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RE: AMERICAN TELEVISION INC.

LOUIS I. KESSLER, 100 West Monroe, advised that he was the attorney for FRANCIS J. CURTIS, 11 South LaSalle, in 1959, for the bankruptcy affairs of American Television, Inc. HESSLER stated that CURTIS is now deceased, and he knows of no one to contact re his records. KESSLER stated that the records of American Television would have been in the possession of CURTIS and that upon judgment of the referee, they would have been destroyed in that they are never returned to the bankrupt.

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Date 5/2/68

JOHN MC DONOUGH, retired Chicago Police officer, and now inspector for the Chicago Civil Defense, City Hall, 140 South Dearborn Street, and who resides at 4427 North Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, stated he could only vaguely recall the shooting and apprehension of JAMES EARL RAY in 1952. MC DONOUGH stated he was unable to recall in which arm RAY was shot by MC DONOUGH's former partner, Chicago Police Department Captain GEORGE GREEN, during the apprehension of RAY following a robbery.

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Date 5/2/68

Captain GEORGE GREEN, who is Watch Commander of the 8th District, Chicago Police Department, 63rd Street and St. Louis Avenue, and who resides at 2942 South Emerald, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information:

Captain GREEN shot JAMES EARL RAY in the vicinity of 9 West Delaware Street, Chicago, in May, 1952, while apprehending RAY during hot pursuit following the robbery of a cab driver. Captain GREEN and his partner, Detective JOHN MC DONOUGH, ordered RAY to halt several times. RAY temporarily eluded the police officers by diving through a window through the basement of a residence. When RAY was ascending the basement steps ignoring orders to surrender, he was shot in the right arm by Captain GREEN. The bullet passed through the right arm approximately mid-way between the elbow and wrist. The bullet then grazed left arm. Only one shot was fired in effecting RAY's apprehension.

Captain GREEN further stated that when RAY dove through the window into the basement, he landed in an area where bathtubs were stored and either injured his face around the head area from glass or upon landing in the basement. Captain GREEN opined RAY's wounds in the head area and in the left arm were probably superficial and would leave no scars.

Captain GREEN was unable to suggest the identity of any associates of RAY in the Chicago area.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-1114)

FROM : SA Richard S. Stilling

SUBJECT: *Murkin*

DATE: 5/3/68

Re: memo from SA Robert L. Zimmerman  
dated 4/11/68

on 4/12/68, Ken Wolff, 4426 N. Broadway,  
Chicago, Ill. advised there is an individual  
employed at "Dick Smith's Bar", Irving &  
Shurden, as a bartender, who resembles subject  
of this case.

He is described as a w/m, 5'8", 180, 25-35,  
light brown hair, pug nose, name Calvin LNU,

on 4/14/68 Don Fisher, manager, Dick Smith's  
Bar, 4109 N. Shurden, Chicago, Ill., advised  
Calvin is Harold G. AGNA, aka Cowboy. Described  
as w/m, 5'11, 175-180, light brown hair, crew cut,  
former boxer, whose nose has been smashed.

Fisher stated Agna was employed  
at this bar, days, during first week of April.  
In view of above no further action

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA JAMES W. GERBLICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/29/68

Re: Complaint form dated 4/15/68 (B 44-1114-61)

Mr. CHARLES ROMIG, 150 Eastern St., Bellwood, Ill. advised on 4/22/68 that DUANE WILLIAMS is his uncle. He stated that WILLIAMS is an alcoholic, that is allergic to alcohol, and is a very nervous individual. His wife recently left him and he didn't know where to go so he decided to visit his sister, ROMIG's mother who resides in Ohio. He flew from his home in Texas, place unknown to ROMIG to O'Hare airport where he had to wait for several hours until ROMIG finished his work day and then ROMIG picked him up and took him to his house. ROMIG advised that while at the airport, WILLIAMS waited at the police station there. On 4/20/68 ROMIG's mother drove up from her home, Rte. 2, Tiffin, Ohio and took ~~WILLIAMS~~ WILLIAMS home with her. ROMIG believes that WILLIAMS has since returned to Texas.

ROMIG described WILLIAMS as age 40, 5'6", 130 lbs., thin face, light reddish hair, receding in front. ROMIG advised that WILLIAMS does not resemble the photos of RAY in any way.

In view of the above, it is not felt any further investigation is warranted.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: MAY 1, 1968

FROM : SA ROBERT P. BRANNIGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re insert of SA JAMES W. SWINFORD 5/29/68

On 4/30/68 this writer contacted MR. RALPH NATHANSON, owner of the building located at 2025 North Sedgwick St. He advised that he has lived in this neighborhood for the past 25 years. He added that he purchased the building in 1962. NATHANSON stated that subject was unknown to him by name or photograph and added that he has never seen subject in the neighborhood. He stated that he is the only person in the neighborhood who has resided here for the past 25 years.

On 4/30/68 Mr. Edward UNTERBERG, 2nd floor apt., 2238 Dayton Street, advised that he had resided at this address for the past 8 years. He stated that he did not recognize subject, JAMES EARL RAY, by either name or photograph. He stated that he was familiar with the neighborhood and stated that he has never seen subject in this area. He added that this is a changing neighborhood, and that he probably was the only individual in the neighborhood who has resided there longer than five years.



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The following investigation was conducted  
by SA HARRY A. WALKER:

Through observation on April 30, 1968,  
it was determined that apartment 1H, 9015 Capital Drive,  
Des Plaines, Illinois, is occupied by HERBERT HORN.

