

PH 44-1368

The FBI Lab is requested to compare the signature on the enclosed envelope and letter with the known handwriting and signature of JAMES EARL RAY.

The Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed letter and envelope for any identifiable latents. If any identifiable latents are developed, the Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to compare the latents with RAY's known fingerprints and also to search the latent prints through appropriate sections of the Single Fingerprint Files.

The Identification Division is requested to return the enclosed letter and envelope to the Philadelphia Office.

Information copies of this letter being furnished to Cleveland and Memphis Offices.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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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 21, 1968**

Q343-Q344

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680518001 JK**

Examination requested by: **San Diego**

Reference: **Airtel 5/16/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

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

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to San Diego and Memphis dated 5/18/68.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - San Diego (44-387) 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)

Date: May 21, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680518001 JK

Specimens received 5/18/68

SPECIMEN	CHECK #	AMOUNT	DATE	PAYABLE TO	SIGNED	BANK
Q343	391	\$5000.00	5/14/68	C. C. Alley	William A. Marshall	Security First National Bank, Chula Vista, California

Q344 Deposit receipt dated 5/14/68 for \$5000.00, bearing the signature "William A. Marshall"

Result of examination:

Significant differences were noted as the result of comparing the "William A. Marshall" signatures on Q343 and Q344 with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, K171, K211 and K257, indicating that the questioned Marshall signatures were probably not prepared by Ray.

Because of variations within the limited questioned signatures a definite conclusion was not reached.

Q343 and Q344 are temporarily retained. Photographs were made.

JHM:AW (10)

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Date: 5/16/68

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

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL -- REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)

680518119

MURKIN
(OO: ME)

Re San Diego teletype to Bureau, Springfield, and
all Western Offices 5/16/68.

RE: WILLIAM A. MARSHALL

Enclosed for the Bureau are three xerox copies of
referenced communication.

Also enclosed for the Bureau are the following
pieces of evidence:

1. Check number 391 dated 5/14/68 payable to
C. C. ALLEY in the amount of \$5,000 signed by WILLIAM A.
MARSHALL on the Security First National Bank, Chula Vista,
California.
2. Escrow contract and deposit receipt signed by
WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, 5/14/68.

The Identification Division is requested to attempt
to determine if there are any latent prints of value on
the above two items and if any are located, compare them
with the known prints of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

The Bureau is also requested to make a handwriting
comparison between the handwriting appearing on the above
two items under the name WILLIAM A. MARSHALL with the
known handwriting of subject JAMES EARL RAY. Upon completion
of examination return evidence if not needed.

ENCLOSURE
Information copy for Memphis.

- Bureau (Enc. 5) (AM-REGISTERED)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
2 - San Diego

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Approved: AWO: cjt
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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MAY 18 1968
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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 21, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680517109 JK**

Q341
Examination requested by: **Atlanta**

Reference: **Letter 5/15/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the
results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of
Q341.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Atlanta (44-2386) 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 21, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680517109 JK**Specimens received **5/17/68****Q341 Registration card of Woodland Motor Court in the name
"Richard B. McGinnis"****Result of examination:**

It was concluded that the questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q341 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, whose known hand printing and handwriting appear on K171, K211 and K257.

Q341 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

JHM:AW (10)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

5/15/68

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)(P)

MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Enclosed for the FBI Lab is one registration card of the Woodland Motor Court in name RICHARD B. MC GINNIS.

Local Thomasville, Georgia tourist court operator HARRY G. WICK initially contacted Thomasville Resident Agency 4/15/68, and advised a suspicious white male checked into his tourist court, the Woodland Motor Court, Thomasville, on 4/5/68 about 1:00 A.M. and departed following morning. White male driving 1966 white Ford Mustang bearing 1967 or 1968 Texas license FBG-848. White male described as about 32 years of age; 5'8", 160 pounds; muscular build and broad shoulders; sandy-colored hair. Subject's personal belongings only consisted of shaving kit and he left the following morning wearing the same clothes worn at time of entry. During registration this individual was very nervous and in attempting to reach assigned cabin, drove over sidewalk of motor court. Registrant did not appear to have been drinking, however.

WICK was subsequently shown Wanted Flyer of JAMES EARL RAY. WICK advised photo closely resembles suspicious person but is certain registrant had light-colored, sandy hair and that this was his natural-colored hair inasmuch as approximately one day's growth of beard was the same color.

