

SF 173-65  
WH:ay

Mr. NICHOLS advised that he was born [redacted], Aberdeen, Washington. He has been in California most of the time since 1945. He attended high school at Golden Gate Academy, which was at that time in Berkeley, California, but which moved to some hill area near Oakland. He is not sure it is still in operation. He graduated in 1947.

During the school year 1950-51 he attended La Sierra College in Riverside, California.

From 1951 to 1953 he was in the U.S. Marine Corps under MSN 1206458. Since 1953, he has worked as a salesman, principally in California, but actually traveling in numerous states.

He is married and his wife lives in Southern California. He said he is reluctant to furnish her specific address because he feels that reprisals against his wife and child are very possible because of his political activities in behalf of AIP should her address become generally known.

He said that he established a business in Sacramento, California in July, 1967, known as Certified Wire Service. This business is still in operation but he intends to dissolve it as it is losing money.

He came to San Leandro in December, 1967, and established his present business known as Diamond Fence Co., 14494 Wickes Blvd., San Leandro.

He is active in experimenting with gold dredging combined with skin diving, and spends some weekends in the Sierra stream areas searching for gold, or conducting experiments along those lines.

He also had interest in speculative investment in businesses in the Oroville area, which are in a depressed state due to departure of the workmen engaged in building the now completed Oroville Dam. He believed such property could be purchased cheaply and held until business picks up, insuring an excellent profit. He has abandoned this idea, at least temporarily.

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He said that he has no photo of himself at the present time due to theft of his billfold, with the exception of the photo on his driver's license, California #B 295 330.

He said he has been arrested, but not since he was in the US Marine Corps.

He is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of birth	Aberdeen, Washington
Height	5' 3"
Weight	220
Hair	reddish blond
Eyes	Grey-green
Build	Obese
Complexion	Light
Teeth	even & smoke stained

Mr. NICHOLS volunteered that should further information or clarification be desired, he would be pleased to attempt to furnish such information.

SF 173-65

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LEADS:

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AT JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE: Verify death of JEANNETTE CRITTENDEN about February, 1968, and conduct investigation to establish presence of NICHOLS in that city from about February 28, 1968 to March 3, 1968.

LOS ANGELES

AT ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA: Locate RUSSELL TOWNSEND through telephone number 714 774 2969, a business associate of NICHOLS to verify telephone call he received from NICHOLS 3/29/68.

AT FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA: Locate JIM TOWNSEND, brother of RUSSELL TOWNSEND, to verify telephone call he received from NICHOLS 3/29/68.

MOBILE

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA: 1) Will check registration of Holiday Motel, Midtown, to verify presence of NICHOLS in that city 2/27/68. (He drives 1967 Cadillac convertible, white canvas over light blue, California license UPD 482).

2) Will verify that NICHOLS and his wife stayed at Town House Motel night of 3/3/68.

SACRAMENTO

AT OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA: Will locate AL STANLEY through M&K Hancock Service Station to verify that STANLEY placed collect person to person call to NICHOLS in San Leandro on 3/29/68, and talked to him.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA: Will interview realtor CYRIL STEVENSON, Jr., telephone number 524-2392, to verify he took a trip with NICHOLS to Oroville on 3/29/68.

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WH: cmg

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: At Oakland Airport, ascertain if NICHOLS made trip to Orange County Airport on 3/30/68.

AT SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA: Verify gas charges of NICHOLS at Douglas Station, Marina Boulevard, on 4/4/68, and any record of charges on 3/29,30/68.

Routing Slip  
0-7 (Rev. 3-31-67)

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Date May 3, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

☐ For retention ☐ optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ This is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all \_\_\_\_\_, ☐ paraphrase contents.  
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of another photograph taken of James Earl Ray, aka Eric S. Galt in Fall of 1967.

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5/4/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
(ATT: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Relet from ERIC S. GALT, dated 9/26/67, to Modern Photo Bookstore.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, attention Latent Fingerprint Section, are the following:

1. Letter dated 4/29/68 to ERIC S. GALT from Modern Photo Bookstore.
2. Coupon, undated, from ERIC S. GALT, to Modern Photo Bookstore.
3. Letter dated 9/26/67 from ERIC S. GALT.

For information of receiving offices, the Knoxville Office advised NY by teletype, 5/3/68, as follows:

- 4 - Bureau (Encs. 3) RM  
(1- Latent Fingerprint Section)
- 1 - Birmingham
- 1 - Memphis
- ① - Knoxville
- 1 - New York

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5/7/68  
1 Xerox copy made  
*[Signature]*

44-696-258

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NY 44-1609

"Mr. ROBERT SIMS, Assistant Postal Inspector in Charge, Chattanooga, Tenn. this date advised SA M. JAY HAWIINS that he has been informed by a postal inspector in Birmingham, Alabama that a letter is in possession of the postal inspectors there addressed to ERIC S. GAULT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, bearing a return address of Modern Photo Book Store, 166 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10010. It bears a metered postmark of 4/30/68. Mr. SIMS telephonically contacted Mr. ROBERT HICKEY, Postal Inspector in Charge, New York, and informed him that he was instructing the postal inspector in Birmingham to forward this letter registered airmail to the attention of Mr. HICKEY and that Mr. HICKEY would hold the letter in the event agents wish to examine it before it was returned to the sender. Mr. SIMS advised that since the letter was first class it could not be opened. Mr. SIMS advised that the above information was being furnished on a highly confidential basis inasmuch as he has no authority to disclose this type of information to the FBI, and that any investigation which may be made as a result of this information must be conducted in such a manner that it cannot be attributed to its source. This information is being furnished for any investigation deemed advisable by New York."

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN F. SHANLEY on 5/4/68 at New York:

The address 166 5th Avenue, NYC, is a mail operation for Modern Photo Bookstore, which company is actually located at 915 Broadway, NYC. Mr. SEYMOUR USLAN, President, advised that American Photo Bookstore is a division of American Photographic Book Publishing Company, Inc. (Amphoto), which is also located at the same address. The company specializes in supplying photography books.



NY 44-1609

Mrs. RUTH KOENIG, Manager, Order Department, Amphoto, searched her files and located a coupon clipped from Modern Photography Magazine, which coupon requested that book number 633 be sent to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. The coupon indicates that a money order in the amount of \$8.95 was enclosed. Mrs. KOENIG stated that this coupon was presumably clipped from the September, 1967 issue of Modern Photography.

