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TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN
MESSAGE RELAY PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR SP

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES,
JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM
- FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE 88-41730. OO: KANSAS
CITY, KC FILE 88-9449; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL
WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL
SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON
CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION
INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM
TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY
YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A
VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,
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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, END PAGE TWO

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P 2)

MURKIN, CR.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWELVE LAST AND
WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

KENNETH NEWBLE, ONE EIGHT ONE SEVEN N. NORTH STREET,
PEORIA, ILLINOIS, VIEWED THIS DATE A COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH
OF ERIC STARVO GALT. HE ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL IS DEFINITELY
NOT THE CREWMAN WHICH HE HAD REFERENCE TO ABOARD THE SS HUDSON
DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYONE TO FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO. HE
ADVISED THERE IS DISTINCT DIFFERENCES IN THE HAIR AND FACIAL
FEATURES. NEWBLE IS OF THE OPINION HE KNEW THE CREWMAN AS
RICHARD GALT AND CANNOT OFFER EXPLANATIONS OR SUGGESTIONS AS
TO WHICH CREWMAN HE MAY HAVE REFERENCE TO. HE ADVISED HE
RECALLS RICHARD SANTAMOUR, ALSO A CREWMAN, WHO IS DEFINITELY
NOT IDENTICAL WITH THE INDIVIDUAL HE HAD REFERENCE TO. BASED
ON NEWBLES STATEMENTS AFTER VIEWING A COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH

- 1 - Springfield (44-561)
- 1 - Birmingham (AM)
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- 1 - Mobile (AM)
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OF ERIC STARVO GALT AND IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY RECORDED
CREWMAN NAMED GALT, IT IS SUGGESTED NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION
BE CONDUCTED TO LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, HOUSTON, MOBILE,
NEW YORK AND WFO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509) (P)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

This investigation was conducted in an effort to locate and interview one CLAUDE CHESTER MC LAREN, JR. re his whereabouts during pertinent period captioned matter. It was reported that CLAUDE was employed with his brother, CARL, in construction at Freeport, Texas, telephone number 233-6579.

The following investigation was conducted by SA CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR. at Freeport, Texas on 4/19/68:

Captain CHARLES BANKSTON, Freeport Police Department, advised that CLAUDE and CARL MC LAREN were unknown to him. He stated the City Water Department and Credit Bureau contained no information re the MC LARENS. Nor did the current Freeport City and telephone directories contain any listing for them.

Mrs. P.E. LEMORE, Southwest Bell Telephone Company (PROTECT IDENTITY) advised Freeport telephone number 233-6579 is listed to JAKE CLEGG, 117 Jolley, Commodore Cove, Freeport, Texas, and his mailing address was listed as 1500 Bank of the Southwest Building, Houston, Texas.

CLAUDE CHESTINE MC CLAREN, JR. was located at Commodore Cove, Freeport, Texas where he was working as a heavy equipment operator and he furnished the following information.

He is working with his brother, CARL MC CLAREN on a construction job at Commodore Cove, Freeport Building beach type homes. Their employer is the Drexel Industry located at 1500 Bank of the Southwest Building, Houston, Texas, and JAKE CLEGG is associated with this company. He presently resides at 119 Jolley Boat Lane, Commodore Cove, Freeport, Texas and his permanent address is 5405 Wichita Street, Ft. Worth, Texas which is the home of his sister, JUSTINE PRESTON. For the past two years, he has worked in Honduras returning to the U.S. in 12/67 and lived in Ft. Worth for awhile. He began his employment at Freeport sometime around 3/27/68. He went to Honduras on 3/30/68 leaving Houston, Texas via National Airlines

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and from New Orleans, Louisiana flew to Honduras via Sahsa Airlines. He remained at the Hotel Bolivar, San Pedro Sula, Honduras from 3/30/68 to 4/7/68 at which time he flew from Honduras to Mexico City, Mexico via Tan Airlines and from Mexico City to Houston, Texas via Pan American arriving in Houston 4/7/68 thus was in Honduras from 3/30/68 to 4/7/68.

