

SF 173-65
MTG/sms

property marked by "20R-3" until the Laboratory advises that this is the mark in question.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4/26/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

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

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LAUNDRY MARK "20R-3"

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are four samples of Thermo Seal tapes, two on pale yellow and two on goldish-yellow, obtained from the Deluxe Laundry, 1745 East 14th Street, Oakland, California.

On April 24, 1968, ANSELM GOUIG, Owner, Deluxe Laundry, made available the above samples, two from Thermo Seal Machine Model H5K2, Serial Number 30942, and two from Model H5K2, Serial Number 30948. The samples from Serial Number 30942 are "20P-3" rather than "20R-3" inasmuch as the letters for that roll from R through Z will not print. GOUIG stated he does not know how long ago this happened.

Deluxe Laundry uses the code "20R-3" which is a system suggested by the Thermo Seal Company at the time of installation of the machines. The "20" indicates the lot number, "R" indicates the week of the year, and "-3" indicates the package number. Under the system there are two weeks each year when R is used. The last "R" week was the week of January 15 - 20, 1968, at which time a goldish-yellow Thermo Seal tape was used. GOUIG indicated this firm uses 14 different colors of Thermo Seal tape.

"20R-3" was used around January 17 - 18, 1968. It was processed through a load of sheets and pillow slips which were subcontracted from PETE TAYLOR, a driver for Sparklizing Cleaners

4 - Bureau (Encs. 4)(RM)
1 - San Francisco
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and Laundry, 3217 Danville Highway, Alamo, California, Ticket Number 45333. The customer for this load was "BOTTO" with address "Estabueno" and the ticket was not dated.

The laundry usually indicates on the ticket which articles of the load are colored and from the ticket it would indicate the sheets and pillow slips were white in color.

On April 25, 1968, LEE TAYLOR advised AL BOTTO, 40 Estabueno, Orinda, California, has been a customer of his for over ten years. He stated that BOTTO is one of his best customers and that his laundry and cleaning bill is usually somewhere between \$125 and \$200 a month. BOTTO owns Art's Buffet Bar and Restaurant, 4023 Broadway, Oakland, California, is now semi-retired, and spends most of his time on his yacht and BOTTO's oldest son, DICK, operates the bar and restaurant. BOTTO has a younger son who is attending college and works nights as a bartender at the restaurant. Both sons are married and do not live with their parents.

On April 25, 1968, AL BOTTO was contacted at the Bridge Marina Yacht Harbor, Antioch, California, and advised that to his knowledge he is not missing any bed linens from either his home or his boat. He also stated that he has not had any burglaries in either his home or his yacht wherein any bed linens were taken.

He viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, and stated he does not recall ever having seen him.

Indices of the San Francisco Office indicate BOTTO is identical with ALBENO LOUIS BOTTO, born 1914 in California and has CII Number 2481361. He was arrested by the Oakland Police Department, their Number 166334, on January 17, 1964, for enticing a minor female for prostitution.

SUBJECT 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 1, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**


John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561288 JK**
PC-A5960 IZ

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel 4/12/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Microscopic**

Remarks:

In view of the elimination of Jerome Vernon as a suspect in this matter, the items designated in the attached report as K207 and ALSO SUBMITTED were not treated for latent fingerprints.

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 1, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561288 JK
PC-A5960 IZ**Specimens received **4/22/68**

K207 Laundry list No. 3065, containing one sample laundry tape obtained from Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Los Angeles, California

ALSO SUBMITTED: Spiral notebook, ledger sheets, tablet and University Notebook all containing laundry records

Result of examination:

The K207 laundry tape is similar to the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes in color, construction and composition. The K207 tape measures 1/4 inch by 1 1/8 inches. The Q69 and Q70 tapes measure 1/4 inch by 1 1/16 inches.

The size of type and printing characteristics of K207 are similar to those on Q69, Q70 and K10 indicating that all may have been prepared by the same machine. The lack of significant identifying features precluded a definite conclusion from being reached.

The submitted material is 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-561288 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574) Airtel 4/12/68

Examination requested: Document - Microscopic
(Hair & Fibers)

Date received: 4/22/68

Result of Examination: Miscellaneous

Examination by: Mortimer *4/22/68*

*Size of type & ply. chars. K207 sim to those on 469, 470 & K10 ind. all may have been
prop'd. same mach. Each sig. id. feab. spec. def. determine.*

*IP on PIC**Ref. temp.*

View of return of JEROME VERNON as suggests, items as att. ref. as K207 & AS not treated for lab.

