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NO 157-10673

WAS EXHIBITED A PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND SHE ADVISED SHE HAD NEVER SEEN THIS INDIVIDUAL BEFORE. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT SHE WAS AWARE THAT CHARLES STEIN HAD MADE A TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER OF SIXTYSEVEN AND PICKED UP THE OTHER TWO CHILDREN BUT REITERATED SHE DID NOT SEE STEIN NOR DID SHE KNOW ANY DETAILS OF THIS TRIP.

LOS ANGELES VERIFY THAT BOVIA'S CALLS TO FOUR SEVEN TWO - SEVEN SEVEN ZERO NINE WERE OVERSEAS CALLS. ALSO REINTERVIEW RITA AND CHARLES STEIN REGARDING TELEPHONE CALLS ENUMERATED ABOVE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

NCH

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FBI NEW ORLS

516PM URGENT 4/27/68 OLP

TO DIRECTOR(44-38861), HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES(44-1574) AND
PHOENIX (44-371)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 1P
MURKIN.

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYSIXTH LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM YUMA, ARIZONA
DECEMBER FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN
TO SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, TELEPHONE
NUMBER ~~THREE ONE EIGHT, SEVEN FOUR~~
~~SIX, FOUR TWO ZERO ZERO~~

MRS. CAMILLA TEASLEY, MANAGER, SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, ADVISED TODAY
CHECK OF ALL AVAILABLE RECORDS FAILS TO INDICATE THAT NUMBER THREE
ONE EIGHT, SEVEN FOUR SIX, FOUR TWO ZERO ZERO WAS A WORKING
NUMBER ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND IS NOT
PRESENTLY A WORKING NUMBER AND PROBABLY NEVER HAS BEEN.

PHOENIX WILL RECHECK TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADVISE NEW ORLEANS.

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226PM URGENT 4-27-68 KOB

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS,
LOS ANGELES, AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN; CR.

RE HOUSTON TEL, APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST.

RE LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN.

HOUSTON CHRONICLE REPORTER ON APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST
ACCOMPANIED LOMAX AND STEIN ON AUTO TRIP FROM HOUSTON TO
SAN ANTONIO ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE TELEPHONE BOOTH ALLEGEDLY
USED BY RAY. TELEPHONE BOOTH NOT LOCATED.

CHRONICLE REPORTER, DON MICHAELS, ADVISED THAT HE LEFT
LOMAX AND STEIN IN SAN ANTONIO AT FOUR THIRTY PM, APRIL
TWENTY SIX, LAST. STATED LOMAX AND STEIN RENTED AUTOMOBILE
FROM SAN ANTONIO AVIS CAR RENTAL, COWTOWN OFFICE, AND
INDICATED THEY INTENDED TO SEARCH FOR TELEPHONE BOOTH WEST
OF SAN ANTONIO. MICHAELS ADVISED IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT
STEIN WAS TAKING LOMAX "FOR A RIDE" AND BOTH APPEARED TO BE
COMPLETELY LOST AS FAR AS LOCATION OF TELEPHONE BOOTH.
MICHAELS ALSO STATED THAT STEIN HAD INDICATED THAT HE HAD
SLEPT MOST OF THE TRIP FROM CALIFORNIA TO NEW ORLEANS WITH RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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Louise Stein

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Date: 4/28/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO::DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 8:15 a.m. ^{INSTANT} ~~T HIS DATE~~ ^{GATE} JAMES CLUTTER, ADVISED THAT TWO BOARDING AGENTS OBSERVED ^{AN INDIVIDUAL} ~~A ZONE MALE CAUCASIAN~~ FITTING DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY, EXCEPT FOR SHORTER ~~HAIR~~ ^{SALT AND PEPPER GRAY} HAIR BOARDING TWA FLIGHT ~~##~~ # 174, DEPARTING LOS ANGELES 8:21 a.m., ARRIVING ST. LOUIS 1:40 P.M. HE IS WEARING WHITE BUTTONED DOWN SHIRT AND YELLOW CARDIGAN SWEATER. HE GAVE NAME OF GEORGE RUDE, AND ASKED FOR CONNECTING FLIGHT INFO TO MARION, OHIO, VIA OZARK, AIRLINES. HE IS CARRYING A BLUE FLIGHT BAG AND IS SITTING MIDWAY ~~ON~~ COACH SECTION ON RIGHT SIDE. HE ALSO HAS TWO OTHER PIECES OF LUGGAGE CHECKED.

ST. LOUIS WILL DETERMINE WHETHER GEORGE RUDE IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT.

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Approved: *[Handwritten signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

WA 9⁰⁴ A
SL 9⁰⁸ A
ME 9¹¹ A

Per

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/28/68

FROM : SA DOUGLAS RAY LUND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Teletype dated 4/28/68 (5:33 p.m., Houston time) received from Houston Office requesting identity of subscriber to telephone number (408) 842-2014. This telephone number is covered by the San Francisco Office.

SA WILLIAM BEAVERS of San Francisco Office telephonically advised of above and SA C. V. BENAVIDZ of Houston Office also advised. San Francisco will handle and was in telephonic contact with Houston.

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533PM URGENT 4-28-68 EVB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS,
NEW ORLEANS, LOS ANGELES, AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN

RE HO TELS APRIL TWENTY-FIVE, TWENTY-SIX AND TWENTY-SEVEN
LAST.

RE LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN

HUGH AINSWORTH OF NEWSWEEK CONTACTED TELEPHONE CO., HOUSTON,
TEXAS AND ADVISED LOMAX AND STEIN HAD IDENTIFIED A COIN TELEPHONE
LOCATED AT ENCO SERVICE STATION, ROUTE NINETY, UVALDE, TEXAS
AS ONE ALLEGEDLY USED BY RAY TO MAKE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS
BETWEEN HOURS OF SIX PM AND NINE PM TWELVE SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN.
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THIS PHONE IS BR EIGHT NINE ZERO FOUR EIGHT.
AINSWORTH REQUESTED TOLL CALLS FROM THIS PHONE BE CHECKED TO
DETERMINE IF ANY CALLS MADE TO NEW ORLEANS TWELVE SIXTEEN
SIXTYSEVEN AND HE BE ADVISED. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AT TELEPHONE
CO. HAS ADVISED THIS OFFICE NO CALLS MADE TO NEW ORLEANS FROM
THIS PHONE DURING ENTIRE MONTH OF DEC. SIXTYSEVEN. DURING
HOURS SIX PM TO NINE PM TWELVE SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN ONLY ONE
INTERSTATE CALL MADE FROM THIS PHONE WHICH WAS MADE BY A
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Handled by S F
SF advised by phone channel
All fund memo 4/28/68 - JH