2 - Bureau (Enc. 1)(RM)
2 - Memphis
2 - Atlanta
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AT 44-2386

WICK made available registration card completed by above individual at time of registration 4/5/68, and advised that all handwriting appearing on this card is that of registrant's, with exception of letters "MUS" appearing above make of car and notations at bottom of card reflecting charges.

The FBI Lab is requested to develop any latent impressions of value on enclosed card and compare with known prints of JAMES EARL RAY. Lab is also requested to examine handwriting appearing on this card in effort to determine if identical with RAY's.



**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 17, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680515051 JK**

Examination requested by: **San Antonio**

Reference: **Airtel 5/11/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

~~XXXXXX~~ Specimens received 5/14/68

- Q338** Brown manila envelope postmarked at San Diego, California, bearing handwritten address "Maxine Ingram 121 Omaha San Antonio, Texas" and accompanying handwritten message beginning "Maxine Drop..."
- Q339** White envelope with no postmark bearing handwritten address "Mrs. Dempes 8251 Burley Chicago, Illinois 60617"
- Q340** Post card to Maxine Ingram bearing handwritten message beginning "Be sure & put....," ending "...tell's you not to."

- 2 - Chicago (44-1114) (9-3944)
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (9-3759)
- 1 - San Diego (44-387)
- 2 - San Antonio (55-67) (44-1242) Enclosures (4)
(Q338-Q340, photocopy of Q339)

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- 1 - Bufile (80-691)
- 1 - Bufile (62-111085) JHM:AW (16)

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Remarks:

As the result of a search in the Anonymous Letter File, the writings on Q338 through Q340 have been identified with other material submitted to the Laboratory attributed to Robert P. Anderson, and which have been included in Bureau file 62-111085. (LA file 9-3759; SA file 55-67; CG 9-3944). Nothing of significance was noted between the writings on Q338, Q339 and Q340 when compared with the various writings which have been received in the MURKIN case.

In view of the incoherent nature of the material submitted, a copy of which has been enclosed for San Antonio, and the past mental history of Anderson, no additional examinations are being made.

The material submitted is returned to San Antonio.

No Laboratory report is being submitted.

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FBI

Date: 5/11/68

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

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)
RE: MURKIN

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ReButel to El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio 4/25/68;
San Antonio teletype 4/29/68 setting forth lead to interview
RUSSELL JOHNSTONE, St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood, California;
Los Angeles teletype 5/1/68 indicating JOHNSTONE may be identical
with ROBERT P. ANDERSON shown in VA Hospital records as having
schizophrenic reaction and being paranoid type.

Enclosed to the Bureau are the following:

1. Approx. 5" x 11" brown manilla envelope,
addressed to MAXINE INGRAM
2. White (legal-size sealed) envelope bearing two
unused 10¢ airmail stamps, addressed to Mrs. DEMPES
3. Postcard, addressed to MAXINE INGRAM, postmarked
5/2/68

RE: TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM
LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Mrs. MAXINE INGRAM, aka Mrs. SAM INGRAM, domestic, a
Negro female, 121 Omaha St., San Antonio, Texas, made available
a postcard which she identified 5/10/68 as coming from ROBERT
P. ANDERSON, aka, RUSSELL JOHNSTONE, for whom she had worked as
a domestic when ANDERSON lived at 3320 N. Flores, Apt. 1, San
Antonio.

Postcard is picture of downtown San Diego and post-
marked San Diego, p.m., May 2, 1968. Addressed to Mrs. INGRAM,

3 - Bureau (Encs. 3) RM
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Chicago
1 - San Diego
1 - SA
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

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Per _____

SA 44-1242

it reads: "Be sure & put that letter you receive tomorrow in the mail box- Listen to nobody or call the F.B.I. office if anybody tells you not to." Card bore a 10¢ airmail stamp, cancelled.

Mrs. INGRAM at same time furnished an opened brown manilla, large size envelope, also bearing p.m., May 2, 1968, postmark and addressed to MAXINE INGRAM, which she identified as coming also from ROBERT P. ANDERSON, her former employer.

Inside this manilla envelope was a white legal-size envelope addressed: "Mrs. DEMPES, 8251 Burley, Chicago, Illinois 60617". The second letter in name DEMPES is not clearly legible.

