

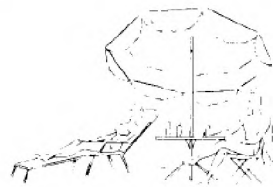
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"The Nation's Innkeeper"



REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

"YOUR HOST...FROM COAST TO COAST"



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Date: 5/8/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38816)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtel to Director, 5/1/68.

Reference communication furnished complete results of interview with CECIL CLAYTON LILLIBRIDGE (Conceal), which took place on 4/29/68, in the Cole County Jail, Jefferson City, Missouri, where LILLIBRIDGE was at that time incarcerated.

The following information is being set forth in the event the Bureau wished to put emphasis on this phase of the investigation. During interview LILLIBRIDGE stated he was a cell mate of subject at Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) in the latter part of 1966.

MSP record reveal LILLIBRIDGE in cell C-17 from 4/28/65 through 11/2/67. EARL JAMES RAY was in cell C-17 from 11/17/66 until 1/18/67. It is to be noted this is one of the few occasions RAY was not in a single cell.

LILLIBRIDGE recalled another inmate, KENNY HURTT, sent out \$15 for subject once purportedly for the purchase of stationery. LILLIBRIDGE said this money was sent to a stationery company in St. Louis, the name he could not recall but no stationery was ever received and RAY later told him it was just a method of getting money out of prison without the warden's knowledge.

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Prison record reveals KENNY HURTT, MSP #75507, on 1/20/67, sent a money order in the amount of \$15.25 to the Albert J. Pepper Stationery Company, 712A Shanendoah, St. Louis, Missouri. A review of the file reflects that

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ALBERT J. PEPPER is a relative of the subject.

LILLIBRIDGE advised that subject also had aspirations of making a big haul and retiring to Mexico. RAY had replied he had stayed with peasants in Mexico before on the outskirts of a town called Campeche, located on Campeche Bay near the Yucatan Peninsula. RAY had advised to LILLIBRIDGE he had gone to this location in Mexico at least twice in the past to cool off from robberies. Subject also stated to LILLIBRIDGE that he had earned money by smuggling in small appliances such as TVs, washing machines in fishing boats, which he sold to peasants, for a profit, who did not want to pay import duty. These appliances were smuggled in from Brownsville, Texas.

Teletype from San Antonio to Director, 5/6/68, advised that approximately 500 shrimp fishing vessels operate out of the Brownsville, Texas area, all of which fish southern Gulf area, including Bay of Campeche. Such boats usually rendezvous in shallow water area commonly known as Campeche Flats within sight of Campeche, Mexico. American seamen are not allowed in port of Campeche except on emergency basis but fishermen desiring to visit places of amusement can usually arrange so clandestinely through Mexicans operating small vessels, known as "bum boats" or "Cayuqueros", which bring women, liquor, marijuana, etc. out to shrimp boats from Campeche, Mexico in exchange for cash, shrimp boat equipment or anyother desired articles in possession of such fishermen.

LILLIBRIDGE also stated he had heard RAY refer to Dr. KING as "MARTIN LUTHER COON".

Reporter LEWIS LOMAX, North American Newspaper Alliance in press release dated 4/29/68, stated a phone booth used by RAY in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel had written on the wall "down with Mexicans, niggers and MARTIN LUTHER COON".

In view of the above and in view as much as the information furnished by LILLIBRIDGE, that could be checked, was found to be truthful, it is felt that an additional interview with LILLIBRIDGE should be conducted and the Bureau and Memphis are requested to send any suggestions or questions they feel would be pertinent during this interview. It is to be noted that LILLIBRIDGE will continue to be confined in the Cole County Jail until at least 5/16/68.

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

Re telephone calls by subject RAY enroute to New Orleans from Los Angeles and Dallas teletype to Bureau dated 4/30/68.

Re telephone call made from coin telephone at Alpine, Texas on 12/16/67, 6:09 PM, to telephone number 626-7559, Fort Worth, Texas.

