

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-563

DATE: 4-26-68

FROM : SA Dudley S. Horth

SUBJECT: Murkin
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Re Harvey Lowmeyer or Lowmyer

At Fort Wayne, Indiana

Persons contacted negatively/ on 4-9-68.

Lt. Harry Mayer, Records Bureau, PD
Lt. Wellard Hadley, Criminal Division, Allen County PD
Clarice Croy, Credit Bureau
Mrs. Janet Miller, Voters Registration
Lloyd Marston, Retail Credit

City and telephone directories were checked.



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Laundry Mark Check
At Fort Wayne, Indiana

On 4-12-68 following were contacted concerning Thermoseal marking machine manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, N. Y., concerning 02B-6 or D2B-6, with negative results:

Dale Shimer - Slick's
Dwight Frazier - Troy Laundry
Ira Moreland, Jr. - "Buzz" Moreland's
Richard Hitzeman - Betty Brite

On 4-24-68 Dwight Frazier was recontacted concerning laundry mark 20R-3, as Troy was the only laundry found to be using Thermoseal marks. Frazier said his laundry never uses any other letters than "A" or "B." He said a laundry mark of ~~20R~~ 20R-3 could not have come from his place.

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Eric Starvo Galt

Persons contacted at Ft. Wayne, Indiana by SA Dudley S.
Horth, 4-11-68:

Officer William Haward, Records Buru. PD
Lt. Wellard Hadley, Criminal Div. , Allen County PD
Clarice Croy, Credit Bureau
Lloyd Marston, Retail Credit
Bert Timma, Lincoln Bank
Harold Kruse, Peoples Bank
Robert Quance, Fort Wayne National
William Day, Firest Federal Savings and Loan
Joseph Drake, Anthony Wayne Bank
William White, Indiana Bank and Trust Co.

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Re: Eric Starvo Galt
Dancing School check

At Fort Wayne, Indiana

Following persons were contacted 4-15-68 for any
record of Galt, by SA Ludley S. Horth:

Ernest Davis - Arthur Murraray
Kenneth Goshert - Ken Goshert Studio
Mrs. Joan Jeffries - Jeffries Ballroom Studio

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

FROM : SA SETH F. KAMINSKY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

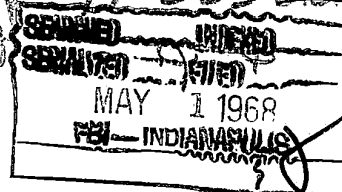
DATE: 4/30/68

Re Albany airtel to IP 4/15/68

M. R. HARRIGAN, Manager, Chesyerton State Bank, Southaven Branch, Route 6 and McCool Road, Valparaiso, Ind. advised SA SETH F. KAMINSKY and SA EDWARD J. JENKINS this date that no one named JAMES EARL RAY or anyone using RAY's known aliases has or ever had an account at his bank. HARRIGAN as well as Assistant Manager RAY MILLER and Teller JANET CROWNOVER were shown several photographs of RAY and all advised that this individual was unknown to them. HARRIGAN advised that none of his employees or any other customers have ever indicated to him that an individual seen at the bank resembled JAMES EARL RAY, aka ERIC STARVO GALT.

HARRIGAN advised that he could provide no additional information concerning this matter but indicated that he would immediately contact the FBI if any information came to his attention concerning RAY.

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TO : SAC, IP (44-563)

FROM : SA MARVIN L. ARMSTRONG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/9/68

Following checks made 4/9/68 by writer for name HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

Huntington, Indiana

Chief CARL SMITH, Huntington PD
~~MARVIN~~ MARVIN VAN PELT, Sheriff
HILDA BOLWINGER, Credit Bureau
DALE UPDIKE, County Clerk, Voter Records
Current telephone and city directories

Wabash, Indiana

Sgt. RICHARD MARTIN, Wabash PD
Sheriff CLAUDE JOHNSON, SO
W. D. BRYANT, Credit Bureau
HOWARD HETZLER, County Cler, Voter Records
Current telephone and city directories

