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TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

FROM: DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

"U R G E N T"

MURKIN.

REMEAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL 19 LAST FURNISHING BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

*20 minutes
BR* SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES (POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL 23 1967. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CODE: JC.

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TO: TAMPA (157-3231)
FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN.

RE MOBILE TELETYPE TO JACKSONVILLE APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.
REFERENCED TELETYPE ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

DAVID JONES, ONE FOUR THREE CROMWELL ST., MONTGOMERY,
ALA., ADVISED THREE FORTYFIVE PM TODAY, OBSERVED MAN RESEMBLING
JAMES EARL RAY DRIVING IN DOWNTOWN MONTGOMERY APPROXIMATELY
FIVE MINUTES PREVIOUS. REPORTED INDIVIDUAL, WM, EARLY FORTIES,
WAS DRIVING SIXTYEIGHT CHEVROLET, TAN CONVERTIBLE, BEARING
SIXTYEIGHT FLA. LICENSE THREE W SIX TWO THREE THREE ZERO AND
WAS DRESSED IN DARK SUIT, NO HAT, AND GAVE IMPRESSION UNDER
INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANT.

MVB, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., ADVISED ABOVE VEHICLE REGISTERED
TO ROBERT D. WEIR, FIVE ONE ZERO FIVE AND ONE HALF SUWANNEE,
TAMPA, FLA., FOR USE ON A NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT CHEVROLET.

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TAMPA DETERMINE IF INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAY.

MOBILE AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO: BIRMINGHAM
MOBILE
MEMPHIS

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

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OO:MEMPHIS

MARY ALICE HICKEY, ABC LIQUORS, U. S. TWENTY-SEVEN, NORTH, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., ADVISED INDIVIDUAL ENTERED THAT STORE TEN FIFTEEN AM THIS DATE AND PURCHASED HALF PINT VODKA AND ORANGE JUICE AND SPOKE WITH COUNTRY ACCENT. HICKEY STATED INDIVIDUAL APPEARED IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY, WHOSE PHOTOGRAPH AND DESCRIPTION SHE HAD SEEN IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

INDIVIDUAL WAS DRIVING RED GMC TRUCK WITH RAIL AROUND BED AND ALA. LICENSE. VEHICLE HAD "AAA REST UNKNOWN" GADSDEN, ALA. ON DOOR. HICKEY ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN LICENSE AS VEHICLE DEPARTED AND BELIEVES ALA. LICENSE TO BE ONE TWO - ONE TWO THREE NINE SEVEN.

INVESTIGATION IN AREA HAS FAILED TO LOCATE VEHICLE OR ANY ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE DATA.

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BIRMINGHAM, AT GADSDEN, WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY
AN "AAA" COMPANY, POSSIBLY STEEL COMPANY, IN ORDER TO
IDENTIFY VEHICLE.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY, WILL DETERMINE REGISTRATION
OF ALA. LICENSE ONE TWO - ONE TWO THREE NINE SEVEN TO
DETERMINE IF ISSUED TO VEHICLE OF ABOVE DESCRIPTION.

INVESTIGATION AT TALLAHASSEE CONTINUING.

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FBI MOBILE

3:16PM URGENT 4/23/68 CRS

TO: BIRMINGHAM AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM: MOBILE 157-2627

MURKIN.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TODAY.

RECORDS ALABAMA MVD, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA , REFLECT
SIXTY EIGHT LICENSE ONE TWO DASH ONE TWO THREE NINE SEVEN
ISSUED DECEMBER ELEVENTH LAST TO ELLEN HULL, LANGDALE,
ALABAMA, FOR A SIXTY FOUR PONTIAC TWO DOOR, VIN EIGHT TWO FOUR
P ONE EIGHT EIGHT THREE TWO FIVE. NO REPLACEMENT TAG HAS
BEEN ISSUED FOR THIS VEHICLE. NO STOLEN REPORT THIS LICENSE,
AST, MONTGOMERY.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED RE THIS
REGISTRATION UAC.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM. P.

END.MMA

FBI JACKSVLE

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FBI MIAMI

5:14PM URGENT 4/22/68 SHR

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, JACKSONVILLE 44-769, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND
BIRMINGHAM 44-1740
FROM MIAMI 44-1854 2 P

MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO JACKSONVILLE, APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST, AND
JACKSONVILLE TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL NINETEEN, INSTANT.

RE NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE AND FIFTY SIX DODGE BEARING FLA. LICENSE
PREFIX NUMBER TEN W- OBSERVED BY HIGHWAY PATROL NEWTON, N. C.

