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	4805 (4803)	AIRTEL FM WFO 7-3-68		2	2				✓							bb	EXCISE
	UNRECORDED	AIRTEL FM NY 6-24-68		6	6				✓								ACQUIC
	4806 (4804)	INTERNAL MEMO FM ROSEN 7-8-68		2	2					✓							RELEASE
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	4807 (4805)	JUSTICE ROUTING SLIP		5	5				✓								RELEASE
	4808	AIRTEL TO KC. 7-9-68		2	2				✓								RELEASE
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## SILENCERS

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Various types of silencing devices have long been used with varying degrees of success on nearly all types of small arms. The Maxim patent silencer (illustrated below) was widely used before silencers were declared illegal in the U. S. under the National and Federal Firearms Acts. It was supposed in principal to impart a spin to the exiting muzzle gas, thus preventing the muzzle blast and resultant noise. Other common types attempted to bleed off the gas after it was captured in chambers at the muzzle, usually with complicated arrangements of flutter valves or other devices. Perhaps the most common and indeed the most efficient design is patterned after the automobile muffler, in which the gas is captured in a chamber at the muzzle, and escapes slowly from the chamber through the same holes it entered, or through exit holes positioned at opposite sides.

**LEGAL NOTE:** Due to the effective use of silenced firearms by poachers and assassins, many countries have stringent legal control of any type of firearm silencing device. Indeed, in the United States they fall under the purview of Title 22, Foreign Relations, Chapter 1, Department of State Regulation 108.425-Revised Sub-chapter M, Section 121.01, Category 1, Paragraph (c) in that they are listed as an implement of war requiring a special license for importation. They also come under the purview of Part 179 of Title 26, Code of Federal Regulations (National Firearms Act) in that they are defined as a firearm requiring a special \$200 tax stamp plus federal registration upon manufacture or change of ownership. Application for the tax stamps and registration is obtained from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, Internal Revenue Service, U. S. Treasury Department. Should one make such a silencing device without proper exemption (available to Police and other authorized agencies) he is liable to the tax, plus the interest and penalties thereon, in addition to possible criminal liability for penalties under Section 5861, I. R. C.

**MECHANICAL THEORY:** The noise on cartridges which travel slower than sound comes from the blast of hot expanding gas bursting from the muzzle, or around the breech in a revolver. A device which effectively captures this blast of gas and releases it slowly enough will therefore silence the firearm, at least in theory. There are exceptions to this, however, which must be noted. The more obvious are open-breeched weapons such as a revolver or revolving rifle, which allow a blast to escape around the cylinder. Indeed, even unlocked breech weapons such as sub-machine guns allow a flash to escape from the ejection port. The British Sten and the American M-3 were both fitted with rudimentary silencers which proved effective for special missions in spite of this minor defect, however.

The second notable exception becomes apparent when one considers that not all cartridges can be silenced, as projectiles which leave the muzzle faster than the speed of sound (about 1140 f. p. s.) create a noise of their own as they travel through the air, and the partial vacuum they leave behind creates noise when the air rushes back in. Therefore, we will hereafter consider only those cartridges which can be obtained factory loaded to velocities below the speed of sound (many other cartridges may also be hand-loaded to suitable velocities, but since the possibilities are innumerable they will not be dealt with here). The most common cartridges in the silenceable category are: .22 CB Cap, .22 Short, .25 & .32 Auto, .32 S & W, .32 S & W Long, .32 Short Colt, .32 Long Colt, .32-20 Winchester, .38 S & W, .38 S & W Special, .38 Short Colt, .38 Long Colt, .38 ACP, .380 Auto, 9MM Luger (Parabellum), .38-40 Winchester, .41 Short, .41 Long Colt, .44 Special & Russian, .44-40 Winchester, .45 ACP, .45 Long Colt, .455 Webley (Eley) Revolver, .455 Webley (Eley) Automatic; plus a wide selection of shotgun cartridges loaded with solid balls.

Although the above-mentioned Maxim silencers attempted to stop the noise by not only capturing but also breaking up and giving spin to them, the most effective silencers have been the captive type, whether of the complicated "bleed-off" valve-release or the simple "automobile muffler" type. The most effective cartridge selection is obviously one with the heaviest possible projectile traveling at the lower velocity, such as the .45 ACP.

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or .45 Long Colt. The favorites of professional poachers are single-shot rifles firing .43 or .45 rifle cartridges loaded to low velocities. The rifle has the additional advantage that its longer barrel tends to minimize the muzzle blast, as most of the powder is completely burned before it reaches the muzzle.

It is also obvious that since the purpose of the silencer is to capture the gas and release it slowly, the smaller caliber arms will need only a smaller chamber in which to contain this captured gas than does a larger cartridge with its resultant larger volume of escaping gas. The .22 "scratch" pistols used a silencer which was approximately one inch in diameter and eight inches long. The British Sten was fitted with a silencer which encircled the barrel and was about 2 1/2" to 3" in diameter. A .45 ACP weapon should have a chamber about 3" in diameter and at least 4" long in order to be effective and safe. It must be remembered that these escaping gases are under strong pressure, and the silencer must be very sturdily designed and constructed in order to withstand the working pressures involved. Certain modern designs have incorporated an outer chamber which is constructed of heavy rubber, which expands to contain the volume of gas at the instant of firing, but which is compact and not liable to burst and throw dangerous shrapnel. An old trick of country crow hunters is to put a baby-bottle nipple on the end of his .22, which is good for several rounds before it becomes too ragged to be effective.

As the length of the barrel is important due to the fact that a longer barrel allows the powder to be completely burned before the blast reaches the muzzle, it is readily seen that the faster-burning pistol powders (such as Hercules Bullseye) are more practical, since they accomplish the same thing in a shorter, more compact barrel.

