

Memo Rosen to DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi to anyone who would kill Martin Luther King, Jr. Subsequent investigation never uncovered any information which would, in any way, verify the \$100,000 offer. However, after the slaying of King, leads were set out to interview Nissen to determine if he had learned of any more information concerning such an offer.

It was determined that Nissen was declared a Federal fugitive parole violator on April 2, 1968. On July 31, 1968, Nissen telephonically contacted SA G. Wayne Mack of the Phoenix Office, and arrangements were made for Nissen to surrender himself to SA Mack at St. Louis on August 5, 1968. At this time SA Mack planned to stop in St. Louis on that date en route to an In-Service class at the Bureau beginning August 12, 1968. St. Louis was instructed to interview Nissen should he surrender as planned.

Nissen turned himself in to Agents at St. Louis on August 5, 1968, and stated his decision to do this was prompted partly by fear for his safety after having furnished information to the FBI concerning the alleged offer mentioned and partly by his desire to "get things straightened out" since he is now married and his wife is pregnant. Nissen said he had received no new information concerning the alleged offer for the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr., since interviewed by Dallas Agents on June 2, 1967.

This matter has been coordinated with the Special Investigative Division in view of his fugitive status. The Special Investigative Division directed a communication to St. Louis to the effect that an official of the United States Board of Parole advised that they received information from the Probation Officer in St. Louis to the effect that Nissen is claiming he absconded and violated parole because he possesses information concerning the Martin Luther King, Jr., assassination and fears for his life.

The Special Investigative Division requested the St. Louis Division to furnish the results of the interview of Nissen. They then intend to submit an LHM/to the United States Board of Parole.  
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

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CONTACT WITH CHUCK BAZE CONCERNING BAZE'S ACTIVITIES AND  
KNOWLEDGE OF ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON. INFORMANT STATES  
HE FEELS BAZE HAS DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING BR THROUGH  
NOT ACTIVE PARTICIPANT. INFORMANT INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE  
CONTACT OF BAZE.

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-281) (P. 1)  
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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Director, FBI

1 - Mr. McDonough

**MURKIN**

ReBulet 8-8-68.

Advise status.

1 - Foreign Liaison (cleared with Graham Day)

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1 - DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441111) (P)

1 - SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Cotter

DATE: 8/27/68

FROM : G. A. Strong

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mrs. Ona Kennedy, who resides in San Diego, California, and is known to the San Diego Office, personally contacted me in Washington, D. C.

She stated she was en route New York City, New York, from Memphis, Tennessee, where she had been visiting relatives. She related while in Memphis she had received thirdhand information to the effect that James Earl Ray was not the individual who killed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mrs. Kennedy advised that the person who did kill Dr. King, according to information she received, was the brother of an individual who owned a sporting goods store near the place of the murder.

She stated Ray was in the rooming house across from Dr. King's motel to shoot Dr. King in the event the other individual did not. In addition, Mrs. Kennedy advised that the landlady of the rooming house where Ray was allegedly seen is a Mrs. Yarborough who reportedly grew up with Ray in Missouri.

Mrs. Kennedy further advised that rumors were being circulated in Memphis to the effect that Mrs. Yarborough had received \$2,000 from persons unknown to testify in court that she did not recognize Ray.

The above conversation with Mrs. Kennedy was of short duration and in an establishment not conducive to thorough and exhaustive interrogation and only the above information was obtained.

Mrs. Kennedy was in a travel status and her exact date of return to San Diego is unknown.

## ACTION:

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It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to the division handling this matter.

1 - Mr. Rosen  
GAS:mkm (3)

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San Diego office instructed to interview Kennedy on her return + immediately run out the matter. 8/28/68.

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TO DIRECTOR  
FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-157111) (P)  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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August 28, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A source of this Bureau, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he was recently in contact with Robert M. Shelton Imperial Wizard of the United Klans, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Shelton inquired as to Klan members who could be trusted and also whether or not members of the Klan within Tennessee would be amenable to donating money to James Earl Ray.

Shelton advised the source that he had been approached by Arthur Hanes, attorney for Ray, who allegedly told Shelton that Ray had no money. Shelton told the source that he was coming to Memphis in the near future to look at a jury list that would be given to him by Hanes. The source further stated that Shelton asked him to look over the list with him when he comes to Memphis.

