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TO SAC DALLAS (44-2549)
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861)

MURKIN.

URGENT CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE TO THE CONTRARY, DALLAS WILL
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW GENE BASS CONCERNING INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY ANONYMOUS CALLER. AIRMAIL COPIES SENT TO MEMPHIS, SEATTLE
AND CHICAGO.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 2)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JUNE THIRTEEN, LAST.

WILLIAM MAHER, ALTON, SUBJECT'S UNCLE, REITERATED HE HAS NOT HAD ANY DIRECT WORD FROM SUBJECT FOR TEN YEARS; THAT HE DOES NOT FEEL SUBJECT CAME TO ALTON SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE FROM MSP BECAUSE HE STATES HE WOULD HAVE KNOWN SUBJECT'S PRESENCE IN ALTON.

DEPUTY DEMOS NICHOLAS, MADISON COUNTY SO, EDWARDSVILLE, ADVISED THAT SOURCES, TRICITY AREA, OF GRANITE CITY, MADISON AND VENICE, ILLINOIS UNABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RE CONTACTS OF SUBJECT IN THAT AREA; THAT THERE IS NO INDICATION HE MADE ANY SUCH CONTACTS BETWEEN APRIL AND JULY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

PHOTOS OF RAY AND ASSOCIATES SHOWN TO VICTIM BANKS IN VICINITY ALTON WITHOUT EFFECTING ANY IDENTIFICATION.

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**SURROUNDING OFFICES BEING INSTRUCTED TO DISPLAY PHOTOS
OF RAY AND ASSOCIATES TOGETHER WITH INITIATING INQUIRY RE
LAUNDRY MARKS AT LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS
AND AREAS.**

AM COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS, FOR INFO. P.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

MURKIN

RE SITEL TO BUREAU JUNE FOURTEEN, LAST.

BANKS IN GREATER ALTON AREA CONVASED AND INFORMATION
SOLICITED CONCERNING NEW ACCOUNTS OPENED SUBSEQUENT TO JULY
THIRTEEN, LAST, WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINE IF RAY POSSIBLY
DEPOSITED MONEYS OR FUNDS IN ANY ALTON AREA BANK SUBSEQUENT
TO ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON. PHOTOS OF RAY AND ASSOCIATES
DISPLAYED TO THOSE BANKS CONTACTED TODAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

INSTRUCTIONS SENT NEIGHBORING OFFICES WITH REGARD
TO SURVEY OF LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS.

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Via AIRTELAIR MAIL

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call to Springfield 6/14/68.S-#5

On instruction of the Bureau, receiving offices are instructed to canvass laundry and dry cleaning establishments and display photos of JAMES EARL RAY and associates to determine if they are known in contacted establishments and establish laundry and dry cleaning marks assigned to them. Furnish results of contact to the Springfield and Memphis Divisions.

- 2 - Chicago (44-1114)
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*Per Springfield field
 6/20 on alton clothing
 SP sending laundry
 marks
 check bank of alton
 44-1114-633
 6/13/68*

6/18/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2049) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE-MEMPHIS

Re Chicago airtel to Memphis, 6/11/68; Seattle teletype to Dallas, 6/12/68; Memphis teletype to Bureau, 6/12/68; Dallas teletype to Bureau, 6/13/68; and Bureau teletype to Dallas, 6/14/68, copies of which are enclosed for San Antonio.

Investigation at GENE BASS' last known employment, Arnold Meat Company, 4003 Commerce, Dallas, on 6/17/68 revealed that he is no longer employed by that company. He was believed to be working for Kroger's in their meat warehouse in Irving, Texas.

MISS KAY BARNER, Personnel Clerk, and BILL MC CLENDON, Foreman, Kroger's Meat Plant, advised on 6/17/68, they could locate no employment record for GENE BASS and do not know or recall him.

The last arrest record for BASS, when he was arrested by the Dallas PD on 2/15/63 for shoplifting, shows his residence as 416 N. Colorado, Groesbeck, Texas.

2 - Bureau
2 - San Antonio (44-1242) (Enc. 5)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
① - Chicago (44-1114) (Info)
1 - Seattle (44-371) (Info)
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LEAD:

SAN ANTONIO

AT GROESBECK, TEXAS. Locate and interview GARY BASS
per Bureau instructions.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL JUNE SEVENTEEN LAST AND LOUISVILLE
AIRTEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWELVE LAST.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY DISPLAYED TO CURRENT AND FORMER
OWNERS MEN'S STYLE SHOP, MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY, WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS.

CANVASS OF BANKS ALTON AND VICINITY CONTINUING IN EFFORT
TO LOCATE ANY ACCOUNTS POSSIBLY UTILIZED BY RAY. RESULTS
OF THESE CONTACTS AND DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS AT AREA BANKS
UNPRODUCTIVE TO DATE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 (ATTN: FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION)

 FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)

 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 (OO: Memphis)

Re Newark teletype to Chicago dated 6/7/68, and Newark teletype to the Bureau, Memphis and Chicago dated 6/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a form newsletter bearing the heading, "The Royal Bank of Canada Monthly Letter."