MRS. INA M. JONES, widow of LEON JONES, 1956 Prairie Avenue, Fort Worth, has telephone number 626-7559. MRS. JONES is employed by Margos Dress Shop, 612 Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas. On May 3, 1968, MRS. JONES stated that her daughter, MRS. TROYANNA (LUCIANO) MALDONADO resides at Alpine, Texas where her son-in-law is attending Sul Ross College. She stated that she received a call from her daughter on 12/16/67. She examined the photograph of subject RAY and stated that she had never seen any individual resembling RAY and knew nothing about him.

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1 - Mr. Hudson

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TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN (Enclosures-2)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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S. H. 2/2/68

Re Ruth C. Jones - Complainant.

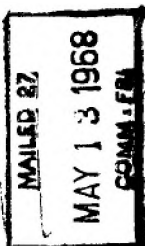
Enclosed for New Haven, Memphis and Miami are two copies of a letter from the above named individual dated 5/8/68, indicating that her son may be in possession of information regarding the subject. New Haven should immediately contact Mrs. Jones and her son to obtain all pertinent information. At time of interview with Mrs. Jones, orally acknowledged receipt of her letter.

1 - Memphis (Enclosures-2)

1 - Miami (Enclosures-2)

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MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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May 8, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover,

On April 3rd my son William set out for a hitch-hiking trip to Florida. His aim was to see Ft. Lauderdale. He is a college student at the Univ. of Conn. He visited his Aunt in Lake Alfred a couple of days, Ft. Lauderdale and Miami a couple of days, and then decided to see the Florida Keys. On April 10th he was part way down on the Keys at a place called Marathon. A man picked him up there in an old beat up foreign car. As they jogged along the man told him, William, that he had just got out of jail that morning in Miami and that he had had the car only two hours. He also said he did not have any plans and didn't know what he was going to do at Key West when he got there. As this did not seem very desirable company William asked to be let out at the first traffic light in Key West. That was the last William saw of the man.

The other day we were talking about all this and it occurred to me that this could have been Galt, the man that shot Martin Luther King. William said he could have been in his thirties but otherwise he can't remember what he looked like.

At this late date this may not be any help to you but it was a bit coincidental time wise and thought you should know about it.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth E. Jones

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 8, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

It has been alleged that on two prior occasions Ray went to Mexico to cool off after robberies and that on one occasion he lived with peasants at Campeche and smuggled appliances from Brownsville, Texas, by a fishing boat owned by Mateo Lopez Garcia or Mateo Garcia Lopez.

Intensive investigation at Brownsville as well as Campeche has failed to develop any information concerning Lopez or Garcia. Approximately 500 shrimp boats operate out of the Brownsville area and their normal fishing grounds include the Campeche Flats.

American seamen are not allowed to land at Campeche but can arrange to be taken ashore by Mexican "bum boats" which bring women, liquor and marijuana out to the shrimp fleet from Campeche. There is a smuggling trade in small appliances but this reportedly does not extend to television sets and washing machines which Ray allegedly smuggled.

Police at Campeche have files dating back to 1955 on all foreigners who were in trouble with the police or who were fingerprinted because they lacked proper identification. Ray's fingerprints have been checked through these files with negative results.

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At Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, a local Immigration Agent has advised of a recent visitor whom he said resembles Ray. Investigation has identified this man as registering at Las Glorias Motel, Puerto Vallarta, 4/19/68 and checking out 4/30/68. He gave his name as A. D. Stange, Jr., Post Office Box 1660, Redding, California, and was accompanied by a woman alleged to be his wife who appeared to be of Mexican extraction.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Stange spent four days hunting in the mountains and inquired of the guide as to the possibility of buying a pistol and morphine. He also inquired about going into business at Puerto Vallarta. Some motel employees also state Stange resembles Ray. Sacramento is conducting investigation at Redding, California.

Margarita Montes Meza, Casa Susana, Puerto Vallarta, has advised that she was the first prostitute visited by Ray when he was in Puerto Vallarta in October and November, 1967. She states Ray told her when they first met that he was in Puerto Vallarta on a 40-day vacation.