"BLEED-OFF" DESIGNS: The "bleed-off" systems will be mentioned only in passing, as they are less practical, less safe and much more complicated in design than the more popular "automobile muffler" types. These must by their nature be built to much closer tolerances and constructed to withstand greater pressures than other types. This is largely due to the fact that they divert the gas pressure first to the pressure chamber through small check valves, then from the chamber through other small valves into the atmosphere, or in some designs merely through small exit ports. In these designs, the chamber is usually not filled with any type of acoustical packing. As these are more complicated to design and build, they are favored by neither designers nor gunsmiths. A schematic diagram is shown below to illustrate the principal of operation -- it is not intended as a blueprint for jack-knife gunsmiths who would break the law and jeopardize their safety with a soldered booby-trap.

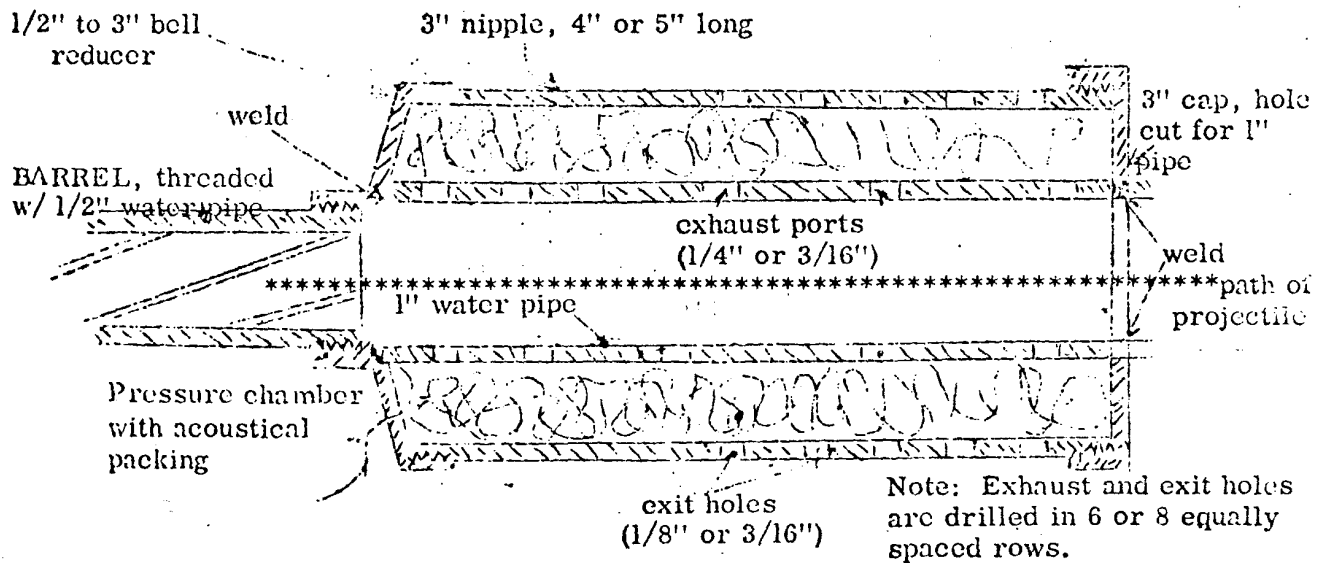
"AUTOMOBILE MUFFLER" DESIGNS: The effectiveness of this design depends on a pressure chamber of sufficient size and strength to capture the expanding gases from the burning gunpowder and allow a drop in pressure before the projectile leaves the muzzle of the gun. Therefore, these are usually fitted to the muzzle, although in the case of certain designs they telescope the barrel and the gas entry ports are just forward of the chamber (as in some designs built for the Sten and US M-3; the design for the Sten even allowed the pressure to drop to a point where the projectile left the muzzle at less than the speed of sound). The part of the barrel which is covered by the pressure chamber is slotted or perforated to allow the gases to enter freely. This chamber is usually packed with some type of acoustical deadening material (such as coarse spun glass, steel wool, bronze wool, etc.). This design, although very simple, serves a two-fold purpose in that the gases are baffled as they enter and exit the chamber, and the high pressure which causes the objectionable muzzle blast is lowered before the projectile leaves the barrel. For these and other reasons, this design has proved to be the most practical and satisfactory in use. It is well to note here that although these silencing devices seem very simple in design, they must be built to withstand tremendous pressures in use, and their construction should not be undertaken by any unqualified or unskilled persons merely because they have access to the necessary tools and machinery and a low regard for the laws involved.