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PERSON IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS BEN GOMEZ
TO THE RESIDENCE OF GUADALUPE MATA(PH) IN CALIFORNIA, PHONE
FOUR ZERO EIGHT DASH EIGHT FOUR TWO DASH TWO ZERO ONE FOUR.
OTHER EIGHT CALLS DURING THIS PERIOD WERE TEXAS CALL WHICH
WERE OBTAINED FROM TELEPHONE CO. AND WILL BE CHECKED OUT.
LOS ANGELES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK OUT THIS TELEPHONE
NUMBER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

END

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FBI PHOENIX

954PM 4/28/68 URGENT JDD

TO DIRECTOR(44-38861), HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES(44-1574), NEW
ORLEANS(157-10673), AND MEMPHIS(44-1987)(AIRMAIL)
FROM PHOENIX(44-371)

MURKIN

REMYTEL APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST AND NO TEL APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST.
RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM YUMA, ARIZONA DECEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTYSEVEN
TO SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE ONE EIGHT -
SEVEN FOUR SIX - NINE TWO ZERO ZERO. (NOTE CORRECTION)

INSTANT DATE, MR. JACK GRAHM, SECURITY, MOUNTAIN STATES
TELEPHONE CO., PHOENIX, ARIZONA, ADVISED, AFTER A RECHECK OF YUMA
AREA PAY PHONE CALLS DURING DECEMBER FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN,
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, THAT THE CORRECT NUMBER FOR THE YUMA PAY
PHONE CALL MADE TO LOUISIANA AT TEN PM, DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST
IS THREE ONE EIGHT, SEVEN FOUR SIX, NINE TWO ZERO ZERO AND NOT
FOUR TWO ZERO ZERO AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

GRAHM FURTHER ADVISED THAT A CHECK WITH THE LOUISIANA SOUTHERN
BELL TELEPHONE OFFICIALS INDICATES THIS NUMBER IS LISTED TO
CURTIS PARK BAR, TEXAS ST., BOSSIER CITY, LA. WHICH IS ALLEGEDLY
JUST OUTSIDE OF SHREVEPORT, LA. GRAHM IS CONTINUING THE CHECK
OF COLLECT CALLS MADE FROM YUMA TO LOUISIANA ON ABOVE DATES.

PX DIVISION WILL REPORT RESULTS OF SUCH COLLECTION CHECK.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SACS, EL PASO, HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN

DURING AUTOMOBILE TRIP OF SUBJECT RAY AND CHARLES STEIN DEPARTING LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN AND ARRIVING NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, SUBJECT RAY MADE APPROXIMATELY SIX TELEPHONE CALLS FROM VARIOUS PAY STATIONS IN TEXAS.

THEY TRAVELED VIA AUTOMOBILE ON INTERSTATE TEN THROUGH EL PASO TO VAN HORN, TEXAS, AND WENT SOUTH ON ROUTE NINETY TO SAN ANTONIO, THEN ROUTE NINETY OR INTERSTATE TEN TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND TO NEW ORLEANS.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD CHECK WITH TELEPHONE COMPANY AND DETERMINE THE LONG DISTANCE CALLS PLACED AT EACH PUBLIC TELEPHONE ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED ROUTES DURING PERIOD OF DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN, SIXTY-SEVEN AND HAVE EACH CALL CHECKED OUT. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. COPIES MAILED BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES. 44-1574-833

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2 - MEMPHIS
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Airtel

To: SACs, Atlanta
Birmingham
Chicago
Indianapolis
Kansas City
Los Angeles
Memphis

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Bureau has received requests from receiving field divisions to circularize various business establishments either on a state wide or nation wide basis. The requests have not been specific as to what is to be accomplished but have been general in nature.

The suggestions already submitted, as well as any future such suggestions, should be fully evaluated by you as to nature of the circularization, what is expected to be accomplished, scope of the circularization, any disadvantages as weighed against advantages, costs, if any, involved and any other factors on which the Bureau can base an evaluation of the suggestions.

Subject armed and dangerous.

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Chicago (44-1114)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel 4/19/68, submitting major case prints of Jerry William Ray, aka Jerry William Ryan, FBI #862651A.

The remaining unidentified latent prints in this case are not identical with finger or palm prints of Ray.

Laboratory report and disposition of submitted known handwriting and hand printing specimens separate. The prints of Ray are being retained.

- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
- ① - Los Angeles (44-1574)

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN.

RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND CLEVELAND,
APRIL TWENTYSIX, INSTANT. ^{CLAUDE C. COFFEY} (b) (6)

CLAUDE CHARLES COFFEY, WHITE MALE, BORN (b) (6)
(b) (6), RD FIVE, UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, STEADILY EMPLOYED
AT GALION IRON WORKS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, NORTH SANDUSKY
STREET, BUCYRUS, OHIO, SINCE AUGUST TWELVE, SIXTYFIVE, AS AN
ASSEMBLER. EMPLOYER'S TIME CARD RECORDS SHOW COFFEY EMPLOYED
ON PERTINENT DATES AND ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, ON DUTY FROM
SIX FORTYSEVEN AM TO THREE THIRTY PM. SUPERINTENDENT OF PLANT
STATES NATURE OF COFFEY'S JOB IS SUCH HE COULD NOT BE AWAY
FROM HIS SPECIFIC JOB ANY LENGTH OF TIME AND NOT BE MISSED.
COFFEY'S WORK RECORD IS EXCELLENT AND IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY
SUPERINTENDENT. COFFEY IN U.S. ARMY ON ACTIVE DUTY FROM MAY
FOURTEEN, FIFTYFOUR TO APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, FIFTYSEVEN, AND FROM
EARLY SIXTYTWO TO JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYFIVE.

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1 - Kansas City (AM)

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COFFEY INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS THIS DATE AT WORK AND
ELIMINATED BY FINGERPRINTS AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO LOS ANGELES AND KANSAS CITY.

P.

END.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM : SUPERVISOR NEAL MC GINNIS

SUBJECT: JAMES RAY; ET AL

DATE: 4/29/68

This is to advise that at 9:02 a.m. LOUIS LOMAX called and spoke to the writer.

LOMAX stated he was attempting to get the phone calls from the telephone booths at the St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood, from the phone company but understood that the FBI "had moved in."

LOMAX was informed that all the information available concerning this matter was in the press releases made by Washington. It is noted that a press release was left at the reception desk on a previous date on request of LOMAX and he failed to pick it up.

LOMAX said he appreciated the Bureau's position.

