

AT 44-2386

At Jefferson City, Missouri: *ayrs*

- 1) Will, at Missouri State Penitentiary, determine from medical records type rash JAMES EARL RAY had on side of head and medication prescribed for RAY.
- 2) Check correspondence file to determine if RAY has any approved correspondence which may identify girl friends RAY talked about.
- 3) Attempt to determine supplier of narcotics to RAY while RAY in prison and attempt to develop information concerning RAY's outside source of income, as RAY may now attempt to contact these persons.
- 4) Ascertain present whereabouts of inmate JERRY WHITE.
- 5) Through sources at prison, evaluate information furnished by DOWDA.

At Kansas City, Missouri: *Harper*

Attempt to locate bar known as Gaslight, *St Louis* to determine if subject RAY is known there and attempt to determine identity of girl RAY met there.

At Columbia, Missouri: *ayrs*

Contact bars in vicinity of college and determine if subject RAY known as well as attempt to learn identity of girl RAY had met in this area.

At Lake Ozark, Missouri: *Weaver*

Will, through sources, attempt to identify narcotics pushers and through them determine if subject has been in this area.

SAN DIEGO

At Pales Verdes, California:

Will locate BOB GRAHAM and interview concerning DOWDA's visit Thanksgiving 1967; determine if DOWDA made any remarks concerning contact with RAY or anyone else in California.

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ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, Missouri:

Will attempt to locate bar known as Gaslight to determine if RAY is known at this bar and identity of RAY's girl friend.

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TO: DIRECTOR, ~~REDACTED~~ (44-38861)
HOUSTON (44-1509)
FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

RE ^{Bureau} DIRECTORS TELETYPE TO KANSAS CITY APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST.

REFERENCED TEL REFERS TO KANSAS CITY AIRTEL DATED FEBRUARY
SIXTEEN, SIXTY FIVE, WHEREIN ONE WILLIAM THOMAS ~~JACOBS~~ CLAIMS
HE WAS APPROACHED BY AN UNKNOWN PARTY ON ^{Feb} FEBRUARY FIFTEEN
SIXTY FIVE, AND ASKED TO KILL THE PRESIDENT AND MARTIN LUTHER
KING. HOUSTON REFER TO YOUR FILE SIXTY TWO ~~DASH~~ TWO TWO FOUR
SEVEN.

JACOBS SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED BY KANSAS CITY, MO., PD,
ON FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN, SIXTY FIVE, ON A WANTED NOTICE FROM
BEAUMONT, TEXAS, PD, AND WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE U.S. SECRET
SERVICE DURING WHICH INTERVIEW HE AGAIN STATED HE WAS CONTACTED
BY TWO MEN IN A BAR SOMEWHERE ON TRACY AVENUE, KANSAS CITY, MO.,
ON FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, SIXTY FIVE, AND THAT THESE MEN HAD ASKED
HIM IF HE WOULD SHOOT PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND MARTIN LUTHER KING.

1-Memphis (AM) (44-1987)
TJC:jlh
(2) *jlh*

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Per *jm*

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JACOBS DESCRIBED THESE INDIVIDUALS AS NUMBER ONE:

WM
WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTY FIVE, SIX ~~FEET~~, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE TO SIXTY FIVE, SMALL BUILD, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES AND LEATHER JACKET;
NUMBER TWO: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY FIVE, FIVE FEET EIGHT ⁹INCHES DASH NINE INCHES, SMALL BUILD, BLUE EYES, BROWN BUSINESS SUIT AND FELT HAT.

MRS. ELLEN GARNER, SALVATION ARMY, KANSAS CITY, MO., ADVISED THIS DATE SHE HAS NOT HAD ANY CONTACT WITH JACOBS SINCE HIS ARREST ON FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN, SIXTY FIVE. HER FILES INDICATE JACOBS STATED HE PREVIOUSLY SPENT TIME IN OTHER SALVATION ARMY CENTERS; TWO WEEKS EVANSVILLE, INDIANA; THREE MONTHS MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE; THREE MONTHS ST. LOUIS AND THREE MONTHS IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, MOSTLY AS A TRUCK DRIVER, HOWEVER, HE WORKED AS COOK AND TRUCK DRIVER IN MEMPHIS. JACOBS ALSO GAVE MRS. GARNER THE NAME LOUISE JACOBS, DAUGHTER, ONE FOUR ZERO FIVE BLUE BONNET DRIVE, FT. WORTH, TEXAS.

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**JACOBS SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO BEAUMONT, TEXAS, ON
FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE, SIXTY FIVE, FOR PROSECUTION ON LOCAL
CHARGES.**

**HOUSTON LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JACOBS TO DETERMINE IF JACOBS
OR THE PERSONS WHO CONTACTED HIM MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS
CONSPIRATORS IN THIS CASE.**

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AM MEMPHIS.

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 44-38861
SAN DIEGO (44-387)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT GERALD B. GERLT

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY FIVE LAST.

MRS. ROSE ROBINSON, FIFTH GRADE TEACHER, FOREST HILL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, THIRTY FIVE HUNDRED NORTHEAST PRATHER
ROAD, NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO., ADVISED SCHOOL RECORDS OF
RICHARD LEE WERNER AND ROGER LYNN WERNER WERE REQUESTED BY
THE NARANCA SCHOOL, ONE ZERO THREE ZERO NARANCA ^{ave 1)} ~~AVENUE~~, EL
CAJON, ^{Calif.} ~~CALIFORNIA~~. ROBINSON STATED RICHARD INDICATED HIS
STEPFATHER GERALD B. GERLT WAS PREPARING A TRUCK TO ^{HAIL} ~~HOLD~~ A
CAR AND WAS ALSO INSTALLING A CITIZENS BAND RADIO IN THE
TRUCK. SHE STATED THE FAMILY REPORTEDLY OWNED A CADILLAC.

OSCAR DAVIDSON, CLERK, U.S. POST OFFICE, ARMOUR rd ~~ROAD~~,
NORTH KANSAS CITY, ^{mo.} ~~MISSOURI~~, ADVISED GERLT RENTED BOX NUMBER
SEVEN FOUR FOUR TWO UNTIL THE RENT EXPIRED APRIL ONE SIXTY EIGHT
AND NO FORWARDING ADDRESS HAS BEEN RECEIVED. HE STATED MAIL
WAS RECEIVED AT THIS BOX FOR BETTY WERNER, RICHARD AND ROGER

RH:jlh

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WERNER AND FOR PAT GRIFFITHS AND LLOYD GRIFFITHS.

DON ABBOTT, METROPOLITAN BANK, KANSAS CITY, ^{Mo.}MISSOURI,
STATED THE BANK HAS A LOAN WITH GERLT ON A SIXTY SEVEN CADILLAC
DE VILLE, SERIAL ^{NO.}NUMBER B SEVEN ONE ZERO FIVE ~~SEVEN~~ ZERO FIVE
THREE AND NO PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SINCE ^{Feb}~~FEBRUARY~~ TWELVE
SIXTY EIGHT.

