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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-562362 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Miami (44-1854)

Airtel 5/2/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 5/6/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: *MORTIMER* *5/6/68*  
*John*

*Ident. "MICHEL ST. PIERRE" sign of JAMES EARL RAY.*

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q317 Crafts Ltd, Inc. boat rental agreement dated September 2, 1968, bearing the signature "Michel St. Pierre"
- Q318 Crafts Ltd, Inc. boat rental agreement dated September 3, 1967, bearing the signature "Michel St. Pierre"
- Q319 Shell credit card invoice bearing number 186404, signed "Michel St. Pierre"
- Q320 Shell credit card invoice bearing number 186496, signed "Michel St. Pierre"
- Q321 Shell credit card invoice bearing number 186589, signed "Michel St. Pierre"

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

File # 44-38861  
Lab. # D-502302 JK

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

Examination requested by: SAC, Miami (44-1854)  
Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint  
Result of Examination:  
Date received: 5/1/68  
Examination by: [Signature]

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q17 Crafts Ltd, Inc. post rental agreement dated September 2, 1967, bearing the signature "Michael St. Pierre"
- Q18 Crafts Ltd, Inc. post rental agreement dated September 3, 1967, bearing the signature "Michael St. Pierre"
- Q19 Shell credit card invoice bearing number 180404, signed "Michael St. Pierre"
- Q20 Shell credit card invoice bearing number 180496, signed "Michael St. Pierre"
- Q21 Shell credit card invoice bearing number 180509, signed "Michael St. Pierre"

*Michael St. Pierre*

44-314 → 4321

K171 & K211

5/2/68

AIRTEL

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

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1834) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

(OO: Memphis)

Re Atlanta teletype to the Bureau dated 4/30/68,  
and Kansas City teletype to the Bureau dated 5/1/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are two boat rental agreements between Crafts Limited, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and MICHEL ST. PIERRE dated 9/2-3/67, bearing renter signature, MICHEL ST. PIERRE. Also enclosed are three Shell credit card invoices in payment of above contract plus gas and oil, also bearing signature of MICHEL ST. PIERRE.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to determine if these items contain any latent fingerprints identifiable with those of JAMES EARL RAY. Thereafter it is requested the handwriting comparisons be performed to determine if the signatures of MICHEL ST. PIERRE on enclosed items were written by JAMES EARL RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- ① - Bureau (Enc. 5) (AMRM)  
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info) (RM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (RM)  
1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Info) (RM)  
2 - Miami  
DNJ:vc  
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- Rec'd  
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5/2/68

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LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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

File # 44-38861  
Lab. # D-562331 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Jacksonville (44-769) Airtel 5/2/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 5/3/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer

Specimens submitted for examination

Qc314 Photocopy of Application For Certificate Of Title, State Of Florida,  
Title Number 6626969, bearing the signature "Michael St. Pierre"

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)  
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Albany, Jacksonville, Miami, and Memphis dated 4/30/68, regarding 1967 Cadillac DeVille, Florida License 1W179130.

Referenced teletype requested Jacksonville to obtain original registration for above vehicle and forward to Laboratory for handwriting comparison with subject JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/1/68, Mr. ARCH LIVINGSTON, Director, Department of Motor Vehicle, Tallahassee, Fla., advised that he would be unable to release Florida Title Number 6626969, which covers 1967 Cadillac convertible, VIN F7112795, in the name of MICHAEL ST. PIERRE, inasmuch as this document is a permanent record in his files. He stated that in order to release this document, a subpoena duces tecum would be necessary.

Mr. LIVINGSTON made available photostatic copy of instant Florida Title.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)  
1 - Albany (44-493)  
1 - Miami (44-1854)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Atlanta (44-2386)  
2 - Jacksonville  
TJW:ser  
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*Rec'd  
5-3-68*

JK 44-769

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is photostatic  
copy of this document.