For the information of the Bureau, JERRY RAY, subject's brother, was encouraged by Newark PCI [REDACTED] to travel from Chicago, Ill., to [REDACTED] on 6/5/68, to visit her. This was their first meeting and JERRY RAY performed his travel by plane.

RAY stayed with PCI [REDACTED], [REDACTED] has a room. The landlady for this room is [REDACTED], who resides at the same location.

On 6/7/68, [REDACTED] said to SAs JOHN E. OTTO and OLIN E. JESSUP upon his arrival on 6/5/68, JERRY RAY had with him the 5/3/68, issue of "Life" magazine, which contains a cover story re instant matter. He also had a second issue of "Life" which had New York City Mayor JOHN LINDSAY on the cover. That issue contained additional information concerning MURKIN.

4 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)
 1 - Memphis (Info)
 ① - Chicago (Info)
 5 - Newark
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As he unpacked the magazines, JERRY RAY said to PCI [REDACTED] "Just between you and me, I saw my brother right after he escaped. We had a meeting place where he would meet on my days off." RAY did not say if these alleged meetings occurred after his escape from prison or after the murder of KING.

JERRY RAY also said he had visited his brother who owns a tavern in St. Louis, Missouri, after the assassination and before his first interview by the FBI. He stated that before the FBI contacted him, he saw the photograph of an individual identified as ERIC STARVO GALT with his eyes closed. He recognized this man as being identical with his brother JAMES EARL RAY.

JERRY RAY said if he told the FBI everything he knows, "with all of their resources" they would be able to "track him down." He stated, "I do not know where he is right now. I do not think I'll ever see him alive again." He explained his brother would probably not permit himself to be captured alive. JERRY RAY added that he did not want the subject apprehended because of the additional bad publicity it would result in for the RAY family. RAY further said he does not refer to the subject since the assassination by his real name but calls him STARVO or GALT. He did not explain why he does this.

RAY also said, "I tell the FBI only enough to keep them off my back."

On 6/5/68, RAY speculated to PCI [REDACTED] that the subject would probably flee the country to Mexico or Canada. He also said the subject was too hot for him to be in touch with now.

On 6/6/68, PCI [REDACTED] asked JERRY RAY if his brother shot KING. He replied, "This is his business. I didn't ask him. If I was in his position and had 18 years to serve and someone offered me a lot of money to kill someone I didn't like anyhow and get me out of the country, I'd do it."

Later the same day JERRY RAY commended to PCI [REDACTED] even if the subject confesses to committing the murder of KING, he, JERRY RAY, would not agree with him. He did not further explain this statement, PCI [REDACTED] advised.

RAY said he now carries a gun from his room to his car. He keeps the gun in the trunk of his car. When he walks

Handwritten notes:
JERRY RAY
verified
by [unclear]
owner of
restaurant
[unclear]

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to his room from his car, he removes the gun from the car's trunk and takes it with him. He said he carries the weapon for personal protection.

RAY said the subject is a supporter of Presidential Candidate GEORGE WALLACE. He said the subject once drove a man to Alabama from possibly the California area so he could vote for WALLACE. He then identified this man by his photograph which appears in the 5/3/68, issue of "Life." It is noted PCI [REDACTED] said the magazine states this man's name is CHARLES STEIN. JERRY RAY, according to PCI [REDACTED], did not say when the trip to Alabama occurred.

JERRY RAY said he was considering moving his residence again to a place where the press and possibly the FBI would be unaware of. He also said he was thinking of beginning to use the alias of JERRY RYAN. He then displayed a new Illinois driver's license in the name of JERRY RYAN. He said he recently obtained that license for his own use. He did not further explain why he might change his address and begin to use an alias. He did not say he intended to leave his present job.

On 6/7/68, PCI [REDACTED] said on 6/6/68, she asked JERRY RAY if he thought his brother shot KING. RAY replied by pointing out if he were in his brother's position of having an 18 year sentence to serve once he was apprehended and someone offered him money to kill someone he did not like and thereafter be able to leave the country, he would do it. RAY further volunteered at this point the subject might have fled to Canada or Mexico. He did not say anything further about where he thought the subject was.

Then PCI [REDACTED] asked JERRY RAY where the subject got the money to buy instant white Mustang with. JERRY RAY replied, "They gave him part of the money. He put the money in a safety deposit box, but when he left, he drew it all out. It broke his heart to have to leave the white Mustang."

On 6/9/68, PCI also said on 6/6/68, she recalled RAY commented the subject was paid either \$100,000 or \$500,000. JERRY RAY said this while PCI [REDACTED] and he were discussing if the subject killed KING. According to PCI [REDACTED], JERRY RAY did not further explain his comment regarding the \$100,000 or \$500,000 sum. Neither PCI was able to extract a direct statement from JERRY RAY that the subject killed KING.

