

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DM*

FROM : *AL Rosen*

SUBJECT: *MURKIN* (THE KING MURDER CASE)  
PERSONNEL MATTER

DATE: April 25, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. McDonough  
1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Mohr

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

*NY* Peter Paul Kasper, resident of 9 Tulip Drive, New Jersey, at 8:45 p.m., 4/19/68, telephonically contacted the Newark Office to complain relative to actions of SA Peter G. Loftus assigned to the New York Office. Kasper questioned whether SA Loftus was acting within FBI jurisdiction when Kasper was being checked out as suspect in the King murder case.

New York Office files show that Kasper filed application for Bureau employment on 1/11/68, but failed to appear for interview set for 1/22/68, and no further action was taken on his application. The New York file on Kasper indicates he had two previous arrests, owes approximately \$4,000 to various banks and credit associations and during last four years has been unable to keep a job for a period longer than nine months.

SAC, New York feels actions of SA Loftus in this instance appear to be proper and no administrative action is recommended.

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## DETAILS:

SA Peter G. Loftus, who resides in Fords, New Jersey, and who was at home on night of 4/19/68, was advised by detectives of the Woodbridge, New Jersey, Police Department that a complaint had been received that a man resembling James Earl Ray was seen driving a 1968 Chevrolet Impala with New York license plates in the area. The detectives stated they were in the process of checking the registration through their office and asked SA Loftus if he desired to join them, which he did. After about twenty minutes, the officers received a message that the license was registered to a Peter Kasper, Bellmore, New York, and the license had been issued for a 1967 yellow Pontiac.

Check of the mail boxes disclosed the apartment assigned to Kasper. SA Loftus and the officers discussed the situation and decided that a pretext interview would be conducted.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

URGENT 4-26-68 10:00 PM  
TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)  
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RE: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
RE: [REDACTED]

Memo Rosen to DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

One of the officers was to identify himself and advise Kasper he had received a complaint that the Impala had been seen speeding on a local street and upon checking the registration it was discovered the plates were not on the automobile to which originally issued. Since the officer was not certain of making an identification on Kasper, SA Loftus stated he would accompany him and be in a position where he could observe the person when he came to the door.

The officer knocked on the door and it was opened by a woman at which time the officer identified himself and asked to see Kasper. When Kasper appeared at the door, it was obvious that he was not the subject James Earl Ray. The officer used the pretext upon which Kasper became indignant stating he had recently purchased the car and it was officially registered. Kasper assumed a very belligerent attitude.

Upon entering the apartment with the officer SA Loftus identified himself showing Kasper his badge at which point Kasper became obnoxious and insulting stating he was not impressed with the "little tin badge." He went on to state that he did not mind the police coming around but didn't see how the FBI had any jurisdiction. SA Loftus attempted to explain the Bureau's (Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle) responsibility but he was openly hostile and refused to listen stating he had several complaints of his own, including such items as the dogs on the loose, children knocking on the windows and loud hi-fi sets. He appeared irrational and unwilling to listen to further explanations.

Thereafter Kasper called the Woodbridge Police Department and our Newark Office to complain of the situation. Kasper then calmed down considerably and produced his registration after which he shook hands with SA Loftus and the contact was terminated.

After SA Loftus had left, Kasper again called the Newark Office inquiring of what action would be taken on the complaint and when informed the matter would be given proper attention he appeared agreeable and hung up. At 1:00 a.m., 4/20/68, Kasper again contacted Newark Office and stated he wished to withdraw any charges against SA Loftus.

Memo Rosen to DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above circumstances requiring immediate action and since there was a discrepancy in the registration records which might reflect that the car was stolen in New York and transported to New Jersey, it is felt that the actions of SA Loftus were proper and no administrative action is recommended.

