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10-562096	—	227-238	Airtel	Baltimore 11-20-68
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10-562099	302-303	—	"	Omaha 1-30-68
10-562100	304-305 240-251	—	"	Boston 4-30-68
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10-562328	311	—	Airtel	Atlanta 5-2-68
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10-562361	—	253-256	"	Boston 5-2-68
10-562362	317-321	—	"	Miami 5-2-68
10-562484	322-324	—	"	Los Angeles 5-3-68
10-562560	325	—	"	Denver 5-4-68
10-562610	—	257	"	Kansas City 5-6-68
10-562677	326-327	—	"	New York 5-4-68
10-562676	—	258-268	"	Mobile 5-6-68
10-562709	328-333	—	"	Denver 5-7-68
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10-562836	334	—	"	WFO 5-10-68
10-562868	335	—	"	Los Angeles 5-10-68
10-680514103	336	—	"	Atlanta 5-10-68
10-680514126	337	—	"	Los Angeles 5-10-68
10-680515052	—	271-274	"	Baltimore 5-14-68
10-680515051	338-340	—	"	San Antonio 5-11-68
PC A 6377	341	—	Legat, Mex (Pahillas)	
10-680517109	341	—	Letter (McGinnis copy sent)	Atlanta 5-15-68
10-680518001	343-344	—	Airtel	SAN DIEGO 5-16-68
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10-680523003	C 351	—	Airtel	Memphis 5-18-68
10-680523034	352-353	—	Airtel	WFO 5-23-68
10-680523083	354	—	Airtel	St. Louis 5-23-68
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SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

Director, FBI (44-38061)

MURKIN

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Long, #260
1 - Mr. Conrad

October 30, 1968

1 - Lab Files
1 - Office
1 - Mr. Clark
1 - Mr. Latona (Attn: Mr. Bonebrake)

1 - Mr. Mortimer

1 - Mr. Frazier

The items listed on pages one through six of the attached list were delivered to SA Robert Fitzpatrick of the Memphis Office on 10/30/68. As a matter of record, the items listed on pages seven through nine are being delivered in person to the District Attorney General's office, Memphis, Tennessee, by SA James H. Mortimer, FBI Laboratory.

Included with the items delivered to SA Fitzpatrick were pillboxes containing debris and glass slides containing material removed from various items.

If any or all of the items delivered to SA Fitzpatrick leave the possession of the Memphis Office the chain of custody must be protected.

Enclosure

RAF:js (12)

Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Evidence recovered by FBI

Original invoice and copy from Aeromarine Supply Company,
dated 3/29/68, from FBI Birmingham

ITEMS FROM 1966 FORD MUSTANG: (from FBI, Atlanta)

Floor mat from right front floor
Floor mat from rear floor
Floor mat from left front floor
Floor mat from trunk
Air filter cartridge
Wheel jack from trunk
Dark blue short sleeve sweat shirt
One rubber shoe, size 7-8½
One white fitted sheet
One black and white shirt jacket
One pillowcase
One fitted sheet with yellow thread
One black sport shirt
One pair of size 34 walking shorts
Rug from trunk
Pillow from trunk
Styrofoam container from trunk
One pair of men's brown socks from trunk
One hunting knife and sheath
Spare tire mounting from trunk
Lug wrench from trunk
Blue-handled screwdriver from trunk
Used windshield wiper blade from trunk
One Personna razor blade
Soil sample from spare wheel and tire
Vacuum sweepings from front passenger side floor
Vacuum sweepings from left front floor
Vacuum sweepings from rear floor
Vacuum sweepings from trunk

ITEMS FROM 1966 FORD MUSTANG: (from FBI, Atlanta)

A piece of Kleenex box bearing letters "At pool" on one
side and names "Ginger Day and Anita Katzwinkel,
1535 Serrano, Apt. 6," on other side
One air release shutter in original package
Sunglasses with case
Two pieces of cardboard from trunk
Scraps of paper from glove compartment
Scraps of paper from under rear seat

(from FBI, Atlanta)