On 6/9/68, PCI [REDACTED] said she received a telephone call from JERRY RAY. He said he was calling to alert her, in

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the event she did not know, the subject had been arrested. He also said he did not think the RAY family would have any difficulty obtaining a lawyer to represent the subject because he was certain several good ones would want the job because of the publicity they would receive.

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JERRY RAY also told PCI [REDACTED] he intends to visit the subject with his brother who owns a tavern in St. Louis when the subject is returned to the United States.

PCI [REDACTED] received the impression from JERRY RAY that he did not know the subject was traveling as he was just before his arrest.

JERRY RAY also said he intends to travel to St. Louis, Missouri to confer with his brother who owns a tavern there within the next week. He said he will do this so he and his brother can agree on how they should handle inquiries from the Press. He said he might consult with an attorney himself so he would not mistakenly say anything in public which might be detrimental to the subject's case.

On 6/10/68, PCI [REDACTED] advised she received on 6/3/68 an airmail special delivery envelope from JERRY RAY postmarked in Wheeling, Ill., on 6/1/68. The envelope contained a money order from JERRY RAY to [REDACTED] in the amount of \$40.00. The money order was about 8½" long by 3½" wide. The paper the money order was on was yellow in color and had a white edge. Across the bottom of the face of the money order was "PERSONAL MONEY ORDER" written in black letters. PCI said she could not recall noticing what kind of a money order it was.

PCI [REDACTED] stated on 6/3/68 she cashed the money order at the [REDACTED] bank located in the [REDACTED]. PCI [REDACTED] accompanied [REDACTED] and put her name and the number of [REDACTED] account at that bank on the money order when it was cashed.

This money order represents one of several instances where JERRY RAY has mailed money orders or cash to PCI [REDACTED] for her personal use. It is noted for the Bureau's information JERRY RAY is apparently quite fond of PCI [REDACTED] and this is probably the reason he sends her money.

The money order was enclosed in a four page form-type newsletter bearing the heading of "THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER". Beneath this heading appears the information this newsletter represents Vol. 49, No. 5.

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and the organization's head office is in Montreal. The newsletter is for May, 1968, and contains an article entitled "TECHNOLOGY AS A WAY OF LIFE". The article deals generally with the various aspects of technology's affect on contemporary living.

Across the front of the newsletter is written in ink, "Look inside, I am at the post office and didn't have any paper." PCI [REDACTED] said this is the only message from JERRY RAY which appeared in this piece of correspondence.

PCI [REDACTED] said she recalled receiving the communication containing the described newsletter after learning the subject had been in Canada prior to his apprehension. She said that JERRY RAY indicated to her during his visit he obtained and sent the money order from the Wheeling, Ill. area.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The FBI Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed newsletter for latent impressions and compare any of value which are developed with the subject's fingerprints.

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Date: 6/12/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO : SAC, CHICAGO
 FROM : SAC, NEWARK (44-854)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 OO: MEMPHIS

Re: Newark teletype to the Bureau, Chicago
 and Memphis, 6/10/68

On 6/11/68, PCI [REDACTED] told SA JOHN E. OTTO she received a money order for \$55.00 from JERRY RAY, subject's brother. The money order was sent in an envelope from Wheeling, Illinois. JERRY RAY told PCI in a previous conversation the money was to be used by her towards the purchase of a car.

PCI said the money orders appears to her to be identical with the kind of money order she received from JERRY RAY on 6/3/68, which was wrapped in the news letter from The Royal Bank of Canada.

PCI said the money order she received on 6/11/68, is drawn against the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank, Wheeling, Illinois, and is dated 6/8/68. She noted the letters in the wording of "PERSONAL MONEY ORDER" written across the bottom of the face of the money order are light yellow-green in color. She previously thought the color of these letters was black. She said, however, she was apparently wrong about this.

The money order she received on 6/11/68, was enclosed in a piece of newspaper. The newspaper contained advertisements for businesses located in Wheeling, Illinois. JERRY RAY did not write anything to PCI in this communication.

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PCI [REDACTED] advised prior to JERRY RAY'S visit of 6/5-7/68, she received a total of about \$115.00 from him in cash and money orders. She said he spent about \$190.00 in connection with his trip to [REDACTED]. That amount includes his \$86.10 round-trip plane fare, she stated.

PCI further advised she was given a present of a ladies 17 jewel Swiss watch bearing the trade name of Whalthan. The watch and band are silver in color and appear to have been purchased new.

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-361)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JUNE NINETEEN LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISED TODAY THAT WOMAN WHO SAW UNKNOWN MAN AT APARTMENT OF HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON IS CAROLYN WYATT. WYATT HAS BEEN VICTIM OF WETA CASE INVESTIGATED BY SI DIVISION. EFFORTS TO LOCATE WYATT TO DATE UNSUCCESSFUL.

