

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-562101 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Buffalo (44-374)

Airtel 4/29/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 5/2/68

Result of Examination: *5/3/68*

Examination by: *[Signature]*

① No ident Tw @ 304 + @ 305 with ~~all~~ Tw on
internal attach. to Eric S. Galt.

② No ident AKf added Except for pty "FREE PARKING"
absolutely, no words, identical w/ a other ident. of guy shown. note by
which source of @ 304 + @ 305 old he def. determine

③ @ 304 + @ 305 phot'd + ret'd say (say of t. on white)

Specimens submitted for examination

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

Q305 Accompanying ^{piece} sheet of paper bearing typewritten message beginning
"MRS. GROOMS - I READ"

1-Me (44-1987)

Lab. not.
Andrew
5/6/68

PHOTOCOPIED

Typewriting conforms most closely to
hand. pica type. No ident A L F.
PMS 6094 O.H.

Q 304 White bond envelope.
No w.m.
Measures 3.6" x 6.5"

Q 305 Portion of a sheet of paper
which may be advertising
matter as it bears the printed
wordsFREE PARKING on
reverse side. Measures 3.5"
x 6.2"

4/29/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED MAIL

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

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

MURKIN

Re Buffalo airtel to the Bureau, 4/23/68.

Transmitted herewith via registered mail is the original envelope and letter received by Mrs. MARY GROOMS, Rochester, New York, on 4/19/68.

The letter reads as follows:

"Mrs. Grooms -

"I read your column regularly they are good and factual, with lots of common sense. The King plot was hatched recently in Detroit by Black Nationalists, Muslims, and Communists (I was there). The job was done by a hired professional killer. The Communists paid for the job. The authorities will eventually find out.

"An anonymous black man"

The FBI Laboratory is requested to have this letter processed for latent prints and latents compared with any latents in captioned matter.

The FBI Laboratory is also requested to examine typing to determine what type of typewriter prepared this specimen and to examine paper and envelope in an effort to determine source of each.

- ③ - Bureau (AM-JH)
 - 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info) (AM)
 - 1 - Kansas City (Info) (AM) - Detroit (AM)
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
 - 1 - Buffalo
- RCE:ank
(3)

*Rec'd
5-2-68*

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176



**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 3, 1968**

Q 302 - Q 303

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-682999 JK**

Examination requested by: **Quaha**

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 - Quaha (44-310) 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 3, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-549099 JK**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

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.**

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-562099 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Omaha (44-310)

Airtel 4/30/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 5/1/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer ^{5/2/68} *[Signature]**ALFrog.**No SW, w/ no other id. facts**No id. = JAMES EARLE RAY. K171510211.**Ref. rep. P'd.**FPE*Specimens submitted for examination

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 g~~irl~~....."

*Rept to ME (44-1987)**cc: 2-DM (44-310)**T. Mr Rosen (Long 2260)**Carroll**Lab file**Mortimer*

Lab rpt.
g/m/ar
5/3/68

No ident. G 27 (ME 44 + 74) 5/11

Q302 White bond paper. No markings.
Contains navy blue and white ~~embossed~~ ^{ptd.} seal on left side.
Measures 4.5" x 9.5"
No stamp or encls.

Q304 Sheet of pale green notebook
paper with darker green lines.
Has been cut irregularly down one
side. Measures approx 8.2" x 2.0 x .0029

April 30, 1968

AIRTEL

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

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (44-310) (P)

RE: MURKIN

Re Omaha teletype dated 4/26/68 to Bureau and Milwaukee re anonymous handwritten letter received at Omaha Office, which was mailed in Omaha, Nebraska, 4/26/68. Letter stated JAMES EARLE RAY's girlfriend is JERRIE DURVAL, possibly spelled DURUAL, County General Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

By telephone call 4/29/68 the Bureau stated above letter should be submitted for a latent fingerprint examination.

