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Date: 4/25/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND
SACS BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND RICHMOND
(AIRMAIL COPY TO CHARLOTTE
AND ATLANTA)

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

MURKINRE ERIC RAY, AKA EARL RAY, FRIEND OF SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE.

El Paso LET TO DIRECTOR, ATTN. IDENT. DIV., DATED APRIL
TWENTYTWO LAST, CAPTIONED SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE; ET AL, MISSING
PERSONS NOTICE, SETS OUT INFO RECEIVED FROM SGT. ELBERT BALDRIDGE,
FT. BLISS, TEXAS, RE HIS WIFE, SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE, AND TWO
CHILDREN [REDACTED], AGE FOUR, AND [REDACTED], AGE THREE.
SGT. BALDRIDGE ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

HE AND WIFE SEPARATED SINCE NOVEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN AND
WIFE AND CHILDREN HAVE BEEN LIVING SPRING LAKE, NORTH CAROLINA,
WHILE WIFE WORKED AT GAYLORD DEPARTMENT STORE, FAYETTEVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINE. ON MARCH THIRTYONE LAST, WIFE TELEPHONICALLY
ADVISED SGT. BLADRIDGE SHE WAS RETURNING TO EL PASO, LEAVING
APRIL ONE LAST AND WOULD ARRIVE EL PASO APRIL THREE LAST.

DJR SENT WA 7:37 pm. REC'D LCC
(1) SENT BH 7:28 pm. REC'D HEP
SENT ME 7:46 pm. REC'D TSJ
SENT RH 8:04 pm. REC'D DWS

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WIFE AND CHILDREN FAILED TO ARRIVE AND SGT. BALDRIDGE
LEARNED THROUGH RED CROSS WIFE LEFT HER EMPLOYMENT APRIL ONE
LAST, STATING SHE WAS GOING TO PARENTS HOME, NAMELY MR. AND
MRS. BILLY FAUCETT, BOX TWO FOUR ZERO, ROUTE ONE, CLARKSVILLE,
VIRGINIA, TELEPHONE THREE SEVEN FOUR DASH EIGHT SEVEN ONE NINE.

BALDRIDGE HAS MAINTAINED CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH INLAWS,
WHO HAVE NOT SEEN WIFE AND CHILDREN. BALDRIDGE RECEIVED LETTER
FROM WIFE THIS DATE, WHEREIN SHE STATED SHE WAS STAYING WITH
HER PRRENTS, MR. AND MRS. FAUCETT, AND WANTED HIM TO SEND HER
MONEY CARE OF HER AUNT, RUTH JAMES, CALHOUN, GEORGIA. LETTER
POSTMARKED APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST AT SALTVILLE, VIRGINIA.

BALDRIDGE JUST LEARNED HIS WIFE LIVED WITH ANOTHER MAN
WHILE BALDRIDGE WAS IN VIETNAM IN SIXTY SIX AND SIXTYSEVEN AND
PLANS DIVOCCE. BALDRIDGE OF OPINION WIFE PROBABLY RAN OFF WITH
SOME MAN. RECALLED THAT HE AND WIFE PLANNED TRIP TO TAMPA,
FLORIDA IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR WHICH WAS CALLED OFF DUE TO
OVERSEAS TRANSFER. WIFE REMARKED TO BALDRIDGE AT THE TIME THAT
SHE MIGHT HAVE CHANCE TO SEE FRIEND NAMED EARL IF THEY WENT TO
FLORIDA. BALDRIDGE SUBSEQUENTLY QUESTIONED HER MORE THOROUGHLY
RE THIS, AT WHICH TIME WIFE SAID THAT, AFTER GRADUATING FROM
HIGHT SCHOOL IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN, SHE AND ~~RAXXPXTXX~~
AND HER COUSIN PATSY MADE TRIP TO FLORIDA, WHERE SHE MET ONE
ERIC RAY, WHOM SHE CALLED EARL. WIFE CLAIMED EARL MUCH OLDER
THAN SHE. WIFE NOT KNOWN TO HAVE EVER CORRESPONDED WITH EARL.

BALDRIDGE WONDERED IF WIFE WAS POSSIBLY IN CONTACT WITH SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ERIC RAY SHE MET IN FLORIDA.

WIFE TRAVELLING IN SIXTYSIX FORD, TWO DOOR, BROWNISH RED WITH WHITE TOP, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN VIRGINIA LICENSE PLATES FIVE EIGHT THREE FIVE ONE ONE, BLUE FT. BLISS STICKER A ZERO ONE SIX NINE.

WIFE, SHELBY JEAN, WHITE FEMALE, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], CLARKSVILLE, VIRGINIA, FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFOUR TO THIRTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, USUALLY WORN HIGH, FAIR COMPLEXION, BROWN EYES, CUT SCAR, LEFT WRIST, SOMETIMES WEARS BLOND WIG.

RICHMOND, AT CLARKSVILLE, INTERVIEW BILLY FAUCETT TO ASCERTAIN RESIDENCE OF PATSY LNU, COUSIN OF SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE, IN CLARKSVILLE, AND INTERVIEW PATSY LNU IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ERIC RAY, AKA EARL, WHO SHELBY JEAN AND PATSY ALLEGEDLY HAD CONTACT WITH IN FLORIDA IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN. IF POSSIBLY IDENTICAL, SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO LOCATE SHELBY JEAN AND TWO CHILDREN IN EFFORT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT.