## SILENCERS...

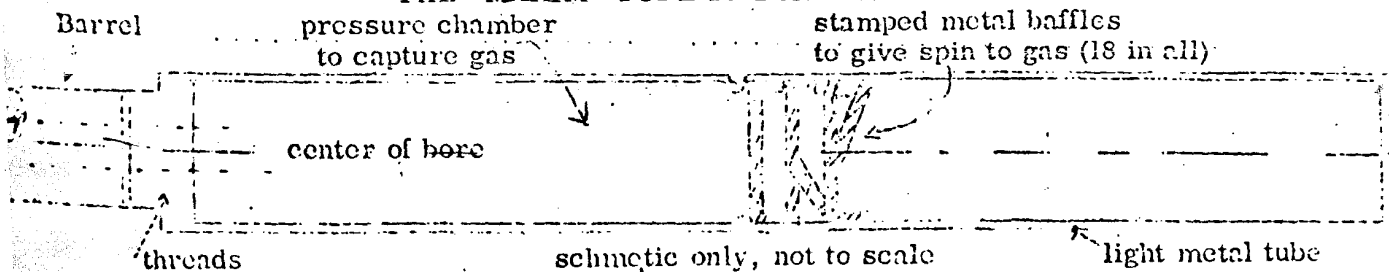
For the sake of simplicity the below representative plan is of a silencer attached to a .45AC<sup>7</sup> caliber M-3 "Greasegun" sub-machinegun. This weapon is ideal in that it has a handily protruding barrel, solid construction and a good cartridge. To be truly effective, the pressure chamber must have a volume in excess of 25 cubic inches (the smaller it is, the more sturdily it must be constructed, as the pressure will be greater). This is accomplished in a chamber 3" in diameter and about 4" long, but these proportions may be altered to conform to the particular weapon, as long as the volume remains the same or larger. For the sake of safety, a silencer of the captive type should be wrapped with heavy canvas or glass cloth in case of a rupture, and for insulation, as nearly all silencing devices grow quite hot under sustained fire. Also, great care must be taken that the inside of the silencers align perfectly with the bore before a round is ever fired, and for this reason it is wise to have this inner wall larger than the bore and projectile size.

As it is usually impractical within the limits of existing regulations for the individual to construct silencing attachments, a very practical and inexpensive device may be constructed from a small crate about two feet square, from which is suspended cloth strips held with chicken wire on the inside in a circular lining which acts as an acoustical deadening device but does not actually attach to the weapon; this being very practical for indoor ranges when placed around the muzzle of the arm, or suspended from the ceiling for pistol shooting. As this sort of arrangement is more of a muzzle-blast muffler and is away from the muzzle by a foot or so on all sides, it has the advantage of not interfering with and sights.

Additional information on silencers may be obtained from: "Pistols, Rifles and Machine Guns", Maj. W. G. B. Allen, English Universities Press; "The World's Submachine Guns", Thomas Nelson, International Small Arms Publishers, Cologne; and the "Gun Digest" 1964 18th Edition.

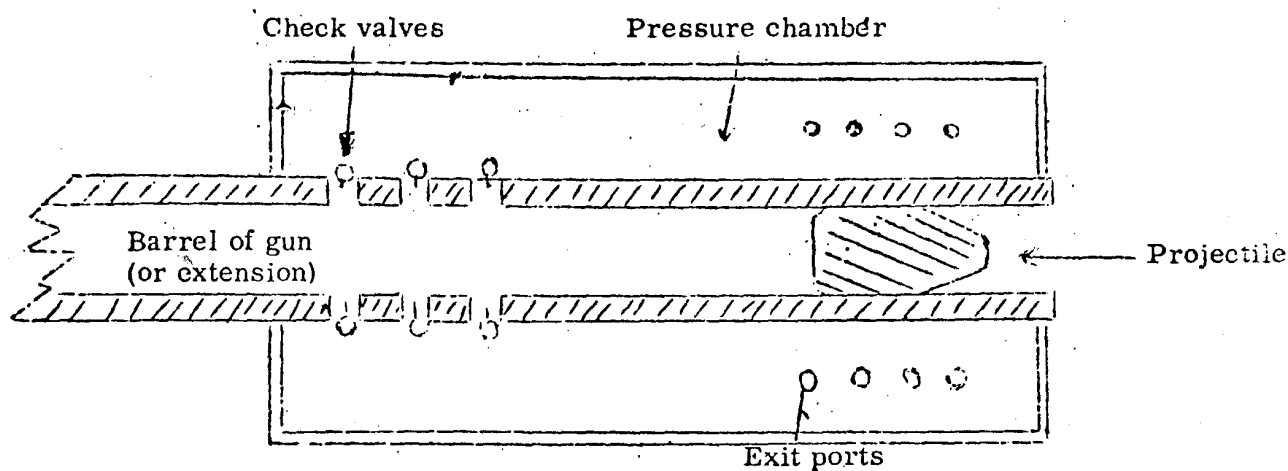


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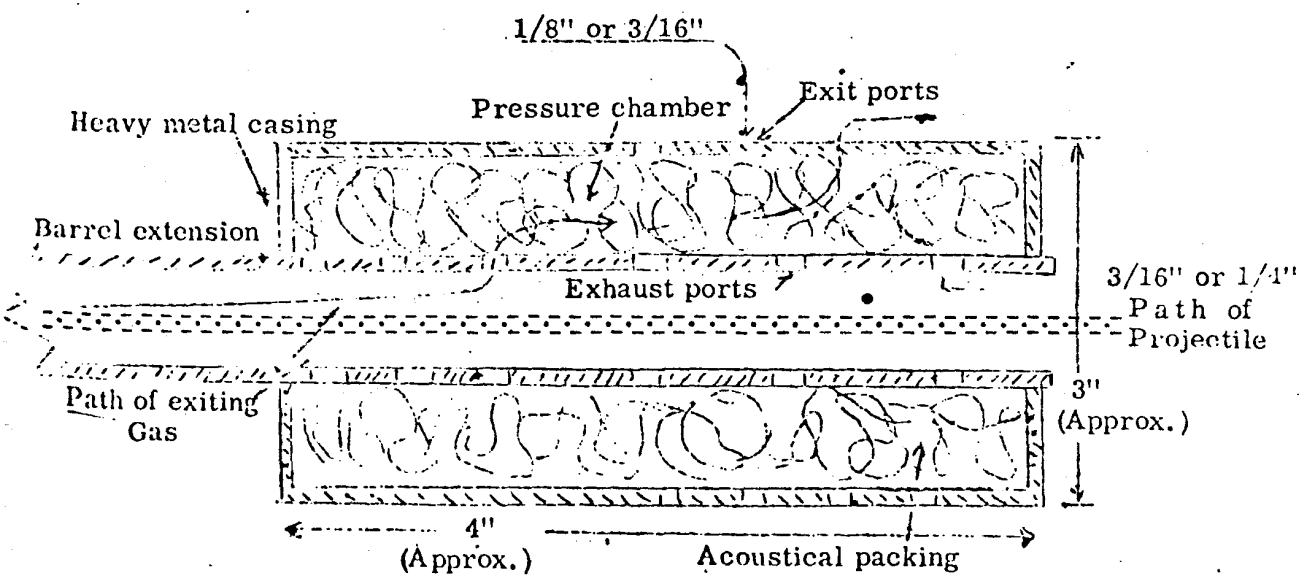