Columbia City, Indiana

Deputy DAN N. SAUERS, SO
DE VON JAGGERS, PD
DAVE SPENCE, Credit Bureau
GRACE WEILACH, County Clerk, Voter records
Current telephone and city directories

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TO : SAC, IP (44-563)
ATTN: SA FLETCHER

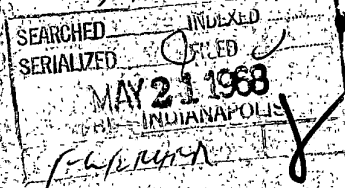
FROM : ~~SACxxxx~~ SA MARVIN L. ARMSTRONG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/20/68

On 5/20/68, the following Country Club Managers were
provided Wanted Flyers for JAMES EARL RAY:

ROBERT STOFFEL, LaFontaine Country Club, Huntington, Ind.
ROBERT DE FORD, Wabash Country Club, Wabash, Indiana



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Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Minneapolis airtel 5/3/68.

On 5/9/68 J. TERRENCE WOLKERSTORFER, age 25, 324 Woodlawn Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota, advised SA JOSEPH J. REILLY at South Bend, Indiana, that he is presently attending the University of Notre Dame and is also working for "Ave Maria" magazine, which is published on the campus of the university. He advised that on 4/6/68 he and JOHN C. TWOHEY flew to Atlanta to cover the burial of MARTIN LUTHER KING for "Ave Maria" magazine. WOLKERSTORFER and TWOHEY rented a car 4/7/68 from the Hertz Corp. in Atlanta, and TWOHEY drove it to Selma, Montgomery, and eventually to Birmingham, Ala., where he left it on 4/9/68 and flew to Chicago the same day.

WOLKERSTORFER advised that he stayed at the American Motor Hotel in Atlanta on 4/6 and 7/68 and then moved to the Sky Host Inn and stayed there until 4/9/68, when he checked out and flew back to Chicago.

WOLKERSTORFER advised that he did not see or hear anything concerning the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING other than that which was published in the newspapers.

On 5/10/68 JOHN C. TWOHEY advised SA JOSEPH J. REILLY that he did travel to Atlanta with WOLKERSTORFER in order to gather material for an article on the life and death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, which was to appear in "Ave Maria" magazine. Mr. TWOHEY advised that he did not see or hear anything that would be of value to the FBI concerning the death of Mr. KING while he was traveling through the South.

Administrative: Attempts were made to contact these individuals on 5/7 and 8/68; however, they were not available until dates above indicated.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

2-Bureau
2-Memphis (44-1987)
1-Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
1-Minneapolis (157-450) (Info)
2-Indianapolis
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

DATE: 5/22/68

FROM : SA GEORGE H. ASDELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re Office Memo, 5/16/68, received at Bloomington RA 5/20/68.

The following individuals were contacted by SA GEORGE H. ASDELL on 5/20/68, and a wanted flyer of subject JAMES EARL RAY was left with each. All of the individuals contacted advised they had not been contacted by subject and had no information concerning him although they would immediately contact the FBI if they received any such information:

WILLIAM D. WHEELER, Pro, Pine Woods Golf Course, Rural Route 4, Spencer, Indiana;

ROBERT C. HESS, Pro, City of Linton Golf Course, Linton, Indiana;

FLOYD TUGGLE, Pro, Washington Country Club, 908 Bedford Road, Washington, Indiana;

HOMER MATHEWS, Pro, Otis Park Golf Course, Tunnelton Road, Bedford, Indiana.

It will be noted that there are no bars at any of the above-named clubs, therefore, no bartenders are employed at any of them.

① Indianapolis

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TO DIRECTOR (44-1574), SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987),
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
KANSAS CITY (44-760)
MIAMI
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574) *Las Vegas*
Detroit
Knoxville

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE LNU.

