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1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
① - Lab File



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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: September 4, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

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

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680826086 JK  
D-680826101 JK

Examination requested by: Chicago  
Reference: Airtels, 8/23/68 and 8/24/68  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint  
Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished regarding the results of the latent fingerprint examination and return of Q398 through Q408.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to Memphis dated 8/27/68.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Chicago (44-1114) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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**REPORT  
of the**



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Q404	5283	6/18/67	95.19
Q405	5357	6/25/67	77.53

Q406 Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate dated May 10, 1967, bearing Social Security Number  and signed "John L. Rayns"

Specimens received 8/26/68, from FBI, Chicago

Q407 Sheet from rooming house ledger, page 13, bearing on line 24 the signature "John Larry Rayms"

Q408 Registration card, No. 8075, dated 6/18/67, bearing the signature "John L. Rayns"

**Result of examination:**

It was concluded that JAMES EARL RAY, K171, K211 and K257 prepared the questioned Rayms signature on Q407; the questioned handwriting on Q408 and the questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q406. Although significant similarities were noted in the endorsements on Q398 through Q405, except the

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endorsement on Q403, when compared with the known writings of RAY, the presence of unexplained variations, insufficient comparable material and distortion in some of the questioned endorsements precluded a definite determination as to whether RAY prepared the endorsements on Q398 through Q405.

The endorsement on Q403 is too distorted for comparison purposes. Although some similarities were noted in the date on line 24 on Q407 beside the Rayms signature when compared with the comparable writing of RAY, the limited and over-written nature of this date precluded a definite determination as to whether RAY prepared this date.

Q398 through Q408 have been photographed and will be returned to Chicago separately.

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TO SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REAIRTEL CG AUGUST TWENTYTHREE SUBMITTING EIGHT CHECKS FROM INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, NUMBERED FOUR EIGHT THREE EIGHT, FOUR NINE ONE THREE, FOUR NINE EIGHT SEVEN, FIVE ZERO FIVE EIGHT, FIVE ONE THREE ZERO, FIVE TWO ZERO NINE, FIVE TWO EIGHT THREE AND FIVE THREE FIVE SEVEN AND W DASH FOUR FORM DATED MAY TEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, SIGNED "JOHN L. RAYNS." ALSO REAIRTEL CG AUGUST TWENTYFOUR SUBMITTING REGISTER PAGE THIRTEEN, BEARING SIGNATURE "JOHN LARRY RAYMS" ON LINE TWENTYFOUR AND REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER EIGHT ZERO SEVEN FIVE DATED JUNE EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND SIGNED "JOHN L. RAYNS."

2 - CHICAGO (44-1114)

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TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS  
MURKIN  
44-1987

CONCLUDED JAMES EARL RAY, K ONE SEVEN ONE, K TWO ONE ONE, K TWO FIVE SEVEN, PREPARED THE RAYMS SIGNATURE ON LINE TWENTYFOUR OF REGISTER PAGE; THE QUESTIONED INKED WRITING ON REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER EIGHT ZERO SEVEN FIVE; THE QUESTIONED HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING ON W DASH FOUR FORM. ALTHOUGH SIGNIFICANT SIMILARITIES NOTED IN THE ENDORSEMENTS ON SUBMITTED CHECKS EXCEPT CHECK NUMBER FIVE TWO ZERO NINE WHEN COMPARED WITH RAY'S KNOWN WRITINGS, PRESENCE OF UNEXPLAINED VARIATIONS, INSUFFICIENT COMPARABLE MATERIAL AND DISTORTION IN SOME OF HANDWRITING PRECLUDED A DEFINITE DETERMINATION WHETHER RAY PREPARED ENDORSEMENTS ON SUBMITTED CHECKS. ENDORSEMENT ON CHECK NUMBER FIVE TWO ZERO NINE TOO DISTORTED FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES. ALTHOUGH SOME SIMILARITIES NOTED IN THE DATE ON LINE TWENTYFOUR OF THE REGISTER PAGE BESIDE THE RAYMS SIGNATURE WHEN COMPARED WITH COMPARABLE WRITINGS OF RAY, THE LIMITED AND OVERWRITTEN NATURE OF THIS DATE PRECLUDED A DEFINITE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER RAY PREPARED THIS DATE. SUBMITTED EVIDENCE TO BE FORWARDED TO CG AFTER COMPLETION OF REQUESTED LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATIONS. COPIES MAILED TO CG. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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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-680826101 ~~IX~~ IV

Examination requested by: SAC, Chicago (44-1114)

Airtel 8/24/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 8/26/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: ~~Mortimer~~  
*Dever*

*Ident James Earl Ray, K11, K211, K457 prop  
for Rayms sig Q407, for h/w Q408, + for hp + h/w Q406  
No card for Q398 → 405 ~~original~~ original was  
in file my unit + destination in sum of for not  
sig sim note in ad but end Q403. what in do detect for  
adequate exam. P.C. date Q407 beside Rayms sig 27  
Ray - len out of for unit + sum one of the number in  
unit. ~~Porter~~ Some sim. wheel.*

Specimens submitted for examination*Evid returned separately.*

Q407 Sheet from rooming house ledger, Page 13, bearing on line 24 the signature "John Larry Rayms"

Q408 Registration card, No. 8075, dated 6/18/67, bearing the signature "John L. Rayns"

*To MR (44-1987)  
2cc to CG 44-1114*

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found on  
9/14/68*

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Q407 John Lory Rayns

Q408 John L Rayns

2731 N Sheffield  
Chicago Illinois

H0 Q406  
in

8/24/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)      ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed for the Laboratory is page "13" of a  
rooming house ledger and Registration Card No. 8075 from a hotel.