*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
JRM, chm, B, JH, JRM, P, JRM, [signature], [checkmark], [signature], [checkmark]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI ( ) DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : LEGAT, Hong Kong ( 44-1 ) ☒ Pending ☐ RUC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Character: CR

Reference: Bu 0-7 4/17 and 4/19/68

Enclosed herewith are:

- ☐ Copies of a memorandum from Special Branch, Hong Kong Police (SB)
- ☐ Copies of a memorandum from the Security Liaison Office (MI-5), Hong Kong
- ☐ Copies of a memorandum from CIA, Hong Kong
- ☐ Copies of an investigative report from the Research Subunit, Consular Section, American Consulate General, Hong Kong
- ☒ Copies of news article from 4/26/68 "South China Morning Post"

Remarks:

Legat will follow with Hong Kong Police.

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The following offices would be interested in receiving copies of the enclosures:

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Reference: BU 0-1 4/11 and 4/12/68

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FROM: SAC, Hong Kong (44-1)

☒ Pending ☐ KUC

TO: Director, FBI

DATE: 2/6/68

Memorandum

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## H.K. POLICE PUT ON ALERT FOR KING MURDER SUSPECT

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ENCLOSURE

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5/13/68

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To: SAC's St. Louis (44-775)  
Memphis (44-1987)

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 3430

MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel 5/7/68.

Latent fingerprints previously reported and remaining unidentified in the case entitled "Unsub.; Perry State Bank, Perry, Missouri, 3/8/68, BB, Bufile #91-29677, latent case #91189, are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. The latent impression of the lower joint of a finger previously reported in this case was compared, insofar as possible, with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, but no identification was effected. No palm prints in Identification Division files for Ray.

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Bufile (91-29677)

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Date: **5-7-68**Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: **DIRECTOR, FBI 44-38861**  
**ATTENTION: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

FROM: **SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)**

RE: **MURKIN**

OO: ME

It is requested that the unidentified latents in the following case be compared with the available prints of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, FUGITIVE; FBI # 405 942 G; IO # 4182; WF 442-A, subject of this case:

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SVC, ST. LOUIS (44-112)

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ATTENTION: FINGERPRINT SECTION  
DIRECTOR, FBI

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Atlanta (44-2386) - Enclosures (11)  
Memphis, (44-1987)

From: Director, <sup>REC-74</sup> FBI (44-38861) 3431

MURKIN

Re Atlanta letter 5/8/68, submitting eleven lifts of latent impressions taken from a 1964 Chevrolet, 1968 Michigan license DC8114, which was found 5/7/68, at the Atlanta Airport.

Six latent fingerprints and three latent palm prints of value were found on the lifts. The latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942C, or Robert Joseph Dunaway, FBI #641310C. No palm prints Identification Division files for these two individuals.

Based on the information furnished, no fingerprint record located for Mary Jane Salvadori or Joan Masters listed as owners of the Chevrolet in Atlanta teletype 5/8/68.

Lifts enclosed to Atlanta.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION,  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM : *JH* SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

SUBJECT: *0* MURKIN

DATE: 5/8/68

Enclosed herewith are 11 lifts of latent impressions taken from a 1964 Chevrolet, 1968 Michigan license DC8114 which was found on the evening of 5/7/68, at the Atlanta Airport with one dead body inside the trunk. Fingerprints were taken from the body and submitted to the Identification Division where he was identified as *PL* ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY, FBI Number 841 310 C. The enclosed lifts were made on the automobile and on the material inside the automobile by fingerprint technicians of the Atlanta Police Department.

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The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine these lifts for latents of value and to retain photographs for possible future comparisons.

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Captain Robert Walker, Delta Air Lines,  
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*Edward R. Murphy*  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]  
[Illegible text follows]

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Miss Gandy	_____

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

RE: GUESTS AT HOTEL RIO, MEXICO

Re Legat, Mexico City, airtel to Director dated 4/23/68.

Mr. and Mrs. HARVARD PALMER, residence address 4644 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, Washington, advised they were on a business trip and on a flight to Mazatlan when their plane was diverted to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They said they arrived at the Hotel Rio at Puerto Vallarta at approximately dusk, had dinner with two other passengers who were on the same airplane flight, and left this hotel on a continuing flight to Mazatlan the next morning before 8:00 AM.

