

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA DENNIS C. LEMASTER *del*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/9/68

Re Los Angeles memo of SA H. LA MARR GUNN dated 4/20/68.

RUTH WILLIAMS, Clerk, Gala Merchandise Corporation, 376 South Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that the individual in these photographs does not appear to be the same individual that she saw on 4/20/68.

FRED MITTWER, Manager, Gala Merchandise Corporation, 376 South Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He said that the individual in the photographs does appear similar to the individual that he observed on 4/20/68, with RUTH WILLIAMS. He said that this individual went into the second door of the Midnight Mission located at 396 South Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles. MITTWER said that he has not seen this individual subsequent to 4/20/68.

ALFRED G. MORRIS, Clerk, California State Department of Employment, located at the Midnight Mission, 396 South Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and asked if these appear similar to any individual with whom he has had recent business contact, particularly on 4/20/68. MORRIS said that this individual does not appear similar to any individuals that he knows or has had recent business dealings with. MORRIS said that he will advise the Los Angeles Office immediately if he sees any individual coming into that State Employment Agency fitting the description of JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

*Carl Ray*

Re LA tel to Director, 5/4/68.

Re investigation concerning possible look-a-like  
of JAMES EARL RAY by name of CARL RAY.

When individual using name CARL RAY obtained the  
two round-trip tickets from Las Vegas to St. Louis, at  
Frontier Airlines Ticket Counter, Stapleton Airport, Denver,  
Colorado, on 5/1/68, he did so by using temporary Frontier  
Airlines credit card 31088, and therefore, had to sign a  
Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt. The original of  
this Transportation Receipt, bearing the signature of  
CARL RAY, in the upper left-hand corner is enclosed.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare this  
handwriting with any known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.  
It is noted that according to referenced teletype, the  
temporary credit card 31088, which may bear additional  
handwriting of CARL RAY is also being forwarded to the Bureau  
by Los Angeles.

The Laboratory is requested to return the  
Transportation Receipt to Denver after completion of the  
examination.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 5:15 P.M., 5/8/68, Supervisor AL HIGGINS, San Francisco advised the writer telephonically that a Resident Agent at San Jose, California, had advised that Sergeant ROBERT MALONE, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, claimed to have been in Los Angeles on official business and on 4/30/68 and 5/6/68 had been at the St. Moritz on Valley Boulevard, Rosemead, California, between 5:00 and 6:00 P.M. on both occasions. At one time he saw the bartender talking to an individual known as JAMES who looked like the new (Los Angeles) photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He was described as white, male, American, age 35, average height, 175 pounds, dark complexion.

Lead was given to SAA ALBERT A. HUSTEDT telephonically at 5:25 P.M., 5/8/68. He will cover.

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**Complaint Form**  
FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

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

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases <b>UNSUB:</b>			Address of subject 3336 Fairman Lakewood, Calif.			Character of case <b>MURKIN</b>			
Complainant <del>GLORIA SUMMERS</del> (Protect Identity)			Complainant's address and telephone number 818 12th. St. #2 Santa Monica, Calif. 395-4148			Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>5-8-68</u> Time <u>4/25pm</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								
	<p><b>Facts of complaint</b></p> <p>C. stated she is a teacher in the Compton Union High District and that a fellow teacher<sup>who</sup> lives next door to the subject address. had furnished her the following information:</p> <p>C. stated a person looking identical to the published pictures of JAMES E. RAY had come to the subject address approximately four or five days after the King murder and has lived there since. C. stated there is a woman who is a cocktail waitress who lives at the subject address and that when the subject had come to the house he had said that he was wanted by the police and needed a place to stay.</p> <p>C. also stated her concern for the reward and if the subject is the killer" she would definitely want the reward. C. also stated she wants her identity protected because "the money could do her no good if she was dead."</p>								
<p><i>Info. furnished to SA Carl L. Sherwood, Long Beach, P.M. 5/8/68</i></p> <p><i>✓ Lead Sherwood</i></p> <p><i>Call Long Beach agents</i></p> <p><i>44-1574-1205</i></p>			<p>SEARCHED _____ INDEXED _____</p> <p>SERIALIZED _____ FILED _____</p> <p>1968</p> <p>FBI - LOS ANGELES</p> <p><i>44-1574-</i></p>						
<p><b>Action Recommended</b></p> <p>44-1574 Larry E. Mullins (Agent)</p>									

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA DENNIS C. LEMASTER *ace*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephonic complaint of JOHN LEHMAN on 4/19/68.

