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(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

③-Bureau (Enc. 4) **ENCLOSURE**  
2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each)  
2-Kansas City  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

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(OO:ME)

Re Bureau airtel to Knoxville April 22, 1968, Bureau letter to Atlanta, May 2, 1963 entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; JERRY L. MABRY, Jr. - VICTIM; CR" and Knoxville airtel to Bureau dated April 6, 1966 entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; OFFICERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND CATOOSA COUNTY, GA. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS; JERRY LEON MABRY - VICTIM; CR".

RE: JERRY LEON MABRY, Jr. -  
COMPLAINANT

The referenced Civil Rights cases of 1963 and 1966 concerns allegations of JERRY LEON MABRY, Jr. to the effect his rights were violated in his being removed from Tennessee to Georgia for commitment to the Georgia State Hospital, Milledgeville, Ga., a mental institution, without the benefit of removal hearing.

On May 8, 1963, BOB ROLLINS, Ordinary, Catoosa County, Ringgold, Georgia, advised MABRY had been committed to the Georgia State Hospital almost a year previously, but had been released to his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. BEN BRIGHT, Ringgold, Ga. BEN BRIGHT on May 8, 1963, informed that his stepson, MABRY, was in need of psychiatric treatment.

- ③ - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (Info)  
2 - Knoxville

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TO: DIRECTOR (100-441100)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-157000)

RE: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
APRIL 4, 1968, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE  
CIVIL RIGHTS - RACIAL MATTERS

NY 100-157000 (P)  
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10-15-83 BY 60322 UCBAW

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK, APRIL 26, 1968  
RE: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
APRIL 4, 1968, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE  
CIVIL RIGHTS - RACIAL MATTERS

(100-441100)

NY 100-157000

TO: DIRECTOR (100-441100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-157000)

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At the time of the complaint in 1966, JERRY LEON MABRY, Jr. informed Agents he had been in a mental institution several times in the past and has received shock treatments. He described his mental condition as "Schizophrenic Reaction Chronic of Undifferentiated Type".

During 1967 and 1968, JERRY LEON MABRY, Jr. has appeared at the Chattanooga Resident Agency on numerous occasions. His speech was very incoherent and almost on each occasion left some type of "junk mail".

An acquaintance of MABRY, JOHN L. BOND, Jr., a local businessman on April 15, 1968, advised MABRY is mentally incompetent and he, BOND, is presently in the process of attempting to have him re-committed to a mental institution.

In view of the above, no effort is being made to locate and interview MABRY, UACB.

VIA TELETYPE

APR 23 1968

ENCIPHERED

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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11-36AM URGENT 4-23-68 NJZ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) PLAINTEXT

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE LATENTS  
IN FOLLOWING CASES WITH KNOWN FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY.  
CASES ARE SET OUT BY LATENT CASE NUMBER.

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EIGHT ZERO FIVE ZERO NINE.

EIGHT TWO ZERO TWO SEVEN.

EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT ONE NINE.

NINE ZERO THREE ZERO SEVEN.

ABOVE LATENT CASE NUMBERS REFLECT LOS ANGELES ORIGIN CASES  
OCCURRING SINCE APRIL TWENTY-THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN,  
WHEREIN UNSUB IN SOME WAY RESEMBLES PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF  
RAY.

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MKP

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CC-MR. ROSEN

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To: SAC's, Los Angeles (44-1574)  
Memphis (44-1987)

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 2143

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Re Los Angeles teletypes 4/20/68, and 4/23/68.

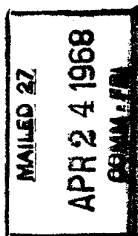
Fingerprints James Earl Ray, FBI #406942C, not identical latent fingerprint previously reported in case entitled "Unsub.; U. S. National Bank, Buena Park Branch, 6301 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California, 11/22/67; BR," Bufile #91-28587, latent case #87819.

No palm prints here for Ray for comparison latent palm print previously reported latent case #87819 and case entitled "Unsub.; First Western Bank, Compton Office, 1701 Long Beach Boulevard, Compton, California, 2/28/68; BR," Bufile #91-29482, latent case #90307.

No latent prints of value reported in other three bank robbery cases named in Los Angeles teletype of 4/23/68.

Fingerprints of Ray compared with remaining latent fingerprints in bank robbery section of National Unidentified Latent File, but no identification effected.