Specimens submitted for examination

K207 Laundry list No. 3065, containing one sample laundry tape
obtained from Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Los Angeles,
California

ALSO SUBMITTED: Spiral notebook, ledger sheets, tablet and
University Notebook all containing laundry
records

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

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

*Lab. rpt.
J. H. M.: aw
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-561288 JK

PC-A 5960 IZ

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

Airtel 4/12/68

Examination requested: Document - Microscopic

Date received: 4/22/68

Result of Examination:

(Hair & Fibers)
Miscellaneous

Examination by: Mortimer

4/23/68
Jm

Size of type & ply chars K207 sim to those on Q69, Q70 & K10 ind. all may have been
prop. to same make. Each sig. id. feat. spec. def. determine.

C. J. Clark

Dict: The K207 laundry tape is similar to the Q69 and Q70
laundry tape in color, construction and composition.
The K207 tape measures $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $1\frac{1}{8}$ ". The Q69 and Q70
tapes measure $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $1\frac{1}{16}$ ".

4/20 Rf

Specimens submitted for examination

K207 Laundry list No. 3065, containing one sample laundry tape
obtained from Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Los Angeles,
California

ALSO SUBMITTED: Spiral notebook, ledger sheets, tablet and
University Notebook all containing laundry
records

K207 Laundry tape: pink $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $1\frac{1}{8}$ ". D2B-6

sim to Q69 & Q70 in color, comp, const & width
Q69 & Q70 are $1\frac{1}{16}$ " in length.



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

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

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

Date: **May 1, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**


John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561857 JK
D-561858 JK
D-561817 JK**

Examination requested by: **Tampa, Charlotte,
Jacksonville**

Reference:

Airtels, 4/26/68

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Tampa (157-3231) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Charlotte (44-1385) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Jacksonville (44-769) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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JHM:AW (11)

**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-561857 JK
D-561858 JK
D-561817 JK****Specimens received 4/29/68, from FBI, Jacksonville****K212 Piece of cloth containing fourteen samples of laundry
tape obtained from Tillman Laundry and Cleaners,
Jacksonville, Florida****Specimen received 4/29/68, from FBI, Charlotte****K213 Eight sample laundry tapes obtained from two
Thermo-Seal machines located at Canton Laundry,
Canton, North Carolina****Specimen received 4/29/68, from FBI, Tampa****K214 Three sample laundry tapes obtained from Winter Park
Laundry, Winter Park, Florida****Result of examination:**

Differences were noted between the laundry tags represented by K212, K213 and K214 when compared with the laundry tags appearing on Q97 and Q99, but the lack of significant characteristics precluded a definite determination regarding these specimens.

K212, K213 and K214 have been retained.

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-561857 JK
D-561858 JK
D-561817 JK

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

Airtel 4/26/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 4/29/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer
[Signature]

Datto.

*Datto. K 212, K 213 & K 214 E 4978488, last sig. char. per. def. return.
Ret.*

Specimens submitted for examination

K214 Three sample laundry tapes obtained from Winter Park Laundry, Winter Park, Florida

*Rept to ME (44-1987)
CC: 1-TP (157-3231)
1-CE (44-1365)
1-JK (44-769)*

*T. Rosen (Long 2265)
Conrad
Lab File
Madison*

*Lab. rpt.
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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-561858 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Charlotte (44-1365)

Airtel 4/26/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 4/29/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer

Datto.

Specimens submitted for examination

K213 Eight sample laundry tapes obtained from two Thermo-Seal machines located at Canton Laundry, Canton, North Carolina

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

4/26/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

(OO: ME)
BUFILE: 44-38861)

Re ME airtel to all offices, dated 4/19/68;
Bureau teletype to ME, 4/12/68.

There is enclosed for the FBI Laboratory a piece of cloth containing specimens of Thermo-Seal Laundry marking machines, Serial Numbers R31998 and R31999, made available by Mr. J.F. HICKS, Manager, Tillman Laundry and Cleaners, 310 Park Street, Jacksonville, Florida, on 4/26/68 to SA CHARLES J. HONETOR.

