

Post Office Box 1869
Jacksonville, Florida 32201
April 30, 1968

Director
State Beverage Department
Doyle Carlton Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Attention: Intelligence Division

Dear Sir:

Re: JAMES EARL RAY

Enclosed herewith are eighteen copies of Identification Order 4182, dated April 20, 1968, regarding James Earl Ray. You have kindly volunteered to send a copy to each of your district officers so that your agents will be familiar with the photograph of Ray when they make daily contacts in bars throughout the state.

As you are aware, James Earl Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous.

Thank you for your cooperation in this and other matters.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Gebhardt
Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA CHARLES L. CARROLL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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The following submitted for the information of the file to amplify information and teletype dictated 4/26/68, concerning investigation concerning the Atlanta apartment.

Re Dallas teletype to Atlanta, Mobile, and Jacksonville, 4/25/68.

The following investigation was conducted 4/26/68:

LARRY R. BURCH, Salesman, Independent Life and Accident Insurance Company, who resides at Graceville, Florida, and works out of the Marianna, Florida, Office, furnished the following information:

BURCH has lived in Graceville for the past four years and worked as an insurance salesman. During this time he has sold insurance to a number of waitresses and operators of beer joints in the area. He said that during the past few months he had called regularly at a place known as My Place which is a beer bar on Route 4, out of Graceville, which is on the Slocumb, Alabama, Highway. He said that during this time he has become casually acquainted with a man named BILLY JOE FAULKNER as well as a girl who worked at the place whose name is JACKIE HALL. He said he is certain of this name because he has sold her insurance in the past and knows that she is also known as JACKIE MOLINE. BURCH said that he was also on rather friendly terms with SUE KELLY who more or less ran the place although it was supposedly operated by BILLY JOE FAULKNER. He said that on several occasions when he stopped in to drink a beer, that SUE KELLY told him FAULKNER was not around at the time. He said he last saw BILLY JOE FAULKNER about four weeks before and after this determined that My Place had closed. 44-769-278



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BURCH said that he had been personally impressed that FAULKNER from his mannerisms and attitude around other men is a homosexual and that he had seen him on several occasions in the presence of CLARENCE CHANCE who operates the florist business at Graceville and who is generally reported to be a homosexual. He said he had also seen JERRY NED MILLER, a young boy whose mother is Mrs. BYRD BATEMAN who lives in Holmes County, Florida, in FAULKNER's presence. BURCH said he was acquainted with MILLER because he had in the past sold Mrs. BYRD BATEMAN some insurance. BURCH said that on the day before ANN PIPPEN SHAW, who operates Phippen's Place on State Highway 2, had told him that JACKIE HALL and her husband BEN SHAW had left together and gone to Columbus, Georgia.

Mrs. LOIS SHUMAKER, Operator of R Club, corner of Slocumb Highway and Florida State Highway 2, advised that she had known BILLY JOE FAULKNER casually in operating a beer place called My Place down the highway from her place and that she knew that BILLY JOE FAULKNER and a girl named SUE, who he indicated to be his wife, had left the area the first week in April, 1968. She said that she recalled that they left on the first Monday in April.

B. S. GRANBERRY, who works at R Place advised that he had talked with BILLY JOE FAULKNER and a girl named SUE who FAULKNER indicated as his wife at My Place on several occasions. He said that he recalled on the night of April 2, 1968, FAULKNER indicated he was leaving the area at that time. GRANBERRY said there had been some fight or altercation at My Place which he did not know any details about and FAULKNER and SUE were leaving together and did not indicate where they were going.

OPAL SHIRLEY, who now works at R Place as a barmaid, advised that on Wednesday night, April 4, 1968, she went to take over My Place, a beer joint formerly operated by BILLY JOE FAULKNER. She said that she had not frequented this place before this and had been employed by Mr. ARNOLD who lives in the Bonifay, Florida, area and owns a place to operate it. She said that she took inventory of the place that night and when she opened the

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next day a beverage agent told her she was in violation of Beverage Laws and she had closed the place and it had not been reopened.

OPAL SHIRLEY said that she understood from several persons who came by My Place that BILLY JOE FAULKNER and his girlfriend SUE had left on either April 2 or April 3, and were no longer in the area.

ANN PIPPEN SHAW, the wife of BEN HUGHES SHAW, advised that BILLY JOE FAULKNER had stopped in her beer place which is known as Phippen's Place at the intersection of State Highway 2 and the Slocomb Highway, and that he always drank Mustang Beer and she recalled that he had been in her place on a night which she thought was a Friday night of the first week of April and had drank three or four beers and then left.

She said that she had not seen him since that time and has no idea where he is.

She said that JACKIE HALL, who formerly worked at My Place and whom she knows as a prostitute, had been staying with BEN HUGHES SHAW, and that they had left on the early morning of April 25, 1968, with HUBERT HOLEMAN to go to Columbus, Georgia, together. She said that NORMAN HOLEMAN or his wife who live of RFD, Bonifay, Florida, might know someone in Columbus, Georgia, who would know where they might be located.

Mrs. NORMAN HOLEMAN was located and advised that she did not know that HUBERT HOLEMAN had left the area and pointed out his house. She said that she was not personally acquainted with BEN SHAW or JACKIE HALL and could suggest no place where they might have been at Columbus, Georgia. She said that HUBERT HOLEMAN formerly lived at Columbus and was her husband's nephew.

It was observed that the house indicated as occupied by HUBERT HOLEMAN is not now occupied and inquiry in the immediate neighborhood failed to reveal anyone who might know his whereabouts.

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CLARENCE CHANCE, owner Chance Florist, Graceville, Florida, advised that BILLY JOE FAULKNER has been an acquaintance for the past ten or twelve years. He said he formerly knew FAULKNER at places on the beach near Panama City, Florida, and that some several weeks before a friend had told him that FAULKNER had sent word that he was in town. He said after this he stopped by My Place, a beer joint, and drank beer and visited with FAULKNER on several occasions. He said that he learned some two or three weeks before that My Place had closed and that FAULKNER had left the area. CHANCE denied any knowledge of any of FAULKNER's activities and denied that they were close friends.