COVINGTON DESCRIBED WMA, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE SIX ZERO POUNDS, BROWN HAIR AND BLUE EYES, AGE THIRTY. COVINGTON MEETS DESCRIPTION OF SHOTGUN MAN IN ROBBERY, THE BANK OF ALTON.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING INTO THIS ASPECT AND SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C WORKING FULL TIME TO DEVELOP INFORMATION.

COPIES MAILED TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, BOSTON
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReBuairtel to SI, 5-29-68.

JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, St. Louis, Mo., advised Bureau Agents he and JAMES EARL RAY cased the Bank of Alton, in 1959 and planned to "hold up" in apartment on Fourth Street, Alton, for one week following bank robbery. This bank robbed by two Unsubs 7-13-67.

Subsequent to robbery shotgun and clothing found in vacant lot rear of Fourth Street, as follows:

Stevens Model 94, 12-gauge single-shot, single-barrel, sawed-off shotgun with no serial number.

Man's white Van Heusen Van-Guard shirt.

Man's blue nylon jacket (windbreaker type)

Man's tan pleated trousers

One Hickock Pioneer belt, size 32, black in color with No. 5121 on inside of belt

One brown cap with fishing emblem on front

2 - Boston
2 - Kansas City (44-760)
2 - Louisville
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)
3 - Springfield (2: 44-561)(1: 91-3899)

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W. J. Miller

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One gray felt hat, Royal Deluxe Stetson with label on sweatband "Men's Style Shop, Gray & Wilson, Mayfield, Ky."

Shirt bore laundry markings "TH" or "HJ", "JES-Y" or "JES-G" inside collar.

Trousers bore visible laundry markings "44--" and "3167-S," on right front pocket. Also on the right rear pocket "JES-Y" and "JES-G." No other visible or invisible laundry markings were found by FBI Laboratory.

LEADS: DOUGLAS DIVISION

AT WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

Will contact Savage-Stevens Co., to determine if there is known way of tracing the recovered shotgun.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Will contact Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), furnish description of clothing and laundry markings and determine if either clothing or laundry markings could have originated at MSP.

LOUISVILLE DIVISION

AT MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY

Will contact Gray & Wilson Men's Style Shop regarding Royal Deluxe Stetson hat in effort to identify purchaser or possible alternate distribution of hats.

Because of RAY's involvement in MURKIN, Bureau instructs all leads to check GAYSON's allegations be furnished expeditious, continuous attention and results reported promptly in effort to resolve allegations.

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReSIairtel, 6-17-68.

Enclosed for Chicago and Indianapolis are two copies each of Springfield airtel to Boston dated 5-31-68 setting forth physical evidence recovered re the Bank of Alton, Alton, Illinois, bank robbery, 7-13-67, to aid in canvassing of laundry and dry cleaning establishments.

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2 - Chicago (44-1114)(Enc.-2)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTY LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C TO DATE UNABLE TO VERIFY
 RESIDENCE HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AT FOURTH STREET ALTON
 ABOUT TIME OF ER AT BANK OF ALTON. INFORMANT CONTINUING
 INQUIRY INSTANT MATTER.

HAZEL DREW, MOTHER OF CAROLYN WYATT, STATES CAROLYN
 NOT IN ALTON AT THIS TIME. DUE TO RETURN EARLY NEXT WEEK.
 WILL BE INTERVIEWED AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

MAIL COPY TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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A I R T E L

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The information in enclosed letterhead memorandum was furnished by RICHARD G. BROWN, Assistant Vice President, La Salle National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, who requested that both his and his bank's identity be fully protected in this matter.

The bureau is being furnished 7 copies of the LHM and the Memphis Division is being furnished one copy.

The bureau is requested to furnish copies of the enclosed LHM to both the London and Paris Legats with the request of Paris that appropriate investigation be conducted at the Banco Totta-Allianca, Rua-Douro 69-79, Lisbon, Portugal, to determine whether or not this information could be of value in captioned matter. It is to be noted that the bank officials, Chicago, advised that the above bank has approximately 30 branches, however, the cable would have been sent from the main division.

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LISBON BANK

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Chicago, Illinois

June 21, 1968

44-1114

JAMES EARL RAY, ALSO KNOWN AS;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT -
ROBBERY

On June 21, 1968, a Chicago Bank official made available for review a Western Union cable dated May 8, 1968, and received in Chicago May 9, 1968, which was signed Tottajo. According to the bank officials, the signature is the code word for the Banco Totta-Alianca, Rua-Douro 69-79, Lisbon, Portugal. The cable read as follows: "Please send us by cable credit information on Arthur T. Galt, Chicago."

