

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: **SA QUENTIN P. STINSON** Office: **Springfield**
Date: **MAY 17, 1968**
Field Office File #: **44-561** Bureau File #: **44-38861**
Title: **JAMES EARL RAY, AKA;**
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: **CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY**

Synopsis: **Magistrate ROBERT A. CONEY, Peoria, Illinois, vacationed with wife and twelve-year-old daughter in New Orleans, Louisiana, December, 1967. They could furnish no information relating to JAMES EARL RAY, FBI NO. 405 942 G. Mrs. CONEY recalls observing a white late model sports car parked in archway of Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, during visit, but she could not accurately describe or identify occupants.**

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DETAILS:

This inquiry was predicated on information received from the New Orleans Office of the FBI reflecting ROBERT A. CONEY, Judge, 311 Payette Street, Peoria, Illinois, was a registered guest of the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 17, 1967.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 16, 1968

Magistrate ROBERT A. CONEY, Room 402, County Building, Peoria, Illinois, a former United States Commissioner of the Southern District of Illinois, advised he, his wife, and daughter, [REDACTED], age twelve, vacationed in New Orleans, Louisiana, during December, 1967, and were registered guests of the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, for an eight-day period between December 17 and December 24, 1967. He stated they ate breakfast at the motel dining room but otherwise spent the remainder of the days sight-seeing in New Orleans, Louisiana. He selected the motel, which he described as a very sedate and quiet place, at the suggestion of the Chicago Motor Club, Peoria, Illinois.

Magistrate CONEY observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942G, then stated he could recall nothing relating to this individual.

On 5/14/68 at Peoria, IllinoisFile # SI 44-561by SA QUENTIN P. STINSON/smrDate dictated 5/15/68

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██████████ age twelve, 533 West Forrest Hill Avenue, Peoria, Illinois, viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942G. She advised that she could not identify the photographs of RAY as any person she had observed while vacationing in New Orleans, Louisiana, during December, 1967.

██████████ advised she vacationed at New Orleans, Louisiana, between December 17-24, 1967, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT A. COMEY, Peoria, Illinois. The family was registered guests at the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, during that period of time. At times during the above visit, she recalled seeing a white sports model automobile that was parked in the archway area of the above motel in the loading and unloading area. She recalled the automobile was parked in the archway area of the motel on three or maybe four occasions and that she had walked around the automobile to cross the archway area to the restaurant portion of the motel. She could not accurately describe the make or model of the automobile and could not accurately describe the adults associated with the automobile. She stated she did recall there were two small children accompanying the adults. She was of the opinion that the children were girls under ten years of age. She advised she did not observe these individuals in any other portion of the motel area.

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Mrs. ROBERT A. CONEY, 533 West Forrest Hill Avenue, Peoria, Illinois, viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 495 9420, and she was questioned regarding her observation while a guest at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres, New Orleans, Louisiana.

She could not identify the above photographs of RAY as any person she had observed while in the New Orleans, Louisiana, area during December, 1967.

She related her observations while a guest at the above motel between December 17-24, 1967. She recalled seeing a white sports automobile parked at the archway area of the motel which she stated was used for loading and unloading purposes only. She first observed this automobile about the time of her arrival at the motel between 3:00 and 5:00 P.M., Sunday, December 17, 1967.

Mrs. CONEY related this white automobile could have been a Mustang model car. She stated the automobile was definitely an American-made car. She recalled the auto because it was parked in the motel archway area on three or maybe four occasions, and she had to walk around the automobile to cross the archway area to the restaurant. She noted this car was a late model car that appeared to be waxed and extremely clean in appearance.

Mrs. CONEY stated her impressions of the activity in the area are vague; however, she associated three males and two females and two small children with the above automobile. She observed the occupants were neatly dressed in sports clothing and the adults appeared to be between thirty and forty years of age.

The two children appeared to be under ten years of age and she believed both to be girls. The women wore light colored slacks. The men and women both were neat in appearance and attractive. She paid particular attention

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to one woman who had her hair wrapped in a peculiar white scarf which came under her chin and tied in the back of her neck.