This information is being furnished to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, who is handling the state's prosecution of Ray. This is for your information.

- 1 - Civil Rights Division via 6-94 (F) <sup>8/28/68</sup>
- 1 - Criminal Division via 6-94 (F)

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PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHEN CONTACTED TODAY.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-241) (P)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-24241)

RE: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 44-1114  
 FBI FILE NO. 44-38861  
 LATENT CASE NO. 91075

August 30, 1968

TO: SAC, Chicago

RE:

MURKIN  
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## REFERENCE:

Airtel 8-23-68

## EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

Chicago

## SPECIMENS:

Eight payroll checks of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc.,  
 Q398 through Q405  
 Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate, Q406

Specimens examined and one latent fingerprint of value  
 developed on check, Q404.

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See attached page for result of comparison.

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Specimens enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)

1 - Mr. Rosen

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Your File No. 44-1114  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
Latent Case No. 91075

August 30, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G

The latent print developed on the check #5283, Q404,  
is identical with the right thumbprint of James Earl Ray.

The check is enclosed.

8/23/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTEN: FBI LABORATORY  
PC-A5493-BX  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

*Enclosure sent  
6-27-68  
42#9075*

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original eight checks from the Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, payable to JOHN L. RAYNS plus a W-4 Form made out by JOHN L. RAYNS. One Xerox copy of each also enclosed to Bureau and Memphis.

These checks were paid to subject JAMES EARL RAY under the alias of JOHN L. RAYNS during his employment at the above restaurant from 5/3/67 till 6/24/67.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the signatures of JOHN L. RAYNS with known handwriting of the subject to determine if identical.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process enclosed checks and W-4 Form for latent prints and thereafter compare with fingerprints of subject.

In addition it is requested that any latents developed on check #5357 dated 6/25/67 also be compared

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1-Memphis (Encs. 9)  
1-Chicago

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*Ans 8-30-68  
S. B. King*

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with the fingerprints of subject's brother JERRY RAY  
previously submitted instant matter.

The Memphis and Chicago Divisions should be advised  
of the results of afore-mentioned examination and the enclosed  
items should be returned to Chicago upon completion of  
examination.



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Date: 8/13/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Legat, Ottawa airtel to Bureau, dated 7/25/68.

mb A review of referenced communication along with  
attached RCMP report and telephone company documents fails  
to reveal any investigation to be conducted by Newark.

ad It is to be noted that Newark has no knowledge of  
this avenue of investigation.

The Bureau is requested to advise Newark of what  
investigation, if any, should be conducted.

3-Bureau  
2-Newark  
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C. C. Bishop

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR  
SAC, NEW YORK  
SAC, BOSTON

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442611) (P)  
FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-157441) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST 12, 1966.  
FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE NEW YORK OFFICE  
IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE  
ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
ON AUGUST 6, 1966, IN NEW YORK CITY. THE NEW YORK  
OFFICE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO  
IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS "JOHN DOE" TELEPHONED THE  
NEW YORK OFFICE AND STATED THAT HE HAD INFORMATION  
REGARDING THE ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE KING, JR.

RE: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-157441) (P)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442611) (P)

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Date: 8-19-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

1 COPIES MADE DATE 5-18-78 BY  
 TUB: SPB RE MURKIN  
 FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND/OR DELIVERY  
 TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5-16-78  
 (SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

Submitted herewith for information and assistance of the Bureau is a press clipping which appeared in the "Memphis Commercial Appeal" on the morning of 8-18-68. This article indicates that WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE has obtained book and movie rights for an account from handwritten notes of JAMES EARL RAY regarding the Dr. KING murder.

On 8-18-68, Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR. advised SAC, Memphis, of certain information that had come to his attention in connection with JAMES EARL RAY. Sheriff MORRIS showed SAC a copy of a questionnaire prepared by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, intended for subject RAY. The initial paragraph of this questionnaire indicated that JAMES EARL RAY had furnished information to HUIE regarding an employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant for an approximate period of two months. This restaurant located in Winnetka, Illinois. The tenor of the material indicated that RAY had had this employment in Winnetka, Illinois, shortly after his escape from the Missouri Prison on 4/23/68. In addition, the introductory paragraph also indicated that RAY had left prison, gone to Chicago, Illinois, and thereafter to Toronto, Canada.