Above letter and envelope are enclosed herewith to the Bureau for possible latent fingerprint examination, comparison with Anonymous Letter File, and for comparison with subject's handwriting.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

④ - Bureau (R.M.)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Omaha

TWC:jip
(7)

REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Los Angeles (44-1574)

Date: May 3, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-562013 JK

Specimens received 4/30/68

- Q300 Envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF. 4A PM APR 22 1968" bearing typewritten address "Editor, Citizens News, 1545 N. Wilcox, Hollywood, Calif. 90028" and return address "James E. Ray, Far Away"
- Q301 Accompanying clipping captioned "88 Days in a Red Prison" which appears to have been smeared with a fecal material and bears on the reverse side typewriting beginning "The Citizens News has. . ."

Result of examination:

It was determined that the typewriting on Q300 and Q301 is not identical to typewriting on material previously submitted in this case attributable to Eric S. Galt.

Q300 and Q301 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies have been added to this file for future reference. The typewriting on these specimens most closely resembles Corona pica style of type spaced ten to the inch. The submitted material was examined for watermarks and indented writing with negative results.

Q300 and Q301 have been photographed and are being returned to Los Angeles separately.

FMD:pb (5)

F B I

Date: 4/26/68

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

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

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

Enclosed for laboratory examination is an envelope addressed to the editor, Citizen News, 1545 North Wilcox, Hollywood, California, with returning address of JAMES E. RAY, Far Away, and its contents which is a clipping captioned "88 Days in a Red Prison" which appeared to have been smeared with a fecal material. On the reverse side of this clipping is typed "The Citizen News has become toilet paper".

The enclosure is submitted for latent fingerprint and typewriting examination and to be compared with pertinent information developed in this matter.

The enclosed was furnished by HALL HUBBARD, Hollywood Citizen News, 1540 North Wilcox Avenue, Los Angeles. He advised that several individuals employed at this newspaper handled the letter in the normal procedures connected with the mail department and the routine handling of mail at this newspaper. He stated that it is not possible to identify all the employees who have handled the enclosures.

SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN was the only Bureau employee who handled this letter.

The enclosed need not be returned.

④ - Bureau (Enc. 1)
2 - Los Angeles
TJA/met
(5)

Rec'd
4-30-68

ADJ. NAT'L

Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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-562013 JK

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

Airtel 4/26/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 4/30/68

Result of Examination: *4/2/68*

Examination by: ~~Mortimer~~

① No ident + w material sub. in ind. case
attributable to Eric S. Galt.

② No ident w. ACF. Was + recent unhygienic
Tweeter unit like Corona piece style 7/7p

③ Entire piece 'do + rest of

Specimens submitted for examination

Q300 Envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF. 444 PM APR 22 1968"
bearing typewritten address "Editor, Citizens News, 1545 N. Wilcox,
Hollywood, Calif. 90028" and return address "James E. Ray, Far
Away"

Q301 Accompanying clipping captioned "88 Days in a Red Prison" which
appears to have been smeared with a fecal material and bears on
the reverse side typewriting beginning "The Citizen News *was*....."

1-me (44-1987) lab rpt 5-3-68 fwd/plu.

PHOTOGRAPHED

No ident A.F.F. Corona piece AH. 5-1-68

Mr. Conrad

May 2, 1968

ml

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN
CR

The Bureau has received an anonymous hand printed letter and envelope postmarked in Arlington, Virginia on April 26, 1968. The anonymous letter states "Dr. King's assassin is working with a group down in New Orleans, Louisiana and the blond haired woman that the assassin or his brother had the date with in California is the leader of the group, and is a communist."

Differences were noted between the hand printing on the anonymous letter and envelope when compared with the known hand printing of James Earl Ray and other similar anonymous communications which have been received in connection with this investigation; however, the distorted nature of the hand printing on these two items referred to above prevented a definite conclusion from being reached.

The anonymous letter and envelope were searched in the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file and no identifying characteristics were noted on these items which might indicate their immediate source.