BROWARD COUNTY TAG AGENCY, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., ADVISES THAT
SINCE THEY ARE NOT COMPUTERIZED, IT WOULD REQUIRE PHYSICALLY PULLING
AND OBSERVING SOME ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND REGISTRATION CARDS
IN ORDER TO SEGREGATE FIFTYFIVE AND FIFTYSIX DODGE AUTOMOBILES
REGISTERED IN BROWARD CO., FLA. INDICATES THAT THIS WOULD BE AN
UNBELIEVABLY PREPOSTEROQS TASK, SINCE THESE RECORDS WOULD BE LOCATED
IN FIVE DIFFERENT AGENCIES. INDICATIONS ARE THAT SINCE THE STATE
AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION BUREAU IN TALLAHASSEE IS COMPUTERIZED,
POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THIS STATE AGENCY COULD POSSIBLY OBTAIN A READ
OUT OF SUCH AUTOMOBILES FOR THE ENTIRE STATE, AND THAT THE TEN W-
CARS COULD THEN BE OBTAINED FROM THIS READ OUT.

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AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THE NAME GALT AND ALIASES, NEGATIVE BROWARD COUNTY RELATIVE TO AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION AS WELL AS DRIVER'S LICENSE.

JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSEE, FLA., IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN IF SUCH A READ OUT CAN BE OBTAINED.

THE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM ARE REQUESTED TO REVIEW CONTENTS OF REFERENCED TELETYPES, NOTING THAT ALTHOUGH THE HIGHWAY PATROLMAN STATES HE RECOGNIZES GALT FROM HAVING OBSERVED HIM TEN DAYS AGO, HE SETS FORTH A SERIES OF PHYSICAL FEATURES, ETC., WHICH CERTAINLY WOULD NOT LOGICALLY ENABLE HIM TO MAKE THE POSITIVE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO HIM.

IN THE EVENT THAT JACKSONVILLE CANNOT OBTAIN A READ OUT IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS LEAD BE EVALUATED BY THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN AND THE BUREAU, AND MIAMI ADVISED IF A PHYSICAL REVIEW OF TAG AGENCY RECORDS IN FT. LAUDERDALE SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MOBILE

4-38PM URGENT 4-22-68 JEB
TO JACKSONVILLE
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

DAVID JONES, ONE FOUR THREE CROMWELL ST., MONTGOMERY,
ALA., ADVISED THREE FORTYFIVE PM TODAY, OBSERVED MAN
RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY DRIVING IN DOWNTOWN MONTGOMERY
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TWO THREE THREE ZERO, AND WAS DRESSED IN DARK SUIT, NO
HAT, AND GAVE IMPRESSION UNDER INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANT.

JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSEE, FLA. OBTAIN REGISTRATION
DATA AS TO FLA. LICENSE AND DETERMINE IF INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL
WITH RAY.

AIR MAIL COPY FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to ME 4/17/68.

For information of all offices, the Bureau by retel requested of the Memphis Division as follows:

"Please furnish following information on above matter compiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter submit cumulative totals through the end of each month until further notice:

- 1) Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
 - A. Special Agents
 - B. Clerical Employees
- 2) Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally-owned cars.
- 3) Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.

① - Each Office
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- 4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

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Date: 4/23/68

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

MURKIN - CR, OO:ME.

ON APRIL TWENTY-THREE, INSTANT, D. EUGENE ALLEN, POSTMASTER, CRYSTAL RIVER, FLA. (PROTECT), ADVISED DONALD L. AND VIRGINIA MATTOX RESIDE HIBISCUS AVE., WOODLAND ESTATES, AND RECEIVE MAIL AT P. O. BOX ONE ZERO SEVEN TWO. ALLEN ADVISED NO ONE UNDER NAME OF JAMES EARL RAY OR HIS ALIASES CURRENTLY RECEIVING MAIL IN CRYSTAL RIVER POST OFFICE.

ON APRIL TWENTY-THREE, INSTANT, MRS. VIRGINIA MATTOX, P. O. BOX ONE ZERO SEVEN TWO, CRYSTAL RIVER, ADVISED NEITHER SHE NOR HER HUSBAND ACQUAINTED WITH ANYONE NAMED JAMES EARL RAY OR HIS ALIASES AND ONLY VISITORS SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAVE HAD IN RECENT MONTHS WERE DAVID MATTOX, HER BROTHER-IN-LAW, AND HIS WIFE JOANN, FROM MIAMISBURG, OHIO, WHO WERE IN CRYSTAL RIVER FROM LAST MARCH AND DEPARTED FOR

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DONALD MATTOX IS WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTY-FOUR, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE FIVE FIVE TO ONE SIX ZERO POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, SLENDER BUILD, AND DRIVES SIXTY-SIX CADILLAC.