None of the above-described card or envelopes bears ANDERSON's name or return address.

Review of San Antonio files reflects ROBERT P. ANDERSON known to Chicago Office, when he was considered as possible suspect in UNSUB; MURDER OF VALERIE PERCY, Kenilworth, Illinois, 9/18/66, POLICE COOPERATION, Chicago file 62-6435.

The following description of ANDERSON was obtained 8/1/68 from Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago, Ill., Police Department:

ROBERT P. ANDERSON, white male; born [redacted] Chicago, Ill.,; 5'10"; 180 pounds; blue eyes; blond or brown hair; ruddy complexion; SSN [redacted] VA C-4-906-733. ANDERSON has San Antonio PD # 68285.

Retel 5/1/68 reflects ANDERSON on interview by Bureau Agents in recent past acknowledged writing letter to SAC JOHN P. MULL, JR., Phoenix Division: "Either JOHN C. MULL JR. kills himself or certainly I will".

ANDERSON also came to notice of Chicago, Illinois, Police in the past, having shot and injured a woman at a social gathering.

Inasmuch as ANDERSON, aka, RUSSELL JOHNSTONE, appears

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to have resided in St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood, California, at same time as subject RAY in this case, the enclosures are forwarded to the Bureau for consideration.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

Open sealed white envelope addressed to Mrs. DEMPES, Chicago, Illinois, and following photostating of contents return same to San Antonio for return to original contributor, Mrs. MAXINE INGRAM, 121 Omaha St., San Antonio, Texas.

If contents of sealed letter indicate possible Federal violation on part of ROBERT P. ANDERSON, Bureau is requested to compare handwriting with known examples available in fingerprint records of Identification Division.

Copies of this communication are furnished to Los Angeles, Chicago, San Diego for information purposes.

DUE TO MENTAL HISTORY AND PAST USE OF FIREARMS, ROBERT P. ANDERSON SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS, TO POSSIBLY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES, AND POSSIBLY BE ARMED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.



**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 16, 1968**

Q337
Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680514126 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel 5/10/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination of Q337.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)

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 16, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680514126 JK**Specimens received **5/14/68**

**Q337 Post Office Department Form 1583 (Application for
Delivery of Mail Through Agent) bearing the signature
"Eric S. Galt"**

Result of examination:

**It was concluded that the "Eric S. Galt" signature
on Q337 was prepared by the writer of other signatures in this
name on some of the items previously received in this case.**

**Q337 will be returned separately. Photographs were
made.**

JHM:AW (9)**000332**



**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 16, 1968**

Q336
Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

BT *J. Edgar Hoover*
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680514123 JK**

Examination requested by: **Atlanta**

Reference: **Airtel 5-10-68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q336.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Little Rock Enclosure (Lab report)

JHM:AW (10)

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 16, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680514232 JK

Specimens received 5/14/68

Q336 Registration card, No. 6960, bearing name and address
"Ernest S. Gault 1911 W 18th St. Little Rock Ark."

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings on
Q336 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, whose known writings
appear on K171, K211 and K257.

Q336 will be returned separately. Photographs are
retained.

JHM:AW (10)

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5/10/68

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

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

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is Gordon Hotel Registration Card No. 6960, in name of ERNEST S. GAULT.

On 5/7/68, Mr. JOHN R. MIZE, owner, - manager, Gordon Hotel, 211 Mitchell Street, S.W., Atlanta, telephonically advised that he, while going through his records, located a card in the name ERNEST S. GAULT.

On same date MIZE was contacted, at which time he turned over a registration card in the name ERNEST S. GAULT, 1911 W. 15th Street, Little Rock, Ark., indicating GAULT registered into Room 214 of the Gordon Hotel on 3/29/68, and checked out at 6:00 A.M., on 4/4/68. Mr. MIZE advised GAULT would have written out his name, address, city and state on the face of this card and the remainder of the writing would have been written by hotel employees.

② - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)
2 - Memphis
2 - Little Rock
2 - Atlanta
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AT 44-2386

DOUGLAS WATSON, Night Clerk, Gordon Hotel, advised he would have been the individual who checked GAULT out at 6:00 A.M., 4/4/68, as the initials "D.W." on the reverse side of this card were written by him. Mr. WATSON advised that the clerk checking GAULT into the hotel would have been ROGER SCHWALSTE, who is formerly from Parkersburg, W. Va., and who has since been fired by the hotel. Mr. WATSON advised he could not recall the description or any other details concerning ERNEST S. GAULT. He did advise GAULT stayed on the third floor of this hotel, which is a very transient type hotel and no other individuals who are presently guests of the hotel would recall GAULT.

