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1 - har. McGowan 1 - Mr. McDonough

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DRUECTOR FEI (44-20361)

MURKIN

REURCAD JUNE TWENTY-NINE LAST.

IF POSSIBLE REQUEST NEW SCOTLAND YARD FURNISH YOU PHOTOGRAPH OF HANDERBYING ON PAPER DAG DISPLAYED BY BANK ROBBER IN HOLDUP OF BANK ON JUNE FOUR LAST. FOR APPROPRIATE FBI LAB EXAMINATION.

COPY MAILED MEMPHIS.

1 - SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

EJM:cs

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PROTECTIVE THIRD AGENCY

has identified fingerprint of Ray with lient on paper bag on which bank robber printed note in holding up but in Fullam, England, on 0/4/68. Legat, London being requested toorward photograph for comparison with handprinting specimens in Mukin case.

Mr. Conrad

July 31, 1938

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W. D. Griffith

MURKIN CR OO: Memphis PROTECTING AGENCY

Legat, London, has forwarded to the Dureau photocopies of nuncrous documents ocytaining to James Larl May
which were obtained from authorities on a confidential
basis. The exact nature of these documents is set forth in a
menorandum dated July 26, 1988, from Mr. Mosen to Mr. Debotch.
In general, these items are letters sent under the naseNamon George Sneyd to Mr. J. B. Stoner, Attorney at Law,
Envannah, Georgia; Mr. Arthur J. Manes, subject Nay's attorney;
the Attorney General; John Nay, subject's brother and
Mr. Edward death, of the House of Commons. Also included in
the material submitted was a letter from John May to the subject
and observations of prison persentel concerning the
subject's activities during his incarceration.

It was determined from an examination that the questioned bandwriting and hand printing appearing on the items which enameted from hamon George Sneyd were prepared by the subject JAME TARL MAY, FBI #4089426.

RECOMMENDATION: Home. For information:

44-38861

1-Mr. Mohr

1-Mr. Peloach

1-Mr. Rosen

1-Mr. Conrad

1-Mr. Griffith

1-Mr. Mortiner

1-Foreign Liaison

1-Lab File

JHH: AW (S)

Mr. Conrad

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July 16, 1968

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN

CR

00: Memphis

Legat, London has forwarded a photocopy of a page of the guest book of the Heathfield Heuse 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

JHM: AW (8)

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TO:

DIRECTOR, IDI (44-33361)

PERSONAL ATTENTION:

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

ASST. DIMECTOR ROSEN

FROM:

MURKIN

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Various London communications have set forth that sources were unable to determine RAY's whereabouts from 5/17/63 when he arrived in England from Lisbon, and 5/20/60 when he checked into the New Earls Court Hotel.

As a result of conferences at the it was strongly suggested to them that PAY must have stayed at a small hotel in the Mensington area near the West London Air Torminal. The agreed to do a recheck of all hotels in this area, as a result of which it has been determined PAY checked into the Heathfield Heuse Hotel, 181-183 Cromwell Road, London, S.W. 5, on 5/17 and checked out on 5/23, which is the date he checked into the New Earls Court Motel.

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 imidence 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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In addition to the information set forth in the enclosed statement, Mrs. VHOTWOOD advised that some time after MAY checked out on 5/33/63 her husband deposited three \$10 American Empress 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 SREYD without the check numbers. Investigation re these checks being left to discretion of the Eureau.

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confidence that on 5/27/68 at 5:20 P.M. a lone man with a small gun valked 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 map 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 were 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 nan involved he could, of course, have disposed of the hat.

points out that in the morning of June 4, 1988, he asked the clerk at the New Earls Court Notel how much his bill wouldbe, 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 makir a withdrawal from his bank.

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 5/27/63 and the morning of 5/28/68 in order to be able to pay his bill at Heathfield House.

is not going to conduct any investigation to prove this theory. They are entremely 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.

extradition papers, Engistrate's court proceedings, and will appear in the High Court proceedings on 7/29/63 to represent the Governor of Mandsworth Prison.