The anonymous letter and envelope have 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)

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-561960 JK

Examination requested by: Bureau

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 4/30/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *5/1/68*
*JRM**ALF neg.*

*Diff. noted HP Q298 & Q299 & that appearing on items in this case attrib to ERIC S. S. S. J.
However, because of the diff. style of HP Q298 & Q299, which may be result of debit dist., diff. of the two noted
No ind. impress or other characteristics of these 2 items which ind. common source.*

*Ret. seg. P. 1**FBI & dis. per*Specimens submitted for examination

- Q298 White envelope postmarked "ARLINGTON VA. APR 26 1968" bearing hand printed address "FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION PENNSYLVANIA AVE. AT 9th ST., N. W. WASHINGTON, D. C."
- Q299 Accompanying sheet of paper bearing hand printed message beginning "DEAR SIR, DR. KING'S ASSASSIN....." and ending ".....IS A COMMUNIST."

Mortimer
DeLoach
Rosen (long read)
Conrad
Walters
Mohr
Tele. Rm.

PHOTOGRAPHED

APR 30 1968

No ident ALF. UCHP. 6 Mortimer A. H. 5-1

Q 298 White bond envelope.
No w.m.
Measures 3.6" x 6.5" x .0036

Q 299 Sheet of white linen
finish paper. No w.m.
Measures 5.0" x 7.8" x .0072

DO-6

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 29, 1968

The attached note was sent to the Bureau from an anonymous source in Arlington, Virginia. The note reads as follows:

"Dear Sir,

Dr. King's assassin is working with a group down in New Orleans, Louisiana and the blond haired woman that the assassin or his brother had the date with in California is the leader of the group, and is a communist."

V. J. [unclear]
MR. TOLSON ☒
MR. DELOACH ☒
MR. MOHR ☒
MR. BISHOP ☐
MR. CASPER ☐
MR. CALLAHAN ☐
MR. CONRAD ☐
MR. FELT ☒
MR. GALE ☒
MR. ROSEN ☐
MR. SULLIVAN ☐
MR. TAVEL ☐
MR. TROTTER ☐
MR. JONES ☐
TELE. ROOM ☐
MISS HOLMES ☐
MRS. METCALF ☐
MISS GANDY ☐

Sniffell
me [unclear]
Long

COPY:nm

INDEX LAB FILES



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

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

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

Date: **April 29, 1968**

44-1987 → K200

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

OO: **Memphis**

FBI File No.
Lab. No.

**44-38861
D-561623 JK
D-561624 JK
D-561625 JK**

Examination requested by: **Savannah, Miami**

Reference: **Airtels 4/23/68 and 4/24/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1 - Savannah (44-1786) Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Miami (44-1854) Enclosure (Lab report)**

JHM:NB (9)

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date:

April 29, 1968

FBI File No.

44-38861

Re: MURKIN
CR

Lab. No.

D-561622 JK

D-561624 JK

D-561625 JK

Specimens received from Savannah, 4/25/68

K198 Six samples of laundry tape obtained from the Rogers
Laundry, Savannah, Georgia

Specimen received from Miami, 4/25/68

K199 Eight thermo-seal laundry tapes obtained from Famous
Cleaners, Miami, Florida

Specimen received from Savannah, 4/25/68

K200 Four samples taken from a Thermo Seal marking machine
used by the White Way Laundry, Port Wentworth, Georgia

Result of examination:

Differences were noted which indicate that the laundry tags on Q97 and Q99 may not have originated from any of the machines which were used to prepare specimens K198, K199 and K200. These differences are not considered of such significance, however, that a definite opinion can be stated.

The submitted items have been retained.