On April 30, 1968, Mrs. LEE LEHNER, Bookkeeper  
for the North Shore Rental Agency, 8804 Steven Drive,  
Des Plaines, Illinois, the rental agency for the apartment  
building at 9015 Capital Drive, Des Plaines, advised that  
apartment 1H was singularly rented by HERBERT HORN on  
December 1, 1967, on a two-year lease that is to expire  
November 30, 1969. She stated that HORN's place of  
employment is entered in the records as the Bell and  
Howell Company, 7100 McCormick Road, Chicago, Illinois.

On the same date GREGORY AHRENSFELD, 1206  
Morse Street, Des Plaines, Illinois, a telephone installer,  
for the General Telephone Company of Des Plaines,  
advised that the individual he reported as similar in  
appearance to JAMES EARL RAY who he conversed with when  
installing a telephone at the person's apartment located  
in apartment 1H, 9015 Capital Drive, Des Plaines, was  
HERBERT HORN who told him that he was employed by the  
Bell and Howell Company, 7100 McCormick Road, Chicago,  
Illinois, however, had the day off due to a strike  
or some other problem at the Bell and Howell Company.  
He stated he does not remember the date that he installed  
the phone but it was shortly after the death of Doctor  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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AHRENSFELD described HORN as a white male, blond reddish wavy hair, long pointed nose, 160 pounds, 5'8", 35 years old; however, he does not remember HORN having any scars or marks.

Mr. BERNARD P. TOKARZ, Director of Industrial Relations, Bell and Howell Company, 7100 McCormick Road, Chicago, Illinois, advised May 1, 1968, that HERBERT HORN, single, who resides at apartment 1H, 9015 Capital Drive, Des Plaines, has been employed with Bell and Howell Company since February 19, 1959, and is presently the senior plant engineer. He stated that HORN, white male, born [redacted] at Harvey, Illinois, has a fine reputation at the Bell and Howell Company and is presently serving on the Company's Profit Sharing Board.

TOKARZ stated that the Bell and Howell employees had Monday, April 8, 1968, off which was shortly after the death of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. due to a power failure at the company. He stated the Bell and Howell Company records reflected that HORN worked all day on April 4, 1968.

TOKARZ stated that although HORN has some physical characteristics similar to the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, HORN is definitely not identical to RAY.



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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA WILLIAM J. FLEMING, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE "STEAMBOAT" ?

DATE: 4/30/68

*ASAL*

On April 22, 1968 contact was made by the above agent with the National Maritime Union, 2335 East 100th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and it was determined that one JOHN R. FRAWLEY was retired by that union approximately two years ago and that the union does not maintain any records in regards to present addresses or past addresses. It was further determined at this time that FRAWLEY could possibly be receiving pension checks from the Great Lakes Welfare Plan and the offices regarding this program were located at 10845 West Warren Avenue, Post Office Box 4046, Northeastern Section, Dearborn, Michigan.

WILLIAM DONGAN was recontacted in regards to this matter and stated he could furnish no other information other than that which he furnished to DON SULLIVAN and that he could not be sure if the person he was referring to was actually the person known as ERIC STARVA GALT.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1114)

FROM : ASAC KYLE G. CLARK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/29/68

Supervisor DOBSON, St. Louis, telephonically advised that information had just been developed concerning one JACK GAWRON, age 70, who is considered to be the closest individual to the subject's family and is considered by the family to be a "step-father", and numerous members of the family call him Poppa Jack.

By way of background, GAWRON was arrested in Chicago and sent to the penitentiary in 1934. He was paroled in 1954 to a soldiers home in Quincy, Illinois, where he met LUCILLE RYAN (RAY). He lived in commonlaw with LUCILLE until 1956 when his parole was revoked and he was returned to prison. He escaped in 1958 and returned to the St. Louis area where he again established commonlaw relationship with LUCILLE RYAN. He advised that he is completely familiar with all of the family and all of the boys have visited or stayed with him from time to time. He stayed with LUCILLE until 1960 when she died. In addition, he visited subject JAMES while he was incarcerated in Menard and attempted to visit him while incarcerated in Jefferson City, however, was denied inasmuch as he was not included on the visitor's list.

In 1960, GAWRON was apprehended and returned to prison and released on parole in 1963. Since that time, he has established residence in the 1800 block of South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

He also advised that shortly after the subject's escape from Jefferson City, he made inquiry of JOHN RAY as to his location and why the subject had not visited him. He said that JOHN told him the subject was out of the state and would eventually visit GAWRON. He also advised that he spends practically all of his free time at John's Bar, where he has met JERRY and they have discussed burglary prospects.

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The question of the possibility of remuneration for information as to the subject's whereabouts was brought up and he was most receptive. This inquiry is being developed further.

Absolutely no mention of JACK GAWRON should be made when interviewing JERRY inasmuch as he has not furnished the identity of this individual to date.