Armed or Dangerous. -

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MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND RICHMOND (44-557) (AIRMAIL COPIES
TO CHARLOTTE AND ATLANTA)

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

MURKIN

RE ERIC RAY, AKA EARL RAY, FRIEND OF SHELBY JEAN
BALDRIDGE.

RE RICHMOND TEL APRIL TWENTYSIX INSTANT.

ON RECONTACT THIS DATE, SGT. ELBERT BALDRIDGE ADVISED
HE HAD NO WAY OF DETERMINING IF INFORMATION FURNISHED HIM BY
WIFE, SHELBY JEAN, RE ERIC RAY, AKA EARL RAY, HAD ANY BASIS IN
FACT. BALDRIDGE NEVER DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH MRS. LENA
FAUCETT, PATSY OWEN, OR ANYONE ELSE AND HAD NO CONFIRMING INFO
RE ERIC RAY OR SHELBY JEAN'S CONTACT WITH ERIC RAY. SHELBY JEAN
NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT ERIC RAY PRIOR TO PLANNED TRIP TO
FLORIDA IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AND GAVE NO INDICATION THAT SHE
HAD EVER CORRESPONDED XXXX OR MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH HIM
SUBSEQUENT TO NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN. BALDRIDGE SAID THAT, IF THIS
BE THE CASE, SHELBY JEAN WOULD HAVE NO WAY OF

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William

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, RICHMOND SHOULD ATTEMPT TO LOCATE
SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE IN SALTVILLE, VIRGINIA, AREA AND INTERVIEW
HER IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC CHARLOTTE (137-3429)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA ROBERT A. LEVENSTIEN

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: WALTER ELLIOTT

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Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 44-1365		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC <p>On 4/25/68, WALTER ELLIOTT was contacted at his residence, Vass Rd., Spring Lake, N. C. He advised that he has seen the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in the newspapers during the last week, but he further advised that this individual is not familiar to him and he has no idea of RAY's current whereabouts.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage

1 - 137-3429
2 - 44-1365
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Memorandum

TO : SAC CHARLOTTE (137-3403)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA ROBERT A. LEVENSTIEN

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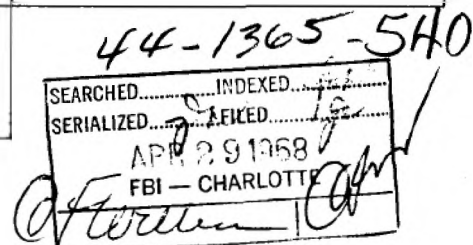
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SUBJECT: CLYDE HERMAN MAYO

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Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 44-1365		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC On 4/25/68, CLYDE HERMAN MAYO was contacted at Dental Clinic No. 3, Ft. Bragg, N. C., and advised that he has seen the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in the newspapers during the last week. He advised, however, that he has never seen this individual before this and has no idea of RAY's present whereabouts.		
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Memorandum

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DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA ROBERT A. LEVENSTERN

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

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SUBJECT: CLYDE HERMAN MAYO

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TO : SAC Charlotte (137-3371) P

DATE: 4-29-68

FROM : SA Leonard V. Dahl

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: PCI PAUL GODFREY

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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Dates of Contact

4/9, 4/23/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

Murkin ~~137AX~~ (44-1365)

Purpose and results of contact

☒ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

1 - 137-3371 (Dahl)

1 - 44-1365 (C. F. Williams)

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating same

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C. F. Williams

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TO : SAC Charlotte (137-3157) P

DATE: April 29, 1968

FROM : SA Leonard V. Dahl

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: CE-2158-C

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Dates of Contact		
4/9 - 4/28/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
44-1365 Murkin on 4-9-68		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
on 4/9/68 No Info on Murkin		
On 4/28/68, CE-2158-C advised he is not certain if he should discuss gambling or not since he does sit in on the games and usually comes out ahead. He stated there are some individuals he would be willing to talk about but he wants to think about it a little bit.		
1 - 137-3157 (Dahl)		
① - 44-1365 (C.F. Williams)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Charlotte, (137-3416) P

DATE: April 29, 1968

FROM : SA Leonard V. Dahl

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: PCI JOSEPH DONALD REID,

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Dates of Contact 4/9, 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted Murkin (44-1365) Negative on 4/23/68		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
1 - 137-3416 (Dahl) ① 44-1365 (C. F. Williams)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating same	Coverage same

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ~~REDACTED~~, JACKSONVILLE, AND NORFOLK
 FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NORFOLK, APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST,
 BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS APRIL TWENTYSIX, LAST, AND NORFOLK
 TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND CHARLOTTE APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

RE: JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD

REBUTEL TO NORFOLK ADVISED REVIEW OF BUFILE ON KING
 REVEALED IT WAS REPORTED THAT JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD, SUFFOLK,
 VA., HAD REPORTED THREE WHITE MEN FROM TYNER, NC, OFFERED HIM
 SHOTGUN AND RIFLE TO SHOOT KING WHEN HE SPOKE AT SUFFOLK, VA.,
 ON JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. AT TIME THIS
 INFORMATION RECEIVED, IT WAS INDICATED SMALLWOOD WAS CONSIDERED
 INTELLIGENT AND VERY DEPENDABLE. BUREAU ADVISED ALTHOUGH RAY
 HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ASSAILANT INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE
 CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF SMALLWOOD OR ANY OF THE THREE PERSONS
 WHO CONTACTED HIM SHOULD BE ^{IMPLICATED} ~~REFLECTED~~ AS CONSPIRATORS. 44-1365-344

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 1 - Memphis (AM)
 1 - Charlotte

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 To: NF 4:14

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ON APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, IT WAS DETERMINED AT SUFFOLK, VA., THAT SMALLWOOD AND FAMILY LEFT AREA IN SIXTYFOUR AND RETURNED TO WIFE'S RELATIVES IN CARE OF HERBERT MODLIN, ROUTE ONE, TYNER, NC.

