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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND
LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 1 P

MURKIN

NINETEEN SIXTYSIX MUSTANG ABANDONED BY SUBJECT, RAY,
HAS SEARS ALL-STATE HIGH VOLTAGE (TWELVE VOLT, FIFTYFOUR
PLATE) BATTERY. UNDER THE NEGATIVE TERMINAL WAS A BRIGHT
YELLOW PLATE IMPRINTED "C EIGHT". ON THE ENGINE SIDE OF
THE BATTERY THERE WAS A WHITE TAPE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A NICKEL
STUCK ON THE BATTERY, ALSO SHOWING THE NOTATION "C EIGHT".
SEARS AND ROEBUCK, ATLANTA, ADVISES "C EIGHT" ON THIS BATTERY
INDICATES IT WAS SOLD IN MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. SINCE
INVESTIGATION HAS INDICATED THAT SUBJECT RAY WAS IN LOS ANGELES,
BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND ATLANTA DURING MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT,
ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONTACT SEARS AND ROEBUCK AUTO SERVICE
CENTERS IN RESPECTIVE AREAS, DISPLAY PHOTO OF RAY AND OBTAIN
PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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*Call your friend Alvin C-8
mean same as L.H.*

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

01:1

April 3, 1968

Mr. Eric Galt
5533 Hollywood Boulevard
Hollywood, California 90028

Dear Mr. Galt:

Our accounting office has now called our attention to your letter about the social security program. We regret the delay in replying.

Enclosed are some informational pamphlets including a legislative history of the program, which you might find helpful.

The provisions of the Social Security Act of 1935 went into effect on January 1, 1937, and the coverage of self-employed people (1950 Act) was effective January 1, 1951. There were no limitations on the number of employees an employer could hire without paying social security contributions. Each employer was required to report earnings and pay contributions for each employee whose earnings were covered by the Social Security Act.

You may be interested to know that your social security district office is well stocked with material concerning the program. They can provide you with publications that are available for general distribution and will allow you to examine and copy many publications that are not available for general distribution.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Ball
Commissioner of Social Security

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DATE 3-26-61

TO:

AGENCY BLDG. ROOM

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- ☐ APPROVAL ☐ REVIEW ☐ PER CONVERSATION
☐ SIGNATURE ☐ NOTE AND SEE ME ☐ AS REQUESTED
☐ COMMENT ☐ NOTE AND RETURN ☐ NECESSARY ACTION
☒ FOR YOUR INFORMATION *Re: Eric Hart.*
☐ PREPARE REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF _____

REMARKS:

*Letter requesting Amendments
& policies of the Administration*

(Fold here for return)

To _____
From *BDPA DP: AC*
PHONE *2147* BUILDING *Operations* ROOM *3-A-15*

FORM HEW-30 REV. 11/56

ROUTE SLIP

GPO: 1956-O-409000

2-29-68

DEAR SIR:

COULD YOU TELL ME WHAT EFFECT THE AMENDMENTS
TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 1956, 1960, 1961, 1965.
HAD IN REGARDS TWO WHO WAS COVERED, SUCH AS
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES A FIRM COULD HIRE WITHOUT
PAYING SOCIAL SECURITY AND WHEN THE EMPLOYER
HIMSELF HAD TO HAVE SOCIAL SECURITY.

ALSO WHEN THE MILITARY CAME UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY.
IF YOU DON'T HAVE THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION
COULD YOU TELL ME WHO MIGHT. THANKS.

SINCERELY

ERIC GALT

5533-HOLLYWOOD BLVD.

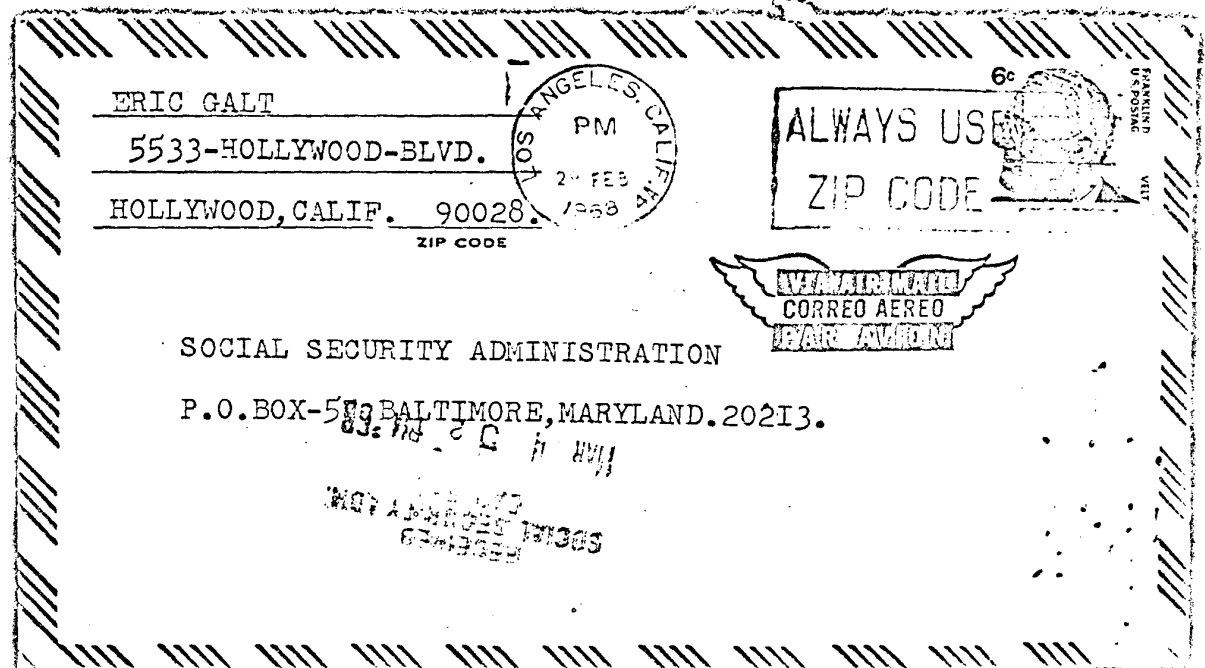
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.

90028.

Eric Galt

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4/22/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call from ASAC, Atlanta to Baltimore,
4/15/68.

Referenced communication reflected that ^{at} General Delivery, Atlanta, Georgia was a large manila envelope addressed to ERIC GALT, 4533 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California which address had been crossed out and in turn had been forwarded to General Delivery, Atlanta, Georgia. There was no postmark on the envelope but the reverse side was stamped 4/13/68, Hollywood. The envelope appeared to contain a regular size sheet of paper and a booklet with return address of HEW, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland.

