

# REPORT of the



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

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 16, 1968**Re: **MURKIN  
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680514123 JK**Specimens received **5/14/68**

**Q336** Registration card, No. 6960, bearing name and address  
"Ernest S. Gault 1911 W 18th St. Little Rock Ark."

### Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings on  
**Q336** were not prepared by **JAMES EARL RAY**, whose known writings  
appear on **K171, K211 and K257**.

**Q336** will be returned separately. Photographs are  
retained.

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

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

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

**May 16, 1968**

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Re: CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

**Los Angeles**

**44-38861  
FBI File No. D-680514126 JK  
Lab. No.**

Examination requested by:

Reference:

Examination requested:

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results  
of the fingerprint examination of Q337.**

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

**1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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Mr. DeLoach

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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 case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Marie Martin, also known as Marie Deninno, who traded television sets with Ray on about 2/14/68 when Ray was living at the St. Francis Hotel in Los Angeles, has been reinterviewed.

Martin stated that from the time the television sets were traded until Ray checked out of the St. Francis on 3/17/68 he appeared to be in need of money and said he was waiting for money from his brother. Martin believed Ray needed this money before he could drive to New Orleans where he delivered a package for her on about 3/21/68.

Ray told Martin he had lived in Mexico where he had used marijuana on one occasion but did not like it because it did nothing for him. He also said he had attended cock fights in Mexico but was repulsed by their barbaric nature.

Marie Martin has received a \$50 check from Louis Lomax for information she provided when he was writing his series of news articles. She believes the check is worthless.

Anonymous letters from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, have alleged Ray is at the Cuicuilco Ruins in Mexico. These ruins are about twelve miles south of Mexico City and consist of a small pyramid, 1,400 years old, surrounded by lava beds that are thirty feet thick. It is near the site being prepared for the Olympic Games this summer. Extensive investigation has been conducted throughout this area with negative results.

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May 15, 1968

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

James H. Carpenter, ex-convict who previously alleged he saw Ray three times in St. Louis between 5/10/67 and 5/17/67, claims that when Ray escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary he did so by walking out with visitors. The official version of his escape is that he hid in a box of bread being delivered from the penitentiary to a prison farm. It has previously been alleged by other prisoners that he walked out the front door and that he wore a guard's uniform when he escaped.

It has also been alleged that another ex-convict saw Ray in St. Louis two weeks after his escape from Missouri State Penitentiary.

John Paul Valenti, ex-convict, and James H. Carpenter, visited John Eugene Gawron on the night of 5/13/68. Gawron is an old man who lived with Ray's mother from 1954 to 1961 and who has stated he taught Ray to be a burglar. Valenti has advised that although Gawron did not admit it in so many words, both Valenti and Carpenter gained the impression Gawron had harbored Ray after his escape in April, 1967.

Gawron has been exhaustively reinterviewed. He denies having any contact with Ray since Ray's escape. Regarding the Southern bank robbery Gawron previously alleged Ray was involved in, Gawron now states this could have occurred in July, 1967, instead of June and was in a city on the East bank of the Mississippi River. When confronted with discrepancies in his stories, Gawron stated, "As I've told you, my brain don't work right." Continuing efforts are being made to determine if such a robbery occurred.

James Laoma Owens was arrested with Ray for armed robbery in 1959. James D. Wallace, an inmate at Missouri State Penitentiary, was free on parole from 1965 to March, 1968. Wallace has advised that in the summer of 1967 he was coming out of Jefferson-Gravois Bank, St. Louis, when he met Ray and Owens who were entering the bank. Wallace told them he was glad he had gotten his money out before their arrival and they replied, "We're putting money in."