The above is being submitted for the record.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA RICHARD J. RAYSA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

Re FD 71 of IC LARRY E. MULLINS dated 4/23/68.

On 4/25/68 personnel, Coberly Car Leasing Company, 966 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles advised that their 1967 Chevrolet bearing California license WCN 392 was leased five months ago to BRIAN SHANE GILBERT, 28027 Oaklan Drive, Saugas, California, who owns and operates Imperial Plastic Company, 2628 Brooklyn, Los Angeles.

Attempts were made to contact BRIAN SHANE GILBERT on 4/25/68 with negative results.

On 4/26/68 BRIAN SHANE GILBERT was contacted at his place of business, Imperial Plastic Company, 2628 Brooklyn, Los Angeles. GILBERT acknowledged that he leases a 1967 Chevrolet from Coberly Leasing Company, 966 South Western, and that on the evening of 4/22/68 he registered at the Holms Motel, 3711 South Western. GILBERT volunteered that he was accompanied to this location by a female acquaintance, and that "to avoid embarrassment" he registered under the fictitious name of PAUL R. GULD.

It was noted that GILBERT does not fit the description of JAMES EARL RAY.

In view of the above information, no further investigation re BRIAN SHANE GILBERT is warranted.

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases XXXXXXXXXX			Address of subject UNKNOWN		Character of case "MURKIN"	
Complainant XXXXXXXXXX MRS. DELL HYMAN APTS. MGR., APT. #1, 5612 HAROLD WAY, HOLLYWOOD			Complainant's address and telephone number TEL. HO-5-5873		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>4/27/68</u> Time <u>6:00PM</u>	
Subject's Description	Race W	Sex <input checked="" 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 <p>XXXXXXXXXX UNKNOWN MALE ARRIVED IN FRONT ABOVE APARTMENTS ON FRIDAY, 4/26/68 ABOUT 2:00PM IN OLD MODEL WHITE CAR, BEARING PLATES (CALIF.) OUM 047 OR QUM 047. ASKED IN QUIET VOICE FOR SINGLE APARTMENT; TURNED HIM DOWN AS NONE AVAILABLE. SEEMED VERY NERVOUS. ALSO ABOVE APTS. JUST AROUND CORNER FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL WHERE "GALT" WAS ONCE. MAN WAS UNKEMPT AND "BAGGY". SOMEWHAT RESEMBLED THE 1952 PHOTO XXXXXXXXXX BUT NOT AT ALL THE 1959 AND 1968 PHOTOS OF RAY, AKA "GALT", WHICH APPEARED ON PAGE 20, TIME MAGAZINE DATED 4/26/68.</p>						
<div style="text-align: right;"> <p>44-1514-839</p> <p>SEARCHED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDEXED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SERIALIZED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FILED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APR 29 1968 FBI - LOS ANGELES</p> </div>						
<p>Action Recommended</p> <p>CHECK OUT POSSIBILITY WM. J. McCAULEY (Agent)</p>						

Indices Search Slip
FD-160 (Rev. 10-1-59)

Date _____

4/29/68

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject

Mr Dell Hyman

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex	
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☐ Male☐ Female☐ Exact Spelling

☐ All References

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File Review Symbols

I - Identical

? - Not identifiable

NI - Not identical

U - Unavailable reference

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/27/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH J. ROSS, JR.

SUBJECT: **MURKIN**

EDWARD J. MC DONNA, Division 6, SOG telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Division on 4/27/68 at 1:45PM. He advised the Bureau had received a communication concerning LOUIS LOMAX to the effect that "the FBI may compare handwriting in the form of doodling on or in a telephone booth with handwriting on the back of a television set ~~XX~~ which RAY had previous access."

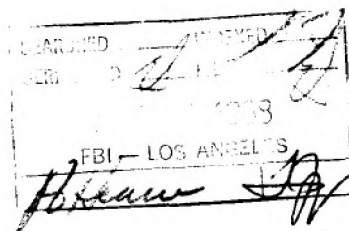
MC DONNA asked if investigation previously conducted at Los Angeles determined ~~XX~~ that handwriting was contained on the rear of a television set. MC DONNA continued that the television set in question ~~XXXX~~ is a set of MARIE's.

Supervisor NOLAN was contacted and advised that the television set in question had been forwarded to the Bureau, and that he knew of no handwriting contained on the back of the set.

MC DONNA was recontacted at 2:25PM, and the above information furnished to WILLIAM KISH, Division 6, SOG.

MC DONNA had requested a sutelcal.

JJR/



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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases		Address of subject		Character of case		
				MURKIN		
Complainant		Complainant's address and telephone number		Complaint received		
MRS. D. PHILLIPS		1027 GRAMERCY PLACE, LA. TEL: 737-1578		<input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>4/27/68</u> Time <u>10:45PM</u>		
Subject's Description	Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					
Facts of complaint						
<p>C. STATED SHE WAS AT HOLLY PARK THIS AFTERNOON. THERE, ABOUT 4:30PM, SHE NOTICED TWO MEN SEATED. ONE MUCH RESEMBLED PHOTOS OF RAY OBSERVED TONITE ON TV. OTHER WAS A HIPPIE TYPE, TALL, ROBUST, LONG BLOND HAIR. SUSPECT WAS ABOUT 35, HAD "COLORATED" SKIN, SMALL EYES, THOUGH WORE WRAP-AROUND DARK GLASSES, SANDY BROWN HAIR, PIGMENTATION MARKS OR SPOTS ON HANDS. ACTED SUSPICIOUSLY, AS IF WATCHING EVERYONE, WAS VERY NERVOUS. C. WATCHED HIM FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES, AND HE SEEMED TO BECOME INCREASINGLY CONSCIOUS OF HER AND FINALLY MOVED AWAY.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">44-1574-841</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"><p>SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED APR 29 1968 FBI - LOS ANGELES</p></div>						
Action Recommended						
ROUTE TO SUPVR. FOR INFO. WM. J. McCAULEY (Agent)						

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases			Address of subject			Character of case "MURKIN"			
Complainant REYNO HANNULA, 1189 BUCHON ST., SAN LUIS OBISPO			Complainant's address and telephone number #543-5555			Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 4/27/68 Time 5:40PM			
Subject's Description	Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace			
	Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Weight	Eyes	Complexion				
	Scars, marks or other data								
	Facts of complaint								
<p>COMPLAINANT NOTICED WANT AD IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER "TELEGRAM TRIBUNE" DATED FRIDAY, 4/26/68, LOWER LEFT CORNER OF PAGE 12, WHICH STATES:</p> <p>2BARTENDER - EXPERIENCED. MUST SPEAK SPANISH AND ENGLISH FOR NEW BAR IN LUKEVILLE, ARIZONA. CAN LIVE IN SONOITA SONORA. SEND PICTURE, EXPERIENCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO A. E. GAY, 2919 N. 36TH, PHOENIX, ARIZ. "</p> <p>C. THINKS AD UNUSUAL FOR SAN LUIS OBISPO PAPER. THIS, PLUS SIMILARITY OF "GAY" WITH RAY, PROMPTED CALL FOR INFORMATION AT LEAST.</p>									
Action Recommended CHECK OUT. WM. J. McCAULEY (Agent)						<p>44-1574-842</p> <p>SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED APR 29 1968 FBI - LOS ANGELES</p>			