SAN DIEGO: LOCATE AND INTERVIEW GERALD B. GERLT RE
TRIPS TO TENNESSEE IN MARCH, SIXTY ^{-EIGHT}, AND ALSO RE STATEMENTS
MADE BY HIS STEPSON RICHARD WERNER TO THE EFFECT THAT MARTIN
LUTHER KING SHOULD BE SHOT. WILL ESTABLISH GERLT'S WHEREABOUTS
AT THE TIME OF THE KING MURDER. *and evaluate as possible*
conspirators.
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/27/68

PAUL ALVIN LAIL was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of this interview.

LAIL advised he is presently living at 34 Barbados Drive, Palm Springs, with his wife BETTY and five month old baby.

LAIL stated he had been an inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary for three years and while confined there he had met and known JAMES EARL RAY. He stated he was not very close or friendly with RAY but he did eat with him a number of times when he was in the kitchen visiting with his friend, LEWIS "WHITEY" DOWDA. He said he also watched a number of ball games and television programs with RAY.

LAIL described RAY as being a guy who knew his way around but was not one of the wheels or leaders in prison; that RAY was a sharp intelligent guy who hung around with the boys who were always up to something and were in on all of the deals. LAIL advised RAY never seemed to have a lot of money but always seemed to have enough to get whatever he wanted.

LAIL said most of the guys (he cannot recall their names) that he, RAY, was with most of the time were on dope and were peddling it.

LAIL continued by saying that RAY's big buddy was NEAL ABBEY who was a "big wheel" and the guy who ran the prison kitchen with "an iron hand." LAIL stated ABBEY was the guy who got RAY into the kitchen which was a good deal (job).

LAIL advised that LEO BARNETT handled dope and peddled it in the Missouri State Penitentiary and he believes he is now in prison somewhere in Florida. He said that BARNETT would know for certain if RAY had been on dope and where and who he got the dope from.

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On 4/26/68 at Palm Springs, Florida File # Miami 44-1854
 by SAs ROBERT W. WISEMAN and
PATRICK A. PHILBIN PAP/kmm Date dictated 4/26/68

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LAIL further advised that ~~FRED MILLER~~, "a cut and dried con," who worked in the tag plant of the prison, was one of the leaders and knew RAY well and he might be able to furnish information about him if he would talk to the FBI.

LAIL related that WHITEY DOWDA also knew RAY pretty well and would know more about him than he did since they both worked in the kitchen together for quite a while. He said WHITEY had been living in Marietta, Georgia, and he recently heard that WHITEY is now in jail in Marietta on a robbery charge.

LAIL stated there had been trouble with some of the Negro prisoners in the Missouri State Penitentiary who were Black Muslims so some of the prisoners decided to teach them a lesson and three or four of the Negro leaders were killed. LAIL stated he did not know if RAY was in on the actual killing, but he was close with the ones that did it and therefore could have been in on the killing or at least he knew who did kill the Negroes.

LAIL would not make any further statements about the killing of the Negroes in the Missouri State Penitentiary and he stated he could not furnish any names or identities but he did say there were ten inmates who were in on the killing of the Negroes.

LAIL said he could not recall RAY saying too much about Negroes and he does not believe from his conversations with RAY that he, RAY, was a racist, however, all of the inmates in the Missouri State Penitentiary did not like the Negroes because of their belligerent attitude and animosity toward the white inmates.

LAIL stated RAY liked to wear his hair short in the summer months and long in the winter. He said RAY used to have a "butch" cut in the summer months.

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LAIL stated from his association with RAY that he felt RAY would have a .45 automatic "stashed" on his person somewhere and he would not give up or be taken without a fight. LAIL said RAY is a "killer" in his opinion and that RAY would not be easy to catch or find. LAIL said RAY is "a city boy" and he does not figure him to be hiding out in the country. However, LAIL stated he would not figure RAY would hide out in a really big city like New York, but would pick one about the size of Houston, Texas.

LAIL said he could not recall RAY telling him or mentioning any place in particular he, RAY, always wanted to go to or visit, but he felt RAY would be in a warm climate rather than a cold one.

LAIL stated he had not been contacted or heard from RAY since he got out of the Missouri State Penitentiary over two years ago and to the best of his knowledge RAY would not know where or how to contact him.

LAIL advised he had visited WHITEY DOWDA in March, 1968, in WHITEY's home in Marietta, Georgia, for a few days. He said that WHITEY is his best friend.

LAIL continued by saying he recognized the name of SCHAPPER and he thinks SCHAPPER was a captain in the prison guard force, but he did not know him and/or if SCHAPPER peddled dope in the pen.

LAIL stated he felt that there was a possibility RAY's escape was engineered by and assisted by outside help but he did not have any knowledge about it. Also he stated just about anything is possible with outside help and money, however, escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary is something else and is just about impossible in his opinion.

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LAIL stated he did not feel badly about MARTIN LUTHER KING getting killed, but he was sorry it happened in Memphis, Tennessee, and he would have rather seen KING killed in some Northern city. LAIL said he is a Southerner and his feelings are Southern.

LAIL stated that he is of course interested in the reward money and he could certainly use it. However, he said he really does not know if he would turn RAY in or not for the reward money if he had the opportunity. LAIL stated he was certain RAY did the killing of KING himself and not involved with anyone else. LAIL stated that he wanted to be honest with the FBI and he would have to think about this a couple of days as to whether or not he would or would not turn RAY in if he knew his possible or current whereabouts.

LAIL stated he really does not know where RAY is and he said that RAY had not contacted him and he had not seen RAY for over two years.

LAIL continued by saying he was a little surprised when he learned from the newspaper and television that RAY had been identified as KING's killer because he always figured RAY as being a guy that would be too smart to leave any clues or evidence around so that the police or the FBI would be able to trace and/or identify him.

LAIL examined the photographs of RAY and said he would never recognize him with the tuxedo and bow tie outfit on and further he said he never saw RAY with his hair long as it is either. However, he said the guy with the bow tie and tuxedo on is RAY.

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LAIL said after thinking it over that he is very interested in the money and if he thinks of anything or comes up with anything concerning RAY, he will contact either Special Agent PATRICK A. PHILBIN or ROBERT W. WISEMAN.

LAIL is a white male, born [redacted] Marion, North Carolina, 175 pounds, blue eyes, red hair, medium slender build, 6' 3", wife BETTY, and resides 34 Barbados Drive, Palm Springs, Florida.

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TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY

not/c FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, Jacksonville, and Kansas City, 4/26/68.

Enclosed herewith are ten copies each of the interview with PAUL ALVIN LAIL for Kansas City and Memphis; one copy each for Atlanta and Birmingham.

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② - Kansas City (Enc 10)
 2 - Memphis (Enc 10)
 1 - Atlanta (Info) (Enc 1)
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Re Memphis report to Memphis 5/1/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ME)

Re Albany airtels 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, setting forth concerns who purchased Thermo-Seal marking machines, and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/12/68.

The FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in trunk of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code, "20R-3." In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type,

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

LEADS

ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

Will recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code, "20R-3."

2 - All Continental Offices *RC*
2 - Memphis
GMR:jms (118)

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
MEMPHIS
PHOENIX

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-

MURKIN

RECORDS U. S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KANS., REVEAL
J. R. KELLER, PRISON NUMBER SEVEN TWO SIX ONE FOUR DASH L,
WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT DURING HIS INCARCERATION AT THAT
INSTITUTION.

THESE RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL THAT INMATE KELLER AND
PENITENTIARY RECORDS PERTAINING TO KELLER WERE TRANSFERRED
ON FEBRUARY TWENTY, NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN TO FEDERAL PRISON
CAMP, FLORENCE, ARIZ.

PHOENIX, AT FLORENCE, REVIEW RECORDS AT FEDERAL PRISON
CAMP IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE J. R. KELLER AND INTERVIEW HIM
REGARDING ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT.

RBH:lw
(1)Approved: KN
Special Agent in ChargeSent WA 301 P 44-760-527 M Per ME 304 P 310 P

4/27/68

AIRTEL

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Cleveland airtel to Kansas City, 4/24/68 (IO),
and Bureau telephone call to Cleveland, 4/26/68.

MARY CHORTOS was personally contacted on 4/26/68
and receipt of her letter at the Bureau was acknowledged.

On 4/23/68 CHORTOS advised that she had observed a
white male resembling subject RAY the previous day sitting in
a 1966 blue Cadillac bearing Missouri license plates which
was parked in the Fulton Shopping Center at Fulton and Memphis
Roads. She stated that the license plate bore numbers PS 6
and that she could not remember the other numbers. She
stated that this individual was sitting on the passenger side
of the car and as the complainant looked at him he slouched
in the seat. At the time of the telephone call, she stated
that she was quite excited and could not remember what
apartment she lived in; whether it was 231 or 213. She stated
she had no other information to furnish and did not indicate
that she desired to see an Agent.

On both 4/24 and 25/68, the parking lot at the
Fulton Shopping Center was checked between the hours of
11:00 a.m. and 12 noon, the time that she had indicated she
had seen the automobile. Fulton-Memphis Shopping Center is
a large shopping area and the traffic is very considerable

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1 - Kansas City
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Cleveland

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throughout the day.

Mrs. CHORTOS was interviewed on 4/26/68, at which time she stated that after she had thought about this matter and visualized the car she realized from her visualization that the car had not been blue at all but was green and further that the license plate number was PS 633 or PS 655 followed by an additional four digits. According to CHORTOS, this made the plate two letters and seven digits. She stated that there was a Missouri plate and that the color was white on green.

Mrs. CHORTOS stated that her only glimpse of the subject was when she drove by the car and observed a portion of his profile from eyes down and for a moment full face when he looked in her direction. She did not see all of his face but she stated she did see his nose and that part of his face. She recalled that there was a long strand of hair hanging down by his eye. She could furnish no other description except to state that she thought he was quite handsome and could not guess his age as she "can't tell ages." She stated that her attention was drawn to this matter because of the fact that there was a Missouri license plate on the car and the next day she observed the picture of subject RAY in the Life magazine and because he slouched down in the seat. As Mrs. CHORTOS stated, she could not understand why he would slouch down in the seat when she looked at him.

Mrs. CHORTOS stated that she had written to the Bureau rather than call the Cleveland Office of the FBI because she realized that the Agents were so busy. She stated she had never met an FBI Agent before and really wanted to talk to one. She said she was very disappointed when an Agent did not come out to her house right after she had called and in fact she "cried a little."

The Agents explained to Mrs. CHORTOS that they were most appreciative of her information and had not realized that she expected to be personally contacted and that the Agents had acted in accordance with the value of the information, in immediately checking out the area indicated by her. Mrs. CHORTOS indicated that she was very pleased to have been of some assistance and was quite thrilled to have met some representatives of the FBI and indicated that ~~if she~~ ^{if she} had anything ^{to} furnish, she would immediately call the Cleveland Office of the FBI.

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Mrs. CHORTOS resides with a lady companion, both of whom are about 50 years of age. Mrs. CHORTOS has very heavy masculine features and was wearing a man's black sweatshirt and black pants when contacted by the Agents. It is the impression of the Agents that Mrs. CHORTOS was undoubtedly sincere in calling the Bureau, but may be experiencing some emotional problems. In view of the vague and highly questionable accuracy of the information furnished by her, Cleveland is hereby resending the lead set out to Kansas City by re IO airtel to check the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for Cadillacs bearing PS 6 plates.

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 26, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561586 JK

Specimens received 4/24/68

Qc288 Photocopy of Canadian Money Order #C 31,600,868, in
the amount of \$17.50, signed "Eric Galt"

Result of examination:

Although the photocopy, Qc288, lacks the quality necessary for a satisfactory comparison, some differences were noted between the writing appearing on the face of this item when compared with the writings appearing on specimens submitted in this case.

Some features noted on Qc288 which might give an indication of its place of purchase are a stamp with the wording "Montreal 28 VII 67;" the number of the money order, "C-31,600,868;" the printed name "Hector Cormier" at the bottom of the money order and the initials "M." or "N." "D." on the bottom line to the right of the printed Cormier name.

Qc288 has been retained.

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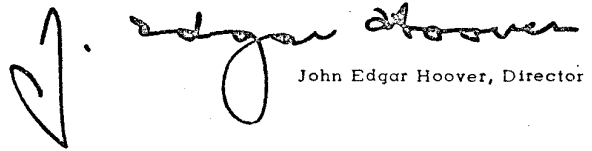


FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 26, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-561586 JK

Examination requested by: Newark

Reference: Airtel 4/23/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

For information Legat, Ottawa, Qc288 is a Canadian Postal Money Order which was submitted to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, in part payment for a correspondence course undertaken by ERIC C. GALT.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReKctel, 4/24/68, and Hotel, 4/25/68.

JUDY CAROL PETERS, nee Thomas, aka Judy Carol Aeby, 10205 W. Hardy, Houston, no telephone, interviewed this date and furnished the following information:

She was married to NEAL EDGAR AEBY for approximately two years in 1960 and 1961. When he was arrested and returned to Missouri in 1961, she came to Houston and has not seen AEBY since that time. She last contacted him on [redacted] advising him of the birth of their daughter. She has divorced AEBY and has not corresponded with him since that date. Subject RAY is unknown to her and she has not been contacted by any of AEBY's associates during the past six years. She stated AEBY does not know her exact address and could not locate her himself.

The only relative of AEBY who subject RAY might contact would be brother AUBREY AEBY, Dallas. She does not know the whereabouts of AEBY's relatives and never closely associated with them.

PETERS promised complete cooperation and will immediately advise the FBI of any information received re subject RAY.