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Mr. Conrad

July 16, 1968

W. D. Griffith

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MURKIN

CR

00: Memphis

The Department has forwarded to the Bureau a handwritten letter addressed to the Attorney General under the signature of R. G. Sneyd. A typewritten copy of the contents of this letter and Merox copies of the envelope and letter are attached bereto.

A comparison of the questioned writing appearing on the letter and envelope with the known handwriting of subject JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G, disclosed that the letter in question was prepared by subject Ray.

44-38861

ACTION: 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)

Airtel

To:

SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From

Director, FBI (44-38861)

MUBEIN

Reairtel 6/24/68 from Legat, London, submitting items of proper taken from personal effects of James Earl Nay for Laboratory examination and TWA message alle for latent fingerprint examination. These items were personally delivered by NA W. Martindale, General Investigative Division.

The scratch pad of blank paper was examined for indented writing and watermarks with negative results. The hand printed word "CETERFICATE" appears on the cover of this pad. Although a number of hand printing similarities were noted in this word when compared with Ray's hand printing indicating it was possibly prepared by subject, limited nature of this hand printing preclades definite identification of Ray as author of this hand printing. The five handkerchiefs were examined for visible and invisible laundry marks but none were found. Regarding the Witinauer wrist watch, the back of this watch was removed, no serial number was found on the movement, no foreign material was found and no evidence watch had been subjected to repair. The four test buliets and four cartridge cases from a .38 Special caliber "Liberty Chief" revolver, serial number 715, were compared with all similar specimens in the Mational Unidentified Ammunition File without effecting an identification.

The TWA message slip was examined for intent fingerprints.
Two latents of value were developed but these are not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray. It was also determined that writing on this slip was not

Enclosure

2 - Legat, Ottawa Enclosures (8)

2 - Legat, London Enclosures (3) (88-72)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

FMD:mb (15)

London tost bullets 1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen(Mr. Long)
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Mr. Trotter (Mr. Latona) 1 - Mr. Jevons
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Lab Files
6/28/88

Airtel

To:

EAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From

Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURRIN

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The TWA message slip was examined for latent fingerprints.
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Enclosure

2 - Legat, Ottawa Enclosures (8)

1 - Legat, London Enclosures (8) (88-72)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

FMD:mb (15)

Airtel to Memphis Murkin 44-38881

prepared by James Barl Bay. A copy of referenced incoming communication is attached for information of Mamphis. The four test bullets and four cartridge: cases are being forwarded herewith to Legat, Ottawa, for appropriate delivery to BOMP for comparison with any unidentified bullets they may have. The scratch pad, five handkerchiefs, wrist watch and TWA message slip are being forwarded herewith to Legat, London, for return to Scotland Tard. Report follows.

Mr. Conrad

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN

Legat London by airtel 6/24/68 and personally delivered by SA W. Martindale, General Investigative Division, submitted the following items of property taken from personal effects of James Earl Ray for Laboratory examination.

- 1. A scratch pad of blank paper. This pad was examined for indented writing and watermarks with negative results. The hand printed word "CETERFICATE" appears on the cover of this pad. Although a number of hand printing similarities were noted in this word when compared with Ray's hand printing indicating that it was possibly prepared by the subject, the limited nature of this hand printing precludes a definite identification of Ray as the author of this hand printing.
- 2. One clean and four soiled handkerchiefs. These items were examined for visible and invisible laundry marks but none were found.
- 3. A Wittnauer wrist watch. The back of this watch was removed, no serial number was found on the movement, no foreign material was found and there was no evidence the watch had been subjected to repair.
- 4. Four test bullets and four eartridge cases from a .38 Special "Liberty Chief" revolver (subject's revolver). These items were searched in the National Unidentified Ammunition File without effecting an identification.

1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long. 2260)

1 - Mr. Trotter (Mr. Latona)

1 - Mr. Conrad

1 - Mr. Griffith

1 Mr. Mortimer

l - Lab Files

1 - Mr. Jevons

FMD:mb (9)

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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad

Re: MURKIN

In addition, a TWA message slip was submitted for latent fingerprint examination. The Identification Division has advised that two latent fingerprints of value were developed on the slip but are not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray. This slip bears handwritten message addressed to "Mr. Yarum Chandra Dutt" as follows: "Mr. Ray to meet you at T.W.A. ticket deak." It has been determined that this writing was not prepared by James Earl Ray.