The heading on the cable is as follows:

"S. V. MCDUG7L RRV 201 LBA 763

20 15 PD INTL CD LISBOA VIA WV181438"

According to the Chicago bank official, no account had been located in their records for an individual named Arthur T. Galt and the Lisbon Bank was advised of this fact by cable May 9, 1968.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

CHICAGO BANK OFFICIAL, WHO REQUESTED IDENTITY KEPT
CONFIDENTIAL, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT CABLE HAS BEEN RECEIVED
MAY NINE LAST FROM THE BANCO TOTTA - ALIANCA, RUA - DOURO,
SIXTY NINE - SEVENTY NINE, LISBON, PORTUGAL, WHICH READ
QUOTE PLEASE SEND US BY CABLE CREDIT INFORMATION ON ARTHUR
T. GALT, CHICAGO, UNQUOTE.

BANK HAS NO ACCOUNT FOR ABOVE PERSON AND LISBON BANK
WAS SO ADVISED BY CABLE MAY NINE LAST. BUREAU MAY DESIRE
TO ADVISE LEGATS PARIS AND LONDON. LHM FOLLOWS.

AMCC TO MEMPHIS.

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**To: SAC's, Newark (44-854) - Enc.
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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Newark airtel 6-11-68, submitting bank
newsletter for examination.

Four latent fingerprints of value were devel-
oped on the newsletter. These latent fingerprints are not
identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI
#405942G or Jerry William Ray, FBI #862651A.

Newsletter enclosed to Newark.

- 1 - Newark (137-6829)
- 1 - Newark (137-6826)
- ① - Chicago (44-1114)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST, BOSTON AIRTEL
TO BUREAU JUNE THIRTEEN LAST, AND ST. LOUIS AIRTEL TO SI
JUNE THIRTEEN LAST.

BOSTON ADVISES CONTACT WITH SAVAGE ARMS, INC., DISCLOSED
THERE IS NO WAY TO TRACE WEAPON SIMILAR TO ONE RECOVERED
AFTER BANK OF ALTON ROBBERY.

ST. LOUIS ADVISED JOHN EUGENE GAWRON HAS REPEATEDLY
DENIED ANY CONTACT WITH JAMES EARL RAY SUBSEQUENT TO HIS
ESCAPE FROM MSP, BUT ST. LOUIS CONTEMPLATES REINTERVIEW OF
GAWRON IN VIEW RAY'S APPREHENSION.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISED TODAY HE DEVELOPED
INFORMATION RICHARD COVINGTON, SUSPECT IN BANK OF ALTON
ROBBERY, HARBORED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AT HIS RESIDENCE ON
FOURTH STREET, ALTON, FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN DAYS JUNE,
SIXTYSEVEN; LATER ALLEGED TO HAVE ATTEMPTED TO BURN CLOTHING

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**AND DISPOSE OF UNIDENTIFIED WEAPON. INFORMANT INSTRUCTED
TO FOLLOW UP INFORMATION VIGOROUSLY AND REPORT RESULTS
PROMPTLY.**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-6990)

DATE: 6/19/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (65-122) (C)

SUBJECT: RAYMOND JOSEPH HEALEY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Chicago airtel to Director, copies to Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis with dual caption, "United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), Knights of the Ku Klux Klan; RM and MURKIN", dated 5/11/68.

Referenced communication indicated HEALEY had been in contact with CALVIN S. CRAIG, Grand Kleagle of the UKA, on January 22, 1968, in Atlanta, Georgia. HEALEY stated CRAIG looked like JAMES EARL RAY. HEALEY also indicated CRAIG invited him to join UKA.

Chicago files and references relating to HEALEY (CG 65-122, 65-1735, 65-45-21, 100-11331 and 66-431) were carefully reviewed. Bufile 65-6990 which relates to HEALEY sets forth information indicating HEALEY furnished information to the Bureau in early 1940's which proved not to be reliable. HEALEY's main file (Bufile 65-6990, CG File 65-122) contains information indicating he would most likely cause embarrassment to the Bureau, if he was utilized as a source as well as be unreliable.

In addition, on May 23, 1968, HEALEY telephonically called FBI, Chicago, Illinois, and advised he did not want to join the UKA, but would do so only upon instruction from FBI. He indicated his close association with Governor LESTOR MADDOX of Georgia and "right-wing" groups, and his belief that their philosophy was correct would permit him to have their confidence. Phraseology and statements made by HEALEY appeared to be self-serving and were unexplainable unless tape-recorded for possible future use by him or "right wing" groups.

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CG 65-122

SA HUBERT M. HART, who received the call from HEALEY, advised him that FBI would not instruct or direct anyone to join or not to join any group. HEALEY was told any information he desired to voluntarily furnish to the FBI would be given appropriate attention.

In view of the above, no additional action contemplated by Chicago Division.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

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RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYONE, LAST.

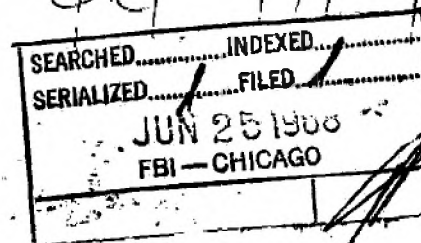
HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON ARRESTED DURING PAST WEEKEND IN
 POSSESSION OF STOLEN CUB CADET TRACTOR. INCARCERATED MACOUPIN
 COUNTY JAIL. WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C REPORTS NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS
 ON INQUIRIES BUT CONTINUING EFFORTS.