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

(44-1574)

DATE: 4/28/68

FROM : SA B. Bruce Bradford

SUBJECT: MURKING;
MISC. INFO. CONCERNING

On 4/28/68, Sunday, at about 11:30 A.M., a woman telephonically contacted the FBI Office. She gave her name and office address as follows, stating she is an attorney:

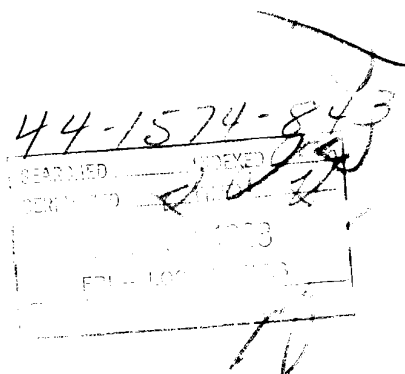
Mrs. LENORA BROWN
641 W. 115th St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.
tel. no. PL.6-5745

She stated she was quite upset because she had just read an article in the Los Angeles Times, Sunday edition, regarding the killing of KING entitled, "King's Killer's Route Retraced in Memphis; Escape Found Easy", written by VINCENT J. BURKE and NICHOLAS C. CHRISS. She said this article refers to FRANK C. HOLLOMAN as a "former high-ranking FBI official".

Mrs. BROWN stated she previously had telephoned a Mr. BEAN, radio announcer on KABC who reportedly has an audience participation 2-way radio show after midnight. She had called him the night of the riot in Memphis when Dr. KING made his first appearance in Memphis. BEAN reportedly made telephonic contact with HOLLOMAN that same evening or early morning the next day. She said her complaint is that HOLLOMAN referred to Dr. KING as a "Nigger".

Mrs. BROWN wanted to know if HOLLOMAN is, in fact, a former FBI employee. She was advised that identities of any FBI employee, past or present, could not be divulged. She was advised that FBI employees would not refer to any negro as a "nigger".

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/28/68

FROM : SA B. Bruce Bradford

SUBJECT: MURKING

On 4/28/68, Sunday, at 1:24 P.M., DEMAR PILKINGTON, Detective, Los Angeles PD, telephonically contacted the writer. He advised that he had just received a telephone call from ILENE HANSON who said she was sitting in Bob's Cafe and Bar located at Venice and Grandview in downtown L.A. and the telephone no of the pay phone there was given by her as 397-9135. She stated to PILKINGTON that she had been talkin to a man at the bar. She didn't know his name but stated he said he had been in Memphis and St. Louis recently. She stated he resembled the pictures she has seen of GALT or RAY. She said she would wait for an agent to contact her. This man was reportedly wearing a white sweater and dark pants and a mustache.

Supervisor W. J. NOLAN advised 4/28/68.

SAs RAY LINDSTROM and STAN MILLER were in the office and stated they would handle the above lead and contact HANSON for further information .

Later, above SAs LINDSTROM and MILLER called and advised no such address exists and that Venice and Grandview do not intersect. Meanwhile, telephone no. 397-9135 was called but no answer was received.

LEAD: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Determine subscriber to 397-9135 and interview re above information reportedly received from an ILENE HANSON.

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*Man/Victa Bond
397-5288
12125 Venice Blvd.*

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases MURKIN				Address of subject		Character of case	
Complainant R. LEE PERRY				Complainant's address and telephone number 981 S. Hoover St., Los Angeles DU 6-0934		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 4-28-68 Time 10:15 PM	
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 <p>PERRY advised he had watched the TV Program about the FBI this evening.</p> <p>Shortly before calling the office he saw a man hanging around the front of the Boys Market on South Hoover Street who somewhat resembles the picture of JAMES EARL RAY. This person has deep lines in his face and a ruddy complexion. He was wearing a dark suit.</p>							
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>Action Recommended</p> <p>H. R. McCULLOUGH (Agent)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p><i>44-1514-845</i></p> <p>SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED APR 29 1968 FBI - LOS ANGELES <i>F. Warner</i></p> </div> </div>							

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Subject's name and aliases MURKIN			Address of subject			Character of case		
Complainant JAMES H. ROBERTS			Complainant's address and telephone number 744 S Catalina Los Angeles 388-4952			Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 4-28-68 Time 9:11 PM		
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							
	<p>Facts of complaint</p> <p>ROBERTS advised he saw a person resembling JAMES EARL RAY last Friday. At about 2:00 P.M., 4-26-68 this man was standing in a parking lot located at 20701 Nordhof, Chatsworth.</p> <p>Mr. ROBERTS could furnish no amplifying details. He is not certain that the suspect is, indeed, RAY.</p>							
Action Recommended						<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>44-1574-846</p> <p>SEARCHED _____ INDEXED _____</p> <p>SERIALIZED _____ FILED _____</p> <p>APR 29 1968</p> <p>FBI — LOS ANGELES</p> </div>		
<p>H. R. McCULLOUGH</p> <p>(Agent)</p>								

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Subject's name and aliases MURKIN			Address of subject			Character of case		
Complainant VINCENT FRITCH			Complainant's address and telephone number 5224 W Kings Lane Rolling Hills Estates FR 8-6687			Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 4-28-68 Time 9:08 PM		
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 <p>FRITCH advised that around 7:00 P.M., 4-28-68 he had been in Alice's Restaurant, 20333 Pacific Highway and saw a man who resembled JAMES EARL RAY there. This person drank a beer then walked out. Before leaving the man spoke to two older customers, identities unknown to FRITCH.</p> <p>According to FRITCH, the man has a very white, pasty complexion; pointed elebows, and walks with a shuffle. He may possibly have had a red mark of some sort in the center of his forehead. He is about 5' 8" in height and would weigh about 170 pounds.</p>							
Action Recommended H. R. McCULLOUGH (Agent)						<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>44-1574-84</p> <p>SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED APR 29 1968 FBI - LOS ANGELES</p> </div>		

