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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND MIAMI
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN

PETER S. GILCHRIST, CHARLOTTE, NC, ADVISED APRIL TWELVE LAST HE WAS TRAVELING FROM ATLANTA TO HOUSTON VIA EAL FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE. HE LEFT ATLANTA AT ELEVEN ZERO FIVE AM. HE ADVISED UPON VIEWING JAMES EARL RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH, THAT HE WAS SURE THAT RAY WAS THE PASSENGER ON THIS FLIGHT. HE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS TRAVELING WITHOUT LUGGAGE. ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RAY AND PASSENGER WAS COLOR HAIR. INDIVIDUAL ON PLANE HAD BLOND HAIR. HE ADVISED THERE WERE FORTY-FIVE TO FIFTY INDIVIDUALS ON THE FLIGHT BUT INSOFAR AS HE KNOWS, THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS THE ONLY PERSON TO LEAVE THE PLANE AT HOUSTON.

GILCHRIST DID NOT KNOW THE NAME THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS USING.

MIAMI, THROUGH EAL RECORDS ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE INDIVIDUALS NAMES ON THIS FLIGHT FROM ATLANTA TO HOUSTON AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS.

AM COPIES TO ATLANTA AND HOUSTON.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

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FROM MIAMI 44-1854

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4-35 PM 4-23-68 URGENT DAO

TO HOUSTON

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

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RE: LOUISIANA LICENSE TWO FIVE E NINE THREE ZERO. *9 3 0 6*

RE DALLAS AIRTEL TO NEW ORLEANS, APRIL TWENTYTWO, LAST.

FOR INFORMATION HOUSTON, ON APRIL NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, ANONYMOUS CALLER ADVISED DALLAS OFFICE SHE SAW AN INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING ERIC STARVO GALT DRIVING LATE MODEL CHEVROLET, LIGHT TAN, FOUR-DOOR, ON APRIL TWELVE, LAST, AT WHICH TIME THE CAR STOPPED, PARKED AT A & A LIQUOR STORE, INDUSTRIAL AND HAMPTON STREETS, DALLAS. THE INDIVIDUAL ENTERED THE LIQUOR STORE. HIS CAR WAS BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT LA. LICENSE TWO FIVE E NINE THREE ZERO. *9 3 0 6*

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Wiatt advised
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TO: ALL SACS

FROM: DIRECTOR

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REMEAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APR. 18, LAST FURNISHING
BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY
UNSOLVED ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES (POSSIBLE
ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APR. 23, 1967. RAY SHOULD
ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS
AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENT-
IFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DURING REVIEW OF PAST VIOLATIONS
SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED
IN BANK ROBBERY NOT FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING
SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK
ROBBERY AND BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Ray's copies made for [unclear] 4/24/68
If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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8:23 PM URGENT 4/23/68 KCK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), HOUSTON, & MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (2P)

MURKIN

RE SF TELEPHONE CALL TO HOUSTON.

RE: TOM ROZELL.

ON APRIL TWO THREE, INSTANT, MISS TRUDIE WALMARK,
TWO FOUR ONE ONEDA STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE
NUMBER THREE THREE THREE DASH ONE NINE FOUR TWO, ADVISED THAT ON
APRIL TWO TWO, LAST, SHE HAD ATTENDED A STUDY GROUP AT THE FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH, MARKET AND OCTAVIA STREETS, SAN FRANCISCO, AND
THERE MET A MAN, TOM ROSELL (PHONETIC), WHO STATED HE CAME FROM
BEAUMONT, TEXAS. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE DETERMINED THAT HE WAS
LATER DROPPED OFF AT THE EMBARCADERO YMCA. SHE STATED IT WAS HER
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), HOUSTON, & MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (2P)

MURKIN

RE SF TELEPHONE CALL TO HOUSTON.

RE: TOM ROZELL.

ON APRIL TWO THREE, INSTANT, MISS TRUDIE WALMARK,
TWO FOUR ONE ONEDA STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE
NUMBER THREE THREE THREE DASH ONE NINE FOUR TWO, ADVISED THAT ON
APRIL TWO TWO, LAST, SHE HAD ATTENDED A STUDY GROUP AT THE FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH, MARKET AND OCTAVIA STREETS, SAN FRANCISCO, AND
THERE MET A MAN, TOM ROSELL (PHONETIC), WHO STATED HE CAME FROM
BEAUMONT, TEXAS. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE DETERMINED THAT HE WAS
LATER DROPPED OFF AT THE EMBARCADERO YMCA. SHE STATED IT WAS HER
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1509)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SPC Tisdale

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Francisco teletype to Director, Houston, and Memphis
this date at 8:23 p.m.