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

**ACTION:**

**All aspects of this investigation are being vigorously  
pursued.**

1 - Mr. McGowan, 2712  
① - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Mortimer

5/15/68

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URGENT

TO SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

REMETEL MAY FOURTEEN LAST REQUESTING  
EXAMINATION OF THREE TWENTY DOLLAR FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES,  
RE LABORATORY REPORT APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST DESIGNATING  
THESE THREE NOTES AS Q SIXTYFIVE, Q SIXTYSIX AND Q SIXTYSEVEN  
AND REBUAIRTEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST INDICATING THE RETURN  
OF THESE THREE ITEMS TO THE MEMPHIS DIVISION. INASMUCH AS  
THE THREE TWENTY DOLLAR NOTES ARE IN POSSESSION OF MEMPHIS,  
MEMPHIS IS INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT LOCAL OFFICE OF THE  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE AUTHENTICITY OF THESE  
ITEMS.

NOTE: Instructions to Memphis coordinated with  
Supervisor Long, General Investigative Division.

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Mr. DeLoach

May 14, 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 case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

It has previously been reported that Russell Lee Martin, former inmate, claimed he had helped authorities break up a narcotics ring in Missouri State Penitentiary. Martin also alleged he was told by Carl Drake, St. Louis, on 5/4-5/68 that Ray has called Drake twice since King was killed, once from New Orleans and once from North Carolina. Drake steadfastly denies any contact with Ray since Ray's escape from prison.

The warden at Missouri State Penitentiary has advised Martin did not break up a narcotics ring but merely reported that another prisoner used amphetamines. The warden says Martin has no integrity whatsoever, is completely unreliable, and only tells the truth when it serves his purpose to do so.

Records of Futura Books, Incorporated, Torrance, California, show three books were shipped to Eric S. Galt, 2584 Notre Dame, Est, Montreal, Canada, on 7/26/67. The books were "Unusual Female Sex Practices," "Sexual Anatomy" and "Sex Feeling in Men and Women." The order was received on a coupon from "Mens Real Adventure" magazine. It has previously been established that the subject lived at the above Montreal address in July and August, 1967.

John Gawron, former common-law husband of Ray's mother and on the verge of senility, previously alleged Ray was involved in a \$50,000 Southern bank robbery which was reported in the Chicago "Tribune" on about 6/23-24/67. The Chicago "Tribune" and the Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed without finding any reference to a robbery such as Gawron described.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK  
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James H. Carpenter, former inmate at Missouri State Penitentiary, has advised that Ray was well known to him in the Penitentiary. It is noted that Ray escaped 4/23/67 and Carpenter was paroled 5/1/67. Carpenter alleged that between 5/10/67 and 5/17/67 he saw Ray three times on South 11th Street in St. Louis. This is in the general area of John Gawron's residence. Carpenter said Ray was poorly dressed, was wearing a mustache, and borrowed \$10 from Carpenter stating he needed a gun so he could make a score and leave St. Louis. Carpenter gained the impression from Ray that he was going to Illinois when he left St. Louis.

An anonymous male in separate calls to three officers of the Memphis Police Department, previously alleged that the man who planned King's murder and paid Ray has arranged for Ray's body to be discovered between 5/15/68 and 5/18/68 at a point fifty miles south of a place in Mexico which we believe to be Caborca.

Caborca is in the State of Sonora. It appears to be roughly fifty miles below the United States border and about eighty miles from Nogales. The area fifty miles south of Caborca is desert-like with inhabitants on only a few scattered ranches. An investigative informant has searched approximately one hundred square miles in this area and has contacted each ranch with negative results.

It is noted that on 4/5/68 a Cessna Super Sky Master airplane was burned about sixty miles southwest of Caborca and about four kilometers from the ranch of Rafael Bland, an American national. Sergio Bland, son of Rafael, saw the plane burn from a distance but did not observe anyone in the vicinity of the plane. The wreckage is near a road which is practically impassable. The investigative informant noted two sets of airplane tracks indicating that another plane may have landed. He found no bodies and no evidence of any recent grave.

The above plane was stolen from Miro Field, Rialto, California, on the night of 3/18-19/68. Later the same night this plane was serviced at Elythe, California. It was being piloted by a man described as twenty-six years of age who appeared to be an experienced pilot and who said he was en route to Dallas. The plane was repainted and its registry

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number was changed after it was stolen and before it was burned. This plane, which is the subject of a separate investigation, does not at this time appear to be involved with Ray.

