

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1114)

FROM : ASAC KYLE G. CLARK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/27/68

On 5/24/68, Officer DESANNO, O'Hare Field, Chicago Police Department, telephonically advised that he had received information from Hertz Rent-A-Car, Chicago, that a Miss DUFFY, Hertz Rent-A-Car, Rockford, Illinois airport, rented a Mustang color green, bearing 1968 license HC 8409 and Hertz No. 31060, to an individual identifying himself as MIKE SKOFF, on 5/23/68. SKOFF reportedly stated his plane had been grounded and he needed to report to his place of employment, the Palwaukee Airport, Glenview, employer CHARLES PRIESTER, residence 2748 Covert Road, Glenview.

Inquiry by SA WALKER determined that one MIKE SKAFF is the son of news broadcaster VINCE LLOYD and part owner of the Palwaukee Airport. It was also determined that MIKE SKAFF was employed as claimed.

Inquiry was made into this matter inasmuch as Miss DUFFY advised on 5/24/68 that she received a wanted flyer of JAMES EARL RAY and she was certain that MIKE SKAFF and RAY were one and the same. In view of the above, no further investigation.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA THOMAS W. PARRISH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On May 9, 1968, TOM NEUCOMB, Manager, Enco Service Station, Torrence and Pulaski, Calumet City, furnished information that ROBERT CAREY on April 29, 1968, driving a 1960 Ford Pickup, past a fraudulent check. He used Enco credit card belonging to ARTHUR G. NIX. The check was drawn on a bank in Huntsville, Texas. He stayed at the Crown Motel, Calumet City. NEUCOMB understood that he had skipped without paying his bill. He advised that in a conversation with the manager of the Crown Motel they agreed that CAREY looked very similar to the subject RAY. CAROL JONES advised that CAREY had Texas license [REDACTED] and reiterated that he appeared very similar to subject RAY.

On May 9, 1968, teletype was sent to Houston and San Antonio and CAREY was subsequently eliminated.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
ATT: SA R. DUMAINE

DATE: MAY 27, 1968

FROM : SA ROBERT P. BRANNIGAN

SUBJECT: C MURKIN

Re KC TEL to bu 5/22/68

On 5/24/67 MRS R. PULLIA, 5447 W. Chicago Ave. advised that she had been residing at this address for the past 3 years. She stated that there are no residents in this building who have been there longer than she has.

PULLIA stated that the building is presently owned by a MR. GRANDINETTI who took it over from the PILGRIM REALTY COMPANY in December of 1967.

On 5/24/67 MRS E.H. MELONE, saleswoman, PILGRIM REALTY CO., 5637 W. Lake St. advised a search of her records re past tenants at 5447 W. Chicago Ave. failed to reflect anyone by the name of MRS. IRENE COLLINS ever having lived at this address. She added that a check with other members of the firm re COLLINS was negative.

She stated her Company managed this building from July 1, 1963 to October 31, 1967.

It is noted that in interview with MRS. PULLIA, supra, she stated she never knew anyone by the name of IRENE COLLINS ever having lived at the above mentioned address.

LEADS: CHICAGO DIVISION

1/ Will conduct credit and criminal re IRENE COLLINS.

Note: Credit and criminal checks have been submitted by this writer and results will be forwarded to SA DUMAINE.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. SHERIDAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN J. SHERIDAN at Rochelle, Illinois, on 5/6/68:

Chief of Police FRANK DANEKAS and Captain HAROLD GRAY, Rochelle Police Department, were shown the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and they both stated they know of no one in Rochelle, Illinois, area resembling the subject.

ROBERT DOWD, Station Agent, CB&Q Railroad, Rochelle, Illinois, advised that he was on duty the night of May 3, 1968, and he recalls no one resembling a photograph of the subject traveling on any train going through Rochelle. His records shows that for the night of May 3, 1968, the Burlington Silver Glade left Rochelle at 10:07 p.m. and he sold three tickets on that train. One was an adult fare to Chicago, and he also sold two half fares to Aurora. He stated the half fares would have been to children under 12 years of age. He could not specifically recall to whom he sold the adult ticket to Chicago, but stated that definitely the person did not resemble the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that no names are taken when a person purchases a ticket on the train unless they apply for advance reservations beyond Chicago.

Mr. JERRY EWALT, and GEORGE VRANA, Station Agents CB&Q Railroad, Rochelle, Illinois, were shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and neither of them could identify the photograph of any individual they ever saw around the railroad station at Rochelle, Illinois.

A recheck was made of the records of the Rochelle Credit Bureau and Mr. J. C. MARSHALL, Owner, advised that he has no records on JAMES EARL RAY under his true name or any known alias nor could he identify the photograph of anyone he had ever seen in the past.

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Mr. JACK CALLAGHAN, Personnel Manager, California Banking Company, advised that he reviewed his records for all present and past employees for JAMES EARL RAY and all known aliases, and was unable to locate any records on him. Photographs of RAY were exhibited to Mr. CALLAGHAN as well as all other employees in the Personnel Office and no identification was made.

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Mr. DOWD stated he could not identify any of the employees on the train and that that information could be obtained from the Burlington Railroad, in Chicago.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (B)144-1114-199)

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA ROBERT C. ROBINSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo SA PHILLIP R. TRACY, JR. dated 5/4/68

On 5/6/68 MR. C.E. ALLEN, Conductor on the Burlington Silver Glade Train on 5/3/68, home address 858 Foran Street, Aurora, viewed several photographs of white males including a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. ALLEN advised that he recalled the individual on the train referred to and that it was definitely not JAMES EARL RAY.

After numerous attempts O.A. WESTLUND, Brakeman on the Burlington Silver Glade on 5/3/68 was contacted at his home at 581 South Lincoln St., Aurora, Illinois. WESTLUND stated ALLEN had mentioned the above individual to him but he did not even recall seeing the man. He was unable to identify a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO : SAC (44-1114)

DATE: May 28, 1968

FROM : SA EARNIE L. WALDRUP

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka., Fugitive
Murkin

(PROTECT)

On this date, Mrs. VIVIAN PLATT, 1805 Clavey Rd., Highland Park, Illinois (Phone 831-4358) telephonically advised that she is a Dietitian at CONDELL HOSPITAL, Libertyville, Ill. She advised that she has a xerox copy of the application of an individual whom she feels is possibly identical with the subject.