RESUME: Thus far we have learned that the silenced firearm is preferably of large bore and low velocity, closed-breech design (such as an automatic pistol or rifle); it has the longest possible barrel; the cartridge is best if as heavy as possible, and loaded to velocities less than 1140 f.p.s.; a fast-burning powder is preferable in order to lessen the length of barrel necessary for complete burning. The following schematic diagrams illustrate the principles involved in the various silencers, and show how effective silencers are built by authorized, competent gunsmiths:

"BLEED-OFF" SILENCER, SCHEMATIC



"AUTOMOBILE MUFFLER" SILENCER  
(SIDE VIEW)



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MR. TOLSON:

RE: MURKIN

At Ray's hearing in London today, case remanded until July 2, at which time it is believed hearing will be completed.

George Bonebrake testified as fingerprint expert. No cross examination. Was questioned in detail as private American citizen. Individual under these circumstances must testify and answer questions or be held in contempt. Bonebrake questioned in detail relative to general knowledge of King's activities with Southern Christian Leadership Conference and his activities on behalf of negroes back as far as 1961. Detailed memo being submitted.

Assistant Attorney General Vinson called Department and stated Bonebrake made excellent witness on behalf of U. S. Government.

Ray took stand and in response to question of counsel denied killing King.

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FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 1P

VIA TELETYPE

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✓ Mr. F. [Signature]  
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4623

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SUBJ: EXTRADITION JAMES EARL RAY

REF: WATSON-FISHER TELCONS JULY 3

1. ARTHUR J. HANES TELEPHONED EMBASSY JULY 3 FROM BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA STATING HE WAS ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY AND HAD BEEN DENIED PERMISSION TO SEE RAY IN PRISON DURING FOUR-DAY VISIT TO LONDON LAST MONTH. HANES STATED HE WAS PREPARED TO COME TO LONDON AGAIN TO TRY AND SEE RAY IN PRISON AND REQUESTED EMBASSY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER PERMISSION FOR SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE GRANTED BY HOME OFFICE.

2. HOME OFFICE UNDERSEC IN CHARGE OF PRISON DEPT INFORMED EMBASSY PERMISSION FOR HANES TO SEE RAY AS ORDINARY VISITOR HAD BEEN GRANTED LAST MONTH FOLLOWING REQUEST BY RAY, BUT WHEN DECISION WAS TAKEN HANES COULD NOT BE LOCATED (HE HAD APPARENTLY RETURNED TO U.S.). UNDERSEC, AFTER SPEAKING WITH HOME SECRETARY, STATED PERMISSION FOR VISIT WAS STILL VALID BUT SPECIFIED THAT VISIT WOULD BE UNDER NORMAL RULES FOR ORDINARY VISITORS, NAMELY, GUARD WOULD BE WITHIN SIGHT AND HEARING AND GLASS PANEL BETWEEN HANES AND RAY; VISIT COULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS ALLOWED LEGAL ADVISORS SINCE HANES IS NOT RAY'S LEGAL ADVISOR HERE.

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3. HANES WAS INFORMED BY COLLECT CALL EVENING OF JULY 3 THAT VISIT WOULD BE PERMITTED BUT ONLY UNDER CONDITIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE. HE STATED HE APPRECIATED EMBASSY'S EFFORTS AND THAT HE HAD BEEN PLANNING TO FLY TO LONDON MORNING OF

JULY 4 BUT WOULD NOW GIVE THE MATTER FURTHER THOUGHT. BRUCE  
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Date: 7/3/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (PERSONAL ATTENTION: ASST. DIRECTOR ROSEN)

FROM: ~~LEGAT~~, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

Re my cables June 29 and July 1, 1968, pertaining to bank robbery at Fulham on 6/4/68. Also referring to two other possible situations in which JAMES EARL RAY is a suspect.

Enclosed herein are two copies of a Metropolitan Police Report dated 6/29/68. This is a preliminary report and the contents pertain to the Fulham bank robbery. Also enclosed are two copies each of pages from the "Police Gazette", one dated 7/3/67 which pertains to attempted robbery of the National Provincial Bank and the other dated 7/6/68 pertaining to a robbery of a bank in Devon and Cornwall, Plymouth. These are the other two situations in which RAY is considered to be a suspect.

I hope to obtain photographic copies of the note used in the Fulham bank robbery on or about 7/5/68 and I will forward them.

If desired, the Bureau may furnish the Department of Justice copies of the enclosed documents under the same considerations as set forth in my cable of 7/1/68.

Also enclosed are two copies of an extract of the Judgment of Mr. F. MILTON, the presiding Magistrate at Bow Street Court on 7/2/68. These are furnished for information and need not be furnished the Department as Mr. Vinson has a copy of it.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 8)  
1 - Liaison (direct)  
1 - London  
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1cc sent to Mr. Pollak  
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1cc sent to meophers over 8/5 JUL 8 1968  
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Entire set sent to  
Members

Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent: JUL 30 1968 M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO - MEMPHIS

Re Jackson teletype dated 4/24/68, St. Louis airtel dated 4/30/68 and Oklahoma City airtel dated 5/8/68.