MRS. MATTOX ADVISED SHE WAS FORMERLY MARRIED TO BERTRIM H. SMITH, P. O. BOX TWO TWO ONE TWO ONE, MEMPHIS, TENN., AND HAS CUSTODY OF THE SEVEN CHILDREN OF THAT MARRIAGE. SHE HAS EXPERIENCED CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE WITH SMITH OVER THE CHILDREN SINCE THEIR DIVORCE. SMITH DRINKS HEAVILY, ALMOST AN ALCOHOLIC, AND IS PRONE TO DO ODD AND UNUSUAL THINGS.

MRS. EFFIE BLACK, NEIGHBOR OF MATTOX, ADVISED SHE HAD OBSERVED NO RECENT VISITORS AT MATTOX'S RESIDENCE.

CHECK OF MATTOX RESIDENCE DURING NOON OF APRIL TWENTY-THREE, INSTANT REFLECTED NO ONE AT THAT ADDRESS.

ABOVE INDIVIDUALS EXHIBITED RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH AND ADVISED RAY UNKNOWN TO THEM.

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BERTRIM

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**H. SMITH, P. O. BOX TWO TWO ONE TWO ONE TO DETERMINE
WHETHER HE WAS INDIVIDUAL WHO FURNISHED OR WAS RESPONSIBLE
FOR FURNISHING INFORMATION TO INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY,
MEMPHIS PD, AS SET FORTH IN REF TEL.**

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Via

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TO: LOUISVILLE
MEMPHIS
KANSAS CITY

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN CR 00:MEMPHIS

RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO JACKSONVILLE, APRIL
TWENTY THREE INSTANT *re Geo. Mc Bride AS suspect.*

THOMAS J. TIPPIN, PRESIDENT, OAKLAND TERRACE
MENS CLUB, PANAMA CITY, FLA., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT
GEORGE MC BRIDE HAS BEEN KNOWN TO HIM MANY YEARS AS THE
OWNER AND PROMOTER OF A TRAVELING KID'S CARNIVAL. EACH
SPRING MC BRIDE TRAVELS WITH HIS CARNIVAL TO PANAMA CITY,
FLA., WHERE THE SHOW IS PRESENTED ONE DAY AT OAKLAND
PARK. THE SHOW WAS PRESENTED THIS YEAR ON APRIL TWENTY
ONE LAST. THE SHOW HAS MOVED ON TO PENSACOLA, FLA., THIS
WEEK. MC BRIDE STAYED AT CABANA MOTEL FOR ONE WEEK IN
PANAMA CITY, FLA. TIPPIN ADVISED MC BRIDE IS NOT IDENTICAL
WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, CINCINNATI
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)
RE: MURKIN
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Re Cincinnati telephone call to Jacksonville 4/23/68,
re black and white Mustang, Fla. License 1155789.

This will confirm Jacksonville telephone call to
Cincinnati 4/23/68.

Records, DMV, Tallahassee, Fla., reflect 1967-1968
Florida License 1-155789 issued in the name RONALD L. McFALL,
1801 Southwest 92nd Place, Miami, Fla., for use on 1966 Ford
Mustang, VIN 6T07C172769, under Florida Title No. 2293059,
issued 9/21/66. Lien is held by Miami National Bank, 8101
Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Fla., in the amount \$2,919.78,
recorded 8/15/66.

Drivers License Bureau records, Tallahassee,
reflect RONALD LEON McFALL, 1801 Southwest 92nd Place, Miami,
Fla., was issued Florida operator license No. F204928 on
7/7/66. According to Drivers License record, McFALL described
as white male, DOB [redacted], grey hair, brown eyes, 5'9",
150 lbs., occupation Security Specialist.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-769)

FROM : SUPERVISOR FREDERICK W. BUOL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 4/23/68

At 12:30 pm, I received a telephone call from Cincinnati Office, Supervisor #4 Desk, JOHN PRYOR.

He advised his desk had just received a call from their PD, Cincinnati, Ohio, that they had a report on a man who resembled RAY driving a black and white Mustang, Fla. License 1155789. This car was headed North out of Cincinnati.

They asked for a license check and DL on the registered owner of that license. It is noted that this is not a correct license. It is probably 1-155789.

Attempting to reach Tallahassee now.

Passed to Hanning at 2:45 PM 4/23/68

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH J. STUMPF, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

On 4/9/68, the following investigation was conducted
by SA JOSEPH J. STUMPF, JR.