*BO*  
~~BEAU DEL MONTE~~, bartender, Rabbit's Foot Bar, 5623 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he knows JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, in that he was a frequent customer of the Rabbit's Foot Bar. He said that no individual identical to RAY has been in the Rabbit's Foot Bar subsequent to RAY's departure in mid March 1968. He said, in particular, that no such person was in the bar on 4/19/68. *4/20*

JAMES E. MORRISON, bartender, Rabbit's Foot Bar, 5623 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, said that he was familiar with the appearance of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, and that no such person has been in the Rabbit's Foot Bar subsequent to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING and in particular on 4/19/68. *4/20*

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May-1-'68.

Mr. Hoover--

Please forgive me for bothering you--this may be just what you are looking for--and old man, who has second sight, told me that the man, who killed Dr. King, is still in Memphis, Tenn. and is within three blocks of the place where Dr. King was killed. Also the man's name is Hayes and that he has a slight limp in his right leg. The man is dangerous because he is really a coward and would snoot one in the back.

I would write to Memphis but I do believe they would not be too interested in finding the man. The discription of the man is correct--all but not having a limp.

Wishing you luck--I am --

Betty Sparks  
13128 Whittam Ave.  
Fontana, California.  
-92555-

*Betty Sparks.*

44-1574-1207

May 8

*RM*

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Date: 5-7-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via \_\_\_\_\_

Airtel

(Priority)

To: SAC, Los Angeles

✓ From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Betty Sparks complainant.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are two copies of a letter from Betty Sparks postmarked 5-2-68, at Fontana, California. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

Unless information in your files would preclude doing so, Los Angeles should interview Betty Sparks to determine the identity of the individual who furnished the information in her letter. That person should be interviewed for any pertinent details which he might have in his possession regarding this case.

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1 - Memphis (info) Enc.

*See Memphis  
Bingham**✓ Ser 1208**Special 24 hrs Bureau*  
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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles 5/7/68.

Re BETTY SPARKS - Complainant

For information Birmingham referenced Bureau airtel included a letter from BETTY SPARKS, Fontana, California, in which she stated that an old man, who has second sight, told her the man who killed Dr. KING was still in Memphis, Tennessee, within three blocks of the murder cite, that his name is HAYES, and that he had a slight limp in his right leg.

BETTY SPARKS, 13128 Whittram Avenue, Fontana, California, advised SA JACK-E. DE VANE, 5/9/68, that within three or four days after Dr. KING was murdered she had attended a second hand auction at Chino, California. While there, she met an old man, identity, address, and present location unknown, who told her in conversation regarding the KING murder that he had had a vision shortly thereafter and in his vision saw the man within three blocks of the place of the murder. Further the nam had a slight limp in his right leg and was going by the name of HAYES.

Mrs. SPARKS stated she had not reported this until 5/1/68, when she had directed a letter to the Bureau setting forth these facts. She said that she would have no way of identifying the old man, whom she had talked with, whom she described as being approximately 80 years of and quite feeble.

- 2 - Bureau
- 1 - Memphis (Info)
- 1 - Birmingham (Info)
- ② - Los Angeles

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*Jim*  
*[Signature]*

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Special Agent in Charge

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## Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-4854)

FROM : SA RICHARD J. NELSON

SUBJECT: LA - 4768-C

DATE: 5/3/68

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Dates of Contact 4/3, 12, 22/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted James E. Ray 44-1574		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE 4/3/68 - Jim Cardwright, kill head, has 16yr old girl at 821 Olive - on pills - (Info. to Bedae.) 4/22/68 - Ray - negotiati		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating V. Good	Coverage Sure
Personal Data No longer in business @ 409 E. Anaheim Unemployed lost -		

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Date: 5/9/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/24/68;  
and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 4/30/68 (ALMENA  
LOMAX - complainant).