The files of BA CS-4 were checked and they revealed that a letter postmarked 2/29/68, Los Angeles, California had been mailed to Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland, with return address of ERIC GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California 90028. The letter itself is dated 2/29/68, is typewritten except for the written signature ERIC GALT and is as follows:

"Dear Sir:

"Could you tell me what effect the amendments to the Social Security Act 1956, 1960, 1961, 1965. Had in regards two who was covered, such as number of employees a firm could hire without

- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL) (Enc. 4)
- ② - Los Angeles (REGISTERED MAIL) (Enc. 4)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 4) (REGISTERED MAIL)
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"paying social security and when the employer himself had to have social security. Also when the military came under social security. If you don't have this type of information could you tell me who mite. Thanks.

Sincerely

ERIC GALT

5533-Hollywood Blvd.

Hollywood, California.

90028."

★ letter dated 4/8/68 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare was directed to GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard answering his request and forwarding informational pamphlets.

Enclosed for Memphis are xerox copies of the envelope and letter from ERIC GALT to Social Security Administration; HEW, Form 30 Route Slip and HEW reply letter to GALT.

LEAD:

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Will conduct investigation at 5533 Hollywood Boulevard for any additional information which would be of value in locating subject of this case.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

FROM : SA CHARLES J. POWELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

ReMemo of SPC EUSEBIO V. BENAVIDEZ, 4/21/68.

DAVID McDONALD, Supervisor, National Airlines Ticket Office, Hobby Airport, Houston, Texas, furnished following additional information today:

Last evening while watching the FBI Story on television he observed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and was immediately reminded of a passenger whom he checked through on either National Airlines Flight 23 or National Airlines Flight 47 at approximately noon, 4/21/68. He described the person as about 6'1", with brown hair and a neatly trimmed goatee approximately 1" long covering the bottom lip and chin area only. He was wearing a light colored cowboy type straw hat, a beige Levi type jacket, and black horn rim sun glasses. He, while being checked by McDONALD, removed his sun glasses and stared intently at McDONALD. McDONALD stated the general configuration and look of this man's eyes appeared to be practically identical with the eyes in the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He said the passenger's nose and general shape of his face and mouth also resemble the photograph of RAY. The passenger checked through with no luggage and was carrying a small two-handle type flight bag. He said he was unable to determine whether or not the passenger was identical with RAY but that he felt there was a good possibility that they might be identical.

National Airlines Flight 23 departed Houston at the above described time en route for Las Vegas with final destination San Francisco. National Airlines Flight 47 departed Houston at the above described time en route non-stop to Los Angeles.

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O'Hearn



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HO 44-1509

The following stewardesses were aboard Flight 23 and are presently staying at the Jack Tarr Hotel, San Francisco. They are scheduled to depart San Francisco International Airport today at 2:35 PM, Pacific Standard Time, aboard National Airlines Flight 22 en route to Miami:

Senior Stewardess MITTUCH
RATTIEN
DELISE
GODLEY

The following stewardesses were on Flight 47 and are presently staying at the Huntley House Hotel, Los Angeles. They are scheduled to depart Los Angeles International Airport today at 2 PM, Pacific Standard Time, aboard National Airlines Flight 48 en route to Miami:

Senior Stewardess LEVINE
CARBONE
HARRINGTON
MC CLAIN

The above stewardesses are scheduled to report to the operations office of National Airlines at the respective airports one hour prior to flight departure time.

MCDONALD advised he was unable to determine whether this above described passenger was on National Airlines Flight 23 or 47.

MCDONALD also advised that all eight of the above stewardesses could be located for interview on 4/23/68 through Mr. SAM MAMULA, Security Office, General Offices, National Airlines, Miami, Florida, inasmuch as they are all eight based in that city.

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Date: 4/22/68

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

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM: *WPH* SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
RE: MURKIN

Remytel calls to Los Angeles and San Francisco today.

Enclosed herewith is copy of a memorandum from SA CHARLES J. POWELL, 4/22/68, which is self-explanatory.

Los Angeles and San Francisco requested to immediately contact stewardesses on National Airlines flights 23 and 47, and attempt to obtain further description of person resembling JAMES EARL RAY, and determine if this person was on their flights.

2 - Los Angeles (encl 1) *AC*
2 - San Francisco (AM)(encl 1)
2 - Memphis (AM)(encl 1)
1 - Houston

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS MEMPHIS,
CINCINNATI, NEWARK AND ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO:MEMPHIS)

RE CINCINNATI TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL ¹⁹NINTH,
NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

RE UNKNOWN MALE LEAVING COLUMBUS OHIO VIA GREYHOUND
BUS.

RONALD WEISZ, THREE ZERO ONE EAST MAIN STREET, SMITH-
TOWN, NY, A SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD SENIOR AT STONY BROOK PREP SCHOOL,
STONY BROOK, NY, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS ON APRIL TWENTIETH, NINETEEN
SIXTY EIGHT:

1 - Cleveland
1 - Indianapolis
① - Los Angeles

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*Key to material
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AT APPROXIMATELY THREE THIRTY AM ON APRIL NINETEENTH, NINETY SIXTY EIGHT, HE AND TWO OTHERS, GARY S. GOODMAN, CALDWELL, NEW JERSEY, AND LENNIE (LNU), A FRIEND OF GOODMAN'S FROM UPSTATE NY, WERE SLEEPING IN WAITING ROOM AT PORT COLUMBUS AIRPORT AWAITING SEVEN THIRTY PM TWA FLIGHT TO NY. A TWA CLERK WAS ONLY OTHER PERSON PRESENT IN WAITING ROOM. WEISZ WAS AWAKENED BY AN UNKNOWN MALE WHO ASKED IF HE COULD BUY A SHIRT. WEISZ SOLD HIM FOR ONE DOLLAR A TAN AND GREEN BLAID BUTTON DOWN, LONG SLEEVE SPORT SHIRT, SIZE MEDIUM, BRAND J. C. PENNEY COMPANY. UNKNOWN MALE PAID FROM A LARGE ROLL OF BILLS AND WHILE PAYING DROPPED THREE WRAPPED ROLLS OF COINS ON THE FLOOR. UNKNOWN MALE CHANGED FROM WHITE DRESS SHIRT HE WAS WEARING IN WAITING ROOM AND PLACED THE WHITE SHIRT IN A LOCKER THERE. ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES LATER, HE WENT OUTSIDE AND A CAB DRIVER ENTERED WHO ASKED TWA CLERK TIME THE NEXT FLIGHT LEAVES. HE WAS TOLD FIVE TEN AM AND LEFT. UNKNOWN MALE THEN RETURNED AND ASKED CLERK SAME QUESTION AND RECEIVED SAME ANSWER. UNKNOWN MALE ASKED THE CLERK IF HE COULD LEAVE COLUMBUS ANY OTHER WAY BECAUSE HE SAID HE HAD TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. HE WAS TOLD TO TRY A BUS OR TRAIN, AND PROCEEDED TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT THE GREYHOUND BUS COMPANY AND A NUMBER OF RAILROADS. HE WAS OVERHEARD BY WEISZ TO SAY THE ONLY TRANSPORTATION SOON ENOUGH FOR HIM WAS A FOUR THIRTY AM GREYHOUND BUS TO LOS ANGELES OR SAN FRANCISCO. THE UNKNOWN MALE HAD A CONVERSATION WITH THE THREE

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BOYS WHO WERE CURIOUS AS TO WHY HE HAD NO LUGGAGE. IN RESPONSE TO THEIR QUESTIONS HE TOLD AT TIMES THREE DIFFERENT STORIES; HE HAD NO LUGGAGE, HE LOST IT, AND IT WAS ROUTED TO ANOTHER AIRPORT. HE ALSO TOLD THEM HE HAD AN UNUSED AIRLINE TICKET TO REDEEM BUT DID NOT HAVE TIME TO DO SO. TWA CLERK SAID HE HAD NO TICKET. UNKNOWN MALE THEN CALLED A CAB AND LEFT ALLEGEDLY FOR GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL.

