

**REPORT  
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **April 29, 1968**Re: **MURKIN  
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-561681 JK**Specimens received **4/26/68** from **Washington, D.C. 20535**

**Q292 Mail Order Form to Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., postmarked "PENSACOLA FLA. APR 22 1968," bearing the hand printed name and address "Eric Starvo Galt, E - Street, Elberta, Ala."**

**Result of examination:**

**Significant differences were noted as a result of comparing the hand printing appearing on Q292 with that appearing on items previously received in this case under the name Eric S. Galt. The limited nature of the questioned hand printing involved precluded a definite opinion from being reached.**

**Q292 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.**

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1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Frazier  
1 - Lab Files

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 29, 1968

Re: MURKIN

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by:

Memphis

Reference:

Airtels 4/4/68

Examination requested:

Firearms - Microscopic - Document - Engineering -  
Fingerprint - Miscellaneous - Spectrographic

Remarks:

FBI File No.  
Lab. No.

44-38861  
PC-A5498 BX IZ KS GH  
D-560036 JK  
E-565 JZ

This report supplements Laboratory report  
PC-A5498 BX to the Memphis Office dated 4/17/68.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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Lab. No. PC-A5498 BX IZ KS GE  
D-560096 JK  
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Specimens received  
4/5/68

For a complete listing of the evidence, refer to Laboratory report PC-A5498 BX, previously submitted to the Memphis Office.

**Results of examination:**

The lead cores of the bullets in the five cartridges, Q4 through Q8, were found to vary in composition even though they were all from the same manufacturer.

The core portion of the Q64 bullet fragment from the victim's body is similar in composition to the lead core of the bullet in the cartridge designated Q4 and could have come from a source such as represented by the lead core of the bullet in Q4.

The bullet jacket portion of specimen Q64 is similar in composition to the metal of the jackets of the bullets in the Q4 through Q8 cartridges and could have come from the source represented by these bullets.

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
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1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File

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

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**44-38861  
D-561587 JK**

Examination requested by:

**Seattle**

Reference:

**Airtel 4/22/68**

Examination requested:

**Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the  
results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of  
Q286 and Q287.**

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**2 - Seattle (44-371) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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Specimens received **4/24/68**

**Q286 Piece of cardboard on which is printed the word "CANADA"**

**Q287 Texaco road map of California**

**Result of examination:**

**No indented writing or other markings of significance were noted on either Q286 or Q287.**

**Large printing, such as the word "CANADA" on Q286, is more a form of art than hand printing. Because of this, the hand printing characteristics of the individual who prepared Q286 are not apparent and therefore this printing could not be satisfactorily compared with the hand printing on specimens received in this case.**

**Q286 and Q287 are temporarily retained. This material was not photographed.**

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Mr. DeLoach

April 27, 1968

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1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Long 1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. McDonough 1 - Mr. Trotter  
1 - Mr. Martindale

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Ray is known to have checked out of his Los Angeles hotel, 3/17/68, and checked into an Atlanta rooming house, 3/24/68. He delivered a package of clothing in New Orleans for Marie Martin sometime between these two dates at 10:30 p. m. Dale Rodriguez, who received the package in New Orleans, now recalls that it was raining the night the package was delivered. Weather Bureau records show it rained heavily in New Orleans throughout the day and evening of 3/21/68 and in the early morning hours of 3/22/68. No other rainfall was recorded from 3/17/68 to 3/24/68.

Major Bernard J. Poiry, Custodial Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised he has information from the prison grapevine, no source identifiable, that Ray made contact with Walter Nolan, St. Louis, a former inmate, and that Nolan was possibly the brains behind the King murder. Nolan has previously been interviewed and alleged Ray escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary thirty days before the escape was reported. Additional inquiries are being made concerning Nolan.

James Z. Bradley, serving a life sentence at Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that Ray has very small veins making it difficult for him to "main line" his amphetamine shots.

Neal Edgar Aeby, now in a Texas prison, furnished the following information. He knew Ray in Missouri State Prison for five years prior to Ray's escape in April, 1967. Aeby was chief cook and Ray worked for him as a slicer in the bread room. In 1962 Ray attempted to escape but his ladder broke. In 1966 he again attempted to escape but a rope broke and he fractured his arm when he fell. Aeby would not discuss Ray's

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actual escape because he claimed the method used by Ray can still be used by other prisoners. He did say the smart thing to do would be to have a man waiting outside to assist the escapee but he would not state whether or not Ray had assistance.

According to Aebly, Ray liked to tinker and built an air-conditioner for his cell out of various spare parts. He also repaired radios. Ray handled minor narcotics to get cash for commissary items but Aebly never knew Ray to use "hard" narcotics.

Aebly described Ray as very deadly and said he had a nervous breakdown in 1963 or 1964 and developed stomach trouble; consequently, he needed special foods and quit smoking, possibly because of his stomach.

In a Louis Lomax story published 4/25/68, it was stated that Jerri, alleged by Lomax to be a mysterious blonde girl friend of Ray, had been at the Royal Hotel, Milwaukee, using the name Dennis and had mysteriously disappeared.

Dennis has been identified as Dyrell Dennis, a narcotic addict who was confined to a State hospital in California from 5/4/67 to 1/2/68 when she was placed in a half-way house at Vinewood Center. When she failed to maintain required daily contacts, a warrant was issued for her arrest on 3/28/68 but California will not extradite.