Mrs. PLATT furnished the following information from the copy of the application:

Name	ERIC R. HELFRICH or HELFRITCL
Address	1325 Manville Rd., Lake Villa, ILL.
Phone	356-8640
Parents	Mr. and Mrs. ERIC H. HELFRICH or HELFRITCL, above address.
SSN	[REDACTED]
DOB	[REDACTED], (place not indicated)
Hgt.	Not indicated (estimated 6'0")
Wgt.	" " (estimated 200#)
Hair	Dark Brown
Build	Athletic
Fmr. Empl.	Hickory XX Knoll Golf Course (as Green's Keeper until 7/66) Peace Corps (7/66 in E. Africa until 4/67) Drafted XXXXXXXXXXXX (as reason for leaving Peace Corps) Hickory Knoll Golf Course (4/67 - 11/67) Alpine Lodge, Bx. 716, Aspen, Colo. (Waiter and kitchen help 1/68 - 4/68)
References	GEORGE MILLER, Rt. #1, Bx. 60, Grayslake, Ill. (Retired Plant Mgr.) JOHN HUMPHRIES, Rt. #2, Box 84819, Lake Villa, Ill. (Retired Carpenter) FRANK McLOLAINE, 3812 Lake St., Wilmette, Ill. (Lawyer)

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Mrs. PLATT advised that HELFRITCH applied for employment at Condell Hospital on 4/11/68 and was employed 4/15/68 as a kitchen helper. He is presently employed in this capacity and has indicated he plans to terminate his employment in approximately ten (10) days, supposedly to go to school. She advised that he indicated to her that he had been in service (Military), however, this has not been checked, nor has any of his references been checked. She further advised that HELFRITCH indicated to her that he has, in the past, taken correspondence courses and has taken courses in photography. She stated that although he lists his DOB as [REDACTED], it is her opinion that he is considerably older than this. She indicated that she has seen photos of subject XXXXX (RAY) and that HELFRITCH closely resembles the photos, although she could not recall particular points of similarity.

Mrs. PLATT stated that any contact with her should be made at her home and Agents contacting her should telephone her prior to appearing at the home. She explained that her husband ~~is~~ is in service and she is extremely cautious about anyone who comes to her house without prior telephonic contact. She will cooperate in every way possible, but she does not want to be exposed as the source of this information and does not want to be contacted at her employment, because of possible embarrassment.

ADDENDUM, May 29, 1968

SA RENE J. DUMAINE

Review of captioned file revealed that in checking country clubs, a Mr. ERIC HELFRICH, Hickory Knoll Golf Course, Lake Villa, Illinois, was contacted. Mrs. HELFRICH was telephonically contacted above date and upon asking to speak to ERIC HELFRICH, she advised whether the Agent desired to talk to Junior or Senior. She then informed that her son, ERIC, was presently employed at Condell Hospital, Libertyville, Illinois, and that his birthdate is [REDACTED]. The foregoing eliminates HELFRICH as subject.

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TO : SAC, Chicago (44-1114)

DATE: 5/29/68

FROM : SA Jon W. Housley

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SA ALTON E. BRAMBLETT dated 5/8/68

On 5/13/68 Jerome Friedman owner of Jerry's Food Market 115 E. 47th Street Chicago, Ill. was contacted regarding his statements that a man who strongly resembles JAMES EARL RAY has been making food purchases in his store.

Friedman stated that the man he suspects has been coming into his store for about a week and that he lives somewhere in the neighborhood. Friedman described him as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'6 or 5'7"
Weight	130 lbs
Hair	Dark brown or Black
Peculiarities	Mustache
Speech	Slight Southern Drawl

Jerry's
Friedman viewed several Photographs of Ray and chose a 1960 photograph, after hair and mustache were shaded in by pencil as that most resembling the man frequenting his store. On subsequent interviews Friedman advised that the suspect was living with a Negro female in a common law relationship but his address was still unknown. An attempt to locate suspect through a neighborhood investigation was negative.

On 5/28/68 Friedman was recontacted and stated that suspect was living at 4705 S. Michigan. Subsequent investigation at that address revealed that a white man was living with a negro female on the third floor and that he fit the general description previously given. This individual was subsequently contacted and although he vaguely resembled the 1960 photograph of Ray with hair and mustache added, it was obvious that he was not Ray. A comparison of fingerprints was also made with negative results.

The suspect identified himself as follows:

Name	Paul Lowery Woodring
Race	White
DOB	
POB	Boxville



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Height
Weight
Mother

5'5"
145

Hallie Woodring
Morgan Field, Kentucky
Route one

In view of the above no further investigation is being
conducted re this lead.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/29/68

FROM : SA DAVID R. STRUCK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

By teletype dated 5/17/68, serials 504, 514, and 515, the Springfield Division advised ANDREW WILSON DE CORE is reportedly an associate of JAMES EARL RAY. This teletype set forth numerous leads to contact relatives of DE CORE in order to facilitate his interview.

On 5/20/68, Mrs. THERESA PELLEGRINO, 502 East Memorial, Bensonville, Illinois, advised her mother is NANCY COSENTINO, who resides at 502 East Memorial. It is noted COSENTINO is the sister of DE CORE. PELLEGRINO advised she and her mother have not seen DE CORE since before Christmas, 1967, and have no idea as to where he may be living. She advised she cannot recall DE CORE ever having mentioned the name JAMES EARL RAY. She advised should DE CORE contact them she would have him immediately contact the FBI.

On 3/20/68, Mrs. MARTHA BUTTITTO, 9241 North Maple Court, Morton Grove, Illinois, advised DE CORE is her brother. She stated DE CORE contacts her with regularity, yet she has no idea as to where he may be living. She advised the next time DE CORE contacts her she would immediately have him contact the FBI.

On 5/21/68, Mrs. BUTTITTO telephonically contacted the writer at which time she advised her brother would be at her residence at approximately 5 PM, 5/21/68 and would be available for interview.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/30/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III. (Springfield Division)
(Via Telephone Call)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This information furnished
at 9:14 a.m., May 30, 1968
to SA Clark A. Hall.