The PALMERs unable to provide any information of value to this case and cannot identify RAY's photograph.

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WILLIAM J. PATTERSON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: [Illegible]

DATE: [Illegible]

TO: [Illegible]

FROM: [Illegible]

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

REFERENCE: [Illegible]

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TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

Re: JOE BAILEY MUSGROVE

Re Houston airtel to Bureau 5/7/68 and WFO airtel  
to Bureau 5/2/68.

On 5/9/68 Mr. DONALD J. HYDEN, Supervisor, Personnel Department, McDermott International, Inc., 615 de Montluzin Building, New Orleans, La., advised that JOE BAILEY MUSGROVE has been employed with McDermott International as a pipeline welder since 10/9/67 under a one year contract to be served in Nigeria. Mr. HYDEN further stated that Mr. MUSGROVE departed for Nigeria in 1967 and is due to return at the termination of his contract in October, 1968.

A review of the personnel file of JOE BAILEY MUSGROVE revealed the following identifying and background information:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	<input type="text"/> Seminole County, Okla.
Height	5' 9"
Weight	155 pounds
Eyes	Blue

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③ - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Albuquerque (44-715)(Info)  
1 - Houston (44-1509)(Info)  
1 - WFO (44-703)(Info)  
2 - New Orleans  
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NO 157-10673

Hair	Brown
Marital Status	Married to BETTY LUE RAMSEY MUSGROVE Box 1002 Farmington, New Mexico
Social Security Number	<input type="text"/>
Previous Employment	Fouty D. Bursun Farmington, New Mexico, 1954-67

Mr. HYDEN advised that Mr. MUSGROVE can be located through the Overseas Office, care of McDermott Overseas, Inc., Post Office Box 2841, Lagos, Nigeria. He further stated that it is very possible Mr. MUSGROVE may have resided at the Bristol Hotel, Lagos, Nigeria, during his days off or for any vacation.

BuAgent viewed a photograph of MUSGROVE which appeared on his application for employment and this picture does not appear to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 5-9-68

FROM : M. *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: MURKIN; CR.

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By teletype of 5-7-68, the Memphis Office suggested that consideration be given to publishing the photograph of James Earl Ray furnished by Patricia Anderson in the next issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. The June issue of the Bulletin is already being processed; however, we can pull out the present "Wanted by the FBI" article on the last page and replace it with one of Ray. This may delay the delivery date of the magazine by one or two days; however, it is believed desirable to place the latest picture of Ray, together with a suitable write-up, in the June issue.

Attached is a letter to Memphis advising that this is being done. Also attached is a manuscript of the proposed article on Ray along with the designated photograph.

IT IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED THAT THIS MEMO BE HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY AND RETURNED TO CRIME RECORDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached article and photograph of Ray be published in the June issue of the Bulletin, and that the letter to Memphis be approved and sent.

Enclosures (3) Article x photo detached  
Publications Unit.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)

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RE: [Illegible]

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VERY TRULY YOURS,  
[Illegible Signature]

NOTE: THE ABOVE IS A SUMMARY OF THE MATTER.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 9, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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	

SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

An Agent on the scene in Guatemala has obtained extensive coverage through the Guatemalan Immigration and Judicial Departments. These agencies have been instrumental in widely publicizing Ray's photograph and description throughout Guatemala and border stations have been alerted. Guatemalan officials have stated that if Ray is found within that country he will be deported to the United States as an undesirable alien on the first available airplane.

State police agencies have completed a search throughout the City of Campeche and all outlying areas of the State with negative results. Extensive distribution has been made of identification orders and wanted flyers and every police unit in the State has been alerted through personal contact. An investigative informant is continuing to check small communities on the Yucatan Peninsula beyond the State of Campeche.

It was previously reported that a man resembling Ray and using the name A. D. Stange, Jr., was in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, from 4/19/68 to 4/30/68. It has been determined Stange is identical with A. H. Stange, Jr., a prominent businessman in Redding, California.