CE FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH THREE NINE SIX REFLECTS HORACE WILLARD MODLIN, SELDON BASS, AND IONAS HENDRICKS, AKA. MAC, AS CHOWAN COUNTY, NC, RESIDENTS, CONFIDENTIALLY IDENTIFIED BY SMALLWOOD IN SIXTYTHREE AS PERSONS WHO OFFERED HIM SHOTGUN AND RIFLE TO SHOOT KING AT SUFFOLK, VA., IN SIXTYTHREE.

ON APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, SHERIFF M. EARL GOODWIN, CHOWAN COUNTY, EDENTON, NC, ADVISED THREE WHITE MALES MENTIONED ABOVE STILL RESIDENTS OF CHOWAN COUNTY AND BELIEVED TO BE IN AREA DURING MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST THROUGH APRIL FOUR LAST. GOODWIN ADVISED HE WOULD CONTACT CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES RE BASS AND HENDRICKS AND VERIFY ABOVE.

ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, HERBERT MODLIN, ROUTE ONE, TYNER, NC, ADVISED SMALLWOOD MARRIED TO HIS SISTER AND BOTH RESIDE ONE ZERO SEVEN ONE ZERO WAKE FOREST ROAD (HIGHLAND SECTION), JACKSONVILLE, FLA., AND EMPLOYED AT THE SOUTHSIDE SHIPYARD, JACKSONVILLE. MODLIN ADVISED SMALLWOOD HAS RESIDED IN JACKSONVILLE ABOUT FIVE YEARS.

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ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, HORACE MODLIN, BROTHER OF HERBERT MODLIN AND WIFE OF SMALLWOOD, CONTACTED AT RESIDENCE OF HERBERT. MODLIN ADVISED EMPLOYED LIPTON TEA CO., SUFFOLK, VA.,

ON APRIL TWENTYNINE, SHERIFF EARL GOODWIN ADVISED IONAS HENDRICKS IS FARMER IN TYNER, NC, AND SELDON BASS IS SELFEMPLOYED CARPENTER FROM ROCKY HOCK SECTION OF CHOWAN COUNTY, NC. GOODWIN SAID HIS SOURCE DETERMINED THAT BOTH HENDRICKS AND BASS WERE IN CHOWAN COUNTY DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. HE SAID HENDRICKS, PARTICULARLY, HAD PLANTING RESPONSIBILITIES AND UNABLE TO LEAVE FARM DURING THIS TIME.

JACKSONVILLE AT JACKSONVILLE , VERIFY EMPLOYMENT OF SMALLWOOD AT SOUTHSIDE SHIPYARD DURING PERTINENT PERIOD OR OTHERWISE ELIMINATE HIM AS CO-CONSPIRATOR.

NORFOLK, AT SUFFOLK, VA., VERIFY EMPLOYMENT OF HORACE MODLIN AT LIPTON TEA COMPANY, SUFFOLK, VA., DURING PERTINENT PERIOD TO ELIMINATE HIM AS CO-CONSPIRATOR.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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PM PM URGENT 4/29/68 CAB
TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR
TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS
IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD
IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE
FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE
IO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE
FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE
SIXTY-SEVEN.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING
RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND
MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BALTIMORE, CHARLOTTE, DALLAS, DETROIT,
LAS VEGAS, LITTLE ROCK, LOUISVILLE, MIAMI, MINNEAPOLIS,
NEW HAVEN, OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA, SACRAMENTO, ST. LOUIS,
SAN FRANCISCO, TAMPA, AND WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

REMYTEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST.

RE: TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN HOLLYWOOD AREA, LOS ANGELES,
FROM NOVEMBER NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, THROUGH
MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST, APPROXIMATELY. NOVEMBER NINETEEN
UNTIL APPROXIMATELY JANUARY TWENTY RESIDED NEAR ST.
FRANCIS HOTEL AND JANUARY TWENTY ONE TO MARCH SEVENTEEN
RESIDED THERE. TOLL NUMBERS FROM TELEPHONE BOOTHS AT THE
HOTEL ARE BEING ANALYZED FOR ANY POSSIBLE CALLS BY SUBJECT
WHILE IN LOS ANGELES AREA.

FOLLOWING NUMBERS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN
CANLED FROM THE TELEPHONE BOOTHS LOCATED IN THE ST.

FRANCIS HOTEL.

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*SA Ahern advised
4/30/68 Cfn*
*SA Reverstein
advised 4/30/68
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BALTIMORE

FEBRUARY ELEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, OXON HILL, MARYLAND,
TEN ZERO THREE AM, SIX THREE ZERO DASH THREE ONE EIGHT TWO.