ABOUT FOUR THIRTY AM, TWO YELLOW CAB COMPANY DRIVERS ENTERED WAITING ROOM AND THREE BOYS OVERHEARD CONVERSATION REGARDING UNKNOWN MALE THAT ONE DRIVER HAD DRIVEN FROM AIRPORT. DRIVER SAID HE WAS SUSPICIOUS OF THIS PERSON WHO SAID HE WAS FROM ST. LOUIS AND WHOM HE HAD DRIVEN TO A PRIVATE RESIDENCE IN THE AREA. DRIVER SAID HE WAS PAID WITH A ROLL OF DIMES WHICH HAD CINNATE ON THE WRAPPER. DRIVER SAID HE WAITED OUTSIDE RESIDENCE TO SEE IF SOMEONE WOULD LET THE UNKNOWN MALE ENTER AT THAT EARLY HOUR, AND WAS TOLD BY THE UNKNOWN MALE NOT TO WAIT BUT TO LEAVE. THE DRIVER DID NOT OBSERVE THE UNKNOWN MALE RING A BELL OR ATTEMPT TO ENTER THIS HOUSE. CAB DRIVER ALSO STATED THIS PERSON RESEMBLED PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY THAT HE HAD SEEN IN THE NEWSPAPER.

WEISZ ESTIMATED HE OBSERVED AND TALKED TO UNKNOWN MALE FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND AFTER OVERHEARING CAB DRIVER'S CONVERSATION, THE THREE BOYS, TWO CAB DRIVERS AND TWA CLERK DISCUSSED UNKNOWN MALE AND AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY IN NEWSPAPER, DECIDED THE UNKNOWN MALE CLOSELY RESEMBLED RAY.

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SOMETIME AFTER FIVE AM, THEY DECIDED TO CONTACT THE FBI WITH THIS INFORMATION. GOODMAN TELEPHONICALLY RELATED THE ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE CINCINNATI OFFICE. HE WAS INFORMED SOMEONE WOULD BE OUT TO OBTAIN THE DETAILS FROM HIM, BUT HE EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD RESERVATIONS TO LEAVE FOR NY AT SEVEN THIRTY AM AND COULD NOT WAIT AT THE AIRPORT. GOODMAN ALSO RETRIEVED THE UNKNOWN MALE'S WHITE SHIRT FROM THE LOCKER WHICH HE HAS IN HIS POSSESSION NOW IN NEW JERSEY.

WEISZ DESCRIBED THE UNKNOWN MALE AS WHITE, MALE, ABOUT FORTY FIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY POUNDS, MEDIUM-HEAVY BUILD, STRAIGHT, MEDIUM LENGTH, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, THIN LIGHT MUSTACHE, TAN COMPLEXION, NO GLASSES, NO NOTICEABLE ACCENT BUT NOT FROM EASTERN OR NORTH EASTERN US. NO NOTICEABLE SCARS, MARKS OR TATTOOS. DRESS DIRTY WHITE SHIRT, CHINO TROUSERS, BLACK SHOES, NO JACKET, NO HAT.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CLEVELAND, INDIANAPOLIS AND LOS ANGELES ADVISED BY
AIRMAIL.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Whittier*

Complaint agent RUSSELL ANDERSON at approximately 8:30 PM on above date received a call from Lt. STEVENSON, LAPD Intelligence who advised that a "source" which he could not divulge, had furnished him info that at 7:39 PM tonight, an individual who identified himself as ERIC STARO GALT, placed at long distance telephone call from Los Angeles area code 213, telephone number 696-8632, to telephone number 205 (area code for state of Alabama) 881-9863 at the Ember Club for a Mr. EARL CAMPBELL. The Lt. stated he could provide nothing further.

Writer thereafter contacted General Telephone Company Special Agent JOHN GURZAK (protect) and requested listing info for this 213 area code number, supposedly in the Whittier area.

GURZAK called back advising that number listed to Ricker Motors Used Car Lot, at either 502 West Washington Whittier Blvd., or 12540 East Whittier Blvd., Whittier.

Per instruction Supervisor NOLAN, writer shortly thereafter recontacted GURZAK in effort to obtain toll info regarding call. GURZAK called back advising toll record located at Pacific Telephone Company toll station in Whittier and that he had requested that the chief operator at this station give ~~writer~~ writer the desired info.

Writer was thereafter called by the ~~chief~~ chief operator at above station who advised as follows re this call:

Call was placed as advised above, at 7:39 PM, 4/18/68, from Whittier tel number indicated above, by man identifying self as GALT. Wanted talk collect to EARL CAMPBELL at Ember Club in Alabama, town not mentioned tel # 205-881-9863. CAMPBELL was described as an attorney at law. Ember Club was contacted by long distance operator who was advised that CAMPBELL was not at the club at present and is was not known when he would be returning. GALT thereafter cancelled the call.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM: *P* ASAC RICHARD D. ROGGE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 12:04 PM, 4/23/68, Deputy Chief ROBERT HOUGHTON, Detective Bureau, Los Angeles Police Department, telephonically contacted the office and spoke with the writer concerning captioned matter.

HOUGHTON stated he was officially offering the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department in handling the above investigation and this would include Los Angeles Police personnel, Los Angeles Police facilities, which would include contact with informants and sources known to the Los Angeles Police Department. HOUGHTON in passing remarked that as far as he knew, the Los Angeles Police Department had not been requested to conduct any investigation by the FBI, and that his department only had that information which appeared in the press concerning the case.

HOUGHTON was advised that his offer would be referred to the SAC, and he was thanked for his consideration and *offer of* cooperation.

4-24-68 11⁵⁰ a.m.

Call returned to Houghton - he was out
I would left. by

4-24-68 1³⁰ p.m.

I called Houghton. He spoke
to the gentleman & I thanked
him.
by

① SAC *WJ*
② W. NOLAN *WJ*

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Mr. Anderson
advised
SP.

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Chief

The/Operator stated that the long distance operator that handled the call immediately recognized the GALT as the KING murder suspect and for this reason set the toll slip aside and called the special agent's office who advised her they would contact the FBI.

It is noted here that no call was received from the ~~office~~ special agent's office at Pacific by writer or SA ANDERSON ~~on~~ during evening and apparently the source referred to by Lt. STVENSON is the special agents Office at Pacific who called the LAPD rather than FBI.