The test bullets and cartridge cases from the subject's revolver are being expeditiously forwarded to Legat, Ottawa, for appropriate RCMP comparison. All other submitted items mentioned are being expeditiously returned to Legat, London, for return to Scotland Yard.

ACTION: None. For information.

6/24/08

ATHTEL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

LEGAT, LONDON (88-72)

PROTECTIVE THIRD ALENCY On 6/21/68 AMEDUR J. MANUS and his son, who practices law with him, visited where they saw a No have been advised in confidence that MANUS requested an interview with RAY and was told he could not see him. He was asked the source of his fee and replied that he expected to collect his fee from PAY. When he was teld that RAY is practically without funds, he apparently Los interest in seeing him and requested that RAY be given him to business card, on the back of which he wrote, "Dear Mr. Encyd. We made an effort to see you but will see you immediately upon arrival in the USA."

In the transistor radio in the possession of RAY at the time of his arrest was a torn piece of paper janued against the battery, apparently to hold the battery right. This paper has parts of notations, apparently in MAY's bandwriting, as follows: "Consul for ", "Then Writ" "Portuguese know about" "MERIUND". It would appear likely that these notes pertain to RAY's efforts to go to Africa as a newcomary. has determined that "MERIUND" is meanTagless to IAN COLVIN and Major WICKS.

IAN COLVIN has advised that the organization in Brussels known as CHISP, which is mentioned in COLVIN's previously submitted statement, is a research organization that attempts to keep track of moreonaries in Africa. COLVIN'S mention to RAY of CREEP and M. JEAR GIRLED-LIEDORS, who is connected with CRESP, was in the context of suggesting a possible means of locating NAY's brother whom NAY had alleged was a mercenary in Angola and missing. In this regard it is noted that COLYEH did not provide RAY with the address of the above individual or organization.

3 - Eurgau (Enc. 2) 1 - Linison (direct)

1 - London

BLH: vv

PROTECTING THIRD RENCY

It was alleged that when RAY left the Pax Hetel on the morning of his arrest he carried a small flight bag over his shoulder and no other luggage. When arrested he had no luggage, baving already checked one suitease to Brussels. This suitease was recovered by than is a square, plaid, fabric zipper bag semewhat larger than the usual "two-suiter".

baggage rooms and lockers in London without locating any luggage identifiable with RAY. All indications are that at the time of his arrest RAY was on his way to Brussels for the purpose of making the necessary contacts to go to Africa as a mercenary and it would therefore seem unlikely the he was leaving-anything of value behind.

An examination of RAY's airline tickets was that the number of pieces and weight of luggage was not aftered on the ticket for the flight from Torento to London. From London to Lisbon he checked one piece weighing 12 hilos (3.46 pounds). On the return flight from Lisbon to London he checked one piece weighing 15 hilos (33.07 pounds); and on the intended flight to Brusnels he checked one piece weighing 13 kilos (28.66 pounds). has advised that his bag in its present condition weighs 28 pounds and 12 ounces. A raincest he was carrying when arrested weighs an additional two pounds. Articles removed from his bag for his use in prison, not counting what he actually weeks, consist of a suit, a shirt, a pair of socks, an undershirt and a pair of shorts, having a total estimated weight of 3 pounds.

fail to take time to precisely weigh luggage unless overweight charges are involved (the allowance is 20 kilos) and they often estimate the weight while the scale is fluctuating. This could readily account for an error of one or two kilos. It is noted that his raincoat may have been in the suitcase on the flight from Lisben to London; therefore it is not apparent that any of his personal effects are missing.

The Atlantic edition of "TIME" Magazine, 6/21/68, has been withdrawn from sale in England because of an article on Pages 22-23 captioned "MAX's Odd Odyssey." This article includes details of the subject's prior criminal activities as well as a detailed summary of this case and his activities since July, 1967. Publication of such raterial concerning a defendant under pending charges is strictly prohibited by Eritish law.