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 8, 1968**

*0315-0316*

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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)**

**JHM:AW (12)**

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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-562360 JK**

Specimens received **5/3/68**

**Q315 Sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/17/68, beginning "I AM ANSWERING..." 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.**

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-562360 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574)

Airtel 5/2/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 5/3/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer  
*5/6/68*  
*Jan*

*Sig. id. 5 sigs. This name on other items prev. sub.*

*TW, Q315 & Q316 same style prev. TW it enc. in name ERIC S. GALT, Tech id. affs, N.C.*

*Same TW as prev. no sig. aff. noted*

*Ref. P's.*

*FPE 5/2.*

Specimens submitted for examination

Q315 Sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/17/68, beginning "I AM ANSWERING....." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Q316 Typewritten advertisement beginning "SINGLE MALE CAUC. 36...." bearing typewritten name and address "ERIC S. GALT, ~~Sub 26~~ 406 S6. 2nd. ALHAMBRA. 91802 "

ALSO SUBMITTED: One copy of the 2/2/68 issue of the "Los Angeles Free Press"

*Rep. to ME (44-1987)*

*CC: 2 - LA (44-1574)*

*1 - AT (44-238)*

*1 - BH (44-1740)*

*T. - Rosen (long 2260)*

*Conrad*

*Lab. File.*

*Mortimer*

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PREV. Eric S. Galt  
NOT A WE (00-115)

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0372 "I AM VANDERBILT"....." sup 218ueg "ERIC 2" GATJ" speed of labor possibug flybntipssu measse queseq 5/11/68' possibutug

Specimens submitted for examination

Result of Examination:

Εκamination ρλ: ~~πολς~~ ~~πυρε~~

Examination requested: document, fingerprint

Date received: 7/3/98

Examination requested by: SAC, Los Angeles (44-1234)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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5/2/68

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 (Encs. - 4)(AM - RM)(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. O. 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.



**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**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-562322 JK**  
3

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)**

**JHM:AW (12)**

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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-562332 JK**

Specimens received **5/4/68**

- Q312 White envelope postmarked "Los Angeles May 1 1968 PM" 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.

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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Laboratory Work Sheet

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

File # 44-38861  
Lab. # D-562332JK

Examination requested by: FBI, Los Angeles Airtel 5/3/68

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint

Date received: 5/4/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer <sup>5/4/68</sup>

TW Q312 & Q313 not id. to Twopen. Items rec'd. in name ERIC S. GALT.  
Atts. sig. diff. noted "James Ray" sig. Q313 & att. K. sigs. this incl. ind. overwriting portion  
the g. sig. & line not fully involved, diff. again not reached.  
No WM, ind. only on other id. feels noted Q312 or Q313 to ind. source.  
The spell., punc. & typing habits of individ. pgs. Q312 & Q313 found at variance to sim. aspects of TW mat.  
prev. rec'd. this mat. in the name ERIC S. GALT & also K. the JAMES EARL RAY.  
K252 to LA. Q312 & Q313 tang. not p'd.

L.F.P. Sept.

Confirms & supps. BUTT 5/4/68.

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q 312 White envelope p stmarked " Los Angeles May 1 1968 PM" addressed to " Editor  
in chief The Los Angeles Times Newspaper Los Angeles, California "
- Q 313 Accompanying one page typewritten letter beginning " Dear Editor, By the  
time ... ~~the~~ ending ... never kill again." and signed " James Ray"

K252 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT BOOKING CARD BEARING KN. HW OF  
JAMES EARL RAY.

Report to ME  
cc - LA (44-1574)  
1- AT (44-2346)  
1- BH (44-1740)

T. Rosen (long 2260)  
Conrad  
Lab file  
Mortimer

Typewriting Smith - Corona elite.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Laboratory Work Sheet

File # 44-38861  
Lab. # D-2332K

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

Examination requested by: FBI, Los Angeles Airtel 5/3/68  
Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint  
Date received: 5/14/68

Examination by: Workman

Result of Examination:

The white envelope was examined and found to contain a letterhead memorandum of the Los Angeles Times newspaper, dated May 1, 1968, addressed to the Editor in chief, The Los Angeles Times Newspaper, Los Angeles, California. The letterhead memorandum is a one page typewritten letter beginning "Dear Editor," and signed "James Ray". The letterhead memorandum is a one page typewritten letter beginning "Dear Editor," and signed "James Ray".

Specimens submitted for examination

White envelope & stamped "Los Angeles May 1 1968 PM" addressed to "Editor in chief, The Los Angeles Times Newspaper, Los Angeles, California".  
Accompanying one page typewritten letter beginning "Dear Editor," and signed "James Ray".  
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5/3/68

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 (Encs. - 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.