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Thomas Britton, Haleyville, Alabama, knew Ray in Missouri State Penitentiary. Britton related that Ray was the "walk boy" who brought hot water for shaving, candy and other items to Britton's cell block. Ray noticed Britton was receiving a Birmingham newspaper. Ray mentioned he had lived in Birmingham and asked Britton to save the newspapers for him. Britton did so and they became friends.

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RE: MURKIN

Britton stated Ray was money crazy and once told Britton, "One of these days, if I ever get out of here, I'm going to make myself a bunch of money." When asked how he intended to do this, Ray replied, "There are more ways of making money than robbing banks."

Ray once told Britton about an organization outside the prison called the "Business Mens Association" which offered \$100,000 "for people like King to be killed" and added that King was five years past due.

It was previously reported Ray had alleged in 1963 that Cooley (phonetic) or Cooley's organization would pay \$10,000 to have King killed. Britton stated Cooley's organization operated within the prison. Membership was gained by paying \$10 and members received help against other prisoners when needed. For additional fees members could obtain special services such as straightening out difficulties with prison authorities, obtaining items of contraband, or even having a prisoner murdered.

Britton said he did not know who headed this organization or if there was anyone actually named Cooley. He believed the organization might have been operated by a group of five to seven prisoners. Britton stated he had never heard of Cooley's organization offering a reward for King's assassination.

Britton described Ray as a loner, a daydreamer and a heavy drinker, who was definitely slue-footed with his toes noticeably pointed out when walking causing his heels to wear down on the outside edges.

The body found at the Atlanta airport on 5/7/68 has been identified with Robert Joseph Dunaway, a Michigan hoodlum, and has no apparent connection with this case. Dunaway was shot in the back of the head.

Dunaway was a muscleman for Bernard Marchesani, a Detroit shylocker. One Sam Di Maggio, Albion, Michigan, was taken from his home by several hoodlums on 3/28/68 and fatally beaten. In a dying declaration he named "Bob Dunaway" when asked who had beaten him. A reliable informant has advised Di Maggio was "hooked" on a large shylock loan by Marchesani and Dunaway was the juice collector. Police believe Dunaway was murdered because he had been

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

ordered to only beat Di Maggio, not to kill him.

ACTION:

This investigation is continuing to receive top priority  
attention.

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TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS CHICAGO LOSANGELES OMAHA  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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MURKIN

By NAH SCREENED  
NAH, Date 11/9/8

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FOR ASSISTANCE OFFICES NOT RECEIVING PREVIOUS INFO, JOHN  
EUGENE GAWRON, FBI NUMBER ONE THREE FOUR THREE THREE FOUR, LIVED  
WITH SUBJECTS MOTHER BETWEEN IMPRISONMENTS NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR  
TO HER DEATH NINETEEN SIXTY ONE. APPEARS CLOSEST PERSON TO  
FAMILY. CLAIMS TAUGHT SUBJECT BURGLARY AND CASED SEVERAL JOBS  
TOGETHER FIFTY EIGHT FIFTY NINE.

UNDER DEVELOPMENT AS PCI SINCE INITIAL INTERVIEW THIS CASE.  
IS SEVENTY YEARS OLD, ON VERGE OF SENILITY, EXTREMELY RAMBLING  
IN CONVERSATIONS, AND AGENTS EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY KEEPING  
INTERVIEWS ON PERTINENT TRACK, AS WELL AS SEPARATING FACT FROM  
CONJECTURE. JERRY RAY HAS DESCRIBED HIM AS KOOK, AND OTHER SOURCES  
REGARD HIM AS CRAZY OLD MAN WHO TALKS TOO MUCH.

ON INTERVIEW TODAY GAWRON STATED WITHIN DAY OR TWO FOLLOWING  
RELEASE ON BOND, JUNE TWENTY THIRD TWENTY FOUR SIXTY SEVEN,  
HE READ IN CHICAGO TRIBUNE OF BANK ROBBERY OF FIFTY THOUSAND  
DOLLARS IN SOUTHERN STATE, AND RECALLED BANK HAD BEEN CASED BY  
SUBJECT AND SELF ON TWO FRIDAYS, BIG PAY ROLL DAYS, FIFTY EIGHT  
FIFTY NINE, BUT NOT ROBBED DUE TO GAWRON LEG INJURY.