AT BRONSON, FLORIDA

Mrs. ARTHUR SPILLANE, Voting Registrar, Levy County,
advised their files negative regarding HARVEY LOWMEYER or
HARVEY LOWMYER.

On the same date, Sheriff PAT HARTLEY, Levy County,
advised that the only laundry in that county is in
Chiefland, Florida.

AT CHIEFLAND, FLORIDA

Mrs. GLADYS DEAN, Suwannee Dry Cleaning, advised
that she does not do bulk laundry and that all laundry in her
establishment is sent to Gainesville, Florida.

AT STARKE, FLORIDA

Mrs. GENEVA FLYNN, Voting Registrar, advised their
files were negative regarding same name as above.

On the same date Deputy Sheriff DOLPH P. REDDISH,
Bradford County, advised that there are no bulk cleaning
establishments in that county.

Credit and criminal checks at Union and Bradford
County on 4/9/68 negative re instant aliases.



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FBI MOBILE

848PM URGENT 4/23/68 AAH

TO BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN.

ON INSTANT DATE BILL DUHON, ADDRESS FIFTEEN HUNDRED FOURTEENTH AVE., S., BIRMINGHAM, ALA., TELEPHONE THREE TWO THREE - SEVEN EIGHT SIX EIGHT, CONTACTED BUREAU AGENTS, MONTGOMERY, ALA., THIS DATE AND ADVISED HE WAS ON DEEP SEA FISHING BOAT NAMED "CHARLIE" OUT OF PANAMA CITY, FLA., ON APR. TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT, FROM TWO A.M. THROUGH FIVE P.M. DUHON ADVISED HE SAW INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT ON THAT BOAT AND CONVERSED WITH HIM DURING ENTIRE TRIP. DUHON ADVISED HE HAD WANTED FLYER OF SUBJECT IN HIS POCKET AT THAT TIME. THIS INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY TOLD DUHON HE FORMERLY RESIDED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FOR ONE YEAR ABOUT TEN TO TWELVE BLOCKS FROM S. FOURTEENTH ST. INDIVIDUAL TOLD DUHON HE WAS IN SOME TYPE OF TROUBLE BUT FAILED TO ELABORATE.

WAITRESS NAMED MARY, WHO WORKS IN RESTAURANT NEXT TO LOUNGE, PANAMA CITY BOAT LANDING, ALLEGEDLY TALKED TO SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO
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TOLD HER HE HAD BEEN IN PANAMA CITY, FLA., AREA AT A HOTEL FOR THREE DAYS.

DUHON ADVISED ALL PASSENGERS OF FISHING BOAT NAMED "CHARLIE" SIGNED A REGISTER BEFORE PUTTING TO SEA. SEVERAL PASSENGERS ON BOAT SAW THIS INDIVIDUAL WHO RESEMBLED SUBJECT: ONE. ABBOTT FRANKFORD, TV SALESMAN, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.; TWO. TOM TINGLE, LANDLORD OF DUHON, FIFTEEN HUNDRED FOURTEENTH AVE., S., BIRMINGHAM, ALA.; THREE. DON SHIRLEY, THREE FOUR TWO EIGHT OLD COLUMBIA ROAD, BIRMINGHAM.

INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY GOT INTO A FIFTYSEVEN FOURDOOR CHEVROLET, WHITE OVER GREEN, POSSIBLE ALA. LICENSE WITH LAST THREE DIGITS NINE NINE ONE, OWNED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL'S FRIEND. DUHON DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT AS FOLLOWS: WM, FIVE FT. NINE, ONE SIXTYFIVE - ONE SEVENTYFIVE LBS., AGE APPROXIMATELY THIRTYSIX, BROWN EYES, HAIR DYED A REDDISH BLOND WITH EYEBROWS DARK BROWN AND NOT DYED, GREEN AND WHITE SHIRT, WHITE TENNIS SHOES, DARK TROUSERS.

SECOND INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED BY DUHON WHO ALLEGEDLY OWNED FIFTYSEVEN CHEVROLET WAS: WM, TWENTYSIX, SIX FT. ONE, ONE EIGHTY

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LBS., BROWN HAIR, SLENDER BUILD, ALLEGEDLY LIVED FIFTEENTH AVE.,
PANAMA CITY, FLA., POSSIBLY A MACHINIST.

