

Mr. Conrad

April 25, 1968

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN

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The anonymous letter and envelope have been forwarded to the Latent Fingerprint Section for further examination.

Recommendation: None. For information.

- 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 (Mr. Long 4380)
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1 - Mr. Kottner
1 - Lab File
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Mr. Conrad

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~~1-Mr. Conrad-Enc.~~
1-Mr. Clark-Enc.
1-Mr. Frazier-Enc.
4-25-68
1-Lab Files-Enc.
1-Office, 7133-Enc.

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Reference is made to Mr. DeLoach's memorandum dated April 24, 1968, regarding the return of certain evidence in this case.

Pursuant to this memorandum, the evidence has been packed and is ready for shipment.

There is attached an airtel to the Memphis Office advising them of the return of the evidence.

Included among these items are several items of original evidence which by their nature may be necessary to have available for future comparison purposes; for example, at such time as James E. Ray is located and if it is desired to have his head hairs compared with those at the scene, it would be necessary to have those found at the scene resubmitted for comparison. We are also continuing to receive laundry mark samples for comparison. Should any be received that cannot be eliminated by the use of photographs, it would be necessary to consider the return of the original items if further examinations are required.

ACTION: A proposed airtel advising the Memphis Office of the return of the evidence is attached for approval.

Enclosure

44-38861

1-Mr. Mohr-Enc.
1-Mr. DeLoach-Enc.
1-Mr. Rosen-Enc.

NOTE Items being returned include the suspected rifle and the fatal bullet, as well as other items abandoned near the scene of the shooting by the subject. IWC:dmg

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1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Long, Rm. 2260
~~1-Mr. Conrad~~
1-Lab Files
1-Office, 7133
1-Mr. Clark 4-25-68

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

you find etc plus bag of contents
The following items of evidence are being returned to you under separate cover by registered mail. Those items obtained from the Memphis Police Department are to be returned to them upon receipt.

Pin debris
Flop line
Soil
Q1 - Q68 (PC-A5498) Laboratory report dated 4-17-68
Q69 - Q71 (PC-A5505) Laboratory report dated 4-11-68
Q76 - Q85 (PC-A5530) Laboratory report dated 4-18-68
Q204 - Q213 (PC-A5694) Laboratory report dated 4-12-68
K30 (PC-A5686) Laboratory report dated 4-19-68
K44 - K49 (PC-A5693) Laboratory report dated 4-19-68
K50 - K59 (PC-A5695) Laboratory report dated 4-19-68

Included in the evidence are pillboxes containing debris and glass slides containing hairs and fibers removed from various items of evidence.

The chain of custody of these items being returned to the Memphis Police Department must be protected between your office and the Police Department.

PMS:nlb (9)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

cc Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Rosen
Mr. McGowan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

Reference is made to the Director's notations, asking why the evidence in captioned case has not been returned to the Memphis Police.

This is my responsibility. I knew of the necessity to return this evidence as soon as logically possible; however, I also realized that the Director would not want the evidence returned only to have the Memphis Office obtain it once again and send it back for further comparison purposes with new evidence.

In compliance with the Director's instructions, the evidence was to be returned as soon as Laboratory examinations were completed. There has been a constant accumulation of evidence, making it imperative that the original items be retained briefly for comparison purposes. The true name of the subject was not known until Friday, 4/19/68.

There has been no request from the Memphis Police relative to the return of this evidence. To the contrary, the police feel that this is strictly an FBI case and have indicated this fact accordingly.

The evidence will be returned to the Memphis Police immediately. There will be no consultation with the Department.

ACTION:

To answer the Director's inquiry.

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I should have been advised that my instructions were not being carried out & why. #

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Tolson ☒
DeLoach ☒
Mohr ☒
Bishop ☒
Casper ☒
Callahan ☒
Conrad ☒
Felt ☒
Gale ☒
Rosen ☒
Sullivan ☒
Tavel ☒
Trotter ☒
Tele. Room ☒
Holmes ☒
Gandy ☒

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 22, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. Conrad

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

With respect to the evidence in this case obtained from the Memphis Police Department, SAC Jensen of our Memphis Office has advised that on the evening of the shooting, 4/4/68, and the morning of 4/5/68, he contacted Frank Holloman, Director of Fire and Police, and inquiry was made of the evidence collected. Holloman advised that all of the material he knew of was at that time in custody of Homicide Division, Inspector N. E. Zachary. He was told that the SAC would take possession of the evidence collected and would prepare it for submission to the FBI Laboratory immediately. No discussion was had with Holloman as to whether or not the FBI Laboratory report would be furnished to him and no request was made by him on arrival at the Homicide Division where the pertinent material had been maintained in a small room off the Homicide Squad rooms under custody of Inspector Zachary. Much of the material had not been identified as two of the officers had secured the pertinent material and arrangements were immediately made with Inspector Zachary to secure the names of the officers who could identify the evidence. Officers properly identified evidence.