It is to be noted this hotel is one of the lower class hotels in the Atlanta area and is frequented mainly by transients, winos and bums.

The FBI Lab is requested to compare handwriting on enclosed card with known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. Upon completion of examination, card should be returned to Atlanta and results of examination furnished all interested offices.

LEADS

LITTLE ROCK

At Little Rock, Arkansas:

Will attempt to locate ERNEST S. GAULT at 1911 W. 15th Street and interview for any connection regarding captioned matter or subject.

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1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long Room 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer



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

To: **FBI, Los Angeles (44-1574)**

Date: **May 13, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

OO: **Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562868 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel 5/8/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished on the latent fingerprint examination and the disposition of Q335.

This report supplements and confirms Bureau teletype to Los Angeles dated 5/10/68, airmail copy to Memphis.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2-Memphis (44-1987) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

FMD:taw (9)

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Los Angeles (44-1574)

Date: May 13, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Re: MURKIN
CR

Lab. No. D-562868 JK

Specimens received 5/10/68

Q335 One-page handwritten letter beginning "Dear sirs,
Please send in plain envelope the list..." and
ending "...any list covering S.F. Bay Area."

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writing
on Q335 was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI#405942G.

Q335 has been photographed and is returned to
Los Angeles separately.

Specimens submitted for examination

EMD:taw (9)

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Date: 5-4-68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

RE LA AIRTEL MAY THREE LAST SUBMITTING LETTER AND ENVELOPE
ADDRESSED TO "THE LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER."

TYPEWRITING ON ABOVE ITEMS NOT IDENTICAL WITH THAT RECEIVED
IN THIS CASE ATTRIBUTED TO ERIC S. GALT.

SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES INDICATE JAMES RAY SIGNATURE ON
LETTER PROBABLY NOT BY JAMES EARL RAY. OVERWRITING OF PORTION
OF SIGNATURE AND LIMITED QUESTIONED HANDWRITING PRECLUDED
DEFINITE OPINION.

TYPING HABITS, SPELLING AND PUNCTUATION AT VARIANCE WITH
TYPEWRITTEN LETTERS RECEIVED IN GALT NAME AND KNOWN HANDWRITING
OF SUBJECT RAY.

NO LATENTS DEVELOPED ON SPECIMENS.

SPECIMENS ARE TEMPORARILY RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY.

DEH/lvc

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air mail copies to SAC'S Birmingham
Atlanta

1-Mr. Rosen Room 5706 JB
1-Mr. Conrad Room 7621 JB
1-J. Mortimer Room 7613 JB
1-Mr. Trotter Room 4130 IB

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Sent Via _____ M Per _____



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2200)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 13, 1968

Q334
Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-562836 JK

Examination requested by: Washington Field Office

Reference: Airtel 5/10/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

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

Results set forth in the attached Laboratory report were previously furnished telephonically to the Washington Field Office.

Specimen Q334 was personally delivered by SA Roger Ashland on 5/9/68.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Washington Field Office (44-703) Enclosures (2)
(2 Lab report)

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

JHM:AW (10)

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐ ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

REPORT
of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 13, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562836 JK

Specimens received 5/9/68

Q334 One-page typewritten letter dated 12/28/67, beginning "Dear Sir, I recently read an article in the..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions appearing on Q334 are the same style as those appearing on items previously received in this case attributed to Eric S. Galt. It can not be determined whether the same typewriter was employed to prepare all of these items because of the lack of significant identifying defects; however, no significant differences were noted.

It was determined that the "Eric S. Galt" signature on Q334 was prepared by the writer of signatures in this name appearing on other items previously submitted.

Specimen Q334 has been retained.