On 5/9/68, after several unsuccessful attempts, Mrs. LOMAX was telephonically contacted and stated she had been so busy she had not found time to list the subscribers to the "Tuskegee Tribune" whom she believed to be white. She stated she would copy them on this date if she found time, prior to leaving for Berkeley, California, and would mail them to this office. Mrs. LOMAX declined the offer of an agent to come to her residence or copy the list for her.

- 2 - Bureau
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- ② - Los Angeles

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Date: 5-7-68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)- 2 -  
To: SAC, Los Angeles

✓ From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Kenneth R. McBane - complainant.

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from McBane dated 5-2-68 with two copies each of its enclosures. One copy of the letter and one copy of each enclosure is enclosed for Memphis.

Los Angeles should immediately interview McBane for any information he has regarding the whereabouts of the subject

Enc. (6) *for*

1 - Memphis (info) Enc. (3)

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127 - letter 4/22  
126 - 4/24*

*EV  
Find me the only  
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✓ *Lead called to  
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B-8 7:57 a.m.*

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Sent Via \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

La Habra, Calif  
5/2/68

Dear Mr Hoover

5 I Saw this Man on April 10th, as this enclosed letter says- I am a frustated man, what can I Do to get him??

Told the local Police, phoned L A  
2 times wrote them this letter-- What else?

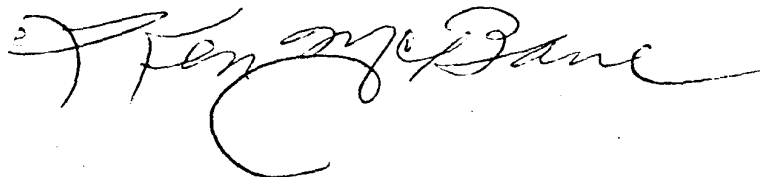
They checked the License # and of course no answer, he would Not be, having a License anyone could trace, would He now.?

I am enclosing the pictur~~2~~ of the man I saw-only he had a sort of baseball, cap, pulled low on his head. I was very afraid of him, as I do NOT carry a Gun.

Have alway had a Phtographic Mind, so will Not need the picture back, I will soon be 65, but since the age of 9 or 10, can reme;ber anyone- that I have had only a glimpse of--

If You want anything more about this man send someone to see me,,as I observed a million things I cannot tell,you in this letter.

Kenneth McB ane  
641 Galen Dr  
La Habra, California 90631



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FBI IS DISTRIBUTING THIS POSTER OF JAMES EARL RAY  
Suspected slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on "Most W

1340 W 6th St., Los Angeles, Calif TEL 483 3551

(Duty Officer)

La Habra Calif  
4/20/68

Dear Sir:

Seems as tho I should keep still about this, but something tells me I should write your office about the Killer of Dr King- I did phone your office yesterday about this, but feel I can express myself better in a letter --

On the Morning of April 10th, 1968 about 9 or 9:30 AM, I was standing in the door of the Texaco Station at the corner of Central Ave., and Beach Blvd waiting for the Mechanics there to Service my Car, In walks this real weird man, he walked as if in a trance looking expressionless, looked almost like a sphinx he looked straight ahead, had on a cap and asked for the Keys to the mens room, as I am a native of L A can quickly pick any accent from another part of the country, he sounded like any native Californian or for that matter maybe the middle west, but definitely none other, than these two regions. He was well dressed as I said he had this cap on, a pull over Grey Shirt and lighter colored trousers, he was about 6 Ft tall he had on boots which may have made him appear taller weighed about 175#, and seemed a well built man, but when I saw this character cold chills ran up my spine and something told me to be very careful of this man, so I acted as if I paid no attention, he stayed in the mens room only a very short while, came out hung the keys exactly as they were, I mean very neat, and correct Then as he turned his back I watched him (He never drove his car into this station) it was pointed North off Beach Blvd., which is also Hiway #39- Now this car was something else-it didn't fit the man, the car was an old maybe 1952 or 1953 Chevvy 2 Dr, which was in a bad way, he had a lot of trouble getting it to go but finally did and that was the last I saw of him, the License was Calif.GUD -656- I gave this info. the next day, all they say is, they cannot trace the #, but they were still trying to do so, right before him on Hiway 39 North was La Habra Heights, I don't see how his car could have made it over thos Heights, I think then he must have turned East and headed out to Pomona and the Desert Country via the Diamond Bar Canyon Road, and is now around the Desert Country of Calif, Oh yes the man I saw had brown hair and blue eyes (which seemed almost closed) his hair of course was mostly hidden with that Gumpy cap.