For information of the Laboratory, Mr. TILLMAN has advised that these Thermo-Seal Marking Machines are not presently in use but were in use during the period from August, 1967 until approximately two weeks ago. He advised that his laundry in the past has used the code "20R-3" on a yellow tape. He said the only record maintained of customers would be the book containing record of this code number, the customer's name and the laundry branch from which it was received. He stated the listings were not enclosed in numerical order within the books and all books in which laundry receipt was recorded by the branches during the period from August, 1967 to date would have to be reviewed.

③ - Bureau (Enc. 1)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Jacksonville
CJH:pas
(7)

Recd.
4-29-68

JX 44-769

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed specimens with the questioned specimens found on the pillow case and bed sheet removed from the trunk of the 1966 white Mustang located at Atlanta on 4/11/68.

The purpose of the above is to determine if possible whether the questioned laundry mark was made by the two Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in the possession of Tillman's Laundry and Cleaners.

The enclosed specimens need not be returned upon completion of this investigation and may be destroyed if of no value.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4/26/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are two envelopes containing samples of Thermo Seal tapes for comparison with tapes already in possession of FBI Laboratory.

On 4/24/68 Mr. W. K. SUTTON, Superintendent of Laundry, Canton Laundry, Canton, N. C., made available several samples of two machines utilized by his company in the process of laundry. Mr. SUTTON stated that both machines are Thermo-Seal Machines, the Number One Machine having Serial Number 33882, Model No. H5 S4 B1. Mr. SUTTON stated that Machine No. 2 is also a Thermo-Seal Machine with Serial Number 33883, Model No. h5 S4 B1.

SUTTON advised that he has used the code "20 R-3" in the past. He said the 20 is the lot number, the R designates the week, and the 3 designates the package which corresponds with the customer's name. He advised that his tickets are kept in no particular order and that it would entail a review of thousands of tickets in an effort to locate those carrying this number.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare enclosed Thermo-Seal tags with tapes already in the Bureau's possession.

3-Bureau (Encs. 2)
2-Charlotte
JJQ:egp
(5)

*Recd
4-29-68*

4/26/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

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

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are three
samples of laundry marks "20 R-3" on yellow marking
tape as manufactured by the Textile Marking Company,
Syracuse, New York for comparison with similar
tapes described in re airtel.

For information Bureau and Memphis, above
samples obtained 4/25/68 from Winter Park laundry
161 West Fairbanks Avenue, Winter Park, Florida.
Owner signifies week of the year, in this instance week
of January 7, 1968 and number "3" indicates bundle
number.

Search of records determined customer
with this symbol was Mrs. K. B. KING, 247 Virginia
Drive, Winter Park, Florida.

3-Bureau (Encls 3) (RM)
2-Memphis
1-Tampa
RCB:sas
(6)

*Recd
4-29-68*

TP 157-3231

Mrs. KING contacted 4/26/68 advised she is not missing any sheets and upon being shown I.O. for JAMES EARL RAY stated this person unknown to her.



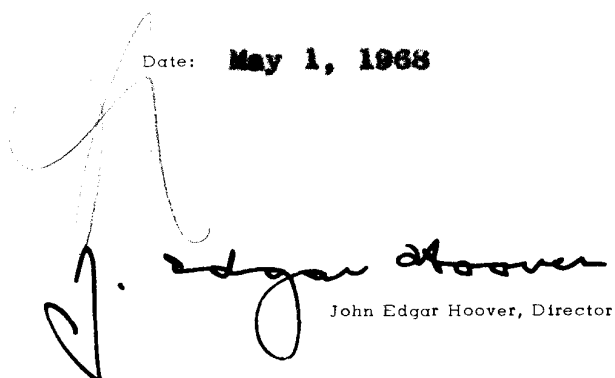
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

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

Date: **May 1, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**



John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561775 JK**

Examination requested by: **Kansas City**

Reference: **Airtel 4/27/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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

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

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

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

JHM:AW ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE
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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-561775 JK**Specimens received **4/29/68**

K211 Various documents comprising thirty-four pieces of paper bearing purported known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY, obtained from his file at Missouri State Penitentiary

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned hand printing appearing on items attributed to Eric S. Galt was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, K171 and K211.