Mrs. COWEY advised that she had not observed the above individuals in any other area of the motel and that she could not furnish further descriptive information concerning them.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 5/15/68
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM : *JS* SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS) PC-A 6449

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 5/8/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are .380 bullet fired from a .380 Remington UMC Automatic, SN PA18949, and a .380 cartridge case fired from the same weapon.

The Bureau is requested to compare bullet with bullet forwarded by Atlanta in relet, which had been taken from the body of ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY, FBI No. 841 310C.

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COPIES OF THIS REPORT TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU AND THE ATLANTA OFFICE.
The .380 Remington weapon was obtained by an official of the Atlanta Police Department (APD), from SAM BOMMARITO, Kingston, Tennessee. BOMMARITO claimed this weapon was registered in Michigan. BOMMARITO, when interviewed by Police officials of the APD, admitted ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY had stayed at his home from approximately April 6, until approximately April 28, 1968. BOMMARITO claimed he had met DUNAWAY approximately one year before when DUNAWAY came to Kingston, Tennessee, and picked up SAM AGOSTA. AGOSTA at that time was evading service of a subpoena to testify before a State Grand Jury in Detroit concerning LCN activities.

The Bureau is also requested to compare bullet and cartridge with any bullets and cartridges in unsolved LCN murders on file.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *D*

DATE: May 17, 1968 *JK*

FROM : A. Rosen *Sum*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Miss Gandy
1 - Mr. Long 1 - Miss Holmes

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

The Director's Office advised General Investigative Division Duty Agent at 6:30 p. m., 5-16-68, that Mr. John M. Downey, 2745 29th Street, Northwest, Apartment 216, telephone number AD2-7945, had called and asked for the Director. Mr. Downey stated that he was a personal friend of the Director and Mr. Tolson. He was advised of the Director's absence, at which time he furnished the following information.

I do not know Downey. H

Mr. Downey stated that while in the Town & Country Lounge of the Mayflower Hotel about five or six months ago a man sat next to him with his back to a post. Downey began talking to this person who identified himself as Fred Gable (phonetic). They had a couple of drinks and during the course of their conversation, Gable told him that he had just been released from prison. Downey then asked Gable how much money he had and Gable replied - \$20.00. Downey then asked why Gable was spending \$1.00 per drink if he only had \$20.00. Gable stated that he wanted to know how bartenders mixed drinks in high-class bars.

Downey continued, stating that he felt Gable had paid his debt to society and offered to buy him a meal and Gable accepted. After leaving the hotel, they stopped at a cafe on 16th and M Streets, bought two cups of coffee and for no reason at all, Gable said to Downey, "you're a copper" and said that he (Gable) had a gun in his pocket and if he (Downey) followed him, Gable would shoot him. Downey did not report the incident to the Metropolitan Police Department. Downey stated that he was thankful that he was not shot and has hesitated to tell anyone about this, thinking no one would believe him.

Mr. Downey stated that the purpose of the call was to advise the Director that he believes Gable is identical to the photographs of James Earl Ray and feels that Ray may possibly come back to Washington.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Bureau files contain no identifiable information regarding Mr. Downey.

The above information was furnished to the Washington Field Office (WFO) who immediately contacted Mr. Downey. He stated he preferred to be interviewed on the morning of 5-17-68. WFO has advised that he will be thoroughly interviewed and shown Bureau photographs of Ray to determine if Ray is identical with the man he met.

ACTION:

WFO will immediately advise the Bureau results of their interview of Mr. Downey on 5-17-68, and you will be advised.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

MR. TOLSON _____

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MR. MOHR _____

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When asked if he reported the incident to the police department, Downey stated that he was thankful that he wasn't shot and has hesitated to tell anyone about this, thinking no one would believe him.

Mr. Downey further stated that Gable is identical to the photographs of James Earl Ray, and feels that Gable (Ray) may possibly come back to Washington.