Soil from right fender well
Soil from right front wheel
Soil from right rear wheel
Soil from right rear fender well
Debris from lower part of left fender
Soil from left front wheel
Soil from left rear wheel
Scraping from front left tire tread
Soil from underneath body in front of differential
Soil from differential
Soil from front of exhaust pipe
Soil from underneath body in front section
Soil from left fender well
Soil from left rear fender well
Scrapings from left rear tire tread
Scrapings from tread of right rear tire
Scrapings from under glove compartment
Scrapings from tire tread, right front tire
Scrapings from front part of engine
Water from windshield washer bag
Spare tire and wheel from trunk

ITEMS FROM ROOM 6, 113, 14th ST., NE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA:

(from FBI, Atlanta)

Bed sheet
Bed sheet
Standard Oil map of Atlanta
Partial book of matches bearing advertisement of "Albert Pic
Piece of lined paper
Newspaper from shelf
Piece of pink paper bearing hand printed name "Jimmy Ower."
Keyhole saw

ITEM FROM ROOM 5, 107, 14th St., NE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA:

(from FBI, Atlanta)

Section of newspaper dated 4/7/38

(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Booklet entitled "What is the John Birch Society"
Gulf Oil Company map of Atlanta
"Arrow" map of greater Atlanta
Box of Nabisco saltine crackers

(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Jar of French's mustard
Coffee cup
Water glass
Small can of Carnation evaporated milk
Jar of Maxwell House instant coffee
Box of "C & H" sugar
One knife (Forgemcraft)
One National's Citation pencil
Wire electric cup heater
One portable Zenith television, Model #N 2205-6
Jar of Kraft's Catalina French Dressing
Package of Golden Grain California lima beans
Can of "Iris" ground black pepper
Box of five National's Citation pencils
Gulf map of Southeastern USA
Shell map of Texas and Oklahoma
Map of Mexico
Map of Los Angeles published by Mitock & Sons
Map of Los Angeles (Richfield)
Shell map of Louisiana
Map of California
Enco map of Arizona and New Mexico
Standard Oil map of Birmingham and vicinity
Tie (brown with brown, blue and silver diagonal stripes)
Pair of grey trousers
Booklet entitled "Your Opportunities in Locksmithing"

(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Four coat hangers
Two cardboard inserts for coat hangers
Handkerchief
Pair of socks

ITEMS FROM ROOM 2, 113 14TH STREET, NORTHEAST, ATLANTA, GEORGIA:
(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Large key blank
Small key blank
Piece of black thread
Piece of brown thread with needle
Metal strip, $\frac{1}{2}$ " by $1\frac{1}{2}$ "
Business card for "HANEY'S SHEET METAL"

White shirt received from FBI, Newark

Material from ashtray received from FBI, New Orleans

Six sets of type used in Thermo Seal machines,
further described as follows: (from FBI, Albany)

<u>Type size</u>	<u>Characters</u>
Regular 18-point type	Letters
Regular 18-point type	Numbers
Narrow 18-point type	Letters
Regular 15-point type	Numbers
Narrow 15-point type	Letters
Narrow 15-point type	Numbers

Strip of $\frac{1}{4}$ " red Thermo Seal marking tape received from
FBI, Albany

Can of Schlitz beer, 12-ounce size from Southaven
Minnow Shop, received from FBI, Jackson

Brown paper bag from Southaven Minnow Shop, received from
FBI, Jackson

Also Submitted: (received from FBI, Atlanta).

Four lifts of latent impressions found on automobile

Rearview mirror from 1966 Ford Mustang

1967 Alabama license plate 1A-88354

1968 Alabama license plate 1-38993

Three cigarette butts from top of wardrobe, Room 6

One cigarette butt from under wardrobe, Room 6

Ten latent lifts from Room 6

Latent lifts A1 through A3 from Room 5

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, MEMPHIS

25 lifts from room #34 of Rebel Motor Hotel
Elimination fingerprints of N. E. Zachary and
Jewel Greer Roy
Elimination fingerprints of 21 individuals
(1 latent from "flop house" eliminated
1 latent from Rebel Motel registration
card eliminated)

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, BIRMINGHAM

Remington rifle box
Box of cartridges
Safe deposit box #5517 from Birmingham Trust
National Bank
Fingerprints of six bank employees
Palm prints and finger-tip impressions of five
Birmingham Trust National Bank employees
Bank draft for \$337.24, payable to Superior
Bulk Film Company
Major case prints of two Aeromarine Supply Co.
clerks

