

NK 44-354

itself to read, "Will give French lessons to white gals, three not a crowd. Like party for movies or pic for white couple. Have wife's permission. S.F. Bay area." RAY also wrote and crossed out following, the last sentence in his ad, "Gals send photo. Discretion given and expected."

RAY checked the appropriate boxes on the form indicating he had enclosed \$5.00 and that he wanted his ad to be run free in the next monthly issue of Select Magazine.

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source] [REDACTED] said RAY probably sent his subscription form in an envelope in either November or December, 1967, to the magazine's mailing address of Box 889, Camden, N. J. [REDACTED] explained the envelopes subscriptions are received in are destroyed. He said the ad of RAY's was published in the December, 1967, issue of Select Magazine.

[REDACTED] said the last issue of Select Magazine mailed to its subscribers occurred on 4/12/68. [REDACTED] said RAY was sent a copy of this issue which apparently was not returned to Select Associates.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the known handprinting of the subject with the questioned handprinting contained on the enclosed form.

The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed subscription form for latent impressions. Compare any latent impressions developed with the subject's fingerprints.

The Bureau is requested to return the enclosure after these examinations have been made.

LEAD:

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1. Conduct appropriate investigation at 34 Gladys Street to determine if the JAMES E. RAY residing there is identical with subject, looking towards the apprehension of subject.

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

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File
- 1 - Foreign Liaison

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **June 6, 1968**

Qc 364 - Qc 367

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-36861**
Lab. No. **D-680605033 JK
D-680604100 JK**

Examination requested by: **Washington Field Office,
Buffalo**

Reference:

Airtel 6/4/68

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

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

Specimens Qc364 through Qc366 were personally delivered to the Laboratory on 6/4/68 by SA Robert W. Dawson, Washington Field Office.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to Memphis, Buffalo and Legat, Ottawa dated 6/5/68.

- Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
2 - Buffalo (44-374) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Washington Field Office (44-703) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Legat, Ottawa Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

JHN:AW (15)

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)****Date: June 6, 1968****FBI File No. 44-38861****Re: MURKIN
CR****Lab. No. D-680605033 JK****D-680604100 JK****Specimens received 6/4/68, from FBI, Washington Field Office**

**Qc364 Three photocopies of Statutory Declaration In Lieu
Of Guarantor form bearing the signature "Ramon George
Sneyd"**

**Qc365 Three photocopies of Form A - Application for
Canadian Passport bearing the signature "Ramon George
Sneyd"**

**Qc366 Two photographs, one of which bears the signature
"Ramon George Sneyd"**

Specimen received 6/4/68, from FBI, Buffalo

**Qc367 Photocopy of hand printed note dated 4/20/68 beginning
"I half to go..." signed "Ramon George Sneyd"**

**ALSO SUBMITTED: Photograph of partial palm print and passport
photograph****Result of examination:**

**It was determined that the questioned hand printing
appearing on Qc364 and Qc365 was not prepared by James Earl
Ray.**

**Considering the "Ramon George Sneyd" signatures on
Qc364, Qc365, Qc366 and Qc367 along with the hand printing
on Qc367 as a unit, it was concluded that the questioned
material comprising these items was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY,
whose known handwriting and hand printing appear on specimens
K171, K211 and K257.**

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A comparison of the photographs of James Earl Ray with the photographs of Ramon George Sneyd (QC366) discloses similarities in many significant general features including contours and shapes of ears, chin, nose and lips, the face lines, and the hairlines. Based on these similarities it has been concluded that in all probability these photographs depict the same individual. However, in the absence of specific characteristics such as identifying scars, marks, etc., a definite determination could not be made as the result of this comparison.

Specimens QC364 through QC367 have been retained.