Book number 633 distributed by Modern Photo Bookstore, is titled, "Focal Encyclopedia of Photography". The book jacket for this book describes it as a one-volume photographic library. It consists of 2,000 entries written by 197 experts from 23 countries and covers every aspect of photography: photographic science, industrial photography, cinematography, portraiture, equipment, history, and current activities of workers in foreign countries.

Mrs. KOENIG located a letter, which is set forth in full as follows:

"9-26-67

"Dear Sir:

"I recently order a Book from your store titled FOCAL ENCYCLOPEDIA-No. 633 for \$8.95.

"If you have not allready mailed the book (PLEASE DO NOT MAIL IT) I am moving and will shortly send you my correct address Thanks

"Eric S. Galt  
"2608 Highland Ave  
"Birmingham Alabama"

NY 44-1609

Mrs. KOENIG stated that during a routine review of the company's files, it came upon the coupon and accompanying letter of ERIC S. GALT. The company did not believe that it had shipped the requested book to GALT prior to receiving his letter. As a follow-up the company wrote to GALT by letter dated 4/29/68, asking him what action he wished the company to take regarding the \$8.95. The letter is set forth in full as follows:

"April 29, 1968

"Mr. Eric S. Galt  
"2608 Highland Avenue  
"Birmingham, Alabama

"Dear Mr. Galt:

"In going through our records we note a request of yours stating your intention to move from the above address, and to please withhold sending the book you ordered (Focal Encyclopedia \$8.95) until further notice.

"Please advise us when you receive this letter as to what course of action you wish us to take so that we may clear our records. (Or have you already received the book?)

"Sincerely,

"MODERN PHOTO BOOKSTORE

"Ruth Koenig  
"Order Department"

NY 44-1609

The American Photo Bookstore has received no further communications from ERIC S. GALT since his letter of 9/26/67.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine enclosures #2 and #3 above, to determine if fingerprints of subject, JAMES EARL RAY aka Eric Starvo Galt appear thereon.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-696)

FROM : SA RICHARD A. LORAH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/7/68

On 5/2/68, Captain E. K. BURROUGHS, Detective Division, Bristol, Tenn. PD, advised that all latent fingerprints obtained by his department are forwarded to the Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI for identification purposes at the time they are obtained. He stated that those which are not identifiable are destroyed, but that the identifiable ones are already in possession of the FBI.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC Knoxville, Tennessee

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. COLE, JR.

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: KX 278-C

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Dates of Contact		
4/29/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
<del>MURKIN</del> KX 44-696		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	Informant advised that he could furnish no information concerning this matter. He stated that he has not heard of any anticipated trouble in the Chattanooga area <del>XXXXXX</del> from the Negro element, but would continue to be on the alert for any signs of trouble.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating VG	Coverage See previous
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5/6/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268) (P)  
MURKIN  
RE: SUSPECT FRANK G. NILES

44-696-734

Re Knoxville teletype to Bureau 5/2/68 and Cleveland teletype to Bureau 5/3/68.

The following investigation was conducted at Williamsburg, Va., by SA H. CURTISS BURRELL:

On 5/3/68 Mrs. WYOLENE POINTER, Superintendent, Office, Eastern State Hospital, Williamsburg, Va., furnished their file on FRANK HENRY NILES, patient # 43520. A review of this file revealed the following information:

NILES was committed at Eastern State Hospital on 1/17/68 under a regular commitment by Special Justice DANIEL GRINNAN, City of Richmond, Richmond, Va.

He was diagnosed as being a psychoneurotic reactive - depressive reactive.

He was allowed one pass, which was issued for the period of 4/24-26/68, when he listed his destination as being 6150 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Va. He has missed no scheduled roll calls at Eastern State Hospital.

Very little background information has been acquired by Eastern State Hospital. On several occasions they have sent personal background questionnaires to Mrs. CECILIA HOPE LEWIS at 5099 Tinelawn Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee. They have received no replies from Mrs. LEWIS.

3-Bureau  
1-Cleveland (44-565) (info)  
②-Knoxville (44-696) (info)  
1-Memphis (44-1987) (info)  
1-Norfolk DGF:sdh (7)

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Handwritten signature and initials, including "H. Burrell" and "J. A.", along with the word "ABOVE" and "C.C.O.".

NF 44-268

Their files revealed that NILES was confined at the St. Joseph Hospital, 205 West 29th St., Lorain, Ohio, from 6/28/67 to 8/11/67.

NILES is described as a white male, born [redacted], 131 pounds, 5'9" tall, blue eyes, gray hair, with mustache.

The admitting doctor was W. H. BATTE.

His attending physician is Dr. MARTIN PALMAZ.

Interview of Dr. PALMAZ revealed that NILES is an alcoholic currently assigned to the Alcoholic Vocational Rehabilitation Section of the Eastern State Hospital. It is noted that this area is not secured at all times. Dr. PALMAZ advised that NILES is a definite racist but has had no violence exhibited toward any of his fellow Negro inmates. Dr. PALMAZ described his feelings as being merely a general prejudice. He is described as being very polite but in definite need of a great deal of activity to keep his mind occupied. Dr. PALMAZ advised that he has a very deep-seated hostility toward life in general and that things need to go his way at all times. Dr. PALMAZ considers him to have definite suicidal tendencies. Dr. PALMAZ advised he has never heard NILES make any comments regarding any of the racial or Nazi leaders in the United States.

Dr. PALMAZ noted that NILES wrote a letter to the Social Security Administration recently in regard to his Social Security account, number [redacted], which he felt was delinquent.

It was noted that since March 30, 1968, NILES has been allowed to work at the Howard Johnson's Restaurant, off the Eastern State Hospital's grounds, in Williamsburg, Va. Since that time and to date, he has worked five and six days a week, 40 hours per week, and is paid \$58.

On 5/3/68 JAMES HAMILTON, Manager, Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Williamsburg, Va., was interviewed and advised that NILES was employed at his restaurant from 3/30/68 to the present time. He noted that he was at all times on duty during the period 4/3-6/68. His days off during the instant period were April 2 and 9, 1968. HAMILTON advised that NILES is very well liked and gets along well with all the Negro help.

NF 44-268

It was noted that NILES returned to the Eastern State Hospital after his work days during the instant period and at all times during his period of employment at the Howard Johnson's Restaurant. He has missed no roll calls at Eastern State Hospital.

No further investigation being conducted concerning NILES at Norfolk.