Encbsed for Memphis are 15 copies of investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted at Fort Worth, Texas.

RE: SUSPECT - ROBERT G. BOSHERS

The files of the Federal Records Center, Fort Worth, Texas, were reviewed regarding ROBERT G. BOSHERS, Inmate File #Y-26381-SW, Federal Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma. The file shows BOSHERS was sentenced on 1/2/59 in the Eastern District of Missouri, St. Louis, Missouri, to serve an indeterminate period under the Youth Corrections Act following conviction for mail theft, forging and uttering a U. S. Check. Probation was revoked and he was committed to the Federal Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma, on 7/13/59; paroled 4/1/61; parole violator's warrant executed 10/5/63, and subsequently returned to Federal Reformatory, El Reno, on 10/24/63, and released 12/12/63 at the expiration of his sentence.

BOSHERS' file fails to reflect any information of any sentence in the State of Michigan nor does it show any record of him ever being wanted in that state.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (Enc. 15)  
1 - St. Louis (44-775) (Info)  
2 - Dallas  
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Approved: C. Bishop  
Special Agent in Charge

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The files of the Federal Reformatory Center, Fort Worth,

RE: SUSPECT - ROBERT C. BOSHERS

Insert reflecting investigation conducted at Fort Worth, Texas.  
Enclosed for Memphis are 12 copies of investigative

dated 4/30/68 and Oklahoma City airtel dated 2/8/68.  
Re Jackson teletype dated 4/24/68, St. Louis airtel

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-38861) (P)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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MR. MOSS LEE INNES,  
c/o UNITED STATES EMBASSY,  
100 WELLINGTON STREET,  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

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FOR TRANSMITTAL TO: DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

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RE:  
OBJET:Martin Luther KING  
Murder of: - Ass't. to F.B.I.13 June 68

1. With reference to reports submitted in this regard from Windsor Detachment dealing with Mr. & Mrs. M. QUINTAL, please be advised that at approximately 9:30 P.M. this date Mr. QUINTAL contacted this office advising that he had been contacted, by telephone, by a reporter from the Toronto Daily Star. He had not talked to this reporter but wished to see a member of this office regarding this the next day.

2. At approximately 10:15 P.M. Mrs. QUINTAL called stating she had received a threatening call from Detroit. At the same time Cst. R. Tunnah, Telephone Orderly, received a call from a person who identified himself as Agent BEASLEY (Phon.) F.B.I., Washington and who enquired if Agent HAMER (Phon.) was at our office. Cst. Tunnah advised this caller there was no Agent HAMER at the office nor had not been all evening. When Cst. Tunnah requested this caller to further identify himself he hung up.

3. Cst. J. Wadden and myself visited the QUINTALS at approximately 11:00 P.M., at which time Mr. QUINTAL advised they had received three (3) telephone calls, during the course of the evening, in relation to the Martin L. KING assassination. The first from a person who identified himself as a reporter, no name, from a Toronto daily paper which QUINTAL believed was the Daily Star. This person only requested what QUINTAL knew about GALT and when QUINTAL stated he did not want to talk about it the caller hung up.

4. The next call was from a person who identified himself as Agent HAMER (Phon.) of the F.B.I. and who wanted to know what QUINTAL knew about GALT. Quintal advised this caller that he did not want to talk but asked for his telephone number so that he could call him back. The caller gave the following number EX3-7100. During this conversation a second man, apparently on an extension, who sounded like a Negro, and who identified himself as PARSHAL (Phon.) cut in and demanded that QUINTAL give them the information they wanted. This second man demanded that the QUINTALS 'give us the information over the phone as we can't go over there to get it'. This led QUINTAL to believe this call came from Detroit. After this call QUINTAL called the F.B.I. in Detroit and was advised that no one from that office had called him. He was told that the number given to him was the F.B.I. number in Washington.

5. A short while later he received another call from the person who had earlier identified himself as Agent HAMER. Quintal hung up on him on this call.

6. Although there was no direct threat made 4 JUL 24 1968 Mrs. ---

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6. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO DIRECT THREAT MADE BOTH MR. & MRS. QUINTAL were upset over these telephone calls. They were advised at this time that should these calls continue they could have their telephone disconnected. I suggested to them that we arrange with the Windsor City Police to give them coverage by added patrols in the vicinity of their home however Mr. QUINTAL declined.

7. I contacted Thomas NALLY, Acting Agent in Charge, F.B.I., Detroit and was advised they have no Agents by the names given by the QUINTALS or the person who telephoned this office. He confirmed that the number given to the QUINTALS was that of their Washington office however this is public knowledge.

8. Agents William Hart and Dave Lattin, F.B.I. Detroit, visited this office on the 14 June 68 at which time they were given the names as noted above and the circumstances under which they were obtained. They were unable to suggest who might have been responsible for these calls.

9. The telephone calls received by the QUINTALS were either local calls or direct dial calls and therefore cannot be traced. The above is being reported in the event it should relate to any information on hand.

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D.A.C. Sgt.  
for NCO I/C. AOL.

*G.W. Lochhead* Sgt.  
G.W. Lochhead, #14934.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 27, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Martindale

1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Trotter

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Legat John Minnich telephoned from London and advised the hearing was conducted today from 10:35 am until 1:00 pm, then recessed for lunch and continued from 2:15 to 4:45 pm, it being noted it does not ordinarily extend beyond 4:00 pm. Minnich advised Ray was remanded on both of the extraditable charges - the killing of King in Memphis and the escape charge from Missouri State Prison to July 2, 1968. It is to be noted he was previously remanded on the two English charges - possession of firearms and for entering England with a false passport, to July 8, 1968.