This questionnaire was a new item, and Sheriff MORRIS advised that Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE was cognizant of this information. Sheriff MORRIS advised that WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE had told him that he had paid HANES to represent RAY so that he could get the story from RAY first hand. Sheriff MORRIS

3 BUREAU (Enc. 2) ENCLOSURE

1 MEMPHIS

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C. C. Bishop

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Approved: R. G. Jensen  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK  
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was of the opinion that the information which appeared in the initial paragraph of the questionnaire was information which Attorney HANES had delivered to HUIE. This may well place this type material in the nature of privileged information. ||

In addition, Sheriff MORRIS advised that JAMES EARL RAY is a little more at ease with the guards at the present time than he was during his earlier incarceration. In fact, Sheriff MORRIS stated that JAMES EARL RAY had informed the guards that he was most embarrassed when he had been arrested for jay-walking in Toronto. RAY told the guards that he and two buddies had been arrested at the same time for jay-walking. No date or time given by RAY for this arrest in Toronto.

The reported employment in Winnetka, Illinois, shortly after RAY's escape from Missouri State Pen, appears to be new information. It is not felt that verification of this employment would add anything to the investigation of the murder of Dr. KING, per se. It is felt that inquiry by the Bureau at this time for the verification of this employment might only add material to WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE's ultimate story. Memphis at this time recommends that no investigation by the Bureau be conducted to verify this employment.

Insofar as the jay-walking arrest in Toronto, since this information came via the guards at the Shelby County Jail, it is felt that inquiries should be made of the Toronto Police to ascertain whether or not they have such an arrest record. If such an arrest record is available, the identities of the so-called two buddies should be determined. Since no date was given as to the time of this alleged arrest, it is felt investigation should be held in abeyance. In the event this jay-walking arrest occurred at the time of RAY's first visit in Canada, here again it is not felt that extensive investigation would necessarily add anything to the investigation of the murder of Dr. KING. If, however, this jay-walking arrest did occur after the shooting of Dr. KING, the Memphis Office is of the opinion these so-called two buddies should be located and interviewed.

8-29-68

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reurairtel 8-24-68, submitting fingerprints of Ruby Constance Wiggins and Rose Fratini for elimination purposes.

Latent fingerprints previously reported on William Len Hotel registration cards, Q349 and Q350, are not identical with fingerprints of Wiggins or Fratini.

Submitted prints enclosed.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,  
 LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Memphis 8/8/68, and Memphis  
 airtel to Bureau 5/20/68.

RE: SUSPECTS W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW,  
VINCENT WALKER, AND LAWRENCE RAND

Enclosed herewith for the Identification Division  
 are three fingerprint cards bearing prints of Mrs. RUBY WIGGINS, and two fingerprint cards bearing prints of Miss  
 ROSE FRATINI, both employees of the William Len Hotel,  
 110 Monroe, Memphis, Tennessee.

Captain R. L. WILLIAMS, Homicide Bureau, Memphis  
 Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, advised SA HARLEY E.  
 GYLFE on 8/12/68 that according to records of the Memphis  
 Police Department, the registration cards of the William  
 Len Hotel, 110 Monroe Street, Memphis, for VINCENT WALKER  
 and LAWRENCE RAND on 4/4/68 were obtained by officers of  
 the Memphis Police Department. He advised he has no way of  
 knowing who touched or handled these registration cards.  
 He explained these registration cards were not picked up  
 by the Memphis Police Department until several days after  
 these individuals came to their attention. Consequently  
 the registration cards themselves were not treated as  
 evidence and therefore no limitations were made by the

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Memphis Police Department for protection of these cards from being handled. He pointed out further the Memphis Police Department has no way of knowing if any other law enforcement agency personnel has handled these registration cards.

Inasmuch as it cannot be determined with any certainty the identity of the individuals at the Memphis Police Department that may have or likely handled these registration cards, no elimination prints will be obtained from personnel of the Memphis Police Department.

With regard to personnel of the William Len Hotel, mentioned above, who likely handled these cards, Mr. KENNETH W. NEWMAN, Manager of the William Len Hotel, advised SA GYLFE on 8/16/68 the only logical persons who would normally handle the above-described registration cards are Mrs. RUBY WIGGINS, who registered captioned individuals into the hotel, and Miss ROSE FRATINI, telephone operator, whose duty it is to file the registration cards for the hotel. He pointed out, however, all personnel of the hotel do have access to the registration cards should the need arise. He also commented other individuals such as the various law enforcement officers at times have access to and do handle the registration cards.