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cc - Long

Thermo - J. Thompson (see p.3)

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FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-112)

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS CHICAGO LOSANGELES OMAHA

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PAGE TWO

FEW DAYS AFTER ARTICLE WAS VISITED BY MAN HE REFUSED TO NAME, WHO HE BELIEVED HE HAD INTRODUCED TO RAY IN FIFTY NINE, WHO TOLD HIM HE AND OTHERS HAD ROBBED BANK, DISPLAYED VALISE FULL OF MONEY AND GAVE HIM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS.

GAWRON HAS ADVISED FEW DAYS LATER HE VISITED FAMILY AND CAROL PEPPER, SISTER AND JOHN RAY, BROTHER, TOLD HIM SUBJECT WAS NOT IN MISSOURI. WEEK OR SO LATER THEY SAID SUBJECT IN OMAHA, DOING WELL, HE BELIEVED AS SALESMAN. WEEK OR SO LATER THEY SAID SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES. CLAIMED NO DISCUSSION AS TO HOW THEY KNEW, OR INFO AS TO DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONTACT.

SIX WEEKS AGO WAS VISITED BY SAME MAN WHO INDICATED SUBJECT AND ONE OR MORE OTHERS WERE ACCOMPLICES IN BANK ROBBERY.

GAWRON DECLINED TO GIVE LOCATION OF BANK OR IDENTITY OF MAN AT THIS TIME, SAYING WANTED TO SEE MAN AGAIN AND IDENT ALL ACCOMPLICES, AND BE SURE HIMSELF IN THE CLEAR. PROMISED ADDITIONAL

DETAILS IN FEW DAYS. INTERESTED IN BANK ROBBERY REWARD. WAS PRESSED FOR DETAILS ON PROBABILITY OF IMMEDIATE REWARD BUT DECLINED.

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DURING PRESS FOR DETAILS STATED CITY WHERE BANK LOCATED WAS NOT SMALL, WAS NEAR RIVER WHICH IS STATE LINE, ROBBERS IN ANOTHER STATE FIVE MINUTES AFTER ROBBERY. WAS IN DEEP SOUTH, "LIKE MISSISSIPPI" BUT NOT MISSISSIPPI. LOOT PLUS OR MINUS TWO THOUSAND WAS FIFTY THOUSAND. SIZEABLE AMOUNT IN VAULT MISSED BY ROBBERS. SAID UN NAMED MAN NOT ST. LOUISAN, BUT BELIEVED FROM SOUTH WEST AND HAS SERVED SOME SENTENCE POSSIBLY IN ARKANSAS.

CLAIMED DID NOT MENTION ROBBERY EARLIER AS SUBJECT SOUGHT FOR MURDER AND DID NOT BELIEVE ANYONE INTERESTED IN LESSER CRIME.

JOHN LARRY RAY TODAY EMPHATICALLY DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE, SPECIFICALLY DENIED AND INFO OR STATEMENT THAT SUBJECT IN OMAHA OR LOS ANGELES PRIOR TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS THIS CASE, AND STATED CONVICTION SISTER CAROL AND BROTHER JERRY HAVE SIMILAR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE.

TO ASSIST ST LOUIS IN EVALUATING CREDIBILITY OF GAWRON,  
BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO EXAMINE REPORTED BANK ROBBERIES IN  
SOUTHERN STATES JUNE JULY SIXTY SEVEN TO SEE IF CITIES INVOLVED  
ARE NEAR STATE LINE RIVER AND LOOT IN VICINITY OF FIFTY THOUSAND.  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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Re WFO teletype, 5/9/68.

On 5/10/68, MR. KEN H. TOWSEY, Rhodesian Information Office, WDC, advised that a check of records of his office located no information identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY, aka, ERIC S. GALT.