The major part of the evidence was submitted by Inspector Zachary who had personally brought it to the police department, however, other miscellaneous items had been secured by individual officers. SAC Jensen advised Inspector Zachary that he would take custody of the material and insure that it was submitted to the FBI Laboratory immediately for appropriate and necessary examination. Inspector Zachary was advised that if he desired a police officer to accompany the Agent this could be arranged, and Inspector Zachary stated he did not feel it was necessary.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Inspector Zachary and the Memphis Police Department have been most cooperative. They turned the original material over to us which they found abandoned at the scene of the crime. They could have retained this if they desired to; however, they did not. They turned it over to the FBI Office in Memphis. The Prosecutor has filed murder charges against Galt, which are presently outstanding.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

It is recommended the SAC at Memphis advise the Prosecutor of information which is contained in our press release. In the event he asks for a report in order to present the matter to a grand jury, he should be advised the FBI is presently conducting an all-out investigation in the matter and at the appropriate time will cooperate fully.

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OK. I assume we have already returned to Police the evidence which they previously turned over to us with the Sabotage Report upon which.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 18, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Long

Tolson ✓
DeLoach ✓
Mohr ✓
Rosen ✓
Casper ✓
Callahan ✓
Conrad ✓
Felt ✓
Gale ✓
Rosen ✓
Sullivan ✓
Tavel ✓
Trotter ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Holmes ✓
Gandy ✓

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4/4/68.

SAC Robert Jensen of the Memphis Office has advised that he was contacted by Inspector N. E. Zachary of the Memphis Police Department. Memphis authorities have obtained a warrant for the arrest of Galt on a murder charge but are desirous of meeting with the FBI so that the matter can be presented to a local grand jury. Inspector Zachary advised that the Attorney General of the Memphis District, Phil Canale, is desirous of presenting the matter to a grand jury as soon as possible. Inspector Zachary has advised that perhaps Canale would be calling the Attorney General concerning this matter.

It is noted that the Memphis Police Department is aware of the items which were abandoned near the scene of the shooting in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. These articles had first been turned over to the Memphis Police and were made available to the FBI by Inspector Zachary. It has been publicly stated in the press that the FBI has traced the rifle to a gun shop in Birmingham, Alabama, and also that the telescopic sight which was mounted on the rifle had been purchased from the same dealer. The Memphis police are, of course, aware that the binoculars abandoned at the scene were purchased in Memphis, Tennessee.

It has also been publicly stated that Galt is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang which had been abandoned in Atlanta and was located on 4/11/68.

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4/22/68
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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach:
RE: MURKIN

The Memphis Police Department has not asked for the return of the evidence in this case. SAC Jensen, shortly after Mr. DeLoach's trip to Memphis on April 5, 1968, expressed to DeLoach the fact that the Police Department might soon begin wondering whether they would receive a report. DeLoach later mentioned this thought on Jensen's part in conversation with the Director. Both SAC Jensen and Inspector Joe Sullivan have indicated that there has been no request whatsoever on the part of the Memphis Police Department for this evidence to be returned. #2

Inspector Zachary, Memphis Police Department, has expressed the opinion that ultimately the case would have to be tried as a murder case in local courts. The First Assistant State Attorney General, Robert Dwyer, has indicated an interest in the evidence but has not made any request for its return.

The evidence has been maintained in the FBI Laboratory in view of the exhaustive and intensive investigation being conducted by the FBI and principally because evidence continues to be accumulated as we develop additional information on the background, prior movements and activities of the subject. Retention of the evidence has been particularly important from the standpoint that many of the items contained latent fingerprint impressions. It was, of course, necessary that these impressions be compared with previously obtained material.

OBSERVATIONS:

The individual known as Eric Starvo Galt has now been identified as James Earl Ray, a Bureau fugitive. This important identification, of course, places the case in a different light. We, therefore, now feel that it is not necessary to retain the evidence, which has been already fully examined, and recommend that the evidence recovered by the Memphis Police Department be returned to that agency at this time. It is suggested, however, that the Department be consulted prior to this action being taken.

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Galt to look
to Memphis
at once.

