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TO CINCINNATI, CLEVELAND, MEMPHIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU JUNE SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

RECEIVING OFFICES DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE PAUL
OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, MSP NO. ONE ZERO ONE THREE FOUR, AS HE WAS
LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED BY MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION THIS DATE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN ✓

Re Kansas City summary airtel 6/6/69.

Enclosed for each receiving office is one photograph of
PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department
#104182.

Enclosed photograph for use in investigation to locate
BRIDGEMAN, a former fellow inmate of subject RAY, for interview.

- 2 - Chicago (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Cleveland (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Oklahoma City (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Sacramento (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Kansas City

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED AT LONDON,
ENGLAND, JUNE EIGHT INSTANT. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE
AND REMOVE ALL STOPS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) *HHu Crime Records*

MURKIN

Enclosed herewith is a favorable editorial concerning the Bureau's performance in the MURKIN investigation, appearing in "The Plain Dealer", 6/9/68.

It is respectfully requested that a letter of appreciation be directed to Mr. THOMAS VAIL, Editor, The Plain Dealer, 1801 Superior Avenue, NE, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

Indices Cleveland Division would not preclude requested letter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

DATE: 6/6/68

FROM : SA THOMAS L. BISHOP

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re memo of SA BRUCE L. KREIGHBAUM 6/3/68. (Ser) # 432

On 6/6/68 MR. WARREN A. SELINSKY, Owner, Henry A. Selinsky Movers, 4015 23rd St. S.W., Canton, Ohio and advised as follows: His company has been working at the B.F. Goodrich Company, Akron, Ohio for the past several months moving heavy equipment. He advised this is a small crew operation and on 5/29/68, according to payroll records the only individuals who were at Goodrich on that date were RICHARD SCHONOVER, Foreman, Employed for the past three years., WILLIAM GARN, Employed for the past 15 years and STEVE KOMAR, employed off and on for the past 4 years. He advised Superintendent RALPH BENTON, might have also been off and on the property of Goodrich on that date. He advised the only individual he has never personally observed is STEVE KOMAR who is employed out of

Local 17, Bridge Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers Union, Akron, Ohio. A photo of subject JAMES EARL RAY, IO # 4182 was displayed to MR. SELINSKY and he advised this individual does not look familiar to him as any employee the company has ever had. Employee WILLIAM GARN, was observed by SA BISHOP on this date and interviewed and he does not resemble subject at all and he was eliminated by comparison of fingerprints.

MR. RALPH BENTON, Superintendent, appeared at MR. SELINSKY's office on this date and he was likewise eliminated. MR. BENTON observed the photo of subject and stated STEVE KOMAR who has worked for him since 1965 does resemble the subject somewhat, however, KOMAR, is heavier, and is 52 years of age. He advised he does not recall having seen any individual at Goodrich who resembles subject RAY.

Inasmuch as all employees of SELINSKY have been employed and are well known, since 1965 and before, no further actions are being taken.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN.: CRIME RECORDS (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-365)

MURKIN

Enclosed herewith are two copies each of a favorable editorial and cartoon concerning the Bureau's performance in the MURKIN investigation. These items appeared in the "Cleveland Press" on 6/10/68.

It is respectfully requested that a letter of appreciation be directed to THOMAS L. BOARDMAN, Editor, Cleveland Press, 901 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Mr. BOARDMAN is an SAC Contact of the Cleveland office (Bufile 94-63239, CVfile 80-502).

Indices Cleveland Division would not preclude requested letter.

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June 10, 1968

Sirs:

I refer to the encircled paragraph in today's (June 10) Press. I do not know if what I say will be helpful, but I thought I should let you know.

I enclose a flight ticket receipt which as you can see was for my son stationed in Ft. Gordon, Ga.

When he arrived in Cleveland, Ohio, I met him at the Hopkins Airport and he told me at that time there was a man aboard that ~~that~~ flight who very much resembled the composite drawing being shown on T.V. of the fugitive who was wanted. We discussed the possibility of this being the man and then dismissed it from our minds for two reasons: one, being that surely he would not have been in the Atlanta vicinity so shortly after the assassination, and secondly because Pvt. Harry did not want to appear a publicity seeker.