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located no information identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY,  
OFFICE, MDC, advised that a check of records of his office  
on 2/10/68, MR. KEN H. BOWEN, produced information  
re "BO TELETYPE, 2/10/68."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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Re let dated 12/28/67 signed ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, received by SA ROGER D. ASHLAND from JOHN ACORD, Chairman, American-Southern Africa Council, 800 Fourth Street, Washington, D. C., on 5/9/68.

The above was hand carried by SA ASHLAND to SA JAMES MORTIMER, FBI Laboratory on 5/9/68.

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RE: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Laboratory on 5/3/61.  
The above was hand carried by SA [redacted] to

on 5/3/61.  
Office Council, 200 [redacted] [redacted], D. C.  
[redacted] of [redacted] from [redacted] [redacted], American-Continental  
Motor Hotel, Los Angeles, California, received by SA  
[redacted] dated 5/3/61 [redacted] [redacted], 1932

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FROM: SAC, WFO (44-103)  
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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



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

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

Date: **May 10, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination requested by: **Mobile**  
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**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**  
**1 - Mobile (157-2627) Enclosure (Lab report)**  
**1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)**  
**1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Re: **MURKIN  
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Date: **May 10, 1968**  
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Specimens received **5/8/68**

**Photocopies of documents obtained from Alabama State Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama, comprising the known handwriting of eleven individuals, further described as follows:**

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Kc258	WILLIAM ELMER JOHNSON
Kc259	FRANK GARRETT PERRY
Kc260	JAMES PRESTON RIDDICK
Kc261	ROBERT CLIFTON SMITH
Kc262	FONTAINE STORM
Kc263	R. W. KERR
Kc264	CLYDE JUSTIN HILL
Kc265	WINFORD PRESTON GILMORE
Kc266	PAUL EDGAR GOODPASTER, JR.
Kc267	LEE EMERSON BELLAMY
Kc268	ROGER DAVID BROUSSARD

**Result of examination:**

**Nothing of particular significance was noted from such comparisons as could be made between the writings on Kc258 through Kc268 when compared with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, whose known handwriting appears on specimens K171, K211 and K257.**

**The submitted items have been retained.**

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115 PM URGENT 5-10-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS  
FROM BIRMINGHAM 5 P M 44-1740

MURKIN.

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JAMES W. BROWN REINTERVIEWED MAY NINE LAST AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING:

BROWN MET RAY THROUGH RAY'S "PERSONAL FRIEND," JOHNNIE VALENTI, SHORTLY AFTER ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY. BROWN WAS DOING TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE FOR MURDER AFTER CONVICTION IN KANSAS CITY, MO., VALENTI WAS DOING TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE FOR ROBBERY AFTER CONVICTION IN KANSAS CITY. ACCORDING TO BROWN, VALENTI AND BROWN WERE IN KANSAS CITY JAIL AT SAME TIME (BUT DIFFERENT TANKS), PRIOR TO BEING SENT TO JEFFERSON CITY, MO. AT TIME OF FIRST MEETING, RAY WAS INVOLVED IN POKER GAME IN THE PRISON YARD. BROWN CLAIMS HE OBSERVED RAY ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION DEAL CARDS LEFT-HANDED. VALENTI INTRODUCED RAY TO BROWN AS "JAMES RAY" BUT EVERYONE CALLED HIM "RAY". AT LATER TIME VALENTI TOLD BROWN THAT HE, VALENTI, AND RAY HAD COMMITTED A ROBBERY  
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OF AN OIL COMPANY IN ATLANTA, GA., PRIOR TO VALENTI'S ARREST IN KANSAS CITY ON ANOTHER ROBBERY CHARGE. VALENTI CLAIMED HE AND RAY HAD WATCHED AN OIL COMPANY FOR A WEEK BEFORE COMMITTING THE ROBBERY ABOUT MIDNIGHT. BROWN BELIEVES VALENTI SAID IT WAS A ROBBERY, BUT THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN A BURGLARY. BROWN SAID HE WAS SURE VALENTI IDENTIFIED ATLANTA AS THE PLACE OF THE ROBBERY BE<sup>C</sup>CAUSE LATER VALENTI TOLD BROWN THAT VALENTI'S WIFE WAS THEN (LATE SIXTYTHREE AND EARLY SIXTYFOUR) LIVING IN ATLANTA, WITH THEIR THREE CHILDREN, THE OLDEST OF WHOM WAS KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT IN SIXTYFOUR. ABOUT SAME TIME VALENTI'S WIFE QUIT WRITING TO VALENTI AND EFFORTS OF VALENTI THROUGH THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN TO HAVE WIFE RESUME WRITING, WERE NEGATIVE. AT TIME OF MEETING RAY, RAY WAS LIVING IN C HALL, WHILE VALENTI AND BROWN WERE LIVING IN G HALL. VALENTI ALSO CLAIMED TO BROWN THAT AT TIME OF ARREST IN KANSAS CITY, VALENTI HAD THE NAME OF A KANSAS CITY GANGSTER (NAME NOT GIVEN BY VALENTI), IN HIS POSSESSION WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN TO HIM BY AN ASSOCIATE, UNNAMED, IN NEW ORLEANS, AND VALENTI WAS QUESTIONED EXTENSIVELY BY KCPD AS TO HIS CONNECTIONS WITH THIS GANGSTER. VALENTI TOLD BROWN HE HAD RELATIVES IN BATON ROUGE, LA.