DUHON ADVISED INDIVIDUAL WHO RESEMBLED SUBJECT KNEW THE
FOLLOWING PERSONS: ERNEST POWELL, EXTERMINATOR BUSINESS, BIRMINGHAM,
ALA.; MANAGER OF THE REDMONT HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.; OWNER OF
BARBECUE PIT, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

JACKSONVILLE AND BIRMINGHAM DIVS. CONDUCT IMMEDIATE
INVESTIGATION PANAMA CITY, FLA., AND BIRMINGHAM, ALA., TO VERIFY
INFORMATION AND TO LOCATE SUSPECT TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH
SUBJECT. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA JAMES R. HASTINGS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/21/68, ROBERT CLYDE CANNON, 2114 Camden Ave., Jacksonville, Fla., located the writer at the Jacksonville PD at 10:30 p.m., and engaged the writer in lengthy conversation wherein CANNON advised that he was a friend and acquaintance of Fugitive JAMES RAY presently being sought in connection with captioned case and that RAY was using the name WHITEY JACKSON and living near Jacksonville Beach, Fla. CANNON could not and would not give specific details with respect to his relationship with JACKSON, was disorganized in his thought pattern in all references made to JACKSON, and failed to reveal his address or specific location. CANNON also failed to disclose his own personal address and would identify himself only with the use of a duplicate general type Civil Defense Identification Card bearing Number NO 3128 and a Civil Air Patrol Identification Card and Social Security Number [redacted].

On 4/22/68, the writer contacted Mr. ROBERT C. CANNON and Mrs. BERNICE M. CANNON, parents of ROBERT CLYDE CANNON, residing 2114 Camden Ave., Jacksonville, Fla., telephone 359-1297. Both Mr. and Mrs. CANNON advised that they had recently returned from the Jacksonville PD where ROBERT had been incarcerated and charged with possession of a weapon described as a blank starter's pistol. ROBERT CANNON, their son, was and has been retarded for some time and frequently delivers stories of various nature to authorities including Jacksonville PD relative to roles in which he, ROBERT CANNON, tries to make himself an important figure. ROBERT is currently a suspect in an arson of a local school and other small minor offenses in addition to a previous conviction for auto theft. Both parents were certain that their son, ROBERT, had no connection or knowledge with the Fugitive JAMES RAY.

ROBERT CLYDE CANNON is described as follows:

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Name	ROBERT CLYDE CANNON, aka Robert Cannon Bobby Cannon
Race	White
Sex	Male
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Social Security Number	<div></div>
Address	2114 Camden Ave.
Parents	ROBERT C. CANNON and BERNICE M. CANNON 2114 Camden Ave. Jacksonville, Fla. Telephone 359-1297

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Bossier City La	Richard B. Harrell #136	8-17-49	inv	rel
SO Shreveport La	Richard Burnham Harrell #12215	6-20-51	inv	
PD Winslow Ariz	Richard Burnam Harrell #--	7-9-52 sleeper		rel
SO Flagstaff Ariz	Richard B. Harrell #4839	8-12-53	non-sup of wife	
SO Phoenix Ariz	Richard Bernam Harrell #62349	6-13-54	2 cts GT	7-15-54 6 mos Co Jail
St Board of Pardons and Paroles Phoenix Ariz	R. B. Harrell #18140	1-6-55	failure to prov for wife	1 1/2 yrs to 2 yrs 11-23-55 rel by parole usual rel
SO Flagstaff Ariz	Richard B. Harrell #6311	12-11-55	inv missing person	
PD Selma Calif	Richard Burnham Harrell #14623	7-12-57	C F w/o lic susp rob A	
SO Fresno Calif	Richard Burnham Harrell #56012	7-12-57	Ct. 1-PC 836/211 & Ct. 2-PC 12025 (Robbery)	
SO Silver City NMex	Richard Burnham Harrell #12582	12-24-57	GT	

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Director.

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Kern Co B of I Bakersfield Calif	R. B. Harrell #108468	8-14-63	No opr's lic in poss; fail to appear (wrnt #77224)	jail 4 das F \$20 on chg of 12951 40508
SO Riverside Calif	R.B. Harrell #A89585	1-20-67	647f PC drk	\$17 F
SO Riverside Calif	R. B. Harrell #A 96769	6-14-67	1-242 PC (Battery) 2-40508 CVC (Fail to appear)	1-10 das susp \$56 Fine 2-\$29 Fine
SO San Luis Obispo Calif	R.B. Harrell #23469	9-10-67	hit & run (property)	60 das susp 2 yrs NLV

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

TO:

Date 4/23/68

SAC, Jacksonville

Your inquiry
PX - teletype
4-22-68

MURKIN. CR.