CHARLOTTE

FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, PEMBROKE, NORTH CAROLINA,
SEVEN FIFTY THREE PM, FIVE TWO ONE DASH FOUR SIX EIGHT NINE.

MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA,
NINE THIRTEEN AM, SEVEN THREE FIVE DASH FOUR TWO ZERO NINE.

DALLAS

MARCH TWELVE, SIXTY EIGHT, FORT WORTH, SIX ELEVEN PM, NINE
TWO FOUR DASH NINE THREE ZERO NINE.

DETROIT

FEBRUARY TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, ST. INGACE, MICHIGAN,
TIME NOT KNOWN, SIX FOUR THREE DASH ONE TWO EIGHT SEVEN.

LAS VEGAS

DECEMBER TWENTY THREE, SIXTY SEVEN, LAS VEGAS, THREE TWENTY
EIGHT PM, SEVEN THREE FIVE DASH NINE SEVEN ONE THREE.

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LITTLE ROCK

FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, LITTLE ROCK, ONE FORTY SEVEN PM, SIX SIX FOUR DASH ONE FOUR SEVEN EIGHT. TICKET REFLECTS THIS COLLECT CALL TO MRS. VERA D. AND KEN STURGIS, EIGHT ZERO TWO WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, LITTLE ROCK.

LOUISVILLE

JANUARY TWELVE, SIXTY EIGHT, STURGIS, NINE TWELVE PM, THREE THREE THREE DASH TWO SEVEN TWO EIGHT.

MIAMI

FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, FORT LAUDERDALE, ELEVEN FORTY EIGHT AM, FIVE SIX FOUR DASH TWO THREE SEVEN ONE.

FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, FORT LAUDERDALE, TWELVE NINETEEN PM, FIVE SIX FOUR DASH TWO THREE SEVEN ONE.

MINNEAPOLIS

JANUARY TWENTY ONE, SIXTY EIGHT, MINNEAPOLIS, ONE THIRTY FOUR AM, EIGHT SIX SIX DASH FOUR FOUR THREE NINE.

NEW HAVEN

FEBRUARY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT, FIVE ELEVEN PM, EIGHT FOUR SEVEN DASH NINE ZERO FIVE TWO.

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FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX, SIXTY EIGHT, BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT,
ELEVEN EIGHTEEN PM, THREE THREE SIX DASH FOUR NINE FOUR SEVEN.

OKLAHOMA CITY

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, MIDWEST CITY, ONE TWENTY
ONE PM, SEVEN THREE SEVEN DASH FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX.

PHILADELPHIA

JANUARY THREE, SIXTY EIGHT, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,
SEVEN THIRTY SEVEN PM, TWO FOUR SEVEN DASH TWO ZERO TWO SEVEN.

DECEMBER TWELVE, SIXTY SEVEN, SHARON HILL, PENNSYLVANIA,
EIGHT SIXTEEN PM, FIVE EIGHT SIX DASH TWO ZERO SIX ZERO.

SACRAMENTO

DECEMBER EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SACRAMENTO, SIX ZERO
SEVEN PM, NINE TWO FIVE DASH EIGHT FOUR ZERO THREE.

DECEMBER TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, SACRAMENTO, TEN ZERO
FIVE PM, NINE TWO FIVE DASH EIGHT FOUR ZERO THREE.

ST. LOUIS

MARCH TEN, SIXTY EIGHT, KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI, TEN FORTY
EIGHT AM, SEVEN EIGHT ONE DASH EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN SIX.

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SAN FRANCISCO

FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA,
EIGHT TEN PM, TWO FIVE TWO DASH FOUR SEVEN ONE THREE.
TICKET REFLECTS PERSON TO PERSON CALL TO LENORE WIDEN, NINE
FOUR THREE BRENTWOOD.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SAUSALITO, TWO FORTY
THREE PM, THREE THREE TWO DASH FIVE FIVE NINE TWO.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SAUSALITO, SEVEN TWENTY
THREE PM, THREE THREE TWO DASH FIVE FIVE NINE TWO.

FEBRUARY NINETEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SAUSALITO, THREE FORTY
THREE PM, THREE THREE TWO DASH FIVE FIVE NINE TWO.

FEBRUARY NINETEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, SEVEN TWENTY
NINE PM, THREE SIX FIVE DASH NINE SEVEN SIX THREE.

FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, EIGHT ZERO
TWO PM, THREE SIX FIVE DASH NINE SEVEN SIX THREE.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, SEVEN
THIRTY TWO PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.
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FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, SEVEN ZERO ONE PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.

FEBRUARY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, FOUR ZERO THREE PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.

FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, NINE ZERO THREE PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.

FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX, SIXTY EIGHT REDWOOD CITY, NINE SEVENTEEN PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH UIGHT SEVEN ZERO.

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FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, MILL VALLEY, SIX THIRTY FOUR PM, THREE EIGHT EIGHT DASH SEVEN ZERO FOUR FOUR.

DECEMBER ELEVEN, SIXTY SEVEN, SAN FRANCISCO, TWELVE TWENTY NINE PM, THREE SIX TWO DASH SIX ONE SIX ZERO.

DECEMBER TWELVE, SIXTY SEVEN, SAN FRANCISCO, ONE FIFTY SEVEN PM, THREE SIX TWO DASH SIX ONE SIX ZERO.

FEBRUARY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, EIGHT FIFTY THREE PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.