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Director (no copy for Chicago) dated 5/30/68. Springfield teletype to Los Angeles dated 5/29/68, captioned "FRANCES E. RAY."

On May 28, 1968, female using name FRANCES E. RAY, address 6149 Rugby, Huntington Park, California, telephonically contacted Los Angeles FBI and Quincy, Illinois Police Department concerning the whereabouts of JERRY RAY.

FRANCES E. RAY, who claims is a second cousin to JAMES EARL RAY, interviewed by the Los Angeles Division on May 30, 1968, and stated she is related to JAMES EARL RAY, but disclaimed any knowledge of his whereabouts or activities or that she has ever met him.

FRANCES E. RAY is a self-professed alcoholic and advised that telephonic contact was made with the FBI, Los Angeles and Quincy, Illinois Police Department, because she felt very depressed for the subject RAY.

FRANCES E. RAY advised she is divorced and has resided in Los Angeles since 1933 and is presently receiving public assistance from Los Angeles County.

NORMA JEAN DOUGLAS, 6319 Rugby, Huntington Park, California, daughter of FRANCES E. RAY, was interviewed by the Los Angeles Division on May 30, 1968, and disclaimed any knowledge of RAY's whereabouts or activities and advised FRANCES E. RAY is a chronic alcoholic and prone to make frequent prank telephone calls.

The following lead was set forth in the May 30, 1968, Los Angeles teletype for Springfield Division and is being reset for the Chicago Division:

Springfield (Chicago) through JERRY RAY, ascertain how well known a relative FRANCES E. RAY of Huntington Park, California might be.

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TO : SAC, (44-1114)

DATE: 6/1/68

FROM : SA BRUCE E. KNIPP

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 6/1/68, Officer Hank Savoy, Countryside PD, advised that a young woman was in the station the previous evening and had identified a picture of JAMES EARL RAY as an individual who had been employed at the 4 E's restaurant 5900 S. LaGrange Rd, Countryside, Illinois for approximately 2 months. Savoy was unable to furnish how long this individual reported as RAY had been gone from the restaurant.

Savoy identified this woman only as JoAnn(LNU) who is a waitress at this same ~~resaur~~ restaurant.

Savoy stated that he could be contacted at 352-2171.

Officer Savoy recontacted officer at 5:55 PM 6/1/68 and advised that the waitress name is JOAN BARTON 18 yrs old W/F and her boyfriend's name is Robert Sellers. Officer Savoy stated the name of the restaurant is FOREE'S that the owners (MR. & MRS FOREE) and their son Donald are very reliable people and would cooperate in any manner possible.

SA GLENN G. PARKER

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/29/68

FROM : SA CARL H. DONNELLY

SUBJECT: WILLIAM PIERSON
INFO CONCERNING

On 5/29/68 WINSTON MOORE, Superintendent, Cook County Jail, telephonically contacted SA DONNELLY in regard to a letter which he had received from an inmate on Tier B-3. MOORE advised that the writer of this letter had requested that either SA DONNELLY or SA ROBERT A. KEANE contact him inasmuch as he had info concerning the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

MOORE requested from SA DONNELLY any info he might have concerning the individual who wrote this letter. SA DONNELLY advised MOORE that it was his feeling that the writer of the letter would have been the captioned subject. MOORE advised that he would attempt to determine if PIERSON who is presently incarcerated in the Cook County Jail and is located on Tier B-3 wrote the letter and if so, he would disregard the request of PIERSON, inasmuch as PIERSON is mentally unbalanced.

WILLIAM PIERSON was originally contacted by SAs DONNELLY and KEANE in connection with a TFIS investigation concerning the theft of several cartons of clothing from United-Buckingham's terminal, in McCook, Illinois. At the time PIERSON was contacted he was employed by Burns Detective Agency as a part time security guard. PIERSON denied any knowledge of the theft at the time of the interview but stated that if he received any information concerning this theft he would immediately contact either SA DONNELLY or SA KEANE. (It is noted that PIERSON was furnished with the names of Agents and office telephone number of the interviewing Agents.)

On several occasions WILLIAM PIERSON has contacted either SA DONNELLY or SA KEANE at the Chicago

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Office and supplied information concerning possible violations, however, on each occasion the information he furnished was checked out and none of it was ever substantiated.

It is pointed out that on or about 4/25/68 WILLIAM PIERSON was arrested by the Chicago PD for the armed robbery of 2 gas stations in Chicago. At the time of the arrest, PIERSON advised arresting officers that he was a member of the Chicago PD and had some arrest slips to prove it. This story of PIERSON's was checked out by the Chicago PD and it was shown that PIERSON had made four arrests posing as a Chicago police officer, however, the records of the Chicago PD show that PIERSON has never been an officer of the Chicago PD.

It is also to be pointed out that PIERSON has never been an informant of this office and furthermore was only approached to furnish information if he received it concerning the theft at United-Buckingham and nothing else.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC, CHICAGO
FROM : SA EDWARD KINZER, JR.
SUBJECT: "FBI BULLETIN"

DATE: 5/31/68

For the week beginning June 3, 1968, the following fugitives' pictures will be shown over TV station WBKB, Channel 7, at 7:00 a.m. and 1:10 a.m., each day, Monday through Friday:

	<u>IO #</u>	<u>CG File</u>	<u>Date and Day</u>
JAMES EARL RAY W,3/10/28,5'10",163-174,med bld,brn hair,poss cut short,bl eyes,med comp,occ baker,color matcher,lab.	4182	44-1114	6/3 - Monday
JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER W,3/29/32,5'9",175-200,stk bld,bln hair,may be dyed blk,bl eyes,rdy comp,occ clerical worker,stock clerk.	3837	26-43755	6/4 - Tuesday
GORDON DALE ERVIN W,5/30/26,170,6',brn hair,bl eyes,occ carpenter,typist,locomotive fireman,machine shop worker,salesman.	4087	88-8912	6/5 - Wednesday
GEORGE BENJAMIN WILLIAMS W,6/15/11,5'6",155,med bld,brn,graying hair,balding,bl eyes,rdy comp,occ const worker,dairy worker,pipefitter,mechanic,miner.	4072	91-5066	6/6 - Thursday
SHERMAN CHADWICK KAMINSKY W,5/7/28,5'10"-11",190-200,hvy bld,bl hair,brn eyes,dk comp,occ clerk,fund raiser,lab,mail order worker,salesman,welder.	4079	166-594	6/7 - Friday

Any calls received as a result of this program should be reflected on a complaint form which should be immediately routed to the supervisor handling the matter, a copy of which should be designated for file 80-72 and routed to SA KINZER. The caption of the memo should bear the individual's name and title "FBI BULLETIN" so that we can properly evaluate the results of this program.