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1 - Chicago (Info)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-760)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA JAMES ALLEN BENBROOK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/26/68 Mr. ~~CARLL V. KRETSINGER~~, attorney, Professional Building, telephone HA 1-2700, Kansas City, Missouri, telephonically advised SA BENBROOK that on that date, while having lunch at the Rendezvous Room, Muehlebach Hotel, between 12:00 and 1:15 p.m., a man came into the Rendezvous Room and wondered around the bar, finally taking a seat at the bar, said seat being the last one at the north end of the bar. Mr. KRETSINGER stated he noted this man to be very nervous, he was having a drink and appeared to be making paper planes with the napkin and "looked like a bum." KRETSINGER stated this individual appeared to him to be similar to the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY presently being sought by the FBI in the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. However, the individual appeared to be slender and his face thinner than the photograph of RAY and his hair was receding on each side as indicated in the photograph. KRETSINGER stated this individual was wearing a white shirt, open at the neck, and slacks, no tie, no hat and no coat, and appeared out of place in the Rendezvous Room.

Mr. KRETSINGER said he pointed this individual out to NICK (LNU), a waiter, and HENRI (LNU), the maitre d', and on departing the hotel he could not locate any policeman in the vicinity, therefore, he subsequently called the Police Department on return to his office.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES R. GRAHAM, JR.:

HENRI HERNANDEZ, maitre d', and JOHN NOVANTEY, bartender in the Rendezvous Room, Muehlebach Hotel, both advised they recalled CARLL KRETSINGER had lunch in the Rendezvous Room and was quite interested in an individual he claimed to resemble JAMES EARL RAY. Both HERNANDEZ and NOVANTEY were positive this individual pointed out by KRETSINGER did not resemble the photographs of RAY. HERNANDEZ also advised he had seen this person on several occasions.

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occasions in the Rendezvous Room and knows him as a Colonel in the United States Army by the last name of WOOD who has just returned from Vietnam. Colonel WOOD is presently suffering from the after affects of malaria. He also informed Mr. KRETSINGER that he knows this individual and therefore no action was taken when KRETSINGER kept insisting, after several drinks, the fact this individual resembled RAY. Due to this fact no further investigation being conducted.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA, NEW ORLEANS,
KANSAS CITY, MILWAUKEE, HOUSTON AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 7P

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RE PURCHASE OF HANDCUFFS BY SUBJECT:

HERBERT F. GREENBERG, OWNER, INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT
CO., LOS ANGELES CONTACTED APRIL TWO SIX, INSTANT. HE MADE
AVAILABLE TYPEWRITTEN LETTER AND ENVELOPE FROM ERIC S. GALT, FIVE
FIVE THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., HOLLYWOOD ADDRESSED TO TIFFANY
ENTERPRISES, EIGHT FIVE ONE TWO WHITWORTH DRIVE, LOS ANGELES.
ENVELOPE POSTMARKED PM, FEBRUARY TWO EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT
AND LETTER DATED SAME. TYPED SIGNATURE OF ERIC S. GALT APPEARS
ON LETTER, AS DOES WRITTEN NAME. OTHER WRITING ON LETTER DONE BY
GREENBERG AT TIME ORDER FILLED. LETTER AND ENVELOPE BEING
FURNISHED FBI LABORATORY.

GREENBERG ADVISED SUBJECT MADE ORIGINAL ORDER FOR HANDCUFFS
TO TIFFANY ENTERPRISES ON FEBRUARY TWO SIX LAST. TIFFANY
DISTRIBUTES TO THEIR CUSTOMERS, OR SOMEONE ON THEIR MAILING LISTS,
BROCHURES OF GREENBERG'S WHICH CONTAINS AD FOR HANDCUFFS.
GREENBERG ADVISED SECRETARY FOR TIFFANY TOLD HIM APRIL TWO FIVE,
LAST, SHE NOW REMEMBERS ORDER. SHE ADVISED GREENBERG THERE WAS

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DELAY IN FILLING SUBJECT'S ORDER, AND GALT CALLED HER ON PHONE INSTRUCTING HER TO SEND HANDCUFFS IMMEDIATELY. SHE CALLED GREENBERG SAME DAY, GAVE HIM ORDER OVER PHONE. GREENBERG SENT HANDCUFFS FOLLOWING DAY, MARCH SIXTEEN LAST. SUBJECT PAID FOR PURCHASE BY MONEY ORDER IN AMOUNT OF NINE DOLLARS NINETY EIGHT CENTS. (PREVIOUS INQUIRY WAS CONDUCTED AT TIFFANY TO LOCATE REASON FOR THIS MONEY ORDER WHICH SUBJECT PURCHASED AT BANK OF AMERICA.)

RE RITA AND CHARLES STEIN;

REVIEW OF CALLS MADE LAST NINETY DAYS REFLECTS CALLS AS FOLLOWS FROM NEW ORLEANS OR TO NEW ORLEANS BY STEINS.

MARCH TWELVE, NINE FOUR SEVEN DASH ZERO NINE THREE ZERO, COLLECT FROM NEW ORLEANS.

MARCH TWENTY ONE AND TWENTY THREE, NINE FOUR FIVE DASH SEVEN THREE ONE TWO, COLLECT FROM NEW ORLEANS.

APRIL FOUR, NINE FOUR FIVE DASH SEVEN THREE ONE TWO, CALLED FROM LOS ANGELES.

FOR NO INFORMATION, STEIN PHONE AT LOS ANGELES IS TWO ONE THREE DASH FOUR SIX THREE DASH NINE FOUR FOUR NINE, LISTED IN NAME RITA ROBE, FIVE SIX SIX SIX FRANKLIN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES.

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LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED TODAY THEY ARE IN RECEIPT OF CALL FROM CARMEN RUBIO, NEW ORLEANS, FIVE TWO TWO DASH ONE TWO ONE TWO, THE GRANDMOTHER OF FOUR CHILDREN OF RITA ROSA (STEIN), AND SHE ADVISED SHE WAS AWARDED CUSTODY OF THEM AND IS TRYING TO GET THEM BACK.

LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S OFFICE (LASO) SHOWS ARREST RECORD FOR RITA (NMN) ROSAS, AKA STEIN. LASO PHOTO IDENTICAL TO RITA STEIN THIS CASE. ARREST MADE BY LAPD ON MAY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN ON CHARGE OF PERMITTING GAMBLING. DESCRIPTION: WHITE FEMALE, DOB POB NEW ORLEANS, LA., FIVE FEET THREE INCHES, ONE TWENTY TWO POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RESIDENCE THIRTY THREE FORTY FLOYD TERRACE, HOLLYWOOD, BROTHER CHARLES STEIN, SAME ADDRESS, OCCUPATION BARMAID AT "THE ORBIT", FOUR FOUR ZERO FOUR MELROSE, LOS ANGELES, SCAR ON RIGHT ARM AND LEFT CHEEK. BAIL SET AT TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX DOLLARS. NO DISPOSTION SET FORTH. CALIFORNIA CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION NUMBER THREE DASH TWO SEVEN NINE DASH EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN. FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION FOURTEEN M ONE U OII EIGHT OVER M TWO U OIM NINE.