It has been determined by fingerprint comparison that the body found buried on the beach at Acapulco, 5/10/68, is not identical with Ray.

ACTION:

This case is continuing to receive top priority attention.



(Mr. 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: May 14, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562378 JK

Examination requested by: Detroit

Reference: Airtel 5/3/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

**Detroit should obtain laundry tapes from the K269 and K270 machines in the sequence "Q28-8" for comparison with the laundry tapes on Q69 and Q70.**

## Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Detroit (44-989) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Albany (44-403) Enclosure (Lab report)

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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562678 JK

Specimens received 5/8/68

K269 Three samples of laundry tape appearing on left portion of white handkerchief, obtained from Paw Paw Laundry, Paw Paw, Michigan

K270 Three samples of laundry tapes appearing on right portion of white handkerchief, obtained from Paw Paw Laundry, Paw Paw, Michigan

**Result of examination:**

It was concluded that the laundry tapes appearing on Q97 and Q99 were not prepared with the K269 machine while differences were noted between the tapes produced by the K270 machine and the laundry tapes on Q97 and Q99. These known specimens are not adequate for a comparison with the "02B-6" markings which appear on the tapes which were attached to Q69 and Q70.

Specimens K269 and K270 have been retained.



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**Richmond**

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-562066 JK**

Examination requested by:

**Airtel 4/29/68**

Reference:

**Document**

Examination requested:

Remarks:

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

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**1 - Richmond (44-657) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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

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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562066 JK

Specimens received 5/1/68

K239 Slip of ruled paper containing four laundry tapes,  
Code 20R-3, obtained from Smith's One Hour Cleaners,  
Lynchburg, Virginia

**Result of examination:**

It was concluded that the machine used to prepare  
specimen K239 was not used to prepare the laundry tags appearing  
on Q69 and Q70.

Some differences were noted between the tags represented  
by K239 when compared with the laundry tags appearing on Q97 and  
Q99, but the lack of identifying features precluded a definite  
determination from being reached.

Specimen K239 has been retained.

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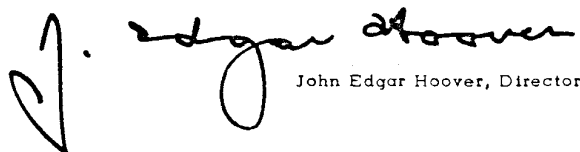
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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 14, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562096 JK

Examination requested by: Baltimore

Reference: Airtel 4/30/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Memphis teletype 4/25/68 advised to discontinue further efforts to obtain laundry tags with the markings "20R-3;" therefore, no additional investigation should be conducted to secure tags with this marking from K236, A237 and K238.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Baltimore (44-669) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

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CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-562096 JK**Specimens received **4-30-68**

Twelve sample laundry tapes obtained from Thermo-Seal machines located in laundries in the Maryland-Delaware area, further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>LAUNDRY</u>
K227	32988	Holland Cleaners, Baltimore, Md.
K228	33510	Kirsch Cleaners, Lutherville, Md.
K229	R32566	Sparkle Cleaners, Glen Burnie, Md.
K230	R32450	"
K231	32851	Archers Laundry, Baltimore, Md.
K231A	32940	
K232	34336	Pilgrim Laundry, Baltimore, Md.
K233	32212	"
K234	33705	Ruxton Cleaners, Towson, Md.
K235	32925	"
K236	-----	East-West Valet, Rockville, Md.
K237	-----	Sayer Laundry, Wilmington, Delaware
K238	-----	Lincoln Cleaner, Wilmington, Delaware

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Result of examination:

It was concluded that none of the machines used to prepare K227 through K238 was employed in preparing the laundry marks appearing on Q69 and Q70 and that the machine used to prepare K228 was not used to prepare the laundry marks appearing on Q97 and Q99.