Page "13" was obtained from a rooming house at  
2731 Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, and on line 24 bears  
the signature JOHN LARRY RAYMS, who it is believed is  
identical with the subject.

Registration Card No. 8075 obtained from the  
Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1643 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois,  
bears the signature of JOHN L. RAYNS and other inked  
handwriting, believed made by the subject.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the  
signature JOHN LARRY RAYMS appearing on line 24 of the  
enclosed page "13" and the signature JOHN L. RAYNS and  
other inked writing on the enclosed Registration Card  
No. 8075 with the known handwriting and signatures of the  
subject to determine if the subject in fact signed page "13"  
and the Registration Card.

The Laboratory is requested to return the enclosures  
to the Chicago Office upon completion of this examination.

- ③ - Bureau (Encl.1)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
1 - Chicago

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FBI CHICAGO

4:56 PM URGENT 8-24-68 PMS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN. 00: MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS AUGUST TWENTY-  
THREE LAST.

MRS. GLORIA DONNELLY, OWNER, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE  
NORTH SHEFFIELD, CHICAGO, PRODUCED RENT RECORDS WHICH  
SHOW A JOHN LARRY RAYMS RENTED ROOM ON APRIL THIRTY, SIXTY-  
SEVEN. MRS. DONNELLY ADVISED RAYMS RENTED REAR BASEMENT  
APARTMENT. RENT RECORDS DO NOT SHOW WHEN RAYMS LEFT,  
HOWEVER, NEXT PERSON TO OCCUPY APARTMENT MOVED IN ON MAY  
SEVENTEEN OR JUNE SEVENTEEN SIXTY - SEVEN - CONFUSION AS TO  
DATE DUE TO FIRST DIGIT OF DATE WRITTEN OVER. THIS DIGIT  
IS EITHER FIVE OR SIX. ROOM RENTED TO RAYMS BY JEAN WILKS,  
DONNELLY'S AUNT. WILKS DIED ON MAY ONE LAST.

DONNELLY STATED RAYMS CAME TO APARTMENT THROUGH AD IN  
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSPAPER. RAYMS HAD NO FRIENDS OR ASSOCIATES.  
LEFT THE HOUSE DAILY BEFORE SEVEN A.M. DONNELLY CANNOT  
RECALL RAYMS HAVING A CAR. RAYMS HAD LOTS OF BOOKS AND  
COOKING UTENSILS, VERY FEW CLOTHES. SOME COOKING UTENSILS  
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LEFT BEHIND. RAYMS RECEIVED ONE LETTER DURING STAY. THIS LETTER FROM UNKNOWN PLACE IN CANADA. DONNELLY STATED RAYMS LEFT SAME DAY HE RECEIVED LETTER. RAYMS STATED HE WAS GOING TO CANADA TO WORK. ALSO MENTIONED GETTING A JOB ON A SHIP.

DONNELLY SHOWN GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS. UNABLE TO PICK OUT PHOTO OF RAY. DESCRIBED RAYMS AS LATE TWENTIES, EARLY THIRTIES, DARK HAIR, TALL AND THIN.

DONNELLY STATED ONE PHONE IN APARTMENT NOT CONNECTED AND BELIEVED TO BE DISCONNECTED AT TIME RAYMS IN APARTMENT. STATED CALLS IF ANY PROBABLY MADE AT CORNER DRUG STORE. PHONE NUMBERS OF THESE PHONES OBTAINED.

DONNELLY MADE AVAILABLE REGISTRATION SHEET SIGNED BY RAYMS.

EDWARD SPERLING, SECOND FLOOR, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE N. SHEFFIELD, ADVISED HE RECALLED RAYMS AND PICKED PHOTO OF RAY FROM GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWN AS RESEMBLING RAYMS. SPERLING ADVISED RAYMS SPOKE TO NO ONE AND DID NOT HAVE ANY FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES.

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ANNIE KEEGAN, SECOND FLOOR, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE N. SHEFFIELD, UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION RE RAYMS.

PHYLLIS LEHNING, WHO RESIDED FRONT BASEMENT APT., TWO SEVEN THREE ONE N. SHEFFIELD UNTIL MAY TEN, SIXTY - SEVEN, UNABLE TO RECALL OR IDENTIFY RAYMS.

MAYE CANAPA, MANAGER, LINCOLN APT. HOTEL, ONE SIX FOUR EIGHT W. LUNT, CHICAGO, CHECKED RENT RECORDS AND DETERMINED A JOHN L. RAYNS, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE N. SHEFFIELD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, CHECKED INTO ROOM ONE ZERO FIVE ON JUNE EIGHTEEN, SIXTY - SEVEN. REGISTRATION CARD MARKED "RENTED FOR ONE WEEK." CANAPA UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY AND CANNOT RECALL RAYNS. ROOM RENTED BY LOLA BALLARD WHO WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. REGISTRATION CARD OBTAINED.

REGISTRATION CARDS BEING SUBMITTED TO LABORATORY THIS DATE FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISON.

PHONE RECORDS UNAVAILABLE WILL BE CHECKED WHEN FIRST AVAILABLE, MONDAY NEXT.

