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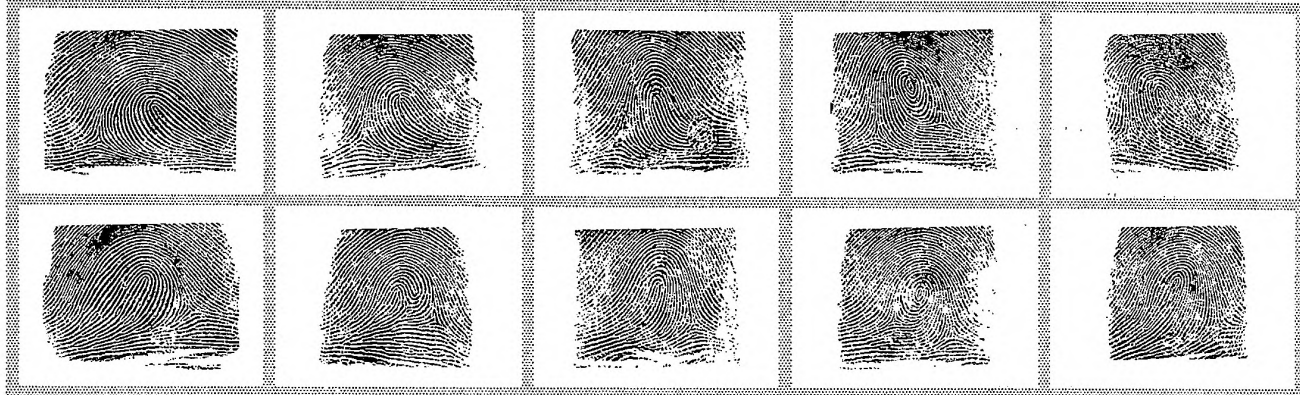
**CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY**

**WANTED BY FBI**

**JAMES EARL RAY**

FBI No. 405,942 G  
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ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Connor, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968  
(eyes drawn by artist)

*James Ray*



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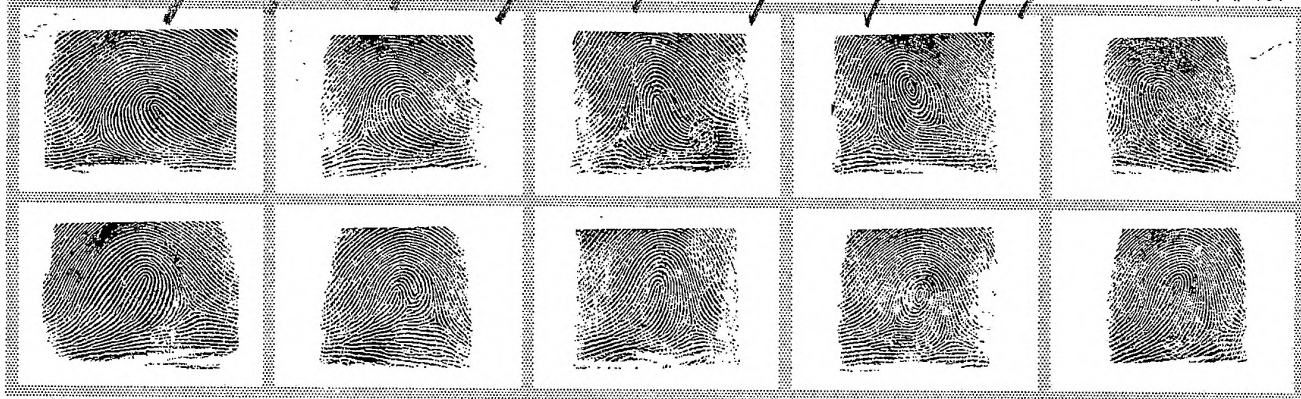
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DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA MARTIN LAUER

SUBJECT: MURKING

ROY

HACIENDA

~~RAY V.~~ BARNETT, 9141 Alondra, Bellflower, Calif., telephonically advised that he resides at the trailer court at the above address, in a blue, white and silver trailer. The man in the small cream colored trailer behind his fits the description of the man the FBI is seeking for Dr. King's killing.