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1043AM URGENT 5-9-68 DRA

TO: DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND KNOXVILLE

FROM: CHARLOTTE 44-1365 2P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TELETYPE MAY EIGHT, LAST, RE EASTERN AIRLINES  
(EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL FIVE THROUGH TWELVE, LAST.

FOR INFO OF KNOXVILLE, REFERENCED TELETYPE ADVISED,  
"RESERVATION MADE AT EAL ATLANTA VIA EAL CHARLOTTE ON APRIL  
FIVE, LAST, FOR TRAVEL OF J. G. (OR T. O.) GALT FROM ATLANTA TO  
RICHMOND ON EITHER EAL FLIGHT SIX ONE SIX T OR UNITED FLIGHT  
SIX FOUR ZERO A ON APRIL TEN, LAST. NO TICKET LOCATED. CHARLOTTE  
CONTACT TELEPHONE GIVEN AS TWO SIX FIVE DASH EIGHT TWO ONE ONE.  
RESERVATION ORIGINALLY MADE THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY SIX ONE FIVE  
BY EMPLOYEE PAT. CHARLOTTE CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION,  
AT ABOVE TELEPHONE TO ELIMINATE."

TODAY, LONG DISTANCE OPERATOR, CHARLOTTE, ADVISED TELEPHONE  
TWO SIX FIVE DASH EIGHT TWO ONE ONE IS NOT A N.C. NUMBER.  
MAX PETTY, EAL, CHARLOTTE, ADVISED RECORDS SHOW THE TRAVEL AGENCY  
REFERRED TO IS LOCATED AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN., AT TELEPHONE  
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PAGE TWO

TWO SIX FIVE DASH EIGHT TWO ONE ONE.

KNOXVILLE AT CHATTANOOGA CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION  
REQUESTED OF CHARLOTTE.

MEMPHIS AND MIAMI ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

SUBJECT RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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 Date 5/3/68

**RE: JAMES EARL RAY, also known as - FUGITIVE**  
**Identification Order 4182; Wanted Flyer 442A**  
**CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; INTERSTATE**  
**FLIGHT - ROBBERY**

☐ For information    ☐ Retention optional    ☐ For appropriate action    ☐ Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.  
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_.

**Remarks:**

Enclosed are five smooth finished copies of the photograph of James Earl Ray. The Memphis Division is the office of origin in this investigation. Memphis Office file number is 44-1987.

*Entered in 1A 5-9-68 kw*

*44-696-263*

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*Flaming JH*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC KX (137-2891)

DATE: 5-8-68

FROM : SA JOHN C. QUIRIN

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: KX 295-C

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Dates of Contact <del>5-2-68</del> 5-2-68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 44-696		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NEGATIVE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>POSITIVE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>STATISTIC</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating excellent	Coverage same
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*Flannery JH*  
44-696-264

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC KX (137-2931)

DATE: 5-8-68

FROM : SA JOHN C. QUIRIN

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: ROY KENNETH LUSTER, aka

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating very good	Coverage same
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC KX (137-2930)

DATE: 5-8-68

FROM : SA JOHN C. QUIRIN

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: LONNIE FRANK GILLIAM

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>very good</b>	Coverage <b>same</b>
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*Flannery JA*  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA ROBERT B. STROM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/29/68, ROY E. STEVENS, 1121 Dutch Valley Road, Knoxville, Tennessee, appeared at the Knoxville Office advising that he felt he had information of value on the captioned matter. He stated that ROBERT GROVER DUKE had escaped from Tennessee State Penitentiary, Ft. Pillow, Tennessee, on 4/7/67, and has not been located to date. He pointed out that DUKE had been convicted in Anderson County, Tennessee, with killing three people in 1954, one of whom was JOHN P. STEVENS, Clinton, Tennessee, brother of complainant. He said that, at time of escape, DUKE had apparently gone down the Mississippi River by boat in order to effect his escape.

He pointed out that subject RAY of captioned matter escaped approximately the same time as did DUKE and for this reason he felt there was a connection between DUKE and RAY. He felt further that possibly KING's murderer had escaped from Memphis, Tennessee, also located on the Mississippi River in the same matter DUKE had escaped from Ft. Pillow. STEVENS was questioned as to any specific information he had which would associate DUKE and RAY and advised that he had none. It was pointed out to him that RAY had been in a Missouri State Penitentiary at the same time DUKE was in a Tennessee State Penitentiary and that, prior to escape, there could not have been any association. Complainant is an elderly man, appears to be senile, and as information furnished has no basis for fact, no further action is contemplated, however, the above is being made a matter of record.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, KX (44-~~2~~696)

DATE: 5-8-68

FROM : SA JOHN C. QUIRIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo SA FLEMING, 4-30-68--serial 220.

AT KINGSFORT, TENN:

On 5-1-68 CHESTER COLEMAN, Chief Radio Dispatcher, Tenn. Highway Patrol, advised SA JOHN C. QUIRIN that a review of the records covering all automobiles recovered in the Kingsport Division of that organization since ~~3-23~~ 3-23-68 revealed no vehicles which had been stolen in the state of Georgia and subsequently recovered in Tennessee.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA PATRICK J. LENNON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/9/68

Reference Memphis teletype to Knoxville and Atlanta 5/1/68.

On 5/2/68 LARRY DAUGHERTY, THP, Madisonville, Tenn., advised he recalls instituting THP message #793 KGJ 637 on 4/24/68 requesting registration and stolen status on 1968 Georgia license 15J4423 and 1960 Ford Thunderbird, VIN H6YA117024.

DAUGHERTY stated above vehicle involved in hit and run in Monroe County, Tenn., on 4/24/68, that vehicle was driven by a soldier and that the situation would not have any possible connection with captioned matter.

DAUGHERTY further advised he instituted message #6777 on 4/6/68 concerning 1967 Georgia dealer's license 12676 and Ga. license 69A230. He stated the dealer's license had been found on the seat of a 1960 Mercury automobile, VIN 0232P544965, and that this car bore above 1967 Georgia license. He explained the car had become disabled in Sweetwater, Tenn., and that the owner left the car there. The vehicle was then pulled into Woods Mercury Garage in Sweetwater and the owner has since recovered his car.

The following investigation was conducted on 5/2/68 by SA JACK K. MURPHREE re THP message #395K1E946.

Bradley County Chief Deputy Sheriff WILLIAM SMALLING advised he was unable to locate any reference to a 1962 Ford, VIN 2763W135562, bearing Georgia tag 17J5301.