The following description of CLAUDE CHESTINE MC CLAREN, JR. was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	9/12/36
POB	Ft. Worth, Texas
Height	5'9"
Weight	145 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Marital status	Single
Complexion	Tanned
Military service	U.S. Navy, 8/54 - 9/58
U.S. Navy Serial No.	451-57-24

It was noted from observation that MC CLAREN does not resemble the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, WF #442.

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TO HOUSTON

FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

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HOUSTON AT BEAUMONT. HANDLE.

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The following were contacted on April 16, 1968 with
negative results as to anyone under the names of ERIC STARVO
GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD:

CAROLYN EHMAN
Carolyn Ehman Dancing Academy
4116 Broadway
Galveston, Texas

MARY GABRILES
Gabriles School of Dancing
1920 - 45th. St.
Galveston, Texas

MYRTLE GRIEGO
Griego School of Dancing
1506 - 39th. St.
Galveston, Texas

ISABEL MC KENNA
McKenna School of Dancing
4602 Avenue S
Galveston, Texas

MARC LIGON
Marc Ligon School of Ballet
920 - 8th. Avenue North
Texas City, Texas

MARION GARNER KING
Marion Garner Studio of Dance
402 - 8th. Avenue North
Texas City, Texas

ITASKA WEINSTEIN
Itaska School of Dance
Highway #3
League City, Texas

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On April 12, 1968 all laundries, cleaning and pressing establishments in Galveston County, Texas were telephonically contacted re laundry marks 02B-6 and D2B-6 with negative results.

On April 11, 1968 MARGIE LE BARRON, U. S. Customs, advised her files reflected no American vessels have sailed from Galveston since April 4, 1968. She stated several foreign vessels have sailed from Galveston since April 4, 1968 but her files would not contain the crew and passenger lists as these are maintained by the agency that handles these vessels. She furnished the following list of foreign vessels that have sailed since April 4, 1968 together with the agencies that handled these vessels:

"TRADE CARRIER"
Gulf Motorship, Inc.
Texas Building
Galveston, Texas

"MANBALDO"
Texas Transport & Terminal
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"MANILA MARU"
Dalton Steamship Corporation
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"ILICE"
Strachen Shipping Co.
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"NEW YORK MARU"
Dalton Steamship Corporation
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"HONNOR"
Texas Transport & Terminal
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

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"BOLIVA MARU"
Kerr Steamship Co.
Cotton Exchange Building
Galveston, Texas

"NORSLAND"
Hansen & Tideman
Cotton Exchange Building
Galveston, Texas

The above listed agencies were contacted on April 11, 1968 and their crew and passenger lists were reviewed with negative results as to anyone by the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

On April 16, 1968 JOYCE NIELSEN, Clerk, Voters Registration Records, Galveston County, Galveston, Texas, advised her files made no reference to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968, ELSIE THRASH, Clerk, LB-49, Galveston, Texas, advised her files made no reference to GALT, LOWMYER, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 15, 1968 GERRY BARBER, Credit Bureau of Texas City and the Mainland, Texas City, Texas, and LILLIAN VAUGHAN, Credit Bureau of Greater Galveston, Galveston, Texas, advised their files made no reference to GALT, LOWMYER, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 all city and telephone directories covering the towns in Galveston County, Texas were reviewed with negative results as to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 all banking institutions Galveston County, Texas, all Police Departments Galveston County, Texas as well as Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas were contacted with negative results as to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER, and JOHN WILLARD.

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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST.

RE SUSPECT SHAW GALT

THOMAS JOSEPH COX INTERVIEWED APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST,
SHOWN PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT, AKA. GALT UNKNOWN TO
COX. COX LAST IN BIRMINGHAM, MARCH, SIXTY SIX, STAYING AT
RUNDOWN MOTEL MOBILE HIWAY. NAME SHAW GALT UNKNOWN TO HIM.
ONLY PERSON FROM BIRMINGHAM HE KNOWS IS GIRL CONNIE LNU.
MET HER AT HOUSTON AND DATED HER. COX ADVISED THAT CHECK OF
COAST GUARD RECORDS, WASHINGTON, D.C. UNDER HIS Z NUMBER
WOULD VERIFY HE NOT IN BIRMINGHAM, SEPT. SIXTY SEVEN. NEW
YORK AND NEWARK DISCONTINUE.