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Date: 5/9/68

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles 5/7/68.

Re KENNETH R. MC BANE - Complainant

Mr. KENNETH R. MC BANE, 641 Galen Drive, La Habra, California, advised SA's FREDERICK L. BIGGERS and FRANCIS J. O'HARA on 5/9/68, that he is an employee of the U.S. Government, being a clerk at the U.S. Post Office, La Habra, California. He stated that on the morning of 4/10/68, at approximately 9:00 or 9:30 a.m., he was having some work done on his automobile in the Texaco Station at the corner of Central Avenue and Beach Boulevard in La Habra, California. While there a young man driving a very old Chevrolet, possibly a 1952 or 1953 model, two-door sedan, parked his automobile near the service station on Highway 39 heading north. He got out of the car and walked to the service station and asked for the keys to the rest room. He was in the rest room approximately one minute, hung the keys of a nail inside the service station, walked back to his car, and left. Mr. MC BANE stated that this car was in very poor condition and that he had difficulty starting it.

MC BANE described this individual as being approximately 34 years of age; 6'2"; 160 pounds; brown hair, cut very short in a crew type cut; very palid complexion; and as wearing a dark pullover sweater with tight pants and boots. Mr. MC BANE stated that this individual was also wearing a cap very low on his forehead, appeared to be fervid, and to be very dangerous.

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2 - Memphis  
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MC BANE stated that he saw a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in the local newspaper and chose the one that was taken in 1960 as being the one that looked like the individual he had seen. MC BANE stated that although he is 65 years of age, he has a very sharp mind and a photographic memory and a special talent for recognizing people from photographs.

MC BANE was shown wanted flyer 442-A and upon examining it closely stated that he was not sure that the person he had seen in fact did resemble the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in 1960.



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RE LIC QND 636 ANOTHER UNIT WILL ADVISE

MVB LJB 0129 PDT

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WESLEY G GRAPP SPEC AGT IN CHG YOUR FILE 44-1574

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REI FBL CRIM

1967 RECORD CHEV LIC GUD656 ID LAA279787 FLORENCE JANE  
JOHNSON SOLE OWNER INCOMPLETE TRANSFER APPLICATION AND  
1968 FEES HELD IN FILE 74196 IN NAME OF JAMES E MILUM  
13581 SPRINGDALE WESTMINSTER CALIFORNIA NEED OWNERSHIP  
CERTIFICATE REGISTRATION CARD RETURNED AND USE TAX FEE OF \$5

DIV REG JOHNSON MULTIPLE TRANSACTINS UNIT. MVSJE1500 PDT

*refers to Mc Bane info  
see ant 5/1/68*

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Date: May 7, 1968

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(Priority)

To: All SACs and LEGATs

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

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

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

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

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356 PM DEFERRED 5/9/68 VLT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL FIVE EIGHT LAST.

RE: LOCAL SWINGER CORRESPONDENCE CLUB.

JOE RAY, THREE ZERO FIVE GATE FIVE ROAD, SAUSALITO, CALIF.,  
ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION RE SUBJECT  
OF THIS CASE. ALSO DENIED EVER WRITING TO REFERENCED CLUB.

JOE RAY STATED HE WAS BORN [REDACTED] AT SWEET-  
WATER, TEXAS AND HAS OPERATED AN AUTO BODY SHOP AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS  
WITH RESIDENCE IN BACK FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS. THIS SHOP HAS LARGE  
SIGN "JOE RAY'S BODY SHOP" DISPLAYED ON PREMISES, AND THE ABOVE ADDRESS  
IS LOCATED NEAR LARGE "HIPPIE" COMMUNITY IN SAUSALITO.