BARNETT advised that both he and the suspect live on lot #1. " stated that the suspect left a few days before KING was killed and returned on the evening of 4/19/68, driving a white Chevrolet truck.

trailer park phone TOORY 7-9080

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4-26-68  
contacted  
Barnett by telephone  
will see on 4-29-68  
Jaw

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W. Haley JAW

4/29/68  
Barnett said now  
he knows that his neighbor is  
not Salt.  
Jaw

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : SA NORBERT R. LINKER

SUBJECT: MERKIN

At 7:30pm, 4/21/68 Mr. John Winton, residence, 8062 San Mateo Circle, Buena Park, employed North American Rockwell advised that while attending a convention of the National Society for Program Instruction held at the El Tropicano Hotel, San Antonio, Texas from 4/17-19/68 he resided at the Ramada Inn, 333 Northwest Military Drive, Room 114.

Winton advised that on two occasions during his stay at the Ramada he viewed an individual whom he feels bears a close resemblance to the subject of captioned case. He advised that the person to whom he refers was first observed on the evening of 4/17/68 while having a late dinner in the dining room. On that occasion the individual was wearing sports clothes and appeared to be having breakfast. The second occasion occurred at approximately 11:00am, 4/19/68 when he observed him sitting at the counter of the dining room having coffee.

*RD antell to SA with  
lead + F 5302  
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anc.*

*Del sent 4/26/68 to SA + Memphis  
anc.*

(2)NRL

*assign*

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*Carlton*

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA ORLEY A. LEESON, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

At 11:40 PM, 4/20/68, BARBARA HEARD, 3831 S. Wisconsin, Los Angeles, 734-8406, telephonically advised a friend of hers who will not divulge her identity is a nurse at the Southland Alcoholics Sanitarium, San Vincente Blvd, told HEARD that on 4/19/68, a patient was admitted to the sanitarium who looks like JAMES EARL RAY. The patient's ~~name~~ name is OWEN FITZMOREN. HEARD would not identify her friend but stated she was one of two female nurses at the sanitarium.

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*review hosp. record -  
photo?*

*5 m. away to La Grange*

*assign lead*

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*Beleson*

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FROM : SA NORBERT R. LINKER

MERKIN

SUBJECT:

At 6:00pm, 4/21/68, Miss Mary Bentley, nurse, Alcoholic Treatment Center, 5750 San Vicente, Los Angeles, residence, 9307 S. Figueroa, Los Angeles advised that a patient at her employment, one Owen Fitzmourice who is in Ward 2 closely resembles captioned subject. Bentley advised that Fitzmourice arrived at the hospital via taxi on the evening of 4/19/68.

It should be noted that the description of Fitzmourice as furnished by Bentley was appreciably different than that of captioned subject.

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*Gellman*



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DATE: April 20, 1968

FROM : SA H. LAMARR GUNN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/20/68, WALDO POLLOCK, 232 S. Bonnie Brae, 483-5889, advised he was passing the Hedrick's Restaurant, early this morning and observed a person eating there that resembled JAMES EARL RAY.

He said the man was seated but appeared to weigh 165. Lbs, about 30 years of age, slight build, Height unknown, blue eyes and brown hair and was neatly dressed.

He based his feelings on the photos he had observed in the newspaper. He did not see the man leave the restaurant and no auto was observed in connection with this person.

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FROM : SA ORLEY A. LEESON, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

AT 7:20 PM, 4/20/68, LT. AGAR, Beverly Hills PD, telephonically advised that Mrs. GEORGE ROTH, 626 North Maple Drive, Beverly Hills contacted him to report that she observed a man resembling JAMES EARL RAY driving Red Volvo bearing California license DUK 406. She observed this man about 6:30pm this date in front of 600 Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills. Mrs. Roth has telephone BR2 2285.