Mr. Downey resides at Apartment #216 at the above mentioned address and his telephone number is AD 2-7945.

SA Osborn L. Dobbs, General Investigative Division, has been advised of this call and is following on it.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MISS GANDY _____

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OFFICE OF SECURITY

DATE: May 8, 1968

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.
Attention: Mr. Orrin H. Bartlett

FROM : Chief, Division of Protective Security *rcy*

SUBJECT: Transmittal Notice

G. H. Harkin

The attached material, which is described below, is transmitted for your information and retention.

Attachments:

Orig of Letter from Mrs. J.M.E. Van Beek of Marius Bauerstraat 21, huis Amsterdam (W3), The Netherlands re: Television Report on the Assassination of Dr. King.

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TRANSLATOR'S SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

Language: Dutch
Date of Communication: April 6, 1968
Addressed to: The President
Name and address of writer: (Mrs.) J. M. E. van Beek
Marius Bauerstraat 21, huis
Amsterdam (W3)
The Netherlands

Substance of writer's statement:

A television report was made in Memphis last week by K.R.O. Television. In the film appears a young, blond man, who apparently does not belong to Dr. King's entourage and is not a policeman.

The writer believes that he could be the murder suspect and thinks that it would be a good idea to show the film to Mrs. Bessie Brewer, the owner of the motel in which Dr. King was shot.

The original film can be obtained from Studio "Vitus", Bussum, The Netherlands, but she thinks that the American television is in possession of a duplicate.

The enclosed letters were received by "REGISTERED MAIL" at the White House.

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A.U.B. Algemeen Uitzend Bureau

Directrice: Mevrouw J. M. E. van Beek

Marius Bauerstraat 21 - Tel. 15 06 30 b.g.g. 123 123 - Amsterdam-W.-3

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Bankrelatie:

Ned. Handel-Maatschappij N.V.

Surinameplein

Aan de Hooggeboren Heer

LYNDON B. JOHNSON,

PRESIDENT van de VERENIGDE STATEN

van AMERIKA.

WASHINGTON (U.S.A.).

AMSTERDAM, Zaterdag, 6 April 1968.

Mijnheer de President,

Allereerst bied ik U mijn verontschuldiging aan voor het feit, dat ik U deze brief in de Nederlandse taal zend; de reden is, dat mijn kennis van de Engelse taal (helaas) ontoereikend is.

Gaarne verzoek ik Uw aandacht voor het volgende:

Heden, Zaterdag 6 April 1968, werd hier in Nederland een kort filmpje gedraaid, dat deze week in Memphis was opgenomen door een ploeg van "BRANDPUNT", K.R.O.-televisie, Nederland, (verslaggever: de heer Willebrord Nieuwenhuis), in samenwerking met de Amerikaanse televisie, en dat één dag uit het leven van Ds. Martin Luther KING liet zien.

Er waren opname-momenten van toespraken van Ds. M.L. King in verschillende bijeenkomsten, waarbij ik meende op te merken, dat éénzelfde, blonde, blanke jongeman, 2X aanwezig was (op één dag!), maar, volgens mij:

1e: NIET tot de "aanhangers" van Ds. King gerekend kon worden, daar hij géén instemming betuigde met Ds. King's woorden; integendeel: hij bleef hem strak aanstaren;

2e: NIET iemand was, die Ds. King "bewaakte", immers dan zou hij juist op de omstanders en het publiek hebben moeten letten!!

Nogmaals: het filmpje was kort, en het fragment waarop ik die blanke voor de 2e maal onder het publiek meende op te merken, was óók spoedig afgedraaid. Helaas bleek mij bij informatie, dat dit filmpje waarschijnlijk niet meer zal worden vertoond, dus is controle mijnerzijds op bovenstaande onmogelijk.

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A.U.B. Algemeen Uitzend Bureau

Directrice: Mevrouw J. M. E. van Beek

Marius Bauerstraat 21 - Tel. 15 06 30 b.g.g. 123 123 - Amsterdam-W.-3

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Aan de Hooggeboren Heer

LYNDON B. JOHNSON,

PRESIDENT van de VERENIGDE STATEN

van AMERIKA.