JHM:AW (10)

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

MAIL ROOM ☐TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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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 13, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562709 JK**

Examination requested by: **Denver**
Reference: **Airtel 5/7/68**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

**You will be separately advised regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q328 through
Q333.**

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Denver (157-203) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) 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 13, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562709 JK

Specimens received 5/8/68

- Q328 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped date April 26, 1968, and the signature "Carl Ray"
- Q329 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped dated April 27, 1968, and the signature "Carl Ray"
- Q330 Application for Frontier Credit Travel Card bearing hand printing and the signature "Carl Ray"
- Q331 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt, dated April 15, 1968, bearing the signature "H. J. Schumacher"
- Q332 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped date April 16, 1968, and the signature "H. J. Schumacher"
- Q333 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt showing amount of contract as \$316.08 and bearing the signature "H. J. Schumacher"

Result of examination:

Although little in the way of comparable letters is present, differences were noted between the "H. J. Schumacher" signatures on Q331, Q332 and Q333 and the Carl Ray signatures on Q328, Q329 and Q330 and between these signatures and the known writings of JAMES EARL RAY.

It was determined that the questioned hand printing on Q322 (Frontier Airlines temporary credit card #31088) and that appearing in the lower right-hand portion of the Q328 transportation receipt were prepared by the same individual.

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It was further determined that the hand printing on Q328 and Q332 was not prepared by the individual who prepared the hand printing appearing on the Q330 application and that the handprinting on these three items mentioned was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY.

Q328 through Q333 are being returned to Memphis separately.

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5/7/68

AIRTEL

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

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203)-(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Denver airtel and teletype 5/4/68.

Re CARL RAY and HERMAN J. SCHUMACHER.

Enclosed for FBI Laboratory are two originals of Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing signature of CARL RAY in upper left corner of each, and original of Frontier Credit Application which CARL RAY reportedly filled out and signed. Also enclosed are three originals of Frontier Transportation Receipts, each bearing signature of HERMAN J. SCHUMACHER in upper left corner.

The Laboratory is requested to compare handwriting of CARL RAY and SCHUMACHER with handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. The Laboratory is also requested to compare the handwriting of CARL RAY with that of SCHUMACHER to determine if CARL RAY and SCHUMACHER could possibly be one and the same person.

③ - Bureau (Enc.6)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc.1)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (Enc.1)
2 - Denver
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One copy of referenced Denver airtel is enclosed for Memphis and one copy of instant airtel is being furnished Los Angeles Office, which office is presently attempting to locate CARL RAY.

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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 13, 1968**

Q 326-327

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

[Handwritten signature: J. Edgar Hoover]
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562677 JK**

Examination requested by: **New York**

Reference: **Airtel 5/4/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

The results of the fingerprint examination will be furnished to you separately.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - New York (44-1609) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Knoxville (44-696) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 13, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-562677 JK**Specimens received **5/8/68**

Q326 Coupon of Modern Photo Bookstore bearing the hand printed name and address "ERIC S. GALT 2608 HIGHLAND AVE. BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35205"

Q327 Sheet of ruled paper bearing handwritten and hand printed message dated 9/26/67, beginning "I recently order..." signed "Eric S. Galt"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Typewritten letter dated April 29, 1968, to ERIC S. GALT from Modern Photo Bookstore

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Q326 and Q327 were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, whose known handwriting and hand printing appear on specimens K171, K211 and K257.

The submitted evidence has been retained.

JHM:AW (11)

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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 10, 1968**

Q325
Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

BJ. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562560 JK**

Examination requested by: **Denver**

Reference: **Airtel 5/4/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the latent fingerprint examination and disposition of Q325.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to Denver, Los Angeles and Memphis dated 5/7/68.

For information, some handwriting characteristics in common were noted between the Carl Ray signature on Q325 and the known handwriting of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Denver (157-203) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)

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of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 10, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562560 JK

Specimens received 5/7/68

Q325 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped
date May1, '68, signed "Carl Ray"

Result of examination:

Some differences were noted between the "Carl Ray"
signatures on Q325 when compared with the signatures in this
name appearing on Q322 (Frontier Airlines temporary credit card),
but the limited nature of the questioned signature precluded
a definite opinion from being reached.

Because of the limited questioned material and the lack
of significant handwriting characteristics, it could not be
determined whether the "Carl Ray" signature on Q325 was prepared
by JAMES EARL RAY.

Q325 is temporarily retained. This specimen was
photographed.

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AIRTEL

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

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re LA tel to Director, 5/4/68.

Re investigation concerning possible look-a-like
of JAMES EARL RAY by name of CARL RAY.