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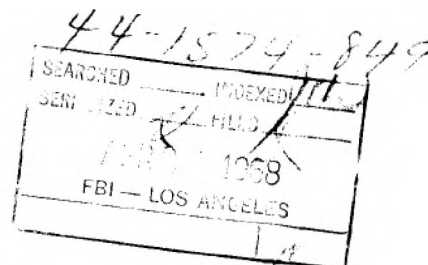
Subject's name and aliases MURKIN			Address of subject		Character of case	
Complainant BILLY GRING, Age 9 Years			Complainant's address and telephone number 914 Barcelona Drive, Santa Barbara, Calif. 962-4856		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 4-28-68 Time 9:09 PM	
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 BILLY advised he had just seen FBI's TV Program and wanted us to know that he had seen a man looking like RAY (JAMES EARL RAY) two days ago about 4:00 P.M., in front of the Crocker Citizens Bank in Santa Barbara. The suspect was walking up the street as BILL Y was walking down the street					
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div> <p>Action Recommended File in 44-1574</p> <p>H. R. McCULLOUGH (Agent)</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>44-1574-842</p> <p>SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED APR 29 1968 FBI - LOS ANGELES</p> </div> </div>						

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Subject's name and aliases MURKIN			Address of subject		Character of case	
Complainant RICHARD J. LESTER, President, American Overseas Service			Complainant's address and telephone number 11301 Long Beach Blvd., Lynwood, California, 537-1821; 774-1713		Complaint received Date 4-28-68 Time 9:10 PM <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic	
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					
<p>Facts of complaint</p> <p>LESTER advised he had just seen FBI's TV Program at the conclusion of which was shown the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated this face rings a bell but he cannot place it for certain with respect to time nor location.</p> <p>LESTER was requested to recontact this office immediately if he recalls more specific details.</p> <p>LESTER sounded quite sincere, I do not believe he had been drinking</p>						
<p>Action Recommended</p> <p>H. R. McCULLOUGH (Agent)</p>						



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4-24-68

FROM : SA John E. Keane

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re: Possible Mental Condition of Subject ERIC STARVO GALT,
Atlanta airtel dated 4-18-68.

On 4-12-68 Supervisor John S. Temple telephonically requested the records of Camarillo State Hospital, Camarillo be cheked for any record regarding GALT. On 4-12-68 Albert VERCOUTERE, assistant to the Hospital Administrator, advised a thorough check of their records failed to locate any patient identical with GALT.

This information was telephonically furnished to Supervisor Temple on 4-12-68.

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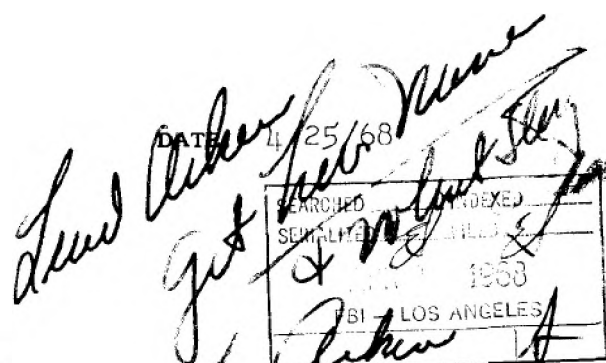
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA GEORGE F. AIKEN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN



RODNEY ARVIDSON, Owner, Manager of National Dance Studios, Long Beach, California, telephonically contacted the writer at his residence on the late evening of 4/24/68 advising as follows:

He stated that over the past several days and individual or individuals unknown to him, had been calling the dance studio repeatedly and of such frequency that the three telephone lines used by the studio had been jammed. On each occasion the telephone would ring, as customary, an employee would answer the telephone to note that there was nothing but silence on the other end of the line.

ARVIDSON stated that he had on numerous occasions complained to the telephone company, and late yesterday evening, one WARNER, an official of the telephone company advised him that he had received authority to place a trace on the telephone calls. WARNER also advised him to file a police complaint with the LBPD about the problems he was experiencing, above described.

ARVIDSON, while conversing with the writer stated that he may have innocently been the individual who started the "blond girlfriend" myth that the press had recently released. He stated that over the past couple of weeks the various press services had been such a nuisance at the studio that they had hampered his operation. He was called by the Los Angeles Times, who set up an interview with him for an individual named "CEIDRICK" (PH), a reporter from Sweden, who had expressed a desire to interview him from the aspect that KING was awarded the Nobel Prize in Sweden, and he was of the opinion that Sweden would be interested in press coverage of the murder.

On interview with this individual, ARVIDSON stated that he told the reporter that there was a blond ~~in~~ attending private instruction at the studio over the same period generally that RAY attended. ARVIDSON stated that in fact he knew of no relationship between RAY and this girl, and only vague factors, such as the fact that she was a swede, and she attended at about the same time generally that RAY attended, seemed to stimulate the reporter, and the rest of the story was a product of the reporter's imagination.

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ARVIDSON stated that he was offering the above information for the knowledge of the Los Angeles Division. He stated also that he would be receptive to further interview if it was desired.

LEADS

It is recommended that liason be established with WARNER of the telephone Company, and ascertain from him the identity of the individuals who apparently are jamming the lines of National Dance Studio, with the thought in mind that National Dance Studios had been so publicized in recent weeks in connection with the Murkin matter. Thereafter, if deemed advisable, after discreet background investigation, will consider interview of this individual to ascertain if he is an associate of RAY.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA MELVIN L. FLOHR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SUPERVISOR RICHARD J. STILLING, 4/22/68, concerning the possibility that JAMES EARL RAY was employed in a bakery in the LA area during period April to November, 1967. This lead arose since RAY worked in a bakery at Missouri State Penitentiary.

On 4/22/68, Miss CAROL LEVITT, Secretary, Local 400, Bakery and Confectionary Workers Union, 10400 South Grand, Los Angeles, advised that her records contain no information concerning the JAMES EARL RAY or any of the aliases RAY has been known to use. She further advised that she checked the records of Baker's Union Local 37, located in the same building with negative results. Miss LEVITT mentioned that the number of non-union bakeries in the Los Angeles area is extensive.

On 4/23/68, Mrs. BETTY WILSON, Secretary, Local 31, Bakery and Confectionary Worker's Union, 1239 Locust Ave, Long Beach, Calif, advised that her records reflect no information concerning JAMES EARL RAY or any of the aliases he is known to have used.

On 4/26/68, Mrs. S. TUTTLE, Clerk, Personnel Dept, Helms Bakeries 6800 Venice, Los Angeles, advised that the bakers at Helms are non-union. She checked the records of both Helms plants and advised that she could locate no record concerning JAMES EARL RAY or any of the aliases he is known to have used.