Bearing the above comments in mind as related by Mr. NEWMAN, elimination prints of Mrs. WIGGINS and Miss FRATINI were obtained. It is obvious the enclosed prints are not of good quality or clarity; however, the Bureau is requested to bear in mind the age of both of these women and the fact both commented while being printed that they are suffering from arthritis and therefore were not able to cooperate as well as they would have liked to, so as to furnish clear prints. Additional prints are enclosed of these two individuals so as to be of assistance, if possible, in the examination.

The FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to examine the enclosed fingerprint cards with the unidentified latent prints developed on the William Len Hotel registration cards concerning VINCENT WALKER and LAWRENCE RAND.

Note: See addendum on attached page.

ADDENDUM OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION: SFL/egd 8-29-68

Submitted elimination prints not identical with latent prints previously reported on William Len Hotel registration cards. Memphis Division advised.

Recommend matter (see memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach, dated August 5, 1968, entitled "Murkin") be referred to General Investigative Division for further consideration.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

August 28, 1968

The Attorney General

*MARKIN*

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

For your information, I am enclosing  
a communication which may be of interest to you.

Upon removal of the enclosure, if  
classified, this transmittal form becomes  
unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosed are twenty additional reports in  
this matter. Copies of these reports have also been  
furnished to the Criminal and Civil Rights Divisions  
in accordance with the request of Mr. Pollak.

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*File 6-epm*

Civil Rights Division

August 28, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Attorney General and the Criminal Division in accordance with  
the request of Mr. Pollak. *44-38861-*

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August 28, 1968

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

MURKIN

Re Las Vegas airtel to Director, 8/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA ROGER D. ASHLAND on 8/7/68, in Washington, D.C.Officer R. W. CAULEY, Identification Bureau,  
Metropolitan Police Department said he was unable to locate  
any record concerning SCOTT OWEN BELL.DELORES HARRIS, Executive Secretary, Selective  
Service System, District of Columbia, 806 G St., N.W., said  
she was unable to locate any information concerning SCOTT  
OWEN BELL registered with any Local Board in the District of  
Columbia. She added he would not have to register until  
within five days of his eighteenth birthday, [REDACTED]. Also,  
the District does not have a Local Board # 43. The address  
he furnished for his Local Board is 1916 G Street, North West,  
which is the National Headquarters of the Selective Service  
System.LOU SQUAROK, Information Clerk, St. Elizabeth's  
Hospital said SCOTT OWEN BELL, born [REDACTED] in El Paso, Texas,  
was a patient in February, 1968. He escaped in March, 1968,  
and was readmitted on 4/1/68. He was discharged on 5/1/68.BELL MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

2- Bureau (44-38861)  
 1- Memphis (44-1987) (Info) REC- 65  
 1- New York (44- ) (Info)  
 1- Las Vegas (157-133) (Info)  
 1- WFO (44-703)  
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Airtel

To: SAC'S, Chicago (44-1114)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel 8/24/68, submitting sheet from  
rooming house ledger, Q407, and registration card, Q408.

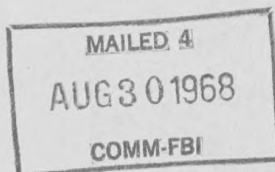
One latent fingerprint and two latent palm prints  
developed on Q407, and ten latent fingerprints developed on  
Q408. Latent prints not identical fingerprints and palm prints  
of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

Q407 and Q408, enclosed to Chicago.

Laboratory reporting separate.

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1 - Mr. Rosen



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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: August 28, 1968

FROM : *TJB* Legat, Rome (44-2) (P)

ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReBucab 7/2/68 and Romlet 8/1/68.

The following is set out for the information of the Bureau:

(1) MAN HOURS

Regular - Agent	0
Overtime - Agent	0
Regular - Clerical	0
Overtime - Clerical	0

(2) MILEAGE

Bureau cars	0
Personally owned cars	0

(3) UNUSUAL COSTS

0

(4) NUMBER OF AGENTS WORKING ON CASE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Legat, Ottawa airtel to Bureau, 7/25/68;  
NK airtel to Bureau, 8/13/68;  
Bureau call to NK, 8/29/68.