1 - Mr. McGowan, 2712  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
① - Mr. Davine

5/3/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

19-562328  
Q 311

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REURAIRTEL MAY TWO SUBMITTING HERTZ RENTAL AGREEMENT  
SIGNED JAMES E. JODKER, LOOK-ALIKE FOR SUBJECT RAY.  
DIFFERENCES NOTED INDICATE THAT JODKER SIGNATURE ON  
~~RENTAL~~ AGREEMENT NOT EXECUTED BY JAMES EARL RAY, SUBJECT  
IN THIS CASE; HOWEVER, LIMITED NATURE OF QUESTIONED  
WRITING PRECLUDES A DEFINITE OPINION.

LATENT RESULTS FURNISHED SEPARATELY. COPY BEING  
SENT AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS.

1 - MEMPHIS (44-1987) - Airmail

NOTE FOR MEMPHIS: No Laboratory report will be submitted  
regarding the results of the examination  
set out above.

FMD:taw (7)

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-562328 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Atlanta (44-2386)

Airtel 5/2/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 5/3/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: *[Signature]*

*Diff note Boker - 311 + know he  
of Ray but in nature of the  
precludes definite opinion Sep report on  
latents*

Specimens submitted for examination

*[Signature]*  
Hertz Rental Agreement #939484, executed on 4/19/68, signed  
"James E. Boker"

K 511

*[Signature]*  
Ans by T.T. to ATO  
44-1987

*[Signature]*  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

LAB 113

Laboratory Work Sheet

File # LA-30001  
Lab # D-50330 7A

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

Examination requested by: SAC, Atlanta (44-2306) Atlanta 2/2/68

Examination requested: Document, fingerprint Date received: 2/2/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [Signature]

*off into folder of 211 + [unclear]  
[unclear] in folder 1 of 2  
[unclear] 2/2/68  
I [unclear]  
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Specimens submitted for examination

ALL items listed in report, excepted on 1/1/68, signed  
"James B. Baker"

*Very  
OK  
44-1987*

*James B. Baker  
44-1987  
2/2/68*

5/2/68

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Director dated 5/1/68.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Laboratory is Hertz Rental Agreement #939484 executed 4/19/68, signed JAMES E. BODKER and bearing his initials.

For the information of the Laboratory, an employee of Hertz at Albany, Ga. has described BODKER generally the same as JAMES EARL RAY and has viewed his photos and believes possibly identical. The only handwriting appearing on this contract which is in BODKER's handwriting is JAMES E. BODKER and the initials "JEB."

The Laboratory is requested to compare this handwriting with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

It is also requested that the contract be processed for latent fingerprints in this matter re Mr. CHARLES V. TYSON, manager, Hertz, Albany, Ga. who has handled this document. He was in the U.S. Army with serial number 34 976 214. This document should be returned to Atlanta for return to Mr. TYSON unless it becomes of value as evidence in the MURKIN case.

3-Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)  
2-Memphis  
2-Atlanta  
MEC:hjm  
(7)

*Recd  
5-3-68*







**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 8, 1968**

Q 308 → Q310

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*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 (44-566) Enclosures (3) (Photograph of Q310,  
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 8, 1968**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

Lab. No. **D-862197 JK**

Specimens received **5/2/68**

**Q308 Envelope with embossed 6 cent stamp postmarked  
"SANDUSKY OH APR 22 PM 1968" bearing hand printed  
address "POST MASTER FELIX - ISLAND ONTARIO CANADA"**

**Q309 Untamped 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.**

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-562197 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Cleveland (44-565)

Airtel 5/1/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 5/2/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *5/6/68*

*ALL neg.*  
*Two dist. for set, comp. & mt. in "MURKIN" case & other lets. for sim. type as Q 310; diff. an engr. of the name over each*  
*a few isolated words were discerned on Q 310. "WITTED" or "DITTED" was also noted. a photo, depicting them in press. enc. for CV. Two other id. facts noted.*

Tamp. Ret.

FPEI design.

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q308 Envelope with embossed 6 cent stamp postmarked "SANDUSKY OH APR 22 PM 1968" bearing hand printed address "POST MASTER PELEE - ISLAND ONTARIO CANADA"
- Q309 Unstamped envelope bearing ~~unmarked~~ 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)

TO ME (44-1987)

CCZ-CV (44-565) (Enc.)