SA THOMAS E. VORNBERGER called April 29, 1968, and advised the Joliet Penitentiary could not locate record of GAWRON; however, the Bureau of Identification in Joliet advised records reflect GAWRON at Joliet. Following description obtained from Bureau of Identification:

Name	JOHN GAWRON
Aliases	JOHN EUGENE GAWRON JOHN GAURON JACK MORLEY ED MILLER
Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	
POB	Illinois
Height	5'8" tall
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Hazel
Build	Medium
Complexion	Medium
FBI Number	134334
Arrests and Prison Record	Served at Illinois State Prisons, Joliet, Pontiac, and Menard; Last entry on rap sheet was November 16, 1967, custody of State Prison, Menard, Illinois, on a burglary charge - paroled April 11, 1963; prison file should be maintained at Menard, Illinois

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JAMES W. SWINFORD:

On April 29, 1968, Mr. MORT ROTHSTING, Attorney, Veterans Administration (VA), Chicago, Illinois, advised that although the rehabilitation and education folder for JAMES EARL RAY under Public Law 86-146 were destroyed, he located a microfilm record of payments received by RAY for training under the aforementioned law. He advised payments were received by RAY from May 2, 1949, to January 31, 1952, during which time VA checks were mailed to RAY at the following addresses:

B) 153 X  
61 East Cedar Street  
Chicago, Illinois

X  
B) 187  
2238 Dayton Street  
Chicago, Illinois

2025 North Sedgwick Street  
Chicago, Illinois

1429 Cherry  
Quincy, Illinois

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459 St. James Place  
Chicago, Illinois

He advised the identities of the institutions where training was received by RAY were not recorded and the above is the only information on file for RAY with the VA office in Chicago.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Chicago (44-1114)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : SA GIRARD M. ANNINO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

~~RE: JAMES C. O'CONNOR~~ JAMES C. O'CONNOR - '67 Ill. License LN 205

On 4/20/68 MR. and MRS. FRANCIS L. MC CANANT, 422 Larkdale Lane, Mt. Prospect, Illinois advised JAMES C. O'CONNOR previously resided at 424 Larkdale Lane. They advised the O'CONNOR family moved about one year ago to California and have since returned to Illinois and are now living in Arlington Heights. They stated O'CONNOR did not resemble in any way the subject of this case.

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SA RICHARD G. STILLING

MURKIN

On April 12, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD G. STILLING and SA JOSEPH M. BURKE at locations indicated:

Officer OSCAR CRAMER, Dixon Police Department, Dixon, Illinois, advised his records indicated GINGER L. NANCE, 314 South Galena, Dixon, Illinois, described as a white female, black hair, brown eyes, 5'7" tall, 185 pounds, stocky build, was arrested on November 18, 1965, for speeding, October 20, 1967, driving after license was suspended and improper mufflers.

On April 12, 1968, Chief Deputy Sheriff JOHN QUEST, Lee County Sheriff's Office, advised that GINGER CUNNINGHAM, also known as GINGER DAY and GINGER NANCE, described as a white female, born [redacted], Kankakee, Illinois, 5'7" tall, 220 pounds, heavy build, fair complexion, dark brown hair, brown eyes, 405 5th Avenue, Mendota, Illinois, was arrested on June 26, 1967, for deceptive practice charge under warrant #67CR217 and that she did 30 days in the Lee County Jail.

He further advised that GINGER CUNNINGHAM's relatives resided at the Shady Rest Trailer Court, East Mendota, Illinois, and that their last name is probably either YOHN or YAHN.

He is further in possession of information that prior to NANCE's arrest in Illinois in June, 1967, she had just returned from California. QUEST stated that possibly around April 1, 1967, NANCE went to California in a 1961 tan four-door Rambler sedan bearing 1967 Illinois license MT 1999.

He further advised that ANITA KATZWYNKEL who is a friend of NANCE at one time resided at 1103 Illinois Avenue, Mendota, Illinois.

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On April 12, 1968, W. J. MARNION, Owner, Kakusha Motel, Mendota, Illinois, advised his records reflect Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS FLIKEID, 1805 North Harvard, Hollywood, California, had registered at his motel on this date driving a Thunderbird bearing California registration WCT469 and that they had made plans to spend the week. The FLIKEIDs are presently residing at Cottage 10 and were visiting Mrs. FLIKEID's mother, PATRICIA HARRIS, 802 Main Street, Mendota, Illinois.

A review of the telephone directories from Mendota and telephone directories and police records of Dixon, Illinois, failed to reflect a listing for a ERIC S. GALT or KENNETH NANCE. CHARLES DAY reportedly residing at 326 Central Place, Dixon, Illinois, telephone 288-5377.

It was physically determined that the address of 314 South Galena was no longer in existence as a new gas station had been built at this address.

On April 12, 1968, the following 1968 Tennessee license tags were observed on a beige Mustang parked in the area of the employment for KENNETH C. NANCE, SR., and that this license was from Franklin County, Tennessee, IA 2273.

On April 13, 1968, it was determined that Mrs. JUANITA YOHNN resided at 722 North Jefferson Street, Dixon, Illinois.

It was determined Tennessee License IA 2273 was issued to a DONALD BEITSCH, Cowan, Tennessee, on a 1966 Ford two-door. No stolen report.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA ROBERT F. BARRY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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At 2:15 pm this date an anonymous call was received by the writer who stated that she has for the past several months attended Mr. Payne's Dance Studio, located at 147th and Page Avenue, Harvey, Illinois. She said that on two occasions, three to four weeks before the killing of Dr. King, she observed an individual at the studio who resembles JAMES RAY. She said she recalls this person because he was such a poor dancer. He was with another individual who was middle age and dark hair. She said she has not seen this person since the above indicated time.