When individual using name CARL RAY obtained the
two round-trip tickets from Las Vegas to St. Louis, at
Frontier Airlines Ticket Counter, Stapleton Airport, Denver,
Colorado, on 5/1/68, he did so by using temporary Frontier
Airlines credit card 31088, and therefore, had to sign a
Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt. The original of
this Transportation Receipt, bearing the signature of
CARL RAY, in the upper left-hand corner is enclosed.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare this
handwriting with any known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.
It is noted that according to referenced teletype, the
temporary credit card 31088, which may bear additional
handwriting of CARL RAY is also being forwarded to the Bureau
by Los Angeles.

The Laboratory is requested to return the
Transportation Receipt to Denver after completion of the
examination.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc.1)
 - 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
 - 2 - Denver
- BDA/can
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1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - (Mr. Long-2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

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

Q315-Q316

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

Date: **May 8, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Q315-Q316

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562360 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel 5/2/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

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

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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

1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Birmingham (44-1740) 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 8, 1968****FBI File No. 44-38861****Re: MURKIN
CR****Lab. No. D-562360 JK****Specimens received 5/3/68****Q315 Sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/17/68, beginning "I AM ANSERING..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"****Q316 Typewritten advertisement beginning "SINGLE MALE CAUC. 36..." bearing typewritten name and address "ERIC S. GALT, 406 SO 2nd. ALHAMBRA. 91802"****ALSO SUBMITTED: One copy of the 2/2/68 issue of the "Los Angeles Free Press"****Result of examination:**

The typewritten impressions on Q315 and Q316 are the same as the impressions appearing on other typewritten items in the name Eric S. Galt which were previously submitted. Because of the lack of identifying defects, it could not be determined whether the same typewriter was employed to prepare the current and previous submissions, but no significant differences were noted.

The Eric S. Galt signature on Q315 was prepared by the individual who prepared the signature in this name appearing on numerous other items received.

The submitted material is temporarily retained.
Photographs were made.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED R.R.R.

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for latent fingerprint examination and typewriting comparison with samples previously submitted in captioned matter are the following:

1. One photograph of ERIC S. GALT, taken approximately August 1967 - February 1968.
2. Typewritten letter dated 2/17/68 addressed "Dear Miss:" and signed "ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Calif., 90028, Phone number 464-1131."
3. Typewritten advertisement sent to "Los Angeles Free Press" by ERIC S., with return address 406 So. 2nd Avenue, Alhambra, 91802.

Also submitted to the Bureau is one copy of the 2/2/68 issue of the "Los Angeles Free Press." On page 27, column 7, item 2, appears the advertisement submitted by ERIC S.

The copy of the advertisement submitted to the "Los Angeles Free Press" was furnished to SA's JAMES PACE and EUGENE B. MC CARTHY on 5/2/68 by GENE TURNER, Accountant, "Los Angeles

- ④ - Bureau (Encls. - 4)(AM - EM)(RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED)
1 - Atlanta (44-2386)(AM)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(AM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)
2 - Los Angeles
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Free Press", 938 North Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles.

It is requested that enclosures 1, 2 and 3 be returned to the Los Angeles Office for return to the respective donors. These enclosures were handled by numerous individuals during the normal course of business, both at the Postal Inspector's office and the "Los Angeles Free Press."

It is to be noted that the address 402 South 2nd Avenue, Alhambra, California, is a mail forwarding service subscribed to by ERIC S. GALT, according to information furnished by C. M. HEDGPETH, owner of this service, on 4/14/68.

Polaroid Corporation, Los Angeles, advised that the number H 716664 on reverse side of film indicates the date of manufacture. H indicates the month of August, and the 7 indicates 1967. Polaroid Corporation advised that they keep no record of distribution of film.

Two witnesses at Los Angeles have viewed the enclosed photograph and stated that it is an extremely good likeness of the subject. The Bureau may wish to consider giving this photograph circulation to other field offices for viewing as to likeness of subject.