WASHINGTON (U.S.A.).

BLAD 2.

AMSTERDAM, Zaterdag, 6 April 1968.

Het filmpje bevindt zich in de STUDIO " VITUS ", te BUSSUM (NEDERLAND), maar ongetwijfeld bezit de Amerikaanse T.V. de originele opname, of, in elk geval, een duplicaat hiervan.

Als Mevrouw BESSIE BREWER, de eigenaresse van 't pension, waar de moordenaar is geweest, in de gelegenheid zou zijn dit filmpje te zien, zou ZIJ misschien zekerheid kunnen verschaffen over deze man.

Wocht zij hem herkennen, dan zoudt U een zóér duidelijke foto van hem kunnen laten verspreiden.

Of bovenstaande iets zal kunnen bijdragen tot identificatie van de moordenaar weet ik niet, maar wel hoop ik vurig, dat de dader van deze laffe aanslag, die waarschijnlijk veel nare gevolgen zal hebben, ten spoedigste zijn gerechte straf zal ondergaan!

Met verschuldigde eerbied en

de meeste hoogachting,

Mevrouw J. M. E. van BEEK,
MARIUS BAUERSTRAAT 21, huis,
AMSTERDAM (W3).
NEDERLAND.



WHITE HOUSE
MAIL ROOM

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : LEGAT, SANTO DOMINGO (44-2) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5-13-68

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By TH, NARA, Date 11/3/3

ReButel, 4-24-68; Bureau Routing Slips, 4-26-68, and 4-29-68.

All photos and press releases immediately furnished to news media, Santo Domingo.

Wanted Flyers were distributed to Dominican National Police (DNP) and the Dominican National Department of Investigations (DNI), Dominican Immigration and Customs immediately upon receipt.

Latest photos of subject JAMES EARL RAY were also made available to enforcement agencies mentioned above immediately upon receipt.

Stops have been placed with DNP and DNI as of 4-26-68. These agencies maintain supervision over Dominican Immigration and Customs arrival and departure points in the DR.

Close liaison is being maintained with the above agencies who have been instructed to advise Legat of any information they may develop on the subject.

SUBJECT IS ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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(1-Liaison Section)
1-Santo Domingo

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Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Approval granted to publicize James Earl Ray in
"Master Barber and Beautician Magazine" published at Charlotte,
North Carolina.

Charlotte has additionally recommended publicizing
Ray in "Men's Hair Stylists," 16 West 46th Street, New York,
New York, and "Professional Barber," 54 West 46th Street, New
York, New York, and authority also granted for contact with these
publications by the New York Office. Write-ups and glossy photo-
graphs available in each Bureau office can be utilized in this
publicity.

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 (OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau airtel to Birmingham dated 5/8/68. *Previously used*

THOMAS H. BROUGHTON, Editor, Master Barber and Beautician Magazine, 219 Greenwich Rd., Charlotte, N. C. (telephone 366-5177), advised he has an 11,000 copy circulation nation-wide and would be glad to publish an article regarding subject JAMES EARL RAY as a public service with no charge to the Bureau. He stated he uses offset printing and the mat provided could not be used but he can use a glossy photo and reproduce the printed matter. He suggested two other publications to reach two additional barbers:

- ^{nr}1. Men's Hair Stylists, 16 West 46th St., New York City, New York.
- ^{nr}2. Professional Barber, 54 West 46th St., New York City, New York.

No lead is being set out for New York until a decision has been made by the Bureau regarding instant publication.

ack: let to Charlotte 5-17-68 JRH: dji

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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(OO: ME)

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 5/10/68, attention
FBI Laboratory, concerning ERNEST S. GAULT.

Referenced airtel set forth a lead for the
Little Rock Office to attempt to locate ERNEST S. GAULT.
An extensive investigation has previously been conducted
by the Little Rock Office and other offices to locate
this individual, and no further action is being taken in
this matter.