Each of the above individuals was shown a copy of I. O. # 4182 on JAMES EARL RAY and none could identify this individual as anyone who they had seen with FAULKNER or who they had ever seen before.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-769)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : IC R. EUGENE HERRING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtel to Memphis dated 4/23/68.

The following investigation conducted by IC R. EUGENE HERRING at Tallahassee, Fla.:

On 4/29/68 the following agencies were contacted with negative results re JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE:

TOT HUMPHRIES, Credit Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.:
JEWEL CLIFTON, Sheriff's Office, Tallahassee, Fla.:
Lt. WILLIAM SCOTT, Police Dept., Tallahassee, Fla.

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O. J. JAMES (44-854) (P)

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SAVANNAH TEL TO JACKSONVILLE, APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST.

JACKSONVILLE TEL, APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST.

FOR INFO TAMPA, ADVISE RE: SERIAL SEVEN ON CAR WHICH

WAS SEEN IN TAMPA, STATIONED IN TAMPA, BEARING FLA. LICENSE SERIAL

FIVE SIX FOUR THREE SEEN BY MAN IN SAVANNAH, GA., APRIL

E. J. JAMES, BEING DRIVEN BY MAN WHO WAS SEEN IN

SAVANNAH, GA. SUBJECT SERIES EARL W. JACKSONVILLE ADVISED

RE: SERIAL FIVE SIX FOUR THREE REGISTERED IN TAMPA

ERWIN, JR., IN C/O OF AUTOMOTIVE RENTAL, TAMPA, SERIAL FOUR

ONE ONE MAPLE AVE., PENNSACOLA, FL, FOR CAR HAVING VIN

ONE TWO FIVE TWO TWO SIX SEVEN SIX ZERO EIGHT. TODAY RICHARD

E. J. BUTTER, SERVICE DEPARTMENT, MGR., AUTOMOTIVE RENTALS,

TAMPA, FL, SAID COMPANY RECORDED SHOW FLA. LICENSE THREE E

FIVE SIX FOUR THREE ON A CAR SIXTY FIVE PLATE FOUR FIVE

ONE FOUR SEVEN WITH VIN SAME AS ABOVE. THAT CAR SERIAL

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LEASED BY AUTOMOTIVE TO HENRY B. ERWIN, JR., EMPLOYED BY OAKITE PRODUCTS, INC., ERWIN RESIDES THREE ZERO NINE BEN AVON DR., TEMPLE TERRACE, FLA. IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN ERWIN RETURNED CAR TO AUTOMOTIVE RENTALS IN EXCHANGE FOR A NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT YELLOW FORD TWO DOOR HARDTOP BEARING FLA. LICENSE THREE E FOUR NINE SEVEN THREE AND VIN EIGHT N FIVE EIGHT F ONE ONE ONE FOUR THREE FOUR. ON JANUARY EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, INSTANT NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE PLYMOUTH SOLD BY AUTOMOTIVE RENTALS TO C AND R AUTO SALES, FOUR THREE ONE SIX FLORIDA AVE., TAMPA, FLA. RUTTER UNABLE TO FIND RECORD OF FLORIDA LICENSE THREE E FIVE SIX FOUR THREE EVER BEING ON CAR OTHER THAN DESCRIBED NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE PLYMOUTH SEDAN.

TAMPA AT TAMPA, FLA., WILL DETERMINE AT C AND R AUTO SALES PRESENT OWNER OF INSTANT NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE PLYMOUTH. SET FORTH LEAD TO HAVE OWNER INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE WHO HAS FLORIDA LICENSE THREE E FIVE SIX FOUR THREE. THEREAFTER, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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TO : SAC, Jacksonville (44-769)

FROM : SA William Butterfield

SUBJECT: MURKIN

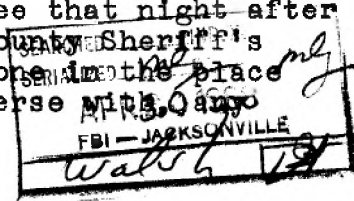
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On 4-24-68, Mr. Charles W. Stansfield, Jr., 172-8 Brittian Dr., Tallahassee, advised that about 2 a.m., Sunday April 7, an elderly man came into Frisch's Restaurant, 1775 W. Tennessee St., in an obviously drunk condition. This man began making overtures to the young waitress handling the counter, and in the course of the conversation with her, mentioned he had a cartridge case in his back pocket. Stansfield stated he had just finished work at Frisch's and was sitting at the counter next to the elderly gentleman. He (Stansfield) observed the cartridge case, and believed it to be a case containing .38 calibre revolver shells. Stansfield stated the man made attempts to conceal this case from his view, and this made him suspicious. The man also said to the waitress something to the effect that "a bullet from this case killed a man the night before last".

Stansfield advised that when the man got up to leave, he bumped into Mr. George Yates, a well-known local businessman who is currently running for Leon County Commissioner. It appeared to Stansfield that Yates knew the man, because the two engaged in a brief conversation.

Stansfield advised that the man was about 50 years old, 68 6', 160 lbs., thin build, thinning hair. He stated that this individual looks nothing at all like pictures he has seen recently of James Earl Ray. Stansfield said he would not have written to the Department, but since there were no concrete facts developed as to suspects at that time, he decided that he would report this suspicious incident.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN
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Re Bureau airtel 4/23/68 advising letter addressed to the Attorney General from CHARLES STANSFIELD, JR., indicates he has information concerning the death of victim.

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9:07PM URGENT 4-30-68 DPK
TO MEMPHIS AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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RE DON MADDOX

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST.

ON APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST, MRS. JOYCE SCOTT ADVISED SHE IS MANAGER OF THE HUT, COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, AND RAY DUNIGAN, A PART OWNER, WOULD BE UNAVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL THIRTY INSTANT.

ON THIS DATE RAY JAMES DUNIGAN, THREE FOUR ZERO EAST SIXTEENTH STREET, COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED DON MADDOX WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH ONE PAUL WILLARD, A MACHINIST FROM SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, KNOWN TO DUNIGAN TO HAVE RESIDED THERE FOR TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS. DUNIGAN ADVISED MADDOX AND WILLARD WERE CLOSE FRIENDS UNTIL MADDOX MOVED TO FLORIDA.

