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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 19, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560791 JK

Specimens received 4/15/68

K63 Nineteen photocopies of checks, numbers 114 through 132, and photocopy of registration card, number 18-2101262, bearing purported known handwriting of ROBERT BORSARI (printed from submitted roll of 35 millimeter Panatomic-X film)

ALSO SUBMITTED: Photocopy of bank statement of ROBERT BORSARI (printed from submitted film)

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on items submitted in this case were not prepared by ROBERT BORSARI, K63.

Specimens K63 has been retained.

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

MURKIN

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM, TARRANT CITY
BRANCH, OPENED AN ACCOUNT FEBRUARY SIXTEEN LAST FOR A PERSON
NAMED ROBERT BORSARI, ONE SIX ZERO SIX JACKSON BOULEVARD,
TARRANT, ALABAMA, WITH A DEPOSIT OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY
DOLLAR CHECK ON REDKEN LABORATORIES, INC., VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA.
THE ADDRESS HE GAVE IS THAT OF JOHN GALLAWAY WHO RUNS
JACKSON'S SHOE SHOP, TARRANT. GALLAWAY DESCRIBED AS BEING
ECCENTRIC AND MAY HAVE MENTAL PROBLEMS INTRODUCED BORSARI
TO THE BANK TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT. DUE TO RECENT NEWSPAPER
PUBLICITY, BANK TELLER PREPARING TO MAIL CANCELLED CHECKS
AND STATEMENT TO BORSARI THOUGHT THE CANCELLED CHECKS MIGHT
INDICATE BORSARI TO BE A SUSPECT. SEVERAL CHECKS PAYABLE
TO AIRLINES, ONE PAYABLE TO HOTEL IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA,
MARCH FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, ONE TO A SUPER STORE, WALNUT
RIDGE, ARKANSAS, APRIL TWO, SIXTYEIGHT, NEWPORT MOTEL,
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NEWPORT, ARKANSAS, APRIL THREE, WALRIDGE MOTEL, WALNUT RIDGE, ARKANSAS, APRIL FOUR, AND HOLIDAY INN, LITTLE ROCK, APRIL FIVE, THESE DATES BEING NEAR OR AT TIME OF MURDER AND LOCATION NOT FAR FROM MEMPHIS.

REVIEW OF CHECKS ALSO SHOWS THAT ON MARCH TWENTYNINE, SIXTYEIGHT, BORSARI PAID DELTA AIRLINES AT BIRMINGHAM TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS AND ON MARCH THIRTY AT BIRMINGHAM PAID DELTA AIRLINES TWENTY DOLLARS. THIS INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED AS BEING TWENTYSIX TO TWENTYSEVEN YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT OR NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, LONG BROWN HAIR.

FILM CONTAINING PHOTOGRAPH OF CANCELLED CHECKS AND ACCOUNT'S SIGNATURE CARD BEING FORWARDED BY AIRTEL TO FBI LABORATORY FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISON PURPOSES.

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CC: Mr. Conrad

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Re Dallas airtel of 4/13/68.

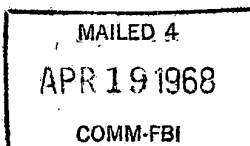
15. The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of James Allen Smith, FBI #731553D. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Smith.

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1 - Mr. Rosen

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April 19, 1968

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MR. TOLSON ✓
MR. DELOACH ✓
MR. MOHR ✓
MR. BISHOP ✓
MR. CASPER ✓
MR. CALLAHAN
MR. CONRAD
MR. FELT
MR. GALE ✓
MR. ROSEN ✓
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APRIL 19, 1968

Attorney General Ramsey Clark announced today that the FBI has identified James Earl Ray, an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary, as Eric Starvo Galt, against whom a Federal complaint was filed last Wednesday in connection with the fatal shooting of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Director J. Edgar Hoover said that a systematic and exhaustive search of latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against the fingerprints of the over 53,000 persons for whom "Wanted Notices" have been posted in the files of the FBI's Identification Division led to the determination that Galt and Ray are identical.

Mr. Hoover said that Ray, who is 40 years of age, was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, since April 23, 1967. He had been received at that institution on March 17, 1960, to serve a 20-year sentence following conviction in St. Louis for armed robbery and for operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner.

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In September, 1966, while serving this sentence, he was confined for a time in the Maximum security ward at the State Hospital at Fulton, Missouri.

According to Mr. Hoover, Ray has a known arrest record dating back to 1949. Prior to the 1960 conviction for which he received the 20-year term, Ray had been convicted of burglary in Los Angeles, California, in 1949; armed robbery in Chicago, Illinois, in 1952; and forging United States Postal Money Orders in Missouri in 1955.

He has served terms in the Los Angeles County Jail in 1949; in State Prisons at Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, in 1952-54; and in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1955-58.

Ray was an enlisted man in the United States Army from February, 1946, to December, 1948, at which time he was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service. While in the Army, he received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest.

Mr. Hoover said that during his criminal career, Ray has also used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner. He is a white male; claims to have

been born [redacted] in Illinois; is approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs about 163 to 174 pounds. He has blue eyes and brown hair. There is a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand.

Ray has claimed that he attended school through the 10th grade in Alton, Illinois. He has had the reputation of being a "drifter" since leaving school. His vocational experience includes working as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

In connection with his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary, an FBI complaint was filed in Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 20, 1967, charging Ray with unlawfully fleeing from the State of Missouri to avoid confinement. He has been a Federal fugitive since then.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone having information concerning him should immediately contact FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C., or the nearest FBI office.

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