PROTERTING THIAD AGENCY

In removing outdoted messages from their bulletin board at Moothrow International Airport, London, TWA noted that one of their message forms, dated 5/28/68, at 8:00 AM, was addressed to Mr. YANUL CHANDRA DUTT, Flight 700 on 5/27/68, advising DUTT that "Mr. MAY will meet you at TWA ticket desk." believes that the message is in the handwriting of a TWA employee but all TWA employees have been contacted without identifying the person taking the message and without developing any information concerning DUTT, "Mr. NAY" or the subject.

TWA Flight 700 is from Kennedy Airport, New York, to London. The name DUTT does not appear on the passenger list of Flight 700 on 5/27/68 and no record could be found of DUTT's arrival in London.

examined for latent fingerprints to be compared with the subject's fingerprints. Also enclosed is the passenger list for TWA Flight 700, 5/27/68. New York should check with TWA for any information regarding DUTT and determine if he has any connection with the subject. Since DUTT is an uncommon have, apparently of Indian or Fakistani erigin, INS records should also be checked.

The following items of property have been taken from the subject's personal effects and are being separately submitted for Laboratory examination:

031/6

(1) A scratch pad to be examined for indented writing.

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(2) One clean and several soiled handkerchiefs to be examined for flourescent laundry marks.

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(4) Test bullets fired from subject's revolver to be checked against any available bullets receivered from unsolved crimes.

- The above property, with the exception of the test bullets, should be immediately returned to Legat, London for

London 83-72

PROTECTIONS THIRD AGENCY

return to The test bullets should be forwarded Legat, Ottawa, for appropriate NCMP comparison with any unidentified bullets they may have.

Message for the throng Administration of the throng Administration of the throng Administration of the throng through the through
Mr. Ray to meet you at T.W.A. Ticket Desk.
TIME OROO DATE The May

6/5/63

Mr. Conrad

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN CR PROTECTIVE THIRD ASENCY

As has been set forth in detail in prior memoranda the have located a passport application in Toronto in the name "Ramon George sneyd" dated April 16, 1883. There is a photograph of "Sneyd" taken April 11, althou to certain of the papers and the photograph strongly resembles subject James Earl Ray. We have compared, with known writing of James Larl Ray, the hand printing on a letter directed by "Sneyd" to a travel agency in Toronto together with the signatures appearing on the three documents cubmitted in connection with passport application and have found that these were prepared by subject Ray. The General Investigative Division has been advised and a teletype is being sent to Legat Ottawa, Themphis and to Lumble.

In addition, a portrait parle commarison has been made between the passport photograph of "Sneyd" and known photograph of the subject and although there are not enough individual characteristics to make a positive identification, the many similarities found a strengty suggest that passport photograph of "Sneyd" is actually a photograph of subject Ray.

ACTION: None. For information.

44-38861

1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Trotter

1 - Mr. Conrad

1 - Mr. Griffith

D. Mr. Mortimer

WDG:mb (8)

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

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

Subject: MURKIN

CR

00: Memphis

Re San Diego Teletype 5/31/68 requesting comparison of the questioned "William A. Narshall" material with signatures and fingerprints of JAMES HAROLD WARREN, FBI #4250617, and JACK WETHINGTON, FBI #616317C.

Because the available signatures of VARREN and WETHINGTON are not comparable with the "Marshall" signatures on Q343 and Q344, it could not be determined whether either of these individuals prepared the "Marshall" signatures.

latent results separate.

Laboratory report fellows.

1 - San Diego (44-387)

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)

JHM:AW (11)

1-Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long Rm. 2260) 1-Mr. Conrad 1-Mr. Griffith (1-Mr. Mortimer 5/24/68 1-Lab File

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reference Hemphis airtol 5/22/68 submitting envelope and letter received by Mayor of Memphis, and postmarked at Dallas, Texas.

Items submitted not identified in Anonymous Letter File and no identifying features noted thereon. Concluded these items not prepared by subject James Earl Ray, latent examination to be reported separately.