DUK 406 65 Volvo

Barbara Trachtenberg  
1916 Beverly Glen

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*LA*

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HALL FAW -  
Ventura Blvd -

Coldwater -  
Bev. Glen

*assn*

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*Leeson*  
*J.C. O'Neill*

STANFORD TRACHTENBERG MD  
1916 S. BEVERLY GLEN, LA  
(277-3432)

CAR Behind  
UNSHAVEN  
PASSENGER  
Car cone around

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SUBJECT: MURKING

JOSEPH E. GRIMMETT, 4306 Crenshaw, Home Owners Realty, 295-6471, telephonically advised that Mrs. COLLINS, an agent of the company, tried to enter a vacant house at 3771 Dublin Ave., which the company is trying to sell. ~~AXXXXXXXWHITE~~

A white male dashed from the house and drove away in a black Falcon, bearing a yellow license plate. The first three numbers were 111.

The man took a screen off to get into the house.

GRIMMETT advised that the man may have something to do with Dr. KING's killing.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SUPERVISOR RICHARD J. STILLING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Review of information concerning RAY indicates that during period 1955-1958 while in Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary and during period 3/17/60 to 4/23/67 in the Missouri State Penitentiary, he was employed in the bakery. It would appear that his regular occupation would be that of a baker and if he sought employment, it would be in that field. In view of the above, it is recommended that bakery workers unions and bakeries be checked for any past employment on JAMES EARL RAY and his aliases - possibly during period April to November, 1967.

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*Flores* *mt*

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FROM : SA JAMES M. KELLOGG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

BESSIE MC GANN, 4850 West Avenue M8, Lancaster, telephone Whitehall 3-4887, advised that over the Easter week end, a friend, LAWRENCE ALLEN, travelled through the Southwest and picked up a hitchhiker in Santa Rosa, New Mexico, and transported him to Lancaster, California. The hitchhiker had a sleeping bag and a tin can containing 54 30.06 cartridges. ALLEN parted from this individual in Lancaster, but before doing so took a few frames of this individual with a movie camera.

MC GANN advised that LAWRENCE ALLEN presently has the film and cartridges and can be located at 14052 Mc Clure Avenue, Paramount, California, telephone 630-1161.

JMK:mak  
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*Riken*

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PAUL BOONE, 5165 Fountain Avenue, apartment 118, Hollywood, employed Artistic Furniture, Glendale, telephone 245-0285, followed a Chevy II Nova, bluish-gray in color, on Los Feliz Boulevard, this a.m. and noted that the vehicle was driven by a white male who possibly resembled subject. Vehicle contained Maryland license FJ1450.

JMK:mak  
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*mak*

*assign lead*

*Reassign  
Kellogg 12/68*

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*Kellogg*

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NELLIE PORTERFIELD, 1542 North "E" Street,  
apartment H, San Bernardino, telephone Turner 4-2755,  
advised that an individual resembling subject resides in  
her apartment building on some floor above her. This  
individual associates with individuals residing in  
apartment I at the above address.

JMK:mak  
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*mak*

*See Ser 528*

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*Murano*



Jerry  
Dear Sir La Brie  
on 9/6/42  
59 1/2"

1 mo

3/29

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*Person advised that Bookman  
sounded as if he were under  
the influence.*

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*Messman*

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : SA NORBERT R. LINKER

SUBJECT: MERKIN

At 5:20pm, 4/21/68, Sgt. D. Michaelson, LAPD Intelligence Squad telephonically advised that he had received a call that evening from Sgt. John Swisher, LAPD Harbor Div. who had related the following:

Swisher explained that he is acquainted with Robert and Jo Ann Watkins who are owners of an after hour club located at 9527 S. Main, Los Angeles. He informed Michaelson that within the past two days Jo Ann had viewed a photograph of subject Ray and believed him to have been either a guest or member of her club. Swisher stated that Jo Ann checked her records and determined that one James Allen McBride of 1636 N. Alvarado St. Los Angeles was a member of her club as recently as January, 1968.