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DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN, BRADENTON, FLORIDA,
SIX TWELVE, PM, SEVEN FOUR SIX DASH FOUR FIVE EIGHT FOUR.

DECEMBER TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY SEVEN, TAMPA, EIGHT THIRTEEN
AM, EIGHT THREE FOUR DASH FIVE EIGHT ZERO ONE. TICKET
REFLECTS RECEIVER OF CALL GEORGE DAVERNOY, FOUR SEVEN ZERO
ONE SAN JOSE STREET.

WASHINGTON FIELD

MARCH TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, WASHINGTON, D.C., SEVEN FIFTY ONE
PM, THREE THREE SEVEN DASH FIVE THREE ONE FIVE.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBER AND
IDENTITY OF CALLER AND ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE GAINED
CONCERNING RAY IF HE MADE ANY OF THESE CALLS.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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RE: HAROLD DAVID MCGEE

By communication dated April 25, 1968, the New York Office of the FBI advised that information had been received to the effect that it is possible that DAVID MCGEE, 404 Berkshire Road, Charlotte, North Carolina, might have information regarding the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES T. MAGHER at Charlotte, North Carolina:

On April 26, 1968, HAROLD DAVID MCGEE, 404 Berkshire Road, advised he has been employed by Stylecraft Packing Company, 2900 Griffith Street, Charlotte, in the bag department on the 3 - 11 p.m. shift since December 1, 1967. He stated he is married and has two children. MCGEE advised he has not made any trips outside Charlotte other than to his home in Spruce Pine, North Carolina. He stated he has frequently discussed with friends, neighbors and fellow employees the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he has no pertinent information concerning KING's murder but often in conversation has made the statement, as have many other acquaintances, that it was a professional job and that the killer did a good job in keeping from being caught.

He said that he and other individuals prior to the assassination often mentioned the fact that KING would probably be assassinated in view of his racial activities. He said he may have mentioned on occasion that KING would be assassinated in Charlotte, as well as in Memphis or any other place he might visit.

MCGEE advised he has no information concerning the murder or the present whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY and has never heard any individual mention the fact that they knew KING would be murdered. He denied participation in any type racial activity.

MCGEE advised that he was absent from work for about three weeks in March, 1968, having been in an automobile accident near Shelby, North Carolina, on March 2, 1968, which resulted in

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his being hospitalized for one week and at home two weeks following his release from the hospital.

He stated that he has ten brothers and sisters scattered from Texas to Colorado to Florida and also in North Carolina. One sister, who is not married, is BARBARA SUE FORBES, who is employed at Grandfather's Children's Home in Banner Elk, North Carolina. He said that BARBARA FORBES visited him and his wife for about a week while she was looking for a job in Charlotte and recently returned to Banner Elk. He stated he has never expressed any opinions regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING to any friends or relatives in letters to them.

McGEE is a white male; age 30, 5'9" tall, 145 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, medium complexion.

On April 26, 1968, ERNEST GADDY, Stylecraft Packing Company, stated his records show that DAVID McGEE was in an automobile accident March 2, 1968, and was off work until March 30, 1968, when he returned and worked three days. He was off on Sunday and then worked March 25 and 26, 1968. He was off work March 27, 28 and 29, 1968, and worked during the week of April 1-6, 1968, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
MURKIN

Re New York teletypes to Charlotte 4/25 and 26/68 and Charlotte teletype 4/26/68.

There are being furnished Memphis an original and 8 copies of investigative insert re HAROLD DAVID McGEE.

Administrative

In N.Y. teletype 4/25/68, it was stated that by communication 4/21/68 [REDACTED] (protect identity), 237 West 13th St., advised the NYO that "it is possible DAVID McGEE of 404 Berkshire Rd., Charlotte, N.C., might have information regarding Dr. KING's assassination. This is based on second hand information and may be off base."

By teletype dated 4/26/68, the NYO advised that [REDACTED] (protect identity) advised she was in Charlotte 4/15/68 residing with [REDACTED], BARBARA SUE FORBES. FORBES related a conversation of DAVID McGEE who said Dr. KING was going to get killed in Charlotte or Memphis. FORBES said McGEE seemed to know KING would be killed. [REDACTED] said she had no idea when McGEE made his statement to FORBES, as it was related to her after the murder.

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FORBES asked [REDACTED] not to say anything about it or "DAVID would kill me".

Inasmuch as BARBARA SUE FORBES was not located in Charlotte but is in Banner Elk, N.C., and in view of information developed concerning McGEE, FORBES is not being interviewed.

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AIRTEL

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

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

Re Charlotte airtel 4/26/68 requesting comparison of Thermo-Seal marking machine tapes with tapes in possession of the Bureau.

By airtel dated 4/25/68, the Memphis Office advised that the laundry mark "20R-3" has been identified as coming from a laundry in Culver City, Calif.

In view of the above, the comparison requested of the FBI Laboratory is no longer necessary and should be disregarded.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Charlotte 4/26/68.

RE JAMES W. COLE

On 5/10/66, Associated Press representative in Charlotte, N. C., reported that BRYAN SEYMOUR, a free-lance reporter, Kinston, N.C., received a call from JAMES WILLIAM "CATFISH" COLE on 6/9/66 and met with COLE at his request. At that time, COLE had a prepared written statement in which he stated he was going to Mississippi for the purpose of killing MARTIN LUTHER KING. ~~He~~ the statement he said that he would go alone and did not need any help for the job.