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, ATLANTA

Five transparent lifts from 66 Mustang
Luncheon check from "Mammy's Shanty Restaurant"

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, NEW ORLEANS

Nine items recovered from room at 623 Royal
Street in New Orleans

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, MIAMI

Piece of brown wrapping paper with label
bearing #777, etc.
Piece of brown wrapping paper with label
bearing #6829
Cardboard box

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, BUFFALO

Photo of Liberty National Bank Dealer
Plan form -
- Known handwriting of DR. ALVIN FRENCH

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, LOS ANGELES

Known handwriting of KATZWINKEL
Known handwriting of FLIKEID
Chevron map of Los Angeles
Chevron map of California

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, JACKSONVILLE

Known handwriting of DR. ALVIN FRENCH
(postcard)

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, CHICAGO

Known handwriting of GINGER NANCE
Known handwriting of THOMAS FLIKEID and
SUSAN FLIKEID
- Known handwriting of JERRY WM. -RAY

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, BIRMINGHAM

BORSARI checks

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, ATLANTA

Known handwriting of JOHN WILLARD

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, MOBILE

Known handwriting of 11 persons (obtained
from Ala. State Dept. of Safety,
Montgomery, Alabama)

MISCELLANEOUS LAUNDRY TAPES RECEIVED FROM NUMEROUS FBI OFFICES

ITEMS BEING PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO MR. CANALE BY LABORATORY
EXAMINER MORTIMER

(From FBI, Memphis)

Registration card of New Rebel
Motel in name "Eric S. Galt"
Photocopy of four-page handwritten
letter dated at Montreal, Que.,
signed "Code letter 'G'"
Bar of Cameo toilet soap

(From FBI, Miami)

Envelope and accompanying letter
"Get Tommy Nash"

(From FBI, Los Angeles)

Typewritten letter dated 1/21/68 with
envelope from "Eric S. Galt"
Typewritten letter from Dykema to Galt
re apartment
Pair of women's black shoes
/ Change of Address order dated 4/25/68
signed "Eric S. Galt"
Nine Bank of America money orders
Typewritten letter "Inclosed is MO.."
signed Eric S. Galt"
Post Office Department Application
for Delivery of Mail Through Agent,
signed "Eric S. Galt"
Order blank of Futura Books, signed
"Eric S. Galt"
Interview Card
Dance studio enrollment agreement
Change of Address form
Installment note (bar tending course)
Application for School Admittance
Airmail envelope to Tiffany Enterprises
and accompanying typewritten letter
enclosing money order for handcuffs
Envelope postmarked Los Angeles,
Apr. '68, mailing address sticker
"Mr. Eric S. Galt, 1535 N. Serrano,
L. A. 90627"

(From FBI, Chicago)

Typewritten letter dated 10/5/67 re
camera from "Eric S. Galt"
Typewritten letter dated 10/22/67 re
camera from "Eric S. Galt"
Typewritten letter dated 11/20/67 re
camera from "Eric S. Galt"
Order blank from Sup. Bulk Film Co.
in amount of \$337.24 (hand printed)
Also Submitted: 6 miscellaneous items
of Sup. Bulk Co.

(From FBI, Newark)

Enrollment form of Locksmithing Inst.,
Little Falls, N. J., in name "Eric S.
Galt"
Confidential Information form of
Locksmithing Inst., signed "Eric S. Galt"
Envelope postmarked Montreal, Canada,
(hand printed) to Locksmithing Inst.
from "Eric S. Galt"
Four payment coupons, order blank,
two envelopes re Locksmithing,
Envelopes containing lessons #8 and #9
Photocopy of Canadian Money Order
signed "Eric S. Galt"

(From FBI, New Orleans)

Provincial Motel registration card
dated 12/17/67, signed "Eric S. Galt"
Two sheets of motel stationery bearing
indented writing impressions

(From FBI, Atlanta)

Newspaper clipping bearing handwriting
"Galt 1052 N side Dr. 8769770"
Sealed envelope to Dr. Tarplee with
hand printing of Eric S. Galt
Eastern Airlines ticket envelope,
Fl.399/Y, Atlanta to Memphis

(From FBI, Headquarters)

Pink envelope addressed "The Federal
Bureau.."