Differences were noted between the tapes designated K227 and K229 through K235 when compared with the laundry marks appearing on Q97 and Q99, but the lack of sufficient identifying features precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

Specimens K236, K237 and K238 are not adequate for comparison with the laundry marks on Q97 and Q99. 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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Date: May 14, 1968

MURKIN  
Re: CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861  
FBI File No. D-562361 JK  
Lab. No.

Examination requested by: Boston  
Reference: Airtel 5/2/68  
Examination requested: Document  
Remarks:

**Memphis teletype 4/25/68 advised to discontinue further efforts to obtain laundry tags with the markings "208-3;" therefore, no additional investigation should be conducted to secure tags with this marking from K253 through K256.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Boston (157-644) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

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CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-562361 JK**Specimens received **5/6/68**

- K253** Two pieces of cloth containing two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 33137, obtained from Post Exchange Laundry, Newport Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island
- K254** Two pieces of cloth containing two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 33138, obtained from Post Exchange Laundry, Newport Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island
- K255** Two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 33431, obtained from U. S. Naval Exchange Laundry, U. S. Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Rhode Island
- K256** Two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 32296, obtained from U. S. Naval Exchange Laundry, U. S. Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Rhode Island

**Result of examination:**

It was concluded that the machines used to prepare specimens K253 through K256 were not used to prepare the questioned laundry tags appearing on Q69 and Q70. These known specimens are not adequate for comparison with the "20R-3" designations appearing on the Q97 and Q99 laundry tags.

K253 through K256 have been retained.



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

1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)  
~~1 - Mr. [unclear]~~  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File

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

Date: **May 14, 1968**

**MURKIN**  
Re: **CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

**44-38861**  
FBI File No. **D-562100 JK**  
Lab. No.

Examination requested by: **Boston**  
Reference: **Airtel 4/30/68**  
Examination requested: **Document**  
Remarks:

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

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Lab. No. D-562100 JK

Specimens received 5/1/68

Twelve samples of laundry tapes obtained from Thermo-Seal machines located in laundries in the Boston, Massachusetts area, further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>LAUNDRY</u>
K240	R32865	Sparkel Cleaners, Brighton
K241	33287	Holly Cleaners, Newton
K242	R32176	C. G. Howes, Newton
K243	R31762	Superior Laundry, Cambridge
K244	R32116	"
K245	R32119	"
K246	R32118	"
K247	33014	Shea's Dry Cleaners, Cambridge
K248	33700	"
K249	R31984	"
K250	R31585	"
K251	34548	Shea's, Brookline

**Result of examination:**

It was concluded that the laundry tags appearing on Q69 and Q70 were not prepared by any of the machines represented by K240 through K251 and that the tags appearing on Q97 and Q99 were not prepared by the machines used in the preparation of K242 through K246.

Differences were noted between the laundry tags represented by K240, K241 and K247 through K251 when compared with the laundry tags designated Q97 and Q99, but the lack of significant identifying features precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

K240 through K251 have been retained.

Mr. Conrad

~~1-Mr. Conrad~~  
1-Mr. Frazier  
1-Lab Files  
5-14-68  
1-Office, 7133

R. H. Jevons

MURKIN

As a matter of record, the Remington rifle, SN A17350 recovered in vicinity of the murder scene in this case was test fired for accuracy before this rifle was returned to the Memphis Police Department. With the telescope sight mounted on the rifle, as received, the point of impact of bullets fired at 25 yards was approximately 1½" below and 1" to the right of the aiming point on the target. Where three shot groups were fired at 205' which was reported as the distance from which King was shot, the center of the groups was approximately 3" to the right and only slightly below the point of aim. The targets fired are being made a part of the Laboratory examiner's notes and retained in the Bureau's files in this case. It is pointed out that these data reflect the condition of the weapon when received in the Laboratory. It is possible that some misalignment of the telescope sight may have occurred when the rifle was abandoned by the suspect or in subsequent handling prior to receipt of the weapon in the Laboratory.

ACTION: For information.