Information contained in referenced teletype was telephonically furnished to the Houston office by SA Al Higgins, San Francisco office, at 7:05 p.m. Higgins requested that this information be immediately checked out to determine if such an address as 405 Threadneedle St. existed and instructed that Houston should locate and identify TOM ROZELL.

SA Kesler was advised of this information and he stated that the current Beaumont telephone directory listed a W. L. Rozell at 405 Threadneedle St., telephone TE 3-3127. SA Higgins was advised of this information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA M. CLAY BLACKMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 4:25 p.m., on 4/15/68, CHARLES McRAY called from the Swank Bar, 806 Texas, Houston, and advised that he had recently been fired from his job as manager of the Tennyson Hotel and as a result of this was drinking in the Swank Bar sitting next to a man who resembled the suspect that he had read about in the newspapers who shot MARTIN LUTHER KING. McRAY, who did not sound intoxicated, but spoke with somewhat of a slur, described the man as a white male, 45 years of age, with blonde hair darkened by lots of hair oil, brown eyes, 5'11" in height, 175-185 pounds, and wearing a blue sweater with a white shirt and dark pants. He said the man whose name he did not know had a prominent protruding nose, was drinking whiskey, and was very nervous. The man said he was from Birmingham, Alabama, and he got the impression he wanted to leave town.

McRAY stated his telephone number was CA 7-6119, but that he would be in or near the Swank Bar if the Agents came to investigate. He described himself as tall, thin, with a mustache and a receding hairline, wearing a brown suit.

At 4:45 p.m., SAs M. CLAY BLACKMAN and F. WILLIAM WHATLEY, JR. entered the bar and observed approximately a dozen patrons and one barmaid, but no one fitting the description of either CHARLES McRAY or ERIC STARVO GALT.

One patron was noticed sitting drinking at the bar wearing a dark blue sweater, white shirt open at the neck, dark brown pants, and black shoes. He appeared to be 50 years of age, 6'1"-6'2" tall, had gray hair, parted on the left, a prominent nose, and weighed 200 pounds. He was a white male.

He was observed to leave the bar, walk unsteadily to the Dot Restaurant two doors away where he ordered food, and had considerable difficulty playing the juke box due to his apparent intoxication.

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No attempt was made to interview this man as he appeared to be intoxicated, approximately 15 years older than the GALT description, and two or three inches taller with gray hair. No one else in the bar resembled the man described by McRAY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA James S. Weir

SUBJECT: MURKIN, CR

REMEMO OF SA Hedgecock, 4/22/68

Rememo reflected that Mrs. Louise Wallace, aka Lou, is employed as a waitress at the Massau Bay Hotel, Webster.

On 4/23 Barry Fleishman, Resident Mgr., Nassau Bay Hotel advised as follows:

Mrs. Wallace has been employed by that hotel as a waitress for an extended period. She was not at work 4/23/ He described her as being in her middle or late 40s, married and has seven children. Her husband is an invalid. Mrs Wallace is definately not a "swinger", but on the contrary, is a quiet, stabel and refined person who is a dedicated housewife and monther with outside employment to support her family. She is not the type who would be interested in or have the time for extra marital affairs in view of her heavy responsibilities as ho sewife to an invalid and mother of seven children.

On basis of above Mrs. Wallace is being eliminated as possibly being "Lou", a girlfriend of John Willard, student at Itaska Dance Studio, xummer, 1967.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA James S. Weir

SUBJECT: MURKIN, CR

On 4/23/68 the following stops were reset and the most current Wanted Flyer, #405, 942, G re: James Earl Ray, aka, along with his IQ were furnished to the following:

Braniff Airlines
John Hare, Agent in Charge

KLM
Ursula Plumbee, Station Agent

Pan AM
Lee Rojas, Airport Customer Service Mgr.

Aeronautes de Mexico
Alberto Rojas, Mgr.

The above comprise those airlines that furnish international transportation from Houston International Airport. *STOP CARDS prepared*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA James S. Weir

SUBJECT: MURKIN, CR

On 4/24/68 numerous copies of Wanted Flyer # 405,942 G and the most recent IO on James Earl Ray, aka were furnished to Francis Quebedoux, Asst. In Charge, INS, Houston District, for distribution to INS and Customs personel at ports of embarkation and debarkation in captioned matter.

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