1 - Birmingham (44-1740)  
1 - Kansas City (44-760)



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DeLoach 1 - Mr. Rosen  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop 1 - Bufile (91-26962)  
Casper 1 - Bufile (91-27086)  
Callahan 1 - Bufile (91-27226)  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt 1 - Bufile (91-28587)  
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Rosen 1 - Bufile (91-29482)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231-264)

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CR  
(OO:ME)RE: SUSPECT DENNIS A. HOLT

ReNYtel to TP, 4/22/68.

City and telephone directories, Clearwater, Fla., reflect DENNIS A. HOLT, 3262 San Pedro, Clearwater, telephone #726-2348, is operator of Holt Motors, 2107 U. S. Highway 19 South, Clearwater, telephone #531-2939 and 531-3162.

Pretext inquiry at Holt Motors reflected that HOLT is on vacation and is not expected to return for possibly one week.

Mrs. DENNIS A. HOLT, 3262 San Pedro, Clearwater, advised that her husband departed from Miami on Thursday, April 18, 1968, accompanied by a minister and possibly another individual to serve as an interpreter, en route to Brazil and other parts of South America in connection with missionary work. Mrs. HOLT observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, and stated that he does not bear even a remote resemblance to her husband.

- ③ - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Miami (Info)  
1 - New York (Info)  
1 - Tampa  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442100)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

RE: [Illegible]

1. [Illegible]

2. [Illegible]

3. [Illegible]

4. [Illegible]

5. [Illegible]

6. [Illegible]

7. [Illegible]

8. [Illegible]

TP 157-3231-264

Miss PATTY LANIER, Pinellas Co. SO, Clearwater, advised that DENNIS ALVIN HOLT was arrested 3/30/67 on request of Manatee County, Fla. No charge shown. She said that HOLT, Pinellas County SO #54008, is described as a white male, born [redacted] Clearwater, Fla., 5'11", 160 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, residence 3262 San Pedro, Clearwater. She said HOLT was fingerprinted at the time and return was received from the Identification Division of the FBI indicating no prior record.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re San Diego teletype, 4/24/68.

FBI Identification Record of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI No. 405 942 G, shows that RAY was incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, from 7/7/55 until 1958. Therefore, could not be identical person by same name residing in Dallas, in 1956 and 1957.

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2-San Diego  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
1-Kansas City  
2-Dallas  
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G. C. Bishop

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DESPATCH: MAFKIA  
 FROM: SAC, BOSTON (65-874) (P)  
 TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-8606)

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LOS ANGELES

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) (4P)

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FOR INFO LOS ANGELES, DEPUTY SHERIFF RAY STOCK, COCONINO COUNTY SO, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, RECEIVED PHONE CALL TWO TWENTY AM, APRIL TWENTY, LAST, FROM ANONYMOUS MALE WHO STATED HE HAD DONE STATE TIME WITH RAY, AKA GALT. CALLER ALSO SAID HE HAD DONE FEDERAL TIME AT TEXARKANA, TEXAS, WITH ONE DAVID WILSON, WHO LATER MARRIED FLAGSTAFF GIRL WHOSE BROTHER OR SISTER WAS NAMED HERNANDEZ. CALLER STATED RAY AND WILSON HAD DONE TIME TOGETHER AND THAT DAY OR TWO PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION OF KING, CALLER MET WILSON ABOARD PLANE FROM

- 1 - Bureau (AM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- 1 - Little Rock (157-1215) (AM)
- 1 - Dallas (44-2649) (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (AM)
- 1 - Jacksonville (44-769) (AM)
- 1 - Phoenix

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- ZOIT00 (98-100) (WK)
- ZOOBRO BONY (TEL-1010) (WK)
- Newborty (98-100) (WK)
- WFOU00 (WK)

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FROM: PG WHIX (97-347) (42)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) (PRIORITY)

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PHOENIX TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN, AT WHICH TIME WILSON HAD TICKET TO NASHVILLE, TENN., AND WAS ENROUTE MEMPHIS. CALLER STATED HE HEARD LATER THAT RAY WAS IN MEMPHIS AT THAT TIME BUT CALLER DID NOT KNOW FOR SURE. CALLER STATED WILSON WANTED TO GET EVEN WITH RAY FOR SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED IN PENITENTIARY, THAT WILSON HATES "NIGGERS" AND THAT WILSON WAS IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA "NOW." CALLER AGREED TO PHONE BACK IN THIRTY MINUTES TO TALK TO FBI AGENT BUT NO CALL RECEIVED.