IN ALL HIS CONTACTS WITH RAY, BROWN WAS WITH VALENTI, AND  
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SOMETIMES OTHER PRISONERS WERE PRESENT, NAMES UNRECALLED, OTHER THAN POSSIBLY "NOONEY" EDEN OR EATON (PH), FROM C HALL. RAY AND BROWN NEVER HAD ANY INVOLVED CONVERSATIONS, BUT BROWN WAS PRESENT ON ABOUT FOUR OCCASIONS WHEN RAY AND VALENTI WOULD DISCUSS THINGS. AMONG ITEMS DISCUSSED WAS ESCAPE BY EACH. RAY SAID HE WOULD <sup>T</sup>RUNNEL OUT OF THE PRISON IF NECESSARY AND GO TO LIBERIA WHERE HE HAD A BROTHER-IN-LAW MAKING GOOD MONEY. NO OTHER INFORMATION RECALLED ABOUT ALLEGED BROTHER-IN-LAW. ON ANOTHER OCCASION RAY SAID HE KNEW A CAVE IN VIRGINIA WHERE HE COULD HIDE ONCE HE ESCAPED. CONCERNING THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, VALENTI ONCE SAID TO RAY THAT VALENTI DID NOT BELIEVE ANYONE SHOULD KILL THE PRESIDENT, BUT RAY SAID HE, RAY, WOULD HAVE DONE IT HIMSELF, IF HE WOULD HAVE HAD THE CHANCE, AND THAT KENNEDY WAS "NOTHING BUT A DAMN CATHOLIC." ACCORDING TO BROWN, RAY WAS VERY ANTI-CATHOLIC AND ANTI-NEGRO. ON ANOTHER OCCASION IN LATE SIXTYTHREE, BROWN CLAIMED HE OVERHEARD RAY SAY TO VALENTI THAT HE, RAY, WAS GOING TO GET OUT OF THE PEN, AND THAT RAY KNEW A GUY NAMED "COLLEY" (PH) WHO WOULD HIDE RAY WHERE NO ONE WOULD FIND HIM. ALSO THIS COOLEY WOULD PAY TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ANYONE WHO WOULD KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING. RAY WAS AWARE THAT BROWN CAME FROM ALABAMA, BUT DID NOT TALK TO HIM

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ABOUT ANY TOWNS IN ALABAMA, EXCEPT THAT BIRMINGHAM WAS A GOOD TOWN TO STEAL IN, AND THAT RAY HAD STOLEN A CAR IN BIRMINGHAM, BEFORE GETTING SENT TO THE MISSOURI PEN.