F B I

Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE ~~IMMEDIATE~~ URGENT
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS ATLANTA
BIRMINGHAM
MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY THIRD LAST.

HEADQUARTERS, SEARS ROEBUCK AND COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED THIS DATE BRIGHT YELLOW PLATE WITH IMPRINT IS PLACED ON BATTERY AT FACTORY BEFORE SHIPMENT. THIS IS DONE AS INVENTORY OF BATTERY TURNS OVER TWELVE TIMES A YEAR. IMPRINT "C EIGHT" INDICATES BATTERY WAS POSSIBLY MANUFACTURED IN FEBRUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, FOR EXPECTED SALE IN MARCH, SIXTY EIGHT. SEARS STATES THERE ARE LETTERS AND NUMERALS ON NEGATIVE TERMINAL OF BATTERY WHICH WILL INDICATE MANUFACTURER AND AREA OF DISTRIBUTION. ATLANTA ADVISE LOS ANGELES ALL NUMBERS APPEARING ON NEGATIVE TERMINAL SO AREA OF DISTRIBUTION CAN BE IDENTIFIED.

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Approved: WJH
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 3³⁵ 3³⁸ 3⁴⁴ PM Per dmr

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Gentlemen:

Picture of Galt in papers very much like Bill Skipper (Ruth St Dennis Studios) former citizen of Mobile & B'ham Ala whose Mother Polly had a long Communist Country (Russian or Polish) name in B'ham Bill Skipper (as he is now known) lived only a few blocks from rooming house on Highland Ave where Galt was living according to ~~recent~~ recent local newspaper picture of the rooming house which was next to Mary Lewis Nursing Home on Highland Ave (few doors from Town & Gown (Clark) Theatre where Skipper had falling out with Ala Arts Council & Director James Hatcher) and Bill Skipper had his Aunt Callie in this Nursing Home (mentally off) Bill Skipper for some strange reason told me recently not to mention his name strange-wonder why? Bill Skipper's B'ham home was in 1400 block of Milner Crescent behind church on Highland Ave & about 3 blocks from rooming house. He has a friedd with white car. Don't know where he was when Kingshot, Warren (BILLY) Wilson

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Docket No. 19118

Judge Charles E. Hittaker

Kansas City, Missouri

April 26, 1955

WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

PRESENTENCE REPORT

NAME James Earl Ray

CITIZENSHIP

United States

ADDRESS Transient

MARITAL STATUS

Single

AGE 27 years (Born March 17, 1928)

NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS

None

SEX Male

OFFENSE

Forgery of U. S. Postal Money Order

RACE White

I. OFFENSE:

This defendant on April 1, 1955 entered a plea of guilty to an information in one count which charges that he on or about March 21, 1955 at Kansas City, Missouri knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully, and feloniously forged a material endorsement on a U. S. Post Office Department Money Order No. 7-12,239,597. On this same date a companion, Walter Terry Rife, entered a plea of guilty in Docket No. 19119 to an information in one count charging him with the forgery on March 21, 1955 of postal money order No. 7-12,239,597. Imposition of sentence as to defendant and his companion was deferred and this presentence investigation was ordered.

The facts of the case are as follows: On March 7, 1955 the U. S. Post Office at Belleville, Illinois was burglarized and sixty-six blank U. S. Postal Money Orders, Serial Nos. 7-12,239,535 to 7-12,239,600 inclusive, and the office validating stamp were stolen. On March 8, 1955 at Alton, Illinois an unsuccessful attempt was made to cash one of these stolen money orders. On March 21, 1955 one of the stolen money orders, order No. 7-12,239,597, was presented to Askin's Clothing Company, 1276 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, by an unknown person in payment for a suit of clothes which was never picked up after alterations had been made. This money order, which was in the amount of \$75.00, was made payable to Willard J. McBride with the purchaser being shown as Vernon McBride. On this same date an unknown person presented stolen money order No. 7-12,239,568 to the Chaffee Office Machine Company, 1419 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, in payment for a used portable Remington typewriter. This money order, too, was in the amount of \$75.00 payable to Willard J. McBride with the purchaser being shown as Vernon McBride. The manager of this firm, being suspicious of this transaction, directed an employee to follow the customer. The employee noted the model and make of the automobile entered by the customer and the license number of the car. Later when this money order was ascertained

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to have been stolen a description of the customer and his automobile was given to post office inspectors who alerted the Missouri State Highway Patrol. A highway patrolman on March 23, 1955 at Hannibal, Missouri arrested in this automobile Walter Terry Rife, James Earl Ray, and a woman companion who has been released. Thirty-four of the money orders stolen from the Moller's, Inc. St. Louis Post Office were found hidden under the dash above the glove compartment in this automobile. All of them had been stamped with the validating stamp. Some were made out ready for cashing while others were not.

On March 21, 1955 Rife executed a statement for postal inspectors in which he admitted he had prepared, forged and uttered the postal money order presented to the Office Office Supply Company in Kansas City. He admitted preparing the money order which was uttered on forged endorsement at Askin's Clothing Company, Kansas City, Missouri. He admitted that he had prepared the face of the money orders made ready for cashing and which were found in the automobile in which he was arrested. He admitted cashing numerous other money orders on forged endorsements in the states of Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Missouri. He recalled unsuccessfully attempting to cash the money order at Alton, Illinois on March 1, 1955. In his statement he admits that he purchased in Quincy, Illinois the stolen money orders. They were sold to him by an unidentified man for \$20. On March 21, 1955 Ray, declining to execute statement for postal inspectors, did verbally state that he had participated with Rife in the cashing of the stolen money orders in the various states. He denied actually knowing that the money orders were stolen. However, he admittedly presumed that they were for he had been told by Rife that they had been purchased for \$21. He admitted that it was he who forged and uttered the money order presented at Askin's Clothing Company in Kansas City, Missouri. He stated that he purchased for \$1 in St. Louis, Missouri from a "Wino" named Willard J. McBride the identification he and Rife used in uttering the money orders.

The two money orders uttered by Rife and Ray in Kansas City, Missouri and as well the money order Rife attempted to utter in Alton, Illinois have been recovered. As noted previously thirty-four of the money orders were recovered in the automobile. On April 18, 1955 when reinterviewed by postal inspectors Rife and Ray gave particulars relating to the cashing of twenty-seven additional stolen money orders located by the Regional Accounting Office. The particulars are as set out in the following table:

Last three digits	Cashed by	Cashed at	Second Indorser	Date of earliest discernible bank stamp	Am't.
530	Rife	St. Louis, Mo.	(Illegible)	Mar. 15	\$50
543	Ray	do	Dennis Men's Shop	Mar. 17	\$55
547	Ray	Hot Springs, Ark.	Esckay Art Galleries	Mar. 21	\$75
548	Rife	do	Brown's Dept. Store	Mar. 21	\$75
550	Rife	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Topp's	Mar. 15	\$75