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

1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
① - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **June 6, 1968**

Request

Re: **MURKIN
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OO: Memphis**

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John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680604048 JK**

Examination requested by: **San Diego**

Reference: **Teletype 5/31/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the
results of the fingerprint comparisons.**

**This report confirms and supplements Bureau airtel
dated 6/5/68.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - San Diego (44-387) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

JHM:AW (12)

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 6, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Re: MURKIN
CR

Lab. No. D-680604048 JK

Request

~~Specimens received~~

6/4/68

Request for comparison of handwriting and fingerprints appearing on questioned "Marshall" writings in this case with signatures and fingerprints of JACK WETHINGTON, FBI #616317C, and JAMES HAROLD WARREN, FBI #4250617

Result of examination:

Because the known signatures of JAMES HAROLD WARREN, FBI #4250617, and JACK WETHINGTON, FBI #616317C, are not sufficiently comparable with the questioned William A. Marshall signatures on Q343 and Q344, it could not be determined whether the "Marshall" signatures were prepared by either of these individuals.

JHM:AW

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- (Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- ① - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File
- 1 - Foreign Liaison

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **June 5, 1968**

Qc364 - Qc366

Re: **MURKIN**
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680604100 JK**

Examination requested by: **Washington Field Office**

Reference: **None - Personally Delivered**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Specimens Qc364 through Qc366 were personally delivered to the Laboratory on 6/4/68 by SA Robert W. Dawson, Washington Field Office.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Washington Field Office Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Legat, Ottawa Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

FMD:AW (12)

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 5, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680604100 JK

Specimens received 6/4/68

- Qc364 Three photocopies of Statutory Declaration In Lieu of Guarantor form bearing the signature "Ramon George Sneyd"
- Qc365 Three photocopies of Form A - Application For Canadian Passport bearing the signature "Ramon George Sneyd"
- Qc366 Two photographs, one of which bears the signature "Ramon George Sneyd"

Result of examination:

It was determined that the questioned hand printing on Qc364 and Qc365 was not prepared by James Earl Ray.

Utilizing specimens K171, K211 and K257 as known handwriting specimens as well as writings attributable to Ray, which have been signed Eric S. Galt, a number of significant handwriting characteristics were noted in the Sneyd signatures on Qc364 through Qc366 when compared with the known material. These characteristics indicate that the Sneyd signatures were very probably prepared by Ray but the available known handwriting of RAY does not contain sufficient comparable letter combinations to warrant a positive identification of this writing.

A comparison of the photographs of James Earl Ray with the photographs of Ramon George Sneyd (Qc366) discloses similarities in many significant general features, including contours and shapes of ears, chin, nose and lips, the face lines and the hairlines. Based on these similarities it has been concluded that, in all probability these photographs depict the same individual. However, in the absence of specific characteristics such as identifying scars, marks, etc., a definite determination could not be made as a result of this comparison.

Qc364 through Qc366 are retained. FMD:AW

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1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
① - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 5, 1968

Request

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-6806033164 JK

Examination requested by: Bureau
Reference: None
Examination requested: Document
Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

JHM:AW (8)

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 5, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680603164 JK

Request received 6/3/68

~~Specimens received~~
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Request comparison of handwriting on registration cards in the name "Vincent Walker" (Q349) and "Lawrence Reed" (Q350) with signatures on fingerprint cards of LAWRENCE EARL WILLIAMS, FBI #213797, VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER, FBI #52651-D, VINCENT JOHN WALKER, JR., FBI #70584-B and HERBERT J. WALKER, FBI #908780-C

Result of examination:

Because the "Vincent Walker" name on Q349 is hand printed, the handwritten signatures of the individuals mentioned above cannot be satisfactorily compared with the "Walker" name on Q349.

Partly because of the distorted nature of the questioned signature on Q350 and partly because the known signatures in the name "Walker" are not comparable with the handwriting on Q350, it could not be determined whether this questioned item was prepared by any of the individuals whose names are set forth above.

JHM:AW (8)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 4, 1968

Q362-363

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680531091 JZ

Examination requested by: Los Angeles
Reference: Airtel 5/29/68
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q362 and Q363.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

JHM:AW (10)

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)
Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: June 4, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680531091 JK

Specimens received 5/31/68

Q362 Check drawn on Security First National Bank, Long Beach, California, dated May 15, 1968, payable to "Alan A. Krause," signed "W. L. De Luca"

Q363 Gulf Oil invoice No. 6686906, dated 5/15/68, bearing the signature "W. L. De Luca"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Five cards bearing latent prints

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Q362 and Q363 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Because of the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations, the writings on these two items could not be satisfactorily compared with the "William A. Marshall" signatures appearing on Q343 and Q344 which were previously submitted.