The Magistrate inquired of Ray's counsel, as well as counsel for the States of Tennessee and Missouri, as to whether they could complete their case in one more day of testimony and both indicated this was possible.

Minnich advised Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake testified today and there was no cross examination by defense counsel of Bonebrake relating to his fingerprint testimony. He was questioned, however, in considerable detail by the defense as a private American citizen (not as a fingerprint expert). Minnich advised this procedure is allowable under British law and that an individual must answer the questions asked, having no choice whatsoever, or be held in contempt of court. He was questioned concerning Dr. Martin Luther King, as to his knowledge of King as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and whether he considered King to be a political figure. Bonebrake answered these questions by stating that he had no personal firsthand knowledge, that his knowledge was based solely on information in newspapers, which was within the realm of knowledge available to the general American public.

At 2:15 pm, after the noon recess, Bonebrake was again questioned and required to answer as indicated above. He was questioned relative to the Freedom Ride in 1961 (this was a bus caravan from Washington, D. C., to New Orleans for the purpose of testing integration at places of public accommodation and transportation facilities), the demonstrations against Dr. King, black-power groups, the 1963 march on Washington, the 1965 Voting Act, the march from Selma to Montgomery,

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1 COPIES MADE DATE 5-18-78 BY  
TWA: gms RE MURKIN  
FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND/OR DELIVERY  
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5-16-78  
(SEE BUFILE # 117-130)

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Memo to Mr DeLoach from A. Rosen  
Re: MURKIN

Alabama (in March of 1965) and whether Dr. King had been assaulted. Bonebrake answered these questions with the qualification that he had no direct personal knowledge of these events. He was questioned as to whether Dr. King was in Memphis at the time of his death to help with the sanitation workers strike. Before Bonebrake could answer, the Hearing Magistrate stated: "He had as much knowledge as Bonebrake on the American situation and that he felt judicial notice could be taken concerning the questions being asked." At this point counsel for the States of Tennessee and Missouri, for the record, stated that Bonebrake's answers were not in any way associated with any official U. S. position. At this point Bonebrake was discharged as a witness.

During the morning testimony, Chief Superintendent Thomas Butler of New Scotland Yard, in part, testified that while Ray was at Cannon Row Police Station, Ray stated, "I feel so trapped" and "Oh God"; also, that he collapsed on the cell seat. During the p. m. testimony the Magistrate cautioned Ray as to his rights. Ray commented that he wanted to make a statement concerning Butler's testimony as he thought it was false. Ray's counsel stated to the court that the differences concerning Ray's feelings and Butler's testimony were immaterial to the extradition hearing. Ray still wanted to tell his story and a ten-minute recess was held.

Thereafter Ray's counsel stated for Ray that Ray disagreed with a large portion of the evidence presented by Butler and he wanted it so stated in the record that he did not make the quotes attributable to him by Butler nor did he collapse in his cell. He wanted it made known that he made no statement to any police officer and that he had refused to sign his fingerprint card; also, that he was not making application for recall of witness Butler to the stand.

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Ray then took the stand and while/under oath or affirmation, which under British law precludes cross examination of the witness, in answer to questions from his counsel admitted his arrest at the London Airport on June 8, 1968, and under questioning stated he did not personally know Dr. King, had never met him, had no grudge against him, and in response to the specific question "Did you kill Dr. Martin Luther King," replied "no." Minnich advised that these are the highlights of the hearing and that more detailed information will be submitted.

Memo to Mr. DeLoach from A. Rosen  
Re: MURKIN

Mr. Nathaniel E. Kossack, first assistant to Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, telephoned the Bureau stating that Mr. Vinson had called him, Kossack, shortly before 1:00 p. m. today, and requested Kossack to advise the Bureau that Mr. Bonebrake did an outstanding job on the stand. Mr. Vinson characterized his performance as a credit to the FBI and to the U. S. Government. He said Bonebrake did so well that the defense did not even try to cross examine him. Mr. Vinson told Kossack that under English rules, the defense counsel was permitted great latitude. Mr. Vinson repeated and reiterated that Bonebrake did an outstanding job, both on direct examination and in handling defense counsel's desperate attempts to insert political motives into the trial.

ACTION: This is for information and you will be promptly advised of further pertinent developments.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*W. J. Sullivan*

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TO : Chief, Division of Protective Security  
Office of Security

DATE: June 20, 1968

FROM : Regional Security Officer, WINCHESTER *WJ*

SUBJECT: SANCRO, Arthur A.  
46 Charles St., Bloomfield, N. J. 07003

The enclosed letter, from SUBJECT, alleging knowledge of information threatening lives of the Kennedy family, Sirhan and Earl Ray was received via open mail by Embassy Warsaw on June 18, 1968.

Incl: As stated.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF SECURITY

DATE: June 25, 1968

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.  
Attention: Mr. Bernard C. Rechner

FROM : Chief, Division of Protective Security

SUBJECT: Transmittal Notice

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

ATTACHMENT: Copy of memorandum from RSC, Warsaw, dated June 20, 1968, with attached letter from Arthur A. Stango dated June 9, 1968 alleging knowledge of information threatening lives of the Kennedy family, Sirhan Sirhan, and James Earl Ray.

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AMERICAN EMBASSY  
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Jan 2 1968  
American Embassy,

Dear Friend,

I'm wasting my time,  
in sending letters to:  
President Johnson, Director John  
E. Hoover, Newsweek Magazine,  
Daily News, and Rep. Peter W  
Rodino Jr. (NY)

I also send, President Kennedy  
(Rest In Peace)) also Sen. Robert  
Kennedy (Rest In Peace)

I send you fair warning letters  
some one will kill you.