- ☐ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☒ Attached furnished in compliance with request from SAC, Phoenix
- ☐ Only record available attached.
- ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
- ☐ Records FBI #
- ☐ are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
- ☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
- ☐ Confirming FBI wire of
- ☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
- ☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
- ☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
- ☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
- ☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
- ☐ Your communication is returned.

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Copy to: SACs

Phoenix (44-371)
Memphis (44-1987)
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Dallas (44-2649)
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		7
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Cs129438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967 (operating motor vehicle without permission of owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D & DW") (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.</p>			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p> <p>Alias: James Walton</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p> <p>THIS PAGE SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.</p>			

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Director

F B I

Date: **April 23, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **Airtel** _____
(Priority)

✓ To: SAC, Jacksonville
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

The Civil Rights Division of the Department has forwarded a copy of a letter addressed to the Attorney General dated 4/7/68, from Charles Stansfield, Jr., 172-8 Prittian Drive, Tallahassee, Florida. Stansfield indicates he has information concerning the death of the victim.

Immediately interview Stansfield for any information he may have in his possession and set out appropriate leads.

1 - Memphis

*Buttfield has lead
4/24/68*

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Walt

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TO: DIRECTOR AND PHOENIX (44-371)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE PHOENIX TEL EIGHT FORTYEIGHT P.M., APRIL TWENTYONE
PAST.

TO DATE MEMPHIS OFFICE HAS RECEIVED NO INDICATION OF
CONSPIRACY OF EX-CONS AS MENTIONED BY WILSON TO LT. JACKSON.
DL, JK, KC, AND LR ADVISED BY MAIL.

A & D.

P.

END

RGJ:BN

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CC: (AIR MAIL) 1 - DALLAS

① - JACKSONVILLE

1 - KANSAS CITY

1 - LITTLE ROCK

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 19, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560625 JK
D-560574 JK

Specimens received 4/11/68, from FBI, Buffalo

K19 Sheet of ruled paper bearing known handwriting of
Dr. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH obtained from Gowanda State
Hospital, Helmuth, New York

Specimen received 4/12/68, from FBI, Jacksonville

K31 Post card addressed to "A. Powell and Staff" and
registration card of Holiday Inn of Williston,
Florida, bearing purported known handwriting and
hand printing of Dr. ALVIN E. FRENCH

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the handwriting and hand
printing on items received in this case which have been
attributed to Eric S. Galt, were not prepared by
Dr. ALVIN E. FRENCH, K19 and K31. Differences were noted
between the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 and the known
handwriting of FRENCH, but because of the limited nature of
the questioned signature and the lack of comparable known
material a definite opinion could not be reached.

Specimens K19 and K31 have been retained. Photo-
graphs were made.

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

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

Date: **April 19, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by:

Buffalo, Jacksonville

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560625 JK**
D-560574 JK

Reference:

Airtels, 4/9/68 and 4/10/68

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

**The results of the fingerprint examination will
be handled separately.**

**DO NOT INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE
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2 - Buffalo (44-374) Enclosures (2) (2 Labreport)

2 - Jacksonville (44-769) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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Date: **4/22/68**Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE
FROM : SAC, NEWARK (44-854)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: SUSPECT EDWARD C. TREICH**Re: Jacksonville teletype to Newark, 4/19/68**

Referenced teletype advised that a PCI in Mayport, Florida, had contact with an individual who identified himself as EDWARD C. TREICH, 111 Cherry Lane, Basking Ridge, N. J. A New Jersey driver's license T7323 19263 08312 was among other items furnished for identification.

A check with the Motor Vehicle Agency, Trenton, N.J., on 4/19/68, determined that this New Jersey license was issued to EDWARD C. TREICH, 111 Cherry Lane, Basking Ridge, N. J. He was further described as DOB [redacted], Jersey City, N.J., 5'9", eyes brown, weight between 161 - 180 lbs., employment self-employed.

SA FRANCIS J. LUSKY determined from the Basking Ridge Police Department that EDWARD C. TREICH is a prominent individual in their community and that he was currently on a vacation in Florida.

No further investigation is being conducted concerning this suspect.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2-Jacksonville
 1-Memphis (Info.)
 2-Newark
 RMS:ent
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Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date: 4/22/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

3 - Bureau	2 - Miami
2 - Baltimore	2 - Mobile
2 - Birmingham	2 - Newark
2 - Charlotte	2 - New Orleans
2 - Chicago	2 - New York City
2 - Cincinnati	2 - Norfolk
2 - Cleveland	2 - Philadelphia
2 - Columbia	2 - Pittsburgh
2 - Houston	2 - Richmond
2 - El Paso	2 - St. Louis
2 - Indianapolis	2 - San Antonio
2 - Jackson	2 - Savannah
2 - Jacksonville	2 - Springfield
2 - Kansas City	2 - Tampa
2 - Little Rock	2 - WFO
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Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

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AT 44-2386

All receiving offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for Subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FBI JACKSVLE

FBI MEMPHIS

9:15AM 4-24-68 URGENT BKS
TO JACKSONVILLE AND LOS ANGELES
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) (2P)

MURKIN.