The submitted items will be returned separately.
Photographs are retained.

JHM:AW (10)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - (Mr. Long-2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File
1 - Foreign Liaison

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **June 4, 1968**

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Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

44-38861

Lab. No.

D-680531092 JK

D-680531093 JK

Examination requested by:

Bureau

Reference:

None

Examination requested:

Document

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Legat, Ottawa (44-4) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Legat, Mexico City (173-1) Enclosure (Lab report)

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 4, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680531092 JK
D-680531093 JK

Bureau Request received 5/31/68

~~Specimens received~~Qc360 Photocopy of lease form for Harkay Apartments signed
"Eric S. Galt"

Bureau Request received 5/31/68

Qc361 Photocopy of registration card for Hotel "Tropicana"
No. 11133, bearing the signature "Eric Galt"

Result of examination:

Although handwriting characteristics noted indicate the common authorship of the questioned "Galt" signatures on Qc360 and Qc361 and the other signatures in this name, partly because of the indistinctness of the photocopies and partly because of the presence of some variations, a definite conclusion was not reached.

Specimens Qc360 and Qc361 have been retained in Bureau files.

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MURKIN

CR

OO: Memphis (44-1987)

Legat, Mexico, by airtel dated April 23, 1968, submitted to the Bureau photocopies of registration card for "Eric Galt" at the Hotel "Tropicana", Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

For purposes of comparison with other material in this case this specimen has been designated as Qc361 and will be maintained in Bureau file 44-38861, Serial No. 2507, Section 22.

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MURKIN

CR

OO: Memphis (44-1987)

Foreign Agency

Legat, Ottawa, by airtel dated 4/24/68 submitted three copies of [REDACTED] report dated April 19, 1968, with enclosures. One of the enclosures consisted of a photocopy of a lease form for Harkay Apartments, signed "Eric S. Galt"

For purposes of comparison with other material in this case the lease has been designated as Qc360 and will be maintained in Bureau file 44-38861, Serial No. 2140, Section No. 18

Qc 360

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- ① - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File
- 1 - Foreign Liaison

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **June 4, 1968**

QC 358 - QC 359

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Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680603033 JK**

Examination requested by: **Bureau**
Reference: **None**
Examination requested: **Document**
Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Legat, Ottawa (44-4) Enclosure (Lab report)

JHM:AW (10)

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Date: **June 4, 1968**
FBI File No: **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680603033 JK**

Bureau Request received

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **5/31/68**

- Qc288** Additional photocopy of money order previously submitted
- Qc358** Photocopy of Canadian Postal Money Order, C-35,273,307, payable to "E.Z. Formula" amount of \$1.00, remitted by "Eric Galt"
- Qc359** Photocopy of Canadian Postal Money Order, C-31,600,648, payable to "Futura Books, Inc." amount of \$9.00, remitted by "Eric Galt"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Qc358 and Qc359 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, whose known handwriting appears on K171, K211 and K257.

Qc358 and Qc359 have been retained in Bureau files.

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OO: Memphis (44-1987)

Legat, Ottawa, by airtel dated 4/26/68 submitted to the Bureau three Canadian Money Orders (photocopies). One of the money orders is a duplicate of Canadian Money Order submitted by FBI, Newark with an airtel dated 4/23/68.

For purposes of comparison with other material in this case the remaining two money orders have been designated as Qc358 and Qc359.

The above-listed specimens will be maintained in Bureau file 44-38861, Serial No. 2576, Section 23.

Newark (44-854)

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

1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
① - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 29, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**
CR
OO: Memphis

BR
J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680527113 JK**

Examination requested by: **Atlanta**

Reference: **Airtel 5/23/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q357.

Enclosures (2) (3 Lab report)
2 - Atlanta (26-43489) (44-2386) Enclosures (2)
(2 Lab report)
2 - Saint Louis (44-775) (26-32047) Enclosures (2)
(2 Lab report)
1 - Bufile (26-

JHM:AW (13)

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Date: **May 29, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680527113 JK**

Specimens received **5/27/68**

**Q357 Rental Agreement No. 7044343, bearing the signature
"S. M. Schneiderman"**

Result of examination:

Because of the distorted nature of the questioned signature on Q357 and the different style of handwriting employed, it could not be determined whether this signature was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G; however, nothing of particular significance was noted between the questioned signature and the known handwriting of RAY from such comparison as could be made.