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PJL:cc



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*William Smalling*

KX 44-696

GENE TREWITT, Gene's Repair Service, Spring Place Road, advised this vehicle had been pulled in from Hagler's Grocery on Highway 64 east of Cleveland on 4/9/68. TREWITT indicated that a vehicle had been abandoned and was blocking a driveway.

This car was subsequently recovered by Cherokee Motors, Blue Ridge, Ga. TREWITT advised he did not have any record of the date on which the car was released to Cherokee Motors.

A new 26 case has been opened concerning above 1962 Ford and is assigned to SA JACK K. MURPHREE.

5/8/68

Airtel

To: SAC's New York (44-1609)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re New York airtel of 5/4/68, submitting an undated coupon of the Modern Photo Bookstore and a letter dated 9/26/67 from Eric S. Galt, for examination.

One latent print of value was developed on the coupon, which bears the name and address "Eric S. Galt, 2606 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama." This latent print is identical with the left thumb print of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. No latent impressions developed on the letter.

Result of laboratory examination and disposition of submitted items furnished separately.

Confirming.

1 - Birmingham (44-1740)

1 - Knoxville

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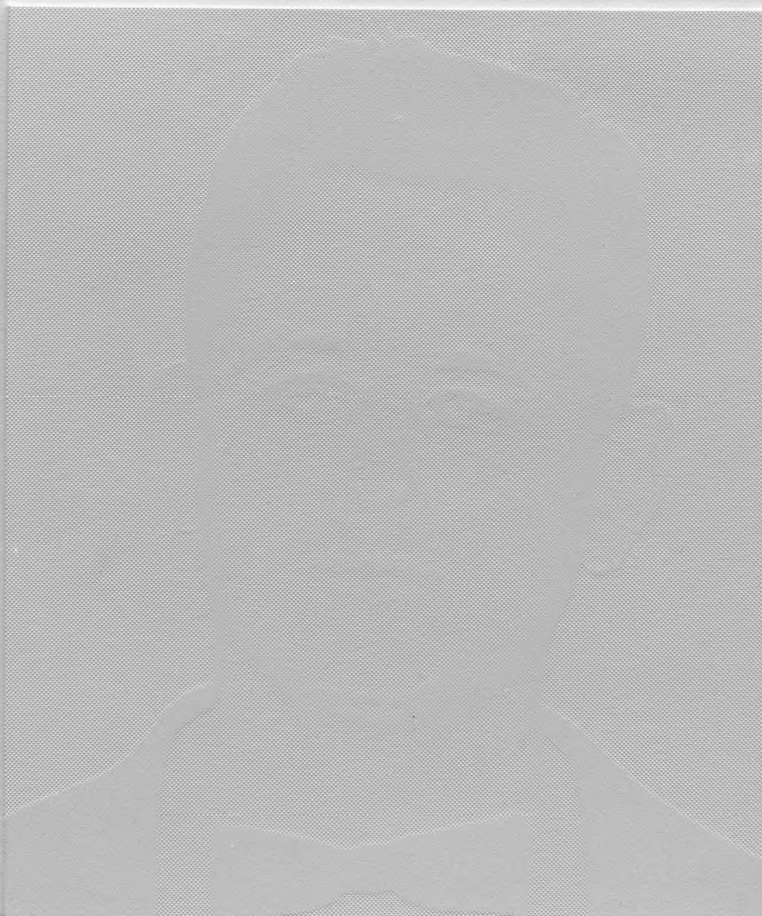
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Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

617 Walnut Street, S. W.  
Knoxville, Tennessee, 37902  
May 9, 1968

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a mat of a photograph and related article giving background information pertaining to JAMES EARL RAY, sought by the FBI in connection with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I am sending this to you in the hope that you may be able to use this mat in the publication of your paper. Inasmuch as Ray's whereabouts remain unknown, I am anxious for all citizens to be on the lookout for his appearance and for them to be aware of our interest in locating and apprehending him.

Your assistance in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*W. F. Estill*  
W. F. ESTILL  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure

1 copy of this letter and each attached article  
sent to all Newspaper outlets 5-9-68.

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Date: May 7, 1968

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To: All SACs and LEGATs  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

The Bureau has designated Memphis as office of origin in this case.

You were previously advised that leads in this Top Ten Fugitive case must be handled within 24 hours. The Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Springfield Offices are to prepare the results of their investigation to date in report form, not as an insert. At such time as the amount of investigation in these field offices does not appear to warrant individual reports, advise the Bureau and office of origin that inserts being prepared in future in lieu of reports, UACB.

All other offices will record the results in appropriate form and transmit 15 copies of each to the office of origin for inclusion in reports submitted by the Memphis Office. Should investigation increase in any such area warranting submission of individual report, do so and advise the Bureau and Memphis.

LEGATs are to submit results of investigation which can be disseminated in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination. Any administrative data which cannot be disseminated is to be set forth in the administrative section of your transmittal communication. Look-alikes and other leads resolved and reported by cablegram or other communication need not be rereported as copies of these communications are being forwarded office of origin by the Bureau for administrative handling of the case.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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*Hammy JA*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

617 Walnut Street, S. W.

Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

May 17, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed are two photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. Although these photographs have been disseminated to the wire services from our headquarters in Washington, D. C., they have not been distributed to local news media in this area.

As you know, JAMES EARL RAY is being sought by the FBI in connection with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. I feel that the wire distribution of these photographs might be of great assistance to the FBI in connection with this investigation.

Your continued cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*W. F. Estill*

W. F. ESTILL  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure

*2 Photos of Ray sent to all news media, KK  
to inv. - 5/17/68.  
re Butler 5/17/68*

*44-69-111*



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 5-9-68

FROM : SA JOSEPH L. FLEMING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 9:30 PM, 5-7-68, SA HOWARD A. McKAMEY telephonically advised he had received information from Knoxville Patrolman IKE ROGERS that he had some pertinent information concerning the location of JAMES EARL RAY.

ROGERS told McKAMEY that some of the junior patrolmen (a juvenile public relations program with the Knoxville PD) had told him that they saw an individual who resembled the subject at the Inn - Towner Motel, 211 Jessamine St., NE.

The writer immediately proceeded to the motel and presented photographs of the subject to CLARENCE S. PAINE, Manager and Mr. ED DOUGLAS, Assistant Manager, both individuals advised they had not had any tenants who resembled any photographs of the subject.