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3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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May 15, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20

Dear Sir:

I want to know the truth about Martin L. King from the records of Congress and the F. B. I. I want to know about his criminal activities, his Communist activities, his aid and comfort to the Viet Cong. I want to know why the flag is lowered for something like this and not for our boys who die to save our country, not to degrade our heritage.. I find it very hard to explain to my children, patriotism, honor and truth, when I have to also explain why the flag was lowered to honor something against everything sacred. My family and I are confused. Can you explain?

Sincerely,

James A. Hannon
James A. Hannon *NI*

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44-38861-36

James A. Hannon
10035 Jensen Drive
Houston, Texas 77016

25 MAY 21 1968

James
CORRESPONDENCE

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Date: 5/15/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS FIVE FIFTEEN SIXTYEIGHT. GUESTS REGISTERED AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL DECEMBER SEVENTEEN TO NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, NEW ORLEANS.

RE-EXAMINATION OF PROVINCIAL MOTEL REGISTRATION RECORDS REFLECT CORRECT NAME AS W. H. RAUFLER, TWO EIGHT NINE NINE COLLINS AVENUE, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, FLORIDA LICENSE NUMBER ONE W W ONE ONE THREE EIGHT ZERO OR ONE W W ONE ONE THREE EIGHT SIX ON A CADILLAC. LICENSE NUMBER ON REGISTRATION CARD BARELY LEGIBLE.

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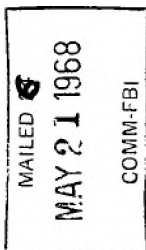
May 21, 1968

Mr. James A. Hannon
10035 Jensen Drive
Houston, Texas 77016

Dear Mr. Hannon:

With respect to the inquiries in your letter of May 15th concerning Martin Luther King's possible criminal and communist activities, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *EW*

DATE: 5-16-68 *io M*

FROM : C. L. McGowan *EW*

1 - Mr. Rosen *io*
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On night of 5-16-68, James M. Wolf, Laboratory Aide, Laboratory Division, advised he had just received a letter from his aunt, Dr. Ruth Turrell, 928 Shore Drive, North Palm Beach, Florida. She advised in this letter that she believes she had seen an individual resembling James Earl Ray recently in connection with her work at the Turrell Clinic which is at the same address as above.

ACTION:

Above information furnished to Duty Agent John Hanlon, Miami Office. He was instructed to have Dr. Turrell interviewed for any information she might have and to follow up with logical investigation to identify this individual.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

DATE: 5/16/68

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of a memorandum, copies of which should be transmitted to Legats at Mexico City and Ottawa, dated 5/16/68.

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May 16, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
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CONFINEMENT - ARMED ROBBERY

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The letter and envelope are attached.