44-38861

1-Mr. Rosen (Attn: Mr. Long)

RAF:nlb (6)

44-38861-3486

1-Mr. Conrad  
1-Mr. Frazier  
1-Lab Files  
2-14-68  
1-Office, 7133

Mr. Conrad

R. H. Levons

MURKIN

As a matter of record, the Remington rifle, SN A17353 recovered in vicinity of the murder scene in this case was test fired for accuracy before this rifle was returned to the Memphis Police Department. With the telescope sight mounted on the rifle, as received, the point of impact of bullets fired at 25 yards was approximately 1 1/2" below and 1" to the right of the aiming point on the target. Where three shot groups were fired at 200' which was reported as the distance from which King was shot, the center of the groups was approximately 3" to the right and only slightly below the point of aim. The targets fired are being made a part of the laboratory examiner's notes and retained in the Bureau's files in this case. It is pointed out that these data reflect the condition of the weapon when received in the laboratory. It is possible that some misalignment of the telescope sight may have occurred when the rifle was abandoned by the suspect or in subsequent handling prior to receipt of the weapon in the laboratory.

ACTION: For information.

44-38861

1-Mr. Rosen (Attn: Mr. Long)

PAF:MD (6)

1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long Room 2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer



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

To: FBI, Los Angeles (44-1574)

Date: May 13, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562868 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 5/8/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished on the latent fingerprint examination and the disposition of Q335.

This report supplements and confirms Bureau teletype to Los Angeles dated 5/10/68, airmail copy to Memphis.

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

FMD:taw (9)

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

To: FBI, Los Angeles (44-1574)

Date: May 13, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562868 JK

Specimens received 5/10/68

Q335 One-page handwritten letter beginning "Dear sirs,  
Please send in plain envelope the list..." and  
ending "...any list covering S.F. Bay Area."

**Result of examination:**

It was concluded that the questioned writing  
on Q335 was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI#405942G.

Q335 has been photographed and is returned to  
Los Angeles separately.

EMD:taw (6)



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

1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)  
~~1 - Mr. [unclear]~~  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File

*gr*

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

Date: **May 13, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

**44-38861**  
FBI File No. **D-562836 JK**  
Lab. No.

Examination requested by: **Washington Field Office**

Reference: **Airtel 5/10/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

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

**Results set forth in the attached Laboratory report were previously furnished telephonically to the Washington Field Office.**

**Specimen Q334 was personally delivered by SA Roger Ashland on 5/9/68.**

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

**2 - Washington Field Office (44-703) Enclosures (2)  
(2 Lab report)**

**JHM:AW (10)**

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 13, 1968**Re: **MURKIN  
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-562836 JK**

Specimens received

**5/9/68**

**Q334** One-page typewritten letter dated 12/28/67, beginning "Dear Sir, I recently read an article in the..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

### Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions appearing on Q334 are the same style as those appearing on items previously received in this case attributed to Eric S. Galt. It can not be determined whether the same typewriter was employed to prepare all of these items because of the lack of significant identifying defects; however, no significant differences were noted.

It was determined that the "Eric S. Galt" signature on Q334 was prepared by the writer of signatures in this name appearing on other items previously submitted.

Specimen Q334 has been retained.

JHM:AW (10)

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*Gr*

Mr. Conrad

5/13/68

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN

By teletype Friday, 5/10/68, Washington Field Office (WFO) proposed to the Bureau a program involving review of the files of the Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, in an effort to identify a possible passport application that may have been made by the subject in a name other than his own or known aliases he has used. Such a review would involve examinations of photographs appearing on the applications, typewriting, possibly hand printing and the amount of script involved in the applicant's signature. Such a program involves literally thousands of documents. General Investigative Division has approved this program.