*Tele
Hants*

WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES,
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC LOS ANGELES OFFICE TODAY AND
ADVISED THE PAPER HAD INFORMATION WHICH THEY FELT MIGHT BE OF
ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN INVESTIGATING THIS MATTER. SAC WESLEY G.
GRAPP AND SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN CONTACTED MR. THOMAS
AND REPORTER JERRY COHEN AT LOS ANGELES TIMES OFFICE. THEY
ADVISED THAT EARLY IN THE WEEK, MONDAY OR TUESDAY, THE PAPER
HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE
HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN
CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THOMAS
ADVISED THAT THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS, AND HE

MADE NOTES DURING THE CALLS, AND ON THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN.

① Cincinnati (AM)
① - [redacted] (AM)

WJH:CH

(4) New Orleans

1 - [redacted] (AM) St Louis 44-563-303

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① Indianapolis

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SIXTY EIGHT, HE AND JERRY COHEN MET THIS INDIVIDUAL AT A BAR. HE ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL GAVE THE NAME QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE, NO LAST NAME, DESCRIBED AS IN MIDDLE THIRTIES, DECENT LOOKING FELLOW, AND APPARENTLY HAD BEEN IN SEVERAL PENITENTIARIES, AS HE KNEW THE LANGUAGE VERY WELL. THOMAS ADVISED THE PAPER HAD TAKEN NO OVERT STEPS IN ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY THE STORY BUT DID HAVE REPORTERS IN KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, HUNTSVILLE, MIAMI AND BIRMINGHAM, AND THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE REPORTERS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL FBI OFFICE AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION, AS SET FORTH IN HIS NOTES, AVAILABLE. HE ADVISED FURTHER THAT HE CONTEMPLATED MAKING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK. HE ADVISED HIS SOLE PURPOSE WAS TO GET A STORY OUT OF THE MATERIAL, BUT THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN ANY FBI INVESTIGATION.

HE ADVISED THAT DURING HIS MEETING WITH QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE HE GOT FROM BOB A BUS TICKET DATED APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ON A GREYHOUND BUS FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHICH TICKET WAS ISSUED BY SOUTHERN GREYHOUND AT KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT AND HAD THE NUMBERS THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE SPACE FOUR

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TWO. TRANSPORTATION WAS FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS, MEMPHIS TO EL PASO, THEN TO LOS ANGELES. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD GIVEN QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE TICKET AND THIS INFORMATION AND DID NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM AGAIN, AS QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE SAID HE NEEDED THE MONEY TO LEAVE TOWN.

SET FORTH FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES ARE THE NOTES AS TYPED UP BY THOMAS CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW OF QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE.

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ONE. THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOOTING, RAY WAS PICKED UP IN ATHENS, ALABAMA, AND WAS TAKEN TO MEMPHIS.

TWO. HE REGISTERED IN ROOMING HOUSE. ANOTHER MAN REGISTERED AS SAMUEL LEWIS. PAREN LEWIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BACKUP MAN, KILL KING AT RALLY THAT NIGHT IF RAY MISSED HIS CHANCE ON THE BALCONY. PAREN

THREE. AFTER SHOOTING KING, RAY WALKED TWO OR THREE BLOCKS TO THE GETAWAY CAR, ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL AND A GUY. THE CAR IS A NEW BLUE BUICK, WITH ALABAMA PLATES. FIRST DIGITS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ONE FOUR. CAR IS OWNED AND WAS DRIVEN BY EDDIE WILBURN OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A POLICE

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RADIO. PAREN SECOND MAN STAYED OVERNIGHT, TOOK EARLY BUS TO KNOXVILLE.

FOUR. RAY, TWO GIRLS AND A CHILD WERE DRIVEN OUT OF MEMPHIS BY WILBURN IN THE BLUE BUICK. WENT TO KANSAS CITY. TRIP TOOK SIX AND ONE HALF HOURS. GIRLS, CHILD, WILBURN ALL FROM HUNTSVILLE.

FIVE. IN KANSAS CITY, RAY STAYED OVERNIGHT AT A HOME. IT IS A SMALL, GRAY, SHINGLED, ONE-BEDROOM HOUSE ABOUT THREE MILES FROM CENTRAL KANSAS CITY. PAREN WE HAVE ROUGH LOCATION. PAREN.