Reference Bureau airtel to Memphis 4/10/68 setting forth the interpretation of scratches on small radio (Q32) as being "00416." For possible interest of Memphis, it is noted that "00416" was the immate number of James Earl Ray at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

1 - Dallas

JHM:AW (10)

Mr. Conrad

May 22, 1968

1- The Trotte

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W. D. Griffith Angles of &

MURKIN CR

The Bureau has received an anonymous religious greeting card the envelope of which bears the postmark Hoboken, New Jersey, and is dated May 17, 1968. Attached to the greeting card is a "Miraculous" religious medal and a message on this card implies that subject James Karl Ray could be located at an address in Memphis, Tennessee.

The handwriting and hand printing appearing on the envelope and greeting card were searched in the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file, and no identifying features were noted on these two items which might indicate their immediate source.

The writings appearing on the envelope and greeting card were compared with the writings which have been submitted in connection with the MURKIN case but nothing of significance was noted.

The greeting card and envelope will be 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 (8)

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SACS SAN DIRGO (44-387) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RESDAIRTHL MAY SIXTEEN SUBMITTING CHECK AND DEPOSIT RECEIPT BOTH BEARING SIGNATURE "WILLIAM A. MARSHALL."

SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES INDICATE "MARSHALL" SIGNATURES PROBABLY NOT PREPARED BY SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. SOME VARIATIONS IN LIMITED QUESTIONED SIGNATURES PRECLUDED DEFINITE OPINION.

NO LATENTS ON CHECK. TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED ON DEPOSIT RECEIPT NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY, FBI NUMBER FOUR NAUGHT FIVE NINE FOUR TWO G.

CONFIRMING.

GJB:wgc (7)

1 - Rosen

2 - Mortimer Rm 7613 JB

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		Date: 5/16/68 PIA INTEXT
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	FROM:	SAN DIEGO (44-387)
	MURKIN.	
ļ	RE W	ILLIAM A. MARSHALL.
	ON M	AY FOURTEEN LAST AN INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAME WILLIAM
	A. MARSHA	LL DESCRIBED HEREAFTER SIGNED AN ESCROW CONTRACT
	TO PURCHA	SE A HOME AT BONITA, CALIFORNIA, FOR FIFTY THOUSAND
	DOLLARS G	IVING A PROMISSORY TYPE CHECK FOR FIVE THOUSAND
	DOLIARS A	ND INDICATED HE HAD A SIXTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR
	CERTIFIED	CHECK IN HIS HOTEL ROOM.
	MARS	HALL CIAIMED TO BE EMPLOYED FOR INTERNATIONAL
	HARVESTER	COMPANY, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, AND RECENTLY
	TRANSFERR	ED TO SAN DIEGO AREA. DESIRED HOUSE SO FAMILY
	COULD MOY	E FROM ILLINOIS TO SAN DIEGO.
	44-387 Approved: AWO:cjfSpec (1)	Sent M Per cial Agent in Charge

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PAGE TWO

ON SAME AFTERNOON MARSHALL ATTEMPTED TO PURCHASE AN AUTO AT CHUIA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, DISPLAYING ESCROW CONTRACT AND ADVISED HE DESIRED HIS WIFE TO SEE AUTO AND IN VIEW OF ESCROW CONTRACT SHOWING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR DEPOSIT SALESMAN GAVE MARSHALL KEYS TO HIS CAR DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER IN APB AND MARSHALL HAS NOT RETURNED CAR.

VARIOUS WITNESSES WHO WERE IN COMPANY OF MARSHALL FOR

UP TO THREE HOURS STATE MARSHALL

IDENTICAL JAMES EARL RAY. ONE PERSON POSITIVE OF IDENT.

TWO OTHERS SAY RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN PHOTOS AND MARSHALL.

FOLLOWING APB COVERING STATE OF CALIFORNIA TRANSMITTED:

"WANTED. UNKNOWN SUBJECT ALSO KNOWN AS WILLIAM A.