WFO has requested the Laboratory's assistance in preparing a packet of writings, typewriting and photograph suitable for issue to each Agent participating in the survey that would facilitate the search. This material has been prepared along with a chart pointing out the more unusual characteristics involved in the handwriting, hand printing and typewriting attributed to the subject. In addition, Supervisor James H. Mortimer has met with members of the squad distributed the requested material, described and explained the characteristics they should look for and answered questions posed by them. WFO has been instructed that any applications selected by virtue of this screening should be promptly submitted to the Laboratory for an examination by our experts. Attached is one set of photographs depicting the material furnished to WFO Agents.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

Enclosure

44-38861

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
*2* 1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Mortimer

WDG:mb (7)



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

1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 226C)  
~~1 - Mr. Conrad~~  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File

*John*

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

Date: **May 13, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

**44-38861**  
FBI File No. **D-562015 JK**  
Lab. No.

Examination requested by: **Columbia**  
Reference: **Airtel 4/29/68**  
Examination requested: **Document**  
Remarks:

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

- 1 - Columbia (44-299) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

Date: **May 13, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

FBI File No.

**44-38861**

Lab. No.

**D-562015 JK**

Specimens received **4/30/68**

Samples of laundry tapes obtained from twelve Thermo-Seal machines located in the State of South Carolina, further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>LAUNDRY</u>
K215	33487	Post Laundry, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island
K216	33486	"
K217	32571	Deluxe Cleaners and Laundry, West Columbia
K218	34424	Navy Exchange Laundry, U.S. Naval Station, Charleston
K219	34422	"
K220	31837	Doughty Dry Cleaners, Inc. Columbia
K221	31962	Lane's Dry Cleaners and Laundry, Charleston
K222	32363	Georgetown Laundry, Georgetown
K223	32658	Port City Laundry and Cleaners, Charleston
K224	33643	Newberry Steam Laundry, Newberry
K225	32436	White's Cleaners, Shaw AFB
K226	34096	Summerville White Swan Laundry, Summerville

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**Result of examination:**

It was concluded that the laundry tags appearing on Q69 and Q70 were not prepared with any of the machines used in the preparation of K215 through K226. These known samples are not adequate for comparison with other laundry tags appearing on Q97 and Q99.

The submitted items have been retained.

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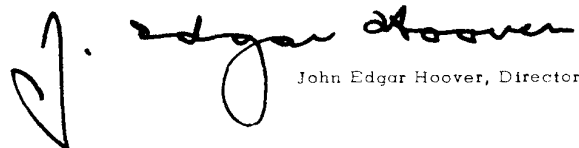
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1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - ~~Mr. Conrad~~  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File

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

Date: **May 13, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
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OO: Memphis**

  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-562709 JK**

Examination requested by: **Denver**

Reference: **Airtel 5/7/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be separately advised regarding the results  
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q328 through  
Q333.**

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
2 - Denver (157-203) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 13, 1968**Re: **MURKIN  
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-562709 JK**Specimens received **5/8/68**

- Q328 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped date April 26, 1968, and the signature "Carl Ray"**
- Q329 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped date April 27, 1968, and the signature "Carl Ray"**
- Q330 Application for Frontier Credit Travel Card bearing hand printing and the signature "Carl Ray"**
- Q331 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt, dated April 15, 1968, bearing the signature "H. J. Schumacher"**
- Q332 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped date April 16, 1968, and the signature "H. J. Schumacher"**
- Q333 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt showing amount of contract as \$316.08 and bearing the signature "H. J. Schumacher"**

**Result of examination:**

Although little in the way of comparable letters is present, differences were noted between the "H. J. Schumacher" signatures on Q331, Q332 and Q333 and the Carl Ray signatures on Q328, Q329 and Q330 and between these signatures and the known writings of JAMES EARL RAY.

It was determined that the questioned hand printing on Q322 (Frontier Airlines temporary credit card #31088) and that appearing in the lower right-hand portion of the Q328 transportation receipt were prepared by the same individual.

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It was further determined that the hand printing on Q328 and Q332 was not prepared by the individual who prepared the hand printing appearing on the Q330 application and that the hand printing on the three items mentioned was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY.

Q328 through Q333 are being returned to Memphis separately.