DUNIGAN ADVISED PAUL WILLARD IS A WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTY, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, AND VERY THIN. HE BEARS NO RESEMBLANCE TO PHOTOGRAPHS ON WARRANT FLYER FOUR FOUR TWO - A. DUNIGAN STATED DOES NOT KNOW ANY JOHN WILLARD OR ANYONE RESEMBLING RAY.

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11:50 AM URGENT 5/1/68 PXB
TO DIRECTOR , ATLANTA, JACKSONVILLE,
MIAMI, MEMPHIS
FROM ALBANY (44-493) 1P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL THIRTY LAST.

CAPTAIN MAURICE DECARIE, MONTREAL PD, AUTO THEFT
SQUAD, TODAY ADVISED NO SUSPECTS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
DEVELOPED RE THEFT AT MONTREAL, AUGUST TWENTYONE LAST
OF SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC, VIN F SEVEN ONE ONE TWO SEVEN
NINE FIVE.

ALBANY CONTACTED LEGAT OTTAWA APRIL THIRTY LAST
RE LEAD SUGGESTED RETEL AND LEGAT STATED RCMP CONDUCTING
INVESTIGATION RE GALT'S RESIDENCE IN MONTREAL AND
HE WOULD HAVE RCMP INTERVIEW EISENBERG AND CONDUCT
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE

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DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA V. LLOYD WARNKEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/23/68, MARY ALICE HICKEY, Clerk, ABC Liquor Store, U. S. 27, North, Tallahassee, Fla., advised that an individual had been in that store at approximately 10:15 AM on that date which resembled JAMES EARL RAY. Miss HICKEY was exhibited WF 442-A and advised that she had previously seen a photograph of RAY in the local newspaper and is of the opinion that the individual who entered the store earlier was identical to RAY. She advised she did not observe the individual until he had entered the door of the store, but immediately upon looking up and seeing him, she in her own mind recognized him as being identical to the photograph of RAY which had previously appeared in the local newspaper. She advised that he asked for one-half pint of Smirnoff Vodka and she inquired as to whether he wanted the 80 or 100 proof, and he stated he wanted 100 proof. She advised that she went to the cash register and he paid for the Vodka with two one dollar bills and she gave him his change after which time he asked if she had any orange juice and she gave him a ten cent can of orange juice for which he gave her a dime. He also asked for and received a cup from her. She advised that he then departed from the store and left in a truck which had been parked over to the north side of the store which she described as a red GMC truck larger than a pickup, with a rail around the bed of the truck. She advised this truck had an Alabama license and had writing on the door which was AAA, believed to be steel company, Gadsden, Ala. She advised she attempted to obtain the license number, but could not be positive of this number, but believed it to be Ala. license 12-12397.

Mrs. HICKEY described the individual she believed identical to RAY as speaking with a country accent, wearing a short sleeve shirt, work clothes type, was alone when

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in the store and departing in the truck, and had a scar on his left forehead above his eye, approximately one to one and one-half inches long. She advised when the individual left the store he appeared nervous and looked around in all directions which she thought appeared to be an attempt to see if anyone was observing him. She advised that she has read in the local newspaper of the fact that RAY or an individual previously appearing in the newspaper under the name of GALT, preferred Vodka and spoke in a country accent. She also had seen the description of RAY and under the name of GALT in the local newspaper and felt this individual fit that description, as being age 35-40, 5'10", 170 pounds, brown hair. She advised she could furnish nothing additional concerning this individual and stated that the only attention which really drew her to him was the fact that when he entered the store at her first glance she immediately in her own mind recognized him as being identical to the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY which had previously appeared in a local newspaper.

This information was sent by teletype for check on the above license to Mobile and to Birmingham for a check in the Gadsden, Ala., area concerning this vehicle. A reply was received in the negative from Mobile concerning the license as stated in Mobile tel to Birmingham and Jacksonville dated 4/23/68, (Ser. 203).

On 4/26/68, MARY ALICE HICKEY was recontacted at the ABC Liquor Store, and advised she had not observed this individual since and could furnish no additional information other than that previously furnished concerning this matter.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Ray Trailed To Houston

Third of a series of special reports by a reporter who is conducting his own hunt for the King assassin.

By LOUIS LOMAX

North American Newspaper Alliance

HOUSTON — Additional evidence and conversations with people who knew James Earl Ray, the alleged slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King, establish that Ray met with an important industrialist on the afternoon of Dec. 17, 1967, either inside or near the International Trade Mart in New Orleans. The meeting occurred between 2:30 and 4 p.m.

That the meeting took place was established by reconstructing the timetable followed by Ray and Charles Stein, the Hollywood songwriter who motored with Ray from Los Angeles to New Orleans beginning on Dec. 15. This reporter is now retravelling that route with Stein.

Stein met Ray in a Hollywood bar and indicated that he, Stein, wanted to go to New Orleans to get his nieces, both small children. Ray replied he was making a round trip to New Orleans to "meet some important people" and that he would give Stein a free ride if Stein would agree to sign the petition to place former Alabama Gov. Wallace on the California ballot. Stein agreed and the trip was begun around noon on Friday, Dec. 15.

Traveling in the now famous white Mustang, Ray and Stein took turns driving and, without stopping to sleep, arrived in New Orleans at approximately noon on Dec. 17. Ray checked into the Provincial Hotel, but before parting from Stein said he had to meet with a New Orleans man who was — and presumably is — "an engineer or contractor."

At approximately 3:30 that afternoon, "Tommie," a close friend of Ray's, was in the International Trade Mart. That evening Ray visited Tommie and told him that he saw him in the trade mart. When Tommie asked why Ray did not approach him in the mart, Ray replied, "I was busy."

That the meeting did indeed occur is given further credence by the fact that late on the night of Dec. 17, Ray visited Stein and said his business had been completed, that he was ready to return to Los Angeles.

Stein, a native of New Orleans who wished to spend an additional period of time with his relatives, insisted that they "rest up" in New Orleans for a "couple of days" before undertaking the return drive. The two men and the children left New Orleans on Dec. 19 and arrived back in Los Angeles on Dec. 21.