OTHER PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY RAY AT EITHER ADDRESS UNAVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY WHEN THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

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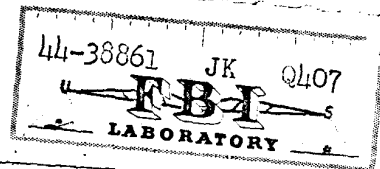
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*Lab*  
*W. B. Lank*  
*Doc 623p*  
ORIGINAL: MR. ROSEN

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7/19/65 (6) Angel Maestre  
 1/19/65 (4) Marna Turlington MARINA TURLINGTON  
 7/9/65 (1) Filipe Navarro (Sunday)  
 Harry R. Olson (Wednesday)  
 10/2/65 (7) Vincent Mahoney (Saturday)  
 10/3/65 Bill Stout Monday 8:00  
 11/18/65 James G. Retron  
~~2/7/66~~  
 3/12/66 Beverly G. Davis  
 3/31/66 Nick Simon  
 5/20/66 Renee Wise  
 6/11/66 Joseph E. (Alec) Olsen  
 6/12/66 Louis J. Pagan  
 6-24-66 Captain C. Pittman (Rear Basement)  
~~Matt. Anderson~~  
 Mr and Mrs ~~Alamo~~ Alamo #4  
 7-30 William Hayes  
 Pedro Alamo Rodriguez  
 1-21-67 Robert Resch  
 4-21-67 John Larry Rayms  
 5-17-67 George Washington Mackin  
 9-19-67 Edward J. Magana  
 8-19-67 Salvador A. Magana  
 8/19/67  
 8/19/67



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# Registration Card

Nº 8075

ROOM

105

RATE

12<sup>75</sup>

DATE

6-18-67

CLERK

ROOM RACK

ACCOUNT  
STARTED

BY

BY

NAME

John L. Rayns

STREET

2231-N-Sheffield

CITY

Chicago

STATE

Illinois

MONEY JEWELS AND VALUABLES MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE OFFICE SAFE.  
OTHERWISE THE PROPRIETOR WIL. NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS.

STATIONERY & PRINTING CO.

Rented For one week

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN  
CR

File # 44-38861  
Lab. # D-680826086 JK

OO: Memphis (~~44-1987~~)

Examination requested by: SAC, Chicago (44-1114) Airtel 8/23/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 8/26/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: ~~Murkin~~  
Murkin

*see D-680826101*

Specimens submitted for examination

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Q406 Employee's ~~WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE~~ Withholding Exemption Certificate dated May 10, 1967, bearing Social Security Number [redacted] and signed "John L. Rayns"

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fwd. [unclear]  
9/14/68*

PHOTOGRAPHED  
AUG 26 1968

8/23/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTEN: FBI LABORATORY  
PC-A5493-BX  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original eight checks from the Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, payable to JOHN L. RAYNS plus a W-4 Form made out by JOHN L. RAYNS. One Xerox copy of each also enclosed to Bureau and Memphis.

These checks were paid to subject JAMES EARL RAY under the alias of JOHN L. RAYNS during his employment at the above restaurant from 5/3/67 till 6/24/67.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the signatures of JOHN L. RAYNS with known handwriting of the subject to determine if identical.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process enclosed checks and W-4 Form for latent prints and thereafter compare with fingerprints of subject.

In addition it is requested that any latents developed on check #5357 dated 6/25/67 also be compared

②-Bureau (Encs. 18) (RM)  
1-Memphis (Encs. 9)  
1-Chicago

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with the fingerprints of subject's brother JERRY RAY  
previously submitted instant matter.

The Memphis and Chicago Divisions should be advised  
of the results of afore-mentioned examination and the enclosed  
items should be returned to Chicago upon completion of  
examination.

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FBI CHICAGO

1154PM URGENT 8-23-68 RFJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

HARVEY A. AND CLARA S. KLINGEMAN, OWNERS OF INDIAN TRIAL RESTAURANT, WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, INTERVIEWED THIS EVENING AT WINNETKA PD FOLLOWING CONTACT BY THEM WITH WINNETKA CLIFF DONALD DERNING. (NA)

THEY WERE CONTACTED TUESDAY, AUGUST TWENTY, LAST, BY WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, HARTSELLE, ALABAMA, AUTHOR OF "THREE LIVES FOR MISSISSIPPI" AND "LOOK" MAGAZINE PHOTOGRAPHER HANSEN. HUIE EXHIBITED LETTERS PURPORTEDLY FROM SUBJECT RAY ADDRESSED TO RAY'S ATTORNEY AND GIVEN TO HUIE. HUIE SAID HE HAS OBTAINED ALL COMMERCIAL RIGHTS TO RAY'S STORY AND IN RETURN IS UNDERWRITING COSTS OF RAY'S DEFENSE. LETTERS WRITTEN ON HALF SHEETS OF YELLOW LEGAL FOOLSCAP AND KLINGEMANS CLAIM RECOGNIZED SUBJECT RAYS HANDWRITING

BOTH KLINGEMANS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY AS MAN EMPLOYED BY THEM FROM MAY THREE, SIXTYSEVEN, TO JUNE TWO FOUR, SIXTYSEVEN, AS DISHWASHER AND COOKS HELPER, WITH TOTAL PAY OF ABOUT EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS. WAS EMPLOYED UNDER NAME JOHN L. RAYNS, SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

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LEFT EMPLOYMENT SAYING GOING TO WORK ON BOATS WITH HIS BROTHER AND SUBSEQUENTLY MAILED LETTER TO RESTAURANT REQUESTING PAY DUE BE SENT TO HIS BROTHER IN NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS. KLINGEMAN DID MAIL CHECK WHICH WAS CASHED. ALL PAY CHECKS OBTAINED AND WILL BE FURNISHED FBI LAB ALONG WITH FORM W DASH FOUR. GAVE LOCAL ADDRESS OF TWO SEVEN THREE ONE, SHEFFIELD, CHICAGO, BUT CHECK MAILED TO BROTHER CONTAINS ADDRESS ONE SIX FOUR EIGHT LUNT, CHICAGO WITH DATE JULY THREE, SIXTYSEVEN.