Dyrell Dennis has been located at Towne Hotel, Milwaukee. She states she left Los Angeles about two weeks ago by Greyhound Bus to visit her seventeen-year-old son in Milwaukee and will remain in Milwaukee if she can find employment; otherwise, she will return to Los Angeles. Dennis denies any knowledge of the subject. She was registered at the Royal Hotel, Milwaukee, 4/14/68 - 4/21/68. The hotel management suspects she was engaged in prostitution or narcotics activity.

Ray reportedly escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary, 4/23/67, although it has been alleged that he actually escaped thirty days before the escape was reported. Records of the penitentiary show that John Ray, brother of the subject, visited Ray at the prison on 4/22/67. His last prior visit was 11/13/66.



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Everett Collier, vice president and editor, Houston "Chronicle," advised that Louis Lomax and Charles Stein arrived in Houston on the afternoon of 4/25/68 and spent five hours searching for the telephone allegedly used by Ray on 12/16/67 when he was en route to New Orleans with Stein. They were accompanied by a "Chronicle" reporter who was to photograph the telephone booth if it was located. The reporter told Collier that Stein was very vague and not sure of the area from which the call was made.

If a further search on 4/26/68 was nonproductive, Lomax and Stein planned to fly to San Antonio, rent a car, and drive back to Houston on Interstate 10 looking for the telephone.

Collier also advised that the North American Newspaper Alliance was trying to get in touch with Lomax for a story about Stein's association with Ray and his trip to New Orleans with him in December, 1967.

Delores Evans was interviewed by our Los Angeles Office and she stated that Martin Luther King, Jr., was "very close and intimate friend." She stated she had known him since November, 1966, he was responsible for saving her marriage and King was a very close friend of her husband and other members of her family. Evans stated that she had no idea regarding anyone who would have wanted to kill King but if any such information comes to her attention, she will advise the FBI at once. Delores Evans praised the FBI for the action it was taking in this matter.

**ACTION:**

**Vigorous investigation is continuing.**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 27, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Martindale  
1 - Mr. McDonough  
1 - Mr. Bishop

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Wick ✓  
Casper ✓  
Callahan ✓  
Conrad ✓  
Felt ✓  
Gale ✓  
Rosen ✓  
Sullivan ✓  
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Trotter ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Holmes ✓  
Gandy ✓

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With respect to the Director's inquiry regarding the variances in description between James Earl Ray and Eric Galt the following is set forth. James Earl Ray who used the alias Eric Starvo Galt has been identified as the subject in the King case. Ray is an escaped convict from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri. His description is based on information in the official records of the penitentiary where he was photographed and his description was recorded. He is forty years old having been born [redacted] at Alton, Illinois. This has been verified through official birth records.

It was determined through exhaustive investigation that King's slayer was an individual who had used the names John Willard, Harvey Lowmyer and Eric S. Galt. The description of this individual and information on his past activities were developed through witnesses, some of whom had only fleeting contact with or observation of the subject, resulting in variations in the descriptions furnished. On painstaking reconstruction of the subject's background we secured a photograph which had been taken in connection with his completing a bartending course in California in March, 1968.

In order to afford the most extensive and widespread publicity to the subject to possibly assist in his early location and apprehension, this photograph and description and past activities, as then reported, were released to the general public.

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Upon identification of Ray as being Galt we were then enabled to furnish more precise description and background information from official records.

The descriptions of the then unknown subject developed in the initial stages of this investigation were based upon extensive interviews of witnesses in varied locations reaching from Tennessee to California. The remarkably close resemblances which we developed and the information elicited which revealed the true extent of the subject's physical description shows that a most commendable job was done by the Agents in their investigative activity.

The Associated Press article had been the subject of a previous memorandum in which it was indicated that Assistant Chief Bill Price of the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, denied making the statements attributed to him and this was submitted to the Director in a letter from Frank Holloman, former Special Agent who is now in charge of the Memphis Police Department.

ACTION:

For information.

*There has been very little difference in physical descriptions from the start of this case.*

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|| SEE ATTACHED NEWS ITEM FROM WASH. POST IF 4-27-68

# FBI Discounts Conflicting Reports on King Suspect

By Gaylord Shaw  
Associated Press

FBI officials are quietly trying to play down contradictory descriptions of the appearance and habits of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, the elusive escaped convict charged with the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The discrepancies have fueled speculation that perhaps Ray and Galt actually are two persons, or that two or more persons used the name Galt.

No official statement has been issued to rebut this theory. But FBI sources insisted that Ray and Galt are the same person.

"We know there's only one person involved here," said one official.

"We've got his fingerprints and we know who he is."

Although the FBI now insists the man it seeks is Ray, it has not amended a conspiracy complaint against Galt—charging that Galt had conspired with "an individual he alleged to be his brother" to violate Dr. King's civil rights—to change the name to Ray.

In enlisting the public's help in the manhunt, the FBI has distributed thousands of flyers. The first set bears Galt's name, the second Ray's.

Puzzling aspects of the case continue to pop up.

Atlanta residents said cigarette or cigar ashes were scattered on the carpeted floor of a white 1966 Mustang that FBI agents impounded there a week after Dr. King was slain. They also said a cigar butt fell out of the car when agents opened the door. The FBI has said the car was owned by Galt. But a number of people who knew Galt say he does not smoke.