When it was discovered he ^{fugitive} was in Toronto, I assumed his method of arriving there was probably already known. When I last spoke with my son, Pvt. Harry, it was yesterday, Sunday, June 9. Again he stated that Cleveland would have been a possible route to Toronto. But he still was uncertain what to do, assuming also, it was water over the bridge and the man's method of travel was already ascertained.

Today, after reading the press article, I have concluded this might, just possibly, be a lead; whether of value or not, for you people to determine.

I definitely do not want any publicity for having submitted this information, and neither would my son. I enclose the receipt for his flight ticket which will give you the flight information and airline. Perhaps a questioning of personnel aboard that flight, or a check of other passengers, would bring additional information to light.

Please remember, Pvt. Harry made his observation on the strength of a composite picture. However, prior to entering the service, he worked as a journeyman compositor on a newspaper and is automatically trained to observe details.

I am deeply sorry now that we did not bring this information to you, but there are always so many false leads, that we tho't perhaps we would look foolish.

We truly do not want any publicity of any kind for having reported this, and I trust you will keep my letter confidential. If it proves of value, we are only doing what any citizen should.

I am mailing a copy of this letter to Pvt. Harry at Ft. Gordon, so that he will know what I have done. As stated before, it is done on the basis of the paragraph encircled in the newspaper article.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Rita Harry

my son's military address
Pvt. William D. Harry 51881614
Co. B, 3rd Bn. STA Bde.
USAS&SS

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**PREPAID TICKET ORDER
PURCHASER'S RECEIPT**

TICKETS DESCRIBED HEREON.
WILL BE ISSUED BY

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SOLD SUBJECT TO TARIFF REGULATIONS

PASSENGER(S) NAME(S) NOT TRANSFERABLE

Pvt. W. D. Harry
J. O. D.

Purchase date
4-4-68

CARRIER
Delta

CITY
Augusta

STATE
Georgia

TELEPHONE
(404) 733-8611

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DATE/PLACE ISSUE THIS TICKET

FORM OF PAYMENT

PURCHASER

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Cash
Mrs. N. Harry
3498 Bosworth Rd
941-6881

FARE

35 00

TOTAL

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OTHER FUNDS

1. To obtain refund, this receipt must be presented to United Air Lines, Inc. ticket office.
2. Voluntary refunds will be made only to purchaser.
3. Issuance of this order by United Air Lines does not constitute guarantee for passenger's acceptance of tickets offered.
4. Instruction to travel must be handled directly between the purchaser and passenger.

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Source of Ray's Funds Sought

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of evidence, every and if there was a conspiracy it will be discovered," said.

ark added that Ray was n who "lived a life of who obtained funds gh crime, and I think

we can reason that there is a very plausible possibility as to the source of his funds."

Other investigators said the money Ray spent so freely for travel and to frequent rundown nightclubs and bars might have come from a bank robbery in his hometown of Alton, Ill.

Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on Apr. 23, 1967. Eleven weeks later, on July 13, two men robbed an Alton bank of \$27,000. They have never been found, and officials said today that a witness to the robbery believes Ray may resemble one of the robbers.

If a positive identification is made by the witness when Ray is extradited to the U. S. or a murder charge filed by Memphis authorities in the King slaying, the source of Ray's funds may be explained.

Meantime, the FBI is checking points in England, Portugal, Belgium and Canada in an attempt to find whether he had money stashed away in these countries.

There still are mysterious gaps in the trail Ray followed to elude capture after King was slain.

THE FBI BELIEVES he drove the 450 miles from Memphis to Atlanta in the white Mustang the night King was murdered and abandoned it in Atlanta early

the next morning. On the same day, Apr. 5, he checked out of an Atlanta boarding house where agents later found a map bearing his thumbprint.