JOE RAY ADVISED HE IS MARRIED, HAS LIVED IN THIS AREA FOR THE PAST  
TWENTYFIVE YEARS, AND HAS NO CONTACT WITH NEARBY "HIPPIES." HE COULD  
FURNISH NO INFORMATION RE IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY HAVE UTILIZED  
HIS NAME.

PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED TO JOE RAY AND SUBJECT  
UNKNOWN TO HIM.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION RE JOE RAY AT SAN FRANCISCO.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: May 7, 1968

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. NOLAN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: GLENN A. PLATZ

Mr. GLENN A. PLATZ, 722 South Broadway, Room 4, Santa Maria, California, visited the Santa Maria Resident Agency on 5/7/68, and stated that some time ago he wrote to the Post Office Department and advised that he had some information which might be of interest to the FBI in connection with the KING case.

Mr. PLATZ advised that he was employed for about two months in 1966 as a maintenance man at the Sovereign Hotel and Apartments, Santa Monica, California, but that he was unable to recall the exact dates of his employment. He stated that when he observed the name and photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT in the newspaper shortly after the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, it "rang a bell", and he feels sure that he saw GALT sometime in the past, and it was most likely at the Sovereign Hotel. However, that it was possible that he had seen GALT in Hollywood, or elsewhere in the Los Angeles area, since he remained in the Los Angeles area until the early part of 1967, when he moved to San Clemente, California.

Mr. PLATZ stated that he is aware that GALT has been identified as JAMES EARL RAY, and that he would like to suggest the possibility that RAY has grown a beard and joined the "hippies", and is hiding out with the "hippies". Further that he had no additional information which he thought might be of interest to the FBI.

*Amended  
5/9/68  
See serials 892 893 894 & 974*

*E.V.  
Kings per  
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Date: 5/9/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel captioned as above dated 4/26/68 re GLENN ALVIN PLATZ and Los Angeles airtel dated 5/1/68 captioned as above re GLENN ALVIN PLATZ.

Re GLENN ALVIN PLATZ:

GLENN ALVIN PLATZ, 722 South Broadway, Room 4, Santa Maria, California, advised on 5/7/68 that he had previously corresponded with the Post Office Department advising he had information which may be of value to the FBI regarding the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

PLATZ stated he was employed for about two months during 1966 as a maintenance man at the Sovereign Hotel and Apartments, Santa Monica, California. He could not recall the exact dates of his employment. He continued that when he observed the name and photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT in the newspaper shortly after the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, it "rang a bell" and he felt sure he had seen GALT sometime in the past, most likely at the Sovereign Hotel. He continued that it was possible he may have seen GALT in Hollywood or somewhere else in the Los Angeles area since he remained in Los Angeles until the early part of 1967 when he moved to San Clemente, California.

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PLATZ suggested the possibility that the subject, JAMES EARL RAY might have grown a beard and is hiding out with hippies. He stated he had no further information to furnish the FBI.

No further investigation is being conducted regarding information furnished by PLATZ inasmuch as the subject was incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary during the period of time PLATZ stated he had observed subject.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/10/68

FROM : SA RICHARD J. RAYSA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re 5/6/68 memorandum of SA FRANK L. MELLOTT re info furnished by THOMAS JUDKINS.

on 5/1/68  
JANICE MANN, Apartment B, 125 9th Street, Manhattan Beach, California, was contacted at this location, and furnished the following information:

She is not related to anyone by the name of JAMES EARL RAY. MANN recalled that following the publicity given the name JAMES EARL RAY, she remembered that she had an uncle with a similar sounding last name. She had never met this uncle, and was not certain how he spelled his last name until approxiamtely one week ago when she called her sister, DONNA LARSON, in Ogden, Utah. LARSON told her that the correct spelling of the uncle's last name is JACKIE WRAY, and that this man had been incarcerated in one of the midwestern state prisons. LARSON further advised MANN that this uncle died over ten years ago. MANN noted that she has told many of her friends about this uncle, and how at one time she thought his name was spelled JAMES RAY.