Reporters showed copies of the FBI-released picture of Galt to the Birmingham witnesses, and to residents of the Memphis rooming house from which the fatal shot was fired. Almost all said the photo didn't resemble the man they saw.

Varying ages have been given for the hunted man, from 25 on up. The FBI said Galt gave his age as 36. It said Ray is 40.

Estimates of the fugitive's height have ranged from 5-feet-8 to 6-feet, his weight from 160 to 175 pounds. His eyes have been described as either blue or hazel, his hair as either brown or sandy.

An FBI official brushed off the

varying descriptions, saying "you run into this every time — it's human nature."

"Anyway, this guy is a professional con. He can change his hair line in three minutes with a razor, and he can gain or lose 20 pounds when he wants to."

There are conflicts, too, in descriptions of Galt's habits, including:

**Appearance:** The FBI reported Galt "is said to be a neat dresser," while others who knew Ray said he was careless in his dress.

**Speech:** The Memphis rooming house manager said the man to whom she rented a room three hours before Dr. King was slain had a Southern drawl. An inmate who knew Ray in the Missouri penitentiary said Ray, a native of Illinois, had no Southern accent.

**Money:** Galt appeared to spend money freely, and paid \$2000 cash for the white Mustang. Ray, said the inmate, "was tight as a tick . . . if you owed him money, even a few cents, he would bug you to death."

**Music-dancing:** The FBI said Galt "is a fan of western and country music" and "is said to be an avid dancer." The inmate said Ray "never expressed any liking" for music or dancing.

The FBI said Galt took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965. But after reporters pointed out Ray was in prison these two years, FBI officials said the statement should have read "reportedly" took dancing lessons.

Galt graduated from a Los Angeles bartending school last March, the FBI said. Reporters determined that at this same time a duplicate driver's license was mailed to Galt at the Birmingham rooming house.

Dr. Donald B. Peterson, superintendent of a Missouri state hospital where Ray was examined for six weeks in 1966, said "We didn't find anything to indicate he was a killer or had tendencies to kill."

The penitentiary warden, Harold Swenson, said he remembered Ray. "It's odd, but I won't believe he did it (killed Dr. King) until it is proven."

But in Dalton, Ga., a former cellmate quoted Ray as once saying he would be willing to kill Dr. King for a \$1 million bounty.

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The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Sun (Baltimore) \_\_\_\_\_  
The Worker \_\_\_\_\_  
The New Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
The Wall Street Journal \_\_\_\_\_  
The National Observer \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. DeLoach

April 26, 1968

A. Rosen

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Marie Martin, also known as Marie Denuino, who traded television sets with Ray in Los Angeles, has been reinterviewed. She is employed as a cocktail waitress at the Sultan Room in the St. Francis Hotel and also resides at the St. Francis. Ray had a room at the St. Francis from 1/21/68 to 3/17/68 when he checked out giving a forwarding address of General Delivery, Atlanta. Ray checked into the Atlanta rooming house, 3/24/68.

Martin now recalls Ray last came to her room at the St. Francis shortly after he graduated from bartending school. (He graduated 3/2/68.) At that time Ray said he was going to New Orleans and Marie gave him a box of photograph records and clothing for her daughter in New Orleans. The last time she saw Ray he told her that when he was in New Orleans in December, 1967, he stayed with friends who lived near Chef Menteur Highway.

Marie Martin also advised she was contacted on the evening of 4/23/68 by Louis Lomax who was brought to her room by Charles Stein. Most of her conversation with Lomax dealt with her exchange of television sets with Ray and Lomax also questioned her regarding Ray's girl friends. She states she told Lomax she did not know of any girls Ray dated. Martin advised that Ray once went dancing with a girl named Helen who claimed to be a stunt rider for the television program "Gunsmoke." He also made unsuccessful attempts to date another girl named Helena, a former exotic dancer. Marie Martin claims she has not been intimate with Ray.

At the Vegas Club, near the St. Francis Hotel, it has been determined that one Helena, a "belly dancer" at a bar on Sunset Boulevard, occasionally comes to the Vegas Club. Efforts are being continued to locate Helena and any other girl friends of Ray.

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**Marian De Grasse, 18-year-old daughter of Marie Martin, New Orleans, advised she received a telephone call from her mother on 3/16/68 stating that a friend named Eric would deliver a box of clothing in a few days. She received the box from her grandmother, Lorraine Calloway, on 3/24/68 and noted it in her diary.**

**Lorraine Calloway, New Orleans, recalled that her daughter-in-law, Dale Rodriguez, brought her a box of clothing for Marian De Grasse sometime in February or March.**

**Dale Rodriguez stated that an unknown man called at her home about 10:30 p. m. in February or March, 1968, and gave her a box of clothing for Marian De Grasse. She saw this man only for a few seconds at her door and cannot describe him. She took the box to Lorraine Calloway within a few days.**

**While at Leavenworth, Ray worked as a baker as well as in the fire department and the paint shop. When he was conditionally released, 4/5/68, he indicated an intention to contact bakery unions for employment and to eventually get a job as a baker on a ship sailing to South America.**