Shortly thereafter IKE ROGERS appeared with three junior patrolmen who advised the individual they referred to resided in room 105. Mr. ROGERS advised this room was occupied by Mr. ~~GLENN COWDEN~~, brother of HERSCHEL COWDEN, owner and operator of Nichols Printing Company, 513 S. Central. Mr. PAINE said GLENN COWDEN is employed by the Nichols Printing Company, has been a guest of the motel for several months and does not resemble the photographs of the subject.

On the morning of 5-8-68, the writer personally observed Mr. GLENN COWDEN at the Inn - Towner Motel. COWDEN did not resemble the photographs of subject RAY.

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COWDEN  
go  
[Signature]



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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FBI ATLANTA

7:55PM

FBI WASH DC

708PM URGENT 5/7/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN  
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WERE RELEASED TODAY TO NEWS MEDIA IN WASHINGTON. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN IN MEXICO)." THIS IS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN DARK GLASSES AND SPORT SHIRT. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT IN CALIFORNIA)." THIS IS HEAD SHOT OF RAY IN BUSINESS SUIT WHICH SHOWS MARKED CLEFT IN CHIN. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE COPIES OF THESE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS LOCALLY AND YOU SHOULD INSURE THEY RECEIVE WIDE-SPREAD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ALL MEDIA CONTACTS. FIVE COPIES OF EACH OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ALL OFFICES. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO ADVISED.

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RXP

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*Fleming advised 10<sup>30</sup>pm  
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TO DIRECTOR (44-3886)  
✓ MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
✓ ATLANTA  
✓ CHARLOTTE

FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO KNOXVILLE AND BUREAU THIS DATE  
WHICH REFERENCED MIAMI TEL MAY EIGHT LAST RE EASTERN AIRLINE  
FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA, GA., APRIL FIVE THROUGH TWELVE INSTANT,  
AND KNOXVILLE AIRTEL TO CHARLOTTE APRIL SEVENTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT,  
CC MEMPHIS AND RICHMOND RE JAMES COLQUHOUN GALT, NO CC BUREAU.

JAMES COLQUHOUN GALT, WHITE MALE, DOB   
, POB CAMDEN, N. J., SIX FT. THREE, ONE NINE ZERO  
POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS  
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., APRIL FIFTEEN LAST. ADVISED HAS BEEN  
EMPLOYED DUPONT COMPANY, RICHMOND, VA., PAST TEN YEARS AND  
RECENTLY TRANSFERRED TO DUPONT COMPANY, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.  
GALT FURNISHED INFORMATION RE HIS RELATIVES RALEIGH, N. C.  
AND CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., WHICH WAS SET FORTH REFERENCED  
KNOXVILLE AIRTEL. AT TIME OF INTERVIEW, GALT HAD JUST

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2 - Richmond (AM) (Info)

Knoxville airtel to Charlotte 44-696-95  
FD-302 JAMES COLQUHOUN GALT 44-696-177GCW/pjw  
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Special Agent in Charge

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RETURNED FROM RICHMOND, VA. FROM WEEKEND VISIT RE MOVING  
HOUSEHOLD GOODS. DUPONT COMPANY RECORDS REFLECT GALT EMPLOYED  
FULL DAY APRIL FOUR LAST AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

TENN. VALLEY TRAVEL AGENCY, SEVEN ZERO NINE CHERRY ST.,  
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., TELEPHONE SIX ONE FIVE - TWO SIX FIVE -  
EIGHT TWO ONE ONE, HANDLES AIRLINE RESERVATIONS FOR DUPONT  
COMPANY, CHATTANOOGA AND LEAVES TRAVEL AGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER  
AS CONTACT POINT FOR THE AIRLINES.

MAY NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, MRS. PATRICIA HEFREN, AKA PAT,  
TRAVEL CONSULTANT THIS COMPANY, REVIEWED RECORDS AND ADVISED  
RESERVATIONS WERE REQUESTED APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT BY  
WILLIAM D. TUGWELL, TRAFFIC MANAGER, DUPONT COMPANY,  
CHATTANOOGA, FOR DUPONT EMPLOYEE JAMES C. GALT. RESERVATIONS  
MADE WITH EASTERN AIRLINES THIS DATE FOR TRAVEL FOR JAMES C.  
GALT LEAVING CHATTANOOGA FIVE FIFTEEN P.M., APRIL TEN LAST  
EAL FLIGHT SIX HUNDRED ARRIVING ATLANTA FIVE FIFTY P.M.  
ATTEMPT TO SECURE RESERVATION EAL FLIGHT SIX ONE SIX  
LEAVING ATLANTA FOR RICHMOND NEGATIVE AS FLIGHT FILLED.  
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Special Agent in Charge

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FLIGHT SCHEDULED FOR GALT UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT SIX NINE SIX LEAVING ATLANTA SIX THIRTYFIVE P.M., ARRIVING RICHMOND, VA., NINE ZERO FIVE P.M., APRIL TEN, SIXTYEIGHT, TICKET NUMBER TWO EIGHT THREE ZERO EIGHT TWO NINE FIVE TWO. TICKET PICKED UP AT TRAVEL AGENCY BY DUPONT COMPANY DRIVER AND CHARGED TO DUPONT COMPANY, CHATTANOOGA, TENN. ONE WAY TICKET. RESERVATIONS MADE WITH EAL OPERATOR VIRGINIA HAYES, EXECUTIVE ACCOUNTS, ATLANTA, GA.

MAY NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, WILLIAM D. TUGWELL, TRAFFIC MANAGER, DUPONT COMPANY, CHATTANOOGA, VERIFIED THIS RESERVATION FOR JAMES C. GALT AND FACT TICKET USED BY GALT APRIL TEN LAST. THIS ONLY EMPLOYEE DUPONT COMPANY LAST NAME GALT.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED RE THIS RESERVATION AND TRAVEL BY GALT APRIL TEN, LAST.

CC MAILED RICHMOND.

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI BIRMGHAM

147 PM URGENT 5-9-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS, RICHMOND, MOBILE  
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN

REMYTEL, MAY EIGHT, LAST.