The caller appeared to be a negro ~~female~~ female.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA RENE J. DUMAINE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/6/68

Re: Locksmithing Institutes

In view of the fact that the subject, under the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, corresponded with a locksmithing institute in Camden, New Jersey, beginning on 7/31/67 from Montreal, Canada, and possibly ending on 4/10/68 from an unknown address, efforts should be made to determine whether or not there are similar type institutes within the Chicago area and thereafter set out appropriate leads to have these institutes' records reviewed under the subject's true name and known aliases.

Assign: SA R. B. YADON

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44- )

DATE: 5/4/68

FROM : SA PHILIP R. TRACY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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On this date, ADELAIDE ASKEW appeared in the Chicago office and asked to view some photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that she is a student at the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, and on the evening of 5/3/68 she was returning to Chicago from Dubuque via Burlington's Silver Glade train. She advised that the train stopped at Rochelle, Ill. at about 10:07 pm and an individual whom she thinks to be JAMES EARL RAY boarded. He rode the train to Aurora, Ill. at which time he debarked. This was about 10:42 pm. *Robinson*

*Shenck*  
She stated that this man was approximately 5'9 to 5'10, on the slender side, with a long straight nose and a noticeably protruding left ear. In addition he had a small double chin and a protruding adams apple. He was wearing an olive green work cap pulled down over his face, a medium grey quilted work jacket, waist length, greenish-brown slacks, light grey socks, and brown lace work shoes. He had dark brown hair. His eyes were small and deep set.

She stated that this man was generally nervous and had a nervous twitch in his cheeks.

She advised that he sat in aisle 15, car # 4724 on the Silver Glade train.

She said that the man smoked one cigarette and after he debarked she attempted to retrieve it. She made available a cigarette stub but said that she was not certain whether this was the one he smoked.

ASKEW stated that her phone number at school is 582-9311. When she is not at school she resides with ANNIE ASKEW, 833 E. 49th, Chicago, Tel. LI8-4032.

She viewed photographs of RAY and said that she thought this was the man she saw on the train.

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*Lead*  
*Rochelle, Ill RR Station*  
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*Aurora, Ill RR Station*  
*to Robinson*  
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Attention Chief Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Building Chicago Ill

Dear Sir  
I feel I have some very  
valuable information for you if you  
will comply with my requests.

I will not give you any name  
on this letter. But if you will  
give you answer to radio WCFL  
between 9 p.m and 12 Midnight  
on May 2nd when they give the  
news, I do NOT want my name used  
in the NEWS or on the Radio. as I was  
told I would get my Head Blown off  
if I would give out any information  
to anyone, This party is well armed.

So NOT mention any name on the Radio  
I am a very sick man and as soon as  
I hear your reply I will phone you  
and tell you agents what to do and

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where I will meet them.

I have arthritis <sup>in my hands</sup> and a very Bad Heart condition plus a few more ailments. in fact I should be in the Hospital as I need Bed rest.

In closing may I say there is another WHITE car used in that get away and it is NOT a mustang as I have seen the car and when I phone your Office I will give you plenty of information. But I do not want your agents to talk to anyone around where I live and I would be very pleased to have you give your agents a letter stating that my name will not be used.

Tell WFL to use these words.

To O.F.B. YOUR request is granted.

And I will phone you.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1114)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA ROBERT K. BIRD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This evening, Mr. O. F. BASTAN, 13743 Leyden, no phone, telephonically advised he mailed a special delivery letter to the Chicago FBI regarding subject RAY. He related that on Tuesday following the crime, he was outside his home feeding the birds, when ~~XXX~~ this man, whom he now believes was RAY, came to his residence and asked to use his phone and was told the phone was disconnected and then he asked to use the bath and this was granted. He ~~stayed~~ stayed there some time and he gave RAY some food and coffee. After a couple hours, RAY indicated he needed some ~~an~~ money to get his car and he loaned him three dollars and one dime. As he left RAY used a phone booth at 138th and Leyden, where BASTAN called from tonight. After that he entered a car, which may have been a cab. At that time RAY wore a wig cut "GI" style, black with some gray, sideburns half way down his cheeks, had a goat-tee and wore brown plastic glasses. ~~After~~ After RAY used the bath and BASTAN went into the bath, he observed a ring that bore the letters "KKK". He wanted the three dollars to get his car repaired. The following day, as he returned from shopping,

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two cars drove up. One was a 1965-66 white pontiac. The ~~hood~~ hood of this car appeared to be newer ~~paint~~ paint. It bore 1968 Indiana license plates, number unknown, blue letters on white background. This car was red clay ~~is~~ splattered.

The pontiac was driven by a platinum blond and was being ~~being~~ pushed by RAY and a red headed woman in a 1958 or 1959 old chevrolet. He suspected the pontiac might have been taken to the pontiac place on S. Michigan Ave., near 108th street.

One of the women handed him a \$10.00 bill for the loan of three dollars and he told them ~~he~~ he did not have change and RAY said " keep it all and keep your mouth shut".