**Walter Nolan, who requested his identity be protected, advised he was Ray's closest associate at Missouri State Penitentiary. He described Ray as a loner who considered all convicts as potential stool pigeons and furnished little, if any, information about himself. Nolan claims Ray actually escaped from prison thirty days before the escape was reported and that he walked out the front door instead of hiding in a bread truck as officially claimed.**

**It has previously been reported that Raymond Louis Curtis alleged while Ray was in Missouri State Penitentiary, Ray spoke of a \$1,000,000 bounty on King. Curtis also talked to the press and has been widely quoted in this regard. Larry Sero has now voluntarily contacted the Memphis Office, requested his identity be protected, and furnished the following information.**

**Sero was in Missouri State Penitentiary from February until June, 1964. He was acquainted with both Ray and Raymond Louis Curtis. Sero mentioned to Ray and Curtis he had heard speculation that if King**

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ever attempted a boycott in Memphis it would be worth a lot of money to local businessmen to have King killed. Sere says this was sheer speculation and no particular group of businessmen was mentioned and the statement itself had absolutely no basis in fact; if Curtis and Ray interpreted it otherwise they were reading more into it than Sere intended. He does not recall who first mentioned this idea to him.

Sere described Ray as a born loser who does not know how to make friends but who hates Negroes and has a strong desire to perform some notorious act that will make him feel important. Sere questioned Ray's ability to plan and execute even the simplest "raper."

Jerry William Ray, brother of subject, Wheeling, Illinois, has received a telegram from "Life" magazine and has advised us that he consequently furnished "Life" information concerning his family for which he was paid \$150. He believes "Life" will publish a story on Ray either this week or next week.

Russell Lee Martin informed the Little Rock Office he received a pardon about three months ago after helping authorities break up a narcotics ring in Missouri State Prison. Prior to Ray's escape, Martin alleges Ray sold narcotics to other inmates.

Additional witnesses at Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, state that when Ray was there last fall he drank beer during the daytime and almost any kind of mixed drink at night. When offered a cigarette he invariably replied, "I don't smoke anything but marijuana;" however, no one has been located who saw him use marijuana. While in Puerto Vallarta he appeared to be on a meticulous budget allotting so much a day for drinking and an equal amount for feminine companionship.

Louis Lomax and Charles Stein reportedly left Los Angeles, 4/25/68, for Houston, Texas. A confidential source in the telephone company at Los Angeles advised that Lomax inquired for toll call information on Sam J. Recife, 510 O'Keefe, New Orleans, telephone number 821-1411. This number was determined to be listed to the "Times Picayune States Rem" and the telephone company is not obtaining any toll information for Lomax.



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**Joe Peters, bartender in the Sultan Room, St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, advised that Lomax had been using the Sultan Room as an office for a week or ten days but had been told to leave by the owner. Peters added that Lomax had inquired about a blonde named Jerri with nearly every patron of the Sultan Room and had received no information.**

**Charles Stein has previously said that when traveling to New Orleans with Ray, 12/15-17/67, Ray made calls from various telephones in Texas on 12/16/67 but except for one occasion he returned to the car so quickly Stein believed the calls had not been completed. Stein described an area near Houston as the place from which Ray used a telephone long enough to complete a call. A detailed search by FBI Agents has located nine telephone booths similar to Stein's description but telephone company records show no calls recorded at these locations on 12/16/67.**

**Gary Delann, news director, Radio Station KNUZ, Houston, confidentially advised the Special Agent in Charge that Hugh Ainsworth of "Newsweek" was contacted by Louis Lomax and Charles Stein and told that they would arrive in Houston sometime on 4/25/68 to retrace the route taken by Stein and Ray for the purpose of locating the telephone booth from which Ray made a call. Delann has been asked to accompany Lomax and Stein and he will confidentially advise the Houston Office of their activities and the results of their inquiry. Arrangements have been made with the telephone company at Houston for the field office to be advised of any requests for information concerning long distance calls made on 12/16/67.**

**ACTION:**

**Vigorous investigation is continuing.**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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FROM : A. Rosen

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With respect to the Associated Press article appearing in the "Washington Star," 4/22/68, it is noted that this is the same Associated Press news article on which Frank C. Holloman, Director of Fire and Police, Memphis, wrote to the Director on 4/22/68.

Mr. Holloman advised that the statements attributed by implication to a ranking Memphis Police Officer have been categorically denied by Assistant Chief Bill Price. Our relationship with the Memphis Police and with Mr. Holloman have been excellent particularly in connection with the King murder case.

The Director wrote to Mr. Holloman under date of 4/25/68 expressing appreciation for this excellent cooperation.

## ACTION:

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*What I want to know about are the variances between Gold & Ray*

*Trans A DeLoach  
4/27/68  
EJM*

## Ray-Galt Descriptions Vary, Cause Confusion

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A ranking Memphis police officer acknowledges there are "a whole lot of discrepancies" in official descriptions of the man sought as the sniper slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Asst. Chief Bill Price referred to statements that James Earl Ray, 40, an escaped Missouri convict, and Eric Starvo Galt, first sought in connection with King's April 4 assassination in Memphis, are the same person. "You don't know what to look for," Price said yesterday as officers here and elsewhere continued their investigation of the slaying. The nationwide man-hunt continues.

The FBI issued a conspiracy warrant Wednesday for Galt, then updated its case Friday by saying a fingerprint comparison showed Galt was really Ray.