A review of RCMP report and telephone company documents reveal the following:

Photostat marked "D"

The call on 9/29 to New Orleans, La., telephone #504-525-1335, appears to have originated from "Woodbg, N.J." which is believed to be Woodbridge, N.J.; however, the call was charged to Montreal, Canada, number 514-525-9567, and no New Jersey number is indicated.

Photostat marked "E"

This reflects a 9/29 call to New Orleans, La., telephone #504-525-1335 from Union City, N.J., but is charged to Montreal #514-525-9567, and no New Jersey number is indicated.

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A call on 9/29 to New Orleans, La., telephone #504-525-1335 from Union City, N.J., telephone #863-????.

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Last four digits not recorded. Call was charged to Montreal  
#514-525-9567.

In view of the fact that there are no New Jersey  
telephone numbers listed in any of the records submitted  
by RCMP, there is no investigation which can be conducted  
by NK.

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in view of the fact that these are not listed

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Date: 8/28/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of the following motions filed by Hanes and Hanes, attorneys for the defendant:

1. Motion to produce firearms, automobiles, records, etc., pertaining to this case which are now in the possession of the attorney for the State.
2. Motion for leave to withdraw plea and to quash indictment for carrying a dangerous weapon.
3. Motion for leave to withdraw plea and to quash indictment for murder

The Court has made no ruling on these motions.

cc: AAG Civil Rights Division  
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 /cc Criminal Division

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1cc: SAC  
3 - Memphis  
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1 cc CIVIL RIGHTS DIV

Form 8-61

TO: SAC, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

The Court has ruled on three motions.

- 1. Motion for judgment of acquittal as to the charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States, to wit: the production of records, etc., pertaining to this case.
- 2. Motion for leave to withdraw plea and to enter judgment of acquittal as to the charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States, to wit: the production of records, etc., pertaining to this case.
- 3. Motion for leave to withdraw plea and to enter judgment of acquittal as to the charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States, to wit: the production of records, etc., pertaining to this case.

The defendant:

following motions filed by Jones and Jones, attorneys for the defendant, are hereby denied.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of the

SUBJECT: MURKIN

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1983) (P)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

One copy each of three motions filed by Hanes and  
Hanes, attorneys for the defendant.

REF: ME airtel to Bureau, 8/28/68.

44-38861-6136

ENCLOSURE

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

JAMES EARL RAY, Alias.

No. 16645

(Murder)

FILED  
J. A. BLACKWELL, CLERK

BY                      D. C.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW PLEA  
AND TO QUASH INDICTMENT

Comes now the defendant in the above styled case, by and through his attorney of record, and respectfully moves This Honorable Court for leave to withdraw his plea heretofore entered and, if that be granted, defendant further moves that the indictment heretofore returned in this case be quashed and as grounds therefor assigns the following:

1. There have been written reports, articles and publications in magazines, newspapers and books of wide and general circulation published and distributed within the jurisdiction of this court, throughout the State of Tennessee and throughout the United States concerning defendant, the alleged crime committed and the purported victim thereof, said reports, articles and publications being calculated to and having the effect of creating widespread public excitement and animosity toward crimes of the type herein alleged and toward the defendant and his alleged crime in particular.

2. Radio and television networks and stations within the jurisdiction of this court, throughout the State of Tennessee and throughout the United States have from, to-wit, April 4, 1968, until the present date, by way of both regular and special programming, frequently and continually broadcast programs and parts

thereof which so canonized and so depicted the victim of the crime herein charged, and so described the crime and defendant herein charged that widespread public outrage and hatred have been generated toward any person charged with the crime alleged herein and toward this defendant in particular.

3. Said publications and broadcasts have been so pervasive and widespread within this jurisdiction and throughout the entire United States that most if not all prospective jurors chosen within the jurisdiction of this court or within the jurisdiction of any court throughout the United States will have read and/or heard the said prejudicial matter on many occasions and will have been repeatedly exposed to published matter tending to influence public opinion in favor of defendant's guilt and tending to remove the presumption of innocence which must accompany him to trial.