REMYTEL TO JACKSONVILLE APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.

RE DON MADDOX.

INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY, MEMPHIS PD, HAS FURTHER
IDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED IN RETEL AS BEING BERTRAM
SMITH, WHO NOW RESIDES MEMPHIS AND IS SUFFERING FROM A
MENTAL DISORDER; HOWEVER, SMITH'S PARENTS STATE HE IS
ENTIRELY TRUTHFUL IN SPITE OF HIS INABILITY TO REMEMBER
DATES AND TIME LAPSES ACCURATELY.

SMITH STATES THAT DON MADDOX, BOX ONE ZERO SEVEN TWO,
CRYSTAL RIVER, FLA., FORMERLY OPERATED THE HUT RESTAURANT
AT COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS VERY FRIENDLY WITH ONE
JOHN WILLARD, WHO RESIDED IN OR AROUND COSTA MESA.
SMITH STATES WILLARD CLOSELY RESEMBLES PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY.

MADDOX LEFT CALIFORNIA WITH SMITH'S WIFE AND CHILDREN
WHICH RESULTED IN SMITH'S HAVING NERVOUS BREAKDOWN. ONE

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RAY DONEGAN NOW OPERATES THE HUT AT COSTA MESA AND, ACCORDING
TO SMITH, WAS ACQUAINTED WITH BOTH MADDOX AND JOHN WILLARD.
LOS ANGELES, INTERVIEW RAY DONEGAN TO DETERMINE WHEN

WILLARD AND MADDOX WERE FRIENDS AT COSTA MESA AND TO
DETERMINE IF WILLARD COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJEC T RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END

MM

FBI JACKSVLE

FBI JACKSVLE

FBI BIRMGHAM

11:19 AM URGENT 4-24-68 CEB
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE JACKSONVILLE TEL, APRIL TWENTYTHREE, LAST.

J. B. LOFTIN, VICE PRESIDENT, AAA PLUMBING AND POTTERY CORPORATION, GADSDEN, ALABAMA, ADVISED TODAY ALL OF THEIR TRUCKS ENCLOSED VAN TYPE AND HAVE GERBER STENCILED ON SIDE. THESE TRUCKS ARE NOT GMC BUT WHITE TRUCKS. NO OTHER AAA COMPANY LOCATED GADSDEN, ALABAMA.

END
JCL

FBI JACKSVLE

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FBI ATLANTA

12:12 PM EST URGENT 4/24/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM 44-1740, JACKSONVILLE,
AND MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 2P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS, APR. TWENTYTHIRD,
LAST.

FOR INFO JACKSONVILLE AND BUREAU;

MOBILE DIV. ADVISED BY BILL DUHON, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., HE
WAS ON DEEP SEA FISHING BOAT NAMED "CHARLIE" OUT OF PANAMA CITY,
FLA., APR. TWENTYTWO, LAST. SAW INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT
AND TALKED TO HIM ON ENTIRE TRIP.

INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY GOT INTO A NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN FOUR-
DOOR CHEVROLET, WHITE OVER GREEN, POSSIBLE ALABAMA LICENSE
LAST THREE DIGITS, NINE NINE ONE, OWNED BY INDIVIDUAL'S FRIEND.
INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT W/M, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE
HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE LBS., TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE LBS., AGE
THIRTYSIX, BROWN EYES, HAIR DYED A REDDISH BLOND. SECOND
INDIVIDUAL, WHO ALLEGEDLY OWNED FIFTYSEVEN CHEVROLET, WAS W/M
SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS., BROWN HAIR, SLENDER
BUILD, ALLEGEDLY LIVED FIFTEENTH AVE., PANAMA CITY, FLA.
END PAGE ONE

C. Carroll
adv 4/24
Correll

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AT 44-2386

INDIVIDUAL STATED HE KNEW MANAGER REDMONT HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

ON APR. TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, CLIFFORD STILES, OWNER REDMONT HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., CONTACTED AT ATLANTA, ADVISED HE DOES NOT RECOGNIZE PHOTOS OF RAY AS ANYONE HE KNOWS OR RESEMBLING ANYONE HE KNOWS.