The naming of Ray in the case caused confusion, primarily because earlier official statements indicate that Galt and Ray were in different places at the same time.

When Galt was charged as a conspirator in King's death by the bullet, the FBI said the man had taken dancing lessons

in New Orleans in 1964-65. The FBI said later the earlier description should have said Galt reportedly took dancing lessons rather than stating so flatly.

During that time, Ray was in the Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City, serving a 20-year sentence for a 1959 supermarket robbery.

The age of the man also was in conflict.

Witnesses who saw a man in a Memphis rooming house from where the fatal bullet was fired estimated his age as in the late 20s. The FBI, in issuing its warrant for Galt, said he had given his birthdate July 20, 1931. That would make him 36. The FBI said Friday Ray is 40.

The personalities of the two men are sometimes at odds. A prison pal described Ray as virtually a nondrinker. The FBI describes Galt as a fancier of beer and vodka.

There were other differences: Galt: neat appearance. Ray: careless appearance.

Galt: Southern accent. Ray: born in Alton, Ill. No Southern accent.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who came to Memphis after King was slain, at first ruled out a conspiracy, but then the FBI issued its warrant for Galt on a conspiracy charge.

Police here have their own investigation of the slaying under ways.

One theory within the Memphis department is that Eric Starvo Galt is a myth, painstakingly created by the conspirators as a smoke screen.

"Somebody has muddled the waters," Price said.

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Tavel ☒  
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The National Observer \_\_\_\_\_  
People's World \_\_\_\_\_  
Date APR 22 1968

*Memo from  
to Det. [unclear]  
[unclear]  
4/22/68*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ALBANY (157-273) ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE LA TEL APRIL TEN LAST AND MEMPHIS TEL TO LOS ANGELES  
APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

RE SUSPECT JAY WALLIS VERNON, AKA JEROME WALLIS VERNON.

RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE, FOUR  
THREE THREE SOUTH VERMONT, LOS ANGELES, REFLECTED THAT JEROME  
WALLIS VERNON, BORN [REDACTED] PLACED ON  
PROBATION AUGUST THIRTY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN, AT PASADENA, CALIF.,  
FOR FORGERY. LAST REPORTED TO PROBATION OFFICER, FRED OSTENDORF  
ON APRIL FIVE LAST WHO POSSIBLY WILL BE AVAILABLE APRIL TWELVE  
INSTANT TO VERIFY IF CONTACT BY VERNON PERSONAL OR OTHERWISE.  
VERNON ON THIS CONTACT FURNISHED ADDRESS OF ONE FOUR NEW YORK  
STREET, LA CRESCENTA, CALIF., AND INDICATED THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED  
BY LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT COMPANY AT BURBANK, CALIF. FROM FOUR O'CLOCK  
END PAGE ONE

**Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach**  
**RE: MURKIN**

There has been recent press publicity regarding an alleged search for King's killer in Mexico. We have made no such search. It is noted, however, that Legat, Mexico City advised that Mexico City Police, on the basis of an alleged resemblance of Claude Chester McLaren, Jr., to an artist's conception of the subject, questioned him as he was boarding a plane 4/8/68 in Mexico City to travel to Houston. McLaren identified himself as employed by a firm in Venezuela. He had traveled from New Orleans to Honduras 3/30/68 and entries on his passport verified this fact. McLaren was photographed by the Mexicans, and although it appears that he was out of the country during the pertinent period, his photograph is being obtained to display to pertinent witnesses.

It is noted that the subject, when purchasing the rifle in Birmingham, paid for it with \$20 bills, and the suspect who rented a room in the flophouse in Memphis from which the fatal shot was fired also paid for his room rent with a \$20 bill. The landlady at the flophouse furnished three \$20 bills, one of which was given to her by the suspect, but she does not know which of the three bills was received from him. The binoculars purchased in Memphis 4/4/68 were also paid for with \$20 bills. The individual using the name Galt, when he purchased the white Mustang in Birmingham, also paid in cash with \$100 and \$20 bills. The serial numbers of the \$20 bills obtained from the landlady are being processed in the National Crime Information Center to determine whether this money may have been bait money from a bank robbery or otherwise recorded as stolen property.

The Philadelphia Office determined that Barclay Laundry, 253 South Tenth Street, Philadelphia, has used a laundry tag such as the one found on clothing abandoned near the crime scene with the rifle which is believed to be the murder weapon. The Barclay Laundry last used such a tag 12/19/67 for the laundry of one Fred Neibauer, a Philadelphia school teacher residing at 2213 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, whose Social Security No. is [redacted]. No pertinent information concerning Neibauer could be located in Bureau files and no record for him could be located in the Identification Division. (Laboratory examination has now eliminated the Philadelphia laundry.)

✓ gr

Mr. Conrad

April 26, 1968

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN  
CR

The Laboratory has received a copy of an anonymous typewritten communication which was forwarded to the Bureau by Inez Robb, United Feature Syndicate, Inc., New York City. This anonymous letter is dated April 3, 1968, postmarked at Ft. Pierce, Florida, and the writer suggests that "someone should pop him (Martin Luther King) off."