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Johann
4/24/68
COP*

*I don't understand this
The day A.G. visited the
Laboratory I saw all of the
evidence. I told him to
send this evidence back to
Memphis Police. Which was
not done. I would like to*

Mr. DeLoach

April 25, 1968

A. Rosen

MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Long 1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. McDonough 1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. Martindale

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

United Press International announced today the arrest at Caborca, Mexico, on 4/24/68 of a bearded hitchhiker who reportedly resembled James Earl Ray. The individual registered at a hotel there as Daniel David Kennedy, Age forty-two, 548 East 38th Street, Baltimore, Maryland, United States Passport #8527475. No formal charges have been brought against Kennedy by Mexican authorities as yet the United Press International stated.

Mrs. Pearl Kennedy, Baltimore, mother of Daniel David Kennedy, advised the United Press International that Kennedy left Baltimore, 3/24/68, for Mexico and called her Tuesday night, 4/23/68, from Caborca. Mrs. Kennedy described her son as a wounded World War II veteran who receives a monthly compensation check from the Government. She added he is a mixed-up kid who has never been able to hold a steady job because of his war wounds. She stated he does not resemble Ray.

Legat, Mexico City, is checking on the arrest of Kennedy at Caborca to determine his true identity. The Baltimore Office advises that Kennedy is listed in the 1968 Baltimore Telephone Directory and that on two occasions in January, 1966, Kennedy made personal complaints to the Baltimore Office regarding American Nazi Party stickers which were displayed in a Baltimore tavern.

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Lewie Raymond Dowda, confined in County Jail, Marietta, Georgia, after being convicted for armed robbery, advised that he knew Ray in prison from 1963 to 1966. He described Ray as a drug addict who used amphetamine that may have been obtained for him by a guard on the gate of the prison. Dowda claimed that Ray had some outside source of income which supported a \$35 to \$40 a week dope habit as well as providing

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him \$15 to \$20 a week on other expenditures. According to Dowda, Ray felt all Negroes in the prison should be killed and made several statements to the effect that if the price was right he would kill Martin Luther King, Jr. Dowda claims that three Negro prisoners were killed after they protested a denial of their right to worship as Black Muslims and he alleges that either Ray killed the Negroes or knows who did. This is being checked.

Louis Lomax, controversial Negro TV personality in Los Angeles, has published a newspaper article alleging that the hunt for King's killer now centers on a "mysterious Hollywood blonde and a New Orleans industrialist." Lomax states the identity of the industrialist is unknown but that Ray met him in downtown New Orleans on 12/17/67 and a search is now on to locate records to reveal the industrialist's name and telephone number. Lomax names the blonde as Jerri and claims to have located her on 4/23/68. He states in his article that on the day Ray left Los Angeles he purchased Jerri an airplane ticket to a mid-Western city where she is now visiting her parents.

It has previously been determined that Ray, accompanied by Charles Stein, left Los Angeles, 12/15/67, arriving in New Orleans, 12/17/67. Ray was registered at the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, 12/17-19/67, leaving New Orleans, 12/19/67 and arrived back in Los Angeles, 12/21/67. Ray claimed to Stein that he contacted two men in New Orleans connected with an engineering or contracting company. Extensive investigation has failed to identify any contacts. Records of local telephone calls from the motel had been destroyed. No long distance calls were made from Ray's New Orleans motel room and long distance calls from nearby pay telephones were checked with negative results. Stein stated Ray made several telephone calls while driving toward New Orleans through Texas but could not state locations from which the calls were made.

Stein has been reinterviewed concerning the calls made by Ray in Texas. He states Ray used about six telephones but except for one time he returned so quickly Stein believes the other calls were not completed. On the one occasion Ray was gone long enough to complete a

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call they were just west of Houston at a service station just off Interstate 10. The freeway at this point is eight lanes wide and separated from a parallel access road by a fence. The telephone booth is on the access road and a liquor store is nearby. Stein says this call was made at approximately 9 p. m., 12/16/67. Houston is checking this out.

Lomax has been talking to Stein, his sister, Rita Stein, and Stein's cousin, Marie Martin, all of whom knew Ray in Los Angeles. Stein says Lomax has offered to split the reward with him and Stein apparently is trying to play detective. He has been cautioned about withholding information from the FBI.

Lomax's story says Jerri was a habitue of the Sultan Room and the Rabbit's Foot Bar in Los Angeles. Personnel at the Rabbit's Foot advise Jerri is unknown to them but that Lomax has been at the bar asking about her. Bar personnel state Lomax was apparently unsuccessful in developing any information.

Personnel at the Sultan Room state Lomax has been making it his headquarters for his investigation and has become a nuisance. He has made inquiry there concerning Jerri but personnel state she is unknown to them.

Investigation has not identified any Jerri as an associate of Ray. He did take dancing instruction from one Sharon (Sherri?) Rhoades who has previously been interviewed. While in Los Angeles, Ray also reportedly dated a blonde girl named Darell (phonetic) whom we are attempting to locate.