(From FBI, Jacksonville)

Photocopy of Certificate of Title in
the name "Michael St. Pierre"

(From FBI, New York)

Modern Photo Bookstore coupon bearing
hand printing of "Eric S. Galt" and
handwritten letter dated 9/26/67

(From FBI, Washington Field)

Typewritten letter re emigrating to
Rhodesia signed "Eric S. Galt"
Photocopy of Statutory Declaration of
Guarantor form
Application for Canadian Passport (photo-
graph)
Photograph of RAY and signature
"Ramon George Sneyd"

(From FBI, Buffalo)

Photocopy of hand printed note dated
4/20/68, signed "Ramon George Sneyd"
Also Submitted: Photograph of partial
palm print and passport photograph

(From FBI, Mobile)

Photocopies of Alabama
1968 Motor Vehicle forms

(From FBI, Birmingham)

Known handwriting of ERIC S. GALT
(safe deposit records, ledger card
and letter)

(From FBI, Kansas City)

Known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY (Missouri
State Pen form)
Known handwriting and hand printing
of JAMES EARL RAY (documents from
Missouri State Pen)
Known handwriting and hand printing of
JAMES EARL RAY (21 sheets of paper
and one form)
Also Submitted: Inmate Request form
for JACK M. RAY



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

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab file

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

Date: **June 3, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CK**

OO: **Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680529081 JK**

Examination requested by: **Kansas City**
Reference: **Airtel 5/28/68**
Examination requested: **Document**
Remarks:

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Kansas City (44-760) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

JHM:pb (9)

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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 3, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680529081 JK**

Specimens received

5/29/68

**K278 through K453 One hundred seventy-six applications to the
Belsaw Locksmithing Institute, Kansas City,
Missouri, for the months of April and May, 1968,
bearing known handwriting of various individuals**

Result of examination:

**The handwriting, hand printing and typewriting appearing
on K278 through K453 were compared with respective portions of
known and questioned items submitted in connection with the
"MURKIN" investigation, but no identification could be made.**

**K278 through K453 will be returned by separate cover.
These items were not photographed.**

JHM:pb (11)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-680529081 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Kansas City (44-760) airtel 5/28/68 .

Examination requested: Document

Date received: ~~Mortimer~~ 5/29/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: ^{5/31/68} Mortimer *jm*

*The HW, HP & TW K278 → K453 could not be id. w respect points. f
K.N. & Q stems sub. in connect to this case, but not id. made.
K278 → K453 not exp. cover that p.d.*

Specimens submitted for examination

K278 through K453 One hundred seventy-six applications to the Belsaw Locksmithing Institute, Kansas City, Missouri, for the months of April and May, 1968, bearing known handwriting of various individuals.

TO ME (44-1987)

2-KC (44-760)

T. Rosen (Long 2200)

Courad

John Lila

Mortimer

*late rpt
6-3-68
jhm/plu.*

K278 → K453

5/28/68

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

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

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)(P)

RE: MURKIN

Re airtel from Bureau, 5/22/68, requesting records from locksmithing schools.

Forwarded to the FBI Laboratory under separate cover are 176 applications submitted to the Belsaw Locksmithing Institute, 315 Westport Road, Kansas City, Missouri, for the months of April and May, 1968. These were furnished to IC JAMES W. WRIGHT by BILL COMPTON, Manager, Belsaw Locksmithing Institute on 5/27/68, and may be utilized by the Bureau for handwriting and/or typewriting examinations but should be returned to the Belsaw Institute when they are of no further use to the FBI.

It is to be noted the originals are being furnished the Laboratory. Xerox copies of these were made and returned to the Belsaw Institute so Belsaw Institute does have a copy in their file while originals are being examined by the FBI Laboratory.