SIX. AT DUSK THE NEXT DAY PAREN APRIL FIVE PAREN RAY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, IN A PRIVATE PLANE. TOOK OFF FROM PRIVATE FIELD, ALSO USED AS TRAINING FIELD FOR MILITARY. RAY ARRIVED EARLY APRIL SIX.

SEVEN. PLANE IN WHICH RAY WAS FLOWN IS OWNED BY A WILLIAM PIERCE, A WEALTHY MAN WHO OWNS OR OPERATES AN AIRPORT IN BELLE GLADE, AND ONCE OWNED A CONTRACTING COMPANY IN CUBA. NOT KNOWN WHETHER PIERCE FLEW THE PLANE. PIERCE ALSO OWNS MOTEL IN BELLE GLADE AND COTTAGES ON THE LAKE IN NEARBY OKEECHOBEE PAREN OR MAYBE ON NEARBY LAKE OKEECHOBEE PAREN. PIERCE SAID

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TO BE KKK MEMBER.

EIGHT. THEORY: RAY STAYED IN MOTEL OR IN COTTAGE. MAY BE STILL THERE. OR IN CUBA.

NINE. ON APRIL ELEVEN, RAY GOT ON YACHT PAREN PROBABLY CHARTER BOAT PAREN IN KEY WEST. BOAT OWNED BY BEN THOMPSON. PAREN A BEN THOMPSON OF MIAMI OWNS THREE FISHING BOATS. PAREN.

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ONE. PIERCE OFTEN FLIES OWN PRIVATE PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. SAID TO KNOW DA JIM GARRISON. ALSO MIGHT CHECK POSSIBLE FLIGHTS IN DIRECTION OF CUBA.

TWO. PIERCE AND WILBURN SAID TO BE RELATED.

THREE. LEAD TO WILBURN MIGHT BE VFW CLUB IN HUNTSVILLE, WHERE HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A MEMBER.

FOUR. RIFLE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT IN FURNACE OF MEMPHIS ROOMING HOUSE, AND IS BELIEVED STILL THERE. MUST REFER TO BACKUP MAN'S WEAPON.

FIVE. RAY NOW WEARING BIFOCALS.

SIX. WHITE MUSTANG BELONGING TO RAY WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS ON THE DAY OF KING SLAYING, AND HE DID NOT ESCAPE IN IT. PRESUMABLY IT NEVER LEFT GEORGIA IN APRIL.

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SEVEN. ON THE DAY OF THE KILLING PAREN APRIL FOUR PAREN RAY MADE PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE. CALLS BELIEVED TO BE MADE FROM A BUS STATION.

EIGHT. IN THE WEEKS BEFORE THE KILLING, RAY STAYED SOMEWHERE IN BELLE GLADE.

NINE. STORY OF PAYOFFS VERY COMPLICATED. WILBURN SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN PAID OFF IN RENO. NIGHT BEFORE KILLING, SOMEBODY HIT A KENO TICKET FOR TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CAL-NEVA LODGE. RIGGED, TO PASS THE MONEY. DONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF CHARLIE GATE, SIX EIGHT EIGHT ZERO PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE, RENO, WHO RUNS A SHIFT AT CAL-NEVA. THEN THERE IS BEN PAREN OR JACK PAREN STURGIS OF ST. LOUIS, WHO USED TO WORK BAR ON SECOND STREET, RENO. CAME INTO MONEY. ANOTHER QUOTE CONTACT. UNQUOTE.

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ONE. RAY SOMEBODY STAYED IN CLARK HOTEL, ROOM SEVEN ZERO ZERO, ON APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH EIGHTEEN..

TWO. LAMONT WHITE, WHO WORKS FOR WESTERN UNION IN LOS ANGELES. HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATANOOGA,

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TENN., WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. BRICKLEY SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.

THREE. HAROLD'S CAFE PAREN FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN PAREN. RAY BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. QUEER BAR. BUY NAMED CONNIE KNOWS HIM THERE.