Q357 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

JHM:AW (13)

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FBI

Date: 5/23/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) & (26-43489) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

UNSUB;
1968 DODGE
VIN LH41D3E323249
1968 GEORGIA LICENSE 1D48283
ITSMV
(OO: ST. LOUIS)

Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68, under MURKIN caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one National Car Rental Agreement # 7044348, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, dated 4/2/68.

For information of San Francisco, Jacksonville, and Knoxville, captioned 1968 Dodge located abandoned Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport, St. Louis, Missouri, on 5/16/68. Captioned Dodge rented in Atlanta on stolen credit cards on 4/2/68, in name of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad Road, Richmond, Illinois, which credit cards were taken in an armed robbery in Kansas City, Missouri. Captioned car rented and located during pertinent period of time re investigation re MURKIN, and leads being logically pursued in an attempt to eliminate or identify renter with JAMES EARL RAY.

(3) Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)
1-Chicago (Info) (RM)
1-Memphis (RM)
4-Atlanta

(2-44-2386) (2-26-43489)

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1-Kansas City (Info) (RM)
3-St. Louis (44-775) (26-32047) (RM)
2-San Francisco (RM)
2-Jacksonville (RM)
2-Knoxville (RM)

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

AT 44-2386
26-43489

MARGIE CURTIS, 1838 Dunlap Avenue, East Point, Georgia, employed by National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia, advised on 5/17/68, she was the individual who rented the 1968 Dodge Dart to S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN on 4/2/68. She described SCHNEIDERMAN as being in his late 30s or early 40s, approximately 5' 7' 8" tall, of small build, weighing approximately 140-145, with dark hair, possibly black. She viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated from her recollection, did not believe RAY identical to SCHNEIDERMAN, however, photograph of RAY, particularly the hair, did resemble SCHNEIDERMAN.

SCHNEIDERMAN appeared at the National Car Rental Office at the Atlanta Airport at approximately 9:42 am, wearing a business suit and presented 3 Millionaire Club credit cards, 2 in plastic covering, and 1 plain paper card, all in the name of S. SCHNEIDERMAN. She could not recall if SCHNEIDERMAN had luggage, and stated she was sure that he was not accompanied by anyone. She stated she obtained the DL # from SCHNEIDERMAN's Illinois DL, and also listed the Holiday Inn at the Atlanta Airport as SCHNEIDERMAN's place of contact.

DAVE ROGERS, National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia Airport, produced National Car Rental System Rental Agreement # 7044348 for this company, Station 070-2, dated 4/2/68, at 9:42 am, indicating one S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN rented car # 701371 with Georgia license 1D98283, which is a Dodge Dart, which rental agreement reflects an address of 6535 North Richmond, Illinois. Also listed on this agreement, DL # W5-570-018, from the state of Illinois. The agreement reflects the car will be returned on 5/1/68, and indicates a credit card was used from the Millionaire Club National Limited, Chicago, Illinois, # 96968.

ROGERS stated that a 20% cash discount was given to SCHNEIDERMAN and stated that according to records of this office, their vehicle 701371 is a 1968 Dodge Dart, VIN LH41D8B323249, bearing 1968 Georgia license 1D48283.

ROGERS stated that SCHNEIDERMAN apparently, after obtaining this automobile, later went to the Tallahassee, Florida area, and was staying at the Holiday Inn in Tallahassee, inasmuch as he, ROGERS, had received an inquiry from a Lt. DAVIS of the Tallahassee, Florida PD, who was checking on SCHNEIDERMAN through the Georgia license plate on his car. ROGERS also stated that he later received information that SCHNEIDERMAN was locked out of his room by the Holiday Inn # 2, Knoxville, Tennessee.