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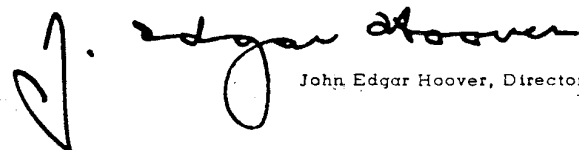
1 - Mr. Rosen  
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~~1 - Mr. Conrad~~  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

Date: **May 13, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-562677 JK**

Examination requested by: **New York**  
Reference: **Airtel 5/4/68**  
Examination requested: **Document**  
Remarks:

**The results of the fingerprint examination will be  
furnished to you separately.**

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

- 1 - New York (44-1609) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Knoxville (44-696) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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

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

Date: **May 13, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **D-562677 JK**

Specimens received **5/8/68**

**\* Q326 Coupon of Modern Photo Bookstore bearing the hand printed name and address "ERIC S. GALT 2608 HIGHLAND AVE. BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35205"**

**Q327 Sheet of ruled paper bearing handwritten and hand printed message dated 9/26/67, beginning "I recently order..." signed "Eric S. Galt"**

**ALSO SUBMITTED: Typewritten letter dated April 29, 1968, to ERIC S. GALT from Modern Photo Bookstore**

**Result of examination:**

**It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Q326 and Q327 were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, whose known handwriting and hand printing appear on specimens K171, K211 and K257.**

**The submitted evidence has been retained.**

**JHM:AW (11)**

Mr. DeLoach

May 11, 1968

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Mohr

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 case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

John Larry Ray, brother of the subject, advised that when he visited Ray in prison, Ray spoke highly of the Rhodesian Government.

John Eugene Gawron, an old man on the verge of senility, lived with Ray's mother from 1954 until her death in 1961 and previously advised he taught Ray to be a burglar. He is rambling in his conversation and in interviewing him it is difficult to separate facts from his personal conjectures.

Gawron now states that on about 6/23-24/67 he read in the Chicago "Tribune" of a \$50,000 bank robbery in a Southern state and recalled that he and Ray cased the same bank in 1958 or 1959 but did not rob the bank at that time because Gawron injured his leg.

A few days after reading the above article, Gawron claims he was visited by a man he refuses to name but whom he believes he introduced to Ray in 1959. This man told Gawron he and others had robbed the bank, displayed a valise full of money and gave Gawron \$250. About six weeks ago this man again visited Gawron and allegedly indicated to him that Ray and one or more other persons had been involved with him in the bank robbery.

Gawron refuses at this time to identify the bank or the man who visited him. He does say the bank is in the deep South, in a state like Mississippi, but not in Mississippi, in a city that is not small and is near a river. The robbers were out of the state in five minutes and the loot amounted to \$50,000 plus or minus \$2,000. A sizeable amount in the vault was overlooked.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
from Mr. [redacted]

The Chicago Tribune bank robbery cases are being reviewed to determine if such a robbery actually occurred.

A few days after Gawron received the above \$250, he claims that Ray's sister, Carol, and Ray's brother, John, told him Ray was not in Missouri. A week or so later they said Ray was in Omaha doing well, Gawron believes, as a salesman. After another week or so Carol and John allegedly told Gawron Ray was in Los Angeles. They did not tell him how they knew of Ray's movements or whether they had been in direct contact with him. Carol and John continue to deny to us that they have any knowledge of the subject since his escape from prison.

Summary

All aspects of this investigation are being vigorously pursued and we are continuing intensive efforts to develop the full cooperation of Gawron and Ray's relatives.

Mr. Mohr

May 10, 1968

J. J. Casper

MURKIN

As shown in attached memorandum of May 9, 1968, from Mr. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach, consideration is given to microphone installations on certain properties of Albert and Carol Pepper. The proposal raises a question concerning the legality of any action taken against the subject of this case on the basis of information obtained from the microphones.

We believe these microphones can be installed and used without prejudicing the case against the subject. In a very recent decision of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, a listening device was installed on the premises of one Levine. Later, a subject named Granello, an associate of Levine, came up for trial and claimed that the listening device installed on Levine's premises, which was installed by trespass, was illegal as to him, Granello. It was not contended that any information obtained from the Levine microphone was used as evidence against Granello at trial either directly or as a lead. The court held that since Granello had no interest in the Levine premises, the monitor was not illegal as to him and he could not obtain a new trial or dismissal of the indictment. U.S. v. Granello, 280 F. Supp. 482 (1968).