No further investigation re MANN and uncle is warranted.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JAMES EARL RAY, aka  
I. O. #41827 W.F. 442-A  
TOP TEN FUGITIVE  
OO: MEMPHIS  
Bufile 44-38861

ATTENTION: ALL SENIOR RESIDENT AGENTS

The Bureau has directed that widespread distribution be given the most recent photographs of subject. The enclosed photograph of subject with sun glasses and sport shirt was taken during October 1967 while he was at Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The photograph of subject in business suit, which shows marked cleft chin, was taken during January or early February 1968.

You should contact friendly news media your territory and make photographs available unless there is a reason to preclude any contact. Advise of positive results.

Enclosed for each Senior Resident Agent in connection with this project are two 8 x 10 and three 3 x 5 photographs of RAY, along with press release authorized by the Bureau dated May 7, 1968.

Each Senior Resident Agent should contact appropriate newspaper within their territory in compliance with the above instructions and advise Desk #1 by memorandum no later than 5/19/68 of the coverage to be effected.

cc. Press File

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM,  
~~PHOENIX~~, ATLANTA  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE VEHICLES STOLEN FROM GEORGIA;

INVESTIGATION RE VEHICLES BEARING GEORGIA LICENSE  
 PLATES REPORTED STOLEN FROM GEORGIA CONCLUDED AT LOS ANGELES  
 WITH NO ~~BEARING ON SUBJECT~~ *information developed concerning this case.*

RE CITIZEN'S COUNCIL OF AMERICA;

~~RODERIC DUFF~~, PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, CITIZEN'S  
 COUNCIL OF AMERICA INTERVIEWED MAY NINE INSTANT. STATED HE  
 DOES NOT KNOW RAY, NEVER OBSERVED HIM AT OPEN MEETINGS OF  
 CITIZEN'S COUNCIL HELD MONTHLY IN LOS ANGELES.

RE THE LOCAL SWINGER

INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES AREA TO LOCATE SUBSCRIBERS  
 TO THE LOCAL SWINGER WHO MAY HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH SUBJECT  
 CONCLUDED AND NEGATIVE WITH EXCEPTION OF PATRICIA ANDERSON,  
 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN LOS ANGELES TEL MAY THREE LAST.

*cc Phoenix Air Mail*

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RE TELEPHONE BOOTH, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL - WOODY LUNSFORD

ALL INDIVIDUALS ACQUAINTED WITH HARRY ELWOOD LUNSFORD  
AS NAMED BY PHOENIX CONTACTED AND/OR ELIMINATED AS HAVING  
KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA, ERIC STARVO GALT.  
INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED LUNSFORD IS HABITUALLY AND EXCESSIVE  
DRINKER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHOSE RECALL OF PAST EVENTS  
IS NOT ACCURATE.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

RE TELEPHONE BOOTH, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL - ALONZO COOK

LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE SIX SIX DASH SIX  
ONE ONE NINE WAS CONTACTED THIS DATE. LAVINIA MILLER, ONE TWO  
FOUR SIX EAST PORTNER STREET, COVINA, CALIFORNIA ADVISED THAT  
THAT NINE SIX SIX DASH SIX ONE ONE NINE WAS HER PHONE NUMBER.  
SHE STATED SHE DID NOT KNOW ALONZO F. COOK, JR., AKA BUDDY  
AND/OR HIS FORMER WIFE, CATHY. STATED SHE RECENTLY MOVED TO  
COVINA AREA AND RECEIVED ABOVE PHONE NUMBER UPON INSTALLATION  
OF PHONE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO LOCATE ALONZO F. COOK, JR.

EATING PLACES

BRADY PAYNE, MANAGER, PAMPERED PUP, ONE SEVEN ONE FIVE  
NORTH WESTERN AVENUE, HOLLYWOOD ADVISED HIS BROTHER, CECIL PAYNE,  
LEASES THE BUILDING WHICH HOUSES PAMPERED PUT, A WALK-UP EATING  
ESTABLISHMENT, FROM INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS MURPHY. PAYNE WAS  
SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND SAID ONLY THAT PERSON



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IN PHOTOGRAPHS APPEARS FAMILIAR TO HIM AND HAD NO ADDITIONAL  
DATA.