INVESTIGATION AT FLAGSTAFF IDENTIFIED DAVID L. WILSON, BORN [REDACTED], AT WESTBURN, TENN., SIX FEET THREE, ONE NINETY POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, FBI NO. SEVEN TWO NINE TWO FOUR TWO C. ONE XEROX COPY EACH OF PHOENIX TELS TO BUREAU, ET AL, DATED APRIL TWENTYONE AND TWENTYTWO, LAST, CONTAINING RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH WILSON AND HIS WIFE, EDNA WILSON, BEING FURNISHED LOS ANGELES AIRMAIL.

EDNA WILSON, WIFE OF DAVID L. WILSON, LISTENED TO TAPE OF ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL AND STATED SHE HAS HEARD VOICE BEFORE AND BELIEVES SAME POSSIBLY THAT OF HER FORMER HUSBAND,

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RICHARD HARRELL. HARRELL IDENTIFIED AS RICHARD B. HARRELL, FBI NUMBER SEVEN FIVE ONE ONE NINE FIVE A AND HIS IDENTIFICATION RECORD REFLECTS LAST ARREST SEPTEMBER TEN, LAST, BY SO, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, NO. TWO THREE FOUR SIX NINE, ON CHARGE HIT AND RUN (PROPERTY) WITH DISPOSITION "SIXTY DAYS SUSPENDED, TWO YEARS NLV." SECOND LAST ARREST WAS BY SO, RIVERSIDE, CAL., THEIR NO. A DASH NINE SIX SEVEN SIX NINE, JUNE FOURTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, FOR BATTERY AND FAILURE TO APPEAR,, DISPOSITION BEING TEN DAYS SUSPENDED AND FINES OF FIFTYSIX DOLLARS AND TWENTYNINE DOLLARS. HE WAS ALSO ARRESTED BY SO, RIVERSIDE, UNDER NO. A EIGHT THREE FIVE EIGHT FIVE ON JANUARY TWENTY, SIXTYSEVEN, FOR DRUNK, FINED SEVENTEEN DOLLARS.

LOS ANGELES AT SAN LUIS OBISPO AND RIVERSIDE, CAL., INSTITUTE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE HARRELL FOR INTERVIEW RE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO LOS ANGELES, DAVID WILSON WAS IN FLORIDA STATE PRISON, RAIFORD, FLA., NOVEMBER TWENTYONE, FIFTYEIGHT, TO APRIL SIX, SIXTY, AND EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ONE

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CLARENCE CLARK AT THAT PRISON DURING THAT PERIOD NEGATIVE.

MEMPHIS, LITTLE ROCK, DALLAS, KANSAS CITY, AND  
JACKSONVILLE ADVISED AIRMAIL. Armed and Dangerous  
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Special Agent in Charge

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To: SAC's, Philadelphia (44-1368)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Philadelphia teletype 4-18-68.

*W*  
Remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and latent impressions (finger or palm prints) previously reported this case not identical fingerprints William Edward Galt, U. S. Air Force service #24731839; Frederick Walter Galt, U. S. Air Force service #12323135, or with fingerprints of a John Joseph Thomas Willard, white male, born [redacted] at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U. S. Civil Service Commission #16-59-26363, who may be same as John J. T. Willard named in referenced teletype. No palm prints here for these individuals. *e*

No fingerprint record located here for a John E. Willard with U. S. Army service #52182432, or a John G. Willard with U. S. Army service #53204680.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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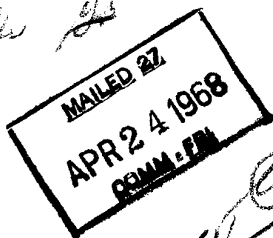
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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DeLoach*

DATE: April 24, 1968 *uap*

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Martindale  
1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. McDonough  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Trotter

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1 - COPIES MADE, DATE 5/4/78 BY  
R.B.C./SS. RE *M.L.King, Jr.*  
FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND/OR DELIVERY  
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5/3/78  
(SEE BUFILE 62-117200)

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Jerry William Ray, subject's brother, advised that Ray might contact his uncle, William E. Maher, a painting contractor residing at Alton, Illinois. Ray has stayed with this uncle in the past and Jerry Ray expressed the opinion that Maher is the only relative Ray would contact. *e*

William E. Maher has been interviewed and stated that prior to Ray's entry into the Army he worked at a shoe tannery in Hartford, Illinois, where he became associated with an individual who had pro-Nazi leanings; Ray became anti-Negro and anti-Jewish as a result. While in military service, Ray was stationed in Germany where his anti-Negro and anti-Jewish opinions crystallized. Maher said he last saw Ray ten or twelve years ago and to his knowledge Ray has not been in Alton since 1959 when he was involved in an armed robbery and sentenced to prison. Maher stated he could suggest no one in the Alton area acquainted with Ray or to whom Ray might turn for help.