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____ JHM:NB (9)
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

RECORDED
4/25/68 dt

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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LAR FILE

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

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File # 44-~~28861~~
Lab. # D-561625 JK
D-561622 JK
D-561624 JK

Examination requested by: Savannah (44-1786)⁶⁸ A. 4/24/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 4/25/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer
4/26/68

*Diff. noted which is that the 1st and 2nd are 4915, 4919 and
not from orig. from any of the machines which were used to print Spec K186, K187, & K200.
These diff. are not from orig. from any, however, that a 4th specimen can be obtained.
Return.*

Specimens submitted for examination

K200 Four samples taken from a Thermo Seal marking machine
used by the White Way Laundry, Port Wentworth, Georgia

12/1/68 to 12/1/68 (44-1937)
1-SV(44-1786)
1-MM(44-1854)

Tim. Rosen (Long 2260)
General
Lab. File
The Bureau

4/24/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are four samples of Thermo-Seal laundry markings utilized at the White Way Laundry, Port Wentworth, Ga.

Mrs. BETTY LASSITER, White Way Laundry, provided the enclosed samples on 4/24/68 and advised that the "20" and the yellow coloration change with each customer. She advised that the "E" indicates a particular week during the year and that the "3" signifies the particular customer. She advised that "20E-3" was last issued during the week of 12/30/67 to customer by the name of WILLIAMS, first name unknown, residing at 1220 Montgomery Street, Savannah, Ga.

It is requested that FBI Laboratory compare the enclosed known samples with the questioned samples believed to belong to subject in this matter.

LEADS:

SAVANNAH DIVISION

AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA:

Will attempt to further identify WILLIAMS, 1220 Montgomery Street.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 4)(RM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
3 - Savannah
WLR/dkn
(7)

Rec'd
4-25-68

RECORDED⁷⁻²
4/25/68 dt

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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LAB FILE

Re: MURKIN
CR

File # 44-28861
Lab. # D-561624 JK

00: Memphis

Examination requested by: Savannah (44-1768) A. 23
4/25/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 4/25/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Moistimer

D-561625 JK

Specimens submitted for examination

K198 Six samples of laundry tape obtained from the Rogers Laundry,
Savannah, Georgia

4/23/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are six samples of laundry tags issued by the Rogers Laundry, Savannah, Ga.

Mr. EARL ROGERS, Rogers Laundry, 1401 Paulsen, advised that this code was issued between 3/16/68 and 3/23/68 and that his duplicate of the laundry marking was returned to the customer on the customer's copy of this laundry bill. He stated that the "20" indicates lot 20, and that the "3" specifies the particular customer. He stated that the "R" is used for 13 loads of laundry and then changed to a new letter. He advised that he has one Thermo-Seal laundry marking machine which uses yellow tags. He stated that the color yellow has no particular significance in his operation.

It is requested that FBI Laboratory compare the enclosed laundry markings with the laundry markings located on clothes believed to belong to the subject.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 6) (RM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Savannah

WLR/dkm
(6)

Recd
4-25-68
(44-38861)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-561622 JK

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

Airtel 4/23/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 4/25/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer

See D-561625 JK

Specimens submitted for examination

K199 Eight thermo-seal laundry tapes obtained from Famous Cleaners,
Miami, Florida

F B I

Date: 4/23/68

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

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

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

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to all offices dated 4/19/68.

Re: Laundry Marking Machines and Code 20R-3

Enclosed for transmission to the FBI Laboratory are eight Thermo Seal Marking Machine Tapes, yellow in color, bearing code 20R-3.

ROBERT BERMAN, proprietor, Famous Cleaners, 3454 N. W. 7th Avenue, Miami, Florida, advised that his laundry does laundry and dry cleaning for several small cleaning establishments in the Miami, Florida area. He advised that he uses code 20R-3 about once every three weeks for the Royal Palm Cleaners, 4016 Royal Palm Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. BERMAN believes that a yellow tape probably would have been used at least two or three times since April, 1967.

BERMAN advised that he is checking his records in efforts to determine the exact dates since April, 1967, that code 20R-3 has appeared on yellow tapes for the Royal Palm Cleaners. Thus far, BERMAN has determined this code was used on yellow tape for the Royal Palm Cleaners on September 28, 1967, and October 24, 1967.