Three days later, on Apr. 8, Ray rented a room in Toronto and stayed in the city for a month. But investigators have not been able to learn how he got from Atlanta to Canada in the midst of one of the greatest man-hunts in U. S. history.

After getting a passport in Canada using the alias Ramon George Sneyd, Ray flew on May 6 to London and left almost immediately for Lisbon. He had flown back to London from Lisbon and was going through immigration to catch another flight to Brussels when he was arrested Saturday.

Ray's arrest resulted from a painstaking check of Canadian passport files by the Royal Mounted Police who spotted Ray's photo, required for passports.

Although the passport had been issued to Ray under the alias Sneyd, the Canadian authorities quickly informed the FBI. Renewed alerts to watch for Ray were sent to Scotland Yard and other foreign police agencies.

Canadian officials discovered Ray had used the alias because he had assumed the identity of a Toronto police officer, Raymond George Sneyd, and had even learned the officer's date of birth and the names of his parents. Ray used this information in applying for a birth certificate which he needed to get the passport.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

Re Kansas City daily summaries 5/5/68 and 5/8/68.

Enclosed to the Bureau and each office is one photograph of JACQUELINE "JACKIE" KLINE, aka JACQUELINE COLISTINO, KAYE ROSENBERG. Enclosed photograph of KLINE furnished for use in investigation to locate her paramour PAUL OSBORN SKIDMORE, former fellow inmate of subject KAY, for interview.

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- 1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Birmingham (Enc. 1)
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AIRTEL

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

Cleveland on this date received a letter from Mrs. NITA HARRY, 3498 Bosworth Road, Cleveland, Ohio, in which she advised that her son, Private WILLIAM D. HARRY, flew from Atlanta, Georgia, to Cleveland, Ohio, on 4/6/68, on United Air Lines Flight 396Y.

Mrs. HARRY stated that when her son arrived in Cleveland on that date he had told her that there was a man aboard that flight who very much resembled the composite drawing that was shown at that time on TV of the fugitive who later turned out to be JAMES EARL RAY.

Mrs. HARRY advised that she is sorry that they did not bring this information to the FBI's attention at that time, but she was fearful that it was a false lead and thought perhaps they would look foolish. She further advised that she did not want any publicity of any kind for having provided this information at this time, and she trusts that her letter will be kept confidential. She furnished the present address of her son, who according to her, was the one who observed the individual who resembled the composite photo of RAY.

LEAD

SAVANNAH:

AT FORT GORDON, GEORGIA

Will contact Private WILLIAM D. HARRY, [REDACTED]
Company G, 3rd Bn., STU BDE. USASESS, Fort Gordon, Georgia,

- 2 - Savannah
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
- ② - Cleveland

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and interview him in connection with the individual he observed aboard UAL Flight 396Y on 4/6/68 as to possibly being identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

Cleveland conducting no additional investigation in this matter prior to interview of HARRY at which time Savannah will set forth appropriate leads.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)
ATTN: SA M. MC CANN

FROM : SA JOHN WALLACE WERTZ

SUBJECT: "MURKIN"

DATE: 6/12/68

Re Kansas City teletype to Bureau, et al, dated 6/6/68.

Prior to receipt of discontinuance of lead contained in retel, the following investigation was conducted in an effort to locate and interview PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, aka Paul James Bridgeman:

The lead was to identify the suscriber of Akron telephone number 836-7989 and interview this person regarding the whereabouts of JACQUELINE KLINE, aka., who called this number sometime between 4/19 - 5/19/68 from Kansas, and who reportedly would be in the company of PAUL BRIDGEMAN.

On 6/6/68 a review of various city directories, etc. for the Akron, Ohio area, revealed phone number 836-7989 is issued to THE GORDON MEMORIAL HOME, INC., 1260 Collier Road, Akron, with an apparent extension in the home of ROBERT L. GORDON, 666 Nome Ave., Akron, the President of Gordon Memorial Home, Inc.