4. Defendant has not had opportunity to confront or cross-examine the persons who have published and broadcast said prejudicial matter or the persons who revealed information upon which said publications and broadcasts were purportedly based, and has had no opportunity to rebut said publications and broadcasts; further, that said publications and broadcasts have represented as fact matters which are controverted and controvertible and prejudicial matters which are not relevant to or admissible in the trial of this case.

5. The above stated publications and broadcasts, as shown in part by the exhibits attached hereto and hereby incorporated, have created such widespread prejudicial publicity that defendant



has been effectively precluded from receiving a fair and impartial trial within any jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur J. Hanes, Jr.  
Attorney for defendant.

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing motion on the Attorney General for the State in this case. This the 16 day of August 1968.

Arthur J. Hanes, Jr.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING

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WILLIAM W. WATKINS

Author of "The Man Who Killed  
Martin Luther King"

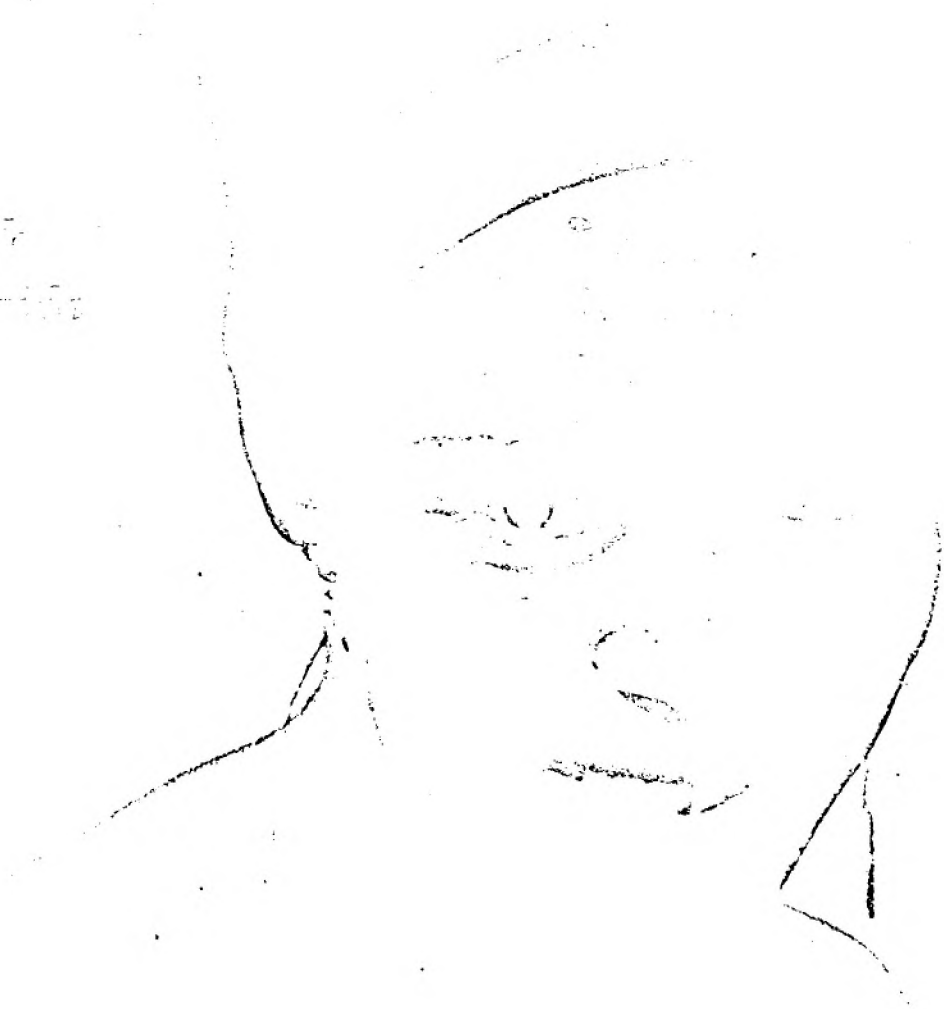


EXHIBIT A-1

# JAMES EARL RAY:



Prison identification picture of James Earl Ray was taken in 1966. An escaped convict, career of crime. His first arrest came at an early age, and his last known crime was the murder of Martin Luther King.