It is noted that subject Ray has used the alias of James McBride.

At 9:30pm the writer telephonically contacted Sgt. John Swisher who advised that Robert and Jo Ann Watkins are long time acquaintances of his whom he considers to be reliable. He stated that Watkins owns the C&P Town Hill Club located at 9527 S. Main St. Los Angeles which is a private club ~~####~~ and is open from 1:30pm through the morning hours on weekends to members and their guests only. He stated that Jo Ann recently viewed a photo of Ray and is positive that he has been to her club within recent months. He further pointed out that Jo Ann had displayed the photo of Ray to a Special Police Officer who works at her club and he also was positive that Ray had appeared at the club on a number of occasions. Swisher stated that Jo Ann could be contacted this evening at their other bar, Ye Olde Inn, Costa Mesa, phone 646-9929.

At 11:00pm the writer contacted Mrs. Jo Ann Watkins at the Ye Olde Inn at which time she advised that after viewing a newspaper photo of Ray she reviewed the membership records and determined that she has two members who have names similar to aliases of Ray namely James H. Walton of 3809 S. Hobart, Los Angeles whom she believed completed his application sometime in 1967 and one James Allen Mc Bride of 1636 N. Alvarado, Los Angeles whom she recalled completed his application in January 1968.

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Watkins advised that she resides at 1721 East Chadwick St. ### Compton, phone 635-6734. She explained that all of her applications for membership are located in her residence and that they contain the name of the prospective member, his address, age, and on occasions the names of three references. She stated that all applications are handwritten and that her club has approximately 18,000 members

Watkins advised that she will review her files and make available the applications for McBride and Walton ### for review and handwriting comparisons if needed. She suggested that the Agents contact her at her residence between 11:00am and 1:00pm, 4/22/68.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : SA RAYMOND E. LINDSTROM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 7:45 AM, Sgt. GUINEY, LAPD Detective Headquarters, telephonically advised he received a call from NANCY NORTHRUP, a nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital regarding JAMES EARL RAY. Sgt. GUINEY said she has work phone number of HU-2-8111, ext. 208, and home phone of 383-1930. According to Sgt. GUINEY, she told him she believes she saw the subject at the corner of Sunset Pl. and Wilshire Pl. on 4/20/68 and again at 7:15AM on 4/21/68. She believes he lives in one of the boarding houses in the area.

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases			Address of subject		Character of case MURKIN
Complainant SGT. RATTENBERRY			Complainant's address and telephone number Administrative Detective Bureau LAPD MA-45211 ext. 2501		Complaint received Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>4-19-68</u> Time <u>8-40am.</u>
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion
	Birth date and Birthplace				
Scars, marks or other data					

**Facts of complaint**

C said they had been in receipt of a call from KENNETH CARLSON, 1334 S. Central, L.A. RI\*80211, a driver for Coca Cola Bottling Company. He said he saw a man, strongly resembling "GALT" at the Hollywood Center Motel, 6720 Sunset Blvd., Room 24, Hollywood.  
C said he was furnishing the above for whatever it maybe worth.

*See memo, 4/24/68  
Gardner*

**Action Recommended**

Philip S. Andrist  
(Agent)

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases			Address of subject		Character of case MURKIN	
Complainant Anonymous			Complainant's address and telephone number		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>4-19-68</u> Time <u>9-25am.</u>	
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					

**Facts of complaint**

C said his son attends the Selby Grove School, on Paramount in Pico Rivera. C said his son had said ~~that~~ a boy named ARTHUR (LNU) a second grader there, was telling around school that "GALT" had stayed at his house on Monday and Tuesday night of this week. C said he was furnishing above for whatever it may be worth and hung up.