552	Rife	Memphis, Tenn.	Borg & McGargo	Mar. 11	\$85
557	Ray	New Orleans, La.	Bright Tailors	?	\$75
558	Rife	do	Schmolders	Mar. 21	\$75
559	Rife	do	Todd's Sportswear Shop	Mar. 18	\$10
560	Rife	Hot Springs, Ark.	None apparent	Mar. 21	\$50
561	Ray	do	Dinos (?) J. C. Ross	Mar. 21	\$75
562	Rife	do	Lockwood's Men's Store	Mar. 23	\$10
577	Rife	do	Pfelfers of Arkansas	Mar. 21	\$75
578	Ray	do	Biles Music Co.	Mar. 21	\$75
582	Rife	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Squires, Inc.	Mar. 15	\$50
583	Ray	do	C. R. Slaughter	Mar. 15	\$50
585	Rife	St. Petersburg, Fla.	(Ivan W. Whipple I. Zucker)	Mar. 16	\$50
586	Ray	do	Arnold's Mens Wear	Mar. 14	\$75
587	Ray	do	Dunoffs Footwear	Mar. 14	\$10
589	Rife	do	Isabelle Abrams	?	\$75
591	Ray	Tampa, Fla.	Rio Liquors Inc.	Mar. 16	\$75
592	Rife	do	Knex (?) Bar & Luncheonette	Mar. 18	\$75
593	Rife	do	The Hub	Mar. 14	\$50
595	Ray	Tallahassee, Fla.	Alford Bros. Inc.	Mar. 12	\$50
596	Ray	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Kings Credit Clothing	Mar. 14	\$50
598	Ray	Daytona Beach, Fla.	(Illegible)	Mar. 15	\$75
599	Rife	Hot Springs, Ark.	Chas. Hearn(?)	Mar. 21	\$75

*Both Rife and Ray say no money orders cashed by them in banks.

Two of the stolen money orders have not yet been recovered. They, however, are accounted for as Ray has admitted cashing one of them at a luggage store in Kansas City, Kansas and Rife admits cashing one of them at Miami Beach, Florida.

It is pertinent to note that following the apprehension of Rife and Ray postal inspectors obtained from the room which they occupied a quantity of merchandise they had acquired by passing the stolen money orders. Found in their room were a typewriter, several pieces of luggage, a radio, a camera, a wristwatch, a considerable quantity of new wearing apparel for men, and other items. They have authorized the postal inspectors to return this merchandise to the stores or individuals from whom it was obtained.

II. PRIOR RECORD:

Defendant's F. B. I. Fingerprint Return No. 306 443 A reveals the following arrests and dispositions:

10-11-49 : Sheriff's office, Los Angeles, California - suspicion of burglary. 12-30-49 sentenced to 8 months in county jail for burglary. Served 90 days and released on probation for period of 2 years. Defendant states that he was drunk

ing in the rear of a cafe when he was seen by the cafe manager. He ran from the scene and was later apprehended. He says that after being placed on probation he went to Chicago, Illinois to reside and that he reported to a probation officer in Los Angeles, California by mail.

- 1-18-50 : Sheriff's office, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. - vagrancy. Disposition not shown, but defendant states he was released and instructed to leave town.
- 7-23-51 : Alton, Illinois Police Department - no operator's license, no state license, no city license. Released to pay later. Defendant states he was fined \$55 and required to purchase the necessary licenses.
- 5-6-52 : Chicago, Illinois police - robbery. 6-13-52 sentenced to term of 1 to 2 years in Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois. Defendant reluctantly admitted to the writer that while intoxicated he held up a taxicab driver. On 7-7-52 he was received at the Illinois State Prison, Pontiac, Illinois in transfer from Joliet, Illinois institution. He was released by minimum expiration on 3-12-54.
- 8-30-54 : Sheriff, Edwardsville, Illinois - burglary and larceny. Defendant states that he burglarized a cleaning shop in East Alton, Illinois but denies stealing anything. Although no disposition has been made on this charge of burglary he apparently is not wanted.
- 3-23-55 : Hannibal, Missouri police for instant offense. Released to federal authorities following day.

III. FAMILY HISTORY:

Defendant

This defendant, age 27, was born March 10, 1928 in Alton, Illinois.

He is an only child. He resided in the parental home in Alton until age 18. During that time, however, he frequently visited with his paternal grandparents in Quincy, Illinois. When about age 18 he entered the army. Following discharge from military service in 1948 he resided for a short time in Quincy, Illinois. He then moved to Chicago, Illinois where he resided for a period of about six months before moving to Los Angeles, California. As noted in the section, Prior Record, he was convicted of burglary and sentenced to jail in Los Angeles. When released on probation from that sentence he returned to residence in Chicago where he lived alone until he was committed in June of 1952 to the Illinois State Penitentiary. Since his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary in March of 1954 he has been rather transient living principally in Quincy, Illinois.

Father

George Ray reportedly died of a heart condition in 1947 at age about

49. He was an employee of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad and reportedly had no arrest record.

Mother

Lucille (nee Maher) Ray died of a liver condition in 1949 at age 51.

Other relatives

Defendant refuses to identify his several aunts and uncles who reside

in Quincy, Illinois.

IV. HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD:

When not incarcerated defendant has lived principally in Alton and Quincy, Illinois. Since his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary in March 1951, he has been rather transient. His last known residence for any period of time was at the Virginia Hotel in Quincy, Illinois.

V. EDUCATION:

Defendant states that he completed the 1st through the 8th grades at St. Mary's School in Alton, Illinois. He states that in 1952 while residing in Chicago, Illinois he attended the Academy of Adults and obtained the equivalent of a two-year high school education.

VI. RELIGION:

Defendant denies any affiliation. His mother was Catholic, and his father was Protestant. While in military service he infrequently attended Catholic services.

VII. INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES:

None.

VIII. HEALTH:

Defendant is 5' 10 1/2" tall, weighs 170 lbs., has a ruddy complexion, blue eyes, and brown hair. There are no apparent marks or scars of identification. He apparently is in good health. He states that before becoming involved in the instant offense he was in the process of petitioning for admittance to a Veterans Hospital in Illinois for a general physical checkup. He denies a history of surgery other than a tonsillectomy in Chicago in 1952. He denies a history of venereal disease or the use of narcotics. He states that he is a "moderate drinker."

IX. EMPLOYMENT AND MILITARY HISTORY:

Defendant states that at Alton, Illinois on February 19, 1946 he enlisted in the U. S. Army. He received his basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri. He was then transferred to Camp Alford, New Jersey to await transportation to the European Theater of Operations. He states that he left the continental limits of the United States for Germany in July of 1946. Overseas he was attached to the 382nd Military Police Battalion. He admits that he was once AWOL for a period of two days which resulted in a suspended sentence to confinement for period of sixty days. He returned to the United States from Germany in December of 1948 and was, he states, on December 23, 1948 given a general discharge under honorable conditions.

Defendant states that his last employment was with an uncle whom he refuses to identify but who resides in Quincy, Illinois. He worked for this uncle as a painter for a period of time in the summer of 1954.