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Re: Anita Katzwinkel - Ginger Day (Kleenex Box Top from Mustang)

INTERVIEWS OF LOUISE EMILY BENNETT, AKA. LU TOMENY, AND  
JOHN BONELLI, ONE ONE ONE ZERO NORTH HACIENDA PLACE, APT. THREE  
 ZERO SEVEN, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, MAY EIGHT, LAST.

BENNETT ACQUAINTED WITH SUE HARRIS FLIKIED SINCE JANUARY,  
 ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, HAVING MET HER IN LOS ANGELES. BENNETT  
 WORKED WITH HARRIS AS PROSTITUTE IN HOLLYWOOD AREA, AND WAS  
 ARRESTED BY LAPD, APRIL OR MAY, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. SERVED THREE  
 MONTHS CORONA STATE PRISON, ~~PRISON~~, CALIFORNIA, AND RELEASED  
 FIRST PART NOVEMBER, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. AT THIS TIME BENNETT  
 RETURNED HOLLYWOOD AREA AND LOOKED UP HARRIS. MET HER AT RABBIT'S  
 FOOT BA R, HOLLYWOOD BLVD, ALONG WITH ANITA KATZWINKEL AND ANOTHER  
 GIRL WHOSE FIRST NAME IS RITA. RITA FURTHER DESCRIBED AS SHORT,  
 SPANISH LOOKING WOMAN, ABOUT TWO NINE YEARS OLD. KATZWINKEL  
 WORKED FOR HARRIS OUT OF GRAMMERCY PLACE APARTMENT. BENNETT  
 STATED NAME GINGER DAY FAMILAR TO HER, BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE SHE  
 EVER MET HER. STATED HARRIS USED NAME ANITA KATZWINKEL WHEN SHE  
 APPLIED FOR PHONE AT GRAMMERCY PLACE APARTMENT. NAMES TAKEN  
 FROM DATE BOOK OF HARRIS WERE READ TO <sup>BENNETT</sup> ~~HER~~ AND SHE WAS ABLE TO  
 IDENTIFY MAJORITY OF THESE, BUT ALSO ADVISED THESE CUSTOMERS  
 CAME TO HER PRIOR TO APRIL, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. BENNETT UNABLE  
 TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AS HAVING BEEN ONE OF HER

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CUSTOMERS.

BONELLI ACQUAINTED WITH SUE HARRIS, AND FIRST MET HER BEGINNING JANUARY, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, IN RED VEST BAR, ONE SIX ONE ZERO NORTH WESTERN AVENUE, HOLLYWOOD. STATED HARRIS AT ONE TIME RESIDED IN APARTMENT ON SERRANO STREET, EITHER IN APARTMENT ONE SEVEN OR ONE EIGHT, AND KNOWN BY HIM TO USE ALIAS ANITA KATZWINKEL ON OCCASSION. CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW PERSON ANITA KATZWINKEL ACTUALLY EXISTED, OTHER THAN AS HARRIS ALIAS. DID NOT KNOW GINGER DAY. FURNISHED BACKGROUND ON PROSTITUTION ACTIVITIES OF AREA BORDER<sup>ED</sup> BY HOLLYWOOD BLVD. AND WESTERN AVE., SOUTH TO MELROSE AVE. WESTERN AVE. ADVISED NUMEROUS "TWO BIT" HOOKERS WORK THIS AREA. "TWO BIT" MEANING CHARGE TEN OR FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR SERVICES. CLASSIFIED SUE HARRIS AND GIRLS WORKING WITH HER IN THIS CLASS. STATED VERY COMMON PRACTICE FOR THIS GROUP TO LEAVE THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS WITH A BARTENDER LOCATED IN AREA THEY WORK. STATED HARRIS WORKED THREE BARS <sup>mostly</sup> ~~IN AREA~~, THESE BEING THE BLACK HORSE, THE RABBIT'S FOOT, AND THE RED VEST. BONELLI NEGATIVE ON PHOTOS OF RAY.

