather elderly and possibly somewhat eccentric but has a reputation as a successful physician in the field of arthritis and physical medicine and in the past, several agents of the Birmingham office have been benefited by him.

On 2/20/68 telephonic contact was made with the secretary of Dr. SCHWARTZ for an appointment to discuss this matter. For the purpose of checking her files, the name of GALT was given, and shortly thereafter she telephonically advised that such a file was located and an appointment scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on 2/25/68, the earliest date since he spends some time each week as a consultant at the VA Hospital and Portlow State School at Tuscaloosa.

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Upon keeping the appointment, Dr. BUSHNELL stated that after consulting his attorney, he had been advised that it would be improper to divulge any information from his patient's file without written consent from the patient, or some legal paper such as a subpoena or court order. He stated that the patient had not been referred to him by anyone but had "walked in off the street".

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AT MEMPHIS, TENN.:

Will advise Attorney General WILL A. GARNER of the above and notify Birmingham of his opinion in this matter.

3/5/69

AIRTEL

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

Re Birmingham airtel to the Bureau dated 2/25/69 regarding **Dr. FERDINAND F. SCHWARTZ** of Birmingham, Ala., who has declined to make available his file concerning **ERIC GALT** except upon the issuance of a subpoena.

On 4/3/69, Executive Assistant Attorney General **ROBERT DWYER**, Memphis, Tenn., was advised of this fact by **SA JOE C. KESTER**. Mr. DWYER stated he does not desire to issue a subpoena at this time but may do so later.

It is recommended that Birmingham take no further action as Mr. DWYER is aware of the existence of this record and can initiate efforts to secure same.

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To: SAE, Memphis (44-1987)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN

For information of Offices receiving this communication, James Earl Ray on March 10, 1969, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, entered a plea of guilty to the state charge of murder in connection with the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for 99 years.

In the event you receive inquiries from any witnesses who have been previously subpoenaed in the state case, you should advise them of the above court proceedings. If any individuals who contact you desire any further details, they should be advised to correspond directly with Mr. Phil H. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County Courthouse, Memphis, Tennessee.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 3/13/69

FROM : ASAC RALPH J. RAMPTON

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM
CR - CONSPIRACY

During the evening of 3/12/69 AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR telephoned me to say he had watched the Huntley-Brinkley report on television earlier, during which program ARTHUR J. HANES, SR. was interviewed concerning captioned case. TAYLOR said HANES made reference to having information and names concerning organizations connected with this case which he had offered on several occasions and no one had accepted his offer or seemed interested. TAYLOR said HANES did not mention any agencies and in particular did not mention the FBI; however, TAYLOR felt the impression was left by the interview that official agencies had turned down HANES' offer of additional assistance in this case. It was TAYLOR's feeling the record should be set straight and he asked me if the FBI had been contacted in the past by HANES concerning this matter. At the time of the telephone call I did not have the file at hand; however, I told TAYLOR it was my recollection HANES had contacted the FBI and offered information in exchange for information from the FBI and that he had been told that we would be interested in receiving any information he had bearing upon this case. I told TAYLOR I would check into the matter and call him after I had an opportunity to review the file.

On 3/13/69 I telephoned TAYLOR and briefly discussed the contact HANES had with us on 10/22/68 and the fact that we had written HANES and specifically told him we would be interested in receiving any information in his possession concerning this case. TAYLOR said that in view of the FBI letter which recorded an offer to HANES to receive information in his possession he, TAYLOR, felt he should call HANES and tell him the USA's Office also would be interested in receiving any information in his possession in view of the inferences on the Huntley-Brinkley report.

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