BEATRICE BRITTON, WIFE OF THOMAS BRITTON, JASPER,  
ALABAMA, INTERVIEWED YESTERDAY AND SAID NO PHONE CALLS EVER  
RECEIVED BY HER FROM ANY UNKNOWN MALE ASKING FOR HER HUSBAND,  
SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. ALSO STATES  
NO INDIVIDUALS CAME TO HOUSE ASKING FOR HUSBAND.  
SHE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND  
NEVER SAW ANY WHITE MUSTANGS IN AREA WHERE SHE AND HUSBAND  
/RESIDE. MRS. BRITTON ADVISED FROM JUNE,

SIXTYSEVEN, THROUGH JAN., SIXTYEIGHT, THEIR FAMILY DID NOT  
RESIDE AT ONE SEVEN ONE ZERO ALABAMA AVE., JASPER, ALA., WHICH  
IS ADDRESS GIVEN BY THOMAS BRITTON TO RAY, BUT THEY DID MAINTAIN  
THE SAME TELEPHONE NUMBER RESIDENCE IN RURAL AREA OUTSIDE  
JASPER, ALA. BRITTONS HAD LIVED AT ABOVE ADDRESS

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PRIOR TO JUNE SIXTYSEVEN, AND MOVED BACK FROM RURAL RESIDENCE TO THIS SAME ADDRESS IN JAN., SIXTYEIGHT. DURING ENTIRE PERIOD SINCE HUSBAND'S RELEASE, SHE RECALLS TWO PHONE CALLS FOR HER HUSBAND, BOTH FROM AN UNKNOWN WOMAN, WHO DID NOT IDENTIFY HERSELF. ONE CALL RECEIVED ABOUT CHRISTMAS TIME, LAST, AND SECOND CALL CAME JANUARY, LAST. DURING THIS PERIOD, HER HUSBAND WAS HANGING OUT SOME AT LOCAL BARS IN AREA, DRINKING, AND MRS. BRITTON BELIEVES CALLER WAS SOME WOMAN HER HUSBAND WAS POSSIBLY "PLAYING AROUND" WITH. SHORTLY AFTER THIS TIME, HE CEASED HIS DRINKING AND GOT STEADY EMPLOYMENT. ONLY TIME THOMAS BRITTON MENTIONED SUBJECT RAY WAS AFTER RECENT CONTACT BY FBI, WHEN HE EXPLAINED REASON FOR FBI WANTING TO TALK TO HIM. WIFE STATES BRITTON NEVER MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT RAY DURING TIME RAY'S NAME AND PHOTOS WERE BEING SHOWN IN NEWS MEDIA. MRS. BRITTON STATED SHE WILL COOPERATE FULLY AND KEEP BIRMINGHAM ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING HER HUSBAND AND / OR RAY.

GLADYS KEY, KNOWN AS "MOMA HAYWOOD," OPERATOR OF THE LITTLE WARRIOR RIVER CAFE, NOTORIOUS BEER JOINT NEAR DORA, ALA., ADVISED SHE AND EXHUSBAND, C.C. HAYWOOD, FORMERLY JOINTLY OPERATED ANOTHER BEER

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JOINT, HALF-A-MILE AWAY, KNOWN AS THE RIVERVIEW, FROM JULY, FIFTYEIGHT UNTIL SIXTYFOUR. EXHUSBAND STILL OPERATING SAME PLACE. MRS. KEY UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY PHOTO OF RAY AS PERSON EVER KNOWN TO HAVE FREQUENTED THE RIVERVIEW, EITHER DURING FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTY, OR HER PLACE, SINCE APRIL, SIXTYSEVEN. STATES HER PLACE OFTEN FREQUENTED BY MEN WHO WORK ON BARGES ON WARRIOR RIVER, WHICH PASSES HER FRONT DOOR. C.C. HAYWOOD NOT LOCATED YESTERDAY, EFFORTS BEING MADE TO INTERVIEW TODAY.

MAMIE MITCHELL, OPERATOR OF ROSE'S PLACE, ROUTE ONE, DORA, ALA., ADVISED SHE HAS HAD THIS PLACE SINCE SIXTYTHREE. IT WAS KNOWN AS JOHNNIE'S PLACE AND PARKER'S PLACE DURING PERIOD FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTYTHREE, AND AS MAMIE'S PLACE IN SIXTYTHREE, BEFORE BEING NAMED ROSE'S PLACE IN SIXTYFOUR. MITCHELL UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF RAY AS INDIVIDUAL SEEN BY HER.

NOTING ABOVE, AND INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ABOUT RAY BY THOMAS BRITTON, IT APPEARS THAT BRITTON'S INFORMATION IS CORRECT, AND THAT FOR RAY TO HAVE IDENTIFIED TO BRITTON, "MOMA HAYWOOD" AND TO HAVE KNOWN ABOUT TAVERN NOW KNOWN AS ROSE'S PLACE, WHICH WAS KNOWN TO RAY BY SOME OTHER UNRECALLED NAME, RAY WOULD HAVE DEFINITELY HAD TO HAVE BEEN IN AREA AND FREQUENTED

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THESE TAVERNS IN FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTY. RIVERVIEW IS IN REMOTE AREA AND DOES NOT ADVERTISE. ROSE'S PLACE IS ON OLD US HIGHWAY SEVEN EIGHT, NEAR DORA, ALA. CONCERNING THE ALL-STATE CAFE AND NIGHT CLUB, IDENTIFIED BY BRITTON AS ANOTHER PLACE REFERRED TO BY RAY IN CONVERSATIONS WITH BRITTON IN PEN, THIS IS COMBINATION CAFE AND NIGHT CLUB. THE CAFE IS ON THE GROUND LEVEL AND OPERATED BY ED AND ELEANOR HOLLIS. UNDERNEATH THE CAFE IS NOTORIOUS NIGHT CLUB AND DRINKING JOINT, WHICH IS OPERATED BY HOLLIS' BROTHER, HAROLD HOLLIS. THIS PLACE HAS BEEN IN OPERATION BY THE HOLLISES SINCE FIFTYSEVEN. BOTH ED AND HAROLD HOLLIS STATE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT NOT IDENTICAL WITH ANY CUSTOMER KNOWN TO THEM, EITHER DURING PERIOD FIFTYSEVEN THROUGH SIXTY, OR SINCE APR., SIXTYSEVEN. BOTH HOLLISES, MAMIE MITCHELL, AND GLADYS KEY ALL FURNISHED IO-S OF RAY, AND ALL STATE THEY WILL COOPERATE WITH FBI, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF REWARD OFFERED BY MEMPHIS NEWSPAPERS. ELEANOR HOLLIS AND HER COOK, MYRTLE NELSON, IN ALL-STATE CAFE, BOTH IDENTIFY SIXTY SEVEN AND SIXTYEIGHT PHOTOS OF RAY AS PERSON THEY HAVE SEEN IN CAFE, BUT BOTH STATE THEY ARE UNABLE TO FURNISHE ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHATSOEVER ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION

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OR WHEN HE WAS SEEN BY THEM IN CAFE. BOTH STATE THEY WILL GIVE MATTER CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT IN EFFORT TO RECALL MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION. CONTACT WITH THESE TWO WOMEN WILL BE MAINTAINED BY BIRMINGHAM.