All my letters was throw out.

I want you know what I  
heard, that all Kennedy  
family's will be wipe out.  
(all CD party)

Not the Republican  
party. (you figure it out)

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Sirhan - Sirhan will not  
get death sentence.)

He will be shot to death.)

Also James Earl Ray  
will be kill.

(This what I heard.)

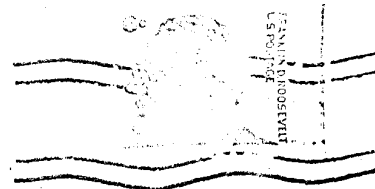
I hope you forward, to  
one who can take action of  
my letters.

Please don't fail me.

May God Bless you always.  
yours truly,

Mr. Arthur A. Stango  
3 Charles St.  
Bloomfield, N. J. 07003

(Name to remember)



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*American Embassy  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : The Director

DATE: 6/21/68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 87559-87560. Senator Byrd, (D) West Virginia, advised that on June 10, 1968, I made brief remarks in the Senate commending J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI for the capture of James Earl Ray, the man suspected of killing Martin Luther King. At that time, I stated: 'Selfish individuals who do not know the true character of Mr. Hoover and his associates, have blandly asserted their belief that Ray would never be captured, implying that the FBI did not really want to catch Ray. Ralph McGill, the distinguished publisher of the Atlanta Constitution, has developed this thought further in a column published in the Evening Star of June 20, 1968. He also made some most laudatory and deserved comments about the FBI.' He inserted Mr. McGill's column in the Record.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 6-21-68 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

Original filed in:

*114*  
*Murkin*

C. D. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson  
Re: Interview with the AG 5/24/68

The AG stated that he had read in one paper that a body had been found in Pennsylvania and there was speculation that this might be the body of James Earl Ray. I told him I was not familiar with this piece of news, that I would check it immediately, and that a communication would be sent to him accordingly. He asked me the status of the investigation on Ray. I told him there was nothing new over and above what we had sent to him in writing.

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(3) The General Investigative Division should ascertain the information surrounding the finding of a body in Pennsylvania and advise the AG, in writing, whether or not this incident had any connection with the case involving James Earl Ray.

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: Cryptanalysis & Translation Section

DATE: 6/26/68

FROM : Legat, Bern (88-21) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBucab 6/8/68 and WFO LHM 5/15/68.

Stops in Austria, Liechtenstein and Switzerland have been removed.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of report of the Geneva Police in French dated 6/15/68 at Geneva.

Bureau is requested to have this report translated verbatim, to retain the original and to send copies of the translation to WFO and to Legat, Bern.

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1 - Bern  
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Rapport de Insp. Thomkins.

à Monsieur le chef de la Police de sûreté.

Objet de l'enquête :

Pièce n° 20 724

DIVISION FEDERALE DE  
POLICE, Berne,  
réf. B 12220 HPW.

demande enquête sur  
présence éventuelle  
à Genève de :

James Earl R A Y.

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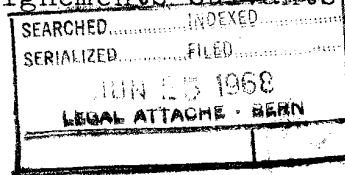
Par courrier du 13 juin 1968, la DIVISION  
FEDERALE DE POLICE, à Berne, nous transmettait une  
requête du F.B.I. du 4.6.68. On nous demandait  
l'identification d'un américain remarqué au Restaurant  
LANDOLT un samedi soir de fin avril 1968, celui-ci  
répondant au signalement de l'assassin présumé du  
Dr. Martin Luther KING, le nommé :

R A Y James Earl, alias : Eric Starvo GALT,  
W.C. HERRON,  
Harvey LOWMYER,  
James Mc BRIDE,  
James O'CONNER ou O'CONNOR,  
James WALTON,  
James WALYON,  
James WILLARD,  
"Jim".

Tout d'abord, je tiens à faire remarquer  
que, selon la presse, James Earl RAY a été arrêté  
à Londres le samedi 8 juin 1968, sous l'alias  
suivant :

- Ramon George SNEYD ou SNEYDA.

La demande du F.B.I. précisait que le  
bureau de Washington avait reçu le 14.5.68, un appel  
téléphonique anonyme d'un homme se disant journaliste.  
Ce dernier venait d'avoir eu une conversation avec  
des personnes désirant également garder l'anonymat.  
Celles-ci croyaient avoir vu au Restaurant LANDOLT,  
à Genève, un samedi soir de fin avril 1968, un améri-  
cain correspondant au signalement de James Earl RAY.  
Elles avaient donné les renseignements suivants :



L'inconnu était entré au restaurant avec un homme et une femme d'environ 40 ans, aux cheveux blonds, teints ; les deux accompagnants paraissaient suisses. L'Américain était bien habillé et avait un accent du Midwest ; son langage était grossier et vulgaire. Il semblait désireux d'obtenir les services d'une prostituée. La blonde déjà mentionnée lui proposa un travesti, mais il répondit qu'il voulait une femme. L'Américain commanda des mets chers et exotiques que le personnel dû aller chercher à l'extérieur. Le personnel était très prévenant mais ne semblait pas connaître l'Américain. L'inconnue blonde devait connaître le maître d'hôtel car elle l'embrassa au moment de quitter le restaurant, avec ses deux compagnons.