Lomax has contacted the Los Angeles Office suggesting Agents accompany him and Stein to locate the Texas telephone booth whereupon Agents could obtain pertinent telephone records for Lomax. His offer was declined. Stein advises that he is negotiating a deal with Lomax but Stein is asking \$4,000 to go with Lomax to Texas.

A telephone company contact in Los Angeles advised in confidence that James B. Potter, Jr., member of the City Council, has requested the company to identify the subscribers for numbers Lomax

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may obtain in attempting to trace a long distance call made from some point near Houston in December, 1967. Potter's political position places the telephone company in a difficult position and any request for specific information may be granted; however, the telephone company will make any such information available to us before it is released to Lomax.

ACTION:

All aspects of this investigation continue to receive top priority attention.

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



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 25, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-561483 JK

Examination requested by: Chicago
Reference: Airtel 4/22/68
Examination requested: Document
Remarks:

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
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Gandy _____

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Chicago (44-1114) Enclosures (3) (2 Lab report, K196)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Springfield (44-561) Enclosure (Lab report) JHM:AW (13)

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**REPORT
of the**



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

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

Date: **April 25, 1968**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Lab. No. **D-561483 JK**

Specimens received **4/23/68**

**K196 Three post cards, two addressed to "Miss Suzy Ryan"
and the other addressed to "Miss Carol Ryan" bearing
purported known handwriting of JOHN RAY, aka JACK RAY**

Result of examination:

Differences were noted between the "Harvey Lowmyer"
signature on Q72 when compared with the known handwriting of
JOHN RAY, K196, but the limited questioned signature and the
lack of comparable material precluded a definite opinion from
being reached.

It was concluded that the other questioned writings
submitted in this case were not prepared by JOHN RAY, K196.

K196 is returned to Chicago. Photographs are
retained.



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

1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
~~1 - Mr. Conrad~~
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File
1 - Foreign Liaison
Section

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

Date: **April 25, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561397 JK**

Examination requested by: **Legat, Mexico City**

Reference: **Airtel 4/19/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Legat, Mexico City (173-1) Enclosure (Lab report)

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

Date: **April 25, 1968**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Lab. No. **D-561397 JK**

Specimens received **4/23/68**

**Qc263 Two photocopies of registration card of "Hotel Rio"
in the name "Eric S. Galt"**

Result of examination:

**It was concluded that the questioned writings
appearing on Qc263 were prepared by the writer of other
specimens received in this matter which have been
attributed to Eric S. Galt.**

Qc263 has been retained.



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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
~~1 - Mr. Conrad~~
1 - Mr. Mortimer
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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 25, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
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OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561276 JK**

Examination requested by: **Chicago**
Reference: **Airtel 4/19/68**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

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

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 2 - Chicago (44-1114) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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

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Re: **MURKIN
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Lab. No. **D-561276 JK**

Specimens received **4/22/68**

**K191 Six handwriting sample forms bearing known handwriting
and hand printing of JERRY WILLIAM RAY**

ALSO SUBMITTED: Major case prints of JERRY WILLIAM RAY

Result of examination:

Differences were noted between the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 when compared with the known handwriting of JERRY WILLIAM RAY, K191. Because of the limited questioned writing involved and the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations in the known material, a definite opinion was not reached.

It was concluded that the other questioned writings attributed to Eric S. Galt were not prepared by JERRY WILLIAM RAY, K191.

Specimen K191 and the ALSO SUBMITTED material are retained.



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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2)
~~1 - Mr. Conrad~~
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

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

Date: **April 23, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561274 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel 4/18/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination of K176 and K177.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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

1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)

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of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)****Date: April 25, 1968****FBI File No. 44-38861****Re: MURKIN
CR****Lab. No. D-561274 JK**Specimens received **4/22/68**

- K172 Sample #1, laundry tape, obtained from Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 32192, Model H5L4**
- K173 Sample #2, laundry tape, obtained from Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 31900, Model H5L4**
- K174 Sample #3, laundry tape, obtained from Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 32190, Model H5L4**
- K175 Sample #4, laundry tape, obtained from Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 32189, Model H5L4**
- K176 Envelope No. 5, Wearing Apparel Rate tag, Flat Rate tag and Customer Receipt, of laundry list No. 31053**
- K177 Envelope No. 6, Wearing Apparel Rate tag and customer receipt of laundry list No. 30826**

Result of examination:

The size and style of the numerals and letters on K172 through K175, as well as those appearing on some other known specimens received, are the same as corresponding portions of the laundry tapes appearing on the Q97 sheet and the Q99 pillow case.