RE LOUIS LOMAX AND CHARLES STEIN:

LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER APRIL TWENTY SIX INSTANT CARRIED
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EXCLUSIVE ARTICLE BY LOMAX RE TRIP BY LOMAX AND STEIN RETRACING TRIP TAKEN BY SUBJECT AND STEIN, LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS AND RETURN DURING DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN. LOMAX ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH FROM WHICH SUBJECT MADE PHONE CALLS AND SEARCH INVOLVES STRETCH OF HIGHWAY BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND HOUSTON. ARTICLE REPORTS SUBJECT MADE CONTACT WITH "TOMMY" LNU AT NEW ORLEANS TRADE MART, DECEMBER SEVENTEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

RE THREATS TO KING:

RE GILBERT:

KEITH DWAYNE GILBERT WAS SENTENCED IN NINETEN SIXTY SIX TO ONE TO TEN YEARS IN STATE PENITENTIARY FOR RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY WHICH CONSISTED OF FOURTEEN HUNDRED POUNDS OF DYNAMITE STOLEN FROM AN EXPLOSIVE FIRM. GILBERT IS NOW SERVING HIS TIME AT SAN QUENTIN PRISON IN CALIFORNIA.

WILLARD:

MR. HOWARD WILLARD, FATHER OF GEORGE WILLARD, WAS CONTACTED THIS DATE AND HE ADVISED THAT HIS SON HAS OVERCOME HIS PSYCHIATRIC PROBLEMS AND IS NO LONGER ASSOCIATING WITH JOHN BIRCH MEMBERS. HIS SON IS PRESENTLY ATTENDING VALLEY STATE COLLEGE AS A LAW STUDENT AND IN ADDITION IS WORKING FULL TIME AT A STANDARD OIL
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STATION IN PANORAMA CITY, CALIFORNIA. MR. WILLARD STATED THAT HIS SON IS SO BUSY STUDYING AND WORKING THAT HE HAS NO TIME FOR OTHER ENDEAVORS.

JAMISON:

WILLIAM HOWARD JAMISON ON SEPTEMBER ONE NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE WAS FOUND GUILTY OF ARSON AFTER HE HAD THROWN TWO MOLOTOV COCKTAILS THROUGH WINDOW OF BOOKSTORE IN LOS ANGELS IN MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE. HE WAS SENTENCED TO SERVE NINE MONTHS IN JAIL AND DENIED PROBATION. THE RECORDS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT REVEAL THAT JAMISON MOVED TO FOUR SEVEN FIVE ONE WINDSOR STREET, SHAWNEE-MISSION, KANSAS AFTER HIS RELEASE. JAMISON IS DESCRIBED AS MALE, CAUCASIAN, BORN

[REDACTED] KANSAS OR MISSOURI, HIS WIFE BEING FRANCES STOKER JAMISON, WHO RESIDES WITH HIM IN KANSAS. HIS FATHER WAS LISTED AS HAROLD JAMISON, FIVE TWO THREE THREE NALL STREET, MISSION, KANSAS.

RE DYRELL DENNIS:

PHOTO'S OF DENNIS OBTAINED AND SHOWN. JOE PETERS, BARTENDER, SULTAN ROOM, FIVE FIVE THREE THREE AND ONE HALF HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LOS ANGELES IDENTIFIED PHOTO AS THAT OF FEMALE "LUSH" WHO FREQUENTED SULTAN ROOM DURING TIME RAY REGISTERED IN BUILDING AT ST FRANCIS HOTEL. STATED ONLY ASSOCIATION HE EVER OBSERVED BETWEEN RAY AND DENNIS WAS WHEN ONE DAY EXACT TIME NOT RECALLED RAY TALKED WITH DENNIS AT JUKE BOX IN SULTAN ROOM AND DENNIS APPEARED

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TO KEEP SHAKING HER HEAD IN A NEGATIVE MANNER. ADVISED HE HAS NEVER OBSERVED RAY AND DENNIS TO ASSOCIATE WITH EACH OTHER AND ADDED THAT HE TRIED TO KEEP DENNIS OUT OF BAR BECAUSE SHE HAD NO IDENTIFICATION. ALLEN THOMPSON, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, FIVE FIVE THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LOS ANGELES, ADVISED HE HAS NEVER SEEN DENNIS ASSOCIATED WITH RAY. JIM MORRISON, RABBITS FOOT CLUB, FIVE SIX TWO THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LOS ANGELES, ADVISED HE HAS SEEN DENNIS IN HIS CLUB BUT HE HAS NEVER OBSERVED HER WITH A MAN OR ANY PERSON THAT HE IS ABLE TO IDENTIFY OR RECALL. REVIEW OF STATE NARCOTIC BUREAU FILE ON DENNIS REFLECTS DENNIS TO BE AN ADDICT WHO DRINKS TO EXCESS AND RESORTS TO PROSTITUTION. DENNIS HAS FBI NUMBER THREE EIGHT SIX DASH TWO SEVEN ONE D. SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS A SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR IN BEVERLY HILLS FROM ONE SIXTEEN SIXTY EIGHT TO TWO THIRTEEN SIXTY EIGHT WHEN SHE LEFT UPON LEARNING ALL EMPLOYEES MUST BE FINGERPRINTED.

RE SCOTT NORDAL (LOOK ALIKE - NEW ORLEANS) :

MRS. HELEN VAN WAGNER, CLERK PARAMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL, PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA; AND MRS. VIDA CRUNK, CLERK, COMPTON CITY SCHOOLS, COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTY FIFTH LAST AND APRIL TWENTY SIXTH RESPECTIVELY, THAT A SEARCH OF SCHOOL RECORDS FAILED TO REVEAL ANY INDICATION NORDAL HAD ATTENDED EITHER PARAMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL OR COMPTON CITY SCHOOLS.

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LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS: IF NOT ALREADY DONE, CONSIDER INTERVIEW OF
CARMEN RUBIO FOR BACKGROUND OF RITA AND CHARLES STEIN.

KANSAS CITY: BUREAU HAS REQUESTED THAT EVEN THOUGH JAMES
EARL RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT, INVESTIGATION
SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF JAMISON MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS
A CONSPIRATOR. JAMISON, A FORMER JOHN BIRCH MEMBER ALLEGEDLY
SAID "I AM GOING TO GET MARTIN LUTHER KING, HE IS MINE."

MILWAUKEE SHOULD REINTERVIEW DENNIS NOTING BARTENDER INDICATES
DENNIS AT LEAST ON ONE OCCASION WAS OBSERVED TALKING TO RAY.

COPY FURNISHED SAN ANTONIO AND HOUSTON SINCE LOMAX IN
THEIR TERRITORY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN. DAILY SUMMARY.

CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, FORMER IO FUG. LOCATED AND
INTERVIEWED MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS, SPRINGFIELD,
MISSOURI. LEADS AND RESULTS OF PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION
SET FORTH.