Three officers of the Memphis Police Department have received similar anonymous calls from a man identifying himself only as "Charlie." Charlie alleged that Ray was paid \$50,000 to kill King with the money passing through twelve people before it reached Ray. Charlie claimed Ray was able to spend only about \$10,000 and the arrangements to kill King were made at least three years ago.

According to Charlie, Ray left Memphis immediately after the killing, was out of town in twelve minutes, went to Atlanta, Birmingham, Las Vegas, Phoenix, and then into Mexico.

Charlie stated the man who planned King's death and paid Ray has arranged for Ray's body to be found between 5/15/68 and 5/18/68 in an area 50 miles south of the place where a man from Baltimore was arrested by Mexican police two weeks ago.

It is noted that on 4/24/68 it was widely publicized that Mexican police at Caborca had arrested a hitch hiker who resembled Ray. This man was identified as Daniel David Kennedy, Baltimore, who was eliminated as a suspect. Legat, Mexico, is conducting appropriate investigation.

Russell Lee Martin, Little Rock, who requested his identity be protected, has advised he was in St. Louis 5/4-5/68 and contacted Carl Drake, narcotic addict and pusher who was in Missouri State Penitentiary with Ray. Drake allegedly told Martin

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Ray has called him twice since King was killed, once from New Orleans and again from North Carolina. Drake reportedly told Martin Ray is driving a white Camaro and has a submachine gun as well as plenty of money. It is noted that the alleged calls from Ray would be inconsistent with his universal reputation for being a tight-lipped loner.

Drake has been interviewed and acknowledged he knew Ray in prison. He described Ray as close mouthed and a loner. When Drake was released in 1965, he visited Ray's brother, John, as requested by Ray, and told John how the subject was getting along in prison. Drake said he was unaware of Ray's escape from prison until the recent publicity after Ray was identified as King's murderer. He denied any contact with Ray or any knowledge of Ray's whereabouts since Ray's escape. Telephone company records are being checked for calls made by Drake and he is being vigorously reinterviewed.

On the night of 5/7/68 the decomposed body of a white male was found in the trunk of a car at the Atlanta airport. There has been public speculation this might be Ray. The Atlanta Police Department has advised that based on a fingerprint comparison, this body is not identical with Ray. Fingerprints of the deceased have been forwarded to the Bureau for comparison by the Identification Division. The car in which the body was found is a 1964 Chevrolet bearing 1968 Michigan license DC 8114, and is registered to Mary Jane Salvadori and Joan Masters, 9341 Nichols, Detroit. The Detroit Office is attempting to contact the owners.

On 5/7/68 the Shelby County Grand Jury, Memphis, returned an indictment charging Ray with first degree murder. It was not necessary for Bureau personnel to testify.

ACTION:

All phases of this investigation are being expedited.

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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5/7/68.

Re: WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS

On 5/9/68 JACK HEARD, Assistant Director, Texas
Department of Corrections (TDC), Huntsville, Texas, advised:

On 3/25/65 JACOBS received a two year sentence, TDC. His minimum discharge date was 6/6/66. JACOBS lost no time and caused no trouble. On 1/12/66 in view of his good behavior he was transferred to the TDC Pre-release Unit, Huntsville. He was placed in a trustee status and as such he picked up another month which accounts for his release on 5/11/66. On 5/11/66 JACOBS was discharged with no parole involved. TDC records contain no subsequent information regarding JACOBS.

Investigation to locate JACOBS' brother, J.W. JACOBS, reported in the U.S. Army, ASN unknown, for the purpose of locating WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS, is being left to the discretion of Memphis.

3 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Info)
1 - Houston
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Airtel

10. SA's Los Angeles (44-1374) - Enc. (2)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

Re Los Angeles airtel of 5/2/68, submitting a sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/17/68, 315, and a typewritten advertisement, 316.