AT 44-2386
26-43489

Mrs. PEARL JOHNSON, Bookkeeper, Holiday Inn, Atlanta, Georgia Airport, advised that records of her office failed to reflect a S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN registered in this motel during the later part of March, or later part of April, 1968. Mrs. JOHNSON advised that records of this motel reflect that a guest register card # 44179, in the name of S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, 2493 Airport Boulevard, San Francisco, California, representing the Equipment Engineering Company, stayed in Room 284 of this motel on 4/28-30/68. SCHNEIDERMAN left owing a bill of \$32.61. Mrs. JOHNSON stated that her records also reflect a check was cashed by this motel in the amount of \$25, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, dated 4/29/68, check # 134, made out to the Holiday Inn, and drawn on the Portola District Branch of the Bank of America, San Francisco, California, 2485 San Bruno Avenue. This check bears the written notation, "Ill. # W5-570-018, #284, and also EAL # 0-350-868M." She indicated the Illinois # was a DL # for the guest in Room 284, however, she could not explain what the other # was, and stated EAL could be Eastern Airlines.

Mrs. JOHNSON advised that letters were directed to SCHNEIDERMAN at the 2493 Airport Boulevard, San Francisco, California address, which letters were returned and the check was returned from the bank stamped "not sufficient funds".

LEADS:

BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to compare the enclosed evidence and handwriting with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. Will return evidence to Atlanta Division upon completion of examination. Will furnish the Memphis, Atlanta, and St. Louis Offices with results of examination.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT BANK OF AMERICA, PORTOLA BRANCH

Conduct appropriate investigation re checks in name of S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN.

KNOXVILLE,

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Conduct appropriate investigation at Holiday Inn # 2, re S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN being locked out of his room. Will ascertain if any personal effects of SCHNEIDERMAN obtained by motel, and thereafter check these effects, in addition to identify unsub.

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AT 44-2386
26-43489

LEADS: (cont)

JACKSONVILLE

AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Contact Lt. DAVIS and Holiday Inn re S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN.

CHICAGO & KANSAS CITY

Information copies directed to these offices in view of
outstanding investigation being conducted.

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

1 - Mr. Rosen
 (Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 28, 1968**

Request

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680527001 JK**

Examination requested by: **Cleveland**

Reference: **Airtel 5/23/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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

JHM:AW (10)

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)****Date: May 28, 1968****Re: MURKIN
CR****FBI File No. 44-38861****Lab. No. D-680527001 JK****Request received 5/24/68,
Specimens received
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Request for comparison of evidence submitted with Philadelphia communication dated 5/20/68 and evidence submitted with Miami communication dated 4/11/68.

Result of examination:

The items submitted with Miami communication dated 4/11/68 (Q124, Q125 and Q126) contain only questioned hand printing while the letter and envelope (Q347 and Q348) submitted by Philadelphia communication dated 5/20/68 bear only typewriting and the handwritten signature "Eric S. Galt."

Because of the different means employed to prepare the questioned items previously mentioned they could not be satisfactorily compared.

JHM:AW (10)**000292**



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

1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
① - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

To: **FBI, Richmond (67-NEW)**

Date: **May 29, 1968**

Re: **UNSUB, aka
DAVID COOPERMAN,
LALAH COOPERMAN
ITSP
OO: Richmond**

BT
John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **87-100326**
Lab. No. **D-000523082 JK**

Examination requested by: **Richmond**
Reference: **Airtel 5/21/68**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q1.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Richmond (44-657) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 2 - Baltimore (1-44-493) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 2 - Washington Field Office (1-44-703) Enclosures (2)
(2 Lab report)
- 1 - Bufile (44-38861)

JHM:AW (15)

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

To: **FBI, Richmond (87-NEW)**

Date: **May 29, 1968**

FBI File No.

Re: **UNSUB, aka
DAVID COOPERMAN,
LALAH COOPERMAN
ITSP**

Lab. No. **D-680523082 JK**

Specimen received 5/23/68

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>SIGNED</u>	<u>BANK</u>
Q1	147	\$175.00	4/15/68	Valerie Dawn Miller	David Cooperman	Suburban Trust Company, Hyattsville, Md.

Result of examination:

Specimen Q1 was searched through the appropriate sections of the National Fraudulent Check File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

Where fingerprint cards were located for individuals using the name "David Cooperman" the signatures thereon were compared with Q1 but no identification could be effected. No fingerprint cards were located for individuals using the name "Lalah Cooperman."