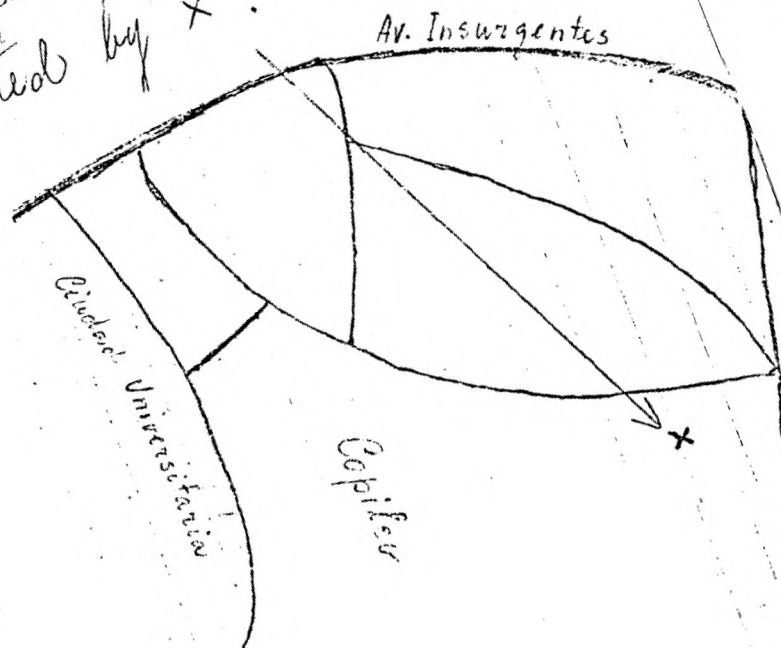
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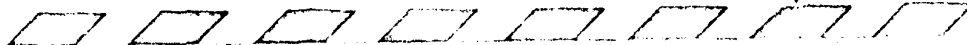
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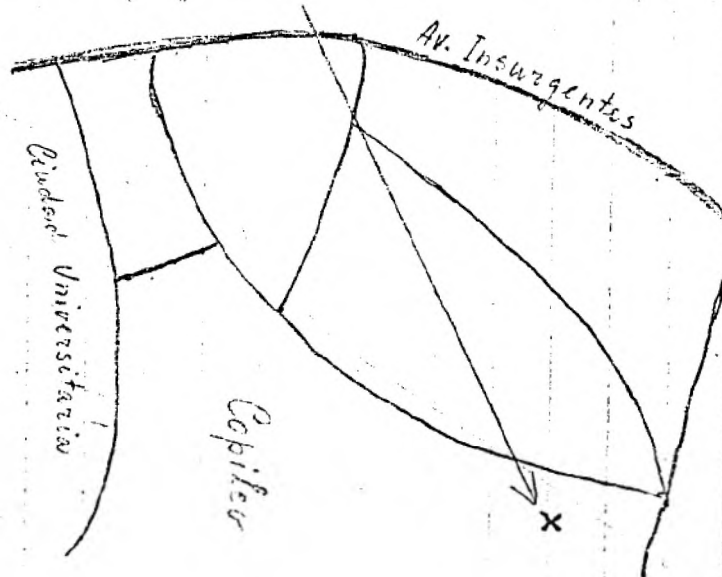
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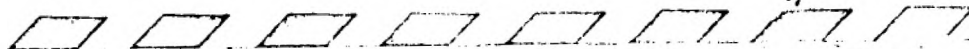
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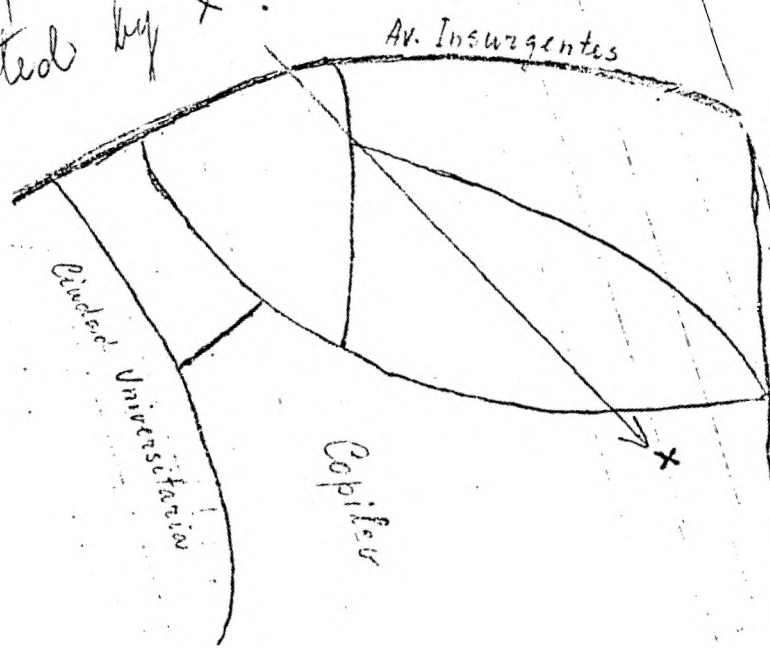
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