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**Action Recommended**

Philip S. Andrist  
(Agent)



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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases  <b>MURKIN</b>			Address of subject		Character of case  <b>CR</b>
Complainant  <b>MRS. BEVERLY MENGE</b>			Complainant's address and telephone number <b>63 Portugese Bend Rd, Rolling Hills FR 71822</b>		Complaint received  <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date: <b>4-15-68</b> Time: <b>2:00 pm</b>
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	
	Scars, marks or other data				

Facts of complaint

C said she bought a tire at Craig Breedlove AutoCenter, 2475 PCH, Torrance this morning. The salesman who handled the sale was BILL CULPEPPER. MRS. MENGE said CULPEPPER resembles the photo of GALT and speaks with southern accent. C said he also fits the physical description.

Action Recommended

**K ARNOLD**

(Agent)

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC. Los Angeles (44-1547)

FROM : SA Albert N. Carlblom

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-19-68

Reference is made to serial 44-1574-332, which is a complaint form reflecting that Theresa <sup>Mc</sup> Dowell, 2426 1/2 Raymond Ave., Los Angeles, Apt. 9, thought she had seen a person resembling Galt's picture.

This complainant was interviewed on 4-19-68 and a FD 302 is in dictation. The FD 302 reflects that the man was seen at the Vineland Convalescent Hospital, 6120 Vineland, North Hollywood, Calif. on 4-17-68.

## LEAD:

At North Hollywood, Calif.:

At the Vineland Convalescent Hospital will ascertain if the person to whom Theresa <sup>Mc</sup> Dowell referred is identical with Galt.

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RE: Male, name unknown, visiting Vineland Convalescent Hospital, 6120 Vineland Avenue, North Hollywood, California, on April 17, 1968, who reportedly resembled RAY.

On May 6, 1968, the Wanted Notice regarding RAY was exhibited to the employees of Thrifty's, a drugstore, 6639 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Los Angeles, as named below. These employees were also provided with pertinent information regarding the visit of the man seeking treatment at the Vineland Convalescent Hospital including descriptive information and information that he might have been at the restaurant in this drug store. All these employees said to their knowledge that they could not identify the picture of RAY nor could they recall anyone on the basis of the information provided regarding the man visiting the hospital. These contacted in this regard were:

JACK YATES, manager of this drug store.

MIKE SWENDDAL, First Assistant Manager of this store.

JEFF KAHLAN, Second Assistant Manager of this store.

FRED TENOSO, Manager of the restaurant at this drugstore.

Immediately north of the Vineland Convalescent Hospital is the Carl Vess Nursery School. Mrs. TOMAC advised on May 6, 1968, that she works during the day at this nursery located at 6128 Vineland Avenue. She said that the owner of these premises, Mrs. CONTE, lives in San Francisco, California, but her daughter and the latter's husband live at this address and there have been no tenants or roomers there for at least four years. She said that they were not then there. She said that she could not

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recall anyone resembling RAY when she was shown the Wanted Notice. She also said that she could not identify the person who had reportedly visited the Vineland Convalescent Hospital.

Immediately south of the Vineland Convalescent Hospital are apartment buildings managed by Mrs. GLORIA NELSON and her husband, NELS NELSON, 6114 Vineland Avenue, North Hollywood. They were shown photographs of RAY as well as the Wanted Notice, but they said they could not recall having seen him. Both persons were furnished information regarding the man reportedly visiting the hospital, but both advised that they did not know that individual. They advised that they currently have a tenant in Room 5 at 6110 Vineland Avenue, North Hollywood, who came in on March 18, 1968. This tenant is named JERRY PARISH, but had also given another name. At first, he claimed to be a photographer, but later to be a writer for a studio. He said he had written part of "Mission Impossible" a television show. He said that his wife had died about March 1, 1968, and that he had taken their child to her family in Arizona. He later met a girl and after he started living at this address, was away for about two weeks going to Tennessee to marry this girl. Her family lived in Tennessee. He first gave a name which looked like "RAULS (first name unknown) and indicated that he was doing photographic work for Columbia Studios. Mrs. NELSON called that studio but could not verify his employment on the basis of the name she had for him at that time. On one occasion, he showed a check for \$3,500 which he claimed he got for a script, but later he said that check was no good. Mrs. NELSON said his stories are so different. They described this man as follows:

Name	JERRY PARISH
Race	White
Age	About 25 years
Height	5'6"
Eyes	Unknown

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Complexion	Fair
Build	Rather stocky
Weight	About 150 pounds
Hair	Brown
Miscellaneous	Has very youthful appearance; has a Thunderbird

Mr. and Mrs. NELSON advised that they did not know his place of employment and did not know of any throat ailment he might have. Both said that he is not identical with RAY after they were shown the Wanted Notice and additional photographs of RAY.

The mail box for Room 5 bears the name  
T. PARISH.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: April 21, 1968

FROM : SA TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 10:30 AM Mr. Richard Long at the Bureau called and wanted to know if there had been any further developments re CHARLES CALVIN BOOKMAN. He was advised there is not. He said he received the impression that BOOKMAN is a drunk. Mr. Long was advised if there are any further info. etc. from BOOKMAN the Bureau would be advised by teletype.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA FRANCIS M. MULLEN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

LINDA MC CAIN, 115 South Normandie, Los Angeles, California, telephone DU 7-3839, telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office at 1:54 p.m., 4/19/68, at which time she furnished the following information:

↑ An individual believed by her to be identical to ERIC GALT stayed at an apartment at her residence from 8/30/67 to 9/6/67 at which time he used the name LOREN DAVID SODERLAND and identified himself as an attorney from Chicago. MC CAIN advised that SODERLAND left without paying his rent and left a threatening note behind stating he would return.

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*Paulson Inc*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC Los Angeles (44-4574)  
ATT SA Larry Lawrence  
FROM : SA Vincent M Lacy

DATE: 4/21/68

SUBJECT: Murkin

St Turner, Greyhound Bus Security, Los Angeles Calif telephonically advised that Greyhound Bus #4472 that was scheduled to arrive Saturday morning arrived this morning instead & driver states that he had picked up a person in Columbus Ohio but did not remember what the customer looked like.

Turner advised that Lawrence knew other details.

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*H. Lawrence*



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4-21-68

FROM : SA TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 10:10 AM THOMAS M. JOHNSON, Res. 6149 Palm, Maywood, Calif. tel. 581-1208, furnished the following information:

At approximately 7:15 AM today he was at SUT's, a restaurant at Laverne and 2nd. Ave. in Long beach when he was a man who appeared to be ident. with RAY. Man was reading a magazine, FORBES, left restaurant in what appeared to be a 1966 Cad. dark green, 2 door hardtop. Man left the magazine which was addressed to JAS. J. CHAMMO or ~~ENARX~~ CHAMORO, 301 Bay Shore Ave., Long Beach, Calif. JOHNSON has the magazine.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA ORLEY A. LEESON, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 5:15 PM, 4/20/68, JOE MARR, 729 $\frac{1}{2}$  Navy, Santa Monica, EX9-6938 telephonically advised that at about 6:30 PM, 4/19/68, he observed a man resembling JAMES EARL RAY at a rooming house on Broadway between 5th and 6th, Santa Monica.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA ORLEY A. LEESON, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

AT 6:15 PM, 4/20/68, GEORGE U'REN, 7402 Haskell, Van Nuys telephonically advised that about 4 PM today he observed a man resmbing JAMES EARL RAY park a car and go into an apartment at 15636 Valerio, Van Nuys (Millridge Apts. U'REN has telephone 780-8670.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA ORLEY A. LEESON, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

At 5:45 PM, CATHRYN CORNELIUS, 6136 Albany, Huntington Park, LU5-8882, telephonically advised that about 8:00 AM, 4/19/68, she observed a man resembling JAMES EARL RAY at a motel on Long Beach Blvd. in South Gate. She stated the motel is located on the Southwest corner of Long Beach Blvd and Firestone Blvd.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA ORLEY A. LEESON, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

At 5:30 PM, 4/20/68, JAMES F. FRANCIS, 717B Meyer Lane, Redondo Beach, telephone 372-3441, advised he had contacted this office earlier today regarding his wife EDNA ANN KOENIG who had been missing since 4/18/68. He advised his wife is from Jerseyville, Illinois which is close to Alton, Illinois the home of JAMES EARL RAY.