On 6/7/68, a review of arrest files of the Akron Police Dept. and Summit County Sheriff's Office reflected no record of GORDON, or of KLINE.

On 6/7/68, ROBERT L. GORDON, 666 Nome Ave. was interviewed concerning the call placed by KLINE from Kansas. He said he recalled receiving a phone call from JACKIE KLINE about a month ago. She told him he had buried her father about 12 years ago and that she had lost all contact with her family since leaving Akron, and could he please give her the current address and phone number of her uncle PAUL KLINE, so she could get in touch with him.

GORDON said he remembered burying HYMAN KLINE about 12 years ago and that at that time HYMAN's wife, name unrecalled, lived on Wiltshire Ave., Akron. He also remembers HYMAN's brother was PAUL ~~KLINE~~ KLINE, who is the manager of Tire Industries, Inc., 1779 Marvo Drive, Akron, business phone 773-7891, home address 615 Ridgcrest Road, Akron, phone number unknown.

He furnished JACKIE KLINE with the business address and phone



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number of PAUL KLINE, as she requested, and that was the extent of his telephonic conversation with JACKIE KLINE.

GORDON said he was unable to furnish any additional information and did not know the current whereabouts of JACKIE KLINE.

That same day, efforts to contact PAUL KLINE at 615 Ridgecrest Road and at Tire Industries, Inc. met with negative results.

Thereafter, I was advised to discontinue efforts to locate JACKIE KLINE, as PAUL BRIDGEMAN had been located.

The above is being submitted for the file.

6/11/68

ROUTING SLIP TO ALL FIELD OFFICES

FROM: *PCW* SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka -
FUGITIVE
CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY

OO: MEMPHIS

Re report of SA JOE C. HESTER 6/5/68 at Memphis.

Page 17, paragraph 4, line 6 - 12/17/67, should
be 12/7/67.

Please correct your copies.

SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

TOR:tjm

Copies Corrected 6/13/68 [Signature]

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Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 7-21-67)

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

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases

MURKIN

Character of case

CR

Complainant

Mr. Leonard Wallens

Complaint received

☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date *6-13-68* Time *10:30 A*

Address of subject

Complainant's address and telephone number

*Lee Wall Sports Wear Co.
1372 W. 6, CV (241-6616)*

Subject's Description	Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

Compl., who is president of Lee Wall Sports Wear, advised he had been in London, England at the Dorchester Hotel from April 19-26, 1968.

Compl. had noticed a male in the hotel resembling subject RAY. The compl. went to the manager of the hotel with a photo of RAY. The manager stated there was a resemblance and checked the hotel records. The records showed the male was an old customer, but was not known personally by the manager.

Action Recommended

(Agent)

Harold A. Patukke

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June 13, 1968

Honorable Thomas Vail
Editor
The Plain Dealer
1801 Superior Avenue, Northeast
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Mr. Vail:

I have had the opportunity to read the editorial, "Ray's Arrest Tribute to Tenacity," which appeared in the June 9th edition of your paper. I very much appreciate your favorable comments concerning the cooperative effort of law enforcement agencies on an international scale which resulted in the apprehension of James Earl Ray.

I am certainly pleased that you have expressed to your readers your high regard for the work of the FBI and those other agencies which gave such splendid cooperation in this investigation. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

① - Cleveland (44-565)
Reurairtel 6/10/68.

1-cc The Plain Dealer file 80-28

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a favorable editorial concerning the Bureau's performance in the MURKIN investigation. This editorial appeared in the "Youngstown Vindicator" on 6/11/68.

It is respectfully requested that a letter of appreciation be directed to WILLIAM BROWN, Manager, Youngstown Vindicator, Vindicator Square and West Boardman, Youngstown, Ohio 44503.

Indices Cleveland Division would not preclude requested letter.

3-Bureau (Enclosures - 2)
1-Cleveland
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44-565-453

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Date: 6-12-68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AM
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN

In view of subject's apprehension, any office having outstanding leads or requests for circularization in any publication of any kind should cancel outstanding request now.