FBI Cleveland (44-2260)

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Q308 White bond envelope with embossed 6¢ stamp. Envelopes such as this may be purchased in any U.S. Post Office.  
 Measures 4.5 x 7.5  
 U.S.A. W.M.

Q309 White bond envelope. No stamp of paper postpaid being returned measure returning "DEAN - STE - W.M."  
 Measures 3.9 x 7.5  
 Chief of Police

Q310 White paper containing no W.M.  
 Measures 3.8 x 8.0

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [illegible]

Examination requested: [illegible]

Date received: 2/3/68

Examination requested by: SAC, Cleveland (44-202)

File # 44-38861

cc: [illegible] (44-38861)  
 [illegible]  
 Re: [illegible]

File # 44-38861 2K  
 File # 44-38861

Laboratory Work Sheet

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

IVB FILE

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. CHAINTANCE, 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  
MPM/jky  
(8)

*Recd  
5-2-68*

CV 44-565

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.

#### LEADS

#### 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.

#### ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - Mr. McGowan, 2712  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
① - Mr. Mortimer  
5/3/68

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

10-562199  
Q 307

TO SAC DENVER (157-202)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

REDNAIRTEL APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST SUBMITTING  
REGISTRATION CARD OF THE ROCKLAND HOTEL, DENVER, FOR ONE  
SAM MAJEY OR MASEY.

DIFFERENCES NOTED INDICATE REGISTRATION CARD NOT  
EXECUTED BY SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY; HOWEVER, LIMITED AND  
DISTORTED NATURE OF HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING PRECLUDE  
DEFINITE OPINION.

LATENT RESULTS FURNISHED SEPARATELY. COPY BEING  
SENT AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) - Airmail

NOTE FOR MEMPHIS: No Laboratory report will be submitted regarding  
the results of the examination set out above.

JHM:mb (7)



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-562199 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Denver (157-203)

Airtel 4/29/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 5/2/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer  
*5/3/68*  
*[Signature]*Specimens submitted for examination

Q307 Registration card for Room No. 32, bearing hand printed name  
"Sam Majey" and hand written and hand printed address "2809 Harney  
Omaha Nebr."

CC-~~Det. & ME~~ (44-1987)

TT-~~cc~~ DN (157-203)

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Q307 ~~DX~~ ~~MM~~ ~~AJ~~ ~~EY~~ - 2804 ~~Harney~~ - OH+H+2  
NEBR

JAMES EARL RAY

CHARGE "MURDER"

Ray, James Earl, was born [illegible] and [illegible] address "5008 Harney  
Nebraska" [illegible] for room No. 35, [illegible] name

Specimens submitted for examination

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [illegible]

Examination requested: [illegible]

Date received: [illegible]

Examination requested by: SAC, Denver (70-503)

Lab. # [illegible]

CC: [illegible] (70-1081)

Re: [illegible]

Lab. # D-205188 JK  
File # 70-30091

Laboratory Work Sheet

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

4/29/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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

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

RE: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Enclosed is a registration card for one SAM MAJEY or MASEY, 2809 (last digit indistinct) Harney, Omaha, Nebraska, showing that this guest checked into the Rockland Hotel, 1435 Tremont Street, Denver, on 4/10/68, and departed on 4/11/68.

The Manager of this hotel believes the guest resembles JAMES EARL RAY. Investigation is being conducted in Omaha, Nebraska, in an effort to identify MAJEY.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct any possible handwriting examination of this card with handwriting previously submitted in this matter, it being noted the portion of the registration card filled out by guest is the information on the top two lines, consisting of his hand-printed name and his address, which is in both handprinting and script.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Denver

BDA: lkr  
(7)

*Recd  
5-2-68*

**DN 157-203**

**The Laboratory is requested to return the registration card after completion of the examination, in order that the card may be returned to the Rockland Hotel.**

4/29/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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

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

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CR  
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3 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Denver

BDA:1kr

(7)

*Rec'd*  
*5-2-68*

**DN 157-203**

**The Laboratory is requested to return the registration card after completion of the examination, in order that the card may be returned to the Rockland Hotel.**

Mr. Conrad

May 3, 1968

W. D. Griffith

Q 306  
MURKIN  
CR

The Bureau has received a picture post card postmarked "SAINT PAUL MINN APR 29 '68" addressed to "F.B.I., Washington, D.C." This card is hand printed and handwritten and bears the message "Happy Hunting Sincerely Eric Galt."