FRANCIS advised his wife and two children disappeared 4/18 and he does not know their current location. His wife is driving a 1961 green, 2 door Corvair bearing California license QBJ 153. He stated this is the correct number rather than the one he previously furnished Agents.

FRANCIS stated his wife's father is CHARLES KOENING and he resides near Jerseyville

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : SA NORBERT R. LINKER

SUBJECT: MERKIN

At 9:15pm, 4/20/68 Mr. George Bitner, 5158 $\frac{1}{2}$  Elizabeth St., Cudahy advised that while he and his wife were staying at the Ramada Inn, 3801 East Van Buren St., Phoenix, Arizona from 4/14/through 4/15/68 he observed another guest at the motel whom he believes closely resembles the subject of captioned case. Bitner stated that he observed this individual in the coffee shop on 4/14/68 and along the poolside on 4/15/68.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC Los Angeles (44-4574)

DATE: April 21, 1968

FROM : SA Vincent M Lucy P

SUBJECT: Murkin

Richard Soubbers, 4222 Knoxville, Lakewood Calif  
phone number 421-0654 advised that he saw subject in  
Spiras Bar, 4<sup>th</sup> St between Long Beach Blvd & Locust  
in Long Beach Calif approx 7:30 pm. Saturday evening.  
Subject clad in black trousers & sport shirt was talking  
to a Mexican female named Rosa, who is known  
to the bartender.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : SA RAYMOND E. LINDSTROM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 4:30AM, HAROLD GROGER, 2014 Chestnut Ave., Long Beach, (no home phone) telephonically advised he picked up a hitch-hiker about 3:00AM 4/21/68 on Long Beach Blvd. He said the subject resembled the pictures he has seen in the papers of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY. GROGER said this person told him he had been a bartender. He dropped this person at Beautiful Billiards, 2499 E. Pacific Coast Highway, in Long Beach, where the person said he likes to play pool.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : SA RAYMOND E. LINDSTROM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 1:30AM JOAN (refused to give her last name). 525-1096, Anaheim, California, telephonically advised that the bartender at Angelo's Cape Cod House, Anaheim, closely resembles the picture of the subject she saw in the paper. She stated that the bartender goes by the name of DUKE, and has worked at the bar for the past week.

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases  MURKIN			Address of subject		Character of case  CR
Complainant  BILL DEWEY			Complainant's address and telephone number  Bob Smith Volkswagen 1750 N. Cahugaga, Hwyd.		Complaint received  <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 4-19-68 Time 1:30 pm
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age	Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data				

Facts of complaint

C advised that recently a man named JAMES E. WOOD, who stated he was residing with his aunt, name unknown, at 351 Magnolia, Long Beach, came into Bob Smith VW and traded his Corvette in on a new VW. The Corvette was being financed through The Plains Bank of Lubbock, Tex. DEWEY called that bank and found that there was in fact a loan on the Corvette but he effected a trade with WOOD and sold him a VW, VIN 118373433, 1968 Calif License WSK 673.

WOOD said he was employed at the Chateau Bowling Hall, 4th and k Vermont, LA. He told C that he was attending a bartending school in Long beach.

C described WOOD as a WMA, 35-37 years, 5'11", thin, close cut hair.

C said he could not recall if WOOD closely resembled the photo of GALT or not. He stated the sale of the VW was actually handled by his salesman, GERHARDT MUELLER, who has not yet seen the photo of GALT.