He claims that from August 1951 to May 1952 he was employed by the Borg Erickson Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. This employment was terminated when he was arrested for robbery, which eventually resulted in a penitentiary sentence.

He states that from July of 1950 to June 1951 he was employed by the Ardee Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. He was discharged from this employment for absenteeism caused by his arrest in Alton, Illinois for vagrancy when visiting in that city.

He claims that from April 1950 to July of 1950 he was employed as a laborer at a wage of 90¢ per hour by the Hoe Produce Company, Chicago, Illinois. He claims to have left this employment to accept more lucrative employment.

From July 1949 to September 1949 defendant states he was employed as a laborer at a wage of \$1.10 per hour by the Dayden Rubber Company, Chicago, Illinois. He quit this job to move to California.

He purports that from May 1944 to December of 1945 he was employed at a wage of 65¢ per hour by the International Shoe Company, Hartford, Illinois. He indicates he was laid off by this employer in a general reduction of forces and that he then entered the army.

X. RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES:

None.

XI. SUMMARY:

This defendant, white male, age 27, no dependents, has entered a plea of guilty to an information in one count which charges that he at Kansas City, Missouri -

on or about March 21, 1955 forged a stolen U. S. Postal Money Order. This money order was one of sixty-six such orders stolen in a burglary of the U. S. Post Office, Kellerville, Illinois on March 7, 1955. Defendant emphatically denies the burglary of the post office. He states that his companion in the instant offense, Walter T. Rife, when he met at a bar in Quincy, Illinois suggested that he accompany Rife and cash the money orders which Rife reportedly had purchased from an unknown person. Defendant states that he purchased for \$1 the identification he and Rife used in uttering these stolen orders in various states. When arrested for the instant offense defendant was in possession of thirty-four money orders which had been stolen from the Kellerville, Illinois Post Office. He admits the forgery and uttering of fourteen money orders. His companion, Rife, has admitted the forgery and uttering or attempting to utter eighteen of the stolen money orders.

Approximately one year before becoming involved in the instant offense defendant was released from service of a sentence of one to two years for armed robbery in the Illinois State Penitentiary. In August of 1954 he burglarized a cleaning establishment in East Alton, Illinois. Although he admittedly was charged with burglary he apparently has never been before the appropriate court and apparently is not presently wanted on this charge. In 1949 in Los Angeles, California he was convicted of burglary and sentenced to eight months in the county jail. After serving ninety days of this sentence he was released on probation for a period of two years.

Defendant shows absolutely no remorse at this time. He anticipates receiving a substantial sentence for the instant offense. In writer's opinion he is a confirmed criminal and a menace to society when in the free world.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward H. Murray
U. S. Probation Officer

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RIFE located and interviewed Quincy, Illinois.

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All Offices are requested to review the enclosure thoroughly for the purpose of covering all pertinent leads suggested in the enclosure. This coverage should include, if not already done, a check of all places where the subject is listed as having been incarcerated, all places at which he is believed to have visited in the passing of stolen money orders, and any other investigation, including contact of law enforcement agencies, credit bureaus, public sources, informants and any other logical investigation suggested by the enclosed material which might assist in developing information helpful in locating JAMES EARL RAY at this time.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 4/19/68

All personal checking accounts and savings accounts in the name of ~~DOLORES EVANS~~ were reviewed by SA GEORGE E. AIKEN JR. The results of investigation re these accounts have been set out in FD-302 form for the report.

It was ascertained that ~~THEODORE EVANS~~ possibly might have a checking account at the Bank of Finance, an all Negro Bank.

SA GEORGE MOOREHEAD, telephonically contacted a source at the above bank, who is a vice president at the bank, and requested ~~the~~ source to cause a search of checking account records in the name of THEODORE EVANS.

Source stated that the Bank of Finance had such an account on file, that EVANS was a personal friend of his, and was apprehensive to furnish banking data from the account.

The above information was discussed with Supervisor JOHN S. TEMPLE, and it was recommended that no further efforts be made to review EVANS' account, inasmuch as the source is most valuable in checking accounts maintained at the bank by US, Black Panthers, Republic of New Africa, and other militant groups, all of whom are of interest to this office.

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

Contacts

MURKIN

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

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

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

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

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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TO ATLANTACROIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS PLAINTEXT
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

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MURKIN.

THE REPORTS AS SUBMITTED IN THIS CASE ARE NOT BEING
DISSEMINATED AT THIS TIME. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO HOLD
THE COPY DESIGNATED FOR THE USA IN YOUR OFFICE UNTIL
BUREAU INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE.

BIRMINGHAM, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, CONFIRM PROSECUTIVE
OPINION OF USA BY LETTER.

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1139 PM URGENT 4/24/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS
CITY, SPRINGFIELD AND MIAMI AND JACKSONVILLE..
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) (5)

MURKIN.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT:
NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS
HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY. SUCH CHECKS
CONCLUDED TODAY AND ALL NEGATIVE. PROJECT OF CONTACTING
INDIVIDUALS ADVERTISING AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE THROUGHT NEWSPAPER
ADS BETWEEN MARCH TWENTYFOUR AND APRIL FIVE LAST UNDERWAY,
NEGATIVE TO DATE, CONTINUING.

CAR RENTAL AGENCIES IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS
CONCLUDED TODAY WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY EXHIBITED WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS.

CONTACTS WITH CREW MEMBERS ON EASTERN AIRLINES FOREIGN
FLIGHTS THREE TWO ZERO AND THREE TWO EIGHT ON APRIL FIVE LAST
CONCLUDED EXCEPT FOR ONE STEWARDESS WHO WILL BE INTERVIEWED APRIL
TWENTYFIVE NEXT. SUCH CHECKS ARE NEGATIVE.
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STORAGE GARAGES, CITY OF ATLANTA, CONTACTED AND RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL OPEN PARKING LOTS VICINITY OF ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET HAVE BEEN CONTACTED WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY SHOWN TO OWNERS AND ATTENDANTS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

REMAINING CREW MEMBERS OF EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE, APRIL TWELVE LAST INTERVIEWED REGARDING A PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THEY CONFIRMED INFORMATION FURNISHED APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYEIGHT, BY OTHER CREW MEMBERS WHO STATED GILCHRIST WAS IN ERROR BY STATING ONLY ONE PASSENGER DEBARKED AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. THEY STATED NO ONE ON PLANE RESEBLING RAY.