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COX. COX LAST IN BIRMINGHAM, MARCH, SIXTY SIX, STAYING AT
RUNDOWN MOTEL MOBILE HIWAY. NAME SHAW GALT UNKNOWN TO HIM.
ONLY PERSON FROM BIRMINGHAM HE KNOWS IS GIRL CONNIE LNU.
MET HER AT HOUSTON AND DATED HER. COX ADVISED THAT CHECK OF
COAST GUARD RECORDS, WASHINGTON, D.C. UNDER HIS Z NUMBER
WOULD VERIFY HE NOT IN BIRMINGHAM, SEPT. SIXTY SEVEN. NEW
YORK AND NEWARK DISCONTINUE.

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REURTEL, APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST.

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HOUSTON STREET, CITY DIRECTORIES, CRIMINAL CHECKS, CREDIT CHECKS NEGATIVE RE INEZ COWART GALT.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN; CR.

RE DALLAS AIRTEL, APRIL SIXTEEN, LAST.

RE SUSPECT CLAUDE CHESTER MC LAREN, JR.

MC CLAREN LOCATED APRIL NINETEEN, LAST, FREEPORT,
TEX., INTERVIEWED AND ELIMINATED AS SUSPECT.

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FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

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RE MEMPHIS TEL, APRIL FIVE, LAST AND HOTEL TO MEMPHIS,
KC AND SF, APRIL TEN, LAST.RE SUSPECTS W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER AND
LAWRENCE RAND.AIRLINE HOSTESSES, TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS, HOTELS,
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HOUSTON, CHECKED TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE SUSPECTS. ALL CHECKS
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN; CR.

REBU PHONE CALL THIS DATE, RE SUSPECT HENRY RICHARD GILES, CURRENT CORPUS CHRISTI TELEPHONE AND STREET DIRECTORIES REFLECT HENRY R. GILES RESIDING TWO TWO FOUR TARLTON STREET, CORPUS CHRISTI. JIM MORTON, CLIFFORD-JACKSON AMBULANCE SERVICE, ADVISED GILES HAD BEEN IN THEIR EMPLOY MARCH ONE - SIXTEEN, LAST AS AMBULANCE ATTENDANT. HE WAS FIRED AS WAS THOUGHT GILES ON PILLS OR NARCOTICS AND POSSIBLY A PSYCHO. GILES HAD ALSO THREATENED TO KILL ONE OF OTHER AMBULANCE DRIVERS. MORTON WAS AWARE THAT GILES REPORTEDLY SUBSEQUENTLY IN THE EMPLOY OF BRASELTON CONSTRUCTION CO., CORPUS CHRISTI. NUECES COUNTY SO RECORDS, CORPUS CHRISTI, REFLECT FOLLOWING RECORD FOR HENRY ROBERT GILES, FBI NO. FOUR THREE TWO EIGHT ZERO ONE EIGHT, NUECES COUNTY SO NO. THREE THREE THREE NINE ZERO, BORN AUG. SIX, NINETEEN EIGHTEEN, AT CORPUS CHRISTI, FIVE FT. SEVEN IN, ONE FIVE ZERO LBS., GREEN EYES, REDDISH HAIR.

IN NINETEEN FORTY NINE GILES RECEIVED LIFE SENTENCE
MURDER CONVICTION AND SERVED TEN YEARS AT HUNTSVILLE STATE

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TRAVEL TO MEXICO AND REPORTEDLY PLANNED TRIP TO CUBA.

HOUSTON WILL SUTEL.

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548PM URGENT 4-20-68 EVB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

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HOUSTON WILL SUTEL.

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751PM URGENT 4-20-68 EVB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN; CR.

RE BU PHONE CALL TO HOUSTON THIS DATE RE SUSPECT
HENRY RICHARD GILES AND HOUSTON TELETYPE TO BUREAU RE SAME
THIS DATE.

BILLY BRASELTON, BRASELTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, CORPUS
CHRISTI, VERIFIED HENRY ROBERT GILES IN EMPLOY OF THAT
COMPANY AND DISCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF GILES VISIT TO MEXICO
OR PLANS TO VISIT CUBA.