Action Recommended

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1257PM URGENT 4-22-68 MPB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM,  
LOS ANGELES (44-1574), AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM: PHOENIX

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELS TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY LAST.

ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT: WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND, FBI NO.  
SIX SIX THREE THREE FOUR FIVE. REVIEW OF PHOENIX FILE  
TWENTYSIX-TWO FOUR ONE ONE TWO IN WHICH HOLLAND WAS SUBJECT  
INDICATES HE WAS IN TRANSIT DURING JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE  
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY WHEN HE APPEARED AT FBI OFFICE, PHOENIX,  
AND TURNED HIMSELF IN FOR THEFT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE. AT THAT  
TIME HOLLAND REQUESTED TO RETURN TO LEAVENWORTH PRISON WHERE  
"THE FOOD IS GOOD AND I HAD GOOD JOB". HOLLAND WAS SUBSE-  
QUENTLY TRANSFERRED TO THE US PRISON AT LEAVENWORTH AND  
RECEIVED THERE NOVEMBER TWENTYONE, SIXTYFIVE.

AS REVIEW OF THIS FILE INDICATES NO POSSIBLE LEADS IN  
PHOENIX DIVISION, KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT PRISON  
OFFICIALS AT LEAVENWORTH AND DETERMINE ADDRESS TO WHICH  
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HOLLAND WAS RELEASED UPON COMPLETION OF SENTENCE AND SET OUT  
LEADS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HIM RE ANY INFO OF SUBJECT  
JAMES EARL RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA JAMES M. POWERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/18/68, one ~~JOHN TURKO~~, telephonically contacted SA POWERS, advising that he was trying to get in touch with SAs VINCE HUGHES or TOM WALSH, whom he has known in the past.

TURKO described himself as a professional undercover operator, and advised that he had read in the paper where GALT had attended the Tomas Rays Lau Bartenders School. He noted that a couple of years ago in order to obtain a front for some of his undercover operations, he had attended this bartenders school, and while he was not acquainted with GALT, that he did know the owner of the bartenders school, and if he could be of any assistance, he would be only too happy to help.

He advised that he is currently staying at the Hollywood Colonial Motel in the 1700 block on North Western, Room 16.

He was thanked for his interest.

It is noted that files of the Los Angeles Office reflect two references on TURKO, 15-10532 and 137-2646. TURKO was a former PCI of the Los Angeles Office, handled by SA HUGHES. He was closed out on 9/17/65, because of non-productivity.

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FBI ATLANTA

9:49 PM URGENT 4/18/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR, SACRAMENTO AND LOS ANGELES  
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

RE TIRES NINETEEN SIXTYSIX MUSTANG

RE SACRAMENTO TEL TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.  
THAD ~~PERDUE~~, LE MASTER RETREAD EQUIPMENT CO., ADVISED COULD  
NOT DETERMINE DEPTH OF TIRE DUE TO WEAR.

INSPECTION OF TIRE FAILED TO REFLECT MARKING W/ SEVEN SEVEN  
ONE DASH X APPEARING ON TIRES. SIZE OF TIRE BEARING NO. FOUR ONE  
SEVEN FOUR P EIGHT ZERO SEVEN, ALSO DETERMINED TO BE SIX FIVE ZERO  
BY FOURTEEN WITH INSCRIPTION BF GOODRICH SILVERTOWN. TIRE SERIAL  
NO. ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO TWO NINE B IS SIX BY NINETY FIVE BY  
FOURTEEN SIZE OF TIRE BEARING SERIAL NO. TWO ZERO FOUR TWO  
SEVEN THREE SEVEN TWO IS SEVEN BY SEVEN FIVE BY FOURTEEN WITH  
INSCRIPTION MEDALLION ONE ONE ZERO.

INKED IMPRESSIONS OF TIRE THREAD AND PHOTOS SENT  
BY AIRTEL.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS. P.  
CORR THIRD PARA FIST XXXX FIRST WORD SHOULD BE INSPECTION  
RPT "INSPECTION"

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