On 4/26/68, the area around Serrano and North Hollywood was surveyed and the only actual bakery located was the F. Sarno Bakery 1545 N. Western Ave, Hollywood. JOE D' EGIDIO, G. Sarno Bakery, advised that he could not recall ever seeing JAMES EARL RAY. This name and the aliases used by RAY meant nothing to D' EGIDIO.

It is recommended that no further action be taken, at this time, concerning the contact of non-union bakeries.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA RICHARD B. SADLER III

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RICHARD WHEELER, 19213 Bryant Street, Northridge, California, telephonically contacted the FBI, 4/25/68, and advised that an individual named CEDRUP, who identified himself as a reporter, had contacted him regarding the whereabouts of one RALPH PIERCE who is acquainted with a Swedish girl named SUSAN who was supposedly a friend of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that he gave this individual no information and that RALPH PIERCE would be in town on Friday, 4/26/68, and would be staying with SUSAN. He said that he did not have the address at the present time but would recontact him and furnish the address when he got it.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA RICHARD B. SADLER III

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JACK VELASCO, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), telephonically contacted the FBI at 5:45 p.m., 4/25/68, and advised that he had been stopped by one HENRY COLEMAN, 2542 Vineyard, Los Angeles, California, telephone number RE 4-5819, who was a parking lot attendant at 935 West 8th Street. He stated that COLEMAN advised an individual who resembled the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY had come into his parking lot with another male caucasian at approximately 5:11 p.m. and had gone from the lot to an apartment building and had then returned and left the lot at 5:27 p.m. He advised that this individual was driving a 1955 or 1956 red Buick bearing California License plate PYR 391.

DMV
55 Buick 2 door
Registered to
JOHN W. BAKER
922 S. LAKE ST.
LOS ANGELES

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Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau (Enc. 4) *See 1a70*
2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each) *for Angeles*
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987),
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), ATLANTA (44-2386),
NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAN ANTONIO, EL PASO (157-186),
AND KANSAS CITY

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE TELEPHONE BOOTHS ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN HOLLYWOOD AREA LOS ANGELES FROM
NOVEMBER NINETEEN, SIXTY SEVEN, THROUGH MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY
EIGHT APPROXIMATELY. NOVEMBER NINETEEN UNTIL APPROXIMATELY
JANUARY TWENTY RESIDED NEAR ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AND JANUARY TWENTY
ONE TO MARCH SEVENTEEN RESIDED THERE. TOLL NUMBERS FROM
TELEPHONE BOOTHS AT THE HOTEL ARE BEING ANALYZED FOR ANY
POSSIBLE CALLS BY SUBJECT WHILE IN LOS ANGELES AREA. FOLLOWING
NUMBERS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO DATE.

DALLAS -

DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN, DALLAS, SIX NINETEEN PM,
THREE SEVEN FOUR DASH TWO EIGHT FIVE EIGHT.

DECEMBER TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY SEVEN, HENDERSON, EIGHT
TWENTY FIVE PM, SIX FIVE SEVEN DASH TWO SIX FIVE THREE.

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JANUARY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, EL PASO, SEVEN TWENTY SIX PM,
SEVEN SEVEN TWO DASH TWO SEVEN ONE ONE.

ST. LOUIS -

JANUARY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, ST. LOUIS, THREE FIFTY SEVEN PM,
THREE SIX ONE DASH NINE SIX ZERO ONE.

JANUARY TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, OVERLAND, NINE FORTY SEVEN PM,
FOUR TWO THREE DASH TWO THREE FOUR EIGHT.

NEW ORLEANS -

DECEMBER TWENTY TWO, SIXTY SEVEN, NEW ORLEANS, SEVEN
FORTY EIGHT PM, FIVE TWO THREE DASH ZERO NINE THREE ZERO.

SAN ANTONIO -

FEBRUARY TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, SAN ANTONIO, TWELVE
TWENTY SEVEN PM, TWO TWO SEVEN DASH EIGHT ZERO SEVEN EIGHT.
TICKET REFLECTS CALLER RUSSELL JOHNSON.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBER AND
IDENTITY OF CALLER AND ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE GAINED
CONCERNING RAY IF HE MADE ANY OF THESE CALLS.

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Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, SACRAMENTO
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
RE: MURKIN
CR

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 4/18/68, re possible mental condition of ERIC STARVO GALT.

Enclosed herewith for Sacramento are two (2) xeroxed copies of re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 4/18/68.

Inquiry, Atascadero, California, State Hospital disclosed no record of subject GALT. Further, that a complete roster of all past and present state hospital mental patients is maintained at California Department of Mental Hygiene, Sacramento and/or through Mr. CHARLES LUNDHOLM, Bureau of Bio Statistics, Sacramento.

LEADSACRAMENTO

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA: Check above agency for possible commitment of subject to a state mental institution.

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917PM URGENT 4/26/68 GWK

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, ST. LOUIS, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES
FROM INDIANAPOLIS 44-563

MURKING, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN CHICAGO AND BOSTON
TELETYPES, APRIL TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT.

TELEPHONE WA FIVE-EIGHT NINE SIX FIVE WAS ASSIGNED TO FORD
MOTOR CREDIT CO.; C. DEMPSEY, THIS DATE, ADVISED STOUT DELIVERED
A MAYFLOWER MOVING VAN TO INDIANAPOLIS IN REPOSSESSION FOR
INDIANAPOLIS DEALER. NO RECORD HERE RE BACKGROUND. STOUT
RECOMMENDED BY LOS ANGELES OFFICE, FMC CO., ONE THREE SEVEN ZERO
ONE RIVERSIDE DR., SHERMAN OAKS, CALIF.

NO EASTERN STATES FREIGHT LINES, TERRE HAUTE, IND.

STOUT MAYBE IDENTICAL TO LAWRENCE DONADL STOUT. FBI NO.
FOUR NINE FIVE NINE THREE EIGHT ZERO. SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS
ANGELES IN POSSESSION OF ST. LOUIS AIRTEL, FEB. TWENTYSIX SIXTYFOUR
RE LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, AKA L.D. STOUTD, DONALD L. STOUTD, ITSMV.

ST. LOUIS FILES TWENTYSIX-ONE FOUR ONE FIVE SIX AND FORTY TWO-
FOUR THREE ONE SIX ARE STOUT WITH SAME FBI NO.

ST. LOUIS FORWARD SAN FRANCISCO PHOTO OF STOUT FOR EXHIBIT
TO LINDH.

LOS ANGELES CONTACT FMC CO., SHERMAN OAKS, FOR BACKGROUND.

OBJECT IS TO IDENTIFY STOUT SO DETERMINATION CAN BE MADE
AS POSSIBLE CO-CONSPIRATOR.