HENRY ROBERT GILES, JR. CONTACTED THIS DATE AT TWO
TWO FOUR TARLTON STREET, CORPUS CHRISTI AND ADVISED LEFT
CORPUS CHRISTI ON FOUR SIXTEEN SIXTYEIGHT BY TRANS TEXAS
AIRWAYS AND WENT TO VERA CRUZ, MEXICO FOR VACATION WHERE
STAYED AT HOTEL EMPORIA. DEPARTED VERA CRUZ FOUR SEVENTEEN
SIXTYEIGHT BY BUS AND WENT TO MEXICO CITY, SPENDING
NIGHT AT HOTEL METROPOLE. RETURNED TO CORPUS CHRISTI
FOUR EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT VIA BRANIFF AIRLINES. DENIED
MAKING INQUIRIES IN MEXICO RE TRAVEL TO CUBA. FURNISHED
HIS BIRTHDATE AS EIGHT SIX NINETEEN EIGHTEEN AT CORPUS CHRISTI.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM M. SPENGLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 1:45 PM, this date, Mr. MARLIN GEHRING, Supervisor, Civil Rights, SOG, telephonically contacted the Houston Office and advised as follows:

An individual by the name of HENRY RICHARD GILES is presently under observation at Vera Cruz, Mexico. He is seeking information concerning travel to Cuba. He came down to Mexico along the coast and entered Mexico at Tampico, Tamaulipas. He traveled via Trans-Texas Airways. He is representing himself as being with the Brizelton (spelling may be erroneous) Corporation, Corpus Christi, Texas. He has Birth Certificate No. [REDACTED] and a passport No. unknown. He stated that he is from Corpus Christi, Texas and gave address as 224 Tarton, in that city. He is described as 5'11", medium build, blue eyes, Florid complexion and has strange colored red hair which may be dyed or a wig and wears flashy sports clothes. He furnished his birth date as 8/6/1918 at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Mr. GEHRING stated that the above information on GILES should be immediately checked out to determine if information furnished by him is true. He said that as soon as this is done the information should be immediately furnished to the supervisor handling this case at the Bureau by phone and confirmed by teletype. SA WEIR immediately contacted SA PENROD H. HARRIS and requested that Bureau's instructions be immediately complied with.

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directly:
H.R. GILES
224 TARTON
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 4/19/68

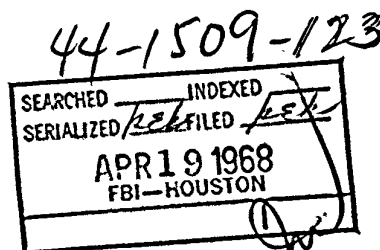
FROM : SA LEON F. BROWN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

John Willard
Itasca Dance School Suspect

On 4/19/68 SAs LEON F. BROWN and HENRY L. WILLIAMS contacted the following employees and proprietors of restaurants and bars on Old Galveston Road north from Webster to South Houston:

CECIL RAMSEY, Goliad Bar, 7722 OGR
Mrs. W. MULDER, Mulder's Courts, 7806 OGR
Mrs. BEATRICE PAIGE, ELLINGTON MOTEL, 7822 OGR
RICHARD GALIMBO, WW Ranch Bar, 9002 OGR
BARBARA FRENCH, EUNICE's, =9136 ogr
nelson bland, singing whael, 603 N. Commerce(Webster)
JEAN BRADFORD, Five B's Cafe, 16516 OGR
JIMMY STUBBS, Lone Star Beer Salesman, Pasadena
NELL KAMPER, Coconut Grove Lounge, 9322 OGR
SHANGRI-LA INN, Nina Espeanse, 9410 OGR
S. L. HARLOW, Hollywood Inn, 10638 OGR
FAYE ETZEL, Roy's Tune-UP, 10010 OGR



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA JOHN G. HOUSTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN G. HOUSTON at Port Arthur, Texas:

On 4/16/68, Mrs. ELIZABETH BUCKINGHAM, Identification Division, Port Arthur PD, advised she was unable to locate any arrest record identifiable with a RICHARD GALT.