A & D.

2 Albany
1 All Continental Offices
1 Memphis

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M

Per _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 6/18/68

FROM: SAC CHARLES G. CUSICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

In view of the apprehension of JAMES EARL RAY in London on 6/8/68, it is requested that all stops placed be removed concerning the subject either under his true name or aliases.

It is further directed that any outstanding leads or requests for circularization in publications of any kind should be canceled.

All Agents in this Division in compliance with the above will personally remove all stops or requests for circularization placed by them.

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June 17, 1968

Honorable Thomas L. Boardman
Editor
Cleveland Press
901 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Mr. Boardman:

Thank you for the most favorable comments in your editorial, "Superb Police Work," and the cartoon which appeared in the June 10th edition of your paper concerning the cooperative effort of law enforcement agencies on an international scale which resulted in the apprehension of James Earl Ray.

I very much appreciate your expressing to your readers the high regard you hold for the work of the FBI and those other agencies which gave such splendid cooperation in this investigation. I am encouraged by your continued support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

① - Cleveland (44-565)
Reurairtel 6-11-68.

Attention SAC: Unless precluded by information in your files, an Agent of your office should contact cartoonist Roberts in an effort to tactfully obtain from him the original cartoon. It would be appreciated if he would autograph it to me. Furnish results of your inquiry to the Bureau by 6-24-68.

c/c 80-502

6/19/68
Certified Boardman
& he will see that
we get cartoon

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June 19, 1968

Mr. William Brown
Manager
Youngstown Vindicator
Vindicator Square and West Boardman
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

Dear Mr. Brown:

Special Agent in Charge Cusick, of our Cleveland Office, has forwarded to me a copy of the editorial, "Don't Give Up Easily," which appeared in the June 11th edition of your paper.

It is reassuring to know of your approval of the work of this Bureau in the case involving James Earl Ray. Your high regard, not only for the work of the FBI but also for the other law enforcement agencies which gave such splendid cooperation in this investigation, is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

① - Cleveland (44-565)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/20/68

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

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

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

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

On 6/18/68 at Fort Gordon, Georgia

File #

Savannah

by SA CARLTON M. DILLARD /bb

Date dictated 6/18/68

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Date: 6/20/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)
FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (RUC)
MURKIN

Re Cleveland airtel to Savannah, 6/12/68.

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

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

LEADCLEVELAND DIVISIONAT CLEVELAND, OHIO

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

- ② - Cleveland (Encls-2)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encls-15)
1 - Savannah

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COP 6/24
CMM*

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

DATE: 6-21-68

FROM : SA HAROLD E. WEIDA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo all agents, 6-18-68.

Stops previously placed were removed at the following agencies:

Canton PD, Identification Bureau, Mary Lou Kaufman, 6-19-68.

Stark County SO, Canton, Ohio, Deputy Richard Barnhart, Identification Bureau, 6-19-68.

Alliance PD, Irene McKee, 6-20-68.

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6-24-68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN.: CRIME RECORDS
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

Relet from Director to THOMAS L. BOARDMAN,
Editor, "Cleveland Press", Cleveland, Ohio, 6/17/68.

On 6/19/68, I personally contacted Mr. BOARDMAN,
who is an SAC Contact, and again personally thanked him for
the editorial entitled "Superb Police Work" in the captioned
case, which appeared in the June 10th issue of his paper.

Mr. BOARDMAN indicated at this time he greatly
appreciated the personal letter he received from Mr. Hoover
on 6/17/68. He indicated that the investigation was a classic
example of outstanding police work and certainly a credit
to the Bureau. Mr. BOARDMAN indicated that he would see
that the original cartoon, which is enclosed herewith,
prepared by BILL ROBERTS, was obtained and forwarded to
Director Hoover.

It is respectfully requested that a letter of
thanks be sent to Mr. BILL ROBERTS, Cleveland Press, 901
Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, for furnishing his
original cartoon concerning the RAY investigation.