CAROLYN WYATT HAS NOT RETURNED ALTON TO DATE.

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A I R T E L

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-361)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Boston dated 6/31/68.

For information of Cincinnati, St. Louis has advised that JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, alleged JAMES EARL RAY and an unnamed man, robbed a bank in June - July, 1967. GAWRON subsequently revealed the location as the Bank of Alton, Illinois, and the unnamed man as JIMMIE (LNU), and that he was visited by JIMMIE (LNU) the night of 5/13 - 14/68. One JAMES H. CARPENTER, FBI #256 243 is known to have visited GAWRON on these dates. However, CARPENTER was in St. Louis City Jail from 5/5/67 - 3/1/68, and could not have participated in the Alton bank robbery.

The bank of Alton, Illinois was robbed by 2 unknown subjects on 7/15/67, wearing nylon stocking masks and using a sawed off shotgun. They escaped with \$27,250. Description of the number 2 man could fit RAY.

Subsequent to the bank robbery a shotgun and items of clothing were found in a vacant lot in Alton, including a white Van Heusen Van-Guard shirt with markings "NU" or "NO", "JOH - U" or "JOH - O", inside collar; a pair of tan pleated trousers with the markings "44--" and "3107-3" on the right front pocket and "T6276" and "07703" on the right rear pocket.

- 2 - Springfield
- 2 - Cincinnati (157-1040) (Info)
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Bureau has instructed that certain offices are to canvas laundry and dry cleaning establishments regarding these laundry and dry cleaning marks.

Mr. RALPH YONKE, American Laundry and Dry Cleaning Institute, Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois, advised these marks were probably made by a machine manufactured by the National Marking Machine Company, 4626 Cherry Street, Cincinnati, Ohio and that they could indicate the location of machines making the above described markings. He does not know of any such markings being used in the Chicago area.

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SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. Will furnish Cincinnati, Chicago and other interested offices specific information re the laundry and dry cleaning markings on the recovered clothing as to whether they were machine or hand made, the color of the ink used and whether they were stamped in the clothing or on material pinned to the clothing.

CINCINNATI

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO. Will contact the National Marking Machine Company, 4626 Cherry Street, and obtain all available information regarding the above described laundry and dry cleaning markings.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYFOUR LAST.

CAROLYN WYATT INTERVIEWED. STATES SHE KNOWS HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON; THAT HE IS ASSOCIATE OF FORMER BROTHER-IN-LAW JOHN MC CLINTOCK, ALSO SUSPECT IN BR; THAT SHE HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH HIM AND NOT AWARE HE EVER LIVED FOURTH STREET, ALTON. PHOTOS JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED WITHOUT EFFECTING IDENTIFICATION.

MACOUPIN COUNTY SHERIFF ELVIN SAWYER ADVISED COVINGTON HAS NOT BEEN ARRESTED TO DATE BUT NECESSARY PAPERS BEING ISSUED FOR ARREST ON THEFT CHARGES. SHERIFF WILL ADVISE IF AND WHEN COVINGTON IN CUSTODY THAT COUNTY IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT BE INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS.

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(44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD JUNE TWO FIVE SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO BALTIMORE, ST. LOUIS ADVISED THAT JOHN EUGENE GAWRON HAS ALLEGED JAMES EARL RAY AND UNNAMED MAN ROBBED BANK OF ALTON, ILLINOIS ON JULY THIRTEEN SIXTY SEVEN. THIS BANK WAS ROBBED ON THAT DATE BY TWO UNKNOWN SUBJECTS WEARING NYLON STOCKING MASKS AND USING SAWED OFF SHOTGUNS. LOOT TWENTY SEVEN ^{THOUSAND} TWO HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS. SUBSEQUENT TO BANK ROBBERY SHOTGUN AND CLOTHING ITEMS FOUND IN VACANT LOT IN ALTON AND LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING MARKS LOCATED IN

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~~RE~~ CLOTHING. BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS TO CANVASS LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS RE THESE MARKS. CIRCULAR BEING PREPARED BY BUREAU TO FURNISH TO LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS. ADDRESSOGRAPH PLATES AVAILABLE FOR LAUNDRY CIRCULARIZATION IN ILLINOIS. LIST OF DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN ILLINOIS AND OTHER STATES WHERE CIRCULARIZATION DESIRED CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRY CLEANERS, NINE ZERO NINE BURLINGTON AVENUE, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND. APPROXIMATELY ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO DRY CLEANERS LOCATED IN STATE OF ILLINOIS. BALTIMORE CONTACT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRY CLEANERS AT SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, OBTAIN LIST OF DRY CLEANERS IN TERRITORIES OF CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS. DETERMINE IF ADDRESSOGRAPH AVAILABLE. IF NOT, DETERMINE IF COUNTY BREAKDOWN CAN BE OBTAINED FOR INTERESTED OFFICES.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING SENT TO SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, INDIANAPOLIS, AND MEMPHIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Chicago dated 6/17/68.