Mr. BASTAN stated he can be contacted at his home after 9:00 am and stated he does not want anyone to know he made this contact, especially his neighbors. He stated he is elder ~~and lives~~ (about 72) and lives alone.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA RENE J. DUMAINE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/7/68

Re: Cook and Bakery Unions X

JAMES EARL RAY attended Cook and Bakery School while in prison and has worked at this employment while in the outside. Investigation in Chicago has developed the below listed locals from which subject would have to obtain clearance for employment:

Local #13  
4044 West 26th St.  
CR 7-2375  
Mr. ZALESKI

SA SHRYOCK

Bakery Local #1  
2719 North Wilton St.  
EA 7-4300  
Mr. CARBANARA

SA WALTERS

Bakery Local #49  
1239 North Wood St.  
HU 6-5724  
Mr. PALKA

SA HENDERSON

Local #300  
4376 Archer Ave.  
VI 7-2320  
Mr. JOSEPH PRIETO

SA BRANNIGAN

Bakery Union #1  
3153 West Lawrence Ae.  
IR 8-9660  
Mr. S. DROLL

SA HEBENSTREIT

The agents listed are requested to contact the above locals to determine any possibility of present employment and leave a copy of the IO's attached with the request that the office be immediately notified, if subject should attempt employment.  
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RE: WESTERN UNION CONTACTS,  
APRIL 23, 1968

The following Western Union employees (protect identity) were contacted by SA CLARK A. HULL on April 23, 1968, pertaining to the Western Union telegram addressed to and delivered to JERRY RAY, P. O. Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois:

Mr. L. G. THELANER, Night Supervisor, Western Union Telegraph Company, 427 South LaSalle Street, Chicago.

Mr. IKE HEDDEN, Regional Administrative Manager, Western Union Telegraph Company, 427 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (441114)

FROM : SA RENE J. DUMAINE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/8/68

Re: BRENDA S. COLLIER  
2539 North Spaulding Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

At 10:50 AM, 5/8/68, Patrolman RICHARD J. SPECK, Lemont, Illinois Police Department, home phone 257-2765, advised that he had arrested captioned individual 5/7/68 on bad check charges. He said that during the time she was in the police station, she displayed an unusual amount of interest in the bulletin concerning JAMES EARL RAY and made several unrecalled comments about him.

SPECK advised that her step-father operates "The Ranch" in county territory outside of Lemont, which has considerable police activity. He described BRENDA as a white female, about 19 or 20 years old, who is continually involved with men in illicit activities. He is of the opinion that she is "hustling" from her residence in Chicago.

## LEAD

Interview BRENDA COLLIER for any information she might have concerning the subject.

ASSIGN: SA SHRYOCK

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO

FROM : SA PHILIP R. WANERUS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/8/68

At 10:30 AM today a female, who refused to identify herself, telephonically advised that at 8:50 AM today she observed a man resembling JAMES EARL RAY driving a car on Lawrence Avenue, proceeding toward Pulaski. She described the car as a black, late model Ford Station Wagon, luggage rack, Illinois license #557-137. The caller advised that this man was wearing glasses but that she could not recall anything in regard to his clothing and had no other details to furnish.

*Lead*  
*Identify owner of*  
*68 Ill license 557-137*  
*and eliminate*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (441114)

FROM : SA RENE J. DUMAINE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/8/68

Re: News Media

In accordance with instructions set forth in Bureau teletype dated 5/7/68 relating to the furnishing of the two new photographs of the subject to the various news media in each Division, this is to record that all newspapers, Chicago Division, were contacted and advised of the existence of the photographs.

Photographs were also given to the following television stations:

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA ALTON E. BRAMBLETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

KELSIE DUNCAN, 4640 South Indiana, Chicago, telephonically advised this date at 7:03PM, telephone number 548-5367 or 548-5560, that he is a private investigator. He stated that the owner of Jerry's Food Mart, 115 East 47th Street, whose name is Jerry (last name not known) advised him that a man that he is sure is RAY, who has been accused of murdering MARTIN LUTHER KING, came into his store last Saturday and bought 5 or 6 packages of cigarettes and other items. JERRY also told him that this man has come into the store two or three times since and purchased many items of food.

DUNCAN advised that this is a Negro neighborhood and there are very few white people that come into JERRY's store that he does not know. ~~This man that~~ JERRY is quite sure ~~xx~~ ~~RAY is~~ this man is RAY and also that he is new to the neighborhood.

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*LEAD*  
*Contact*  
*Jerry LNU*  
*115 E 47th St*  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA JOSEPH M. BURKE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/9/68

RE: CHECK OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Investigation conducted by SA ROBERT F. BARRY determined that the La Salle State Bank, La Salle, Illinois, had one account for a JOHN WILLARD. This individual was a high school teacher and had been in the area for a long time.

Investigation by SA JEREMIAH J. HURLEY determined that the Southwest Bank, 7601 South Cicero, Chicago, Illinois, had an account for JOHN or DONNA WILLARD, 8861 Hillside Drive, Hickory Hills.

Investigation by SA LOUIS S. CRAIG determined that the Home State Bank, Crystal Lake, Illinois, had an account for ARTHUR GAULT. GAULT is 48-50 years old, resides near Greenwood, Illinois, on a farm and operates a small airport in the vicinity of Crystal Lake. He has been known to the bank for four years and has an excellent reputation.

SA RONALD A. FRIES determined the Chicago Heights National Bank, Chicago Heights, Illinois, has an account for OLIVER GAULT, 175 Thornwood Grove, Lemont, Illinois.

Investigation by SA RAYMOND F. BABB determined that the First National Bank of Skokie, Skokie, Illinois, has an account for JOHN W. WILLARD, SR., his wife LUCILLE, and his son, JOHN WILLIAM WILLARD, JR., all of 5224 Davis Avenue, Skokie, Illinois. Mr. WILLARD's account has been open for approximately 15 years.

Investigation by SA EDWARD J. NEHLS determined that the Mc Henry State Bank, Mc Henry, Illinois, had an account for JOHN J. WILLARD or ALMA WILLARD which was opened in 1956 and closed in 1960.