The key to whom Ray met with in New Orleans seems to lie in two long distance phone calls Ray made during the trip to New Orleans. After the first phone call Ray indicated to Stein that his party was not in, but would be available at approximately "9 o'clock" that evening, Dec. 16. After driving about an hour Ray left the freeway to make his "9 o'clock" call. The contact was made and Ray talked for some 15 minutes while Stein

drank coffee and munches candy.

Stein and this reporter are now in the Houston area from which the calls were made. A search of the area has considerably jogged Stein's memory for specific details and the search has been narrowed down to a 200-mile stretch of highway between San Antonio and Houston.

There was yet another development in the story. It has already been established that Ray returned to New Orleans at the end of March and delivered a package to the mother of a Los Angeles friend.

It now appears that while in New Orleans on the last trip, a scant five days before King was murdered, Ray may have spent time with a New Orleans girl whom he is known to have admired. If true, (and her name is known) she may provide new information as to Ray's movements and activities just a few days prior to the assassination.

Meanwhile an intensive record search is on in Los Angeles to trace calls made from a phone booth in the St. Francis Hotel as disclosed by this reporter. Dyrell Dennis, the "Hollywood blonde" who was close to Ray and then vanished from a Milwaukee hotel after being located by this reporter, has been located by a Milwaukee Journal reporter based on my leads provided last week.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Date: 5/1/68
Edition: Morning
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Classification: 44-769
Submitting Office:
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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Charlotte teletype to the Bureau dated
4/29/68.

JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD

Records, Jacksonville Shipyards, Jacksonville, Florida, examined on 4/30/68, by SA CHARLES J. HONETOR, disclosed SMALLWOOD, Social Security Number [redacted] was employed as a welder by Aero-Jet Corp., Jacksonville, from June, 1964 to June, 1965, when he voluntarily left for other employment. SMALLWOOD was rehired by the Jacksonville Shipyards and except for short periods was regularly employed as a welder from August, 1966 to date. SMALLWOOD, on 4/13/68, went on an official leave of absence until 5/14/68. His reason for desiring a leave was shown to improve his financial status. Records show SMALLWOOD was continuously employed at the Jacksonville Shipyards during the period from 1/7/68 through 4/12/68. He was employed eight hours on 4/4/68 and eight hours on 4/5/68.

JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD, residing 10710 Wake Forest Road, Jacksonville, Florida, was interviewed 4/30/68 by SAs CHARLES J. HONETOR and GEORGE A. MC BRIDE. SMALLWOOD advised he has been in Jacksonville almost continuously since leaving North Carolina. He stated he has visited with relatives in North Carolina once in 1965 and again at Christmas time in 1966. He stated he has received no information indicating any of his wife's

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relatives or others had part in instant matter. He said he is of the opinion that the incident which occurred in 1963 and which he reported was caused by racial tensions at that time. He said that since he has been in Jacksonville his wife has had cancer and he has been financially hard pressed. He said that he has been working as a welder at the Jacksonville Shipyards since coming to Jacksonville. He said that during this period he was also employed as a welder with Carco Research and Engineering Incorporated, 4120 Maines Street, Jacksonville. He advised that he took a leave of absence at the Jacksonville Shipyards to attempt to improve his financial situation. He said that during his absence from the shipyards he is working at Bellingers Boat Yard located Atlantic Boulevard and Intracoastal Waterway. He said that he can make more money in this job and he may not return to the Jacksonville Shipyards. He advised that he does not believe in violence now any more that he did in 1963 when he informed on his relatives. He stated he will cooperate with the FBI and any information coming to his attention concerning instant matter will be promptly furnished.

Since no evidence of conspiracy on part of SMALLWOOD, no further action regarding him being taken.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA CHARLES J. HONETOR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Serial 44-769-158.

LAUNDRY MARK CODE NUMBER 20R-3

In efforts to identify the above described laundry mark located on a bedsheet and pillow case found in the trunk of the 1966 white Mustang found abandon in Atlanta, Georgia, the following laundries in Jacksonville, Florida, were contacted on the dates indicated:

Mr. J. F. HICKS
Tillman Laundry and Cleaners
310 Park Street
4/24/68

Mr. OTTO TAYLOR
Service Supervisor
Duval Laundry
1905 Walnut Street
4/24/68

JOSEPH HELOW
Lake Forest Laundry
8012 Lem Turner Road
4/24/68

MICKEY FINN
Florida Cleaners
307 Davis Street
4/24/68

W. JOSEPH NAMEN
Owner
Washland Laundry and Cleaners
3857 Hendricks Avenue
4/24/68



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**H. L. WALTERS
Manager
New York Laundry
Forsyth and Liberty Streets
4/24/68**

**E. B. CLARK
Assistant Manager
NAS Laundry
Naval Air Station
4/25/68 and 4/30/68.**

**It is to be noted that all of the above
laundries use the thermo-seal marking machine manufactured
by the Textile Marking Machine Company.**

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803PM EST 5-1-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
MEMPHIS (44-1987) NEW YORK AND JACKSONVILLE (44-769)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN.

RE HERTZ RENT-A-CAR ABANDONED BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT
APRIL SEVEN-EIGHT LAST.

RE BH TEL TO BUREAU APRIL THIRTY, LAST.

TICKETS AT EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL), MIAMI, INDICATE
PASSENGERS BOARDING EAL FLIGHTS SIX THREE FIVE AND SIX SIX
TWO AT BIRMINGHAM APRIL EIGHT LAST, AS FOLLOWS, WITH EAL FIELD
TICKET OFFICE (FTO) WHERE PURCHASED, DATE AND VALIDATOR (V)
NUMBER WHERE AVAILABLE. UNLESS OTHER WISE SPECIFIED, FORM
OF PAYMENT WAS CASH OR NOT INDICATED.

FLIGHT SIX THREE FIVE:

W.P. MORGAN, JR., PURCHASED APRIL EIGHT, FTO BIRMINGHAM,
V THIRTY SIX.

MR. D. WORNICA, ISSUED APRIL FIVE, FTO, PENSACOLA, FLA.,
V FIVE, INITIAL LEG FLIGHT EAL SIX TWO FOUR, APRIL FIVE,
PENSACOLA TO ATLANTA, FINAL LEG APRIL EIGHT, FLIGHT SIX
THREE FIVE, BH TO PENSACOLA.