Three latent fingerprints of value were developed on 315. Two latent impressions of value developed on 316. The three latent fingerprints on 315 are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, AL 44059423, or with the latent fingerprints previously reported in this case.

315, 316, and a copy of the 2/2, 68 issue of the Los Angeles Free Press, which was also submitted, are enclosed for Los Angeles.

Laboratory reporting separate.

Exposition of a photograph of Eric S. Galt, which was also submitted, separate.

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1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
1 - Mr. Rosen

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
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Re Chicago airtel dated 5/1/68, regarding information obtained from Pure Oil Company regarding purchases of gasoline at R. D. Jones Pure Oil Station, Americus, Georgia, on 4/16/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Memphis is one copy each of an insert reflecting investigation conducted at Americus, Georgia. Also enclosed for Savannah are two copies of insert.

For the information of the Savannah Office, RANDOLPH JONES, Pure Oil Company Dealer, Americus, Georgia, advised on 4/25/68, that he sold gasoline to an individual on 4/16/68, who closely resembled the 1968 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

The Chicago Division obtained credit slips for purchases from JONES on 4/16/68, and, as stated on enclosed insert, Mr. JONES has eliminated all the purchases of that date with the exception of one GEORGE B. FRANKS, Pure Oil Credit Card Number [REDACTED] who resides at 707 Virginia Avenue, Glennville, Georgia.

3-Bureau (Enc. 1)
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2-Savannah (Enc. 2)
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AT 44-2386

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SAVANNAH

AT GLENNVILLE, GA.

Will ascertain if GEORGE B. FRANKS, 707 Virginia Avenue, Glennville, Georgia, is identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

AT 44-2386

RSK:bjc

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
ROBERT S. KENNEMUR:

On May 7, 1968, RANDOLPH D. JONES, Pure Oil Station, Americus, Georgia, reviewed the credit card purchase slips which were obtained from the Chicago Office regarding purchases at his station on April 15, 16, 17, and 18, 1968. Mr. JONES advised that all of the purchases which were recorded in his name could be eliminated by him as persons who are known to him with the exception of a purchase made by GEORGE B. FRANKS, Pure Oil Credit Card Number [REDACTED]. Mr. JONES observed that this credit card was to expire in July of 1968, and he believed that this was possibly the person to whom he had sold the gas who resembled the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

The Pure Oil Company, Retail Department, Palestine, Illinois, had furnished the address of Mr. FRANKS as 707 Virginia Avenue, Glennville, Georgia.

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Date: 5/9/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
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GILLIS VERRET, 19 Chattanooga Street, San Francisco, California, telephonically contacted the San Francisco Office on 5/7/68 and requested he be contacted by an Agent.

VERRET was contacted on May 8, 1968 and advised that at about 12:30 p.m. on 4/28/68, he was driving west on Army Street in San Francisco and observed a person he believed resembled JAMES EARL RAY also driving west on Army Street. VERRET stated this person was driving a late model Ford two-door hardtop, dark metallic green in color, Florida license plate which he believed to be 37-1735. He stated this individual was alone in the car but there were two or three women's dresses hanging by the left rear window.

Photographs of RAY were exhibited to VERRET who stated he was unable to identify the person he saw in the above-mentioned car, however, he believed the person he saw resembles to some extent JAMES EARL RAY.

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AT TALLAHASSEE, FLA. Will at Department of Motor Vehicles, ascertain registered owner of vehicle issued Florida license plate number 37-1735, and conduct appropriate investigation.

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (RM)
- 2 - Jacksonville (RM)
- 2 - San Francisco

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2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call to Boston, 5/8/68,
advising of telephone call to Bureau (SA HUNTER HELGESON)
from JAMES LEWIS, Boston, regarding lookalike.

JAMES LEWIS, War Memorial Auditorium, Prudential
Center, Boylston St., Boston, Mass., was interviewed on
5/9/68, concerning the individual he had seen on 5/8/68,
in the vicinity of the War Memorial Auditorium. At this
time, most recent photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited
to LEWIS who was of the opinion that they did not resemble
very closely the individual he had seen. Dissimilarities
between RAY and the person seen by LEWIS include color of
hair and height.