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1-SA EARNIE L. WALDRUP

1-SA EDWARD KINZER, JR.
1-Weekend Supervisor
1-Switchboard
2-(1 ea.) Complaint Duty
1-Aurora RA
1-Chicago Heights RA
1-Des Plaines RA
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1-Rockford RA
1-Waukegan RA

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114-139)

DATE: 6/7/68

FROM : SA JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memorandum of SA RICHARD G. STILLING dated 4/23/68.

On April 30, 1968, Mrs. M. THOMAS, 1416 West 81st Street, advised that there are no white individuals residing at that address. Mr. THOMAS was exhibited a photograph of RAY but stated she had never seen him in the building or in the company of ANTHONY SULLIVAN, who lives in the building.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114B)

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. HOGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: VICTOR H. ABSIL reporting
look alike, Lake Michigan,
5/21/68

The following investigation was conducted by SAs
JOHN L. HOGAN and LEONARD F. KACZMAREK:

On 5/24/68, Mr. VICTOR H. ABSIL was interviewed at
his place of business, the K and A Tool Company, 3161 North
Elston, where he provided the following information:

He was fishing along with JOHN N. POST approximately
two miles off Highland Park in Lake Michigan. While fishing,
he noticed another boat approximately one-half mile away, and
some time between 6:30 PM and 7:00 PM, he again noticed this
boat on fire. They immediately proceeded to this boat and
rescued two men out of Lake Michigan. They then secured
the capsized aluminum boat (row boat type) and towed it to
shore. During their trip to the shore, neither of the rescued
men offered their names or any background information con-
cerning themselves. They were extremely suspicious and were
very interested in whether anyone else had noticed the fire
in their boat. Although one appeared to be in shock, they
refused to go to a hospital nor did they want any assistance
from the Coast Guard or a nearby yacht club. Upon reaching
shore, the individuals left the boat, indicated that they
would send a check to ABSIL to cover his expense, and before
ABSIL could dock his own boat both had left the scene. He
has no idea what type of trailer or car was used to haul
away the aluminum boat.

Mr. ABSIL was displayed photographs of the subject,
and he indicated that the most recent photograph of the subject
appears to have the same type of nose as one of the men who
was rescued from Lake Michigan. He described the two individuals
as follows:

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| 1. | Race | White |
| | Sex | Male |
| | Age | Early 40's |
| | Hair | Dark, receding |
| | Characteristics | Possibly a cigar smoker |
| 2. | Race | White |
| | Sex | Male |
| | Age | 34 - 35 |
| | Characteristics | Probably smokes Winston cigarettes |

Mr. ABSIL did not see either stand up so he could not estimate their height. He indicated they were dressed in boots and warm jackets which are common for fishing during this period of the year.

On 5/24/68, Mr. JOHN N. POST was interviewed at his place of employment and provided the following information:

He provided basically the same information as Mr. ABSIL and stated that this was an extremely odd incident inasmuch as they had saved two men's lives and both were not thankful or willing to discuss themselves or this incident. He considered them both extremely evasive and seemed to shy away from any publicity or contact with the U.S. Coast Guard concerning this matter.

He provided the following descriptive data concerning these individuals:

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| 1. | Race | White |
| | Sex | Male |
| | Age | 38 |
| | Height | 6'1" |
| | Characteristics | Possibly single and wore a Timex watch |

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2. Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Middle 30's
Height	5'10"
Characteristics	Possibly married and appeared to be in shock as a result of this incident

He was of the opinion that both possessed southern accents.

Mr. POST was displayed photographs of the subject without making any identification. He indicated that the most recent photograph of the subject with Mr. ABSIL had liked seemed to be a person older than those he assisted.

He advised that he gave his business address to the individuals involved, and they indicated that they would send him a check to cover his expenses.

On 5/28/68, Mr. POST was recontacted and displayed a photograph of JERRY RAY. He indicated that this photograph bore some resemblance to unknown subject number 1; however, he never saw the man's hair line due to the fact that he was wearing a cap.

To date he has not heard from either of the unknown subjects, and should he hear from them, he will immediately contact the Chicago Office of the FBI.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/11/68

FROM : SA ROBERT P. BEANNIGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA PHILIP R. WANERUS 5/8/68

On 5/11/68 it was determined that Ill. plates #557-137 were issued to STEDUM Movers Inc., 5720 W. Grand ave., Chicago, Illinois.

On 5/11/68 Mr. R.B. MAYER, manager and dispatcher, advised that he had no one in his employ even vaguely resembling JAMES EARL RAY.

He stated that he had checked with his dispatcher for the day in question, and his records reflect that instant station wagon, bearing the above mentioned plates, was driven by Joseph Hansen on the day in question.

MAYER pointed out HANSEN to this writer and there was no possibility that HANSEN even vaguely resembled RAY.

HANSEN advised that he in fact drove the station wagon on the day in question, and added that he did not lend this car to anyone that date, nor did he allow any other employee to drive this car.

An IQ of RAY was exhibited to employees at this company and they all stated that there was no one working at this company resembling RAY.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Chicago (44-1114)

DATE: 6/11/68

FROM : SA EARNIE L. WALDRUP

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On this date, an anonymous male caller, who claimed to be an escapee from Washington State Prison, Walla Walla, Washington contacted the writer at 12:02 AM. He advised that he is aware that JAMES EARL RAY is under arrest and there has been some publicity about a "fat" man who supposedly met RAY on several occasions. The caller advised that he is the "fat" man referred to in the papers and stated that he is enroute ^{by car} to Washington State to turn himself in to authorities. He advised that he ~~was~~ escaped in February 1967.