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L. NONNALLY, ISSUED APRIL EIGHT, FTO BH, FINAL LEG
MOBILE TO BH APRIL NINE, PAID BY CHECK.

M.W. DENT, ISSUED APRIL EIGHT, FTO BH, V TWELVE, PAID
BY AMERICAN EXPRESS NUMBER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TRAVELED BH TO MOBILE TO BH.

FLIGHT SIX SIX TWO:

DALLAS M. WHITE, ISSUED FTO BH, V THIRTY TWO, APRIL
SEVEN. FINAL LEG JACKSONVILLE TO DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.,
NATIONAL FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN THREE, OPEN DATE.

J.A. GWIN, JR., ISSUED FTO BH, V THIRTY SIX, APRIL SEVEN,
FINAL LEG ATLANTA TO JACKSONVILLE, ON EAL FLIGHT FOUR THREE
FIVE, OPEN DATE.

MRS. J. WEBB, ISSUED FTO BH, V THIRTY SIX, APRIL SEVEN.
FINAL LEG ATLANTA TO JFK, NY, EAL FLIGHT FOUR FIVE ZERO,
APRIL EIGHT.

MR. G. MONTGOMERY, ISSUED APRIL FIVE, NY, NY, TICKET
AGENT STAMP ILLEGIBLE, INITIAL LEG EAL FLIGHT FOUR FOUR FIVE,
NY TO ATLANTA APRIL FIVE, THEN EAL FLIGHT SIX THREE FIVE.

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ATLANTA TO BH APRIL SIX. FINAL LEG ATLANTA TO NY, EAL FLIGHT
FOUR FIVE ZERO, APRIL EIGHT.

J.E. RINGO, ISSUED FTO BH, V THIRTY SIX, APRIL SEVEN.

W.J. POPE, ISSUED NY APRIL FIVE FOR TRAVEL NY TO
ATLANTA, OPEN DATE AND FLIGHT WITH SUBSEQUENT TRAVEL ATLANTA
TO BH, BH TO ATLANTA, ATLANTA TO NY.

MISS HALLIE OLSON, ISSUED APRIL SEVEN, FTO BH, V TWENTY
FIVE.

NY AT EAL, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE ADDRESS OF PASSENGER G.
MONTGOMERY FROM RESERVATION RECORDS, TICKET NUMBER ZERO
ZERO SEVEN-FOUR ONE ONE-THREE FOUR THREE-EIGHT FIVE FOUR AND,
IF POSSIBLE, ADDRESS OF W.J. POPE, TICKET NUMBER THREE-ZERO
ZERO SEVEN-FOUR ONE ONE-THREE FOUR THREE-SIX EIGHT NINE.

JACKSONVILLE AT PENSACOLA, AT EAL, DETERMINE ADDRESS
OF PASSENGER D. WORNICA FROM RESERVATION RECORDS.

BIRMINGHAM AT EAL, DETERMINE ADDRESSES OF REMAINING
PASSENGERS FROM RESERVATIONS RECORDS.

ALL OFFICES THEREAFTER SET LEADS FOR SHOWING PHOTO OF
SUSPECT RAY TO PASSENGERS TO DETERMINE IF RAY OBSERVED AS
PASSENGER.

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816 PM URGENT 5-1-68 CBB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), JACKSONVILLE, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SUBJECT'S CALLS MADE FROM COINT TELEPHONE EN ROUTE FROM LOS
ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. RE DALLAS TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

FOR INFO OF OFFICES NOT RECEIVING RE TEL, ON THE ABOVE TRIP
SUBJECT RAY ALLEGEDLY MADE SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS FROM COIN
TELEPHONES WHILE IN TEXAS. A CHECK OF TOLL CALLS MADE FROM COIN
TELEPHONES ALONG ROUTE TAKEN BY RAY FOR DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN,
AND SEVENTEEN, OF SIXTYSEVEN, ARE BEING MADE AND THE FOLLOWING
HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO DATE. EACH OFFICE SHOULD ESTABLISH THE
IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBERS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS LISTED AND ATTEMPT TO
IDENTIFY BY WHOM THE INSTANT TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM. IF
RAY MADE CALL, OBTAIN ALL AVAILABLE INFO CONCERNING HIM.

JACKSONVILLE.

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CALL MADE ON COIN TELEPHONE LOCATED AT ALPINE, TEXAS
DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, FOUR SEVENTEEN PM, SEVEN FIVE TWO SIX
FOUR SIX ZERO, LAKE CITY, FLORIDA;
MOBILE.

CALL MADE ON COIN TELEPHONE LOCATED AT ALPINE, TEXAS
DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, TWO TWENTYSEVEN AM, NINE SIX TWO
FOUR SEVEN SIX ONE, LILLIAN, ALABAMA;
NEW ORLEANS

CALL MADE ON COIN TELEPHONE LOCATED AT ALPINE, TEXAS
DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, TWELVE FORTYTHREE AM, NINE THREE EIGHT
FIVE SIX THREE EIGHT, GREENWOOD, LOUISIANA.

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944A EDT URGENT 5/2/68 VSC
TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSONVILLE, NEW YORK,
MIAMI AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL, MAY ONE LAST AND ATLANTA TELCALL TO ABOVE
OFFICES, MAY TWO, INSTANT.

DISCONTINUE LEADS TO CONTACT AIRLINES EMPLOYEES AND
PASSENGERS AS SIXTYEIGHT AMERICAN REBEL RENTED AT HERTZ
ATLANTA, APR. SEVEN, 'SIXTYEIGHT, BY J. TERRENCE WOLKERSTORFER,
ST. PAUL, MINN. AND LEFT AUTO AT BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT, APR. NINE,
LAST.

INVESTIGATION ST. PAUL, MINN., AND ATLANTA, GA., CONTINUING
TO IDENTIFY WOLKERSTORFER.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-769)

FROM : SUPERVISOR FREDERICK W. BUOL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/2/68

Re Source BAILEY SANDLIN:

At 7:42 pm, 5/1/68, at my residence, I received a call from HUNTER HELGESON, duty Agent, Mr. ROSEN's Office, who advised he had received a phone call from Secret Service to the effect that a BAILEY MANN SANDLIN had called from Mount Dora Motel, Mount Dora, Fla., Room 8, advising that he had seen a man he believed the subject, pulled a gun on him in his carport in Orlando, and that this had already been reported to the FBI. BAILEY had called again, was still in Room 8 of this motel at Mount Dora, and reported having seen the car again. Mr. HELGESON asked if we had known of this and what action had been taken.