LEWIS could furnish no information as to the
identify of this person and stated that he disappeared into
the pedestrian traffic on Boylston St., which is a busy
Boston downtown street. LEWIS stated he would be on the
alert for a reappearance of this person and in that event
he would attempt to obtain more specific information concerning
him.

No further investigation in this matter is
contemplated by Boston, UAC.

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

Re Legat, Mexico airtel dated 4/23/68.

RALPH B. ANDERSON advised on 5/2/68, he stayed at the Hotel Rio, Morelos 86, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, for about three days, October 24 - 27, 1967. He stated he spent most of his time on the beach and had little contact with persons at the hotel. He viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he does not recall seeing anyone at the Hotel Rio who resembled RAY.

Investigative insert concerning interview of ANDERSON enclosed for Memphis.

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 (OO: MEMPHIS)

ALA. LICENSE 27-17864
 SEEN ALLIANCE, OHIO, 5/7/68

Reference is made to Bureau teletype to Mobile, Cleveland and Memphis, 11:15 p.m., 5/7/68, and Mobile teletype to the Bureau and Cleveland, Airmail copy to Memphis, 11:30 a.m., 5/18/68.

Enclosed herewith for Savannah is one copy each of the above-referenced teletypes.

By teletype dated 5/9/68, Cleveland advised that witnesses at Turner Drug Store, Alliance, Ohio, advised that the individual who appeared at the drug store was not identical to RAY. Cleveland also advised that there were no carnivals operating in the Alliance, Ohio, area at present and set forth lead for Mobile at Selma, Ala., to locate and interview WALLACE GREATHOUSE, Rt. 1, for the process of elimination.

As pointed out in Mobile teletype, 5/8/68, Ala. license 27-17864 was issued to GREATHOUSE, Rt. 1, Selma, Ala., as a result of a mail order and was forwarded to him, care of General Delivery, Peach Orchard Branch, Augusta, Ga.

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 2-Cleveland (44-565)
 2-Memphis (44-1987)
 2-Savannah (Encs. 2)
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Approved: W. M. J.

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Special Agent in Charge

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2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

MO 157-2627

Reference was made to Mobile letter to all Offices, 12/19/67, captioned: "ALA. CAR; ITSMV MATTERS", which set forth information concerning mail order tags which are issued in three Ala. counties within the Mobile Div. These tags may be ordered by letter, wire or telephone or in person and are sent to whatever address is indicated if the person identifies himself as being in the entertainment field or in the military service. A route address is issued on the tag receipt.

This being a mail order tag, there is no indication that GREATHOUSE has been in Selma, Ala., or Dallas County, and in the absence of such information, there is no investigation to be made by the Mobile Office in an effort to locate GREATHOUSE.

SAVANNAH. Will attempt to locate WALLACE GREATHOUSE through General Delivery, Peach Orchard Branch, Augusta, Ga., in order that he may be contacted to determine if he could possibly be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

CLEVELAND. Will contact sources at Alliance, Ohio, to develop address of complainant BOB CONROY and interview him in person concerning the individual seen by him.

In the event this investigation at Cleveland and Savannah does not result in location of WALLACE GREATHOUSE, it is suggested that Cleveland attempt to trace him through the James H. Drews Shows by contact with "Billboard Magazine", Cincinnati, Ohio.

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(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: telephone calls from
public phone on Inter-
state 10, Texas.

Re Houston airtel to Director, 5/3/68.

Telephone number 206-622-4911 is public phone listed to Rocky Mt. Fire and Casualty Company, 2717-3rd Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Mr. KARL J. JAECH, Customer Service Manager, Rocky Mt. Fire and Casualty Company, advised no record of incoming calls are kept by the Seattle Office of Rocky Mt. Company.

JAECH, in company with SA VERNON P. COYNE, personally contacted the three telephone operators and receptionists in that office, and none of these persons could recall receiving a telephone call from Texas.