On 4/16/68, FLOYD MARCEAUX, Credit Bureau of Port Arthur, stated he was unable to locate a credit record for a RICHARD GALT.

On 4/16/68, BEN JOHNSON, Secretary, National Maritime Union (NMU), 333 7th Street, advised he was unable to locate any record for a RICHARD GALT.

On 4/16/68, TOMMY GLADWELL, Business Agent, Seafarers International Union, 1348 7th Street, stated he did not have any record for a RICHARD GALT. Mr. GLADWELL advised all records are destroyed after a five year period.

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TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of
Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and
9/8/66

WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636
FBI #4558766

Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO
#29637 and RIFE, Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

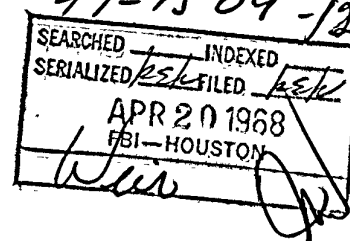
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-1509)

FROM : SPC EUSEBIO V. BENAVIDEZ

SUBJECT: MURKIN; CR.

DATE: 4-21-68

On 4-19-68, Col. G. E Mitchell, 20458 Kingsride, HO5-2993, Houston telephonically advised that he is a personal friend of the SWIGERT family which has been since April 4, 1968. He advised that since the family has been missing since the same date as the King murder that there might be some connection between the two and felt that he should bring this to the attention of the FBI. He stated that prior to the family's disappearance Richard Swigert withdrew \$5500. from his bank account. The HOPD has been conducting an investigation in this matter.

Mr. Mitchel was thanked for the above info.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1509)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : SPC Tisdale

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 3:50 p.m. this date a call was received from COP Burns, Galveston, Texas, PD, who advised that one of his detectives, Det. (Buster) Landrum, had advised him of the following information.

Landrum stated that late last night he recieved a call from a nurse at John Sealy Hospital who refused to give her name. She told Landrum that for the past two nights a man who she described as greatly resembling the man being sought for the murder of Dr. King has visited a Mrs. Cora McBride in room 223. She stated the man makes it a point never to look directly at anyone and for the past two nights has visited just before dark.

Chief Burns stated he contacted Mr. Harding, hospital administrator, who advised that a Mrs. Cora Harding did occupy room 223.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

FROM : SA WILLIAM M. SPENGLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

On 4/19/68, STEVE GERON, Mgr., HOME Entertainment, Inc., (record shop), 18091 Upper Bay Road, Nassau Bay, was exhibited photo and description of JAMES EARL RAY. He was unable to identify this photo. He searched his records under the name and aliases of RAY and was unable to locate any record under these names. GERON explained that he had been manager only since January, 1968. Previous mangger was DAVID WEINBRENER, now with Sterling Electronics.

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On 4/19/68, DAVID WEINBRENER, Salesman, Sterling Electronics, 4201 Southwest Freeway, was exhibited photo and description of subject and stated he could not identify this individual as having been a patron of HOME Entertainment, Inc. during the time he was manager. WEINBRENER stated Home Entertainment, Inc. opened for business in Nassau Bay about June 7, 1967 under his management. He remained there as manager until the latter part of 1967.

Mrs. NORMA DRESZER, Clerk, and Mrs. JOYCE MURPHY, Owner, Melody Lane Music Shop, Clear Lake City Shopping Center, on 4/19/68, were exhibited photo and description of subject and were unable to identify as a patron of this store. Name and aliases searched against records with negative results.

In contacting the above, particular stress was put on the name JOHN WILLARD.

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To: SAC's Dallas (44-2649)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Dallas airtel of 4/16/68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of James Allen Smith, FBI #731553D. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Smith.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SPC JOE CARRANZA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

William Stoneham 4595 Fennett, Beaumont, Tx. PH. 842-1403, called this office at 1:00 AM this date and stated that a WM white male came to him looking for work Friday nite and that this person resembles JAMES EARL RAY Verymuch. Stoneham stated that subject is from Benton Ill. is driving a white and green '58 Dodge without license plates and is using the name of Dean Spiller.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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At about 6 p.m. on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been

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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

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