Caller further advised that, following his escape, he went to Dallas, Texas where he met an individual by the name of GENE BASS, owner of a Meat Packing Company in Dallas. Caller claimed that BASS gave him \$1600 to do the job that was done by JAMES EARL RAY, he accepted the money, then contacted RAY on several occasions to give him money which he had obtained from BASS. He delivered money to RAY AT Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham, Alabama and Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Caller advised that BASS is not the sole supplier of money for assassination ~~work~~, but there are numerous people involved, primarily at Montgomery, Alabama. He claimed that he can furnish names of individuals involved, but preferred not to give them over the phone. He stated that he feels certain that RAY will talk and he wants to avoid having to run from authorities. He stated that he will be available for interview, upon his return to Washington State. He indicated that he preferred to serve Federal time in prison, was invited to come to the office and stated that he would arrive shortly. He indicated that he was in the Chicago area and since the operator cut in to advise that three minutes were up, he was calling from a pay-phone.

This individual ~~was~~ advised that the \$1600 paid him by BASS was in Postal Money Orders..... he would furnish no further information, but stated he would come to the Chicago Office this date.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA ROBERT E. HALL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/29/68

RE: CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECKS,
CHICAGO AREA, ON
ERIC STARVO GALT

On 4/10/68 the following investigation was conducted at Chicago by SA ROBERT E. HALL:

Current telephone directories for the Chicago area were checked for the name ERIC STARVO GALT and were negative. Both GAULT and GALT were checked.

Chicago Police Department Inquiry Section could locate no names GAULT or GALT.

Chicago Credit Bureau, 511 South Wabash, had no record of the subject.

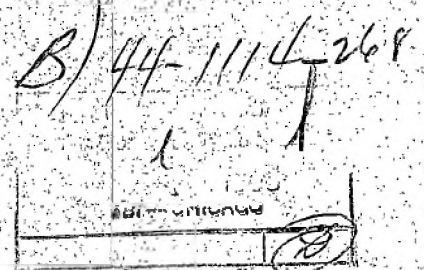
All Resident Agencies were contacted with the request that credit and criminal checks on GALT be conducted and investigation is as follows:

JOSEPH B. GRAFF, Waukegan RA, covering Mc Henry County - all negative.

POLLY HOBGETT, Manager, Credit Bureau of Mc Henry County, Woodstock, Illinois, negative. All telephone directories covering Mc Henry County negative. JOHN CARROLL, Sheriff's Office, Mc Henry County, Woodstock, Illinois, negative. HERB LANG (NA), COP, Woodstock, Illinois, negative. ELMER OERKFITZ, COP, Crystal Lake, Illinois, negative.

SA DANIEL R. HUNTINGTON on 4/10/68 contacted Schiller Park Police Department with negative results.

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On April 10, 1968, SA GIRARD M. ANNINO, Des Plaines RA, contacted the following agencies concerning GALT with negative results:

Evanston, Illinois, Police Department
Wilmette, Illinois, Police Department
Skokie, Illinois, Police Department
Evanston Credit Bureau

On April 10, 1968, SA JOHN J. SHERIDAN, Rockford RA, contacted the following agencies concerning GALT with negative results:

Sterling, Illinois, Police Department
Freeport, Illinois, Police Department
Rockford, Illinois, Police Department
Dixon, Illinois, Police Department
Boone City Sheriff's Office
Lee City Sheriff's Office
Winnebago Sheriff's Office
Whiteside Sheriff's Office
Stephenson Sheriff's Office
Jo Daviess Sheriff's Office
Boone City Credit Bureau
Lee City Credit Bureau
Rockford Credit Bureau
Whiteside Credit Bureau
Whiteside Credit Bureau
Freeport Credit Bureau

On April 10, 1968, SA ROBERT K. MC QUEEN, Waukegan RA, contacted the following agencies concerning GALT with negative results:

Waukegan Police Department
Lake County Sheriff's Office
Lake County Birth Records

On April 10, 1968, SA ROY D. RAGSDALE, Waukegan RA, contacted the following agencies concerning GALT with negative results:

North Chicago Police Department
Zion Police Department

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On April 10, 1968, SA LEROY D. FEDERLE, Aurora RA, contacted the following agencies concerning GALT with negative results:

- Aurora Credit Bureau
- Aurora Police Department
- Elgin Police Department
- Elgin Credit Bureau

On April 11, 1968, SA HARRY A. WALKER, Des Plaines RA, contacted the following agencies concerning GALT with negative results:

- Des Plaines Police Department
- Des Plaines Credit Bureau
- Niles Police Department
- Park Ridge Credit Bureau

On April 10, 1968, SA O. ARTHUR GRAN, Waukegan RA, contacted the following agencies concerning GALT with negative results:

- Hub Credit Bureau
- Highland Park Police Department

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On April 11, 1968, records of the following agencies were caused to be checked by Special Agent GERALD E. DWYER through the individuals indicated regarding any possible record regarding a white male, ERIC GALT (GAULT) and any other possible variations in spelling with negative results:

ROSE KIRINCICH, Clerk, Joliet,
Illinois Police Department;

CATHY TURNER, Will County Credit
Bureau, Inc., Joliet, Illinois;

TERRY BAZIK, Clerk, Illinois Bureau
of Criminal Identification and
Investigation, Joliet, Illinois;

HELEN JANKE, Clerk, Will County
Sheriff's Office, Joliet, Illinois.

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On April 11, 1968, the following individuals were contacted by SA THOMAS E. VORNBERGER, at which time they advised they had checked their respective files with negative results regarding ERIC STARVO GALT, aka GAULT:

Mrs. CARL KRAUSE, Dispatcher, Ottawa, Illinois Police Department.

Deputy LEO GRADY, La Salle County Sheriff's Office, Ottawa, Illinois.

EILEEN MARSHALL, Credit Bureau of Ottawa, West Madison Street, Ottawa, Illinois.

Sergeant CHARLES HAWTHORNE, Streator, Illinois Police Department.

FRANCES BOWERS, Credit Bureau of Streator, 125 South Vermillion, Streator, Illinois.

Chief of Police WALTER KINCZEWSKI, La Salle, Illinois Police Department.