Because of the presence of characteristics which cannot be explained on the basis of the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, it cannot be definitely determined whether the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 was prepared by this individual; however, significant handwriting similarities were noted.

Specimen K211 has been photographed and is temporarily retained.

F B I

Date: 4/27/68

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

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

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

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

MURKIN
(OO-Memphis)

Re FBI Laboratory transmittal form to SAC, Memphis
dated 4/24/68.

561775

Enclosed herewith are 34 pieces of paper containing purported handwriting and handprinting of JAMES EARL RAY. These items were contained in the Missouri State Penitentiary file of RAY, and were furnished to SA ROWEN B. AYERS on 4/26/68 by Mr. HARRY LAUF, Records Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo. They are to be returned upon completion of use by FBI.

Referenced communication identified the "GALT" writings with K171, previously submitted; however, were unable to make positive identification between K171 and "LOWMYER" signature on Q72.

REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY:

It is requested that the Laboratory compare handwriting samples being submitted with Q72.

Kansas City Office is currently reviewing handwriting samples and will submit leads for necessary investigation arising from this review.

③-Bureau (Enc. 34)(AMRM)
2-Memphis
2-Kansas City
RBH:lib
(7)

ENCLOSURE 34

C. C. Bishop

C. C. - Rosen

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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RECEIVED - COMBUD

Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____

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-561775 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

Airtel 4/27/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: ~~Mortimer~~ 4/29/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *4/30/68*

Id. H.P. on items attrib. to ERIC S. GALT & JAMES EARL RAY, K211.

Rec. of press clipp. not at a basis of the K.H.W. of JAMES EARL RAY, N.C. "HARVEY LOWMYER" mag. 472 E thin
and; however, sig. H.W. seems noted
K211 photo's & temp. not.

Specimens submitted for examination

K211 Various documents comprising thirty-four pieces of paper bearing
purported known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY,
obtained from his file at Missouri State Penitentiary

Rept. to ME (44-1987)

cc: 2-KC (44-760)

1-BH (44-1740)

1-AT (44-2388)

1-LA (44-1574)

T. Rosen (Long 2260)

Consol

Lab. File

Mortimer

*Lab. rpt.
J. Am. law
5/1/68*

Q72 *Henry Bismarck*

K171 K211

clown - Dear - H - they - my
Roy - Legat - for - Roman - new
Eoul - Mory - presently - or - Building -
Friday - physicians - nervous

H.P. ON PREQ Q'S
133, 134, 215, 216, 248-251

ERIC S GALT - ALAB - THANKS -
PRICE - PROTECTOR - QUEBEC - 8MM - THE - WILL - 2 -
3 - B - D -

K211 RULE THAT - INVITES - JUD - THE - S G - A - C - 2 -
Q - M - 3 - WHAT - B - D - D - G - GROUNDS - BEGARDS - L -
APPLIED -



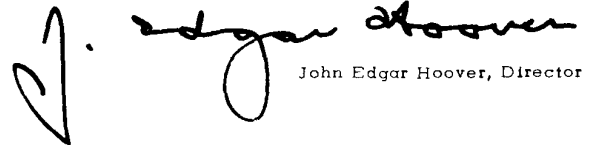
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

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

Date: **April 30, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**


John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561680 JK**

Examination requested by: **San Antonio**

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

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - San Antonio (44-1242) 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: **April 30, 1968**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Lab. No. **D-561680 JK**

Specimens received **4/26/68**

**K201 Six sample laundry tapes and four samples of cloth
obtained from White Star Laundry, San Antonio, Texas**

Result of examination:

**It was concluded that the machine used to prepare
the laundry tapes comprising K201 was not used in the
preparation of the laundry tapes appearing on Q69, Q70, Q97
and Q99.**

K201 has been retained.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work SheetRe: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-561680 JK

(44-1242)

Examination requested by: SAC, San Antonio Airtel 4/23/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 4/26/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer
*Jan**No ill. K201 - 6 laundry tapes 468, 470, 497, 498
Retain.*Specimens submitted for examinationK201 Six sample laundry tapes and four samples of cloth obtained
from White Star Laundry, San Antonio, Texas*Repts ME (44-1987)**cc: SA (44-1242)**T. Rosen (Long - 2264)
Conrad
Lab file
Mortimer*

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



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

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

Date: **April 30, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561749 JK
D-561745 JK
D-561711 JK**