Indices Cleveland Division would not preclude
honoring this request.

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3-Cleveland
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-565)
ATTN: SA MARTIN MC CANN

FROM : SA JOHN W. FOSTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 6/24/68

Re serial 342 and SAC Memo 6/18/68.

This is to record that all stops placed within the Marion RA regarding instant matter have been removed.

Further on 5/9/68, a review of the Marion City Directory disclosed telephone # 389-3058 is listed to FRANK R. PIATT, 767 Pole Lane Road. Contact with Mrs. HATTIE PIATT, 948 Drexel Avenue, who SA FOSTER was personally acquainted with thru another investigation, disclosed she was a sister in law to FRANK R. PIATT, 767 Pole Lane Road, and FRANK has a son, RONALD PIATT in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in or near Houston, Texas, and RONALD frequently calls his parents from Houston.

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AIRTEL

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

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

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

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

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CHICAGO:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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

2 Chicago (Enc. 2)
2 Cleveland

1 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)
1 - Savannah (Info) (44-1768)

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June 26, 1968

Mr. William Roberts
Cleveland Press
901 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I have received your excellent cartoon entitled "No Place to Hide" which appeared in the June 10th issue of the Cleveland Press and wanted you to know how much I appreciate having it.

All of us in the FBI are grateful for your support and hope our future efforts will continue to merit your approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

① - Cleveland (44-565)
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CLEVELAND
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN, CR.

DAVIS SUBSTATION, U. S. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, MEMPHIS, TENN., INTERCEPTED A PACKAGE FROM THE AMERICAN HERITAGE BOOK SERVICE OFFICES, THREE THREE FOUR WEST CENTER STREET, MARION, OHIO, DIRECTED TO ERIC S. GALT, LORAIN MOTEL, MEMPHIS, TENN., ON JULY ONE LAST. THIS PACKAGE CONTAINED THREE VOLUMES OF "THE AMERICAN HERITAGE, HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES." THE INVOICE ACCOMPANYING THIS PACKAGE WHICH WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTYSEVEN DOLLARS FORTY CENTS BORE THE LEGEND E SPACE TWO NINE D EIGHT SPACE FOUR R ZERO ONE SPACE F THREE EIGHT ONE ZERO TWO GLT SPACE E ONE TWO. USPO DEPARTMENT WILL RETURN THESE BOOKS TO THE AMERICAN HERITAGE BOOK SERVICE OFFICES NEXT WEEK.

CLEVELAND, AT MARION, OHIO, IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL PLACING ORDER FOR THESE BOOKS. P.

END.

MJB

FBI CLEVELAND

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SAs McLean +
Foster advised
7/2/68
RGS

Foster sent
Tel 7/3/68

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C. C. Foster

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel, 4/19/68.

The following statistics pertain to the Cleveland Division for the month of June, 1968:

1. Number of man hours:

Special Agents:

Regular Hours - 23

Overtime Hours- 3

Clerical Employees: 4

2. Mileage: 67

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4. 6 Agents

2 - Memphis
2 - Cleveland

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Date: 7/3/68

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Via **TELETYPE****URGENT**

(Priority)

TO BUREAU (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS

RE MEMPHIS TEL, JULY TWO LAST.

CONTACT WITH FULFILLMENT CORPORATION OF AMERICA, (FCA), MARION, OHIO, MAGAZINE CONTRACTORS FOR AMERICAN HERITAGE CO., DISCLOSED ON APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST, FCA RECEIVED AMERICAN HERITAGE BUSINESS REPLY POSTCARD WHEREON ERIC S. GALT, LORAIN MOTEL, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ORDERED THE AMERICAN HERITAGE HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES, CONSISTING OF THREE VOLUMES, INCLUDING THE HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENCY BY MARCUS CUNLIFFE AND THE PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENCY (TWO VOLUMES). GALT ALSO ORDERED TWELVE INCH LP RECORDING, THE INVENTION OF THE PRESIDENCY. GALT REQUESTED HE BE BILLED FOR ABOVE. POSTCARD RECEIVED BY FCA BORE NO POSTMARK INASMUCH AS IT WAS A PRE-ADDRESSED BUSINESS REPLY CARD.