TOLL CALLS CHARGED TO TELEPHONE OF BRITTON FOR PERIOD OCT., SIXTYSEVEN, TO DATE OBTAINED AS FOLLOWS: CHATTANOOGA, TENN., TWO SIX SIX - ONE FOUR ZERO EIGHT, CALLED OCT SEVENTEEN, TWO NINE, NOV. THREE, TWO SIX, TWO NINE, FEB. FOUR, ELEVEN, MARCH FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, TWENTY, LAST; JEFFERSON CITY, MO., SIX THREE SIX - EIGHT FIVE ONE ZERO, CALLED OCT. THREE, LAST; COLLECT CALL APR. FOUR, LAST, RECEIVED FROM HOPEWELL, VA., FOUR FIVE EIGHT - FOUR SIX ONE FIVE MONROEVILLE, ALA., SEVEN FOUR THREE - SEVEN TWO THREE SIX CALLED DEC. SIX LAST.

MOBILE, RICHMOND, KANSAS CITY, AND KNOXVILLE, IDENTIFY ONLY SUBSCRIBERS OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN YOUR AREA, AS LISTED ABOVE, AND CONDUCT INDICES CHECK AND DISCREET INQUIRY. DO NOT INTERVIEW, AT THIS TIME, AS SUCH MIGHT COMPROMISE OR ANTAGONIZE THOMAS BRITTON, WHO IS BEING DEVELOPED AS SOURCE. BIRMINGHAM WILL CONDUCT SIMILAR INVESTIGATION CONCERNING CALLS MADE TO TELEPHONES LOCATED IN DIVISION. NOTE NO CALLS MADE TO ANY TELEPHONE NUMBER KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ACCESSIBLE TO RAY.

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FBI ATLANTA

513AM 5/9/68 URGENT LRG

TO DIRECTOR, DETROIT, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS  
FROM ATLANTA 6P

MURKIN.

UNSUB, ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY - VICTIM; ITAK - EXTORTION.

REATTTEL TO DIRECTOR FIVE EIGHT LAST, CAPTIONED MURKIN.  
EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO FBI LABORATORY UNDER MURKIN FIVE EIGHT  
LAST, AND DETROIT TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED FIVE EIGHT LAST.

FOR INFO KNOXVILLE, ATLANTA PD LOCATED BADLY DECOMPOSED  
BODY EVENING MAY SEVEN LAST ATLANTA AIRPORT IN TRUNK ONE NINE  
SIX FOUR DARK BLUE CHEVROLET MALIBU BEARING SIXTYEIGHT MICHIGAN  
LICENSE D C EIGHT ONE ONE FOUR. LICENSE AND AUTO REGISTERED TO  
MARY JANE SALVADORI AND JO ANN MASTERS, NINE THREE FOUR ONE  
NICHOLS, DETROIT, MICH. FINGERPRINTS DECEASED IDENTIFIED AS  
ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY, WHO WAS WANTED FOR MURDER OF SAM  
LI MAGGIO, ON THREE TWENTYEIGHT LAST, STERLING TOWNSHIP, MICH.

DETROIT ADVISED JO ANN MASTERS, DAUGHTER OF MARY  
SALVADORI. MARY SALVADORI HAS BEEN IN HOSPITAL SEVERAL MONTHS.  
INSTANT SIXTYFOUR CHEVROLET LEFT IN CARE OF THOMAS A. SALVADORI  
EIGHT ZERO THREE TWO TRAVERSE, DETROIT, MICH. ; SON

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SALVADORI.

PARKING ATTENDANT, ATLANTA AIRPORT, APPROXIMATELY SEVEN  
TWENTY AM MAY SIX LAST FIRST NOTICED SIXTYFOUR MALIBU PARKED  
IN PARKING LOT. HE HAD NOT CHECKED CARS ON MAY THREE THROUGH  
MAY FIVE LAST. CAR WAS REPORTED DUE TO ODOR FROM ESCAPING  
BODY FLUID. CAR WAS LOCKED. SERVICE STICKER ON DOOR REFLECTS  
CAR SERVICED FOUR NINETEEN LAST AT HILL TOP PURE STATION  
REFLECTING MILEAGE AS THIRTYNINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY  
EIGHT. MILEAGE AT TIME RECOVERY WAS FORTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED  
TWENTY AND FIVE TENTHS. BODY PLACED FACE DOWN IN TRUNK, DRESSED  
IN BEIGE SPORT SHIRT, BROWN TROUSERS, BELT AND FLY FASTENED BUT  
SLID DOWN AROUND HIS KNEES. HIS FRONT TROUSER POCKETS TURNED  
INSIDE OUT, NO WALLET OR IDENTIFICATION. BLUE WINDBREAKER  
JACKET BENEATH VICTIMS LEGS WITH DRIED BLOOD AROUND COLLAR  
AND DOWN FRONT AND BACK. SPARE TIRE MISSING FROM AUTO,  
HOWEVER, BUTTERFLY WING NUT THAT HOLDS SPARE TIRE LOCATED UNDER  
BODY IN BODY FLUID. FOURTEEN KARAT WHITE GOLD RING WITH THREE  
DIAMONDS ON VICTIMS LEFT RING FINGER. PAPERS BEARING NAMES OF  
THOMAS A. SALVADORI AND DOROTHY SALVADORI LOCATED UNDER BODY  
OF VICTIM, REFLECTING ACCOUNT NUMBER ONE DASH ZERO FIVE THREE  
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FOUR DASH EIGHT, PARDA CREDIT UNION, IN CARE OF PARKE DAVIS AND COMPANY, G.P.O. BOX ONE ONE EIGHT, DETROIT, MICH. OTHER ITEMS INCLUDED OPENED PACK OF PALL MALL CIGARETTES, NO STATE TAX STAMP, TWO HAMM BEER CAPS, BOX LADY SCOTT TISSUES, CAN PERSONAL LIGHTER FLUID, MORTON SALT BOX, QUILT, STUFFED TOY TIGER AND TWO MENS UNDERSHIRTS. LATENTS SUBMITTED TO FBI LAB. VICTIM SHOT IN BACK HEAD WITH WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE THIRTY EIGHT CALIBER BULLET. PROJECTAL SUBMITTED FBI LABORATORY. POLICE OFFICERS MICHIGAN STATE POLICE AND STERLING TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN HAVE ARRIVED IN ATLANTA TO ASSIST IN INVESTIGATION. ADVISED VICTIM WAS MUSCLE MAN FOR TONY AND BILLY GIACCOLONE, IN THEIR SHYLOCK BUSINESS. SHYLOCK LOAN MADE BY BERNARD BAROCHESANI FOR THE GIACCOLONES. DUNAWAY ON THREE TWENTYEIGHT LAST REPORTEDLY TOOK SAM DI MAGGIO WHO OWED MONEY ON SHYLOCK LOAN AND WITH OTHERS BEAT SAM DI MAGGIO, WHO DIED MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST. DETROIT OFFICERS FEEL DUNAWAY GIVEN ORDERS TO BEAT DI MAGGIO BUT NO SUPPOSED TO KILL HIM AND FEEL THIS REASON DUNAWAY KILLED.