Applied to instant case, this rule of law could work out in different ways. Assuming that the subject of this case is not on the premises to be surveilled by the means suggested, and has no possessory or other right in those premises, any information disclosed by the surveillance in some way, such as conversation among the Peppers, could be used to learn the whereabouts of the subject for purposes of arrest. The problem becomes somewhat more complicated, however, if the subject of this case made a telephone call to those premises and that telephone call were recorded and used as the basis for his apprehension. He then could claim that the surveillance violated his right of privacy in the telephone communication he made to that place, citing the Katz decision in the Supreme Court.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

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Memorandum J. J. Casper to Mr. Mohr  
RE: MARKIN

The worst that could happen in either of the above circumstances, however, assuming that we follow the precautionary measures listed below is that we illegally learn where the subject is located and thus are able to arrest him on that knowledge. The rule that comes into play here, established in the last century by the Supreme Court in Ker v. Illinois, 30 U.S. 347 (1886), is that an illegal arrest is no bar to prosecution. Wong Sun v. U.S., 371 U.S. 471 (1963); U.S. v. Hoffman, 385 F2d 501 (1967); Keegan v. U.S., 385 F2d 260 (1967). A person may be arrested unlawfully and actually kidnapped into the court having jurisdiction of the criminal case, yet the court still retains jurisdiction to try the person for the offense. The court would not allow the prosecution to use as evidence any information obtained through the illegal surveillance but the illegal surveillance would not taint the use of any other evidence obtained either before or after and which was gotten in a legal manner. Nor, to repeat, would the illegality of the arrest alone, resulting from whereabouts disclosed by unlawful surveillance, prevent the court from trying the subject for the offense.

If the action being considered is taken, we strongly suggest three precautionary measures, as follows:

(1) That all recordings be preserved intact. It may be necessary to disclose some of them to the court or even to the defense.

(2) That no use be made of any information obtained against anyone whatsoever or in any way whatsoever except for the single purpose of locating the subject in this case. As we well know by this time, evidence of the offense obtained in this manner is not admissible. It would not be admissible against the subject and it would not be admissible against the Peppers on a charge of harboring.

(3) Be aware that since this search and seizure is unconstitutional as to the Peppers, they have at least a theoretical cause of action for damages against those who installed the devices by trespass. Here again, however, if nothing learned by this surveillance is used against the Peppers in any way, their cause of action is diminished to the lowest possible degree, becoming that for a technical violation only rather than one of substantial harm to them. Moreover, in any such case the government of the United States should surely be willing to pick up the tab for any judgment had against those who installed the microphones.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.



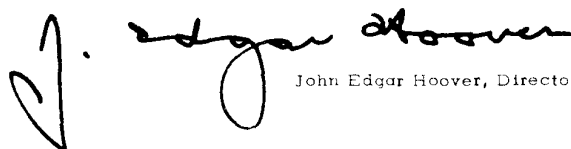
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

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

Date: **May 10, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-562560 JK**

Examination requested by: **Denver**

Reference: **Airtel 5/4/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results of the latent fingerprint examination and disposition of Q325.**

**This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to Denver, Los Angeles and Memphis dated 5/7/68.**

**For information, some handwriting characteristics in common were noted between the Carl Ray signature on Q325 and the known handwriting of subject JAMES EARL RAY.**

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

**2 - Denver (157-203) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 10, 1968**Re: **MURKIN  
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-562560 JK**Specimens received **5/7/68****Q325 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped  
date May1, '68, signed "Carl Ray"****Result of examination:**

**Some differences were noted between the "Carl Ray" signatures on Q325 when compared with the signatures in this name appearing on Q322 (Frontier Airlines temporary credit card), but the limited nature of the questioned signature precluded a definite opinion from being reached.**

**Because of the limited questioned material and the lack of significant handwriting characteristics, it could not be determined whether the "Carl Ray" signature on Q325 was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY.**

**Q325 is temporarily retained. This specimen was photographed.**

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