Because of the lack of identifying features on which to base a definite opinion, it could not be established that one of the machines used to prepare K172 through K175 was used to prepare the questioned laundry marks. Of these known specimens, only K175 has the letters "O" and "R" spaced the same as on the Q97 and Q99 tags. There are an insufficient number of known specimens available imprinted "2OR-3" to assess the significance of this feature; however, prior examinations indicate this factor alone is not sufficient to identify a laundry tag with a particular machine.

K172 through K177 have been retained.



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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

1 - Mr. Rosen
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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 25, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561304 JK
D-561273 JK**

Examination requested by: **San Francisco, Atlanta**

Reference: **Airtel, 4/19/68, Letter, 4/19/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - San Francisco (173-65) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)

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

RE: [illegible]

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I - Atlanta (44-3886) Enclosure (Lab report)
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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)****Date: April 25, 1968****Re: MURKIN
CR****FBI File No. 44-38861****Lab. No. D-561273 JK
D-561304 JK****Specimens received 4/22/68, from FBI, San Francisco**

- K178 Four sample laundry tapes received from Carlos Laundry, San Carlos, California**
- K179 Twelve sample laundry tapes (the type used on work clothes) received from Del Monte Laundry, Pacific Grove, California**
- K180 Twelve pieces of white cloth each containing a sample of laundry tape received from Carmel - Monterey Laundry, Monterey, California**
- K181 Thirty sample laundry tapes (from three machines) received from Sainte Claire Laundry, Santa Clara, California**
- K182 Six buff colored cards each containing five sample laundry tapes received from Bariteau's Cleaners, San Jose, California**
- K183 Two yellow cards, each containing five sample laundry tapes received from Diamond Laundry, San Jose, California**
- K184 Ten sample laundry tapes received from Wil Rec Cleaners, Campbell, California**
- K185 Twenty sample laundry tapes (from two machines) received from Individual Laundry, Santa Clara, California**
- K186 Thirty yellow cards, each containing one sample laundry tape (from three machines) received from American Laundry, San Jose, California**

- K187 Two buff colored small envelopes containing nine sample laundry tapes, received from Willow Laundry, San Jose, California
- K188 Three white cards each containing ten sample laundry tapes (from three machines) received from Economy Laundry, San Jose, California
- K189 Four Customer Care Invoice tickets each containing six sample laundry tapes received from Austin's Freemont Laundry, Mt. View, California
- K190 Thirty sample laundry tapes received from Mission Linen Supply, Santa Cruz, California

Specimens received 4/22/68, from FBI, Atlanta

- K193 White handkerchief containing nine gray tape samples obtained from Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 32794, Model H5M4B1, located at Chamblee Sunshine Cleaning Center, Chamblee, Georgia
- K194 White handkerchief containing ten yellow laundry tape samples obtained from Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 34209, located at Shallowford Sunshine Cleaning Center, Shallowford Plaza, Atlanta Georgia

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned laundry tapes appearing on the Q69 and Q70 items of clothing were not prepared by any of the machines used in the preparation of specimens K178 through K190, K193 and K194.

The submitted items have been retained.

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- K187 Two buff colored small envelopes containing nine sample laundry tapes, received from Willow Laundry, San Jose, California
- K188 Three white cards each containing ten sample laundry tapes (from three machines) received from Economy Laundry, San Jose, California
- K189 Four Customer Care Invoice tickets each containing six sample laundry tapes received from Austin's Freemont Laundry, Mt. View, California
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Specimens received 4/22/68, from FBI, Atlanta

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The submitted items have been retained.

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

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

Date: **April 25, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
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OO: Memphis**

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-36861**
Lab. No. **D-560918 JK**
D-561043 JK

Examination requested by: **Memphis, Honolulu**

Reference: **Airtel, 4/13/68 and
Letter 4/16/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab reports)
1 - Honolulu (157-131) Enclosure (Lab report)

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CR****FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560918 JK
D-561043 JK****Specimens received 4/18/68, from FBI, Memphis**

K165 Two pieces of white cloth, one containing six sample laundry tapes, Model No. HSKI, Serial No. 31323, and the other five sample laundry tapes, Model HSKI, Serial No. 31325, obtained from Thermo-Seal Machine located at White Rose Laundry and Cleaners, 299 South Dunlap, Memphis, Tennessee

Specimens received 4/18/68, from FBI, Honolulu

K166 White handkerchief containing twelve samples of laundry tapes from Thermo-Seal Machine located at Abe Laundry, 210-C Puuhale Road, Honolulu

K167 Sheet of yellow ruled paper containing three samples of laundry tapes from Thermo-Seal Machine located at Perfection Dry Cleaners, Inc., 680 Kilani Boulevard, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the Q69 and Q70 laundry tags were not prepared by any of the machines used in preparing K165, K166 and K167.