## THE MAN WHO KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING

Has vanished into 'thin air' in spite of

Actually, Ray is 40 years old.  
Confused? So are the authorities.

Also, two white Mustangs showed up . . . and two rifles as well as two driver's licenses and other confusing "evidence."

The assassin has been reported in Mexico . . . Cuba . . . South America . . . and at the bottom of a lake attached to a large concrete block.

The FBI, although keeping fairly mum about its investigation, has looked into the possibility that some of the "clues" may have been planted to throw the investigation off on the wrong track.

If so, there goes the first theory that the killer acted alone in this crime.

One theory popped up concerning the Memphis police department. The department was charged in some quarters as being "nigger haters" and some even went so far as to suggest that persons within the department either committed the crime, helped set it up, or aided the actual killer in his escape.

And speaking of fingerprints, when James Earl Ray escaped from prison a year ago, an erroneous set of fingerprints was circulated to law enforcement agencies. The warden said a new set of prints was sent out later but law enforcement officials in Georgia and Alabama said they never received the second set.

So far, in the search for Ray, all trails lead to the same place - nowhere.

James Earl Ray, the man being sought around the world for the slaying of Dr. King, has been described as a drunken drifter, prone to thievery and violence, a failure at everything.

#### HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT

Ray was born [redacted] in Alton, Ill., a manufacturing town of 53,000 persons, along the Mississippi River, 20 miles north of St. Louis.

Records of Madison County show that James Earl Ray was one of several Rays who



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and gun sales was caused  
t month.

Final action on the bill was  
t off until Monday. Still  
ending are many of the more  
an 100 amendments that have  
on offered, both to strengthen  
and to weaken the bill.

Senate Passage Predicted  
Congressional leaders pre-  
t that the bill will emerge  
on the House virtually intact.  
would then go to the Senate  
almost certain passage.

Supporters of strong gun  
zislation are expected to  
ek to attach a registration  
pendment to the bill in the  
enate. However, they face al-  
ost certain defeat.

Gun registration went down  
defeat in the House on two  
ecisive votes.

Representative Robert Mc-  
lory, Republican of Illinois.

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...withdrawn from a South Vietnamese  
Nam.

This brief was discussed by  
South Vietnamese officials here that the two Presidents would  
in brief in Saigon. They added details of the question of a cease-  
that Mr. Johnson hoped to put an end to bombing and of the  
surely Mr. Johnson that South Vietnam should play "the main settlement," but one of the of-  
Vietnam should play "the main settlement," but one of the of-  
for role" in any future nego- tial decisions would be taken  
tations with Hanoi on a political settlement of the war.

The chances that Saigon will  
obtain either commitment are in Paris, the North Vietnamese  
dim. The United States has re- have insisted so far that the  
sisted the concept of a South United States unconditionally  
Vietnamese veto on diplomatic step all bombing in the North  
policy as consistently as South before the talks move on to  
Vietnam has tried to obtain it other "relevant" questions such  
over the years.

[In Saigon, the military  
command warned of a possi-  
ble terrorist campaign in  
the next 24 hours during the  
annual South Vietnamese ob-  
servance of the anniversary  
of the signing of the 1954  
Geneva accords.]

...to conclude tomorrow  
morning.

United States officials said  
the two Presidents would  
the question of a cease-  
of bombing and of the  
essential elements of a peace  
settlement, but one of the of-  
fields expressed doubt that  
at the meeting.

In the prolonged discussions  
in Paris, the North Vietnamese  
have insisted so far that the  
United States unconditionally  
stop all bombing in the North  
before the talks move on to  
other "relevant" questions such  
as a political formula for bring-  
ing peace to Vietnam.

"We would like to hear Pres-  
ident Johnson say that he will  
not stop the limited bombing  
in North Vietnam until North  
Vietnam removes its troops.

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## Memphis Jail Under Heavy Guard After Return to U.S.



James Earl Ray, handcuffed to belt, is led to cell in Memphis jail by Sheriff William N. Morris. Ray wears a bullet-proof vest and what was described as "safety pants."

New York Times - Front Page, July 20, 1968

EXHIBIT B



CATHER

warm, humid,  
gh in 80s,  
av in 60s.