- ④ - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)
 - 2 - Albany (RM)
 - 2 - Memphis (RM)
 - 1 - Birmingham (Info) (RM)
 - 1 - Atlanta (Info) (RM)
 - 1 - Miami
- DNJ:vc
(11)

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4/24/68
JENNINGS

CARBON COPY

Rec'd
4-25-68

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

MM 44-1854

BERMAN advised that he has not replaced any of the type characters in his Thermo-Seal marking machine since he purchased it three years ago. The model number of his machine is H5M4 and the serial number is 32647.

He further advised that approximately three or four months ago the Thermo-Seal tapes changed somewhat and he is now using the new variety. He also stated that he replaces the blades in the machine that cuts the tapes about every three months.

BERMAN made available eight yellow tapes, produced by his machine, bearing code 20R-3, which are being furnished the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes.

SUSPECT IN THIS CASE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - LAB FILE



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

To: **FBI, Atlanta (44-2386)**

Date: **April 29, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561623 JK**

Examination requested by: **Atlanta**

Reference: **Airtel 4/23/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks: **You will be advised separately regarding the
latent fingerprint examination and disposition of Q290
and Q291.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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

FMD/ctj (5)

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Atlanta (44-2386)**Date: **April 29, 1968**FBI File No. **44-38861**Re: **MURKIN
CR**Lab. No. **D-561623 JK**Specimens received **4/25/68**

- Q290** White envelope postmarked "ATLANTA, GA. 1A 18 APR 1968" bearing address "W S B. Radio Station Atlanta Ga. 303013" (portions of this address handwritten, hand printed and typewritten)
- Q291** Sheet of white paper bearing typewritten message beginning "dear news man i am sorry..." and ending "...to do so"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the typewriting on Q290 and Q291 is not identical with typewriting appearing on questioned items previously received in this case in the Galt name. Due to the presence of distortion in the questioned writing on Q290, and because of the lack of comparable material, a definite conclusion could not be reached whether JAMES EARL RAY, FBI# 4059426, prepared the questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q290. Significant handwriting differences were noted in the handwriting and hand printing on Q290 when compared with material submitted in this case attributable to RAY.

Q290 and Q291 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies have been added to this file for future reference. The typewriting on these specimens most closely corresponds to a standard for Royal pica style of type, spaced ten letters to the inch. Q290 and Q291 were examined for watermarks and indented writing with negative results. Q290 and Q291 have been photographed and are being returned to Atlanta separately.

FMD/ctj (5)

LAB FILE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN

~~CR~~ CR~~Memphis (44-1987)~~*Do not show o.d.*

File # 44-38861

Lab. # D-561623 JK

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

Airtel 4/23/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 4/25/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: *[Signature]*

① No indent 4w Q290 + Q291 with two on postcard pre-
 sented the case attributable to ~~Ray~~ *Ray* ~~and~~ *and* none.

② No indent for 4w Q290 *Ray* ~~Ray~~ - identification +
 lead copy not. Diff. note 4w + 4w Q290 with copy
 not. *Q290* sub ten one + attributable to Ray.

③ Q290 + Q291 *marked ALF, Added. Two not like Ray*
Specimens submitted for examination

piece style of type spaced 10/10/68 for was + was in
 Q290 White envelope postmarked "ATLANTA, GA. 1A 18 APR 1968" bearing
 address "W S B. Radio Station Atlanta Ga. 30301" (portions of this
 address handwritten, hand printed and typewritten).

Q291 Sheet of white paper bearing typewritten message beginning "dear news
 man i am sorry....." and ending "....to do so!"

④ Q290 + Q291, *lot's* + *ret'd* *copy*.

1-me (44-1987)

for copy
 4/26/68
med/ky

Q 290 no indent 4w (TV 6/2/68)
 Tylenol (no indent 4w)

Q1 White linen finish end with no w.m.
Measures 3.4" x 7.5" x .0055

Q2 Sheetz bond paper with no w.m.
Measures 8.5" x 11.01 x .0032

Item 1 of serial....., the original....., to the
quest of which paper, consisting of....., is being
submitted for examination.