I advised him that if I recalled correctly from home without benefit of the file we had contacted SANDLIN, confirmed that he had reported the matter to the FBI in Orlando, and that Tampa had received a complaint and investigated with negative results. I told Mr. HELGESON I would review the file and confirm this by return call. I proceeded to the Office, reviewed the file, noting Serial 276, which confirmed the earlier information which I had given Mr. HELGESON.

I contacted SA TED R. TUCKER, confirmed that he had talked to SANDLIN and observed that SANDLIN could not carry on a coherent conversation.

I then contacted by phone Supervisor LEE BALLANGER, Tampa Division, advised him of the Bureau's inquiry. Supervisor BALLANGER advised he had received a memo that day on his desk concerning this, was not completely conversant with all the facts of results of the investigation but recalled that the complainant was a drunkard and irresponsible. He advised that he was already in touch with his Orlando Resident Agent for the complete story, and that he would call Mr. ROSEN's Office, Duty Agent HELGESON, and report the results of that contact.



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I then at 9:10 pm called back to the Bureau, Duty Agent HELGESON, advising him that we had contacted BAILEY SANDLIN, confirmed from SANDLIN that he had reported it to the FBI, Orlando, that we had contacted the Tampa Supervisor who would advise him, HELGESON, of the details of the contact.

I also pointed out to SA HELGESON that our inquiry relative to SANDLIN had been initiated subsequent to phone call from Supervisor CLEM McGOWAN, SOG, 1:05 pm, 4/30/68, see our ~~xxxxxxx~~ file 44-769, Serial 271.

SA HELGESON stated that this was satisfactory; i.e. Jacksonville's handling, and he would await the call from Tampa.

Jacksonville, Fla.
5/2/68

MEMORANDUM TO ALL AGENTS (INSTRUCTIONS) NO. 62

RE: MURKIN - COST DATA

By airtel 4/19/68, Memphis advised that the Bureau had requested cost data concerning investigation in this case.

Included among items needed to prepare this cost study are the number of hours regular and overtime spent by each Agent in the investigation of this case and the number of miles Bureau automobiles are driven in connection with this investigation. Also needed is the cost of any unusual expenditures, such as cost of chartered airplanes, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc.

Data concerning this matter must be furnished to the Memphis Office by all Offices by the second day of each month. Therefore, you are instructed to maintain a record reflecting the above desired information and furnish this information to the #4 Desk by the 1st of each month until further notice.

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Robert E. Gebhardt
ROBERT E. GEBHARDT
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)
RE: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany 4/19/68.

Following are estimated figures requested in
reAirtel:

1. Man Hours Spent on Case:	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Total
A. Special Agents	838	179	757
B. Clerical	402		402
2. BuCar Mileage Estimated			8,353
3. Unusual Expenses			-0-
4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case			48

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)
MURKIN

ALFRED T. LANG, Clerk, Charlotte County Court-house, Punta Gorda, Florida, advised SA ERNEST J. KIRSTEIN, JR., on 4/24/68, that he was a Clerk at the Duval County Court Office, Jacksonville, Florida, from 1958, to June 1966. While in Jacksonville, he became acquainted with the RAY brothers, JAMES RAY, ROBERT RAY, (FNU) RAY, a fourth brother who was drowned four to five years ago, and a fifth brother (FNU) RAY.

LANG was exhibited I. O. of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised JAMES RAY of Jacksonville favored JAMES EARL RAY. LANG stated that JAMES RAY of Jacksonville was white; male; thirty-five to forty years of age; 5'10"; 125 lbs.; with dark hair. LANG was not certain this individual was, in fact, the same as JAMES EARL RAY.

LANG advised the RAY brothers were married, that they had formerly been connected with a volunteer fire department, the Oakwood Community Volunteer Fire Department, and subsequently an audit of such records determined some falseness and the Department was disbanded. Mr. LANG said

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the signature on the I.O. of JAMES EARL RAY was similar to signature of JAMES RAY of Jacksonville. He said the RAY family in Jacksonville originally came to Jacksonville from St. Louis, Missouri. He said he has not seen nor heard any more about the JAMES RAY family of Jacksonville since he departed in June 1966.

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JACKSONVILLE OFFICE

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Conduct appropriate investigation of JAMES RAY family of Jacksonville and determine whether or not identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-769)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : ROBERT W. CLARK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

att; sa George McBride

Mr. Tom Boen, Identification Division, FBLE,
Tallahassee, Florida advised 5/1/68 that they were checking
the unidentified latent fingerprints on file with those of
James Earl Ray.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) DATE: 4/30/68
ATTENTION: SA G. A. MC BRIDE

FROM : SA CHARLES L. CARROLL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype all SACS 4/29/68, requesting all law enforcement agencies which maintain unidentified latent fingerprints in connection with matters under their jurisdiction be requested to compare with fingerprints of subject JAMES EARL RAY, IO 4182.

Today WILLIAM SELLERS, Identification Officer, Bay County SO, Panama City, Florida, and LEROY FRENCH, Identification Officer, Panama City, Florida, PD, both have begun search of all latents in their possession since 4/23/67 and will advise by tonight if any latent appears identical with those on IO.



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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) P

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RE: ROBERT DONALD WEIR

Re Tampa teletype to Mobile dated 4/23/68 and
Mobile teletype to Tampa dated 4/25/68, airmail copies to
Memphis.

Attempts to contact WEIR on 4/26 and 4/29/68 at his
residence, his employment and his mother-in-law's residence
were negative.

Neighbors advise that WEIR returned from Alabama
on 4/25/68 and is still driving 1968 tan Chevrolet convertible.
Rumor is that WEIR is several months in arrears on the rent for
the bar he is renting and is under the impression that the FBI
is attempting to contact him regarding this rent. WEIR has not
re-opened his bar upon his return from Alabama and neighbor is
of opinion that WEIR is attempting to avoid FBI because of his
financial situation and has left town again.