THIRTYFOUR PAGES SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND-
PRINTING OBTAINED FROM MSP, FORWARDED FBI LABORATORY
FOR COMPARISONS WITH HARVEY LOWMYER SIGNATURE ON GUN INVOICE.
THESE PAGES CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED FOR ADDITIONAL LEADS,

DRIVERS OF BREAD TRUCK IN WHICH SUBJECT REPORTEDLY
ESCAPED MSP INTERVIEWED AND COPIES OF THESE THREE ZERO TWOS
BEING FURNISHED BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS BY AIRTEL.

LEO PARKER INCARCERATED MSP FOR KIDNAPING IN ST. LOUIS,
MISSOURI, SUMMER OF SIXTYSEVEN CLAIMS INNOCENCE, BELIEVES
SUBJECT COMMITTED THIS CRIME. ST. LOUIS ADVISED. ALL
LOCAL INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO BE HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY)

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE SL TEL APRIL TWENTY THIRD REQUESTING KC REVIEW AND FORWARD-
ING OF CAROL PEPPER LIQUOR LICENSE FILE, AND KC TEL SAME DATE THAT
FILE OBTAINED AND BEING FORWARDED.

LIQUOR LICENSE FILE NOT YET RECEIVED. EXPEDITE

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CECIL CLAYTON LILLIBRIDGE, AKA CARL (CONCEAL), CURRENTLY INCARCERATED COLE COUNTY, MISSOURI JAIL, FORMER INMATE MISSOURI STATE PEN, AND CELLMATE OF SUBJECT IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, ADVISED THIS DATE SUBJECT ALWAYS HAD ASPIRATIONS OF MAKING A BIG HAUL AND RETIRE TO MEXICO TO LIVE FRUGALLY ON BEANS AND BEER. SUBJECT IMPLIED HE HAD STAYED WITH PEASANTS IN MEXICO BEFORE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF A TOWN CALLED CAMPECHE (PHONETIC) LOCATED ON CAMPECHE BAY NEAR THE YUCATAN PENINSULA. LILLIBRIDGE ADVISED SUBJECT HAD RENTED A THREE ROOM SHACK THERE BEFORE FROM AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL. SUBJECT IMPLIED TO HIM HE HAD GONE TO MEXICO AT LEAST TWICE IN THE PAST TO COOL OFF FOLLOWING ROBBERIES. SUBJECT ALSO EARNED MONEY BY SMUGGLING IN SMALL APPLIANCES SUCH AS TV AND WASHING MACHINES IN FISHING BOATS, WHICH HE SOLD FOR A PROFIT TO PEASANTS WHO DID NOT WANT TO PAY

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IMPORT DUTIES. THESE APPLIANCES WERE SMUGGLED IN FROM BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS ABOARD A SMALL FISHING BOAT OWNED BY A MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA, OR MATEO GARCIA LOPEZ. THIS INDIVIDUAL FORMERLY LIVED IN THE UNITED STATES AND SPOKE ENGLISH. RAY COULD SPEAK VERY LITTLE SPANISH. RAY MENTIONED MEXICO CITY AND ACAPULCO BUT STATED TOO EXPENSIVE. HE CONTINUALLY EMPHASIZED ONE BIG SCORE, THEN MEXICO, LIVING FRUGALLY.

SOURCE BELIEVES SUBJECT WENT THERE IN THE LATE FIFTIES BY CAR, AND ANOTHER TIME WENT TO BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, THEN CONTINUED ON BY BOAT. SOURCE KNOWS OF NO SPECIFIC ROUTE FOR THE SUBJECT, ONLY THAT HE USED THIS LOCATION TO COOL OFF AFTER ARMED ROBBERIES. SUBJECT ALSO MENTIONED A TOWN IN NORTH CENTRAL MEXICO CALLED TORREON OR TORREJON, WHERE THERE WERE LOW PRICED PROSTITUTES IN THE RED LIGHT DISTRICT. SOURCE STATED SUBJECT WAS PREJUDICED AGAINST NEGROES. HE CAN REMEMBER HIM CALLING KING QUOTE MARTIN LUTHER COON UNQUOTE. HE KNOWS OF NO BOUNTY ON KING. HE STATED RAY WAS A HYPOCHONDRIAC, CONTINUALLY TOOK PILLS AND AMPHETAMINES. HE AGAIN STATED RAY WANTED TO AVOID AMERICAN COLONIES AND STAY OFF THE BEATEN PATH IN MEXICO.

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SAN ANTONIO AT BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, ATTEMPT LOCATE INFORMATION REGARDING SMALL FISHING BOATS TRAVELING TO CAMPECHE, ESPECIALLY ONE OWNED BY MATEO LOPEZ OR GARCIA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA JAMES ALLEN BENBROOK P

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Bufile 44-38861

Re Los Angeles teletype to Kansas City, 4/27/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
JAMES ALLEN BENBROOK on 4/27/68:

AT ROELAND PARK, KANSAS

Mrs. PEGGY STOKER, 4751 Windsor Street, related that her daughter is FRANCES STOKER JAMISON and her son-in-law is WILLIAM HOWARD JAMISON, neither of whom reside at instant address, and added that her daughter and son-in-law have been separated for approximately three years. Mrs. STOKER related her son-in-law, WILLIAM HOWARD JAMISON, resides in a house that has furnished apartments in the vicinity of 7th and Reynolds, Kansas City, Kansas, and that her daughter, FRANCES, resides at 453 Highland, Kansas City, Missouri (government low-cost housing), and that her office phone number is BA 1-3355.

Mrs. STOKER stated that it is her impression that her daughter would know the exact address of WILLIAM HOWARD JAMISON, and that her daughter could be contacted telephonically at the above number and that she should be contacted as "FRAN" JAMISON.

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AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Sally Lynn
1725 LINN
Will contact Mrs. FRANCES STOKER JAMISON at BA 1-3355, or residence of 453 Highland, to determine exact address of WILLIAM HOWARD JAMISON in Kansas City, Kansas, and thereafter interview JAMISON as set out in retel.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau and each interested office is one copy of an investigative insert concerning information obtained from the records at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

The information concerning J. R. KELLER was furnished the Phoenix Office by teletype. Other individuals mentioned in this insert have been brought to the attention of the offices in whose territory they reside.

No further information regarding the communication directed to the Social Security Administration, Kansas City, Missouri, on 3/3/58, is available in these files. The Social Security Office in this area is unable to make any such information available to the Kansas City Office.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-
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Enclosed for the Bureau, Chicago, Memphis, and St. Louis is one copy each of FD-302 reflecting interview with M. J. STEWART, Treasurer, Missouri State Penitentiary, Inmates' Bank, regarding JAMES EARL RAY's financial transactions at this institution.

Copies being furnished Chicago and St. Louis because brothers of subject reside in those areas.