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, GARNER'S SISTER AND WOMAN LINEN CHANGER AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET, REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND FURNISHED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA CONFINED COUNTY JAIL, MARIETTA, GEORGIA, ON ARMED ROBBERY CONVICTION INTERVIEWED. DOWDA WAS ACQUAINTED WITH RAY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FOR THREE
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YEARS, ENDING SEPTEMBER TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSIX, WHEN DOWDA
RELEASED. DOWDA STATED RAY WAS DOPE ADDICT, USING INJECTIONS
AND WAS ADDICTED PRIOR TO INCARCERATION. RAY USED AMPHETIMINE.
DOWDA STATED HAROLD SCHAEFER, GUARD ON GATE AT THE
PRISON, WAS FRIENDLY WITH RAY AND BELIEVED BY SOME TO BE SELLING
THE AMPHETIMINE. DOWDA CLAIMED RAY HAD UNKNOWN OUTSIDE SOURCE OF
INCOME TO SUPPORT A THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY DOLLAR PER WEEK DOPE HABIT
AS WELL AS FIFTEEN TO TWENTY DOLLARS PER WEEK OTHER EXPENDITURES.
DOWDA CLAIMS THREE NEGRO PRISONERS KILLED IN PRISON AFTER
PROTESTING DENIAL OF BLACK MUSLIMS TO WORSHIP. CLAIMED RAY
KILLED THE NEGROES OR KNOW WHO DID. DESCRIBED RAY AS RACIST WHO
FELT ALL NEGROES IN THAT PRISON SHOULD BE KILLED AND SAID RAY
MADE SEVERAL STATEMENTS TO EFFECT IF PRICE WAS RIGHT WOULD KILL
MARTIN LUTHER KING. DOWDA STATED RAY'S CLOSEST FRIEND IN PRISON
WAS NEIL ABBEY (PHONETIC) WHO HANDLED DOPE AND GOT RAY A JOB IN
THE KITCHEN. DOWDA DOES NOT KNOW NEIL ABBEY'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS
BUT ABBEY WAS AT ONE TIME CHIEF COOK AT THE PRISON. ANOTHER
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CLOSE FRIEND WAS DONALD DEAN RIGGER FROM CALIFORNIA WHOSE WIFE WAS A PSYCHIATRIST AT NAPA STATE HOSPITAL LOCATED ABOVE SAN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. DOWDA STATED RAY WOULD ONLY HAVE AN ADDRESS FOR HIM IN CARE OF DOWDA'S FATHER, CHARLES ALFRED DOWDA, FORMELY ROUTE ONE, SANFORD, FLORIDA, BUT PRESENTLY ONE ONE ZERO SOUTH CHANDLER STREET, DELAND, FLORIDA. DOWDA DENIES CONTACT IN ANY MANNER WITH RAY SINCE DOWD'S RELEASE. STATED ANOTHER FORMER INMATE, PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., AKA PAUL ALVIN CARTER, THIRTYFOUR BARBODOS DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, WAS FRIENDLY WITH RAY AND DOWDA SAW LAIL EARLY MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT NO MENTION MADE OF RAY. DOWDA HAS NO IDEA WHY RAY WOULD GO TO ATLANTA.

MIAMI, CONTACT PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, TO DETERMINE IF RAY HAS CONTACTED HIM.

JACKSONVILLE, CONTACT CHARLES ALFRED DOWDA, ONE ONE ZERO SOUTH CHANDLER STREET, DELAND, FLA. TO DETERMINE IF RAY HAS CONTACTED HIM.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., INTERVIEW GUARD, HAROLD SCHAEFER, CONCERNING RAY. ALSO DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF INMATE NEIL ABBEY (PHONETIC) AND DONALD DEAN RIGGER AND
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SET OUT LEADS FOR THEIR INTERVIEW CONCERNING POSSIBLE CONTACT
BY RAY.

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"DOWDA STATED HAROLD SCHAEFER, GUARD ON GATE AT KITCHEN AT"
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA MELVIN L. FLOHR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re FD-71 of LARRY E. MULLINS, 4/23/68, concerning telephonic complaint from Mrs. ROSANN ROSSO concerning Mr. FRED FOXWORTHY, a possible cousin of JAMES EARL RAY.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs MELVIN L. FLOHR and RICHARD F. KILCOURSE.

On 4/23/68, MARY REINHART, Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, advised the writer that her records reflect that FRED FOXWORTHY, 11871 Bray St., Culver City, is a Deputy Marshall for the County of Los Angeles.

On 4/23/68, an unidentified pretext call to the LA County Marshall's Office determined that FRED FOXWORTHY is a Deputy Marshall and works out of the West Los Angeles office.

On 4/24/68, Mrs. ROSANN ROSSO, 11859 Bray St., Culver City, was interviewed concerning her original call about FOXWORTHY. She related her observations, which substantially coincided with those of her call on 4/23/68. She added that she had learned that the possible cousin of FOXWORTHY might also have an additional last name of STATEMEN.

On 4/24/68, FRED FOXWORTHY, 11871 Bray St., Culver City, advised that his wife, NELLIE, has a cousin named JAMES EARL RAY STATEN, who has lived all his life in Bowling Green, Kentucky. FOXWORTHY stated that when all the publicity about JAMES EARL RAY started, he and his wife had joked about the coincidence concerning the name of her cousin. FOXWORTHY stated that they have not seen this cousin in about 28 years. He guessed that JAMES EARL RAY STATEN would be about 40 now and thus he has no idea what he looks like now.

FOXWORTHY advised that he is a retired Indiannapolis, Indiana police officer and, at one time, headed the Burglary Detail. He stated that he was acquainted with HARVEY FOSTER, who was SAC in Indiannapolis at one time. FOXWORTHY was cordial and complete in his answers to questions.

It is recommended that no further action be taken re FRED FOXWORTHY.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : *RH* SUPERVISOR ROBERT H. MATHESON, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

At 10:06 a.m., 4/24/68, ~~JOHN NICHOLAS~~ who described himself as a "skid row bum", telephonically furnished the following information:

NICHOLAS stated he was in the vicinity of the Union Rescue Mission on Main Street, Los Angeles, the morning of 4/24/68. He stated he overheard one of the officials at the Mission commenting to another that a search of the Mission records reflected a J. E. RAY was registered in 1961. These individuals discussed the possibility that this person was identical with JAMES EARL RAY and that "at the proper time" they would bring this information to the attention of the FBI.

NICHOLAS stated he was furnishing this information in the event it resulted in any reward which he would welcome. NICHOLAS declined to furnish his current address and stated he would "be in touch".

Immediate contact with Supervisor NOLAN reflects that subject JAMES EARL RAY was in custody of the Missouri State Penitentiary during 1961.

Above for information purposes.

RHM, JR./kas
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5:55 PM EST URGENT 4/22/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND NEW ORLEANS, KANSAS CITY,
SPRINGFIELD

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 6 P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO ABOVE OFFICES, APR. TWENTYONE
SIXTYEIGHT.