② 4 - Bureau (RM)
 (1 - Package, Encls. 176)(RM)
1 - Memphis
2 - Kansas City
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5-29-68*



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

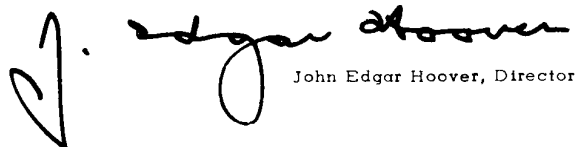
1 - Mr. Rosen
 (Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
① - Lab File

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

Date: **May 29, 1968**

Q357

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**


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) (2 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)
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JHM:AW (13)
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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 29, 1968**FBI File No. **44-38861**Re: **MURKIN
CR**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.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

File # 44-38861
Lab # 44-38861-103

Q-1 (Rev. 1-1-67)

Ref: 44-38861

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas (44-38861)

Examination requested: Document, fingerprint

Date received: 10/1/67

Examination by: [illegible]

Result of Examination:

Specimens submitted for examination

Q-1 (Rev. 1-1-67) - 44-38861-103 - 44-38861-103

James Earl Ray # 405 942 6
Jm - M

4357
Jm
Jm

F B I

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-Kansas City (Info) (RM)
1-Chicago (Info) (RM) 3-St. Louis (44-775) (26-32047) RM
1-Memphis (RM) 2-San Francisco RM
4-Atlanta 2-Jacksonville RM
(2-44-2386) (2-26-43489) 2-Knoxville RM
JBR:mcc
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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

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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.

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.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

F B I

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 LH41D8B323249
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-Kansas City (Info) (RM)
1-Chicago (Info) (RM) 3-St. Louis (44-775) (26-32047) (RM)
1-Memphis (RM) 2-San Francisco (RM)
4-Atlanta 2-Jacksonville (RM)
(2-44-2386) (2-26-43489) 2-Knoxville (RM)
JBR:mcc
(19)

CARBON COPY

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.

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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: 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:

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

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Cleveland (44-565) Enclosures (2) (2 Labreport)

JHM:AW (10)

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 28, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Re: MURKIN
CR

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.

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
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JHM:AW (10)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-680527001 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Cleveland (44-565) Airtel 5/23/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 5/24/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *5/27/68*
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*The items sub. MM (4129, 4125 & 4126) cont. only g. HP while the left
envel (4347 & 4348) sub. by PH from Tuf the Hw sig. "ERIC S. GALT" HP f HW
not sub. comp.*

Specimens submitted for examination

Request for comparison of evidence submitted with ~~Philadelphia airtel~~ *Communication*
dated 5/20/68 and evidence submitted with Miami ~~airtel~~ dated 4/11/68

Communication

*Rep. to ME (9-1587)
2 - CV (44-565)*

*T. Rosen (long 2264)
Conrad
Lab. File
Mortimer*

*Lab. rpt.
John Law
5128168*

5/23/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

RE: MURKIN
(OO: ME)

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau and interested
offices, 5/20/68; CV airtel to Bureau, 4/29/68,
and MM airtel to Bureau, 4/11/68.

LETTER BEARING RETURN ADDRESS,
CLOUD 13, PUEBLO, NORTH KOREA,
SIGNED ERIC S. GALT, POSTMARKED
MANASSA, OHIO, 4/23/68

In Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68, a letter
and envelope were enclosed that had been addressed to Rev.
HAL LLOYD, United Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Pa., dated
4/17/68, bearing the return address of Cloud 13, Pueblo, North
Korea, signed ERIC S. GALT, bearing the postmark of Mansfield,
Ohio, 4/23/68.

In CV airtel to Bureau, 4/29/68, CV advised that the
individual who wrote the note "Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING will be
dead by 4/14/68", which had first been brought to the attention
of the Bureau by MM airtel dated 4/11/68, was identified as
GEORGE CHARLES GRAY, DOB [REDACTED], 514 Ohio St., Ashland, Ohio.

④-Bureau
2-Memphis (44-1987)
1-Philadelphia (info)
2-Cleveland

MMW/slk
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CV 44-565

It is suggested that since Ashland, Ohio, is in rather close proximity to Mansfield, Ohio, the location where the above described letter was mailed, that a comparison of the contents of the letter and the note enclosed with MM airtel to Bureau, 4/11/68, be made to determine if GEORGE CHARLES GRAY might possibly be the writer of the letter and envelope enclosed in Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68.