It was concluded that the questioned writings on Q1 were not prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Q1 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

JHM:AW (15)

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5/21/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (87-NEW) -P-
SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
David Cooperman,
Lalah Cooperman
ITSP
(OO: RH)

Re WFO airtel to Richmond and Baltimore, 5/9/68
under caption "MURKIN."

Enclosed for the Bureau is one check in the amount of \$175.00, drawn on the Suburban Trust Company, Hyattsville, Md. Enclosed for the Baltimore Division is one Xerox copy of same check. Enclosed for each office is a copy of re airtel.

For the information of the Bureau, re airtel advised DAWN MILLER, apartment 504, Landmark Towers, 101 Lincolnia Rd., furnished information that an individual resembling JAMES EARL RAY identified himself as DAVID COOPERMAN and purchased a used sofa from her on approximately April 14, 1968. COOPERMAN paid for the purchase with a check which is enclosed, and the check was subsequently returned to Miss MILLER marked, "Insufficient funds."

On 5/16/68, Miss MILLER was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, by SA RICHARD D. BATISTE, JR. and she indicated that she could not positively state that the unsub is identical with RAY. She furnished the check received from

- 5 - Director (Enc. 1) (RM) (2-44-38861)
1 - Baltimore (info) (Enc. 2)
1 - Memphis (info) (Enc. 1)
1 - WFO (info) (Enc. 1)
3 - Richmond
(1 - 44-657)

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COOPERMAN to SA BATISTE for latent fingerprint and handwriting examination by the FBI Laboratory.

Inasmuch as Miss MILLER was not positive in her identification of COOPERMAN as RAY, and the apparent ITSP violation, the laboratory is requested to make a latent fingerprint and handwriting for comparison with the known prints and handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY and search the enclosed check through the National Fraudulent Check file.

Results of the above examination should be furnished all offices receiving this communication and the check returned to the Richmond Division.

Pending determination of an ITSP violation, by the Baltimore Division, no further leads are being set forth at this time. Information copies are being forwarded to those offices having an investigative interest in this matter.

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

1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 27, 1968**

Q355-356

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

BN
J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-33861**
Lab. No. **D-680524079 JK**

Examination requested by: **Memphis**
Reference: **Airtel 5/22/68**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q355 and Q356.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau airtel to Memphis and Dallas dated 5/24/68.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Dallas Enclosures (Lab report)

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JHM:AW (9)

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 27, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680524079 JK**Specimens received **5-24-68**

Q355 Envelope postmarked "Dallas, Tex. 1B PM 1 May, 1968," bearing the handwritten address "Mr. Loeb - Mayor of Memphis Memphis, Tenn."

Q356 Accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "I didnt mean to kill Rev. Luther King..." and ending "...but not a white man. Black men hired me"

Result of examination:

Specimens Q355 and Q356 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

No indented writing, watermarks or other identifying features were noted on either Q355 or Q356 which might indicate the immediate source of these two items.

It was concluded that the questioned writings on Q355 and Q356 were not prepared by James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

The submitted items are temporarily retained.
Photographs were made.

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Date: 5/22/68

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LAB

680524079

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

MURKIN
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Enclosed for the Bureau are the originals of an envelope and letter postmarked May 1, 1968, at Dallas, Texas, addressed: "Mr. LOEB, Mayor of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee". This letter reads as follows:

"I didn't mean to kill Rev. LUTHER KING. They hired me to shoot him in the leg and when he stumped over I accidental kill him. Brother A said he would pay me \$300 cash and if Rev. KING was wounded they would get a hole lot of money and would give me 5000. Now they will pay me no more. 3 men hired me called each other Bro A Mr. B and Mr. T.

"By the time you gets this I will be out of the country. Hope you gets the 3 men that hired me. They are the guilty ones. You are looking for the wrong man. I am white but not a white man Black man hired me."

This letter was made available today by Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department, who stated he had received it today from the Mayor's Office. Several names written in ink on the back of the envelope are names that were written by someone in the Mayor's Office and have no connection with this letter.

A Xerox copy of this letter is enclosed for the Dallas Office; however, no investigation is being requested of Dallas until such time as the Bureau has compared the handwriting with known handwriting of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc-2)
1 - Dallas (Info) (Enc-1)
2 - Memphis

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to compare the enclosed letter with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY and advise Memphis and Dallas results.