Examination requested by: **Oklahoma City, Phoenix,
Dallas**
Reference: **Airtels, 4/24/68, 4/25/68,
4/25/68**
Examination requested: **Document**
Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Oklahoma City (44-686) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Phoenix (44-371) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Dallas (44-2849) Enclosure (Lab report)**

JHM:AW (11)

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)****Date: April 30, 1968****FBI File No. 44-38861****Re: MURKIN
CR****Lab. No. D-561749 JK
D-561745 JK
D-561711 JK****Specimens received 4/26/68, from FBI, Oklahoma City****K202 Piece of white cloth containing nine yellow laundry tapes obtained from Clinton Laundry and Cleaners, Clinton, Oklahoma****K203 Two pieces of white paper, one containing three sample laundry tapes and the other containing ten sample laundry tapes from Stillwater Laundry, Stillwater, Oklahoma****Specimen received 4/26/68, from FBI, Dallas****K204 Three pieces of white cloth containing a total of ten yellow sample laundry tapes obtained from White Star Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Dallas, Texas****Specimens received 4/26/68, from FBI, Phoenix****K205 White handkerchief containing nine sample laundry tapes obtained from Glover Cleaners and Laundry, Tucson, Arizona****K206 Fifteen sample laundry tapes obtained from Varsity Cleaners and Laundry, Tucson, Arizona****Result of examination:****It was concluded that the machine used to print specimen K206 was not used to imprint either of the marks appearing on Q97 or Q99.****Page 1 (continued on next page)**

The spacing on specimens represented by K202 through K205 differs from that on the laundry marks appearing on Q97 and Q99 indicating the questioned tapes may not have been prepared on any of the machines used to prepare K202 through K205. The limited nature of the questioned material involved precluded a definite determination from being reached.

K202 through K206 have been retained.

Page 2
D-561749 JK
D-561745 JK
D-561711 JK

4/25/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Laundry Mark Checks

Re Memphis airtel to all Continental Offices dated 4/19/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three pieces of cloth containing sample tapes from three Thermo-Seal machines.

On 4/24/68, WARREN TYSON, Manager, White Star Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 4535 Cole, Dallas, Texas, furnished the enclosed sample laundry marks from the three Thermo-Seal marking machines operated by his concern. He advised the "20" is a lot number, the "R" is the week, and the "3" is the customer invoice. He uses eight colors of Thermo-Seal tape each week and a light yellow color is therefore used 1/8 (approximately) of each week.

The enclosed samples are gold colored tape as opposed to the light yellow color he uses. Gold is used exclusively for one day specials. He stated he would put tape markers on sheets and pillow cases only when they are brought in for one day special service. He does not use any marker on normal flat work such as sheets and pillow cases, handling that by the bundle.

TYSON advised he makes records of the identity of customers only if they have a charge account. Almost all, if not all, of his one day service is done on a cash basis.

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TYSON informed that he had two one-week periods within the last year during which the "R" symbol was in use. During each of these two weeks, the light yellow tape was used for one series of numerical lots. He advised a search of his records failed to disclose any record of identity for a customer #3, Lot 20, yellow tape series and from this, he assumes the customer must have been a cash customer. The first week was in June, 1967 and the second week was from February 26 to March 2, 1968.

TYSON advised machines 2 and 3 are used constantly and the ink ribbons on them must be changed at least once every ten days. Machine #3 temporarily has the "R" symbol broken off. Machine #1 is used only for overflow work and would be used only a fraction of each week.

Request of the Bureau

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed samples with those found on the sheet and pillow case taken from the Mustang recovered at Atlanta, Georgia for possible identification.