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Investigation by SA DONALD M. MARTIN determined that the Melrose Park National Bank, Melrose Park, Illinois, had an account in the name of JOHN WILLARD, 1901 Rice, Apartment 8, Melrose Park, Illinois. This account was opened in 1961.

On April 12, 1968, Mr. HOWARD TIMMONS, Assistant Vice President, First National Bank of Byron, Byron, Illinois, advised SA JOSEPH S. REICHART that approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 years ago a JOHN F. WILLARD and his mother E. LOUISE WILLARD had a joint checking account with the bank. He said the account was closed about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 years ago and he estimates that it was opened only a short time. He said that the address on the account record is Rural Route #2, Oregon, Illinois. He estimated that WILLARD was in his early 20's. He does not know his present whereabouts and he advised that about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years ago REX WALTERS, who is connected with a collection agency, possibly the credit bureau in Oregon, Illinois, made an inquiry re WILLARD.

Investigation at the Harris Trust and Savings Bank, 115 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, determined they have an account of JOHN W. WILLARD and a JOHN K. WILLARD. The Harris Trust and Savings would not give further information without a subpoena.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA ROBERT LEE ALEXANDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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On 4/10/68 I contacted Mr. WILLIAM E. TRUDE, Senior Vice-President, Belmont-Central Savings and Loan Association, 5455 West Belmont Avenue, Chicago, telephone PE 6-3000, regarding all bank records pertaining to ERIC STAPVO GALT and his known aliases. Mr. TRUDE called back later and stated that his association ~~had~~ has had a savings account in the names JOHN and BERNICE WILLARD, 6004 West Eddy Street, Chicago. He volunteered that this account has been open for a number of years and that his impression is that this WILLARD is an elderly individual.

Mr. TRUDE stated that he was willing to furnish the above information, but that any additional information in possession of this institution would have to be made under service of subpoena duces tecum.

*No further action  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA FOREST LEE ALEXANDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/10/68

In response to my request that records of the Bell Savings & Loan Association, 79 W. Monroe St., Chicago, be checked for any record of ERIC STARVO GALT, Aka., Mr. POLAND J. BARSTOW, Vice President, telephonically advised the writer 4/10/68 that the only name in records was that of JOHN W. WILLARD, born [redacted], wife LOIS M. WILLARD, who had a savings account opened 6/5/59 and closed 2/1/65. At the time this account was opened the address was 3122 Bellwood Lane, Glenview, Illinois. When the account was closed the address was 1422 Sedgewick, Apartment 3L, Chicago.

Mr. BARSTOW stated that he could cooperate with the FBI by furnishing the above information, but any information relating to the activity of this account can only be produced following service of a subpoena duces tecum.

*No further action in view of info of Ray*  
*JB*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA ALTON E. BRAMBLETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 9:26PM, this date, a woman who refused to identify herself advised that she worked for a Company, which she also refused to identify, advised that she had mailed a bill to a JAMES EARL RAY at RR 2, New Paris, Ohio. She was asked what this bill was for and after some thought she said it was for gasoline. She was asked if this was a credit card purchase and she said yes. She would only give her initials which are RMBPF. She added that this bill was mailed this month.

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

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

L.F. Daly

John (Alexa)

Subject's name and aliases <b>MURKIN</b>		Address of subject		Character of case <b>Ray</b>	
Complainant <b>MRS. MARY COFFEY</b>		Complainant's address and telephone number <b>307 N. 2nd Ave, Maywood, Ill. 343-5740</b>		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <b>5/9/68</b> Time <b>12:25 PM</b>	
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion
	Scars, marks or other data				
Facts of complaint <p>Complainant furnished the following information: About 1 hour ago this date she purchased some sod from <u>Doleblatt's Dept. Store, Garden Section, Hillside Shopping Center Hillside, Ill.</u>, which is located just off the Eisenhower Expressway. The person who loaded the sod from a semi-trailer into her car has a very close facial resemblance to James Earl Ray whose photograph she has seen in the newspapers and on TV. He was age 35-40, had black curly, wavy hair, a pock marked face, and was wearing a blue striped shirt and baggy blue jeans. Another employee referred to him as "Loud Mouth."</p> <p><b>LEAD</b> <b>LOOK ALIKE BLATT'S STORE</b> <b>GOLD HILLSIDE, ILL</b></p>					
Action Recommended <p><b>Douglas W. Hibbe</b> (Agent)</p>					

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA ROBERT P. BRANNIGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re NY tel to Bu et al 4/25/68

On 4/30/68 MRS ROSETTA DALIN, 1526 East 66th Place advised that she has resided at this address for the past 10 years. She stated that she had been acquainted with one ROBERT G. RAY, who had resided at this address during the better part of 1967, but who had moved, address unknown. She stated that ROBERT G. RAY was a negro male in his middle 40's.

On 4/30/68 MRS ELIZABETH RAY, 3547 South Federal St., advised that she has resided at the above address for the past 25 years. She stated that her husband's name was RAYMOND RAY, who died one year ago. She stated that she and her husband are Negroes, and her husband was approximately 73 years of age at the time of his demise. She added she was positive she and her husband were the only RAY'S residing at the above address for the past 10 years. She added all the other occupants of the building were Negro.