SUBJECT WAS EXCELLENT EMPLOYEE, QUIET, HAD NO FRIENDS OR VISITORS, BUT RECEIVED THREE OR FOUR PHONE CALLS DURING LAST WEEK OF EMPLOYMENT FROM PERSON STATING HE WAS BROTHER.

AUTHOR HUIE SHOWED LETTERS FROM RAY TO KLINGEMAN IN WHICH HE LISTED EMPLOYMENT AT INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT (AN OLD, LARGE, UPPER CLASS RESTAURANT OF EXCELLENT REPUTATION).

HUIE DESCRIBED METHOD OF ESCAPE OF SUBJECT FROM JEFFERSON CITY VIA BREAD TRUCK AND CLAIMED RAY WALKED TO CHICAGO, BECOMING VERY SORE FOOTED. (KLINGEMAN RECALLS WHEN RAY EMPLOYED HE HAD SORE AND SWOLLEN LEGS). AFTER BECOMING EMPLOYED, HUIE ALLEGES RAY WAS CONTACTED BY CONSPIRATORS WHO THREATENED TO REVEAL HIS IDENTITY AND CAUSE HIS RETURN TO PRISON IF HE DID NOT WORK

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FOR THEM. HUIE SAYS RAY WAS GIVEN TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS DURING INITIAL CONTACTS AND ULTIMATELY WAS PAID FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, BUT WAS TO RECEIVE MORE.

UPON LEAVING RESTAURANT EMPLOYMENT, HUIE ALLEGES RAY MADE TWO TRIPS TO CANADA THROUGH DETROIT TUNNEL, TESTING DIFFICULTY OF ENTERING AND LEAVING CANADA. HE ALSO MADE THIRD TRIP TO CANADA AND ACCORDING TO HUIE, "WAS INSTRUCTED" TO OBTAIN FORTY YEAR OLD NEWSPAPER, OBTAIN NAMES OF MALES BORN, THEN SEARCH CURRENT PHONE BOOKS FOR SIMILAR NAMES. THEN SURVEIL INDIVIDUALS WITH SIMILAR NAMES TO FIND OUT WHETHER THEIR PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS MATCHED HIM. THEREAFTER HE TELEPHONED PERSONS OF HIS LIKE DESCRIPTION USING PRETEXT AND FOUND MAN WHO HAD NEVER APPLIED FOR PASSPORT. THEN APPLIED FOR PASSPORT IN THIS NAME.

HE WAS THEN GIVEN MORE MONEY TO PURCHASE CAR, WHICH WAS TO BE DRIVEN TO ACAPULCO, MEXICO, TO OBTAIN TOURIST STICKER, THEN DRIVEN THROUGH MEXICO TO WEST COAST. HUIE CLAIMS RAY WAS FLOWN TO ATLANTA FROM WEST COAST, BUT TIME WAS NOT RIPE, SO WAS RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA. HE WAS GIVEN MONEY TO BUY BINOCULARS AND SHOTGUN AND WAS TO GO TO MEMPHIS AT CERTAIN TIME AND PLACE.

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HUIE ALLEGES A NEGRO CALLED KING TO BALCONY, WHERE HE WAS SHOT. ACTUAL MURDERER WAS NOT RAY, ALTHOUGH RAY WAS PRESENT, AND AT LATER TIME RAY WILL IDENTIFY MURDERER. RAY DID PICK UP RIFLE, RAN TO HIS CAR AND PROCEEDED TO RENDEZVOUS AT ATLANTA, HOWEVER, CONSPIRATORS DID NOT APPEAR WITH REMAINING "BUNDLE OF MONEY."

RAY WAS THEN TO FLEE TO MEXICO, BUT IMMEDIATELY FLY NORTH TO THROW OFF PURSUIT AND TO STEER ALL INVESTIGATION TO MEXICO. SINCE CONSPIRATORS DID NOT APPEAR, HE FLED TO CANADA AND HUIE ALLEGATIONS THEN FOLLOW SUBSEQUENT NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS. HUIE DID SAY RAY ROBBED BANK IN LONDON BECAUSE HE GOT REAL LOW ON MONEY.

HUIE DID NOT AT ANY TIME IDENTIFY ANY ALLEGED CONSPIRATORS.

HUIE SWORE KLINGEMANS TO SECRECY, SAYING HE WOULD MAIL THEM "LOOK" PROOFS ON SEPT. TEN, NEXT, COPIES OF WHICH WILL BE FURNISHED BY KLINGEMANS TO CHICAGO FBI, AND STORY IS TO BE IN "LOOK"

NOVEMBER TEN, NEXT, ISSUE. KLINGEMANS BROKE PROMISE OF SECRECY UPON REFLECTION, BELIEVING THEIR PUBLIC DUTY WAS TO CONTACT POLICE. HUIE NOT AWARE OF THEIR TALKING WITH FBI AND THEY WILL NOT TELL HIM WITHOUT APPROVAL OF FBI THROUGH CHIEF DERNING, NA.

CHICAGO SUGGESTS BUREAU CONSIDER NOTES AND LETTERS FROM  
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RAY IN POSSESSION OF HUIE MAY CONSTITUTE EVIDENCE OF FEDERAL CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS, NOTABLY CONSPIRACY, AND EVEN THOUGH OBTAINED BY RAY ATTORNEY LOSE THEIR PRIVILEGE WHEN SHOWN TO OUTSIDERS. KLINGEMANS ARE ELDERLY, REPUTABLE CITIZENS, WHO ARE WILLING TO ASSIST BUREAU IN ANY WAY DESIRED.