4/24/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

MURKIN
OO Memphis

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

Re: Laundry checks

Enclosed herewith for the Laboratory is a piece of white cloth containing samples of Thermo-seal laundry markings of the Clinton Laundry and Cleaners, Clinton, Oklahoma, and two pieces of paper containing Thermo-seal laundry markings of the Stillwater Laundry, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

On April 23, 1968, RICHARD SUTTON, Assistant Manager, Stillwater Laundry, 402 South Main, Stillwater, Oklahoma, advised SA PAUL R. KEISER that Thermo-seal laundry mark 20R-3 is employed in his business. SUTTON stated that the letters of the alphabet are used to designate a particular week and that each letter could be used only once every 26 weeks. The digets used in the code before the letter are used to designate a load number and digets used after the letter designate a particular order in that particular load. The color is changed at random and ten colors in all are used. SUTTON produced laundry receipt number 13824 dated 1/30/68, in the name of JAMES DEAN, no address, for two shirts, which had a Thermo-seal tape attached, red in

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color and imprinted with code number 20R-3. SUTTON advised that DEAN is a regular customer and is well known to him. SUTTON further advised that code number 20R-3 has not been used since 1/30/68, and would have been used prior to this in August of 1967, but due to the fact that no records are available, it would be impossible to determine who might have been assigned this code at that time or the color of the code used. SUTTON furnished samples of Thermo-seal tape used in his business for submission to the FBI Laboratory.

SUTTON was exhibited Wanted Flyer number 442-A for JAMES EARL RAY, at which time he advised that he could not identify this individual as being identical with anyone he has observed in the past.

On 4/23/68, ROBERT POOLE, manager, Clinton Laundry and Cleaners, Clinton, Oklahoma, advised SA WILLIAM R. FARRIS that his firm uses a code such as 20R-3. The letter in the code is changed weekly and the entire alphabet is utilized. By calculating on a calendar POOLE was able to determine that the symbol 20R-3 would have been in use from noon, 9/22/67 through noon on 9/29/67. Prior to this time the code would have been used in March, 1967. In March 1968, the code would have been used again but in March, 1968, POOLE's firm was not using a Thermo-seal marking machine. Prior to September, 1967, the firm was using a Thermo-seal marking machine which is no longer in operation but this machine produced a wider tape. This particular tape was a wider tape than the current machine being used and the tape used was gold in color. POOLE stated his firm does not retain records on home delivery transactions over 3 months. They do have available records on cash items at the counter. These records were searched for the period 1/1/67 through 4/1/68 without locating any having the symbol 20R-3. Symbols 20R-2 and 20R-4 were located and POOLE stated this indicates 20R-3 was a home delivery on which no records are available. Samples of the Thermo-seal laundry markings were obtained from POOLE for submission to the FBI Laboratory.

REQUEST OF THE FBI LABORATORY

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed samples of Thermo-seal laundry markings with the questioned

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specimens previously submitted in this case to determine if the machine at Clinton, Oklahoma, or at Stillwater, Oklahoma, could have produced the questioned laundry markings.

The enclosed samples may be retained or discarded by the FBI Laboratory and need not be returned to Oklahoma City.
RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

~~XXXX~~ 4/25/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

To: Director, FBI (44-38861)
Attn: FBI Laboratory

From: SAC, Phoenix(44-371) (P)

Subject: Murkin

Re Albany airtel to Bureau, 4/10/68, and Memphis airtel to all offices, 4/19/68.

Enclosed via registered mail for examination by the Laboratory are nine Thermo-Seal laundry tapes from Glover Cleaners and Laundry, Tucson, Arizona, and 15 Thermo-Seal laundry tapes from Varsity Cleaners and Laundry, Tucson, Arizona.

On 4/25/68, Frederic Ernest Roof, Mgr., Glover Cleaners and Laundry, Tucson, Arizona, furnished 9 sample tapes from his Thermo-Seal machine. Roof advised that his company has used the number, "20R-3" in the past. His records are such that it would be extremely difficult to trace the customer to whom this number was assigned.

On 4/25/68, Daniel Kinark, owner, Varsity Cleaners, Tucson, Arizona, furnished 15 sample tapes from his Thermo-Seal machine. He advised that his company has used the number "20R-3" in the past. He advised that it would take quite awhile to trace the name of the customer or customers to whom this number was assigned.

Request of the Bureau: The Laboratory is requested to examine the enclosed tapes to determine if the above two machines used to mark items from the Galt Mustang.

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LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-561749 JK
D-561745 JK
D-561711 JK

Examination requested by: Phoenix (44-371)

Airtel 4/25/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 4/26/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *4/25/68*

N.I. K206

Specimen K202 → K205 differs from the laundry marks appearing on Q87 & Q88 and the g. types may not have been prep'd. on any of the machines used in prep. of K202 → K205. The lim. not g. met involved prec. of determ. Return.