MARSHALL, WHITE, MALE, AMERICAN, FORTY TO FORTYFIVE, FIVE

FEET NINE, ONE SIX FIVE TO ONE EIGHT ZERO LBS., DARK HAIR,

FAIR TO MEDIUM COMPLEXION, DRIVING SIXTYSEVEN PLYMOUTH FURY

ILL CONVERTIBLE, GOLD COLOR, BLACK TOP, CALIFORNIA LICENSE

UTW ONE ZERO TWO, VIN P M TWO SEVEN F SEVEN FOUR TWO THREE

EIGHT TWO ZERO EIGHT. AUTO OBTAINED BY UNSUB, CHULA VISTA,

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	(Priority)
	SD 44-387
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	DANGEROUS."
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	INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.
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Special Agent in Charge

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TELETYPE

URGENT

1-Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long
2260)
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Griffith
6/5/68 (1-Mr. Mortimer
1-Lab File
1-Foreign
Liaison

TO SACS, MEMPHIS (44-1987) BUFFALO (44-374) LEGAT, OTTAWA

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN: CR

PHOTOCOPY OF HAND PRINTED NOTE ALONG WITH PHOTOGRAPH AND PALM PRINT. CONSIDERING THE RAMON GEORGE SNEYD SIGNATURES ON THE THREE ITEMS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY LEGAT, OTTAWA IN CONJUNCTION WITH PASSPORT APPLICATION OF SNEYD ALONG WITH AND SIGNATURE THE HAND PRINTING/ON THE NOTE REFERRED TO ABOVE AS A UNIT, IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THIS QUESTIONED MATERIAL WAS PREPARED BY SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. RESULTS OF THE FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION WILL BE FURNISHED SEPARATELY. LABORATORY REPORT FOLLOWS.

JHM:AW (8)

Mr. McGowan, 2712
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
Mr. Mortimer
5/18/66

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TO SAC, MEMPIES (44-1987)
FROM DERECTOR, FEE (44-38861)

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EXAMINATION OF THREE TWENTY DOLLAR PEDERAL RESERVE NOTES,
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OF THESE TERRE ITEMS TO THE MEMPIES DIVISION. INASMUCE AS
THE THREE TWENTY DOLLAR NOTES ARE IN POSSESSION OF MEMPIES,
MEMPIES IS INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT LOCAL OFFICE OF THE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE AUTHENTICITY OF THESE
TTEMS.

NOTE: Instructions to Memphis coordinated with Supervisor Long, General Investigative Division.

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5/13/68

Mr. Conrad

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN

By teletype Friday, 5/10/68, Washington Field Office (WFO) proposed to the Bureau a program involving review of the files of the Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, in an effort to identify a possible passport application that may have been made by the subject in a name other than his own or known aliases he has used. Such a review would involve examinations of photographs appearing on the applications, typewriting, possibly hand printing and the amount of script involved in the applicant's signature. Such a program involves literally thousands of documents. General Investigative Division has approved this program.

WFO has requested the Laboratory's assistance in preparing a packet of writings, typewriting and photograph suitable for issue to each Agent participating in the survey that would facilitate the search. This material has been prepared along with a chart pointing out the more unusual characteristics involved in the handwriting, hand printing and typewriting attributed to the subject. In addition, Supervisor James H. Mortimer has met with members of the squad distributed the requested material, described and explained the characteristics they should look for and answered questions posed by them. WFO has been instructed that any applications selected by virtue of this screening should be promptly submitted to the Laboratory for an examination by our experts. Attached is one set of photographs depicting the material furnished to WFO Agents.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

Enclosure

44-38861

l - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

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May 3, 1968

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MURKIN CR

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

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

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

Recommendation: None, For information.

1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. Deleach

1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long 2960)

1 - Mr. Conrad

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Mr. Conrad

May 2, 1968

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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.

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URGENT

TO SAC NEW ORLEADS (157-10673) FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER SIX EIGHT THREE FOUR FOR SCOTT NORDAL AND NINE CANDLELIGHT INN REGISTRATION CARDS AND NOLET APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST SUBMITTING COURT OF TWO SISTERS EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION: FOR SCOTT NORDAL AND SLIP OF PAPER FROM NORDAL'S HOTEL ROOM. NORDAL CONSIDERED A LOOK-ALKE FOR SUBJECT RAY.