HUIE OBTAINED PHOTOSTATS OF PAYROLL LEDGERS AND TOOK MANY PHOTOGRAPHS AT INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT AS WELL AS AT RAY'S CHICAGO RESIDENCE, ACCORDING TO KLINGEMANS.

CHICAGO CONTINUING INVESTIGATION INCLUDING ADDRESSES MENTIONED.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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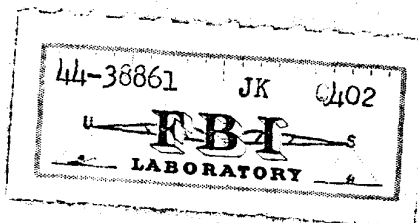
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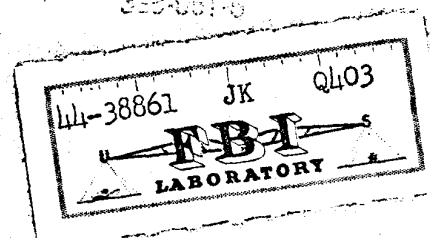


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PAY TO THE ORDER OF  
Winnetka Trust and Savings Bank  
THE INDIAN TRAIL REST, INC.  
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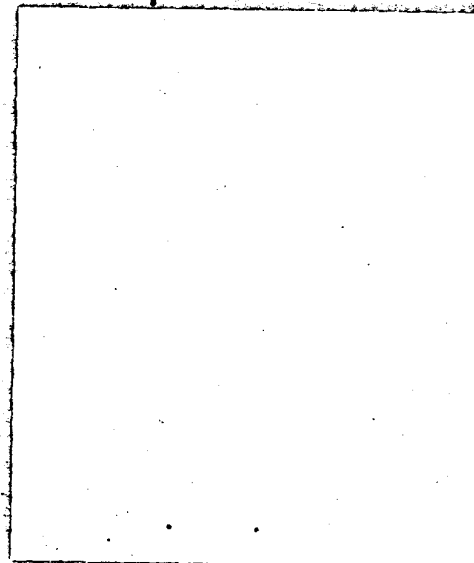
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*John L. Payne*  
*1648 Lunt*  
*Chicago*



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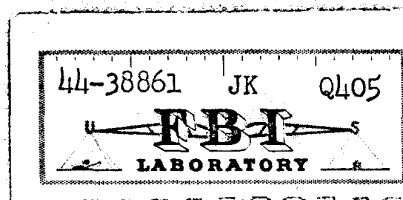
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*1648 Lunt, Chicago*

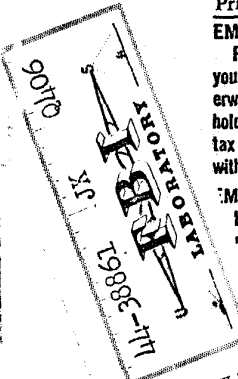
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FORM W-4 (Rev. July 1964)  
U.S. Treasury Department  
Internal Revenue Service

### EMPLOYEE'S WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Print full name John L. Rayns Social Security Account Number [REDACTED]  
Print home address 2731 SHEPHERD City CHICAGO State ILLINOIS

**EMPLOYEE:**

File this form with your employer. Otherwise, he must withhold U.S. income tax from your wages without exemption.

**EMPLOYER:**

Keep this certificate with your records. If the employee is believed to have too many exemptions, the Director should be so advised.

**HOW TO CLAIM YOUR WITHHOLDING EXEMPTIONS**

1. If SINGLE, and you claim your exemption, write "1", if you do not, write "0" ..... 0
2. If MARRIED, one exemption each is allowable for husband and wife if not claimed on another certificate.  
(a) If you claim both of these exemptions, write "2"  
(b) If you claim one of these exemptions, write "1"  
(c) If you claim neither of these exemptions, write "0" .....
3. Exemptions for age and blindness (applicable only to you and your wife but not to dependents):  
(a) If you or your wife will be 65 years of age or older at the end of the year, and you claim this exemption, write "1"; if both will be 65 or older, and you claim both of these exemptions, write "2"  
(b) If you or your wife are blind, and you claim this exemption, write "1"; if both are blind, and you claim both of these exemptions, write "2" .....
4. If you claim exemptions for one or more dependents, write the number of such exemptions. (Do not claim exemption for a dependent unless you are qualified under instruction 3 on other side.) .....
5. Add the number of exemptions which you have claimed above and write the total ..... 1
6. Additional withholding per pay period under agreement with employer. See Instruction 1 ..... \$

I CERTIFY that the number of withholding exemptions claimed on this certificate does not exceed the number to which I am entitled.

(Date) 5-10, 1967 (Signed) John L. Rayns

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.

507 CHESTNUT STREET  
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5357

70-503  
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PAY TO THE  
ORDER OF

DATE

6/25/67

\$ 77 <sup>53</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

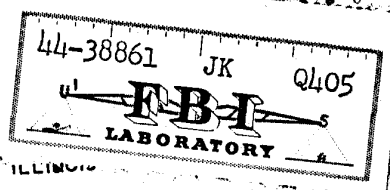
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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.  
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

*Hanga Klingeman*

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WINNETKA, ILL.

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.