Officer RON MARTIN, Peru, Illinois Police Department.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : RAS

SUBJECT: HARVEY LOWMEYER

The following investigation conducted by
SA JOSEPH B. GRAFF on 4/9/68:

On 4/9/68, POLLY HOBGET, Manager, Credit Bureau of McHenry County, Woodstock, Ill., which covers all of McHenry County, advised that she has no record of HARVEY LOWMEYER or any variations of that surname but does have a record of LAWRENCE H. LOHMEYER, wife, DORA, who has been in file since 5/20/42. Mr. LOHMEYER, age 67, with his two sons, CARROLL, age 40 and GORDON, age 36, own a large farm worth \$175,000 in Hartland Township, McHenry County. Mr. LOHMEYER and his sons have an excellent credit rating and are highly regarded residents of this county.

On 4/9/68, Sheriff JOHN C. CARROLL, McHenry County SO, Woodstock, advised that he has no record of HARVEY LOWMEYER or any variation of that name.

On 4/9/68, COP HERBERT LANG (NA), Woodstock PD, advised no record of LOWMEYER or any variation of that name.

On 4/9/68, the following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT K. MC QUEEN:

Waukegan PD, Waukegan, Illinois records made available by Officer ROBERT SODERQUIST. Lake County Sheriff's Office, Waukegan, Illinois, records made available by Sergeant DANIEL MC CORMICK. Both negative.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA GIRARD M. ANNINO on April 9, 1968:

The Evanston PD is negative re VAL CASTEN,
Record Section, Negative.

City Director and telephone directory negative.
Voters Registration broken alphabetically for 92 precincts
and not possible to check.



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Evanston Credit Bureau, 1014 Davis Street, EDWARD RAUWORTH, advised negative all names except LOHMEYER. R. C. LOHMEYER on file 10/8/62, referred by Public Service Company, 201 North Arthur Avenue, Mt. Prospect, Illinois, for collection of a bill in amount of \$5.35.

LOHMEYER had lived at 941 West Higgins Road, Elk Grove, as of April, 1962, furnished forwarding address Kansas City, Kansas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HARRY A. WALKER on April 9, 1968:

The following police departments were contacted, however, no information was located in their files concerning anyone with the last name of LOWMEYER or a derivative of LOWMEYER:

Sergeant JAMES ROUEL
Des Plaines, Illinois Police Department

Officer OWEN GONSAULLS
Northbrook, Illinois Police Department

FRANK WAGNER
Clerk
Bureau of Identification
Niles, Illinois Police Department

Officer KENNETH MESSINO
Glenview, Illinois Police Department

Mrs. MARY ROSEN
Bureau of Identification
Park Ridge, Illinois Police Department

In addition to the above, Mrs. ARLEEN KAITSCHUK, Manager, Des Plaines, Illinois Credit Bureau, and Mrs. BETTY DEVITT, Clerk, Park Ridge, Illinois Credit Bureau, advised that no record exists in their files concerning anyone with the last name of LOWMEYER or a derivative of LOWMEYER.

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The following investigation was conducted concerning ROBERT LOHMEYER, an individual who formerly resided at the Elk Grove, Illinois Trailer Park. His background was located at the Evanston, Illinois Credit Bureau by SA GIRARD M. ANNINO.

Mr. ROBERT REIDEL, Supervisor, Commonwealth Edison Company, 201 North Arthur Street, Mt. Prospect, Illinois, advised that his office only maintains records for the last 1½ years. He stated that any information concerning R. C. LOHMEYER owning a \$5.35 bill as of October, 1962, under public service # BD37LE560E, would have to be obtained from the Public Service Company's Chicago's North Division at Addison and California, Chicago, Illinois, and the person to contact at this division would be RUSSELL LARSON. Mr. NORBERT MILLER (ph), Supervisor, Elk Grove, Illinois, Post Office, advised that their forwarding addresses concerning former residents of the Elk Grove Trailer Park located at 941 West Higgins Avenue, Elk Grove, Illinois, is maintained by the business office at Elk Grove Trailer Park through mutual agreement with the Elk Grove Post Office.

Mrs. MARION MIKKANEN, Clerk, Elk Grove Trailer Park, 941 West Higgins Avenue, Elk Grove, Illinois, advised that ROBERT, BETTY, and MARGO LOHMEYER formerly occupied Lot 32 Charles at the Elk Grove Trailer Park, however, left owing money to the trailer park on March 30, 1962, giving a forwarding address of Superior Trailer Court, Route 1, Box 671 R, Marquette, Michigan. She said that the March 30, 1962 information is the last information in her files concerning ROBERT LOHMEYER.

Mr. EDWARD KUNZE, Credit Bureau of Pahtine, Illinois, the responsible credit agency for Elk Grove, Illinois, advised that ROBERT LOHMEYER was placed in the Credit Bureau files on February 8, 1962. At this time, LOHMEYER's permanent address was listed as Post Office Box 92, Linn, Kansas, however, was paying rent on a trailer at the Elk Grove Trailer Court, 941 Higgins Avenue, Elk Grove, Illinois.

KUNZE stated that LOHMEYER was listed as 35 years old in 1962, married, with four dependents and his occupation was listed as a bid maker for 12 years with the

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PBM Steel Company, 1015 Tuttle Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Suggested lead was set out; a lead to determine LOHMEYER's whereabouts during pertinent period at both Post Office Box 92 Linn, Kansas, and through his possible place of employment which is the PBM Steel Company, 1015 Tuttle Street, Des Moines, Iowa, where in 1962 he was employed with the company for 12 years.

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

Mrs. ELAINE SCRUDLI, "Q" Suburban Credit Bureau, LaGrange, Illinois, advised her records show one CHARLES W. LOHMEYER in file since December, 1963, from the Delaware County Credit Bureau, Muncie, Indiana. She stated there were four inquiries as follows:

December, 1963 - inquiry showed LOHMEYER single, age not given; address 200 High Street, Oxford, Ohio, previous address 1714 56th Place, LaGrange, Illinois, employment Chicago Vitreous, Cicero. Second inquiry - December, 1963, showed address 2424 Olsen Drive, Dayton, Ohio, previous address 1714 65th Place, LaGrange, employment Ceramic Engineer, Chicago Vitreous, Cicero.