On 6/10/66, COLE was located and interviewed at Kinston, N.C., and after being advised of his rights, he refused to furnish any statement concerning the press release he had issued to BRYAN SEYMOUR. He refused to discuss his statement to SEYMOUR or the contents of the statement. He advised he had no plans to leave North Carolina and that he had never planned to go to Mississippi.

On 6/10/66, BRYAN SEYMOUR was interviewed concerning the press release. He advised at that time that COLE did not identify any of his supporters and would not give any details as to when he would leave Kinston.

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On 7/27/67, COLE was killed in an automobile accident near Greensboro, N. C.

Inasmuch as no information was developed in 6/66 indicating that COLE had any supporters in his alleged intention to go to Mississippi for the purpose of killing KING, and due to the fact that COLE was killed in 7/67, no further action is being taken regarding COLE.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re San ^{DIEGO} Antonio airtel 4/23/68 and Norfolk airtel
4/26/68.

RE: JIMMY RAY BUNDY

On 4/25/68, BUNDY was located and interviewed at
Greenville, N.C., and was determined not to be identical
with JAMES EARL RAY.

Insert being furnished Memphis by separate communication.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 4/26/68.

The date 4/8/68 shown on Page 2 of Charlotte airtel dated 4/23/68 concerning JERRY WAYNE TREXLER is correct.

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Agents' Memo #175
Series 1968
Charlotte, North Carolina

MEMO ALL AGENTS:

RE: MURKIN

Re All Agents' Memo #159, Series 1968.

By airtel dated April 25, 1968, to all Continental Offices, Memphis advised all offices should discontinue efforts to locate the Thermo-Seal Laundry marking machine laundry mark "20R-3" inasmuch as laundry identified as coming from a laundry in Culver City, California.

In view of the above, discontinue contacts with laundries regarding this laundry mark and submit results of negative checks.

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ROBERT M. MURPHY
SAC

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MEMO ALL AGENTS # 177, SERIES 1968
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

MEMO TO ALL AGENTS:

RE: MURKIN

By teletype dated April 29, 1968, to All SACs, the Bureau advised as follows:

"All offices having law enforcement agencies in their territory which maintain unidentified latent fingerprints in connection with matters under their jurisdiction should immediately contact these agencies and request that the fingerprints of subject JAMES EARL RAY as set forth on the IO be compared with latents obtained (by their departments) since his escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967.

"This is for the purpose of establishing RAY's possible past whereabouts and source of funds."

In accordance with the above Bureau instructions, all law enforcement agencies which maintain latent fingerprints should be immediately contacted and requested to compare the fingerprints of subject RAY with unidentified latents in their possession. Raleigh handle with SBI. Positive results should be IMMEDIATELY furnished Charlotte and negative results should be submitted by memorandum.

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ROBERT M. MURPHY
SAC

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Memorandum

TO : S A. C Charlotte (44-1365)

DATE: 4-25-68

FROM : S. A. J. Richard Pollard Jr.

SUBJECT: *Murkin*

The following individuals were contacted on 4-9-68 re above matter with negative results:

PCI James Womack (137-3424)
PCI Al Broughton (137- 3484)
PCI George Kannon (137-3394)
PCI Johnnie Jackson (137-3338)
Ce 2219*0

Liaison Sources

M. L. Wilson (15763605)
Levi Jones (157-4930)



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA RICHARD R. GOLDBERG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

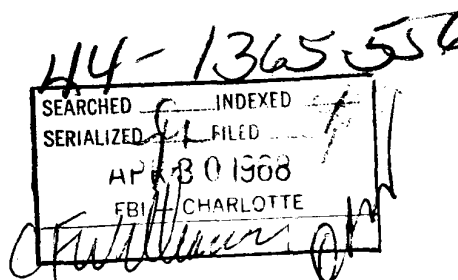
Re All Agents Memo #159, 4/22/68.

On 4/24/68, representatives of the following cleaners which use a thermo-seal laundry tape as noted in my memo 4/15/68, each advised ~~xxxx~~ number '20R-3' could not have been made by their machine.

Acme Laundry & Cleaners, Raleigh, N.C.
Glam-o-rama Drive In Cleaners, Forest Hills Shopping Center, Garner, NC
~~xxxxxxx~~ Hilkers, Raleigh, NC
Roys Drive In Cleaners, Raleigh, NC
Henderson Laundry, Henderson, N.C.
Oxford Laundry & Cleaners, Oxford, NC

Each stated no "R" is used in their marking system.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Charlotte

DATE: April 29, 1968

JEM : Director, FBI

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

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

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

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 250.

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

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA RICHARD R. GOLDBERG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following sources were contacted on 4/5/68 and each advised they could furnish no information relative to the assassination of M.L. KING. On 4/9/68, they each advised they could furnish no information re HARVEY LOWMEYER. On 4/12/68, they each advised ERIC STARVO GALT meant nothing to them.

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CE 2125-R
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA JAMES J ROCHE JR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the below listed dates the following individuals were contacted by the above listed agent regarding captioned subject and all contacts were unproductive:

4/8/68	PCI LACOE CLENDENIN	Raleigh N.C.
4/11/68	PCI GEORGE BULLOCK	Henderson N.C.
4/9/68	PCI WALTER GARNES	HENDERSON N.C.
4/9/68	PCI RAY SMITH	Granville Co N.C.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA DANIEL P. BRADY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Agents memos, #137, 139, 146, 148, 160, 165, 167, Series 1968.