507 CHESTNUT STREET  
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5283

70-503  
711

PAY TO THE  
ORDER OF

DATE

6/18/67

\$ 95 <sup>19</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

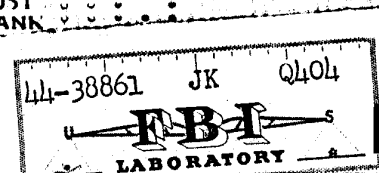
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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.  
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

*Hanga Klingeman*

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**PAYROLL CHECK**


**INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.**  
507 CHESTNUT STREET  
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

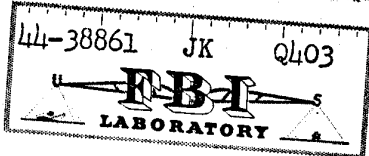
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No. 5209

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John L. Rayns DATE 6/11/67 \$ 89 <sup>63</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Eight-Nine <sup>63</sup>/<sub>100</sub> DOLLARS

 **WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK**  
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

 **INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.**  
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold Kingman

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**PAYROLL CHECK**


**INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.**  
507 CHESTNUT STREET  
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

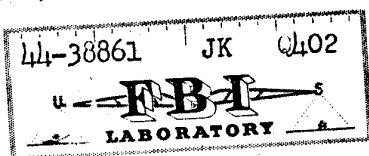
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No. 5130

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John L. Rayns DATE 6/4/67 \$ 89 <sup>63</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Eight-Nine <sup>63</sup>/<sub>100</sub> DOLLARS

 **WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK**  
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

 **INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.**  
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold Kingman

**PAYROLL CHECK**

**INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.**  
507 CHESTNUT STREET  
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

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No. 5058

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John L. Raynes DATE 5/28/67 \$ 84<sup>89</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Eighty-four <sup>89</sup>/<sub>100</sub> DOLLARS

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.  
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

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LABORATORY

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**PAYROLL CHECK**

**INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.**  
507 CHESTNUT STREET  
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

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No. 4987

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Raynes DATE 5/21/67 \$ 84<sup>89</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Eighty-four <sup>89</sup>/<sub>100</sub> DOLLARS

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WINNETKA, ILLIN

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.  
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harza Klingman

44-38861 JK Q400

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# INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.

507 CHESTNUT STREET  
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 4838

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PAY TO THE  
ORDER OF

*John L. Rayns*  
*Jeff. L. Lerner*

DATE

*5/7/67*

*\$ 57<sup>69</sup>/<sub>100</sub>*

DOLLARS



WINNETKA TRUST  
AND SAVINGS BANK  
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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.  
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

*Harega Klingens*

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# INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.

507 CHESTNUT STREET  
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 4913

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PAY TO THE  
ORDER OF

*John Rayns*  
*Eightyfour and 89/100 only*

DATE

*5-14-67*

*\$ 84<sup>89</sup>/<sub>100</sub>*

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PAYROLL ACCOUNT

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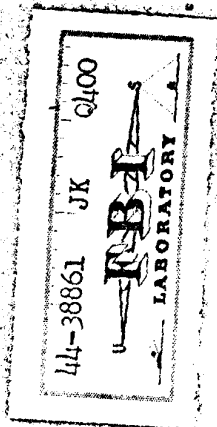
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WINNETKA TRUST & SAVINGS BANK Inc.

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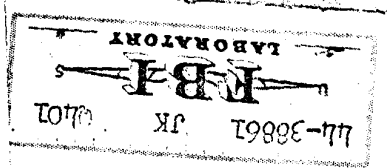
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AA 4989 NY 01 67 75-503

Mr. Conrad

July 31, 1968

W. D. Griffith

THURMAN

CR

OO: Memphis

### *FOREIGN AGENCY*

Legat, London, has forwarded to the Bureau photocopies of numerous documents containing to James Earl Ray which were obtained from [REDACTED] authorities on a confidential basis. The exact nature of these documents is set forth in a memorandum dated July 26, 1968, from Mr. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach. In general, these items are letters sent under the name Ramon George Sneyd to Mr. J. B. Stoner, Attorney at Law, Savannah, Georgia; Mr. Arthur J. Hanes, subject Ray's attorney; the Attorney General; John Ray, subject's brother and Mr. Edward Heath, of the House of Commons. Also included in the material submitted was a letter from John Ray to the subject and observations of British prison personnel concerning the subject's activities during his incarceration.

It was determined from an examination that the questioned handwriting and hand printing appearing on the items which emanated from Ramon George Sneyd were prepared by the subject JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

44-38861

1-Mr. Mohr  
1-Mr. DeLoach  
1-Mr. Rosen  
1-Mr. Conrad  
1-Mr. Griffith  
1-Mr. Mortimer  
1-Foreign Liaison  
1-Adm. File

JEL:AW (3)

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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-680730134 JK

Examination requested by: Bureau

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 7/30/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *7/30/68*

*IS. O. HP & HW on Qc 394, Qc 395 & Qc 396 to JAMES EARL RAY, # 4059426,*

*M**Det.**R as**Comm**Inf**Mat.**For L.**1st File*Specimens submitted for examination

Photocopies of Q386 and Q387, previously submitted, and additional photocopy of Qc391, previously submitted

Qc394 Photocopies of envelope addressed to "Mr. Edward Heath, M. P. House Of Commons Westminster" and three-page hand printed letter beginning "Dear Sir, I am at present being held...." and signed "Ramon George Sneyd"

Qc395 Photocopies of envelope addressed to "Mr. J. B. Stoner, Attorney at Law P. O. Box - 6263 Savannah, Georgia U. S. A." and two-page letter beginning "Dear Mr. Stoner, I was shown a letter yesterday....." and signed "Ramon G. Sneyd"

Qc396 Photocopies of envelope addressed to "Mr. Arthur J. Hanes Attorney At Law 617 Frank Nelson Bldg. Birmingham, Alabama 35203 U. S. A. and three-page letter beginning "Dear Sir, I thought I would write....." and signed "R. G. Sneyd"

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ALSO SUBMITTED: Photocopies of letter dated 6/15/68 beginning "Dear Jimmy" and three-page letter beginning "The Governor"



4c 394, 4c 395, 4c 396

DEAR SIR; - I - BEING HELD - U - G - W -

Romon George Sneyd -

I - Mr. - at - L - Dear Mr. Stoner - join  
by - to - The - want - 2 - my - my - have

Romon S Sneyd - of - Thit - 2

Sincerely - R. G. Sneyd - Kap . . .