Measures of the original....., (including the
measures of the original....., and the
measures of the original....., are as follows:

Specimens submitted for examination

Serial of examination:

Examination requested by: [illegible]

Examination requested on: [illegible] (101-1300)

Examination by: [illegible]

Date received: 10/15/60

Examination by: [illegible]

101-1300 (101-1300)
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Garage Work Sheet

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

4/23/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Enclosed are an anonymous letter with the salutation "dear news man", and an envelope postmarked Atlanta, Ga., 4/18/68, addressed to WSB Radio Station, Atlanta, Ga., with one xerox copy of each.

The enclosed envelope postmarked Atlanta, Ga., 4/18/68, addressed to WSB Radio Station, Atlanta, Ga. 303013, contained the following anonymous letter:

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when it took place. mr lester maddox paid a
large sum of money to do so the car is not mine
it was five men all together

sorry but it the fact

sorrie that martin luther king king was kill

We was payed 25.000 to do so"

Both of the above items were forwarded from the WSB

3-Bureau (Enc. 4)(RM)
2-Memphis (Info)
2-Atlanta
CTH:swc
(7)

*Recd
4-25-68*

AT 44-2386

Radio Station in Atlanta to the Atlanta Office by mail wherd they were received on 4/23/68.

The Laboratory is requested to search the enclosures through the anonymous letter file as well as a latent fingerprint of known anonymous letter writers, in view of the fact it appears the enclosures are possibly products of a prolific letter writer, or one who is likely to become one in the future.

The enclosed letter and envelope were handled by SAs CHARLES S. HARDING and CHARLES T. HAYNES upon receipt at the Atlanta Office. They were handled by numerous individuals at the WSB Radio and T.V. Station in Atlanta, and attempts to identify those individuals and obtain elimination fingerprints will not be done at present.

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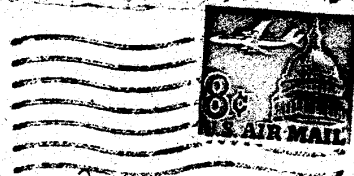
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ATLANTA GA. 30303

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it was five men all together

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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 2, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560794 JK**

Examination requested by: **Louisville**

Reference: **Airtel 4/13/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:
XXXXX Specimens received 4/15/68

K156 Two Special Attention tags manufactured by Stry-Lenkoff Company, Louisville, Ky.

K157 Two color samples of paper used in manufacture of tags by Stry-Lenkoff Company

Remarks:

Referenced Louisville airtel submitted samples of paper tags obtained from the Stry-Lenkoff Company, Louisville, Kentucky, similar to one of the tags recovered in the Mustang automobile of Galt in Atlanta, Georgia.

The specimens have been retained for possible future comparisons.

No Laboratory report is being submitted.

1 - Louisville (44-947)

1 - Chicago (44-1114)

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-560794 JK

Examination requested by: Louisville (44-947)

Airtel 4/13/68

Examination requested: Document, ~~CR~~

Date received: 4/15/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *5/1/68*
you

*T.F. - Re LS AT sub samples of paper tags obt from STRY-LENKOFF Co, 22 Ky, sent
to one of tags. Received from Mortimer quite in AT.
Spec. sub. for glass first case.
No L.R.*

Specimens submitted for examination

K156 Two Special Attention tags manufactured by Stry-Lenkoff Company,
Louisville, Ky.

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1 - LS (44-947)
1 - CG (44-1114)

T. Rosen (May 22/68)
Conrad
Lab File
Mortimer

trans. form.
hmlaw
5/2/68

4/13/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

RE: MURKIN
CR

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Louisville teletype 4/13/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of "Special Attention" tag FT-35 manufactured by Stry-Lenkoff Company, Louisville, Ky. and two color samples of paper used in manufacture of these tags by Stry-Lenkoff. Enclosed for Chicago is one photograph of green tag and red tag found in Mustang.