Mr. JAECH and SA COYNE also checked the collect telephone calls billed to Rocky Mt. Company, Seattle Office, over December 15, 1967, and there were no collect calls from anywhere in Texas.

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2 - Seattle
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Mr. JAECH pointed out that Rocky Mt. does not have insurance agencies in Texas, but some possible holder who has moved to Texas, or was passing through that state, might have called Seattle on some type of claim.

Mr. JAECH pointed out that there are only two persons in the Claims Division of Rocky Mt. who handle calls on claims. Mr. JAECH personally contacted these two persons and neither could recall receiving such a telephone call from Texas, but they pointed out such a call from Houston, Texas might have been received in December and they cannot now remember such a call.

They said that if the name of the caller were known, if it pertained to a claim, the call could be verified through their Claims Index Records.

Mr. JAECH determined that this company does not have any insurance claims under the names of JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT.

Mr. JAECH said that Rocky Mt. employs approximately 190 persons in their Seattle Office on an average, and it is possible one of these persons might have received this person's call from Texas. He said that since December 1967, there has been the usual turnover of personnel.

Mr. JACK HOWARD, Treasurer of Rocky Mt., and GEORGIA COUGHLIN, office employee of Rocky Mt., were unable to locate any person presently associated with Rocky Mt. in Seattle who received such a call from Texas.

No further action being taken in Seattle on this call.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
REC 36
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) -

MURKIN

REURTEL INSTANT.

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO OBTAIN FEDERAL GRAND JURY
SUBPOENA FOR PERTINENT TELEPHONE RECORDS, THE REVIEW OF
WHICH SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH FULL SECURITY AND THE
BUREAU'S INTEREST FULLY PROTECTED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

1 - SAC, MEMPHIS

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NOTE: In connection with the Murkin case involving the
murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., we have been checking telephone
toll calls made from telephone booths along the route taken by
subject Ray and Charles Stein in December, 1967, during a trip
to New Orleans from Los Angeles. Several of these long distance
calls were placed to nonpublished phone numbers in New Orleans.

New Orleans Office advises that Southern Bell Telephone
and Telegraph Company in New Orleans requires a subpoena duces tecum
to serve on the company before they will furnish identity of
subscribers to nonpublished telephone numbers. New Orleans requests
authority to obtain identity of subscribers by Federal Grand Jury
subpoena and states a review of telephone records will be
accomplished with full security and Bureau's interest will be
protected.

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FBI NEW ORLS

1213PM URGENT 5-9-68 FGC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 2P

MURKIN

RE: LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM
PAY PHONES LOCATED IN HOUSTON DIVISION
TO LOUISIANA

IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER, THE HOUSTON DIVISION
HAS FURNISHED A LIST OF LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS MADE FROM
PAY PHONES LOCATED ALONG INTERSTATE TEN AND RT. NINETY
WITHIN THEIR DIVISION FOR DEC. FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND
SEVENTEEN LAST. THESE ARE LONG DISTANCE CALLS PLACED TO
LOUISIANA AND IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT SEVERAL OF THESE
CALLS WERE PLACED TO NON-PUBLISHED PHONES IN NEW ORLEANS.

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CO., NEW ORLEANS,
REQUIRES A SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM BE SERVED ON THEM BEFORE
THEY WILL FURNISH THE IDENTITIES OF THE SUBSCRIBERS OF THE
NON-PUBLISHED TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

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BUREAU AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN THE IDENTITIES
OF THE SUBSCRIBERS BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY SUBPOENA.

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cc - ME
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[Signature]

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THE REVIEW OF THE TELEPHONE CO. RECORDS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED
WITH FULL SECURITY AND THE BUREAU'S INTEREST WILL BE
PROTECTED.

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Buairtel to Philadelphia and Jacksonville dated 5/7/68.

Enclosed for Pittsburgh are a copy of reBuairtel and the enclosure thereto.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN G. DEVINE at Coudersport, Pa.:

On 5/8/68, Mr. HARRY GOLDEN, Post Office, Coudersport, Pa., advised that there was no mail listing for an E. RAYMOND in the Coudersport area.