The known items mentioned above have been retained.

Mr. DeLoach

April 24, 1968

A. Rosen

MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McDonough
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1 - Mr. Bishop
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1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

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

Jerry William Ray, subject's brother, advised that Ray might contact his uncle, William E. Maher, a painting contractor residing at Alton, Illinois. Ray has stayed with this uncle in the past and Jerry Ray expressed the opinion that Maher is the only relative Ray would contact.

William E. Maher has been interviewed and stated that prior to Ray's entry into the Army he worked at a shoe tannery in Hartford, Illinois, where he became associated with an individual who had pro-Nazi leanings; Ray became anti-Negro and anti-Jewish as a result. While in military service, Ray was stationed in Germany where his anti-Negro and anti-Jewish opinions crystallized. Maher said he last saw Ray ten or twelve years ago and to his knowledge Ray has not been in Alton since 1959 when he was involved in an armed robbery and sentenced to prison. Maher stated he could suggest no one in the Alton area acquainted with Ray or to whom Ray might turn for help.

Continuing investigation at Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, indicates Ray spent considerable time with Irma Morales, a prostitute, when he was there in October and November, 1967. Morales has been located in a small town near Guadalajara and furnished a photograph taken of Ray on 11/3/67.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Morales related that on 10/29/67 she was in a bar with Ray and four Negroes were at a nearby table with several white people. Ray continuously insulted and goaded the Negroes and went to his car to obtain a pistol; Morales saw the handle of the gun in Ray's pocket. When the Negroes left, Ray said he wanted to go after them but Morales told him it was time for the police to check the bar. Ray said he wanted nothing to do with the police and there was no further incident.

Morales also advised that Ray wore dark glasses most of the time while he was in Puerto Vallarta. She last saw him 11/9/67 and has not heard from him since that time.

Raymond Louis Curtis, under life sentence for a Georgia murder, has previously stated he served time with Ray on three different occasions. Curtis also states Ray told Curtis he had engaged in burglaries and payroll jobs while operating out of Quincy, Illinois. Ray also claimed to have hoodlum contacts in Chicago, Detroit, Tampa and Tijuana. Curtis describes Ray as a good poker player and an excellent card handler. While in prison Curtis and Ray cheated fellow prisoners in crooked poker games.

It has previously been reported that Curtis alleged Ray had spoken of a \$1,000,000 bounty on King. Curtis also alleges that when President Kennedy was assassinated word came into the prison that there had been a bounty on the President's head. Curtis claims Ray said a dozen times that if he had been out of prison and had known about a bounty on the President, he would have collected it. Ray allegedly told Curtis a dozen times that if King was still alive when he got out of prison he would like to collect the bounty on King.

Jack Fox Lamphere, Warsaw, Missouri, stated upon interview that he knew Ray at Missouri State Penitentiary and that Ray was close to Jimmy Carpenter, a seventy-year-old con man who took care of Ray's debts in the prison yard. Ray often talked to Lamphere about his liking for the Rogue River area in Oregon. Portland is conducting appropriate investigation.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

We are continuing to vigorously pursue all possibilities of promptly locating Ray and all phases of the investigation are receiving top priority attention.

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Long, Room 2280
1 - ~~Mr. Conrad~~

4/24/68

1 - Lab Files
1 - Office
1 - Mr. Clark

Airtel

To: SAC, Charlotte (44-1365)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reurairtel 4/19/68.

There is being forwarded to you under separate cover by registered mail the Q13 bedspread recovered in Memphis for your assistance in attempting to ascertain its manufacturer.

The bedspread should be shown to Mr. Jim Oakley, Security Officer, Besunit Mills, Gastonia, N. C., for his evaluation as to the possibility of identifying its source and eventual distribution.

If Mr. Oakley is unable to advise possible source, determine magnitude of project that would be necessary to determine source and advise Bureau prior to proceeding.

The chain of custody of the bedspread must be protected. Upon completion of leads, return bedspread to Laboratory.

1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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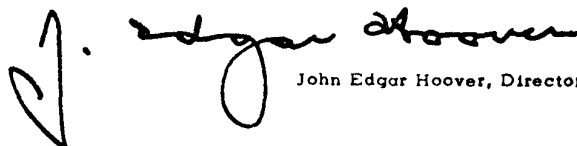
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Long
1 - ~~Mr. Conrad~~
1 - Mr. Griffith
Att: Mr. Mortimer
1 - Mr. Frazier
1 - Lab Files
1 - Office 7133

To: **FBI, Jackson (157-9586)**

Date: **April 24, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**


John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: **Jackson**

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **PC-A5780 BX**
D-561212 JK

Reference: **Airtel 4/17/68**

Examination requested: **Toolmarks - Document**

Remarks:

The evidence, K169 and K170, listed in the enclosed report is being temporarily retained in the Laboratory.