Chicago handle lead as set forth in referenced teletype.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 4)
2 - Chicago (Enc. 1)
2 - Louisville
PMC/eb
(7)

ARMED and DANGEROUS

*Recd
4-15-68*



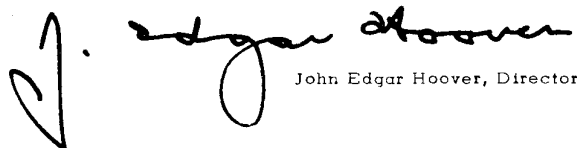
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

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

Date: **May 2, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**


John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561869 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel 4/26/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the
results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of
Q296 and Q297.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) 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 2, 1968**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Lab. No. **D-561899 JK**

Specimens received **4/30/68**

**Q296 White envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF. PM 24
APR 1968" bearing typewritten address "FBI 1340 West
6th Street Los Angeles, Calif."**

**Q297 Piece of paper to which is attached a mailing address
sticker for "Mr. Eric S. Galt 1535 N. Serrano L. A.
90027"**

Result of examination:

**Specimens Q296 and Q297 were searched through the
appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could
not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.**

**The typewritten impressions on Q296 and Q297 differ
from each other and from those impressions appearing on items
received in this case attributed to Eric S. Galt.**

**Q296 and Q297 are 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-561869 JK

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

Airtel 4/26/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 4/30/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer

No id. ALF.

TW Q296 & Q297 differs from that on items rec'd. attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

T amp rec'd.

FPE

Specimens submitted for examination

Q296 White envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF. PM 24 APR 1968" bearing typewritten address "FBI 1340 West 6th Street Los Angeles, Calif."

Q297 Piece of paper to which is attached a mailing address sticker for "Mr. Eric S. Galt 1535 N. Serrano L. A. 90027"

*Rept to ME (44-1987)
2-LA (44-1574)*

*T. - Rosen (long 2260)
Covered
Lab. File
Mortimer*

*Lab. rpt.
from: au
5/2/68*

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4/26/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

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

There is enclosed for the Bureau an envelope postmarked 4/24/68 in Los Angeles, California and addressed to FBI, 1340 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, Calif., and a square piece of paper which was in this envelope containing a mailing address sticker for "Mr. Eric S. Galt, 1535 N. Serrano, L.A. 90027".

This letter was sent anonymously.

The Bureau is requested to examine this letter for any latent fingerprints and if any are found to compare them with pertinent prints developed in this matter.

SA's who have carefully handled this material are:

THEODORE J. A'HEARN
WILLIAM J. NOLAN
PAUL F. TIERNEY

The Bureau may dispose of this material as it sees fit.

4 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (AM-REGISTERED)
1 - Los Angeles
GJM:gcw
(5)



(Mr. Long asov,
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

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

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

Date: **May 1, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561772 JK
D-561773 JK
D-561774 JK**

Examination requested by: **Tampa, San Francisco**

Reference: **4/26/68, Airtels**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - San Francisco (173-65) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Tampa (157-3231) Enclosure (Lab report)**

JHM:AW (10)

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)****Date: May 1, 1968****Re: MURKIN
CR****FBI File No. 44-38861****Lab. No. D-561772 JK
D-561773 JK
D-561774 JK****Specimens received 4/27/68, from FBI, Tampa****K208 Four sheets of ruled paper each containing samples
of laundry tapes obtained from four Thermo-Seal
machines located at Oak Park Cleaners, Tampa, Florida****Specimen received 4/29/68, from FBI, San Francisco****K209 Three pieces of white cloth containing sample of
laundry tapes obtained from Economy Cleaners, San Carlos,
California (three different Thermo-Seal machines)****Specimen received 4/28/68, from FBI, San Francisco****K210 Four pieces of cloth containing a total of sixteen
laundry tapes obtained from Deluxe Laundry,
Oakland, California****Result of examination:**

It was concluded that the questioned laundry tapes appearing on Q97 and Q99 were not prepared by the machine with serial number 30942 (a portion of K210) or the machine with serial number 32667 (a portion of K209). Differences were noted between the questioned laundry tags and the other known specimens but the lack of significant differences precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

The submitted items described above have been 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-561774 JK
D-561773 JK
D-561772 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, San Francisco (airtel 4/26/68)

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 4/28/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer

N.E. - # 30942 (K210) - Diff. other

N.I. laundry tags from machine: ESN # 30942 (part of K210) & SN # 32667 (K209), diff.