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STATE OF MISSOURI
BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

December 20, 1966

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Board of Probation and Parole
Box 267
Jefferson City, Missouri

Re: RAY, James Earl
#00416-J

Gentlemen:

This 38 year old white male was seen for psychiatric evaluation on December 13, 1966. He was admitted here in March of 1960, to serve a twenty year sentence for armed robbery. This is his first admission to this institution. In 1952, he served a year and one half in an Illinois Penal Institution for robbery and in 1955, he served two and one half years in Leavenworth for transporting stolen goods across the state line.

He is presently charged with an escape attempt in March of 1966 and has recently been returned after an evaluation at the Fulton State Hospital. He has requested an independent psychiatric evaluation following their evaluation. This examiner only recently received this request from the Cole County Circuit Court signed by Judge Riley requesting such an evaluation. However, the inmate expressed his desire to have someone conduct an independent "psychiatric evaluation who was not connected with the administration." We informed him that we would communicate his wishes to the court and possibly someone else might be found.

Ray is an interesting and rather complicated individual. He reports that within the last year, he has had considerable difficulties from a physical point of view, involving a number of somatic complaints such as pain in the "solar plexes," tachycardia and "intracranial tension." When we commented that these were rather large words, he reported that he had been reading up in the medical literature. He then stated that he thought at times that he had cancer or heart trouble but that he no longer feels this way. On certain days, he has rather severe head pains but this is only intermittent. He is now on librium and works intermittently on a construction job.

Ray was born in Alton, Illinois, where his father worked for the railroad. Both parents are now deceased. He has two younger sisters. He reached

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the second year in high school, worked eighteen months at the International Shoe Company, entered the service in 1945 and remained there for three years. His highest rank was that of PFC. He has never been married although he has lived for brief periods of time with women. This man's basic problem revolves around what appears to be an increasingly severe obsessive compulsive trend. He states that at the age of ten, he awoke one night and thought he had lost his eye sight. He became quite fearful. These various fears confront him from time to time and in a typical obsessive compulsive way, he feels that he must do certain things in order to undo what he feels is going to occur and might result in harm to him. For instance, he describes a feeling of fear which can be alleviated if he takes his glass of water which he is drinking and sets it on the table and moving it back and forth several times. He also describes at length some rather marked obsessive compulsive features but is reluctant to go into them in detail. Indeed, he just started to discuss this with the people at Fulton prior to his being sent here. He appears worried and his brow is creased. It is evident that this man does have an underlying obsessive compulsive personality. He is of the opinion that his escape attempt was the result of undue anxiety and tension with the need to actually do something. He is fearful that this might lead into more serious difficulties.

At the present time, there is no evidence of delusions, hallucinations or paranoid ideas. There is evidence of a rather deep underlying obsessive compulsive personality trend which he has really never discussed at any length with anyone. This is not psychotic in nature but severely neurotic. Within the last year or so, there is evidence that he has become overly concerned about his physical health and some of his obsessive compulsive concerns have moved in this direction. We would not deny the fact that there may be some physical difficulties although he reports that this was the primary focus of his work-up at the state hospital as well as here and that very little has been found.

At the present time, it is doubtful that he is in a position to be considered for parole. His psychiatric condition must be evaluated by an independent psychiatrist and according to the court, he has the right to have this done. Where they will find this independent psychiatrist is somewhat difficult to determine in this area although they might order him to the University and have it done there. It is felt that he is in need of psychiatric help and that should any serious parole consideration be given, some type of psychiatric help should be considered, that is help, which he can receive on the outside during his parole period. He is becoming increasingly concerned about himself. We question whether or not he is beginning to be a bit depressed although he denies this. We hesitate to go into this to any greater degree at the present time until the court decides what action it will take in regards to assigning an independent psychiatrist for evaluation.

Sincerely yours,

Henry V. Guhleman, Jr., M. D.
Psychiatric Consultant

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4/29/68

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
RE: MURKIN
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Enclosed for Bureau and Memphis is one copy of a report by a psychiatric consultant to the Board of Probation and Parole, State of Missouri, dated December 20, 1966, regarding JAMES EARL RAY.

This information is being furnished because of the psychiatrist's comments regarding RAY's increasingly severe, obsessive, compulsive trend which may aid in evaluating RAY's activities.

The information contained in this letter is confidential and cannot be released without a court order.

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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

To: M. J. ELLIOTT, ASSOCIATE WARDEN-CUSTODY

Date: MAY 4, 1967

From: 
CAPTAIN DANTON STEELE

Subject: SUPPLEMENT TO ESCAPE INVESTIGATION REPORT OF MAY 3, 1967

Captain Leroy Casey and myself interviewed Guard Officer Alfred Burkhardt this date and obtained his account of the Renz Farm bread run on Sunday, April 23, 1967.

Officer Burkhardt stated that when he reached the Kitchen dock that morning he unloaded his empty bread box and went to the bread room in the main kitchen via the elevator. He checked the Renz Farm box and noted that his bread was loaded, accompanied the inmate who wheeled the box to the loading dock, and watched the box removed from the cart and loaded on the truck by the kitchen inmate and the inside truck driver inmate. Officer Burkhardt stated that he did not observe the inmates straining under any extra load. He then proceeded to the Sally Port and was present when Guard Officer Ezra Shelden examined the bread box. Officer Burkhardt noted at this time that the bread was still neatly stacked near the top of the box as it was when he left the bread room.

He then proceeded to the Renz Farm, stopping on the way at Mr. Carl Mill's residence to deliver Mr. Mill's bread which was in a separate box. Officer Burkhardt stated that he went to the rear of the truck and inmate Lloyd R. Reno #10970, who rode the cab of the truck with him, got in the back of the truck and handed him Mr. Mill's bread, which he delivered. He did not at this time notice anything amiss in the truck.

When he reached the Administration building he backed up to the Front Door, went to the rear of the truck and watched the Renz Farm kitchen inmates unload the bread. He stated that at this time one of the inmates commented that the bread was sure in a mess. He said that he never looked at the bread or gave it a thought as to why the bread would be messed up but that he did ask the inmate if he thought they would have to go after another load. The inmate assured him that they could use the bread and he dropped the matter.

Officer Burkhardt emphatically states that he never saw the bread after it reached the Renz Farm. Mr. Bernard Peschang never reported the condition of the bread to him, and that he had never heard of the condition of the bread from anyone else. He was asked why it didn't seem strange to him that, after seeing the bread neatly stacked in the Sally Port, it should be in a mess upon arriving at his destination. He said he just never thought anything about it any further than checking as to whether or not he would have to return for more bread.

Captain Leroy Casey, in the course of his investigation of Inmate James Earl Ray's escape, talked to Officer Burkhardt on the telephone Monday, April 24, 1967. Officer Burkhardt, at that time, told Captain Casey that he arrived at the Renz Farm with all the bread he had left the walls with. Later Captain Casey talked with Officer Burkhardt in person and was told by the officer that he actually had not seen the bread after it reached the farm but assumed it was all there because they didn't run out of bread and there were no complaints.