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

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Jackson**Date: **April 24, 1968**Re: **MURKIN**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **PC-A5780 BX****D-561212 JK**Specimens received **4/19/68****K169 Empty Schlitz beer can, 12-ounce size, from Southaven
Minnow Shop****K170 Brown paper bag from Southaven Minnow Shop****Results of examination:**

Marks appearing in the number impressions on the bottoms of K169 and the previously submitted Q53 can of beer were identified as having been made by the same number dies. The marks on the Q52 can of beer were not identified with K169 or Q53, possibly because the marks were not so deeply or completely impressed in Q52.

The K170 paper bag was found to be similar in all observable characteristics to the Q55 paper bag which was previously submitted.

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

Date: **April 24, 1968**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Lab. No. **D-560718 JK
D-560660 JK**

Specimens received **4/12/68, from FBI, San Diego**

**K25 Piece of cloth bearing six specimens taken from a
Thermo Seal marking machine from the Holly Laundry
and Cleaners, Chula Vista, California**

Specimen received 4/15/68, from FBI, Boston

**K32 Three samples of thermo-seal laundry tapes obtained
from Commodore Cleaners, 157 Front St., Woonsocket,
Rhode Island**

Result of examination:

**It was concluded that the Q69 and Q70 laundry
tapes were not prepared by the machine used to prepare
K25 or the one used to prepare K32.**

Specimens K25 and K32 are retained.



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

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

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

Date: **April 24, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
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OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560879 JK
D-560878 JK
D-560442 JK**

Examination requested by: **Miami, Cincinnati, Memphis**

Reference: **Airtels, 4/11/68, 4/13/68 and
4/13/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Cincinnati (157-1893) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Miami (44-1854) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

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Date: April 24, 1968

**Re: MURKIN
CR**

FBI File No. 44-38861

**Lab. No. D-560879 JK
D-560878 JK
D-560662 JK**

Specimens received 4/12/68, from FBI, Miami

K155 Eight sample laundry tapes, four bearing code 02B-6 and four bearing code D2B-6, obtained from Thermo-Seal marking machine, Prather's Laundry, Naples, Florida

Specimens received 4/16/68, from FBI, Cincinnati

K158 Four sample laundry tapes from Thermo-Seal, Model No. H5L4, SN 32481 marking machine located at B & B Cleaners and Curtain Service, Columbus, Ohio

K159 Four sample laundry tapes from Thermo-Seal marking machine, Model No. H5L4, SN 32462, located at Pal's Laundry and Shirt Service, Columbus, Ohio

Specimens received 4/16/68, from FBI, Memphis

K160 Piece of white cloth containing six samples of laundry tapes from Thermo-Seal Machine, Serial No. R 31883, located at Lamar Laundry, 1172 Lamar, Memphis, Tennessee

K161 Piece of white cloth containing six samples of laundry tapes from Thermo-Seal Machine, Serial No. R 31875, located at Lamar Laundry, 1172 Lamar, Memphis, Tennessee

K162 Laundry list form containing six samples of laundry tapes from Thermo-Seal Machine, Serial No. 32439, located at Naval Exchange Laundry, Millington, Tennessee

K163 Laundry list form containing seven samples of laundry tapes from Thermo-Seal Machine, Serial No. 32044, located at Naval Exchange Laundry, Millington, Tennessee

K164 Laundry list form containing six samples of laundry tapes from Thermo-Seal Machine, Serial No. 32040, at Naval Exchange Laundry, Millington, Tennessee

Result of examination:

It was determined that the laundry tags appearing on the Q69 and Q70 articles of clothing were not prepared by any of the machines responsible for preparing the laundry tags designated K155 and K158 through K164.

The submitted items have been retained.

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1-Mr. Conrad
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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 24, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
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OO: Memphis**

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560792 JK
D-560790 JK
D-560788 JK**