Since wife previously advised that WEIR was in Mont-
gomery, Ala. driving 1968 tan Chevrolet and neighbors subse-
quently advised that WEIR returned from Alabama driving instant

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vehicle, it is presumed that WEIR was driver of instant vehicle in Montgomery, Ala. on 4/22/68. It is further noted that neighbor advised WEIR is not identical to photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

No further efforts being made to locate WEIR in view of above.

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Date: 4/29/68

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

TO: SAC, JACKSONVILLE(44-769)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) P

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Re JK airtel to Tampa dated 4/26/68

On 4/27/68 Mrs. EVELYN PIEPER, Records and Identification Division, St. Petersburg PD, St. Petersburg, Fla., advised that she had no record concerning a JAMES PETERSON at 463 8th Avenue, N.E., St. Petersburg, Fla.

On 4/27/68 Mrs. JANETTE HUGHES, Telephone Operator, Palm Shores of St. Petersburg, 830 North Shore Drive, St. Petersburg, Fla., made available the records of Palm Shores Apartments which showed JAMES PETERSON had resided with his wife at 463 8th Avenue, N. E., St. Petersburg, Fla. for a period of eight years.

On the same date Mr. FRANK WALTEMAR, Administrator, Palm Shores of St. Petersburg, advised that he was personally acquainted with JAMES PETERSON and had known him during his eight years residence at the Palm Shores Apartments.

He described PETERSON as white male, 5'8" tall, 150#, approximately 70 years old. WALTEMAR was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that there was no resemblance between RAY and JAMES PETERSON. WALTEMAR further advised that PETERSON has no children or relatives that show any resemblance to RAY.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, Jacksonville, Mobile, and New Orleans dated 5/1/68.

Re subject's calls made from coin telephone en route from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Subscriber to telephone number 752-6460, Lake City, Fla., is ROBIN C. SHIVER, Westwood Acres, Lake City, Fla. SHIVER is in poultry business at Lake City and is owner of a Phillips '66 Service Station. He is reportedly reliable and a well respected citizen. SHIVER advised in December, 1967, exact date unknown, he received a telephone call from his partner, GARLAND STROBLE, age 35, from Texas regarding the poultry business. This was the only telephone call he received from the State of Texas.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Dallas airtel to Jacksonville 4/20/68
regarding suspect at eating establishment U.S. 90,
Tallahassee, Fla., 4/1-2/68.

The description furnished by Mrs. JOHNSON in
referenced airtel indicates that this eating establishment
is the Dobbs House located at 685 W. Tennessee Street,
and this location is on U.S. 90 approximately 1/2 block
east of the FSU campus and located next to a large
building, that of the Travelodge Motel.

On 4/25/68, Mr. PHIL JOBE, employee, Dobbs House,
685 W. Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, Florida, was
contacted and exhibited WF #442-A. He advised that he
has previously seen a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in
the local newspaper and has not observed him or anyone
meeting his description at that location to the best of
his knowledge. He advised that all of the other employees
of the Dobbs House are aware and have observed RAY's
photograph in the local newspapers as they have discussed
this matter amongst themselves and he stated he feels
sure that if anyone had observed anyone meeting the
description of RAY or appearing similar to RAY, they
would have contacted the local FBI or local authorities.
He advised that he was employed at the Dobbs House as
of 4/1/68 and could furnish no information concerning an
individual reportedly observed in that vicinity on or
about that date which resembled RAY.

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On 4/26/68, Mrs. JACQUELINE HOFFMAN, Travelodge Motel, W. Tennessee Street, located next door to Dobbs House Restaurant, was exhibited WF #442-A and advised that she had previously observed a photograph of RAY in the local newspaper and to the best of her knowledge no one meeting his description or appearing similar to him has evern stayed at that motel. She advised that all of her maids are aware of his status and she knows they have observed his photograph as he has been discussed amongst the employees at the motel and anyone meeting that description or appearing similar to RAY would have been reported to the FBI and/or local authorities.

It is to be noted that this is a business area and the complete block of this area is individual stores and businesses. The time related in re airtel of approximately midnight or after, would have meant that all of the stores and businesses in the area, with the exception of the Dobbs House and the Travelodge Motel, would have been closed as these are the only two business establishments in the area open after midnight. However, on 4/26/68, WF #442-A was exhibited to employees of numerous businesses in the area without effecting any identification or obtaining any additional information.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

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

SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Albany, Jacksonville, Miami, and Memphis dated 4/20/68, regarding 1967 Cadillac DeVille, Florida License 1W178130.

Referenced teletype requested Jacksonville to obtain original registration for above vehicle and forward to Laboratory for handwriting comparison with subject JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/1/68, Mr. ARCH LIVINGSTON, Director, Department of Motor Vehicle, Tallahassee, Fla., advised that he would be unable to release Florida Title Number 6826889, which covers 1967 Cadillac convertible, VIN F7112785, in the name of MICHAEL ST. PIERRE, inasmuch as this document is a permanent record in his files. He stated that in order to release this document, a subpoena duces tecum would be necessary.

Mr. LIVINGSTON made available photostatic copy of instant Florida Title.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is photostatic
copy of this document.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-769)
(ATTN: SA WALSH)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : IC R. EUGENE HERRING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re SA THOMAS WALSH phone call 4/30/68.

On 5/1/68, Mr. ARCH LIVINGSTON, Director, Department of Motor Vehicle, Tallahassee, Fla., advised that she would be unable to release Florida Title No. 6626969, which covers 1967 Cadillac Convertible, VIN F7112795, in the name of MICHAEL ST. PIERRE, inasmuch as this document is a permanent record in his files. He stated that in order to release this document a subpoena duces tecum would be necessary.

Mr. LIVINGSTON made available a photostatic copy of instant Florida Title ~~which is being attached.~~

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC JACKSONVILLE (137-1919)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA MILTON T. CUMMINGS, JR.