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# THE PLAIN DEALER

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## Ray Learned Life in Slums, Jail

DORIS O'DONNELL

mystery of James Ray is as cryptic as a puzzle whose pieces itered over half of the States, Canada and of Europe.

matter that Ray — the name of Ramon Sneyd — sits today London jail charged killing Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis, last April 4.

The fact does not solve the enigma of the man who joblessly lived it up as a fugitive from the Missouri State Prison for nearly a year before the slaying of the Nobel Peace Prize winner.

THAT FACT of the accusation, with fingerprint evidence on the murder rifle produced by the U.S. government in the Bow Street magistrates' court last

Thursday, does not shed light on why Ray allegedly killed Rev. Dr. King. Whether it was a lone assassin or a domestic, political or international conspiracy.

Who is this slum boy who grew to manhood in prison cells?

Where did Ray get money for alligator shoes? For a white 1966 Mustang? For

To find what kind of man is James Earl Ray, accused of the murder of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., The Plain Dealer assigned Reporter Doris O'Donnell to take his trail. She visited Jefferson City, Mo., where he escaped prison; St. Louis, where he spent part of his life, and Toronto, where he lived before fleeing to Europe.

cross-country trips? For airplane tickets? Who kept Ray on ice, safe from the long arm of the Missouri state officials for 13 months after he escaped from the old

walled penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo.?

There is one man who knows all the answers. That is Ray himself.

THE REST IS a patch-

work of random facts, guesses, conjectures and projections.

The Plain Dealer tried to pull the strings of the mystery bag of James Earl Ray together.

Newspaper reporters all over the country, in Canada, England and Portugal have backtracked on Ray's activities which already were closely examined by

the FBI, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Scotland Yard, not to mention supporting roles of local police the world over.

The Plain Dealer backtracked, too, and came up with more details to put flesh and blood on the formerly flat image of James Earl Ray, alias James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron, James O'Connor, Eric Starvo Galt, Paul

Bridgman, John V. Harvey Lowmyer and course, Sneyd.

TO FILL IN the about Ray, The PD find persons who kn — in prison, in his old borhood in South St. in Toronto.

Fred T. Wilkinson, tor of the Missouri ment of Correction

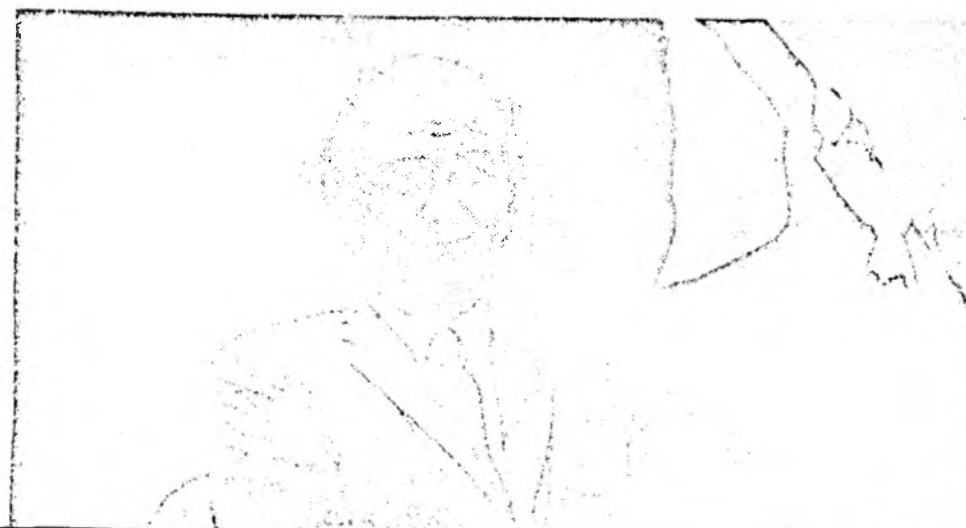
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## Nixon Primes College Guns for '72 Campaign

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NEW YORK — Richard M. Nixon will go on the offensive in July to nail down his party's presidential nom-



## Asks Soviet Aid

## LBJ Seeks End to Missile Race

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — President Johnson called upon the United States and the Soviet Union yesterday to bring under control the

viet Union to continue on the present course — of piling weapons system on weapons system — diverting billions upon billions of dollars — while adding nothing to the security of either

— a term he had used before but has not elaborated upon recently — Johnson said the United States must concentrate on preserving reaction areas near too many American