Being transmitted under separate cover by registered mail are the following items of clothing previously submitted by Springfield under caption, "Unsubs (2); The Bank of Alton, Alton, Illinois, 7/13/67"; Springfield file 91-3699, Bufile 91-27506.

Man's Van Heusen Vanguard shirt,
Item Q3 (PC-A1071 JV).

Man's brown trousers, Item Q6
(PC-A1071 JV).

The above-named shirt bears laundry marks in collar; the trousers bear laundry marks on right front and rear pockets.

The laboratory is requested to photograph these laundry marks for suitable reproduction in circular letter, the preparation of which is being requested of the Mechanical Section by this airtel, and the text of which is set out below.

The above-described evidence is being submitted and the preparation of circular letter requested, in order to fully explore laundry and dry cleaning marks on the

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submitted items, since allegations have been made by JOSEPH EUGENE GAWRON, St. Louis, Missouri, which indicate JAMES EARL RAY cased The Bank of Alton in 1959 and may have been involved in bank robbery at that bank July 13, 1967. The Bureau is vitally interested in ascertaining source of RAY's funds since his escape from MSP, April, 1967.

The Mechanical Section is requested to prepare, upon receipt of photographic facsimiles from the Photographic Section, the following circular letter:

"To all Laundries and Dry Cleaning Establishments

On July 13, 1967, two unknown males, wearing stocking masks, robbed The Bank of Alton, Alton, Illinois, at gunpoint and obtained over \$27,000. Investigation of this crime led to the recovery of a white Van Heusen Vanguard shirt and a pair of tan trousers among other items.

The shirt bears laundry marks and the trousers dry cleaning symbols, facsimiles of which appear below. The laundry marks appear on the shirt collar, the dry cleaning symbols appear on the front and rear pockets on the right side of the trousers.

(Facsimile photos inserted at this point)

If, after review of the above facsimiles, you feel you have information which would be of assistance to the Bureau, please call the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which is in the front page of your telephone directory."

Offices receiving information copies of this airtel are instructed to hold leads requested in referenced airtel in abeyance pending receipt of above circular letter.

The Laboratory is requested to send direct to Chicago 1800 copies, to Indianapolis 1800 copies, and to St. Louis 700 copies of the prepared circular letter.

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The Laboratory is requested to return submitted items upon completion of requested action.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYFIVE LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH PERSONS WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO VERIFY RESIDENCE OF HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON ON FOURTH STREET, ALTON, JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. STATED HE IS CERTAIN COVINGTON LIVED THERE AND CONTINUING EFFORTS TO VERIFY.

COVINGTON NOT YET ARRESTED BY MACOUPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

MAIL COPY SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)****MURKIN****RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYSIX LAST.**

**INVESTIGATION ALTON DISCLOSES HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON
 NOT AT USUAL HAUNTS AND SOURCES ACQUAINTED WITH HIM CANNOT
 PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.**

**SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISED TODAY TWO DAYS AFTER
 BR AT BANK OF ALTON ON JULY THIRTEEN LAST, COVINGTON AND
 PERSON STAYING WITH HIM WHO IS UNKNOWN, WENT TO QUINCY,
 ILLINOIS; COVINGTON RETURNED ALONE ON JULY SEVENTEEN LAST
 AND UNKNOWN ASSOCIATE RETURNED JULY TWENTYONE LAST DRIVING
 NINETEEN SIXTYSIX CHEVROLET IMPALA HARDTOP, BLUE IN COLOR,
 INDIANA LICENSE, UNKNOWN PERSON DESCRIBED FIVE FEET ELEVEN
 INCHES, THIRTY TO FORTY YEARS, BLACK HAIR, THIN MUSTACHE,
 STOCKY BUILD, CHAIN SMOKER.**

INFORMANT CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY UNKNOWN PERSON.**MAIL COPY TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/20/68

Private WILLIAM DENNIS HARRY, ASN US 518 81 614, assigned to Company G, Third Battalion, Student Brigade, U. S. Army Southeastern Signal School, (USASSS), Fort Gordon, Georgia, advised he has been assigned to this unit at Fort Gordon since February 8, 1968, and his home address is 3498 Bosworth Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

HARRY related that on April 6, 1968, he boarded a United Airlines flight #396Y from Atlanta, Georgia, to Cleveland, Ohio, leaving Atlanta at approximately 6:30 PM, as well as he could recall, and arriving Cleveland around 9:00 PM. He pointed out he has made several trips since then to Cleveland, and for that reason his mind is confused as to the exact departure and arrival time on this flight on April 6, 1968.