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: ARTHUR M. CORBITT
PCI

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Dates of Contact 4/19/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN JK 44-769		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE On 4/19/68, informant advised that on 4/14/68, at 5:10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE p.m. he rented a car to an individual under the name <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC EDWARD C. TREICH, 111 Cherry Lane, Basking Ridge, N. J. For identification this individual furnished a New Jersey drivers license #T7323 192630 8312, which reflected dob [REDACTED], 5'9", 170 lbs., brown eyes and hair. He also displayed Shell Oil Co. credit card # [REDACTED] This individual returned the car at 5:50 p.m. on 4/16/68, and the charges were \$32.10. He reached into his sock and pulled out a roll of \$100 bills estimated at 7 or 8 by the PCI and paid him with one of these \$100 bills. PCI said he felt this individual bore a strong resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY. NOTE: Above information furnished Newark same date and Newark eliminated TREICH as being possibly identical with RAY.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very good	Coverage General Crime Conditions, Jacksonville, Fla. 44-769-304 SEARCHED.....INDEXED..... SERIALIZED.....FILED..... MAY 2 1968 FBI - JACKSONVILLE

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FBI TAMPA

736PM URGENT 5/2/68 MJR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND JACKSONVILLE (44-769)
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN.

RE NEWARK TEL TO TAMPA AND SAVANNAH APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST,
AND NEWARK TEL TO TAMPA APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST.

RE: NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN OR NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT BROWN PLYMOUTH
BEARING FLORIDA LICENSE THREE E FIVE SIX FOUR THREE SEEN
BY MAN IN SAVANNAH, GA., APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST BEING DRIVEN
BY MAN DESCRIBED AS RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY.

AFTER EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY TAMPA OFFICE TO TRACE VEHICLE
ON MAY TWO INSTANT, MISS. ANN LIBERTY, SECRETARY AT JIMMY SPEARS
CENTRAL FLORIDA AUTO AUCTION, AKA. ORLANDO AUTO AUCTION, ORLANDO,
FLA., ADVISED NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE PLYMOUTH, VIN P TWO FIVE TWO
TWO SIX SEVEN SIX NAUGHT EIGHT WAS SOLD JANUARY SIXTEEN, SIXTY
EIGHT TO WADE PHILLIPS, PHILLIPS BROTHERS, PALATKA, FLA. AUCTION
AT ORLANDO HAD NO RECORD OF ANY FLORIDA LICENSE TAG ON VEHICLE.

JACKSONVILLE AT PALATKA DETERMINE FROM PHILLIPS BROTHERS TO
WHOM SOLD CAR AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE
OWNER AND IF THIS MAN IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO BH, NK, ME AND SV.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI JACKSVLE

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Date: **5-2-68**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **Airtel** _____
(Priority)**To: SACs, Jacksonville
Tampa****From: Director, FBI****MURKIN****Re Bailey Mann Sandlin - complainant, 77 East
Amelia Street, Orlando, Florida.****Re Bureau telephone calls to Jacksonville and
Tampa 5-1-68.****Although the license number of the automobile
Sandlin referred to was allegedly partially recorded as
7W15, Jacksonville should attempt to determine through
state records whether 7W15 could be a complete number;
and if so, set out appropriate leads.***Carroll
reported**44-769-386*

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FBI BIRMGHAM

745PM URGENT 5-3-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TODAY.

ON MAY THREE, INSTANT, MRS. MAE COOK, SIX TWO SEVEN
RATHROCK AVENUE, ATTALLA, ALA., ADVISED HER BROTHER, JAMES CURTIS
WOODS DIED JAN. NINETEEN, LAST, IN FLORIDA, CITY UNKNOWN, AND
WAS BURIED AT CLAYTON, ALABAMA.

JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, ATTEMPT TO VERIFY
DEATH.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI JACKSVLE

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FBI MIAMI

11:25PM URGENT 5-3-68 PJL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, AND MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 3P

MURKIN

RE BH LETTER TO MM FOUR TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT CAPTIONED "HAZEL
V. PEACOCK, MISC INFO CONCERNING, SIXTYTWO DASH ZERO."

RELET REFERES TO LETTER RECEIVED BY BIRMINGHAM OFFICE ON FOUR
TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT FROM HAZEL V. PEACOCK, OKEECHOBEE, FLA.
ADVISING SHE HAD URGENT INFORMATION AND HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THAT
OFFICE.

ON INSTANT DATE HAZEL V. PEACOCK, (PROTECT), SECRETARY OKEECHOBEE
SCHOOL FOR BOYS, INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS AT FT. PIERCE, FLA AND SHE
FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. AT MIDNIGHT, FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT
SHE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM EXFIANCE, DONALD JACKSON CARPENTER,
FROM BIRMINGHAM ADVISING HE AND TERRANCE ALVIN SMITH WERE ON THE
RUN. THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS DEAD AND THEY DID IT. HE ASKED HER
TO HIDE THEM OUT FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS. HE MENTIONED A PAY OFF OF
ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BE DELIVERED TO THEM NEAR DOTHAN, GA.
ON FOUR FIVE SIXTYEIGHT. HE SAID THEY WOULD SEE HER THE NEXT NIGHT.
THEY DID NOT ARRIVE AND HAVE NOT CONTACTED HER.

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*Buol.
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SHE HAS KNOW CARPENTER SINCE JANUARY, SIXTYEIGHT. HE LEFT OKEECHOBEE ON TWO FIVE SIXTYEIGHT AND HAS NOT RETURNED. SMITH AN ASSOCIATE OF CARPENTER ARRIVED OKEECHOBEE THREE TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT AND STAYED WITH PEACOCK UNTIL THREE TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT. ON THREE TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT SMITH CALLED FROM PLACE UNKNOWN AND ADVISED THAT HE AND CARPENTER WERE NOW PARTNERS AND WERE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF SOMEONE WITH A BIG MOUTH THAT WEEKEND.

SMITH AND CARPENTER ALLEGEDLY MEMBERS OF UNKNOWN SECRET ORGANIZATION AND IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TO PEACOCK ON THREE TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT FROM GRAY, GA., CARPENTER MENTIONED A PROPOSAL TO ASSIST SMITH IN GETTING RID OF A FORMER MEMBER OF THEIR GROUP BY ELECTACUTING HIM ON THREE THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT OUTSIDE OF ATLANTA. THEY WERE AFRAID HE WOULD TALK.

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