Third inquiry was from the Credit Bureau of Cincinnati, address 200 West High Street, Oxford, Ohio, reference Mobile Oil, no location and Morris B. Sachs Clothing Store, no location. LOHMEYER in possession air travel card Avis Rental Car, and American Oil card. The fourth inquiry was April, 1964, same employment - Chicago Vitreous, Cicero, Illinois.

Mrs. SCRUDLI stated no other records of anyone with a similar name were located by her.

Miss MARY THEODORE, Western Cook County Credit Bureau, Oak Park, Illinois, advised the only name similar to the given name and its derivations in her files is one WILLIAM LOHMEYER, 11620 Hale Avenue (probably Chicago), an article in the "Chicago Tribune", February 14, 1964, "Responsible for my debts only".

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SA ROY D. RAGSDALE at Waukegan, Illinois, contacted the following places on April 9, 1968, with negative results:

North Chicago, Illinois Police Department,
Zion, Illinois Police Department, Credit Bureau of
Waukegan-North Chicago, Waukegan, Illinois, covering all
of Lake County, Illinois area.

SA O. ARTHUR GRAN advised April 9, 1968, that
the following negative regarding LOWMEYER:

Lt. BERNARD PRAIS,
PD, Lake Forest, Illinois (NA)

Detective LLOYD G. JELSTEN,
PD, Highland Park, Illinois

C. . PERKINS, Manager,
Hub Credit Bureau
Highland Park, Illinois

The following people were contacted by SA LEROY D.
FEDERLE April 8, 1968, for any record under the name of
HARVEY LOWMEYER and all variations thereof with negative
results:

Elgin Police Department,
RUTH COLLINS, Clerk

Elgin Credit Bureau,
BEFF DRETICH, Clerk

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Aurora Police Department
Sergeant ROBERT BRENT

Aurora Credit Bureau
HELEN SHONK, Clerk

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SA RENE J. DUMAINE

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA JOHN W. MORAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/9/68 the following persons were contacted and advised there were no records for any person named HARVEY LOWMEYER:

Chief DONALD BORG, Schiller Park Police Department

Det. JACK GERAN, Rosemont Police Department

In addition to searching the name LOWMEYER, other variations in spelling were searched including LOMEYER, LOMYER, LOMIER, LOMEIER, LOMEIR and various combinations of the name beginning with LOH and LO with the endings of MEYER, MYER, MIER, MEIR and MEIER. All searched under the various combinations also proved negative.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA JAMES W. GERBLICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The Police Department and Credit Bureau were contacted on 4/11/68, concerning the names LOWMEYER and its variations and ERIC STARVO GALT or GAULT, with negative results:

Melrose Park Police Department, Lieutenant LOUIS REMKUS.

Maywood, Illinois Police Department, Lieutenant WILLIAM STANLEY.

Franklin Park Police Department, Lieutenant JOHN RUBINO.

Information from Credit Bureaus regarding the name LOWMEYER and its variations was previously furnished by memo.

On 4/11/68, the records of the Western Cook County Credit Bureau, Oak Park, Illinois, and the "Q" Suburban Credit Bureau, La Grange, Illinois, were checked and found to be negative concerning the name GALT.

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On April 9, 1968, records were caused to be checked by the following individuals at the following agencies, under the name HARVEY LOWMEYER including 20 possible phonetic variations of the name LOWMEYER, with negative results:

JEANNE BASKERVILLE, Clerk,
Joliet, Illinois, Police Department

KATHY TURNER, Clerk
Credit Bureau of Will County, Inc.,
Joliet, Illinois

Deputy RAY ROSSI
La Salle County Sheriff's Office
Ottawa, Illinois

Sergeant RON FLORI
Ottawa, Illinois, Police Department

EILEEN MARSHALL
Ottawa, Illinois, Credit Bureau

Sergeant CHARLES HAWTHORNE
Streator, Illinois, Police Department

FRANCES BOWERS
Credit Bureau of Streator, Illinois

Chief of Police KINCZEWSKI
La Salle, Illinois, Police Department

ROY MARTIN
Peru, Illinois, Police Department

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (B44-1114)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA DAVID R. STRUCK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau tel to all continental field offices dated 4/8/68.

On 4/9/68 the following individuals were contacted concerning the name LOWMEYER and its variations. Each advised they were unable to locate any record identifiable with LOWMEYER:

PAT HOFFMAN
Elmhurst PD

ANN SWANSON
Westmont PD

JOHN BEUKEMA
Hinsdale PD

JACK MC GANN
Wood Dale PD

TOM MORSE
Lombard PD

JOEL KAGANN
Woodridge PD

OTTO ALBUSCHAT
Villa Park PD

STAN ROSSOL
Itasca PD

DAN D'AQUILLA
Downers Grove PD

JEANIE SPRINGBORN
DuPage County Sheriffs Office
Wheaton, Illinois

KEN NORTH
Addison PD

ESTELE MEEKS
Clarendon Hills PD

LU AMATO
Bensenville PD

HAROLD WALTHERS
Oak Brook PD

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On 4/9/68 LYNN ZOLIN, DuPage County Credit Bureau, Wheaton, Illinois advised the following was the only name she was able to locate similar to the name appearing in retel:

SARAH LOHMEIER
Widow-husband WILLIAM
Residence-100 North Salberry PO Box 123
Davis, Illinois
Loan-Mercantile All-in-One
Chicago, Illinois
telephone 248-7000
Employ-Bensenville Nursing Home
Bensenville, Illinois

On 4/9/68 RAY MC DONALD, County Clerk, DuPage County, Wheaton, Illinois made available his voters registration cards. A review of these cards failed to reflect any name similar to the one mentioned in retel.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Chicago (44-1114)

DATE: 6/13/68

FROM : SA GIRARD M. ANNING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: New Orleans airtel to Memphis 5/7/68, serial 455.

WENDELL H. WAYNE, PO Box 975, Evanston, Illinois.

On 6/12/68 MR. and MRS. WENDELL H. WAYNE, 637 Library, Evanston, Illinois advised they stayed at the Provincial Motel during December 1967 but they could not remember seeing the subject(RAZ) at the motel. They stated they did not observe any of the guests while at the motel.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 6/17/68

FROM : SA GIRARD M. ANNINO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New Orleans airtel to Memphis dated 5/7/68
Serial 455.