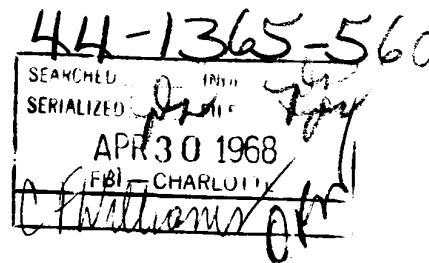
The following investigation was conducted by SA DANIEL P. BRADY, during the period 4/10-23/68, in conformity with referenced memo's:

Credit bureau's; Police Department's, Sheriff's Offices, Financial Institutions, Laundrie's, Dance Studio's, were contacted at High Point, N.C., Thomasville, N.C., Asheboro, N.C., and the records of these agencies and places of business were checked under the names HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, LOWMEYER (and similar spellings of this name), ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, and JAMES EARL RAY, with negative results. Contacts with laundries and dry cleaning establishments within Davidson County and Randolph County, N.C., also failed to produce any positive information concerning the use of thermo-seal markings. City and telephone directories within Randolph County and Guilford County, N.C., were also checked with negative results. All of the aforementioned agencies and places of business were recontacted and the City and Telephone directories again reviewed under all alias' used by JAMES EARL RAY, and local authorities informed of Bureau interest, on 4/19/68 through 4/23/68.

The following racial informants have also been contacted with negative results:

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CE (44-1365)

FROM : SA DAVID W. WATSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

On 4/25/68, Mr. N. D. DUNN, Manager, three One-Hour Martinizing businesses, Wilmington, North Carolina, advised that One-Hour Martinizing uses thermo-seal laundry tapes but advised none of the three One-Hour Martinizing establishments at Wilmington have ever used the code "20R-3".

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CE (44-1365)

FROM : SA ROGER E. SCHULTZ

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

Reference is made to Memo All Agents number 159, dated 4/22/68.

On 4/26/68, Mrs. ANNIE PREVETTE and Mrs. DELORES STORY, check-in girls, Sartin's Laundry and Cleaners, Burke St., Winston-Salem, N. C., advised that thermo-seal laundry mark "20R-3" would be a number used by this laundry and that by breaking down the total number, it would show that the laundry items were received and processed on a Monday as evidenced by the "20" and were in Lot R, which was eleven weeks ago, as the laundry is now on Lot D. Mrs. PREVETTE advised that a review of her laundry records disclosed that Lot R was used during the week of 2/5-9/68.

Mrs. STORY advised that she is presently running yellow tape on her thermo-seal machine, but that she has been using this yellow tape only for the past six or seven weeks and has never used it prior to that time for the entire ten years of her employment here. Mrs. PREVETTE and Mrs. STORY advised that since the laundry mark "20R-3" would have been during the week of 2/5-9/68, it would not have been from this laundry as the laundry was then using lavender tape.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CE (44-1365)

FROM : SA MARK J. HOWE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

At 9:05 P. M., 4/25/68, a telephone call was received by SA MARK J. HOWE at his residence from the Raleigh PD, advising that Mrs. CAROL GUILL, Box 503, Route 2, Cary, N. C., wanted to speak to an FBI Agent and would not furnish details.

Immediately thereafter, SA HOWE proceeded to the residence of Mrs. CAROL GUILL, where he also contacted Mrs. DIANE WESTMORELAND, Box 505, Route 2, Cary, N. C., and they furnished the following information:

About 8:40 P. M. earlier that evening, both ladies were visiting the laundromat adjacent to the Minute Market on West Chatham St., Cary, N. C., where they were washing their clothes. While inside, an unknown white male entered carrying colored towels and white garments loosely under his arm. Both ladies observed this individual several times and he saw the girls looking at him, at which point this unknown individual acted nervous and fidgety. About five minutes after this individual's arrival, the girls left and the unknown man remained inside. They did not see this individual again and did not see any car that this individual arrived in.

Both ladies described this individual as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	35-40 years
Ht.:	5' 10" - 6'
Hair:	Dark brown, crew cut
Eyes:	Light to hazel eyes
Characteristics:	Straight nose; thin chin with jaw bones protruding.

This individual was hatless and wore a green and black long-sleeve cotton sport shirt turned up once at the cuffs, dark wool trousers, unpressed, with an ively league belt and buckle below the belt at the back, and wearing new olive wing-tipped laced shoes.



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Mrs. GUILL and Mrs. WESTMORELAND were shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as they appeared on wanted flyer number 442-A, and each indicated there was some resemblance to the third photograph to the right and each pointed out that the unknown white male's face was not as full. Each lady stated they have never seen this individual in the Cary area in the past.