The typewritten impressions appearing on this anonymous letter were compared with those appearing on specimens submitted in the "MURKIN" case and found to be not identical. This letter was also searched in the Anonymous Letter File, but could not be identified with any items which have been included in this file.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

44-38861

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long - 2260)
- 1 - ~~Mr. Conrad~~
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File

attached to  
Rosen's copy  
of memo

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: [illegible]

RE: [illegible]

DATE: [illegible]

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

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Shroder  
~~1 - Mr. Conrad~~  
1 - Mr. Grath  
1 - Lab Files

To: **FBI, San Francisco (7-671)**

Date: **April 26, 1968**

Re: **UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
MARGARET E. LOUIS -  
VICTIM  
KIDNAPPING**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.  
Lab. No. **D-561583 HX**

Examination requested by: **San Francisco**

Reference: **Airtel 4/24/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

The attached Laboratory report confirms and supplements Bureau teletypes to your office 4/25/68, and telephone call from SA Palmer G. Tunstall of the Laboratory to SA Hannes K. Watzlawek of your office at 4:05 a. m. EST same date.

Results of the fingerprint examination are being furnished separately.

The hand printing on Q1 consists of the name "ED LOUIS" in which the letters were formed with the use of a straight edge. It is of no value for comparison purposes.

The original evidence and a simulation were furnished, sealed, to the Captain of United Airlines Flight #63, arriving San Francisco 2:30 p. m., 4/26/68, of which your office was telephonically advised.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, San Francisco (7-671)**

Re: **UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
MARGARET E. LOUIS - VICTIM  
KIDNAPPING**

Date: **April 26, 1968**  
FBI File No.  
Lab. No. **D-561583 HX**

Specimens received **4/24/68**

- Q1** White envelope bearing hand printing "ED LOUIS" and typewriting "MR ED LOUIS"
- Q2** First page of accompanying typewritten letter beginning "MR. Louis, READ THIS..." and ending "...total 205 packs)"
- Q3** Second page of accompanying letter beginning "YOU WILL BUY..." and ending "...GOING TO THE POLICE."

**Result of examination:**

No watermark, indented writing or other specific indication as to the origin of the envelope or paper, Q1 through Q3, was found.

The questioned typewriting impressions conform to an elite style of type used on office, standard, portable and electric Smith-Corona typewriters. At the time specimens Q1 through Q3 were typed, the typewriter was equipped with a red and black bichrome ribbon which was possibly installed upside-down in the typewriter, based on the fact many of the letters have printed red in the upper portions.

As the result of searching specimens Q1 through Q3 in the Anonymous Letter File, it was found that an extortion letter was prepared on a typewriter having the same style of type in the case captioned "Unknown Subject, also known as Mrs. J. O. Donovitch; Managers, Fremont, Mint and Flamingo Hotels, Las Vegas, Nevada - Victims - Extortion." As the instant typewriting is mostly upper-case

letters and the typewriting in the Donovitch case is mostly lower-case letters, a satisfactory comparison was not possible. The presence of a few alignment characteristics common to the instant and previous questioned documents and the fact that same style of type was used, make it impossible to eliminate the possibility both letters may have been typed on the same typewriter.

A record of the physical characteristics and photographs of specimens Q1 through Q3 are retained in the FBI Laboratory.

The submitted evidence is being returned to your office separately.

*gr*

Mr. Conrad

April 26, 1968

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN

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We have received from the General Investigative Division copies of a typewritten letter and envelope addressed to the Social Security Administration, P.O. Box 5, Baltimore, Maryland. The letter is dated 2/29/68 and bears the handwritten signature Eric Galt and requests certain information concerning social security.

The typewritten impressions on the envelope and letter were found to be the same style of type as that appearing on other items received in this matter attributed to Eric S. Galt, but because of the presence of some variations and indistinctness in the photocopy, the Galt signature appearing on the letter cannot be identified as having been prepared by the writer of other signatures in the Galt name appearing on specimens previously received.

Recommendation: None. For information.

44-38861

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - ~~Mr. Conrad~~
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File

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1-Mr. Rosen  
1-Mr. Long, Rm. 2260  
1-Mr. Trotter  
1-Mr. Latona (Attn: Mr. Bonebrake)  
1-Mr. ~~Conrad~~ 4-26-68  
1-Lab Files  
1-Office, 7133  
1-Mr. Clark

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReBuairtel 4-25-68 concerning return of evidence.

Ten latent lifts listed in Memphis airtel 4-8-68 are also being returned with the evidence listed in referenced Buairtel. The lifts which are described in Latent Fingerprint Section Report dated 4-10-68 are included in the box containing Q69 through Q71.

Those items obtained from the Memphis Police Department are to be returned to them upon receipt.

NOTE: Coordinated with Identification Division.

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*gr*

Mr. Conrad

April 26, 1968

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN  
CR

We have received from the General Investigative Division an anonymous hand printed post card, directed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., and postmarked Houston, Texas, April 20, 1968. This card states "Galt is professional killer. Lives off contracts. This one is from SNCC and rights leaders paid partly by Cuba. Galt and partners are in Cuba."

Because of evidence of distortion in the anonymous post card and because the style of hand printing on the card differs from that on specimens in the "MURKIN" case, it could not be definitely determined whether the hand printing on the card and on specimens in the Galt name were prepared by the same individual; however, differences were noted.