On May 17, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. EMIL MEIER, 2514 Pioneer Road, Evanston, Illinois, advised they stayed at the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, on December 18, 1967, and checked out on December 19, 1967. After viewing photographs of subject RAY, they stated they did not remember seeing him.

Mr. MEIER later telephonically advised after thinking the matter over, he now believes he did see RAY in the lobby of the motel and remembers seeing a white car in the parking lot. He could furnish no additional information other than the man he now believes was RAY was dressed in business clothes and was alone.

Almost daily efforts have been made to contact Mr. and Mrs. WENDELL H. WAYNE, 637 Library Street, Evanston, without success. Efforts will continue to contact these individuals.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 6/17/68

FROM : SA GIRARD M. ANNINO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA WILLIAM M. PARKER dated 5/18/68
Serial 247.

After several attempts Mrs. HAROLD GUETZKOW, 1584 Wesley Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, advised on June 3, 1968, she has been having moments of mental depression and on the evening she called the Chicago Office she had one of her spells. After viewing several photographs of subject RAY she stated he was not identical with the man she observed on May 18, 1968. She commented that she believes she has seen this same man in several other cars since this date.

On June 3, 1968, ED RANWORTH, Evanston Credit Bureau, 1014 Davis, advised JOSEPH R. MC SHANE, 717 Hinman, has been in file since 1965. MC SHANE is the District Sales Manager, Harlequin Corporation.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1114)

DATE: 6/21/68

FROM : SA MICHAEL J. BALGLEY

SUBJECT: ERIC STARVO GALT, aka.
MURKIN

At 10:10 AM, 6/21/68, RICHARD G. BRUM (PROTECT IDENTITY),
La Salle National Bank (PROTECT IDENTITY), telephonically advised
that he had located a Western Union cable addressed to the La
Salle National Bank, dated 5/8/68, and received 5/9/68 from
The Banco Totta-Alianca, Rua-Douro 69-79, Lisbon, Portugal,
and signed L. J. TATTAJO, which cable read substantially as
follows:

"Please cable credit information on Arthur T.
Galt, Chicago."

BRUM advised that this cable is available for
inspection. He stated that no account had been located for
an individual named ARTHUR T. GALT. He firmly requested that
his identity and the identity of the bank be fully protected.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 7/5/68

FROM : SA DAVID R. STRUCK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 7/3/68 Chief JAMES SIMS, Hodgkins, Illinois Police Department advised a purse was found in a telephone booth in Hodgkins on the morning on 7/1/68. This was found by Captain PASTORI. SIMS made available this purse and inside, written on a scrap of paper were the words:

" Martin Luther King 2 pass ports arrested in
England planned to fly to Belgium"

There were no other notations on this paper, or any other notations on other scraps of paper relating to captioned matter. SIMS advised the purse belongs to Mrs. RUBY CLONTZ, 5901 Lindsay, Hodgkins. SIMS advised there is a serious question in his mind as to the mental stability of CLONTZ. He stated he has received several complaints from CLONTZ, one of which was a "big cat" trying to break into her house. Upon investigation an alley cat was found to be on the porch. He stated several other types of complaints similar to this have been received. He also stated CLONTZ drinks rather heavily.

Inasmuch as the information on the scrap of paper was public knowledge and CLONTZ appears to be mentally unstable and a drinker, it was not felt she should be interviewed.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 8/7/68

FROM : SA HARRY A. WALKER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re serial 678 this file setting forth lead for the Des Plaines RA.

PCI THOMAS BUCKLIN, owner, Glenbrook Patrol Service, Glenview, Illinois, advised on 7/19/68 that GLENN E. TIBBS, telephone number 729-3921, was former lieutenant for his patrol service, however, due to a foot operation TIBBS had to leave his company about 6/1/68.

Lead Pursuit
BUCKLIN advised that TIBBS resides in the Sunset Trailer Park with an address of 508 5th Street, Northfield, Illinois, however, the trailer park is just located north of Glenview, Illinois, on Waukegan Road. He explained that for the last approximate two years TIBBS had the job of checking the security of the Sportsman Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois, for the patrol service checking the Sportsman Country Club area in a roving patrol approximately three times a night and in this capacity became well-acquainted with JERRY RAY, brother of JAMES EARL RAY, and had coffee with JERRY RAY on a nightly basis during this period at the Sportsman Country Club where JERRY was employed. BUCKLIN stated that TIBBS is an extremely capable guard and a person that can be trusted in every respect.

GLENN TIBBS interviewed on 8/6/68 at the above address, furnished the same information set out above concerning the background of his acquaintanceship with JERRY RAY at the Sportsman Country Club. He stated that after the publicity broke concerning JAMES EARL RAY being suspect in the KING murder, JERRY RAY told him that JAMES EARL RAY was his brother.

TIBBS who is presently employed as a guard at the Crane Company, Morton Grove, Illinois, by the

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Pinkerton Agency, advised that after JAMES EARL RAY was identified JERRY RAY drove to St. Louis, Missouri, to see a brother, JOHN RAY, and a sister, name unknown, who also lived in St. Louis on either one or two occasions. He stated that JERRY RAY also flew to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on another occasion and before JERRY RAY departed the Sportsman Country Club to fly to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he expressed concern about transportation from O'Hare Field to Sportsman Country Club upon his return from Philadelphia; therefore, he (TIBBS) gave him his telephone number telling JERRY RAY that in the event that he could not obtain a ride from O'Hare Field to Sportsman Country Club upon his return from Philadelphia, to phone him and he would drive to O'Hare Field and return him to the Sportsman Country Club. A

It is noted previously in this investigation RAY visited an acquaintance MAJORIE FEDDERS at Camden, New Jersey which is across the river from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

TIBBS stated that other than the fact that RAY told him that he had a brother JOHN RAY and a sister, name unknown, in St. Louis, Missouri, he spoke little about his relatives or life before he became employed at the Sportsman Country Club, however, JERRY RAY did say that JOHN RAY asked him to go into the tavern business with him in St. Louis, Missouri, and JERRY RAY appeared to be very cross to his brother JOHN RAY.

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