Notes: laund. tags other K tags & garments both sig. diff. per def. again

Retain.

Specimens submitted for examination

K210 Four pieces of cloth containing a total of sixteen laundry tapes
obtained from Deluxe Laundry, Oakland, California

1 Rpt to ME (44-1987)
1 - SF (173-65)
1 - TP (157-3231)

T. Rosen (long 2260)
Conrad
Lab. File
Mortimer

Lab. rpt.
J. H. J. J.
5/1/68

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-561773 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, San Francisco (173-65)

Airtel 4/26/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 4/29/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer

*NZ - # 32667 (K209) (Diff's after)**See D - 561774 JK*Specimens submitted for examination

K209 Three pieces of white cloth containing sample of laundry tapes
obtained from Economy Cleaners, San Carlos, California (three
different Thermo-Seal machines)

*Lab. rpt.
jhm:aw
5/1/68*

LAB FILE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheet

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

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-561772 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Tampa (157-3231)

Airtel 4/26/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 4/27/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer

See D-561774 JK

Specimens submitted for examination

K208 Four sheets of ruled paper each containing ~~four~~ samples of laundry tapes obtained from four Thermo-Seal machines located at Oak Park Cleaners, Tampa, Florida

*Lab. rpt.
J. H. H. H.
5/1/68*

4/26/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Memphis airtel to all continental
offices dated 4/19/68.

Referenced airtel reflects the FBI advised
that pillow case and bed sheet located in
Atlanta on 4/11/68 contained Thermo-seal laundry
tapes, yellow in color, containing the code
"20R-3" with the first three characters of the code
being 15 point type and the last two characters
being 18 point type.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Laboratory
are four pages of sample laundry marks bearing the
code, "20R-3" as made by four Thermo-seal machines,
located at the Oak Park Cleaners, 3210 East Broadway,
Tampa, Florida on 4/25/68. These machines contained
the serial numbers 31689, 31693, 31781, and
32140, and produce a five character laundry mark
with the first three characters being a 15 point type
and the last two characters 18 point type.

3-Bureau (Encls 4) (RM)
1-Memphis (Info) (44-1987)
1-Birmingham (Info) (44-1740)
2-Tampa
DMD:sas
(7)

*Recd
4-27-68*

TP 157-3231

The laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed samples of laundry tapes with the laundry tapes mentioned in referenced airtel to determine if they have been produced by the same machine.

4/26/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

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

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LAUNDRY MARKS

Enclosed are three samples of laundry marks from the Economy Cleaners, San Carlos, California, utilizing the number "20R-3" from three different machines.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct examination as requested by the Bureau and/or Memphis.

On April 24, 1968, ANTHONY LAZETERA, Plant Foreman, Economy Cleaners, 1915 West San Carlos Street, advised that this establishment, the largest of its kind between San Francisco and Los Angeles, uses three Thermo Seal laundry marking machines. These machines bear Serial Numbers 32258, 32279, and 32667.

Mr. LAZETERA had samples of the laundry mark "20R-3" prepared from each of the machines, mentioned above, and furnished these samples to the interviewing Agents, SAs WILLIAM N. KIDWELL, JR., and MALCOLM E. SAMPLE.

Mr. LAZETERA stated he is unable to state at this time how many times during the month the laundry mark code, mentioned above, is used by this company.

In view of the fact that this laundry mark code is used many times during the month, San Francisco will not conduct investigation to determine the identity of the owners of the

4 - Bureau (Encs. 3)(RM)
1 - San Francisco
MTG/sms #11
(5)

Handwritten:
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4-28-68