ON APR. TWENTYONE, LAST, SHERIFF G. T. MAULDIN, (NA),
DALTON, GEORGIA, ADVISED, RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS CURRENTLY SERVING
LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER, ADVISED EARLIER HE SERVED TIME ON
THREE OCCASIONS WITH JAMES RAY. MAULDIN STATED CURTIS' INFO
PROBABLY RELIABLE. CURTIS INTERVIEWED WHITFIELD COUNTY JAIL,
APR. TWENTYONE, LAST, ADVISED FIRST ACQUAINTED RAY IN MARCH
FIFTYFIVE, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WHERE
RAY INCARCERATED ON POST OFFICE BURGLARY CHARGE JUST SUBSEQUENT
TO RELEASE FROM PRISON IN MENARD, ILLINOIS. CURTIS, AT TIME
UNDER ARREST FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND BANK ROBBERY. DURING THIS
PERIOD, CURTIS AND RAY CELL MATES FOR SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS. RAY
HAD FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED), WHO VISITED HIM IN JACKSON
PRISON. FRIEND HAD BEEN CELL MATE OF RAY WHEN RAY AT MENARD,
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*if these men
are really A. K. A. M. J. W.*

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ILLINOIS. THIS MAN KEPT RAY IN SPENDING MONEY WHILE RAY IN PRISON AND WOULD HARBOR RAY. RAY HAD ANOTHER CLOSE FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED) OF ITALIAN DESCENT, APPARENTLY "A BIG MAN" IN SYNDICATE. THIS ITALIAN HAD APPARENTLY OPERATED WITH RAY IN PAST AND ENGAGED WITH RAY IN HANDLING STOLEN POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS. AFTER SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS AS CELL MATES, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, RAY SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS ON POST OFFICE BURGLARY CHARGES, TRANSFERRED TO LEAVENWORTH FEDERAL PENITENTIARY. TWO WEEKS LATER, CURTIS RECEIVED SIXTEEN YEARS SENTENCE FOR BANK ROBBERY AND SENT TO LEAVENWORTH. WHILE CONFINED LEAVENWORTH DURING THIS PERIOD, RAY SPOKE OF NO GIRL FRIEND AND CORRESPONDED WITH NONE. RAY MENTIONED HE "OPERATED" FREQUENTLY OUT OF QUINCY, ILLINOIS, WHICH MEANT "ENGAGED IN BURGLARY AND PAYROLL JOBS." WHILE HE AND RAY WERE INCARCERATED, THEY ENGAGED IN CROOKED POKER GAMES AND TOOK FELLOW PRISONERS FOR MONEY. RAY GOOD POKER PLAYER AND EXCELLENT CARD HANDLER. RAY MENTIONED UNDER WORLD AND HOODLUM CONNECTIONS (NAMES UNRECALLED) IN CHICAGO, DETROIT, TAMPA, AND TIJUANA, MEXICO AREAS. SERVING SEVEN TO EIGHT MONTHS WITH RAY AT LEAVENWORTH, CURTIS TRANSFERRED U.S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GA. CURTIS SERVED U.S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, AND IN JUNE, SIXTYTWO, SENT BACK MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, TO SERVE

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ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGES. WHILE IN STATE PENITENTIARY JEFFERSON, MISSOURI, AGAIN INCARCERATED WITH RAY. ON OCCASIONS IN SAME CELL TOGETHER IN "B" HALL AND "C" HALL. SERVED TOGETHER FROM SIXTYTWO TO SIXTYSIX. WHILE IN "B" AND "C" HALLS, THEY WERE TOGETHER IN THREE-MAN CELL, WITH THIRD INDIVIDUAL (WHOM CURTIS STATED COULD VERIFY FOLLOWING FACTS, BUT WHOM CURTIS REFUSED TO IDENTIFY). DURING THIS INCARCERATION PERIOD, PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATED AND WORD CAME FROM OUTSIDE THIS PROBABLY CONSPIRACY, AND KENNEDY HAD "BOUNTY" ON HIS HEAD. CURTIS, UNABLE TO GIVE FURTHER DETAILS ON "BOUNTY". HE STATED IN SIXTYTHREE TO SIXTYFOUR, DR. KING'S MOVEMENTS BECAME TOPIC OF CONVERSATIONS AT STATE PENITENTIARY AND WORD GOT AROUND TO PRISONERS THAT "KK OF THE SOUTH" WHO APPARENTLY WENT TO BUSINESSMEN HAD RAISED ABOUT MILLION DOLLARS FOR "BOUNTY" ON KING'S HEAD. CURTIS, UNABLE TO GIVE FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OR INFORMATION OF KK OF SOUTH. FROM 'SIXTYTWO TO 'SIXTYSIX BEFORE CURTIS RELEASE, RAY MENTIONED A DOZEN TIMES "HAD HE KNOWN ABOUT A BOUNTY ON JOHN F. KENNEDY'S HEAD AND HAD HE BEEN OUT, HE WOULD HAVE COLLECTED IT". RAY STATED A DOZEN TIMES THAT "IF HE GOT OUT IN TIME AND IF KING WAS STILL ALIVE, HE WOULD LIKE TO GET THE BOUNTY ON KING". RAY NEVER MENTIONED WHOM HE WOULD CONTACT TO GET BOUNTY BUT ADVISED

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CRIMINAL ELEMENTS KNEW HOW TO CONTACT SUCH PEOPLE. ABOVE STATEMENTS BY RAY OVERHEARD BY THIRD CELL MATE MENTIONED ABOVE. RAY HAD FRIEND IN NEW ORLEANS (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN), COIN (PHONETIC) SPELLED LIKE "QUARTER OR DIME", WHO APPARENTLY A FENCE, WELL CONNECTED WITH HOODLUM ELEMENTS AND WHO IN 'FIFTYFIVE WAS FIFTYFIVE OR SIXTYFIVE YEARS OLD, WHOM WOULD HARBOR RAY. CURTIS KNEW NO CLOSE FRIENDS OF ASSOCIATES OF RAY. RAY ALLEGEDLY THRU PRISON GRAPE VINE HAD WIFE, BUT NEVER MENTIONED BY RAY; HOWEVER, FEW PRISONERS MENTION FAMILY CONNECTIONS. RAY ALSO MENTIONED GAMBLING IN LOS ANGELES. RAY WAS "HIGH LIVER" WHEN OUTSIDE AND WOULD ASSOCIATE WITH PROSTITUTES, TAKING ONE FROM TOWN TO TOWN. RAY WITH REGARD TO KING'S KILLING INDICATED HE WOULD MAKE ALL RULES AND WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY DEMAND BOUNTY MONEY BE PUT IN BANK. RAY MENTIONED THREE FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHICH HE HAD READ ABOUT, WHICH CURTIS ASSUMED RAY WOULD GO TO IF OUT OF UNITED STATES. THESE ARE NEW ZEALAND, BRAZIL, AND SWITZERLAND. CURTIS OF OPINION, NOT OVER THREE PEOPLE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN ACTUAL ASSASSINATION. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WELL PLANNED WITH DIVERSIONARY MEASURES AND SECOND INDIVIDUAL, NOT RAY, WOULD HAVE DRIVEN GETAWAY CAR TO ATLANTA AS DIVERSIONARY MEASURE. CURTIS WILL NOT TESTIFY , AS HE FEARS FOR HIS LIFE, IF INFO GETS OUT. HE DEMANDED IDENTITY BE PROTECTED. IN SPITE OF ABOVE, SHERIFF MAULDIN ADVISED CURTIS HAS ALSO GIVE ABOVE INFO PRIOR TO INTERVIEW BY FBI TO LLOYD GULLEDGE, REPORTER, DALTON NEWS

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