This post card cannot be identified in the Anonymous Letter File and will be forwarded to the Latent Fingerprint Section for appropriate examination.

Recommendation: None. For information.

44-38861

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long 2260)
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Mr. Conrad

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MURKIN

We have received from the General Investigative Division through the Baltimore Division a handwritten letter which is attributed to Daniel David Kennedy, 548 East 38th Street, Baltimore, Maryland. Kennedy is the individual who was apprehended by Mexican authorities in the early hours of April 25, 1968 and considered a "look alike" for James Earl Ray, the subject in this case.

As a result of comparing the questioned handwriting in the "MURKIN" case with the handwriting appearing on the letter authored by Kennedy, it was concluded that the two sets of writings previously mentioned were not prepared by the same individual.

Recommendation: None. For information.

44-38861

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - ~~Mr. Conrad~~  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
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1 - Mr. Mortimer  
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

Date: **April 26, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-561287 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel 4/15/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results  
of the fingerprint examination.**

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**3 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**JHM:AW (10)**

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK  
SUBJECT: [illegible]

*[Handwritten signature]*

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

Re New York letter to Bureau dated 4/24/68.

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten initials]*

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above.

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**REPORT  
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

Date: **April 26, 1968**  
FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-561287 JK**

Specimens received **4/22/68**

- Q258 Interview card, No. 66429, dated 12/5/67, signed "Eric Galt"**
- Q259 National Dance Studios Enrollment Agreement and Contract for Dancing Instruction dated 12/14/67, bearing hand printing and signed "Eric S. Galt"**
- Q260 Change of Address order for ERIC GALT, bearing hand printing and signed "Eric S. Galt"**
- Q261 Installment Note bearing typewritten date "Jan. 19, 1968" and signed "Eric S. Galt"**
- Q262 Application for School Admission dated 1/19/68, bearing hand printing and signed "Eric S. Galt"**
- K192 Fourteen items obtained from Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, consisting of cleaning invoices and laundry lists**

**Result of examination:**

Except for the signature on Q259, which is too distorted for any determination to be made, it was concluded that the "Eric S. Galt" signatures on Q258, Q260, Q261 and Q262 were prepared by the writer of this signature appearing on other items previously received. Other writings attributed to "Galt" appearing on these items do not permit the identification of the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on the Q72 gun invoice.

**The submitted items have been retained.**

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long  
2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File  
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1937)**

Date: **April 26, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-33861**  
Lab. No. **D-561586 JK**

Examination requested by: **Newark**

Reference: **Airtel 4/23/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

For information Legat, Ottawa, Qc288 is a Canadian Postal Money Order which was submitted to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, in part payment for a correspondence course undertaken by ERIC C. GALT.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
2 - Newark (44-854) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)  
1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)  
1 - Kansas City (44-760) Enclosure (Lab report)  
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)  
1 - Legat, Ottawa

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**REPORT  
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)****Date: April 26, 1968****Re: MURKIN  
CR****FBI File No. 44-38861****Lab. No. D-561586 JK****Specimens received 4/24/68****Qc288 Photocopy of Canadian Money Order #C 31,600,868, in  
the amount of \$17.50, signed "Eric Galt"****Result of examination:**

Although the photocopy, Qc288, lacks the quality necessary for a satisfactory comparison, some differences were noted between the writing appearing on the face of this item when compared with the writings appearing on specimens submitted in this case.

Some features noted on Qc288 which might give an indication of its place of purchase are a stamp with the wording "Montreal 28 VII 67;" the number of the money order, "C-31,600,868;" the printed name "Hector Cormier" at the bottom of the money order and the initials "M." or "N." "D." on the bottom line to the right of the printed Cormier name.

**Qc288 has been retained.****JHM:lcb (17)**

Mr. Conrad

April 26, 1968

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN

The Laboratory has received from Secret Service, through Liaison, an anonymous handwritten letter which was addressed "To The President of The United States Mr. L. B. Johnson, Washington, D.C." This letter was postmarked April 4, 1968, at Savannah, Tennessee. In addition to generally castigating Reverend Martin Luther King, the anonymous writer states "someone will kill this man soon when everyone gets enough and I say the sooner the better!"

The writings in this letter were compared with the writings submitted in the "MURKIN" case and found to be not identical. The letter and envelope were also searched in the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

The above mentioned anonymous letter has been forwarded to the Latent Fingerprint Section for appropriate examination.

Recommendation: None. For information.

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - ~~Mr. Conrad~~  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
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- 1 - MR. TOLSON
- 1 - MR. DELOACH
- 1 - MR. CLEGG
- 1 - MR. CONNELLEY
- 1 - MR. FORD (MR. TOLSON 3380)
- 1 - MR. GALE
- 1 - MR. ROSEN

RECOMMENDATION: None for information.

EXPLANATION:

Referred to the present investigation for information  
the whole mentioned information referred was given

and other information to this file.

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MR. CONNELLEY

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Long, Room 2260  
~~1 - Mr. [unclear]~~  
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1 - Office  
1 - Mr. Clark

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

To: **FBI, Newark (44-854)**

Date: **April 26, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **PC-A5839 IZ**

Examination requested by: **Newark**

Reference: **Airtel 4/22/68**

Examination requested: **Microscopic - Miscellaneous**

Remarks: **Specimen Q264 is being temporarily retained  
in the Laboratory.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosure (Lab report)  
1 - Cincinnati Enclosure (Lab report)

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**REPORT  
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: FBI, Newark

Date: April 26, 1968

Re: MURKIN

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. PC-A5839 IZ

Specimens received 4/23/68

Q264 White shirt

**Results of Examination:**

Specimen Q264 is a man's white dress shirt, Manhattan brand, size 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 32, that is soiled and nearly worn out.