WILLI SHEA. ONCE WORKED TOP RAIL BAR, SEVENTH AND ALVARADO. RAY SUPPOSEDLY MARRIED TO HER ONCE. SHE FROM MISSOURI, NOW LIVES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HAS MONEY. MOTHER MARRIED, LIVES IN COMPTON, DRIVES A PURPLE PONTIAC CONVERTIBLE. NOW LIVES AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, LOS ANGELES, WITH MAN WHO OWNS A BAR. SHE IS BLOND, ABOUT THIRTY EIGHT.

PAGE FOUR - MORE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

ONE. TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD SUPPOSEDLY USED BY RAY WAS ISSUED TO RIDELL CATERING, U. S. RUBBER, DETROIT. EITHER IN NAME OF RIDELL PAREN NO FIRST NAME PAREN OR A ROBERT BRINKLEY. RIDELL REPORTER LIVES IN HARPER WOODS, MICH. CALLS ON CARD REPORTED MADE FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA., AMONG OTHERS.

TWO. SAMUEL LEWIS, SECOND MAN IN ROOMING HOUSE, DISCHARGED NINETEEN SIXTY THREE FROM MILAN, MICH. ALSO SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. PAREN WARDEN AT MILAN SAYS NO

Words
GSA Chicago

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RECORD OF LEWIS. PAREN

THREE. LEWIS TOOK BUS TO LOS ANGELES FROM KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN. CAME THROUGH MEMPHIS AND EL PASO.

THOMAS ADVISED THAT IN RELATION TO ITEM FIVE, PAGE ONE, OF HIS NOTES, THIS HOUSE IS LOCATED OFF A MAIN STREET STARTING FROM DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, DIRECTION UNKNOWN, AND FROM THE MAIN STREET A SMALLER STREET GOES TO THE LEFT, WHICH STREET HAS A WESTERN UNION BUILDING LOCATED ON IT AND GOES OFF FROM THE MAIN STREET IN THE FORM OF A STEEP HILL. TWO TO THREE MILES UP THE HILL ON THE LEFT ARE LOCATED NICE LOOKING APARTMENTS, BROWNISH IN COLOR, WHERE STUDENTS FROM SOME SCHOOL LIVE, AND JUST PRIOR TO THIS ON THE RIGHT IS THE LOCATION OF A MOVING COMPANY, NO NAME KNOWN, AND A GROCERY STORE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOVING COMPANY ON THE SAME SIDE. ABOUT TWO BLOCKS BEYOND THE GROCERY STORE THERE IS A NARROW STREET WITH RAMSHACKLE HOUSES ON ONE SIDE AND VACANT LOTS ON THE OTHER. TURNING RIGHT ON THIS STREET, THE THIRD HOUSE ON THE LEFT WOULD BE THE CORRECT HOUSE INVOLVED, WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL QUOTE WHO SELLS BEER AND BOOZE AFTER HOURS AND HIDES GUYS OUT. UNQUOTE. THE HOUSE IS DESCRIBED AS ONE BEDROOM,

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NO GARAGE, DIRT DRIVEWAY, SINGLE STORY AND HAS A LARGE FREEZER IN THE LIVING ROOM.

THOMAS ADVISED THAT FROM THE STORY RECEIVED, IT IS A POSSIBILITY THAT QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE IS THE SAME AS THE SAMUEL LEWIS MENTIONED IN HIS NOTED.

EACH RECEIVING OFFICE SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE NOTES AND IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ANY OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH AND ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES WILL IMMEDIATELY PURSUE EFFORTS TO PROVE OR DISPROVE THE ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH FOR LOS ANGELES AREA.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING FURNISHED CINCINNATI, ~~RECORDED~~
~~THROUGH~~ IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED IN THE NOTES.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-563 Att'n: SA Fletcher

DATE: 5-21-68

FROM : SA Dudley S. Horth

SUBJECT: Murkin

Rememo of 5-16-68.

Circulation of Country Clubs with
I. O.s or Wanted Flyers

At Fort Wayne, Indiana

The following investigation was conducted by SA Dudley S. Horth:

On May 20, 1968, Mrs. Vee Campbell, Bookkeeper at the Orchard Ridge Country Club, Lower Huntington Road, and Amos L. Jockel, Club Secretary, Elks Country Club, Hillegas Road, were furnished I. O.s.