Continuing investigation at Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, indicates Ray spent considerable time with Irma Morales, a prostitute, when he was there in October and November, 1967. Morales has been located in a small town near Guadalajara and furnished a photograph taken of Ray on 11/3/67.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

Morales related that on 10/29/67 she was in a bar with Ray and four Negroes were at a nearby table with several white people. Ray continuously insulted and goaded the Negroes and went to his car to obtain a pistol; Morales saw the handle of the gun in Ray's pocket. When the Negroes left, Ray said he wanted to go after them but Morales told him it was time for the police to check the bar. Ray said he wanted nothing to do with the police and there was no further incident.

Morales also advised that Ray wore dark glasses most of the time while he was in Puerto Vallarta. She last saw him 11/9/67 and has not heard from him since that time.

Raymond Louis Curtis, under life sentence for a Georgia murder, has previously stated he served time with Ray on three different occasions. Curtis also states Ray told Curtis he had engaged in burglaries and payroll jobs while operating out of Quincy, Illinois. Ray also claimed to have hoodlum contacts in Chicago, Detroit, Tampa and Tijuana. Curtis describes Ray as a good poker player and an excellent card handler. While in prison Curtis and Ray cheated fellow prisoners in crooked poker games.

It has previously been reported that Curtis alleged Ray had spoken of a \$1,000,000 bounty on King. Curtis also alleges that when President Kennedy was assassinated word came into the prison that there had been a bounty on the President's head. Curtis claims Ray said a dozen times that if he had been out of prison and had known about a bounty on the President, he would have collected it. Ray allegedly told Curtis a dozen times that if King was still alive when he got out of prison he would like to collect the bounty on King.

Jack Fox Lamphere, Warsaw, Missouri, stated upon interview that he knew Ray at Missouri State Penitentiary and that Ray was close to Jimmy Carpenter, a seventy-year-old con man who took care of Ray's debts in the prison yard. Ray often talked to Lamphere about his liking for the Rogue River area in Oregon. Portland is conducting appropriate investigation.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

We are continuing to vigorously pursue all possibilities of promptly locating Ray and all phases of the investigation are receiving top priority attention.

*Ryan* *P* *V* *St* *mm*

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F B I

Date: 4/24/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: *HM* SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)

SUBJECT: *M* MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
OO: ME

Re New York airtel to Bureau, 4/10/68.

After numerous unsuccessful efforts were made to contact and locate HAROLD F. PALMER, home address 1227 Laidlaw Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. PALMER was located and interviewed at his place of employment, U. S. Department of Public Health, Taft Engineering Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, on 4/24/68. Mr. PALMER advised he is employed by the U. S. Public Health Service as an engineer.

Mr. PALMER readily admitted that he wrote instant letter to the Subscription Department of the New York Times and at the bottom printed "THE KING IS DEAD". He explained the reason for printing this inscription "THE KING IS DEAD" at the bottom of the letter was a result of himself being overjoyed in hearing the news either a day or two before 4/1/68, that President LYNDON JOHNSON was removing himself from seeking re-election for President for the next four years.

Mr. PALMER said that he had written several other letters shortly after President JOHNSON made this announcement and also printed "THE KING IS DEAD" at the bottom of these letters.

C. C. - Bishop

- ③ - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Memphis (Info) (RM)  
1 - New York (Info) (RM)  
2 - Cincinnati

EX 110  
REC 1344-58761-2149

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Approved (7)

Special Agent in Charge

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DIVISION

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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

CI 157-1893

He denied that this had anything to do with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and fully understood the FBI's action in contacting him in this regard.

In view of the above, no further action is being taken by the Cincinnati Office.

F B I

Date: 4/25/68

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

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau Airtel, 4/17/68.

Referenced communication forwarded two copies of an anonymous communication postmarked 4/13/68 at Chicago, Illinois, dealing with an unknown man living in the Hall of Motels at Memphis, Tenn.

Review of Street Guide for the Memphis metropolitan area does not reveal a street named "Fealder." A listing of all motels in the Memphis metropolitan area does not list a motel by the name of "Hall of Motels." There are no streets in the Memphis metropolitan area that are similar in name or pronunciation to "Fealder." A listing of motels does not indicate a name anywhere similar to the "Hall of Motels."