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

1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
① - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 27, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

OO: Memphis

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680522083 JK

Examination requested by: St. Louis

Reference: Airtel 5/21/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q354.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2-St. Louis (44-775) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

JHM:taw (10)

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 27, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680523083 JKRe: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 5/23/68

Q354 Signature card of Manufacturers Bank & Trust Company
of St. Louis dated 3/9/58 bearing the signature
"James Carl O'Connor"

Result of examination:

Because of the presence of some characteristics which could not be satisfactorily explained on the basis of the available known writings, it could not be determined whether the "James Carl O'Connor" signature on Q354 was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY; however, significant similarities were noted between this questioned signature and the available known handwriting of RAY.

Q354 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

JHM:taw (10)

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

1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 27, 1968**

Q 352-353

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

BJ
John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680523034 JK**

Examination requested by: **Washington Field Office**

Reference: **Airtel 5/23/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q352 and Q353.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Washington Field Office (44-703) Enclosure
(Lab report)**
- 1 - Newark (44-854) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 27, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680523034 JK**Specimens received **5/23/68**

Q352 U.S. Postal Money Order, No. 1,916,211,078, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N.J., bearing the handwritten name and address "Eric S. Galt 5533 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90028"

Q353 U.S. Postal Money Order, No. 5,615,057,923, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N.J., bearing the handwritten name and address "Eric S. Galt 113-14th St. N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30309"

Result of examination:

On the basis of the available writings attributed to the subject, James Earl Ray, it was concluded that the questioned hand printing and handwriting appearing on Q352 and Q353 were prepared by this individual.

Specimens Q352 and Q353 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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5/23/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

ReNKteletype 5/20/68.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Lab are two United States Postal Money Orders bearing signature ERIC S. GALT.

Number one Money Order # 1,916,211,078, dated 3/8/68, in amount of \$15.00 purchased Los Angeles, California, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. GALT lists address as 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Number two Money Order # 5,615,057,923, dated 3/28/68, purchased Atlanta, Georgia, in amount of \$7.50, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. GALT lists address as 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Money orders furnished to SA SIDNEY H. ROCHE on 5/22/68, by JOHN R. TAKACH, Chief, Money Order Branch, Government Accounting Office, Washington, D.C.

Laboratory requested to compare signature on money orders with known handwriting of RAY to determine if identical.

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- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 1 - Newark (44-854) (Info)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
- 1 - WFO

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

1-Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Mortimer
1-Lab File
1-Foreign Liaison

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 24, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

QC 351

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680523003 JK**

Examination requested by: **Memphis**

Reference: **Airtel 5/18/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks: *[Faint, mostly illegible text]*

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1 - Legat, Ottawa Enclosure (Lab report)

JHM:AW (10)

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**
Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Date: **May 24, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680523003 JK**

Specimens received **5/23/68**

Qc351 Photocopies of four-page handwritten letter dated at Montreal, Que. May 14, 1968, to "The Chief of Police Memphis, Tenn. USA" beginning "subject Dr. King..." and signed "Code letter 'G'"

Result of examination:

Specimen **Qc351** was searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

Nothing of significance was noted as a result of comparing **Qc351** with the various writings which have been received in connection with the "MURKIN" investigation.

Qc351 has been retained.

JHM:AW (10)

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Date: 5/18/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

RE: MURKIN
CR

680523003

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of LHM for transmittal to the Legat, Ottawa.

This LHM contains a letter received 5/17/68 by the Memphis PD, Memphis, Tennessee, which was immediately made available to the Memphis Office. The envelope in which this letter was received was inadvertently destroyed by persons at the Police Department, however, they are certain that it had a Montreal, Canada postmark.

The Memphis Police Department intend to take no action regarding attempting to contact the writer of this letter, and it is suggested that Legat, Ottawa make necessary efforts to contact the writer in an effort to identify the person whom the writer believes may be identical with subject RAY.