END.

REF

FBI LOS ANG.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
SACS, ST. LOUIS
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RE INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY-SIX LAST.

WILLIAM BURGESS, ADJUSTOR, FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY (FMC), ONE THREE SEVEN ZERO ONE RIVERSIDE DRIVE, SHERMAN OAKS, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE HIS OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR WEEKEND; HOWEVER, HE SEARCHED FILES AVAILABLE TO HIM IN THE OFFICE BUT COULD FIND NO MENTION OF STOUT. OFFICE MANAGER IS OUT OF TOWN FOR WEEKEND. FMC WILL BE RECONTACTED APRIL TWENTY-NINE NEXT FOR REQUESTED INFORMATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA EUGENE W. ADAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/22/68, An attempt was made to contact ROY WILLIAMS at the Music Box Bar, 8511 North Long Beach Blvd., South Gate, Calif.; however, that attempt was negative.

A survey was conducted of the 1400 block of 5th Street, East, in Long Beach, and it was determined that there was no such a dress as 1480 East 5th Street. 5th Street west does not have a 1400 block. A search was made of the Long Beach telephone book for one ROY WILLIAMS with a 5th Street address which was negative.

On 4/22/68, the main office of the Yellow Cab Co., was contacted, and it was determined that the area of 8511 North Long Beach Blvd., South Gate, was handled by the Southeast Taxi Co., 13124 Lakewood Blvd., Bellflower, Calif.

On 4/24/68, HARRY STANFIELD, Mgr., Southeast Taxi Co., made a search of his records for April 22, 1968 which disclosed that his company made no pickups at the Music Box Bar 8511 North Long Beach Blvd. on 4/22/68. STANFIELD advised that his company has the sole franchise for the Lynwood and South Gate areas. If a passenger was picked up by a yellow cab, it would have to be an outlaw pickup and would not be recorded on the driver's schedule. He advised that there is no other Music Box Bar on Long Beach Blvd.

On 4/25/68, ORRIN OSTRY, Bartender, Music Box Bar, 8511 North Long Beach Blvd., South Gate, was displayed a photo of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised that he is familiar with most of his customers. He does not recognize RAY as ever having been in his establishment. He stated he is not familiar with ROY WILLIAMS, nor is he familiar with a truckdriver named "DON".

Inasmuch as no positive information was developed during this investigation, no further investigation is being conducted in the Long Beach Area. Any other investigation to be conducted is left to the discretion of LA headquarters.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LA (44-1574)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA H.L. PELLEGATTA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

LEONARD BROWN, Suite 300, Crocker-Citizens Bank Building, Riverside, California, advised as follows on 4/25/68.

He and a friend, TULLY BOUGH, were traveling through Arizona and stopped in Mount Trumbull, Arizona on 4/19/68. He said it is a small hamlet and he made inquiry of a man about the area. The man said he was a stranger also and sent a young boy to get his mother-in-law. BROWN noticed a woman with platinum blonde hair whom he believes was with the man.

BROWN said after they left and returned to Riverside they noticed that photos of RAY resembled that of the man they talked to. BROWNA said however the most recent picture of RAY does not favor the man and only the prison profile as shown on the IO has some resemblance. He described the man as white, male, 5'10", 160-165 pounds, slender build.

BROWN was asked specifically if he felt the man he saw in Mount Trumbull in any way resembled RAY and he said there was some resemblance, however he did not at the time take any particular note and it was only after looking at the newspaper photo did he feel the man could have resembled RAY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA J. CHARLES MERRIMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memorandum of SA ORLEY A. LEESON, Jr., dated 4/20/68.

Referenced memorandum stated in essence that CHARLES C. BOOKMAN, Room 201, Belmont Apartments, 948 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, telephonically advised the FBI Office at 5:55 PM on 4/20/68, that BOOKMAN had learned STEVE, last name unknown, night bartender at Annex Bar, Ninth and Figueroa, Los Angeles, had seen suspect JAMES EARL RAY in the Annex Bar.

On 4/22/68, SAs J. CHARLES MERRIMAN and JAMES E. FEENEY located STEVE ZEBB in his place of residence, Room 302, Belmont Apartments, 948 South Figueroa, Los Angeles, at which time ZEBB stated he is the night bartender, 6:00 PM to 2:00 AM shift, at the Annex Bar, 871 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles. ZEBB stated as a result of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, appearing in local news media, he, ZEBB, made a comment a few days ago in the Annex Bar stating he had seen a man in the Annex Bar about one month ago who somewhat resembled photographs of suspect RAY.

Photos of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, taken in 1960 and 1968, were displayed to ZEBB who advised instant photos of RAY were not identical to person he saw recently in the Annex Bar.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA J. CHARLES MERRIMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This memorandum is to record information in connection with interview of CHARLES CALVIN BOOKMAN, Room 201, Belmont Apartments, 948 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, by FBI Agents on 4/19/68, and 4/20/68.

During course of interview of BOOKMAN on 4/20/68, by SAs J. CHARLES MERRIMAN and NATHANIEL H. GILLAM, BOOKMAN stated that SARAH HAYS was manager and switchboard operator at Belmont Apartments, 948 South Figueroa Street, in which apartment building he, BOOKMAN, resided in. BOOKMAN additionally stated during course of aforementioned interview that he had received a telephone call from "JIM RAY" (JAMES EARL RAY) variously between the hours of noon and 4:00 PM, 4/19/68, which call was routed through the switchboard at the Belmont Apartments. BOOKMAN also mentioned during instant interview he visited relatives in Virginia during August 1967, returning to his residence in the Belmont Apartments on or about 8/15/67, at which time he gave SARAH HAYS, Manager at Belmont Apartments, a portion of a Smithfield ham purchased while in Virginia.

On 4/22/68, SARAH HAYS, Manager and Switchboard Operator at Belmont Apartments, 948 Figueroa Street South, Los Angeles, was interviewed by SAs J. CHARLES MERRIMAN and JAMES E. FENNEY. HAYS stated in connection with telephone calls routed to Room 201, BOOKMAN's room, she could not recall specifically whether she transferred an incoming call to BOOKMAN's ^{Room} between noon and 4:00 PM on 4/19/68, inasmuch as BOOKMAN receives so many calls on a continuing basis.

In connection with the ham BOOKMAN stated he gave to SARAH HAYS, HAYS stated she positively never received any ham from BOOKMAN during August 1967, or any other time.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES 44-1574

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA RUSSELL C. ANDERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Reference - Cincinnati teletype to the Director,
Memphis, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, New York,
and St. Louis, dated 4/19/68.