JAMES EARL RAY - # 405942G

Dear Sir; - on - my - H - M - 2 -  
to - have - wasn't - Thanks - Mr -  
The - J - S - L - U - G - H - E - C -

MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

44-38861

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Photographs of letters to Mr. Arthur J. Hanes, Mr.  
J. B. Stoner and Mr. Edward Heath, M. P. received from  
Division 6 on July 30, for examination in this case.  
Photocopies of other documents, either received be-  
fore or designated Also Submitted.

*Bureau request*

~~INDEX LAB FILES~~

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Q 392 - Q 393 & K 487  
Are P & C submissions  
(do not have copy of  
their report)

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



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

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

Date: **July 23, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680718083 JK**

Examination requested by: **Chicago**

Reference: **Airtel 7/15/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

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

**2 - Chicago (44-1114) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**1 - St. Louis (44-775) Enclosure (Lab report)**

**JHM:AW (11)**

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

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

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

Date: **July 23, 1968**  
FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680719053 JK**

Specimens received **7/17/68, from FBI, Chicago**

**Qc391 Photocopy of two-page handwritten letter on prison stationery beginning "Dear John I will just write..." and signed "Lord R. G. Sneyd"**

**Result of examination:**

**It was concluded that the questioned writing appearing on Qc391 was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #408942G.**

**Specimen Qc391 has been retained.**

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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-680719053 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Chicago (44-1114)

Airtel 7/15/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 7/17/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer

*ED. J. W. G. 44-3912 J.E.R., #4059429  
Ret.*

Specimens submitted for examination

Qc391 Photocopy of two-page handwritten letter on prison stationery beginning "Dear John I will just write...." and signed "Lord R. G. Sneyd"

*TB. ME (44-1987)  
cc: 2-CG (44-1114)  
1-SL (44-775)*

*T. M. Rosen  
Council  
Lab File  
Mortimer*

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*Lab. rept.  
Shaw  
7/23/68*

4c 39/ Deot John - 2<sup>d</sup> - well - Konun  
just - to - pray - for - your -  
into - Grant - Lord R. L. Snyder  
over - Hones - trip - pray - and - I  
to - so

JAMES EARL RAY (H 405 9426) -

Kept - 2 - Dear - James - my - into  
of - pray - and - I - I - how - Sir  
find - James - years - seen - H - could  
weeks - R -

F B I

Date: 7/15/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3886)  
 FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

690719053

Re Chicago teletype to Director dated 7/15/68, air mail copies to Memphis and St. Louis re let mailed from R.G. SNEYD to sister, St. Louis, Missouri.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and offices designated are copies of the original letter as set out in referenced teletype. Included in this enclosure is the part of the letter that was deleted by the Chicago "Daily News" when publishing.

A copy of this letter was furnished by DON BARLETT (protect) Chicago "Daily News". He advised that the crossed out section of the letter reads as set out on the third page of enclosure. He also advised that JOHN RAY claimed that he did not understand this part of the letter.

The Bureau may desire to compare handwriting of enclosure with the known handwriting of the subject.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (44-1987)
- 2 - St. Louis (Enc. 1) (44-775)
- 1 - Chicago

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ENCLOSURE

25 JUL 17 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

E.C. Bishop  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_



Mr. Conrad

July 16, 1968

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN

CR

OO: Memphis

Qc390

Legat, London has forwarded a photocopy of a page of the guest book of the Heathfield House Hotel, London, England, which bears the signature Ramon George Sneyd and indicates that this individual registered at this hotel on May 17, 1968.

Handwriting characteristics noted indicate that the Sneyd signature on the above described page was probably prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G, but because of the indistinctness of the photocopy submitted a definite opinion could not be reached.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

44-38861

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. McDonough 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit
- 1 - Lab File

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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-680716004 JK

Examination requested by: Legat, London (88-72)

Airtel 7/11/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 7/16/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *7/16/68*

*Sig. seems to J.E.R. # 405942 G - too indist.*

Specimens submitted for examination

Qc390 Photocopy of page from hotel's guest book bearing the signature  
"Ramon George Snyd"

Also Submitted: Photocopy of statement, No. 05100, of College  
Place Hotel

*Mohr*  
*ok.*  
*Los (McDonough 2260)*  
*Con.*  
*Grif.*  
*Liaison*  
*Walt*  
*L.F.*

*Lab. rept.*  
*John Lee*  
*7/10/68*

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Qc 390 Canon George Sneyd - 962 Dundas W - Toronto Canada

JAMES EARL RAY (N405 942 G)

T - S - D - D - this - checked

LON 88-72

In addition to the information set forth in the enclosed statement, Mrs. WESTWOOD advised that some time after RAY checked out on 5/28/68 her husband deposited three \$10 American Express checks to their account at the bank. Neither she nor her husband can fully recall, but believe there is a possibility these travelers checks could have been received from RAY.