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5/23/68

AIRTEL

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

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

RE: MURKIN
(OO: ME)

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2-Bureau
2-Memphis (44-1987)
1-Philadelphia (info)
2-Cleveland

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*Rec'd
5-24-68*

CV 44-565

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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 (100-326)

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

Date: **May 29, 1968**

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

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

87-100326

Lab. No.

D-680523082 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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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.

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 Lincoln 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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RM 87-NEW

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



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

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

Date: **May 27, 1968**

Q353 = Q366

**MURKIN
Re: CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
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 Enclosure (Lab report)

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

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

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Date: **May 27, 1968**
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 Kilg..." 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.

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
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JHM:AW (9)

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5/24/68 dt

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-680524079 JK

00: Memphis

Examination requested by: Memphis (44-1987) A. 5/22/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint Date received: 5/24/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer
5/24/68
[Signature]

No id Q355 & Q356 E RA-1, #4059424

ALF neg

No ind. only, w/ no other id. feats.

Temp. not 121d.

PFE

Conf. & sups. furnished to ME & DL 5/24

Specimens submitted for examination

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"

Searched AHF - Groups 111A, 111E, Hatt. Tenn. & surrounding states, Tex. & surrounding states 5/24/68 dt

1-DL

T. - Rosen (Long 2200)

Conrad

Lab file

Mortimer

*Lab. rpt.
Jhm: aw
5/27/68*

PHOTOGRAPHED
MAY 24 1968

0355 4356

I - to - King - would -
you - 4 - They - Black -
Ray - 5000 - a - 4 - 3

THESE ARE THE ONLY TWO...
...THESE ARE THE ONLY TWO...
...THESE ARE THE ONLY TWO...

THESE ARE THE ONLY TWO...

THESE ARE THE ONLY TWO...

THESE ARE THE ONLY TWO...

JAMES EARL RAY - don't - you - 2 - would
But - 1 - 3

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 27, 1968

Q354

Re: MURKIN
CR

OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680523083 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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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 27, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680523083 JK

Specimens received 5/23/68

Q354 Signature card of Manufacturers Bank & Trust Company
of St. Louis dated 3/9/59 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)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-680523083 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, St. Louis (44-775)

Airtel 5/21/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 5/23/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *5/24/68*

Pres. some chas not sub. if from avail. K. W. G. S., N.C. "JAMES CARL O'CONNOR" sig
Q354 E J.R.R.; however, sig. seems not sub.

Ref. sig.

P'd.

FPE

Specimens submitted for examination

Q354 Signature card of Manufacturers Bank & Trust Company of St. Louis dated 3/9/59 bearing the signature "James Carl O'Connor"

ME(44-1987)

S2(44-775)

T. Rosen (Long 2260)
Conrad
Sub. File
Mortimer

PHOTOGRAPHED

MAY 23 1968

4354 James Carl Connor

K257 Carlson - Jones - Earl C. or -
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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

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Enclosed is original signature card of JAMES CARL O'CONNOR prepared about 3/9/59 for Manufacturer's Bank and Trust Company, St. Louis, Missouri, by individual opening checking account at that time.

The above-mentioned signature card of JAMES CARL O'CONNOR believed to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY shows the last known residence address of this individual to be 1727 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri. The signature "James Carl O'Connor" is believed to have been placed on the signature card by this individual. None of the other handwriting appearing on the card is believed to have been written by RAY. The St. Louis address 1727 South 11th Street is a prior address of RAY's sister, Mrs. ALBERT (CAROL) PEPPER, St. Louis, Missouri. Several checks drawn against this account are payable to CAROL RYAN, a name formerly used by Mrs. PEPPER.

The afore-mentioned account was opened 3/9/59 and it was closed 7/20/59. Deposits therein ranged between \$10 and \$370 and the largest balance on hand in the account at that time was \$620 on 3/26/59.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct a handwriting examination in attempt to identify the signature of JAMES CARL O'CONNOR appearing on the card as handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. Further, the FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct appropriate fingerprint examination in attempt to

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develop any prints identifiable with RAY. It is requested that the original card be returned to St. Louis in order that it may be returned to Manufacturer's Bank and Trust Company from which it was obtained.

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