L'enquête menée auprès de M. Francis LONGCHAMP, tenancier de la Brasserie LANDOLT, 2 rue de Candolle, près de l'Université, n'a pas amené confirmation des faits mentionnés ci-dessus. A noter que la clientèle est très cosmopolite, que les Américains sont nombreux mais, que le restaurant n'a pas fait venir de l'extérieur des mets exotiques. Quant au vieux maître d'hôtel, qui connaît bien son personnel et sa clientèle, il n'a aucun souvenir d'avoir été embrassé par une blonde de 40 ans dans le restaurant.

La même enquête a été menée au Buffet de la Gare des Eaux-Vives, dont le tenancier est M. Charles LANDOLT, cuisinier spécialiste des mets orientaux. Il s'agit d'un petit restaurant renommé également, à la clientèle très cosmopolite également. Malheureusement, les pages du livre des tables retenues ont été détruites, pour la période du 4 au 29.4.68. Dans cet établissement, ce sont des serveuses qui assurent le service et il n'y a ni chef de rang, ni maître d'hôtel. Par contre, le patron, en tablier de cuisinier, se souvient avoir été embrassé plusieurs fois par des étrangères satisfaites de sa cuisine.

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M. LANDOLT a précisé qu'il n'avait jamais fait venir de l'extérieur des mets exotiques; au contraire, on vient en chercher chez lui, le spécialiste.


En résumé, avec les éléments en notre possession, il n'a pas été possible d'établir qui était l'Américain inconnu.

Les recherches effectuées à notre fichier des bulletins d'hôtels, sous le nom de James Earl RAY, des alias connus et sous celui de Ramon George SNEYD ou SNEYDA, sont demeurées infructueuses. Cependant, nous relevons le passage à l'Hôtel INTERCONTINENTAL, du 2 au 4.4.68, d'un nommé :

O'CONNOR James Cyril,  
né le 17.6.26 à Ceylon (Canada),  
Canadien,  
fonctionnaire,  
domicilié : 180 Iowa Street, Ottawa (Canada),  
disant arriver de Londres,  
passeport No. SP 21440.

Je signale que le 30.4.68, l'inspecteur MARCHESI, de la Police Fédérale, informait nos services qu'une américaine croyait avoir vu James Earl RAY accompagné d'un autre américain, le samedi 27.4.68, à 1400 h., au restaurant MOVENPICK, à Genève. Les recherches étaient demeurées négatives et aucun élément précis n'avait été relevé.

Sieur James Earl RAY figure au MSP 1968, p. 938, art. 7 437, sous mandat d'arrêt, avis par fil au MSP, pour brigandage à main armée et soupçonné d'assassinat commis aux U.S.A., Il n'avait jamais occupé nos services auparavant.

  
R A Y James Earl, né le 10.3.28 à Quincy ou Alton/Ill.  
Américain, boulanger/manoeuvre.



TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH

Republic and Canton of Geneva

Department of Justice and  
Police

Police Department  
Safety

Geneva, June 15, 1968

REPORT BY INSPECTOR THOMKINS TO THE CHIEF OF THE SAFETY POLICE

**PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATION:**

Item No. 20-724, Federal Police Division, Bern, reference  
B-12220 HPW.

Request to investigate the possibility of the presence in Geneva of  
James Earl Ray.

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On June 13, 1968, the Federal Police Division in Bern transmitted  
to us by mail a request by the FBI dated June 4, 1968. The request was for the  
identification of an American observed in the Landolt Restaurant one Saturday  
evening toward the end of April. The subject answered the description of the  
alleged assassin of Doctor Martin Luther King, a subject named:

**JAMES EARL RAY**

alias

**ERIC STARVO GALT  
W. C. HERRON  
HARVEY LOWMYER  
JAMES O'CONNOR or O'CONNER  
JAMES WALTON  
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July 16, 1968

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**ENCLOSURE**

In the first place, I wish to point out that according to the press, James Earl Ray was arrested in London on Saturday, June 8, 1968, under the following alias:

RAYMON GEORGE SNEYD

or

RAYMON GEORGE SNEYDA

The request of the FBI specified that their Washington office had received, on May 14, 1968, an anonymous telephone call from a man who claimed to be a journalist. This man had just had a conversation with certain persons who likewise desired to remain anonymous. These persons believed to have seen -- at the Landolt Restaurant in Geneva, one Saturday evening toward the end of April 1968 -- an American answering James Earl Ray's description. They furnished the following information:

The unknown subject had entered the restaurant with a man and an approximately forty-year-old woman with blond-tinted hair. The two persons in the unknown subject's company appeared to be Swiss. The American was well dressed and had a mid-west accent. His language was coarse and vulgar. He appeared to desire the services of a prostitute. The previously mentioned blond woman suggested a homosexual dressed up as a woman, but he replied that he wanted a woman. The American ordered expensive and exotic dishes which the restaurant personnel had to go get elsewhere. The personnel in attendance were very solicitous but did not appear to know the American. The unknown blond must have been acquainted with the maitre d'hotel because she kissed him before leaving the restaurant with her two escorts.

The inquiries made of Mr. Francis Longchamp, operator of the Landolt Beer Garden, 2 Rue de Candolle, near the University, did not provide confirmation of the facts described above. It is to be noted that the clientele is a very cosmopolitan clientele and that it includes many Americans, but the restaurant never had to send elsewhere for exotic dishes. As to the old maitre d'hotel who knows the employees and clientele very well, he has no recollection of having been kissed by a forty-year-old blond woman in the restaurant.

The same inquiries were made in the Buffet de la Gare des Eaux-Vives, whose operator is Mr. Charles Landolt, a chef specialized in Oriental dishes. It is a small restaurant just as renowned and with a clientele which is just as cosmopolitan (as the above beer garden). Regrettably enough, the book of table reservations from April 4 to April 29, 1968, has been destroyed. In this