On 4/19/68 at 11:15 PM SA KEN N. DEL ANOY, St. Louis
Division telephonically contacted the Los Angeles office and
advised them that BUAGENTS should meet Greyhound bus # 4472
at the Greyhound terminal, Los Angeles, California, on 4/20/68
at 9:00 AM.

Buagents should meet bus arriving from St. Louis
and locate holder of bus ticket # 633765 and determine identity.

Handled Ft Lawrence 4/20/68

*H R
Horn
HOFFMAN
DRIVER*

*Lt. J. J.
Turner
Greyhound
Security
Bureau Agency*

*but 4467 arrived 9:00 am
St Louis negative
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JOHN C. O'NEILL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo SA ORLEY A LEESEON, JR dated 4/20/68 at Los Angeles.

MRS. GEORGE ROTH, 626 North Maple Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif, advised on 4/25/68 that she had a fleeting glance at an individual that resembled ERIC GALT. She stated that she was looking into her rear view mirror as she endeavored to park, and saw a man that looked like GALT. ROTH was shown more recent pictures of JAMES EARL RAY and she stated that she couldn't see much similiarity between RAY and the person in the 1965 Red Volvo.

BARBARA TRACHTENBERG, 1916 South Beverly Glen, Los Angeles, California (277-3432) advised on 4/25/68 that she had sold this car the week before Easter to JACK ACTON, 8753 Wonderland Avenue, Los Angeles, California (656-1271), a former teacher from Kent State University, Ohio.

ACTION was described as follows:

Sex-male
Race-white
Age--early 30's
Hair--reddish blond
Height--5'8-5'9"
Characteristic--small build

ACTION---In view of the above no further action appears warranted in regard to this phase of the MURKIN investigation.

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Complaint Form
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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases			Address of subject			Character of case MURKIN			
Complainant JOHN HAMILTON (KNOWS SA CARL PORTER; CALLING FROM 28 WINDWARD, VENICE. EX-2-2236)			Complainant's address and telephone number			Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>4/27/68</u> Time <u>11:17PM</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								
<p>CLAIMED MAN POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH RAY IN BAR AT 25 WINDWARD, VENICE.</p> <p>C. CALLED BACK 11:30PM, RECEIVED CALL FROM SA, BUT NOT YET ARRIVED. HOWEVER, SUSPECT JUST DRIVING AWAY IN CAR BEARING PLATES UPD121, A 1968 FORD HARDTOP, GOLDEN BROWN IN COLOR. WILL WAIT FOR SA.</p> <p>DMV, LA, ADVISED UPD121 LISTED TO AUTOMOTIVE RENTALS, 7411 MAPLE AVE., PENNSAUKEN, NEW JERSEY, A 1967 FORD SDN.</p> <p>CENTRAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS: AUTOMOTIVE RENTALS, INC., 4304 E. FLORENCE AVE., BELL, TEL. 583-0004.</p> <p>SA COSTIGAN CALLED 1:07 AM PDST: STATED HAMILTON CLAIMED UNMAN GENERALLY FIT RAY'S DESCRIPTION: IN 30'S, ABOUT 5' 10", 170#, SHORT CROPPED HAIR, TWO LARGE PINK EARS, NO COAT, GREEN SHIRT, TAN PANTS. BAR WAS RATHER WELL LIGHTED. BASED SUSPICIONS MOSTLY ON HAIR AND EARS. THOUGHT, HOWEVER, MAN WAS 4 INCHES SHORTER THAN COSTIGAN, THOUGH SAID HE ESTIMATED MAN WAS 5' 10" ???</p> <p>ACTION RECOMMENDED: HAVE SUNDAY SUPVR. CHECK WITH PORTER RE HAMILTON, AND IF RELIABLE SOURCE, CHECK AUTOMOTIVE RENTALS IN BELL, THEN IN NEW JERSEY, RE RENTAL OF CAR. <i>Porter contacted a.m. 4-28-68 & advised Hamilton completely unreliable.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Sund</i> <i>44-1574-866</i></p>									
Action Recommended			<p>SUPVR. W.J.NOLAN NOTIFIED. CALLED COSTIGAN, HANDLING, WILL CALL BACK.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WM. J. McCAULEY (Agent)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">FBI - LOS ANGELES</p>						

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Date: 4/26/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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ROBERT ~~RIDINGS~~, FIVE FOUR TWO ZERO WEST ONE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHTH STREET, HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED APRIL TWENTY FIVE LAST HE RECEIVED LETTER FROM NINETY YEAR OLD GRANDFATHER, R. P. JAMES, SEVEN ZERO NINE EAST MT. VERNON STREET, SOMERSET, KENTUCKY. JAMES ADVISED ABOUT ONE WEEK AGO HE WAS APPROACHED BY UNKNOWN MALE WHO TOLD JAMES HE HAD RECENTLY MARRIED RIDINGS' DAUGHTER AND NEEDED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS WHICH JAMES FURNISHED HIM. JAMES SUBSEQUENTLY OBSERVED PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY AND BELIEVES RAY IDENTICAL TO UNKNOWN MALE. LOUISVILLE INTERVIEW JAMES FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION.

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INTERVIEW JAMES BOB COMPLETE INFORMATION.

BEFORE BY IDENTIFY TO UNKNOWN WITH. FORTNIGHT
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FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (2P)

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RE R.B. HARRELL.

RE DALLAS TEL, APRIL TWO FOUR LAST.

ON APRIL TWO SIX INSTANT, MR. OTIS (BUDDY) HARRELL,
BUDDY'S AUTO REPAIR, WILLOW CREEK, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT
R.B. HARRELL, ALSO KNOWN AS JIMMIE, IS HIS COUSIN. R.B. WAS
LAST IN WILLOW CREEK, TWO YEARS AGO, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS
TRAVELING IN AN OLD TRUCK WITH A CAMPER BUILT THEREON, WITH HIS
BROTHER, PAUL HARRELL. THEY STAYED ONE NIGHT. THE ONLY THING
HE HAS HEARD FROM R.B. HARRELL SINCE THAT TIME WAS A FAMILY
RUMOR THAT R.B. WAS LIVING IN BAKERSVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AND
THIS WAS ABOUT A YEAR OR MORE AGO. SINCE THEN HE HAS HEARD
NOTHING CONCERNING THE WHEREABOUTS OF R.B. THE FAMILY HAS
DISOWNED R.B. AND THEY DO NOT ASSOCIATE WITH HIM. SINCE HE
END PAGE ONE.

*SF contacted 4/26
re lead at Bakersville. they
adv probably meant to be Bakersville
& will contact SC direct. no
lead at LA.
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