No further investigation being conducted regarding this information.

3 - Bureau  
1 - Memphis  
RGJ:ME  
(4)

EX-115  
REC-40

Airtel.....  
Teletype.....  
A. M.....  
A. L. O.....  
Spec. Del.....  
Reg. Mail.....  
Registered.....

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APR 26 1968

E.C. Bishop

Approved: RGJ  
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMO:  
1 - MEMPHIS  
3 - BUREAU

REC-40

this information.

no further communication being considered regarding

same telephone starting to the name of "Hotel".  
after to "Hotel". A listing of hotels does not indicate a  
Memphis metropolitan area that also appears to name of "Hotel".  
on the name of "Hotel of Hotels". There are no records in the  
hotels in the Memphis metropolitan area does not list a hotel  
area does not reveal a street named "Hotel". A listing of all  
hotels of street names for the Memphis metropolitan

Memphis, Tenn.  
listing with an address and listing to the name of "Hotel" at  
Memphis communication requested 4/13/68 at Chicago, Illinois.  
referenced communication requested two copies of an

re Bureau letter, 4/11/68.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1981)  
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

WILLIAM

4/30/68

## MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

P 4-26-68

Bufile <b>44-38861</b>		Name of Subject <b>James Earl Ray, aka</b>		Date <b>4/25/68</b>
Fugitive Index # <b>121426</b>		Serial #		Subject Located
FBI # <b>405 942 G</b>		Other Identifying # <b>MSP 00416</b>		

Prosecution dismissed

Reason and/or by whom:

City \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Action to be taken

Cancel fugitive stops for Index \_\_\_\_\_ Cancel want in LEB \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Gen'l Fug \_\_\_\_\_ Add additional aliases \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SS \_\_\_\_\_ I. O. # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Deserter \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Fug Card **7/26/67**

Ident Memo Received ☒ Yes ☐ No

☐ Description

note Bufile has been changed to 44-38861

Change office of origin to Memphis.

Per BU tel 4/24/68

44-38861-

Remarks

NOT RECORDED

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: 4-25-68

Re: MURKIN

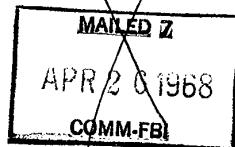
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MFO

Q204 - Q213

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- ☐ Document
- ☒ P & C
- ☐ Radio Engineering
- ☐ LFPS

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FBI File No.

44-38861

4-22-68

PC-A5694

70 MAY 13 1968

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: **4-25-68**

Re: **MURKIN**

TO: **SAC, Memphis (44-1987)**

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**K50 - K59**

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- ☐ LFPS

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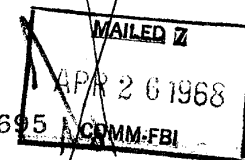
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**4-19-68**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE:

4-25-68

Re:

MURKIN

TO:

SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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WFC

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- ☐ Document
- ☒ P & C
- ☐ Radio Engineering
- ☐ LFPS

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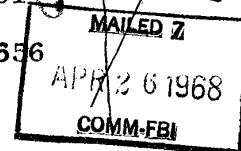
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PC-A5656



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE:

4-25-68

Re:

MURKIN

TO:

SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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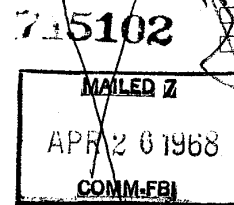
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FBI File No.

4-19-68

PC-A5693

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- ☐ Document
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- ☐ Radio Engineering
- ☐ LFPS



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: **4-25-68**

Re: **MURKIN**

TO: **SAC, Memphis (44-1987)**

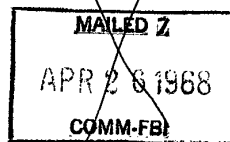
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**REGISTERED MAIL**



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: **4-25-68**

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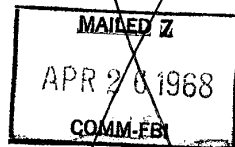
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: 4-25-68

Re: MURKIN

TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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Evidence picked up by James W. Normandy 4/26/68  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: 4-25-68

Re: MURKIN

TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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*Evidence picked up by James W Norman Jr 4/26/68  
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ALSO SUBMITTED

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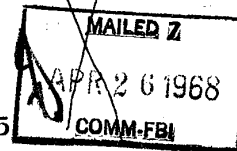
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