FCA ADVISED THE BUSINESS REPLY CARD USED BY GALT WOULD HAVE BEEN A CARD SENT TO AN EXPIRED NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AMERICAN HERITAGE SUBSCRIBER. CHECK OF FCA RECORDS DISCLOSED GALT'S NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON SIXTYSEVEN AMERICAN HERITAGE SUBSCRIBERS LIST.

JWF/klg
(1)Approved: *CIM*
Special Agent in ChargeSent *DIR - 10:00P*
ME - 10:05 MPer *[Signature]*

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UACB, ABOVE CARD BEING FORWARDED TO FBI FOR
APPROPRIATE HANDWRITING AND FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION.
END.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/10/68

ALVIN R. CARLSON, Vice President, Fulfillment Corp. of America (FCA), 381 W. Center, furnished the following:

FCA is a magazine contractor for many magazines including American Heritage Co. On April 29, 1968, FCA received American Heritage business reply postcard whereon ERIC S. GALT, Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, ordered the American Heritage History of the President of the U.S., consisting of three volumes, including the History of the Presidency by MARCUS CUNLIFFE, and the Pictorial History of the Presidency, which consisted of two volumes.

GALT also ordered a 12" LP recording, The Invention of the Presidency.

GALT requested he be billed for the above items.

The above business reply postcard received by FCA bore no postmark inasmuch as it was a pre-addressed business reply card sent to FCA's Marion, Ohio, address.

The business reply card bearing the hand printing ERIC S. GALT, Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, would have been a card sent to an expired 1967 American Heritage subscriber, and would have consisted of two halves, namely the pre-addressed half that was returned to FCA, the other half bearing the name and address of the expired 1967 American Heritage Subscriber.

A check of FCA records disclosed GALT's name did not appear on 1967 American Heritage subscriber's list.

Mr. CARLSON made available the above mentioned American Heritage business reply postcard and stated it need not be returned.

On 7/3/68 at Marion, Ohio File # Cleveland 44-565-468
by SA JOHN W. FOSTER:lmb Date dictated 7/8/68

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7/9/68

A I R T E L

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Cleveland airtel to Chicago dated 6/26/68.

As Memphis is aware, all United Air Lines flights from Atlanta from 4/5 - 12/68, have previously been checked by Buagents, Chicago, for names and known aliases of subject, this case, with negative results. Included in that chart was Flight 396, as set forth in referenced airtel.

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1 - Cleveland (44-565)
1 - Savannah (44-1768)
1 - Chicago
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY) *el*
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

CV tel to Bureau, 7/3/68.

Enclosed for Bureau and Memphis are 1 and 8 copies respectively of FD-302 reflecting interview of ALVIN R. CARLSON, Marion, Ohio. Also enclosed for Bureau is an American Heritage Business Reply Postcard from ERIC S. GALT, Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee.

Bureau is requested to compare the hand printing appearing on enclosed specifically the name ERIC S. GALT Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, with any known hand printing on file for JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

Bureau is also requested to process enclosure for latent prints and if any developed determine if identical with prints of RAY.

Bureau is requested to furnish Memphis and Cleveland results of examination, and return enclosure to Cleveland.

- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 8) (RM)
- 2 - Cleveland

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: July 16, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680712073 JK

Specimens received 7/12/68

Q388 American Heritage business reply card bearing on reverse side the hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt Loraine Motel Memphis Tenn."

Result of examination:

Significant differences were noted as the result of comparing the questioned hand printing on Q388 with the known hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G; however, because of the limited nature of the hand printing involved and the presence of certain characteristics a definite conclusion was not reached.

Q388 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: July 16, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680712073 JK

Examination requested by: Cleveland
Reference: Airtel 7/10/68
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q388.

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(2) - Cleveland (44-565) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report) *Redd*

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