Mrs. Campbell said the Orchard Ridge is not open on Mondays; she would give the I. O. to the manager. She said no bartender has been employed during the pertinent period.

Mr. Jockel said the Elks have not employed a new bartender for several years. He said he would give the I. O. to the manager.

Neither knew of any telephonic solicitation to employ a bartender.

On May 21, 1968 Stephen Norrish, manager of the Fort Wayne Country Club, was furnished an I. O. He said he has not hired any bartenders during the pertinent period and has not had any telephone inquiries.

On the same date John Nixon, manager of the Pine Valley Country Club, said his club only recently got its license. He hired a local bartender. He will report any telephonic inquiries. He was furnished with a Wanted Flyer.

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TO : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)
(attn SA FLETCHER)

DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : SA ROBERT C. BRAVER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re memo dated 5/16/68.

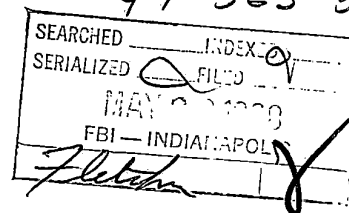
The following were contacted re JAMES EARL RAY with negative results. I.O.#4182 was left with each:

TOM VAUGHN, Shady Hills Country Club, Marion, Indiana on 5/20/68;

PETER PERKINS, Meshingomesia Country Club, Marion, Indiana on 5/20/68;

TOM MILLER, Elks Country Club, Marion, Indiana on 5/20/68;

IMRICH B. DENES, Kokomo Country Club, Kokomo, Indiana on 5/21/68.



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TO : SAC, IP (44-563)
(Attn. SA FLETCHER)

DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM R. TURNER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Ip memo of SA PATRICK J. FLETCHER, 5/16/68.

The following listed individuals were contacted regarding the possibility of JAMES EARL RAY working at their respective country club, or applying for employment at these clubs. The wanted flyer of RAY was left at each of the country clubs contacted on 5/20/68. Each of the individuals contacted advised they had not been contacted by the subject.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

AT BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

DALE FERGUSON, Manager, Bloomington Country Club

AT COLUMBUS, INDIANA

ROBERT HUNTER, Manager, Harrison Lake Country Club

AT SEYMOUR, INDIANA

FULTON MYER, Manager, Seymour Country Club.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P
RE: MURKIN
CO:HE

Re SL tel to AT, 5-16-68; AT tel to SL, 5-16-68;
and St. MURKIN summary tel to Bureau, 5-17-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following items
of evidence:

1. One empty match box.
2. One lid from small box bearing Woolworth's price tag.
3. One piece of paper imprinted "Rowntree, Reg. Penna. Dept. Agr., Printed in England".
4. One Missouri road map.
5. One empty brown paper bag.

Also enclosed are 11 sections of rubber lifting
tape bearing latent impressions taken from vehicle.

For information of Bureau and other offices, on
5-16-68, a 1968 Dodge Dart 270, VIN LM1DSB323249, bearing
1968 Ga. license 1D48283, was recovered at Lambert-St. Louis
Municipal Airport by Trooper ROBERT SHURE, MSHP. Airport

3 - Bureau (Enc. 16) (RM)
2 - Atlanta
2 - Chicago
2 - Kansas City
1 - Memphis
2 - St. Louis (1 - 28-32047)
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checked daily for possible abandoned cars by SHUPP and this vehicle had been unlocked since 5-9-68. Inquiry by MSHF determined vehicle rented Atlanta, Ga., 4-2-68, from National Car Rental utilizing stolen credit cards in name of SAMUEL SCHEIDEMAN, 6535 Mead Rd., Richmond, Ill. These cards were allegedly stolen from SCHEIDEMAN in an armed robbery in KCMO, however, date of robbery and other details not furnished. It is noted in examining vehicle for latent fingerprints that the vehicle was extremely dirty inside and out. This vehicle was towed to Westlake Motors, 12105 St. Charles Rock Rd., SL Co., Mo., and a representative of the National Car Rental Agency operating out of SL Municipal Airport was to handle recovery arrangements.