SIGNATURE OF NORDAL ON EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION NOT IDENTICAL WITH HANDWRITING OF RAY. HAND PRINTING ON NORDAL ITEMS NOT IDENTICAL WITH HAND PRINTING ON ITEMS RECEIVED IN THIS CASE UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT. NO HAND PRINTING OF RAY AVAILABLE FOR COMPARISON.

DIFFERENCES INDICATE CANDLELIGHT INM REGISTRATION

CARDS NOT EXECUTED BY NORDAL OR RAY BUT LACK OF COMPARABLE

ENOWN WRITINGS PRECLUDE DEFINITE OPINION. NO FINGERPRINT CARDS

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TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS MURKIN 44-38861

LOCATED FOR SCOTT NORDAL. AVAILABLE WRITING OF WALTER TERRY RIFE CONSISTS OF SIGNATURES ON FINGERPRINT CARDS WHICH ARE NOT COMPARABLE WITH SUBMITTED MATERIAL AND, THEREFORE, NO MEANINGFUL COMPARISON COULD BE MADE.

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FURNISHED SEPARATELY.

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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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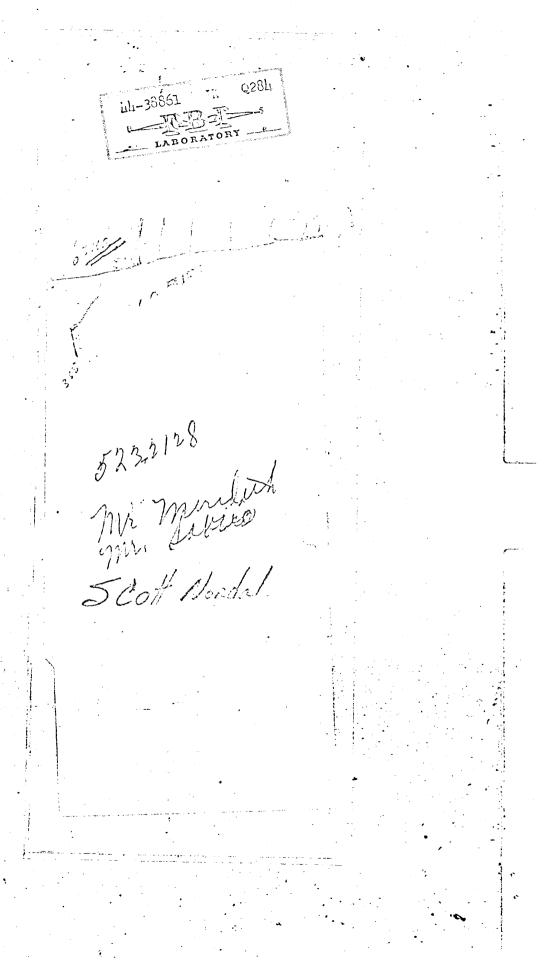
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DIRECTOR, FBI

(ATTN: FBI LAB)

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

Re: SCOTT NORDAL (LCOKALIKE)

The following items are being submitted under separate cover:

- 1) Copy of application blank dated 3/24/68 for individual known as SCOTT NORDAL for employment.
 - 2) One piece white paper approximately 2 by 4.1

Item 1 was obtained from the Court of Two Sisters, New Orleans, where NORDAL worked as a waiter through 4/13/68 and picked up his final pay check on 4/15/68.

Item number 2 was obtained from the room he occupied at 623 Royal St. until 4/17/68.

The Bureau is requested to examine both specimens for latent fingerprints and to conduct handwriting comparisons. Any evidence developed should be compared with the fingerprints and handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI number 455 8766. Advise Memphis and New Orleans of results.

The Court of Two Sisters have requested that item 1 be returned to them when comparison complete.

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1 - Memphis (Info)
2 - New Orleans
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NO 157-10673

For the information of the Laboratory, the known handwriting of the individual using the name SCOTT NORDAL appears on the top half of the registration slip from the Chalmette Hotel and all writing on the bottom half and reverse side of this card was written by the night clerk at this hotel.