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# Memorandum

TO : SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA R. B. YADON JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mrs. ANN MC GOVERN, Prentice-Hall, Inc., advised that this company did publish a book on locksmithing, but that the records of its sale would be kept at the companies offices in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, telephone AC 201, WI 7-1000. Generally, this company sells to schools and bookstores, but they will fill individual orders by mail if they are received.

Mr. ANTHONY C. HIBBS, Nelson Fall Publishers, 325 West Jackson, advised that his firm did publish the book "Modern Locksmithing" which they sold to the Locksmithing Institute, % Technical Home Study School, Little Falls, N. J. 07424.

He also advised that they sold this book to purchasers who saw their advertisements in the Popular Mechanics magazine. He then made their records available for the period of 1/1/67 to date. These were reviewed for the name of the subject and known aliases with negative results.

## LEADS:

### NEWARK:

AT ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, N. J.:

Will check records of Prentice-Hall for any indication that RAY ever ordered any book on Locksmithing.

AT LITTLE FALLS, N. J.:

Will check records of the Locksmithing Institute, Technical Home Study School for any indication that RAY ever ordered any material from this concern.

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# Memorandum

TO : SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA R. B. YADON JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA R. B. YADON JR. on 5/8/68:

Mr. DEAN CARPENTER, owner of the Hoffman Locksmith Supply Company, 6245 North Western, Chicago, Illinois advised that a search of the records of his company failed to reflect that ERIC STARVO GALT aka JAMES EARL RAY had ever made any purchases of lock supplies from his concern. A search of the known aliases of RAY was also negative.

Mr. CARPENTER was queried concerning the existence of any locksmith schools in the Chicago area and advised that he knew of no such schools in Chicago. He suggested that the two most advertised schools were as follows:

Belsaw , 1082 Field Bldg.  
Kansas City, Mo.

Locksmithing Institute,  
% Technical Home Study School  
Little Falls, N. J. 07424

He also advised that Nelson Hall Company, 325 West Jackson, Chicago, Illinois also advertises courses in locksmithing.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA THOMAS H. NOONAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/10/68

At 9:15 a.m. this date, SA THOMAS H. NOONAN received a phone call from Mr. JOSEPH W. GAFFNEY, father of JOSEPH J. GAFFNEY who was previously interviewed by SA THOMAS H. NOONAN and SA PAUL M. RUSH.

Mr. GAFFNEY stated that he and his wife were very upset and that he wanted to make these couple inquiries before he talked with his son's counselor at the Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois.

Mr. GAFFNEY said that his son now wants to quit school because he feels he has been embarrassed and that there is a cloud over him since FBI Agents talked to his teachers. Mr. GAFFNEY was reminded that questions are asked many persons each day and that such has not resulted in embarrassment to other individuals.

Mr. GAFFNEY inquired as to the identity of PAUL RUSH which was furnished to him and inquired whether the identity of the Agents was disclosed at the time the teachers were interviewed.

Mr. GAFFNEY was advised that, of course, the identity of the Agents was made known to each individual teacher and that credentials were exhibited. Mr. GAFFNEY repeated that he and his wife were very upset and that he intended to make inquiry at the school regarding his son's attendance. The writer advised Mr. GAFFNEY that he can certainly understand why a father would be upset when he learns after paying college tuition and the son going off to school each day that he was not actually attending classes.

Mr. GAFFNEY was reminded that the son did not want to go to college and that it would be unreasonable to attempt to allege embarrassment or to use such interviews as an excuse to quit school.

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Mr. GAFFNEY inquired whether there were any further developments regarding his son and he was advised that if it became necessary, he would be recontacted.

Mr. GAFFNEY pointed out at the conclusion that he wanted to speak with the writer for the purpose of knowing how to handle himself when he talks with the school counselor. He thanked the writer cordially and concluded by saying he hoped he could be as diplomatic with his interviews with the school officials as the writer has been with him.

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RE: COOKING SCHOOLS

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH M. BURKE. On April 17, 1968, JOHN SNOWDEN, chef and operator of the Pere Dumas School of French Cooking, 539 West North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised his school has been in operation since 1965. He reviewed his attendance records for that period and was unable to find a record for any student named GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD G. STILLING on April 17, 1968. LO CRAVEN, owner of the Cooking and Catering School, 127 North Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, checked the records of her school for anyone who attended and used the name of GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD and advised she could locate no record identifiable with any of these names.

LEO BALLERINI, Secretary of Local 88, Cook and Pastry Cook's Union, checked the records of his union which go back to 1939, and he was unable to locate any record identifiable with anyone named GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-1114

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA DANIEL R. HUNTINGTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 25, 1968, the following airlines were furnished copies of wanted flyers realting to JAMES EARL RAY:

Northwest	John Ahlquist
American	Henry Hirschenberger
TWA	Bernard Boyle
North Central	Ron Rickey
Lake Central	Harry Portz
Pan American	<del>MAXX DUKKAY</del> Ed Lockwood
BOAC	Mrs Lois Swan
SAS	Kurt Oberholzer
Swissair	Fred Burns
Alitalia	D. Thsohas
Irish Air Lines	Tony Ryan
Mexicana	Ezequiel Rodreguez
Delta Air Lines	Lou Myers

The wanted flyers also furnished O'Hare Pd detachment, INS and US PUBLIC Health.

All advised they would post in prominent spot and advise on any suspicious or look alike.