Specimens submitted for examination

K205 White handkerchief containing nine sample laundry tapes obtained from Glover Cleaners and Laundry, Tucson, Arizona

N.I. K206 Fifteen sample laundry tapes obtained from Varsity Cleaners and Laundry, Tucson, Arizona

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cc: 1-PK(44-371)
1-OC(44-686)*

*T. - Rosen (Long 2240)
Conrad
Lab. File
Mortimer*

*Lab. rpt.
J. M. : aw
4/30/68*

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-561711 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Oklahoma City (44-686)

Airtel 4/24/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 4/26/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer

See D-561749 - JK

Specimens submitted for examination

- K202 Piece of white cloth containing nine yellow laundry tapes obtained from Clinton Laundry and Cleaners, Clinton, Oklahoma
- K203 Two pieces of white paper, one containing three sample laundry tapes and the other containing ten sample laundry tapes from Stillwater Laundry, Stillwater, Oklahoma

*Lab rpt
Jhm:aw
4/30/68*

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LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-561745 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas (44-2649)

Airtel 4/25/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 4/26/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer

See D-561749 JIK

Specimens submitted for examination

K204 Three pieces of white cloth containing a total of ten yellow sample laundry tapes obtained from White Star Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Dallas, Texas

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

Lab File

To: **FBI, Miami (44-1854)**

Date: **April 17, 1968**

Q124-Q126

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560661 IH**

Examination requested by: **Miami**

Reference: **Airtel 4/11/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished on the latent fingerprint examination of Q124 through Q126 and the disposition of this material.

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PAGE(S) INFORMATION IN
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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

2 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Cleveland Enclosure (Lab report)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Miami (44-1854)

Date: April 17, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560661 IH

Specimens received 4/12/68

Q124 A piece of brown wrapping paper containing a label bearing the number 777, a Garber shipping slip containing the number 52360, a three inch slip of paper ripped from the shipping slip, and a piece of cellophane tape

Q125 A piece of brown wrapping paper with a label attached bearing the number 6829

Q126 A cardboard box, postmarked 4/5/68

Result of examination: 8

The hand printing appearing on the slip of paper comprising a portion of Q124 was searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Appropriate photographs have been added to this file for future reference.

The cellophane tape comprising a portion of Q124 is of common $\frac{1}{2}$ inch-wide variety, the ends of which appear to have been torn or cut unevenly.

Due to the limited nature of the questioned hand printing on Q124 and because of unexplained variations, a definite conclusion could not be reached whether the hand printing on Q124 is identical to the hand printing appearing on documents attributable to Eric S. Galt, submitted in this case. A number of significant differences were noted indicating

this questioned hand printing may not have been prepared by the writer of the hand printing on documents attributable to Galt.

Q124 through Q126 are temporarily retained.
Appropriate photographs of Q124 and Q125 only have been made.

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A I R T E L

Devine

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

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Enclosed for the Bureau, Birmingham, and Memphis is one xerox copy of Garber shipping slip #52360. Also enclosed for the Cleveland Division are two copies of Garber shipping slip #52360.

KATHRIN HOBSON, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, 17851 N.W. Miami Ct., Miami, Fla., advised she had ordered some stationery supplies from the A. L. Garber Company, printers, Ashland, Ohio, through the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., and it arrived at Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Miami, Fla., 4/10/68.

Mrs. HOBSON advised she opened the outer package and removed one inner package and started to remove a second inner package when she noticed a 3 inch by 4 inch piece of paper which had been ripped from the package copy of the shipping bill. Written on this slip of paper was, "Dr. Rev. MARTIN L. KING will be dead by 4/4/68." This slip of paper together with the shipping bill was taped with cellophane

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 - ✓ (1 - Package Copy)
 - 2 - Cleveland (Encs. 2) (RM)
 - 2 - Memphis (Enc. 1)
 - 1 - Birmingham (Enc. 1)
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tape to a package of paper pads.

Mrs. NOBSON advised the Garber shipping number is 52360 and was picked up by United Parcel Service on 4/5/68, and delivered on 4/10/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are two pieces of wrapping paper and a cardboard box, described as follows:

- 6/24 1. A piece of brown wrapping paper containing a label bearing the number 777, a Garber shipping slip containing the number 52360, a 3 inch by 1/2 inch slip of paper ripped from the shipping slip, and a piece of cellophane tape.
- 6/25 2. A piece of brown wrapping paper with a label attached bearing the number 6829.
- 6/25 3. A cardboard box, pm 4-5-68

LEADS:

FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the handwriting on the 3 inch by 1/2 inch slip of paper attached to item 1 for possible comparison purposes and to examine the cellophane tape on item 1 for possible comparison purposes.