On 4/26/68, Mrs. JEWELL JOHNSON, wife of the owner of the Wilmark Laundromat, Cary, N. C., ROSE HARGIS, niece of Mrs. JOHNSON, and NANCY JOHNSON, daughter of Mrs. JOHNSON, all advised that they were in the Wilmark Laundromat during the time that Mrs. GUILL and Mrs. WESTMORELAND were washing their clothes at approximately 8:40 P. M. the previous night. Each recalled the unknown white male, apparently referred to by Mrs. GUILL and Mrs. WESTMORELAND, and each stated that this individual has been an infrequent patron at that laundromat for approximately the past three months. Each was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as they appeared on Wanted Flyer Number 442-A, and each stated that the individual referred to by Mrs. GUILL and Mrs. WESTMORELAND definitely was not identical with JAMES EARL RAY. Each pointed out that the unknown white male is only about 5' 6"-7" tall, about 135 - 140 pounds, and he has a red streak from his forehead to just below the bridge of his nose, consequently they were certain that this individual was not identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY.

On 4/25/68, and 4/26/68, thirty-eight individuals at various business establishments in the main downtown section of Cary, N. C., were contacted, and after photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to these individuals, all stated that there is no one in the Cary area that bears any resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CE (44-1365)

FROM : SA JAMES E. CALLAHAN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES E. CALLAHAN, JR.:

On 4/26/68, Mr. JOHN TEEL, Identification Officer, Wilson, N. C., PD, made available the record for EARL FREEMAN DAVIS, a white male, age 25 in 1945, Route 1, Wilson, N. C., described further as being 5' 11", 150 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion. This record indicated numerous arrests for drunkenness and ranged from 1945 to the present.

The brother of EARL FREEMAN DAVIS, BERNICE DAVIS, Route 1, Wilson, N. C., advised that DAVIS is presently employed by the S. T. Wooten Construction Co. of Stantonsburg, N. C.

On 4/26/68, Mrs. MOORING, Wooten Construction Co., advised that DAVIS is presently working on a road project in Nash County. She stated that a review of her records indicates that on 4/3/68, he worked 3½ hours; on 4/4/68, he worked 10 hours; and on 4/5/68, he worked 7½ hours.

On 4/26/68, EARL FREEMAN DAVIS was located in the Samaria Section of Nash County where he was operating heavy equipment for the S. T. Wooten Construction Co. DAVIS advised that on Wednesday, 4/24/68, he was not working because of the heavy rain and as is his custom when not employed, he gets drunk. On this particular day, he made a telephone call to Colonial Heights, Va., where he was formerly employed for seven years with the City. He talked to an unknown dispatcher at the Police Station and this is the only individual with whom he can recall speaking. He did not recall making any mention of the Martin Luther King killing and stated that to the best of his knowledge, he has never killed anyone in his life, unless it was on an impersonal basis during the war. He stated that he could not recall having made any statements in this regard and does not recall having spoken specifically with the Chief of Police, ROBERT ELLISON. He stated that he is aware of the Martin Luther King killing but that he has no information to offer which would assist in identifying the killer.



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DAVIS was described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	
POB:	Wilson, N. C.
Ht.:	5' 10"
Wt.:	150 lbs.
Hair:	Brown - half bald on front
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Ruddy
Scars and marks:	Tattoo on upper left arm of Eagle, flag and words "MOM" and "DAD"
Marital Status:	Single
Education:	8th grade
Occupation:	Heavy equipment operator
Employment:	S. T. Wooten Construction Co.
Military Service:	U. S. Army, 7 (seven years)
Military Service No.:	

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : SA JOSEPH E. M. O'MALLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

On 4/24/68, the following laundries were contacted and advised that they do not use a thermo-seal laundry tag, yellow in color containing the code "20R-3":

1. Neilson's One-Hour Martinizing, 4431 Bragg Blvd., Fayetteville, N. C.
2. One Hour Cleaners, 1303 Fort Bragg Road, Fayetteville, N. C.
3. Ormond's Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 809 Bragg Blvd., Fayetteville, N. C.
4. Mayflower Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 512 W. Russell St., Fayetteville, N. C.
5. Modern Dry Cleaners, Hope Mills, N. C.

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Date April 29, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, [] conceal all sources, [] paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report dated _____

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Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA Mark J. Howe

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Agent's Memo #162, Series 1968, 4/23/68.

On 4/24/68, the following racial informants were contacted with negative results in an effort to develop pertinent information concerning instant investigation:

CE 2188-R

CE 2190-R

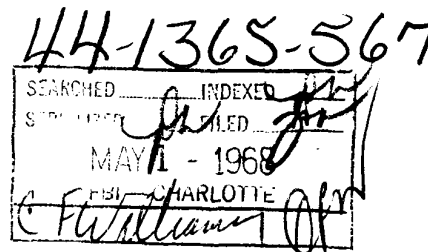
CE 2232-R

CE 2267-R (PROB)

CE 2255-R (PROB)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-1365

FROM : SA DONALD M. MURRAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

On 4/24/68 the following informants were contacted
with negative results re information re captioned matter:

CE 2256 C

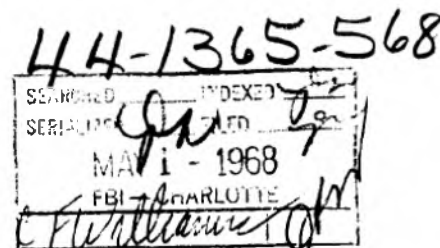
CE 1868 C

PCI James Plummer

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Memorandum

TO : SAC CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA EDWARD PETER DUTKO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE
CONTACTED ON THE INDICATED DATES
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS:

PCI HENRY P. CAPUCILLE 4/11/68; 4/23/68
CE-2285-C 4/11/68; 4/22/68

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