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA JOHN W. MORAN

SUBJECT: MIRKIN

At Chicago-O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois

On 4/25/68 the following persons were contacted by SA JOHN W. MORAN and were furnished wanted flyers of JAMES EARL RAY which they agreed to place in places conspicuous to their employees:

MEL DORSEY, Supervisor, Braniff International Airlines

LAYTON DIX, Terminal Manager, Continental Airlines

ROY KAUFMANN, Supervisor, Eastern Air Lines

RICHARD CHILDS, Investigator, United Air Lines

DAN CUSHING, Supervisor, Air France

MARIA NEITZEL, Supervisor, Lufthansa German Airlines

DON SOPH, Station Manager, Ozark Air Lines



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Miss SHERRY WINSLETT advised she resides at 10146 Hartford Court, Schiller Park, Illinois, telephone 678-4773. She advised she is employed as an airline stewardess for Delta Airlines. On April 5, 1968, she was a stewardess on Delta Flight 649, which originates at Atlanta and then goes to Augusta and to Savannah. During the flight from Atlanta to Augusta, luncheon is served on the plane and she and one of the stewardesses have to serve all the passengers on the plane in 35 minutes. The flight from Augusta to Savannah takes less than 30 minutes. She does not recall any individuals on this flight and specifically does not recall any individual described as a white male, age 28 to 32, weight 160 pounds, pale skin, hooked nose, hair thin on sides, thin on top, wearing a black half turtle-neck jersey shirt and black trench coat. Miss WINSLETT stated that there was another stewardess on this flight the name of whom she cannot recall who was stationed in Atlanta.

She stated that should she recall any information regarding the above individual, she would notify the FBI in Chicago.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) P

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA LEROY D. FEDERLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Memo to SAC, Chicago, by SA LAURENCE SCHENCK, JR., 5/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA LEROY D.

FEDERLE:

AT CARPENTERSVILLE, ILLINOIS:

On 5/8/68, MRS. LINDA RICKERT, 986 Berkeley, Carpentersville, Illinois, advised that she has been divorced from her husband, JAMES RICKERT, for approximately 3 months. Since her divorce ~~from~~ she has been fired from 3 different employments due to scenes that were created by her former husband. Her ex-husband has received mental care in the past and is not currently employed, nor does he support her son as was agreed in the divorce proceedings. She further advised that since her divorce that she has not dated any man, and that her husband's complaint was just another way of him harassing her. In the past he has called her home on numerous occasions at all hours of the night, and on one occasion, he stole her son, but <sup>he</sup> was later returned to her.

She ~~advised that~~ was well aware of the man that allegedly shot MARTIN LUTHER KING from seeing his pictures on the tv and in the paper. She does not know anyone who looks like or goes under the name JAMES EARL RAY.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA JOSEPH M. BURKE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/9/68

On April 26, 1968, Sergeant RONALD SIECZKOWSKI, Area 1 Robbery Detail, telephonically advised on the PAX telephone that he had received a call from HATTIE ANDERSON, 3605 South Ellis, telephone number 548-4827. Mrs. ANDERSON stated she is a maid at the Belair Hotel, 424 West Diversey Parkway. She advised an individual who is staying in Room 709 in that hotel bears a strong resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH M. BURKE, SA ROBERT J. BATES and SA ROBERT P. BRANNIGAN on April 26, 1968:

JOHN AGNEW, Manager, Belair Hotel, 424 West Diversey Parkway, advised Room 709 is rented by a GREGORY PATTERSON of New York, New York. PATTERSON has been in the room for approximately three or four days, has been with a woman who he indicated was his wife, and he has been driving a two-tone brown station wagon, license number unknown. AGNEW was shown photographs of the following individuals: RICHARD EDWARD BLASSICK, ROBERT SIEGAL, JAMES EARL RAY, WILLIAM GEORGE PATTEN, THOMAS FORNERELLI and HAROLD R. DUBUQUE. AGNEW advised the individuals staying in Room 709 did not resemble any of the persons whose pictures he observed.

Investigation at Room 709 of the Belair Hotel, 424 West Diversey Parkway, determined the room was occupied by a white male, who identified himself as JOHN G. PATSOUREAS. PATSOUREAS had in his possession an Illinois drivers license in his name. This drivers license was numbered P326-4602-6208. He indicated he resided at 3509 North Marshfield, Chicago. This is his mother's residence. He stated he is a part owner of the S and S Home and Commercial Improvement Company, 3227 North Harlem Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. PATSOUREAS pro-

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duced check stubs from this S and S Improvement Company. PATSOUREAS advised he has been staying in Room 709 for the past few days with his ex-wife. He stated he does not believe his family knows his whereabouts and he used an alias to register in the room so no one would be able to find him.

He advised he has served time in the Lewisburg Penitentiary for mail fraud. He stated he was conditionally released in 1964, and was not and is not presently on parole.

PATSOUREAS produced two traffic tickets number X1-021-583 and 584. These tickets were issued on March 30, 1968, at 12:59 p.m. to him while he was driving a Ford bearing 1968 Illinois license GA 7093. The first ticket was issued for doing 37 in a 25 mph. zone; the second ticket was issued for driving on an expired license.

The following description of PATSOUREAS was obtained from observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Height	5'11" tall
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Home Telephone #	BI 8-9083
Work Phone #	545-1972
Scars and Marks	Face pock-marked

It is noted PATSOUREAS does not resemble JAMES EARL RAY.

SA JOSEPH M. BURKE recontacted the Area 1 Robbery Detail and advised them of the identity of the party in Room 709 of the Belair Hotel.