STATED HIS FORMER MANAGER OF REDMONT HOTEL FROM FEBRUARY SIXTYSEVEN TO JANUARY FIFTEEN SIXTYEIGHT IS APPARENTLY ONE WHO INDIVIDUAL KNEW. FORMER MANAGER CECIL TRAMMEL, NOW AT REEF MOTEL, PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLA.

JACKSONVILLE LOCATE AND INTERVIEW TRAMMEL, DISPLAY PHOTO OF SUBJECT AND DETERMINE IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL ON BOAT.

END

MHM

FBI JACKSVLE

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736URGENT 4-24-68 BJP

TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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*Supv. Buol
advised
for*

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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS
TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

JLC

FBI JACKSVLE

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FBI WASH DC

1159AM URGENT 4/24/68 GJM
TO JACKSONVILLE
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703 IP

MURKIN.

TODAY, DR. JOHN G. TODD, WDC, ADVISED THAT ON APRIL
TWELFTH OR THIRTEENTH LAST HE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING
PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY IN WDC, DRIVING DARK SEDAN, POSSIBLY
PLYMOUTH, WITH FLORIDA LICENSE TWO-ONE SIX SIX NINE THREE.

JACKSONVILLE DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER AND DETERMINE
IF DRIVER IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

AIRMAIL COPY BEING SENT TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. (P)

END

GGEB

FBI JACKSVLE

*Covered by
Butterfield
2-16693 Ray.
Steve Love
1042 W. 27th
1962 Ford V-8.*

*Not
21-6693 (Gus
Harty)*

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3-35- PM URGENT 4-24-68 CKH

TO: MOBILE, JACKSONVILLE, AND MEMPHIS

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696) 1 P
MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS. OO MEMPHIS.

RE KNOXVILLE TELEPHONE CALL TO MOBILE APRIL TWENTYFOUR
INSTANT.

J. ROBERT SIMS, ASSISTANT POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE,
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., ADVISED THIS DATE POSTAL INSPECTOR'S
OFFICE, MOBILE, ALA., PRESENTLY IN POSSESSION OF U. S.
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE FORM UTILIZED TO ORDER IRS
PUBLICATIONS WHICH WAS DEPOSITED IN U. S. MAILED PENSACOLA, FLA.,
P.M. APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST. SENDER'S NAME APPEARING ON FORM
IS ERIC STARVO GALT, E STREET, ELBERTA, ALA.

INSPECTOR SIMS STATES FORM WAS RETURNED AS IMPROPERLY
MAILED AND UPON NOTING SENDER'S NAME WAS REFERRED TO
INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, MOBILE, ALA. SIMS IS INSTRUCTING
INSPECTOR J. C. ENGEL, MOBILE, ALA. TO RETAIN ABOVE AND
IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY FBI, MOBILE.

ABOVE INFORMATION FURNISHED MOBILE BY REFERENCED
TELEPHONE CALL.

MOBILE SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS.

END

GEB

FBI JACKSVLE

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C. Long

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FBI BIRMGHAM

641PM URGENT 4-14-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MOBILE, JACKSONVILLE, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 2P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS, AND MOBILE TEL
TO BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS, APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTYEIGHT,
CONCERNING INFO OBTAINED FROM BILL DUHON.

DUHON REINTERVIEWED TODAY AND STATES PERSON HE THOUGHT, RESEMBLED
SUBJECT IS LEFT HANDED, SMOKED ONE OF DUHON'S CIGARETTES, AND
HAD BROWN EYES. STATED SUSPECT SAT NEXT TO DUHON DURING FISHING
TRIP. INVESTIGATION BIRMINGHAM DETERMINED THAT BOAT WAS HIRED BY
BIRMINGHAM DEEP SEA FISHING CLUB, AND TRIP CAPTAINS WERE BEN DANIEL
AND JAMES H. LITTLE. DANIEL AND LITTLE FURNISHED SEATING
ARRANGEMENT FOR INSTANT TRIP AND IDENTIFIED PERSONS SITTING NEXT TO
DUHON AS JAMES HARLAND AND THOMAS TINGLE. BOTH INTERVIEWED TODAY AND
ARE NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY. TINGLE, DANIEL, HARLAND, AND LITTLE UNABLE
TO IDENTIFY RAY AS PASSENGER ON TRIP. DANIEL AND LITTLE ABLE TO
IDENTIFY ALL THE PASSENGERS AND GUESTS FOR THIS TRIP.
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IN VIEW OF ABOVE, JACKSONVILLE DISCONTINUE ALL INVESTIGATION
BASED ON INFORMATION FROM DUHON.

END

JLC

FBI JACKSVLE

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