It was concluded that the handwriting and hand printing appearing on the post card referred to above were not prepared by James Earl Ray, the subject in this case.

The above described material has been forwarded to the Latent Fingerprint Section for appropriate examination.

Recommendation: None. For information.

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

JHM:AW (7)

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-562198 JK

Examination requested by: Bureau

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 5/2/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: M. <sup>5/2/68</sup>rtimer *Jan**No id. Q306 BEN EARL RAY.*Specimens submitted for examination*addressed "F.B.I., WASHINGTON, D.C."*

Q306 Picture post card postmarked "SAINT PAUL MINN APR 29 '68", bearing  
handwritten and hand printed message "Happy Hunting Sincerely  
Eric Galt"

*1- Minder  
Skelton  
Rosen (long 2260)  
Conrad  
Suff.  
West.  
Lab. File*

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*No ident A.L.T. (III A) III E, UCHP, IV) A H 5-2-68*



4306 F.B.I. - Washington D.C. 4-2-68

Happy Hunting - Sincerely  
EWD GALT

10171 510211 (RAY)

H - *living* ELITE 00120  
unpublished and being prepared message "Happy Hunting" since 1967  
0300 100000 Post card for "RAY" from "RAY" and SA "001" resulting

Specimens submitted for examination

Result of Examination:

Examination by: K. L. JONES

Examination requested by: Document, fingerprint

Date received: 2/5/68

Examination requested by: Bureau

Re: *Ray* (101-1001)  
Re: *RAY*

Lab. # D-205180 JK  
File # 101-38801

Laboratory Work Sheet

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FBI FILE

MURKIN  
CR

On May 2, 1968, there was received in the Laboratory a picture post card postmarked at St. Paul, Minn. April 25, 1968. This card bears the handwritten address "F. B. I. Washington, DC" and the handwritten and hand printed message "Happy Hunting Sincerely Eric Galt"

Bureau routing slip requests handwriting and fingerprint examinations.



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

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

To: **FBI, Buffalo (44-374)**

Date: **May 6, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-562101 JK**

Examination requested by: **Buffalo**

Reference: **Airtel 4/29/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**A separate report is being furnished on the latent  
fingerprint examination and return of Q304 and Q305.**

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**1 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosure (Lab report)**

**FMD:AW (5)**

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**REPORT  
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: FBI, Buffalo (44-374)****Date: May 6, 1968****Re: MURKIN  
CR****FBI File No. 44-38861****Lab. No. D-562101 JK**Specimens received **5/2/68**

**Q304 White envelope postmarked "ROCHESTER, N.Y. 1A PM 17  
APR 1968" bearing typewritten address "MRS. GROOMS  
ROCHESTER TIMES-UNION ROCHESTER, N. Y."**

**Q305 Accompanying piece of paper bearing typewritten message  
beginning "MRS. GROOMS - I READ...."**

**Result of examination:**

**It was concluded that the typewriting on Q304 and  
Q305 is not identical to typewriting appearing on material  
attributable to Eric S. Galt, previously submitted in this case.**

**Q304 and Q305 were searched in the Anonymous Letter  
File without effecting an identification. Copies have been  
added to this file for future reference.**

**Except for the printing "FREE PARKING" on the reverse  
side of Q305, no watermarks, indented writing or other  
identifying characteristics were noted on the submitted material  
by which the source of these specimens could be definitely deter-  
mined.**

**Q304 and Q305 have been photographed and are being  
returned to Buffalo separately.**

**FMD:AW (5)**



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

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

To: FBI, Buffalo (44-374)

Date: May 6, 1968

Q304 Q305

Re: MURKIN  
    CR  
    OO: Memphis

*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562101 JK

Examination requested by: Buffalo  
Reference: Airtel 4/29/68  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint  
Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished on the latent fingerprint examination and return of Q304 and Q305.

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosure (Lab report)

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