"N FRANCES" and "KUH H GRAY" is hand printed with black ink on the collar. The Laboratory does not maintain a visible laundry mark file and is, therefore, unable to advise the laundry or laundries responsible for these markings.

No invisible laundry marks were found on specimen Q264.

No hairs were located on Q264.

No fibers of apparent significance were located on Q264.



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

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Long Rm. 2260  
*Jo* 1 - ~~Mr. Conrad~~  
1 - Mr. Frazier  
1 - Lab Files  
1 - Office 7133

To: **FBI, Albany (44-493)**

Date: **April 26, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **PC-A5865 IZ**

Examination requested by: **Albany**  
Reference: **Airtel 4/12/68**  
Examination requested: **Microscopic - Miscellaneous**  
Remarks:

**The submitted evidence is being retained in the Laboratory.**

**The K33 sets of type are being retained in the Laboratory  
for possible assistance in examinations on laundry marks.**

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Albany

Date: April 26, 1968

Re: MURKIN

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. PC-A5865 IZ

Specimens received 4/15/68

K33 Six sets of type used in Thermo Seal machines, further described as follows:

<u>TYPE SIZE</u>	<u>CHARACTERS</u>
Regular 18-point type	Letters
Regular 18-point type	Numbers
Narrow 18-point type	Letters
Regular 15-point type	Numbers
Narrow 15-point type	Letters
Narrow 15-point type	Numbers

K34 Roll of marking tape

## Results of examination:

Specimen K34 is a partial roll of marking tape measuring 5/16" in width. the recovered tape on specimens Q69, Q70, Q97 and Q99 all measures 1/4" in width and, therefore, cannot be associated with specimen K34.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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1 - Mr. Clark  
1 - Office 7133

To: **FBI, New Orleans (157-10673)**

Date: **April 26, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **PC-A5860 IZ**

Examination requested by: **New Orleans**

Reference: **Letter 4/22/68**

Examination requested: **Microscopic - Fingerprint - Miscellaneous**

Remarks:

**You are being advised of the results of the  
fingerprint examination by a separate report.**

**The submitted evidence is being retained in the  
Laboratory.**

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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**REPORT  
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: FBI, New Orleans****Re: MURKIN****Date: April 26, 1968****FBI File No. 44-38861****Lab. No. PC-A5860 IZ****Specimens received 4/24/68****Q285 Material from ashtray****Results of examination:**

**The cigarette butt in specimen Q285 is a "Tareyton" filter brand.**

**Nothing else of apparent significance was found in specimen Q285.**

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1 - Mr. McGowan, 2712

~~1 - Mr. Conrad~~

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1 - Mr. Devine

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TO SAC NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

~~MURKIN.~~

RENOAIRTEL APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST SUBMITTING  
REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER SIX EIGHT THREE FOUR FOR SCOTT NORDAL  
AND NINE CANDLELIGHT INN REGISTRATION CARDS AND NOLET APRIL  
TWENTYTWO LAST SUBMITTING COURT OF TWO SISTERS EMPLOYMENT  
APPLICATION FOR SCOTT NORDAL AND SLIP OF PAPER FROM NORDAL'S  
HOTEL ROOM. NORDAL CONSIDERED A LOOK-ALIKE FOR SUBJECT RAY.

SIGNATURE OF NORDAL ON EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION NOT  
IDENTICAL WITH HANDWRITING OF RAY. HAND PRINTING ON NORDAL  
ITEMS NOT IDENTICAL WITH HAND PRINTING ON ITEMS RECEIVED IN THIS  
CASE UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT. NO HAND PRINTING OF RAY AVAILABLE  
FOR COMPARISON.

DIFFERENCES INDICATE CANDLELIGHT INN REGISTRATION  
CARDS NOT EXECUTED BY NORDAL OR RAY BUT LACK OF COMPARABLE  
KNOWN WRITINGS PRECLUDE DEFINITE OPINION. NO FINGERPRINT CARDS  
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**TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS  
MURKIN  
44-38861**

**LOCATED FOR SCOTT NORDAL. AVAILABLE WRITING OF WALTER  
TERRY RIFE CONSISTS OF SIGNATURES ON FINGERPRINT CARDS  
WHICH ARE NOT COMPARABLE WITH SUBMITTED MATERIAL AND,  
THEREFORE, NO MEANINGFUL COMPARISON COULD BE MADE.**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION REGISTRATION CARD  
NUMBER SIX EIGHT THREE FOUR BEARS ADDRESS "ONE EIGHT  
THREE SIX NINETEENTH, WASHINGTON, D. C." WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
PHONE DIRECTORIES NEGATIVE RE LISTING FOR NORDAL. TWO  
COPIES BEING SENT AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS. LATENT RESULTS  
FURNISHED SEPARATELY.**

**NOTE FOR MEMPHIS: No Laboratory report will be submitted regarding  
the results of the examination set out above.**