ONE MIKE KATRANIS FRIEND OF DUNAWAY MISSING AFTER KILLING OF DI MAGGIO, BUT HAS SUDDENLY REAPPEARED IN DETROIT AREA

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ABOUT TWO DAYS AGO AND OFFICERS FEEL MIKE KATRANIS MAY HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE DEATH OF DUNAWAY.

DETROIT OFFICERS ADVISED JO ANN MASTERS, GIRL FRIEND OF DUNAWAY AND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OVERHEARD MASTERS TALKING ON PHONE AT HER HOME APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO AND TELLING CALLER TO QUIT DRINKING OR WOULD BLOW WHOLE THING UP AND TO QUIT CALLING AS WAS COSTING HER MONEY. FELT CALLER WAS DUNAWAY.

OFFICERS ADVISED THAT IN AUGUST SIXTYSEVEN CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES ADVISED DUNAWAY ALONG WITH JAMES KARALLA, JACK SHENY AND MAYBE OTHERS HAD TAKEN GIRL TO TENNESSEE WITH THEM, REPORTEDLY SO THEY COULD GET FIREARMS. THE GIRL NEVER RETURNED AND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE COMPLAINED HE WAS BEATEN BY MIKE KATRANIS.

DETROIT OFFICERS ADVISED JO ANN MASTERS HAS MADE REMARK SHE FELT DUNAWAY WAS SOMEWHERE DOWN SOUTH.

ALL INVESTIGATION TO DATE HAS FAILED TO DEVELOPE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN DEATH OF DUNAWAY AND MURKIN.

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KNOXVILLE AND MEMPHIS REQUESTED TO CONTACT LOGICAL SOURCES AND INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE IF DUNAWAY HAS BEEN IN TENN. HIDING OUT. WILL DETERMINE IF THERE IS A HILL TOP PURE STATION THROUGH DISTRIBUTORS OF PURE GASOLINE IN TENN.

KNOXVILLE AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN. WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF DUNAWAY AND OTHERS HAD BEEN IN CHATTANOOGA IN ABOUT AUGUST SIXTYSEVEN TO PURCHASE FIREARMS, IT BEING NOTED DETROIT OFFICIALS ADVISED THEY HAVE HEARD RUMORS THAT FIREARMS COULD BE OBTAINED BY CRIMINAL ELEMENT IN CHATTANOOGA, BUT HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION OR ANYTHING TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS.

DETROIT AT DETROIT, MICH., WILL INTERVIEW JO ANN MASTERS FOR INFORMATION AS TO LAST TIME SHE HAS SEEN DUNAWAY OR HEARD FROM HIM. OBTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING SIXTYFOUR MALIBU. IT BEING NOTED OFFICERS DURING FIRST PART OF APRIL SIXTYEIGHT REPORTEDLY SAW LICENSE PLATES FOR MALIBU INSIDE BUICK DRIVEN BY MASTERS. WILL WITH PROPER TELEPHONE OFFICIALS DETERMINE DATE AND LOCATION OF ANY LONG DISTANT TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM OR COLLECT TO MASTERS HOME PHONE OR BUSINESS PHONE.

WILL THROUGH INFORMANTS AND SOURCES ATTEMPT TO LEARN  
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WHEREABOUTS OF MIKE KATRANIS DURING PERIOD MARCH TWENTYNINE  
LAST UNTIL ABOUT MAY SIX LAST.

WILL LOCATE THOMAS SALVADORI AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING  
DISPOSITION SIXTYFOUR MALIBU.

WILL LOCATE WIFE OF ROBERT DUNAWAY, WILMA DUNAWAY,  
FIVE FOUR EIGHT NORTH BRYAS, NORTH GROSSE POINT WOODS, MICH.,  
AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF DUNAWAY SINCE DEATH OF  
SAM DI MAGGIO AND ANY INFORMATION SHE MIGHT HAVE AS TO PERSONS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF DUNAWAY. WIFE REPORTEDLY FLEW TO  
MIAMI FOR EASTER SIXTYEIGHT. DETERMINE PERSONS SHE CONTACTED.

WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOPE INFORMATION TO SHOW DUNAWAY  
ENGAGED IN STRONG ARM TACTICS TO COLLECT ON SHYLOCK LOANS FOR  
ZERILLI ORGANIZATION IN DETROIT.

FUTURE INVESTIGATION IN ATLANTA WILL BE REPORTED IN ITAR  
DASH EXTORTION CASE INASMUCH AS NO EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THIS  
MURDER CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH MURKIN.

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5/8/68

SA L. NELMS JOHNSON

MARY SIMPSON WILLIAMS  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION - RACIAL  
OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE

On 4/25/68, WILLIAMS advised that no information whatsoever has been gained by her relative to any rumors as to who may have shot MARTIN LUTHER KING in Memphis, Tenn.

WILLIAMS further related that to her knowledge to date she knows of no one who plans to participate in the Poor People's March to Washington, D. C., but will be alert for any information relating to this march and attempt to gain names and other pertinent information should she learn of any who later plan to go to Washington.

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TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA Henry A. Quinn Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reur memo dated 4/24/68.

On 4/26/68 the name of James Earl Ray and his aliases were checked with the following with negative results:

Jack Pearson, Identification Officer, Oak Ridge PD  
Chief W.C. Shorter, PD, Clinton, Tennessee  
Mrs. Sue Braden, Anderson County Sheriff's Office  
Judge T.L. Hollis, PD, Lake City, Tennessee  
Mrs. Jackie Rea, Credit Bureau Inc.

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