Thereafter the FBI Identification Division is requested to examine these 3 items for any fingerprints.

CLEVELAND:

AT ASHLAND, OHIO

1. Will locate and interview officials of the Garber Company to determine who was responsible for packing

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2. Will thereafter interview this individual and/or others to determine who wrote the note as mentioned above regarding the killing of MARTIN L. KING.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-560661 IH

OO: Memphis

LATENT

Examination requested by: Miami (44-1854) A. 4/11/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 4/12/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: *Devine*

*1 - Conrad
1 - Rosen
1 - Lab file
1 - Mortimer*

① *Hp slip of paper comprising portion of Q124 searched in AF no ident effected.*

② *Cellulose tape comprising portion of Q124 is of common 1/2 inch wide variety, thickness of which appear to have been torn or cut unevenly*

Specimens submitted for examination

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2-BH (44-1740)
1-CV*

Q124 A piece of ~~XXXX~~ brown wrapping paper containing a label bearing the number 777, a Garber shipping slip containing the number 52360, a three inch slip of paper ripped from the shipping slip, and a piece of cellophane tape

Q125 A piece of brown wrapping paper with a label attached bearing the number 6829

Q126 A cardboard box, postmarked 4-5-68

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4/12/68*

③ *N.C. hp strap length hp on does attributable to Galt sub in the case. - lim nature of ev. ev. out + imp. no sig tips noted indicating this fact, may not be prop. by hp or does attributable to Galt.*

④ *E.d. returns for FBI - exam.*

0124 WILL BE SHOT BY
JOHN JAMES HILL of Memphis
DR REV MARTIN L. KING
WILL BE DEAD BY 4/4/68

Self-murder (np) KODAK
SUPER 8 PROJECTOR
A WOULD LIKE

DR. REV. MARTIN L. KING
WILL BE DEAD BY 4/4/68

WILL BE SHOT BY
JOHN JAMES HILL
OF MEMPHIS

PACKERS COPY

will be shot by
JOHN JAMES HILE
of Memphis

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EA.
PKGS.



**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: **April 30, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561771 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 Q293 and
Q294.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Date: **April 30, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561771 JK**

Specimens received **4/29/68**

Q293 Air Mail envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 4B PM 26 FEB 1968" bearing typewritten address "TIFFANY ENTERPRISES, 8512 WHITWORTH DR. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. 90035 " and typewritten return address "ERIC S. GALT 5533-HOLLYWOOD, BLVD. HOLLYWOOD: CALIF. 90028."

Q294 Accompanying sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/26/68, signed "Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions appearing on Q293 and Q294 are the same style as those appearing on items previously submitted in this case attributed to Eric S. Galt. Because of the lack of identifying defects, it could not be definitely determined whether the same typewriter was used in preparing Q293 and Q294 and the other items submitted, but no significant differences were noted.

It was concluded that the "Eric S. Galt" signature on Q294 was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on numerous other specimens previously received.

Q293 and Q294 are temporarily retained. Photographs were made.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-561771 JK

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

Airtel 4/26/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 4/29/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *4/29/68*
John

Tw Q293 & Q294 same style prev. - looked defects - no sig. difs.

Id. "ERIC S. GALT" sig. Q294 & writer sig. this name appear num. other spec. prev. sub.
Tenn. int. P'd

FPE's dispo.

Specimens submitted for examination

Q293 Air Mail envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 4B PM 26 FEB 1968" bearing typewritten address "TIFFANY ENTERPRISES. 8512-WHITWORTH DR. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. 90028" and typewritten return address "ERIC S. GALT 5533-HOLLYWOOD, BLVD. HOLLYWOOD: CALIF. 90028."

Q294 Accompanying sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2-26-68, signed "Eric S. Galt"

Rept. to ME(44-1987)

CC: 2-LA (44-1574)

T. Rosen (Long 2260)

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Mortimer*

*Lab rpt.
John
4/30/68*

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