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2 - Memphis

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Special Agent in Charge

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

(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 24, 1968**

Q 349 → 350

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

[Signature]
[Signature] **John Edgar Hoover, Director**

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680522041 JK**

Examination requested by: **Memphis**

Reference: **Airtel 5/20/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of the two
items submitted.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

JHM:AW (8)

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Re: **MURKIN**
CR

Date: **May 24, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680522041 JK**

Specimens received **5/23/68**

Q349 Registration card of the Wm. Lee Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, Folio No. 42754, in the name "Vincent Walker"

Q350 Registration card of the Wm. Lee Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, Folio No. 42761, in the name "Laurence Rand"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing appearing on Q349 was not prepared by James Earl Ray, K171, K211 and K257. Differences were noted between the handwriting appearing on Q350 and the known handwriting of Ray, but because of the distorted nature of the questioned material on Q350 a definite opinion could not be reached.

Q349 and Q350 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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5/20/68

Airtel

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

OO: MEMPHIS

Re: Suspects W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER,
LAWRENCE RAND

Enclosed herewith for the Laboratory are two hotel registration cards from the William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, re registration for VINCENT WALKER, 449 Steiner, San Francisco, and LAWRENCE RAND or REND, 2832 Polk, Kansas City, Kansas, for 4/4/68.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to determine if the handwriting and handprinting appearing on these registration cards are identical with the known handwriting and handprinting of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number 405 942 G.

The FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to determine if there are any latent prints of an evidentiary value on these registration cards.

If prints of an evidentiary value are located, they should be compared with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number 405 942 G.

④ - Bureau (Encs. 2) (RM)
2 - Memphis

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In the event unidentified latent prints of value are developed on these cards, Memphis will submit appropriate elimination prints.

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

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - (Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 23, 1968**

Q347-348

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Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680521090 JK**

Examination requested by: **Philadelphia**

Reference: **Airtel 5/20/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q347 and Q348.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Philadelphia (44-1368) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Cleveland (44-565) Enclosure (Lab report)

JHM:AW (11)

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 23, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680521090 JK

Specimens received: 5/21/68

Q347 Envelope postmarked "Mansfield, Ohio APR 23 1968 PM" bearing typewritten address "Rev. Hal Lloyd United Presbyterian Church Germantown, Pa."

Q348 Accompanying sheet of white paper bearing typewritten message dated April 17, 1968, beginning "This may be the..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

Specimens Q347 and Q348 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file. The watermark "Four Star Bond Southworth Co. USA 25% Cotton Fiber" appears on Q348. The Southworth Company is located in West Springfield, Massachusetts. No indented writing or other identifying features were noted on Q347 and Q348 which might indicate the immediate source of these two items. The typewriting on Q347 and Q348 is not identical to that on other typewritten items which emanated from "Eric S. Galt." The signature on Q348 bears a pictorial resemblance to other signatures in the "Galt" name appearing on items previously submitted; however, the poor line quality and the presence of certain characteristics indicate that the signature on Q348 was not prepared by the subject, James Earl Ray. The typing habits, spelling, grammar, etc. of Q348 differ considerably from these features of previous Galt material.

Q347 and Q348 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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JHM:AW (11)

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Date: 5/20/68

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 Attention: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

680521090

Enclosed is a letter and envelope addressed to Rev. HAL LLOYD, United Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Pa., dated 4/17/68, bearing the return address of Cloud 13, Pueblo, N. Korea, signed ERIC S. GALT, and bearing the postmark of Mansfield, Ohio, p.m. 4/23/68.

Mr. SHERMAN A. HARMON, who resides 134 West Upsal Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and who is employed with the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, 54th and Haverford Avenue, Philadelphia, made available the above letter and envelope about which he advised as follows:

On Easter Sunday, 4/14/68 Rev. HAL B. LLOYD, Pastor, Germantown Presbyterian Community Church, Green and Tulpehocken Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., made a sermon which was televised to several states. Since that time LLOYD has received numerous letters in response to his sermon, some of which were complimentary and some of which were uncomplimentary. These letters concern the present conditions of the Negroes in this country.

HARMON was reviewing some of these letters for LLOYD and noticed that one of the letters was signed ERIC S. GALT.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)(RM) (Encl. 2)
- 1 - Cleveland (Info)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)
- 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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Approved: *[Signature]*
 Special Agent in Charge

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