CREDIBILITY OF BROWN HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DATE, AND IT HAS BEEN NOTED HE HAS FURNISHED CONFLICTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSONAL HABITS OF RAY, SUCH AS RAY BEING LEFT-HANDED, WALKING PIGEON-TOED AND SMOKING WINSTON CIGARETTES. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT IN FIRST INTERVIEW, BROWN CLAIMED RAY HATED <sup>KE</sup>MNNEDY BECAUSE HE WAS A "NIGGER-LOVING SOB," WHEREAS THIS TIME BROWN CLAIMED RAY HATED KENNEDY BECAUSE HE WAS A CATHOLIC. BROWN CLAIMED HE DID NOT KNOW RAY'S RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION. BROWN CLAIMS HE KNEW NOTHING OF ANY LOTTERIES BEING OPERATED IN THE PRISON, NOR OF ANY ORGANIZATION OF PRISONERS WHO WOULD COLLECT DEBTS, AND ACT AS A PROTECTIVE AGENCY FOR THE PRISONERS. HE CLAIMED COOLEY WAS AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NAME WAS MENTIONED ONLY BY RAY AND HE NEVER HEARD THIS NAME MENTIONED BY ANY OTHER PRISONER. BROWN ALSO STATES THAT "A" HALL WAS FOR NEGRO PRISONERS, WHEREAS THOMAS BRITTON (SEE MYTEL OF MAY NINE LAST) HAD CLAIMED "A" HALL WAS FOR TRUSTEES.

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES ADVISE BIRMINGHAM IF JOHNNIE VALENTI HAS BEEN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. IF SO, SUTEL BIRMINGHAM RESULTS OF THIS INTERVIEW.

KANSAS CITY, AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., FROM PRISON RECORDS, FURNISH FOLLOWING:  
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IDENTITY OF PRISONER "NOONEY" EDEN PH OR EATON, WHO, IN LATE SIXTYTHREE, WAS DOING FIVE YEAR SENTENCE. IF IDENTIFIED, SET OUT LEAD TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED FOR HIS KNOWLEDGE OF RAY AND VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THOMAS BRITTON AND/OR JAMES W. BROWN. ASCERTAIN FROM RECORDS RE VALENTI, IF HE, OR HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN, EVER LIVED IN ATLANTA, AND IF HIS OLDEST CHILD WAS KILLED, AS CLAIMED BY BROWN. IF THIS INFORMATION VERIFIED, SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE WIFE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED FOR ANY INFORMATION SHE HAS RE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN HER HUSBAND, JOHNNIE VALENTI, AND RAY, AND IF THEY WERE INVOLVED IN ROBBERY OF OIL COMPANY IN ATLANTA, PRIOR TO VALENTI'S IMPRISONMENT IN JEFFERSON CITY. IN EFFORT TO VERIFY BROWN'S INFORMATION, ASCERTAIN IF RAY RESIDED IN "C" HALL IN LATE SIXTYTHREE, AND IF AT THAT TIME, RAY WAS WORKING IN THE LICENSE PLATE FACTORY. FROM RECORDS OF KANSAS CITY PD, ASCERTAIN IF BROWN AND VALENTI WERE IN CUSTODY AT SAME TIME, AND IF AT TIME OF VALENTI'S ARREST, THERE WAS SOME INFORMATION HE HAD CONNECTION WITH WELL KNOWN KANSAS CITY "GANGSTER." KANSAS CITY ALSO FURNISH BIRMINGHAM PHOTOS AND DESCRIPTION OF VALENTI.

ATLANTA ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ROBBERY REFERRED TO BY BROWN.

ABOVE BEING FURNISHED ST. LOUIS, AS BIRMINGHAM'S LAST INFORMATION AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF VALENTI, WAS THAT HE WAS IN ST. LOUIS.

~~CORRECTION: PG 3 LN 5 WD 0 IS "TUNNEL" PG 4 LN 8 WD 7 IS "KENNEDY"~~

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