The Bureau is requested to compare enclosed evidence and latent prints with prints on file of JAMES EARL RAY and other prints obtained in MURKIN investigation.

LEADS

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will ascertain details pertaining to rental of vehicle and submit original rental agreement to Laboratory for handwriting comparison.

CHICAGO DIVISION

AT RICHMOND, ILL.

Will interview SAMUEL SCHEIDEMAN, 6535 Mead, regarding robbery of credit cards from him and determine if description of unsub resembles JAMES EARL RAY.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT KANSAS CITY, MO.

Will at the PD ascertain details of theft of credit cards from SAMUEL SCHEIDEMAN.

CG 44-1114

RJD:jap

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RE 1968 DODGE DART RECOVERED
LAMBERT-ST. LOUIS AIRPORT

The following investigation was conducted on
May 23, 1968, by SA JOSEPH B. GRAFF:

ROBERT HRODEY, Dispatcher, Mc Henry County Sheriff's Office, Mc Henry, Illinois, advised that on May 19, 1968, his department had received a request from the Kirkwood, Missouri, Police Department to locate and interview SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad Road, Richmond, Illinois. HRODEY said that he dispatched a car to that area at which time the deputy learned that there was no such address in Richmond, Illinois, as 6535 Noad Road.

ROSS COURTEMASH, Postmaster, Richmond, Illinois, advised that there is no such address as above in that town nor, in fact, in Mc Henry, Illinois.

Chief of Police WILLIAM BOTTTS advised from records and recollection there was no information available at his police department concerning a SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN. Chief BOTTTS also stated that there was no such address as above.

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel to the Bureau et al 5/20/68.

RE 1968 DODGE DART RECOVERED
LAMBERT-ST. LOUIS AIRPORT

Enclosed herewith for the assistance of the Indianapolis Division are two Xerox copies of referenced airtel. Also, enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of an investigative insert; Indianapolis two copies of an investigative insert; and other offices receiving one copy of an investigative insert setting forth investigation conducted at Richmond, Illinois.

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AT RICHMOND, INDIANA. Will conduct investigation as set forth for the Chicago Division under Richmond, Illinois, in referenced airtel to preclude the possibility of an error in SCHEIDERMAN's address.

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 - 2 - St. Louis (44-775) (Enc. 1) (AM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Indianapolis (44-563) (P)

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA HAYES S. KING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/19/68 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to JAMES FREELAND, 3527 Putnam Place, South Bend, Indiana. FREELAND stated that the hitchhiker that he had picked up on 4/18/68 near Benton Harbor, Michigan, and who he had dropped off just north of South Bend, Indiana, was considerably younger than RAY and did not resemble the photos of RAY.

Inasmuch as the hitchhiker does not appear to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY, no further inquiry is contemplated.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) .P
RE: MURKIN

REBUAIRTEL, 5-16-68, concerning allegation by JOHN EUGENE GAWRON that subject and an unnamed man robbed bank June - July, 1967.

On re-interview late 5-22-68, GAWRON revealed location of bank as Alton, Ill., and identity of unnamed man who robbed same with subject as JIMMIE (LNU). Stated he was visited by JIMMIE nights of 5-13 and 5-14-68.

One JAMES H. CARPENTER, FBI # 230 243 is known to have visited GAWRON on those dates with another individual.

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SL files disclose BANK OF ALTON, Alton, Ill., was robbed by two unknown subjects on 7-13-67 (Bufile 91-27494) (Sifile 91-3699) (SLfile 91-3877). Description of number two man could fit RAY. Number ~~two~~^{one} man description does not fit CARPENTER, who is 5'8", 140 #, slender build.

St. Louis City Jail records establish ed CARPENTER was in City Jail from 6-5-67 to 3-1-68, and therefore could not have participated in the Alton BR, or met GAWRON during 1967 as alleged.

In view of foregoing, GAWRON is being considered as being of known unreliability.

Subject should STILL be considered as a possible suspect in all unsolved bank and other robberies subsequent to 4-23-67.

Subject A & D.

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