Enclosures 1 and 2 were obtained from Mr. L. G. POINDEXTER, U. S. Postal Inspector, Los Angeles, California, on 5/2/68 by SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN. A polaroid copy of enclosure 1 and a photographic copy of enclosure 2 were received at the Los Angeles Office on 5/2/68 from JAMES V. P. CONWAY, Postal Inspector in Charge, Post Office Department, San Francisco, California. He advised the original photograph and letter were furnished his office by PATRICIA K. ANDERSON, 2800 Glenview Avenue, Los Angeles, who had received them via "The Local Swinger", a correspondence club operating from P. O. Box 3802, Downey, California 90242, which club is a subject of investigation of the Postal Inspector's Office.

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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 8, 1968**

Q312 - Q313
K252

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

BN
J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562322 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**
Reference: **Airtel 5/3/68**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

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

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to Los Angeles and Memphis dated 5/4/68.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Los Angeles Enclosures (5) (Q312, Q313, K252, 2 Lab report) (44-1574)

1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 8, 1968**FBI File No. **44-38861**Re: **MURKIN
CR**Lab. No. **D-562332 JK**Specimens received **5/4/68**

- Q312** White envelope postmarked "Los Angeles May 1 1968 FBI" addressed to "Editor in chief The Los Angeles Times Newspaper Los Angeles, California"
- Q313** Accompanying one-page typewritten letter beginning "Dear Editor, By the time..." ending "...never kill again." signed "James Ray"
- K252** Los Angeles, California, Police Department Booking Card bearing known handwriting of **JAMES EARL RAY**,

Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions on Q312 and Q313 are not identical with the typewritten impressions appearing on items previously received in this matter in the name Eric S. Galt.

Although significant handwriting differences were noted between the "James Ray" signature on Q313 when compared with the available known signatures of James Earl Ray, because a portion of the questioned signature is overwritten and because of the limited nature of the questioned writing involved, a definite opinion could not be reached as to whether the questioned signature on Q313 was prepared by Ray.

No watermarks, indented writing or other identifying features were noted on Q312 and Q313 which might indicate their immediate source.

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Specimens Q312 and Q313 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Photographs will be added to this file for future reference.

The spelling, punctuation and typing habits of the individual who prepared Q312 and Q313 were found at variance with similar aspects of typewritten material previously received in the name Eric S. Galt and also in the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

The submitted evidence has been photographed and is returned herewith.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED R.R.R.

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles telephone call to Bureau today.

Enclosed herewith in a cellophane envelope is a type-written letter captioned "Dear Editor" and ending "JAMES RAY; an envelope attached addressed to the "Editor in Chief, the Los Angeles Times Newspaper, Los Angeles, California"; and a Los Angeles Police Department original record card in the name of JAMES E. RAY, which card bears his description, prints and samples taken on 10/11/49 of his handwriting.

The letter was received from Deputy Chief of Police ROBERT HOUGHTON, Los Angeles Police Department, by SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP and Supervisor WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN on 5/3/68. HOUGHTON advised that he had received the letter from JERRY COHEN, a staff writer for the Los Angeles Times, who had brought the letter to Deputy Chief HOUGHTON in the hopes of being able to determine if it had any authenticity. Deputy Chief HOUGHTON advised that he desired to make this available to the FBI for examination, and also that COHEN had requested of him that COHEN be advised if the letter is authentic or the work of some prankster. Deputy Chief HOUGHTON has advised COHEN that he has turned the letter over to the FBI.

The Bureau is requested to compare the signature on the enclosed letter with all known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY

④ - Bureau (Encls. - 3) (AM-RM) (RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (AM)
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (AM)
2 - Los Angeles
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in an effort to determine whether or not this is an authentic letter. Also, the Bureau is requested to conduct a latent fingerprint examination for fingerprints of RAY. In addition, a typewriter examination should be conducted, as well as a comparison of the contents, spelling, spacing, typing ability, etc., to determine if RAY is the author. The Bureau is also requested to examine and advise of any data pertaining to the paper and the envelope and to conduct all other possible examinations to develop the fullest amount of information.

The letter has been touched by Deputy Chief HOUGHTON, whose prints should be on record; JERRY COHEN, staff writer, Los Angeles Times; JACK GOULDING, Assistant City Editor, and one MIKE STRAZER (or STRAUZER), also of the Los Angeles Times; and their female secretary. Of the male individuals involved, it is believed that they have all served in the military.

The original police card is to be returned to Los Angeles for return to the Los Angeles Police Department.

The Bureau is requested to advise Los Angeles of results.