It is not known whether it is possible for American Express, New York, to check for any checks issued to RAY under the name SNEYD without the check numbers. Investigation re these checks being left to discretion of the Bureau.

The Yard has orally advised me in the strictest confidence that on 5/27/68 at 5:20 P.M. a lone man with a small gun walked into a jeweler's shop in Paddington area of London, pointed the gun at the jeweler, and said, "This is a stick-up, give me the money in the till." The jeweler hesitated and the man panicked and ran out of the shop and did not obtain any loot. When shown ten photographs of different men, the jeweler without hesitation picked out RAY as the hold-up man. The only confusing point is that the jeweler claims the man wore a hat. As far as can be determined RAY was hatless during his period in England, and did not have a hat in his possession. If he is the man involved he could, of course, have disposed of the hat.

The Yard points out that in the morning of June 4, 1968, he asked the clerk at the New Earls Court Hotel how much his bill would be, and when told he reportedly said, "I'll have to go to my bank and make a withdrawal." The Fulham Bank (Lonairtel 7/3/68) was robbed the afternoon of June 4th.

On 5/27/68 he asked the clerk at the Heathfield House Hotel how much his bill would be, and when told reportedly he made a similar statement about making a withdrawal from his bank.

The Yard has the theory that if RAY is the man involved in the jewelry shop attempt, since he did not get any money then he must have committed a successful job between 5:20 P.M. on 5/27/68 and the morning of 5/28/68 in order to be able to pay his bill at Heathfield House.

LON 88-72

The Yard is not going to conduct any investigation to prove this theory. They are extremely fearful that if information re the jewelry shop job and information implicating RAY in any other jobs leaks to the press, that RAY's solicitor will insist RAY be charged in order to clear him of any or all jobs he allegedly committed.

Foregoing information, plus copies of enclosures, may be furnished the Department of Justice, with the understanding that the jewelry shop information should not be revealed to the press or public sources at this time.

For the Bureau's information only, I understand that Sir ELWYN JONES, British Attorney General, is reviewing all extradition papers, Magistrate's court proceedings, and JONES will appear in the High Court proceedings on 7/29/68 to represent the Governor of Wandsworth Prison.

7/11/68

AIRTEL

680715004

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) PERSONAL  
ATTENTION:  
FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P) ASST. DIRECTOR ROSEN

MURKIN

**FOREIGN AGENCY** Various London communications have set forth that [REDACTED] sources were unable to determine RAY's whereabouts from 5/17/68 when he arrived in England from Lisbon, and 5/28/68 when he checked into the New Earls Court Hotel.

**FOREIGN AGENCY**  
As a result of conferences at the [REDACTED] it was strongly suggested to them that RAY must have stayed at a small hotel in the Kensington area near the West London Air Terminal. [REDACTED] agreed to do a recheck of all hotels in this area, as a result of which it has been determined RAY checked into the Heathfield House Hotel, 181-183 Cromwell Road, London, S.W. 5, on 5/17 and checked out on 5/28, which is the date he checked into the New Earls Court Hotel.

Enclosed are two copies each of statement made by the proprietress of the Heathfield House Hotel, pertinent page of the hotel's guest book showing RAY's signature, and the hotel's copy of the receipt given to RAY.

With the foregoing information we have now accounted for RAY's residence in England for the period 5/17/68 to 6/8/68, when he was apprehended.

3 - Bureau (Encls. 6)  
1 - Liaison (direct)  
1 - London  
JTM:cm  
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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 - Foreign Liaison  
1 - Lab File

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

Date: **July 17, 1968**

*OC389*

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680715037 JK**

Examination requested by: **Legat, London**  
Reference: **Airtel 7/8/68**  
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**  
Remarks:

**2 - Legat, London (88-72) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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

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

Date: **July 17, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680715037 JK**

Specimens received **7/15/68**

**Qc389 Two photographs comprising front and back of paper bag bearing on one side the hand printed words "PUT ALL" and on the other side hand printing beginning "PLACE ALL.." and ending "..IN THIS BAG"**

**ALSO SUBMITTED: Two photographs of latent prints found on bag and copy of telegram from American Embassy, London, to Department of State**

**Result of examination:**

**Specimen Qc389 was searched through the appropriate sections of the Bank Robbery Note File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.**

**The process of outlining and filling in the letters comprising the Qc389 note, is more a form of art than hand printing, and therefore normal identifying characteristics of the writer would not be in evidence. For this reason, it could not be determined whether the Qc389 note was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.**

**Qc389 and the ALSO SUBMITTED material have been retained.**

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LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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

File # 44-38861  
Lab. # D-680715037 JK

Examination requested by: <sup>2</sup> Legat, London (88-72) Airtel 7/8/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 7/15/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *7/15/68**No id. B.N.F.*

*The process of outlining & filling in the letters comp. the Qc389 note is more a form of art than HP, and is normal id. char. of writer's HP not in evid. Further review, N.E. E.T.R., #4059429.*

*Retain.*Specimens submitted for examination

Two  
Qc389 Photographs comprising front and back of paper bag bearing on one side the hand printed words "PUT ALL" and on the other hand, printing beginning "PLEASE ALL....." and ending "...IN THIS BAG"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Two photographs of latent prints found on bag and copy of telegram from American Embassy, London, to Department of State

1- Mason  
1- Rosen  
1- Conrad  
1- Lab  
D.H.

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7/17/68*

*No ident BR note Gile (44-1987) Q.H. 7-15-68*

Qc 389

PUT ALL

PLA

£5-10 POUND IN THIS BAG