HARRY continued that after boarding the plane at Atlanta, he observed a man to take a seat about six or seven rows ahead of him, sitting on the right side of the plane, HARRY was seated on the left side, and noticed that this man bore a resemblance to the composite sketch being shown at the time on television of the fugitive who later turned out to be JAMES EARL RAY. He said that he does not recall that this man was carrying a briefcase or any other article and after taking his seat, the man did not appear to pay any attention to anyone else around the plane. However, he noticed that as the man came aboard, he seemed to look around at the various passengers already seated before taking his own seat.

HARRY said he did not pay much attention to this man en route to Cleveland, does not recall if he talked to anyone who may have been seated beside him, and did not observe any further activity by this man until he left the plane at Cleveland. HARRY said that he had to get a couple of dress uniforms before leaving the plane at Cleveland, and this man left before he did. Consequently, HARRY did not see where he went after leaving the plane.

On 6/18/68 at Fort Gordon, Georgia File # 44-1114-654
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According to HARRY, this man was about 35 - 37 years old, his weight and height he would not estimate because he paid more attention to the man after he was seated than before, was dressed in a gray sport coat with white shirt and dark tie, with dark trousers. He did not wear a hat and his hair appeared to be of medium length, and was probably brown. He said the man did not appear nervous to his recollection.

HARRY further stated he did not pay any attention to this man's left ear to detect any difference between the left and right ears.

HARRY related that after he reached Cleveland, he discussed this matter with his mother, but he reached the conclusion that this would not have been the fugitive because he did not believe the fugitive would have gone back to Atlanta so soon after the murder of Dr. KING. Consequently, he forgot the matter, thinking that it would not be important, and would not have reported it had not his mother contacted the FBI at Cleveland.

HARRY continued that he had made connections with the United Airlines flight #296Y from Augusta, Georgia, by Delta flight #423 to Atlanta on the same date.

HARRY said that he, prior to entering military service, was a compositor and Linotype operator for the Mansfield News Journal Company, Mansfield, Ohio, for about ten years and for about seven or eight weeks immediately prior to entering military service with the "Toledo Blade", Toledo, Ohio.

HARRY concluded by saying that he could not make a positive statement as to whether this individual was JAMES EARL RAY, but could only say that it might have been.

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Date: 6/20/68

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TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)
 FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (RUC)
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Re Cleveland airtel to Savannah, 6/12/68.

Enclosed herewith for Cleveland are two copies of an FD-302 reflecting interview with Private WILLIAM DENNIS HARRY at Fort Gordon, Ga., 6/18/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 15 copies of above-described FD-302.

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Will, unless advised to the contrary by the office of origin, check the passenger list of United Airlines Flight #396Y from Atlanta, Ga., to Cleveland, Ohio, for 4/6/68, to determine if any of the passengers on that flight were traveling under the name or known aliases of JAMES EARL RAY.

- ② - Cleveland (Encls-2)
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6/26/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Savannah airtel to CV, 6/20/68.

Enclosed for CG is one Xerox copy of Savannah airtel to CV, 6/20/68 along with the enclosed FD 302 of Pvt. WILLIAM DENNIS HARRY, dated 6/18/68, concerning the possibility of JAMES EARL RAY being a passenger aboard United Airlines Flight #396Y from Atlanta, Ga., to CV, O., on 4/6/68.

Service Representative, ED PAYNE, United Airlines, CV, advised this date that the Passenger list of the above flight is now available in CG in care of JOHN HUDSON, Supervisor, Revenue and Accounting, Ticket Lift Reports - EX, telephone 625-1400, Ext. 2200. Mr. PAYNE advised that he had telephonically contacted Mr. HUDSON who stated he would make flight records available to a representative of the FBI.

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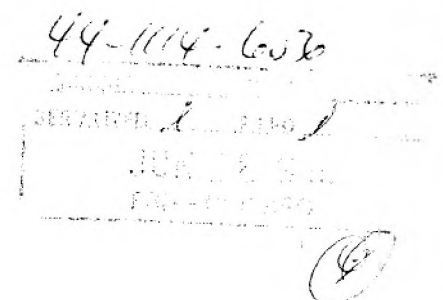
AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will contact JOHN HUDSON and check passenger list of Flight 396 Y, United Airlines on 4/6/68 to determine if any of the passengers on that flight were traveling under the name or known aliases of JAMES EARL RAY.

2 - Chicago (Enc. 2)
2 - Cleveland

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel to Springfield 6/25/68 and
Springfield airtel to the Bureau 6/26/68.

Enclosed for Cincinnati is one copy of referenced
Springfield airtel setting forth more recent instructions
regarding the canvassing of laundry and dry cleaning
establishments.

As stated in referenced Springfield airtel, all
leads re this matter should be held in abeyance at the
present time.

2 - Cincinnati (157-1893) (Enc. 1)
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (Info)
2 - Springfield (44-561)
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