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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 8, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562197 JK**

Specimens received **5/2/68**

**Q308 Envelope with embossed 6 cent stamp postmarked
"SANDUSKY OH APR 23 PM 1938" bearing hand printed
address "POST MASTER PLEASE - ISLAND ONTARIO CANADA"**

**Q309 Unstamped envelope bearing hand printed address
"CHIEF OF POLICE MEMPHIS, TENN."**

**Q310 Sheet of paper bearing hand printed message beginning
"DEAR - SIR - I UNDERSTAND..."**

**ALSO SUBMITTED: Envelope postmarked in Canada, addressed to
"Federal Bureau of Investigation, Sandusky,
Ohio, three coins, (one quarter and two nickels).**

Result of examination:

Specimens Q308, Q309 and Q310 were searched in the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

The hand printing on the specimens received is too distorted for a satisfactory comparison with pertinent material in the "MURKIN" case and other letters of a similar type as Q310 which have been received; however, differences were noted.

A few isolated words were discerned on Q310 as indented impressions. An impression of the name or word "Witler" or "Ditler" was also noted. A photograph depicting these impressions is enclosed for Cleveland. No other identifying features were noted on the items received.

Q308, Q309 and Q310 are temporarily retained.

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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 8, 1968**

Q308-Q310

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

BN
J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562197 JK**

Examination requested by: **Cleveland**

Reference: **Airtel 5/1/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

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

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

**2 - Cleveland (44-565) Enclosures (3) (Photograph of Q310,
2 Lab report)**

JHM:AW (10)

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5/1/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT
FINGERPRINT SECTION AND FBI LABORATORY,
DOCUMENT SECTION

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)

RE: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and two copies each of (1) envelope addressed to the Postmaster, Pelee Island, Ontario, Canada, (2) unstamped envelope addressed to Chief of Police, Memphis, and (3) letter addressed "Dear Sir".

Memphis is being provided one copy each of the above.

On 4/30/68, SA ROBERT A. QUAINANCE, Sandusky RA, received an envelope addressed to FBI, Federal Building, Sandusky.

Upon opening the above envelope it was discovered that there was another envelope inside addressed to "Postmaster, Pelee Island, Ontario, Canada", postmarked 4/22, Sandusky, Ohio. This envelope in turn contained an unstamped envelope addressed to Chief of Police, Memphis, Tennessee, and contained one quarter, two nickels and a note which read as follows:

"Dear Sir -

"I understand a 30106 S.P. costs 25¢. Kindly give the enclosed money to the man that shot one of these bullets in your city lately - if you ever see him."

5 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 3) (Info)
2 - Cleveland
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The envelope addressed to the Chief of Police, Memphis, had been opened apparently by the Postmaster of Pelee Island.

It is noted that the above note contains no threats but in all probability makes indirect reference to the assassination of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

It is requested that the FBI Document Section compare this note with their anonymous letter file for possible identification of the writer.

It is further requested that the letter be processed by the Identification Division for latent fingerprints which in turn, if located, would be compared with the prints of JAMES EARL RAY.

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CLEVELAND DIVISION

At Sandusky, Ohio

(1) Will contact Chief of Police, Pelee Island, Ontario, Canada, and request his cooperation in obtaining circumstances of the receipt and subsequent mailing of the above referenced letter to the FBI, Sandusky, at the Post Office of Pelee Island. Cleveland will conduct this investigation on Pelee Island subsequent to 5/7/68, UACB.

(2) Will contact Postmaster, Sandusky Post Office, and display copy of envelope in effort to determine if Postmaster is familiar with any individual who might be known to him or his department to mail such items.

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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 3, 1968**

Q302 - Q303

BN

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: **MURKIN**
CR
OO: Memphis

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562898 JE**

Examination requested by: **Omaha**

Reference: **Airtel 4/30/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

You will be separately advised regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q302 and Q303.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Omaha (44-310) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

JHM:AW (10)

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 3, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-562099 JK**Specimens received **5/1/68**

Q302 White envelope postmarked "OMAHA, NB APR 26 AM"
bearing handwritten address "F B I Omaha Neb."

Q303 Accompanying sheet of ruled paper bearing handwritten
message beginning "James Earle Rays girl..."

Result of examination:

Specimens Q302 and Q303 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 Q302 or Q303.

It was concluded that the questioned writing on these items was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, K171 and K211.

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

JHM:AW (10)

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