GOLDEN stated that there was no listing for an E. RAYMOND in the Genese, Pa., directory. He advised that sometimes individuals in the Genese, Pa., area will use a Coudersport RD #2 address.

However, GOLDEN stated that there had been an 80 year-old woman, one ESTHER RAYMOND, who formerly had lived in Genese, Pa., and who used the Coudersport RD #2 address. She was currently living in the Epworth Manor Nursing Home in Tyrone, Pa.

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 1-Jacksonville (Info) (RM)
 1-Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
 2-Pittsburgh (44-578) (Enc.-1) (RM)
 1-Philadelphia (44-1368)
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C. C. Bishop

Approved: _____
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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PITTSBURGH
AT TYRONE, PA.

1. Will contact ESTHER RAYMOND to obtain any information she might have relating to this case.
2. Will ask RAYMOND if she knows of any other E. RAYMOND who might reside in the Coudersport RD #2 area.

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



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

FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

May 9, 1968

To:

Date:

MURKIN

Re: **CR**

OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861

FBI File No. **D-562310 JK**
Lab. No.

Kansas City

Examination requested by:

Airtel 5/6/68

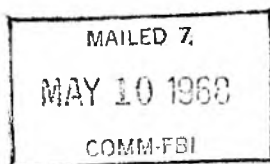
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

Date: **May 9, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **D-562610 JK**

Specimens received **5/7/68**

K257 Twenty-one sheets of paper and one copy of a form dated 4/4/58, bearing known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY

ALSO SUBMITTED: One "Inmate Request To Staff Member" form for JACK M. RAY, No. 59602

Result of examination:

The additional known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, represented by K257, does not sufficiently augment the known handwriting of this individual previously received to permit the identification of the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 with this individual.

K257 is temporarily retained.

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel captioned as above dated 4/26/68 re GLENN ALVIN PLATZ and Los Angeles airtel dated 5/1/68 captioned as above re GLENN ALVIN PLATZ.

Re GLENN ALVIN PLATZ:

GLENN ALVIN PLATZ, 722 South Broadway, Room 4, Santa Maria, California, advised on 5/7/68 that he had previously corresponded with the Post Office Department advising he had information which may be of value to the FBI regarding the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

PLATZ stated he was employed for about two months during 1966 as a maintenance man at the Sovereign Hotel and Apartments, Santa Monica, California. He could not recall the exact dates of his employment. He continued that when he observed the name and photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT in the newspaper shortly after the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, it "rang a bell" and he felt sure he had seen GALT sometime in the past, most likely at the Sovereign Hotel. He continued that it was possible he may have seen GALT in Hollywood or somewhere else in the Los Angeles area since he remained in Los Angeles until the early part of 1967 when he moved to San Clemente, California.

3 - Bureau
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2 - Los Angeles
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Special Agent in Charge

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PLATZ suggested the possibility that the subject, JAMES EARL RAY might have grown a beard and is hiding out with hippies. He stated he had no further information to furnish the FBI.

No further investigation is being conducted regarding information furnished by PLATZ inasmuch as the subject was incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary during the period of time PLATZ stated he had observed subject.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 44-1889
 FBI FILE NO. 44-38861
 LATENT CASE NO. 91079

May 10, 1968

TO: SAC, New York

RE: MURKIN

REFERENCE: Airtel 5-4-68
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: New York
 SPECIMENS: One coupon for Modern Photo Bookstore, 1926
 Letter dated 5-26-67, 1927

This report confirms and supplements Bureau
 airtel 5-8-68.

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One latent fingerprint of value was developed
 on the coupon. No latent impressions of value developed
 on the letter. See the attached page for the result of
 comparison conducted. Result of laboratory examination
 and disposition of specimens separate.

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- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
- 1 - New York file
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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J. Edgar Hoover
 John Edgar Hoover, Director

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