Examination requested by: **Jackson, Savannah,
Richmond**

Reference: **Airtels, 4/12/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Jackson (157-9586) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Richmond (44-657) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Savannah (44-1768) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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CR****FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560792 JK
D-560790 JK
D-560788 JK****Specimens received 4/15/68, from FBI, Savannah****K36 Piece of paper bearing five specimens of laundry tape taken from a machine used by the Taylor-Hulse Dry Cleaning and Laundry, Augusta, Georgia****Specimen received 4/15/68, from FBI, Richmond****K37 Two pieces of paper bearing six specimens of laundry tape obtained from a Thermo Seal marking machine used by the Bonnie Bright Laundry, Arlington, Virginia****Specimen received 4/15/68, from FBI, Jackson****K38 Seventeen specimens of laundry tape taken from a Thermo Seal marking machine located at the Ellisville State School, Ellisville, Mississippi****K39 Eleven pieces of laundry tape five of which bear samples taken from a Poly Mark machine of the Crescent Laundry, Hattiesburg, Mississippi****K40 Two pieces of cloth bearing specimens obtained from a Thermo Seal marking machine located at Long's Laundry and Cleaners, Tupelo, Mississippi****K41 Two pieces of cloth bearing specimens obtained from a Poly Mark machine located at the University of Mississippi****K42 Thirty-eight specimens of laundry tape taken from a Thermo Seal marking machine located at the Keesler Air Force Base Laundry, Biloxi, Mississippi****K43 Eighteen specimens of laundry tape taken from a Poly Mark machine located at Rex's Southern Cleaners, Hattiesburg, Mississippi**

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the laundry tags appearing on the Q69 and Q70 articles of clothing were not prepared by any of the machines used to prepare the specimens represented by K36 through K43.

K36 through K43 have been retained.

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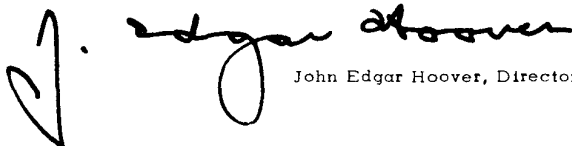
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1 - Mr. Mortimer
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Date: **April 24, 1968**

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OO: Memphis**


John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561394 JK**

Examination requested by: **Honolulu**

Reference: **Letter 4/18/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Honolulu (157-131) Enclosure (Lab report)

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Re: **MURKIN
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Lab. No. **D-561394 JK**

Specimens received **4/22/68**

**K195 Two pieces of white cloth containing three samples
of laundry tape obtained from the Navy Exchange Laundry,
Aiea, Oahu, Hawaii**

Result of examination:

**It was concluded that the laundry tags appearing
on Q69 and Q70 were not prepared by the machine responsible
for the preparation of laundry tapes comprising K195.**

Specimen K195 has been retained.



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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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1 - Mr. Mortimer
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Date: **April 24, 1968**

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OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561271 JK**

Examination requested by: **Kansas City**

Reference: **Airtel 4/20/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

It should be noted that the questioned writings on some of the items received in this case are limited to the "Galt" name alone. The identification of the "Galt" writings with K171, as set forth in the attached report, considered all these questioned writings as a unit and it may not be possible to identify a particular specimen with K171 because of the limited nature of the questioned writing involved and the lack of comparable known material. The "Galt" writings are those items attributed to ERIC S. GALT which were previously identified together.

For information, similarities were noted between K171 and the "Lowmyer" signature on Q72.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Kansas City (44-760) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)

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Re: **MURKIN
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Lab. No. **D-561271 JK**

Specimens received **4/22/68**

**K171 Missouri State Penitentiary form dated 10/24/66,
bearing known handwriting of JAMES E. RAY**

**ALSO SUBMITTED: Copies of two-page report of psychiatric
examination dated 10/24/66**

Result of examination:

**The "Galt" writings considered together and specimen
K171 can be identified as having been prepared by the same
individual.**

**Because of the limited questioned material and the
lack of comparable letters and letter combinations, it could
not be determined whether the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on
the Q72 gun invoice was prepared by JAMES E. RAY, K171.**

Specimen K171 is being retained.

DeLoach
TO
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Mr. DeLoach

April 23, 1968

A. Rosen

MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
J 1 - ~~Mr. Conrad~~
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

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

It has previously been reported Sandy Smith advised the Bureau that "Life" magazine had information alleging Curtis Way, Newark, had photographs showing James Earl Ray marching with King two weeks before the murder. It has now been determined that the photographs taken by Way are actually photographs of John Patrick O'Rourke, formerly a Sergeant on the West Orange, New Jersey, Police Department for sixteen years. O'Rourke does not appear to have any connection with this case.

The Laboratory has determined that a piece of brown thread from the room Ray had in a "hippie" rooming house in Atlanta is like the brown thread used to mend undershorts abandoned with the rifle in Memphis at the time of the killing. The undershorts have been traced to Ray by the laundry tag.

Information was received from "Life" magazine that one Earl Smith, Memphis, had allegedly been approached regarding a plot to assassinate King. Smith has been interviewed and related that he served six years in the Air Force as an Explosives Ordnance Disposal Technician. In August, 1968, he was employed at a Western Auto store in Memphis and frequented a bar on Bellevue Street. Smith does not recall the exact location or the name of the bar. While in this tavern Smith states he

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