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Department of Corrections

To: M. J. ELLIOTT, ASSOCIATE WARDEN-CUSTOMS

Date: MAY 3, 1967

From: CAPTAIN DANTON STEELE

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Civilian cook Bernard Peschang and whoever else in an official capacity that was aware of the bread delivery are guilty of gross negligence and dereliction of duty and should be appropriately disciplined.

Refer to my report of April 24, 1967, subject inmate James Earl Ray. If inmate Ray did escape via the Renz Farm bread run, then there is a discrepancy in Guard Officer Johnnie Petree's statement that he let him out of the kitchen when the mainline turned out for recreation yard and never saw him again. Guard Officer Petree was on duty at the Kitchen Gate all this time.

SUGGESTION

Officer Alfred Burkhardt is on his regular day off this date and I was unable to contact him. I suggest that he be interviewed in the atmosphere of the Warden's office and acquainted with what we already know. Maybe he can clear this thing up. Someone seems to have been doing some covering up.

cc: Warden .
Mr. Kern
Capt. Steele
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From the desk of: William Helgeson
053174 R. Swenson - Warden
H.C. Jones - Prison - says he
must stay in hospital
Betty Powell, friend of Helgeson,
not in it, but known as
across it
Clean in hand delivery to
Rear Team
Beckhart - Prison
CPT
Mr. Porter
H.C. Jones - 04870
Betty Powell - 13174
H.C. Jones - 05516

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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

To: M. J. ELLIOTT, ASSOCIATE WARDEN-CUSTODY

Date: MAY 3, 1967

D. G. Steele
From: CAPTIAN DANTON STEELE

Subject: INVESTIGATION ESCAPE OF JAMES EARL RAY #00416

Working upon the premise that Inmate James Earl Ray #00416 made good his escape from the institution, Sunday, April 23, 1967, by concealing himself in the Renz Farm bread box and riding out the Sally Port on the Renz Farm truck, I have interviewed all concerned with the Renz Farm bread run and have formed the opinion that Inmate Ray did effect his escape via the Renz Farm bread run and the means of his escape has remained a mystery for ten days because of gross dereliction of duty involving three and possible five prison personnel.

The Renz Farm truck, driven by Guard Officer Alfred Burkhardt came through the Sally Port at approximately 8:00 A.M. to pick up the Renz Farm bread, made the pick up and came back through the Sally Port at approximately 8:16 A.M. When the truck arrived at Renz Farm and was unloaded it was discovered by Mr. Bernard Paschang, civilian cook, that the bread was torn and crushed to the extent that only a few loaves were usable and the rest had to be fed to the chickens. To my knowledge, up until the time of this report, there has been no notification from any Renz Farm source of the condition of the bread delivery of that date to any officer or official of the penitentiary. Mr. Paschang did state to me that after he heard of Inmate Ray's disappearance he did make the remark that "Ray probably came out in the bread box". When asked why he did not report this to someone, Mr. Paschang said he did report it to Officer Burkhardt and to someone in the office. (He could not remember who.) He also said he told Mr. Jim Stone, Civilian Cook, when he came to work the next day.

Mr. Jim Stone, civilian cook at Renz Farm, said he saw the bread the next day and it looked like it "had been shoveled into the box". He said it was not fit for use and was fed to the chickens.

Sergeant John Setser was the officer in charge of Renz Farm, Sunday, April 23, 1967, and he stated that he could not recall Mr. Paschang notifying him of the condition of the bread upon arrival at Renz Farm. (This seems a rather weak statement.)

Guard Officer Ezra Shelden states that he definitely remember checking the Renz Farm bread box and although he did not handle the bread it was neatly stacked almost to the top of the box. (The box holds 60 loaves, Renz Farm ordered 40 loaves, the box should have been two-third full.)

CONCLUSIONS:

Inmate Ray evidently made good his escape via the Renz Farm bread truck. He must have used a false bottom for the bread to be stacked as neatly as Officer Shelden said it was. No one at Renz Farm admits seeing the false bottom. Why should the inmate dispose of the false bottom when the bread was mangled beyond use?

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
RE: MURKIN
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Enclosed herewith are three Interoffice Communications, Department of Corrections, State of Missouri, regarding investigation of the escape of JAMES EARL RAY.

This information is being furnished to Bureau and office of origin for whatever value it might be in assisting in the investigation of this matter.

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR
TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS
IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD
IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE
FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE
IO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE
FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE
SIXTY-SEVEN.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING
RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND
MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-360)1

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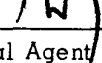
DAILY SUMMARY.

FELLOW INMATE, J. R. KELLER, LEAVENWORTH PENITENTIARY, REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH SUBJECT AT THAT TIME. HE AND PENITENTIARY RECORDS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE FEDERAL PRISON CAMP, FLORENCE, ARIZ. PHOENIX ADVISED.

SUSPECT GERLT REPORTEDLY MOVED FROM NORTH KANSAS CITY TO EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA. NO PAYMENTS MADE ON HIS SIXTY SEVEN CADILLAC SINCE FEB. SIXTY EIGHT. SAN DIEGO ADVISED. INFORMATION FURNISHED HOUSTON THAT WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS, POTENTIAL CONSPIRATOR, WAS RETURNED TO BEAUMONT, TEXAS IN FEB. SIXTY FIVE.

COPIES OF PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION REVEALING OBSESSIVE, COMPULSIVE PERSONALITY ON PART OF SUBJECT, FURNISHED BUREAU AND OFFICE OR ORIGIN. THIS REPORT DATED DEC. TWENTY, SIXTY SIX, WAS MADE FOR THE BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE, STATE OF MO.

RBH:jlh

(1) Approved: 
Special Agent in ChargeSent WA 447P me 450P MPer 
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PRESENT OBTAINED. THESE FORWARDED BUREAU AND INTERESTED
OFFICES. THESE RECORDS SHOW PAYMENTS TO BROTHER, JERRY RAY.
ALL LOCAL INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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

4/26/68

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) P
RE: MURKIN

Re Little Rock teletype, 4/22/68.

RUSSELL LEE MARTIN advised on 4/24/68 that he has a step-brother by the name of OWEN FOX who resides in St. Louis, Missouri, and who he has contacted via telephone on several occasions.

St. Louis and Kansas City should note that the telephone number furnished in referenced teletype to locate and interview OWEN FOX is a St. Louis number and St. Louis should note that OWEN FOX is a step-brother of MARTIN.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

SUBJECT: MURKING

Re St. Louis tel to Director et al, dated 4/23/68.

Enclosed is one folder of xerox copy of all papers relating to licensing by the State of Missouri for JACK's PLACE owned by CAROL PEPPER, 1982 Arsenal, St. Louis, Missouri. It is self-explanatory.

On 4/24/68, Mr. JESSE, C. HATHCOCK, Assistant Supervisor, Missouri Liquor Control Department, State Office Building, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised that places operated "under subterfuge", or one person operating and another obtaining licenses, are subject to having their licenses revoked in investigation by his department indicates the facts so justify.

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