INTERVIEW OF TOM WASHINGTON, NEGRO MALE, RESIDING ONE NINE THREE FOUR EAST NINETEENTH STREET, SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, MAY NINE, INSTANT. WASHINGTON MEMBER KAISER FOUNDATION <sup>HOSPITAL</sup> ~~BOWLING~~ TEAM

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WHICH FORMERLY BOWLED AT SUNSET BOWL, FIVE FOUR ZERO ONE WEST  
SUNSET BLVD., HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. ANITA KATZWINKEL AND GINGER  
DAY FREQUENTED SUNSET BOWL WHILE BOTH RESIDED IN HOLLYWOOD, AND  
KATZWINKEL INDICATED IN INTERVIEW SHE MIGHT HAVE GIVEN NAME AND  
ADDRESS TO NEGRO MALE CALLED TOM WASHINGTON AT SUNSET BOWL.  
WASHINGTON RECALLED MEETING GIRL CALLED ANITA (LNU) AND SECOND  
GIRL, WHOSE NAME DID NOT RECALL. STATED THOUGHT THIS BETWEEN  
MAY AND AUGUST, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. STATED ANITA, WHITE FEMALE,  
RECENTLY ARRIVED LOS ANGELES AREA, AND SHE WAS WORKING AS  
PROSTITUTE. WASHINGTON TRIED TO MAKE DATE WITH KATZWINKEL AND  
SHE GAVE HIM HER NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER WRITTEN ON PAPER  
NAPKIN FROM BOWLING ALLEY. TOLD HIM PHONE NUMBER NOT HER RESIDENCE  
BUT HOUSE SHE WORKED OUT OF. COMMENTED SHE AND OTHER GIRL IN  
PROCESS MOVING OUT OF SMALL RESIDENCE TO A LARGER ONE. UNKNOWN  
GIRL WITH ANITA HAD SMALL GIRL CHILD WITH HER AND DID NOT APPROVE  
OF WASHINGTON.

~~with information of~~  
~~has been furnished to the FBI for their information and~~  
~~may be used after assassination.~~

~~EXAMS. however, it is entirely possible that~~  
~~the FBI has results, it is possible GINGER DAY~~

~~has been interviewed working in HOLLYWOOD AREA AS PROSTITUTE~~

~~ARRIVED LOS ANGELES AREA~~

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LOS ANGELES IN THE INVESTIGATION OF KLEENEX BOX  
WRITING FOUND IN RAY'S MUSTANG AFTER ASSASSINATION AND FBI  
LAB EXAM <sup>Identification of Day as writer</sup> BELIEVES IT ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT GINGER DAY AND  
ANITA KATZWINKEL IN WORKING HOLLYWOOD AREA AS PROSTITUTES  
UPON <sup>their</sup> ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES, AND TO BUILD UP TRADE LEFT THEIR  
NAMES WITH BARTENDERS IN AREA AND RAY, ARRIVING IN SAME AREA  
SOME FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS LATER, WAS PROBABLY FURNISHED WITH  
THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESS BY BARTENDER.

CHICAGO, RECONTACT GINGER DAY AND DETERMINE FROM HER  
IDENTITIES OF BARS AND BARTENDERS TO WHOM SHE GAVE NAME AND  
ADDRESS.

BASED UPON INFORMATION [REDACTED]  
RAY APPEARS TO HAVE MONEY WHILE [REDACTED]  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AND MONTREAL, CANADA, [REDACTED]  
APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN GAINFOLLY EMPLOYED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
OF CERTAIN [REDACTED] IN MONTREAL, AS OF HIS ARRIVAL AT  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] E.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)

DATE: 5-8-68

FROM : SA J SEPH R. CONLON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Complaint received from WILLIE CUBBY, 223 E 140 St  
LA, Cal 4-29-68

Mrs. CORA ROACH, 5900 Cecilia Street, Bell Gardens,  
Cal was contacted by the writer on 5-7-78. She advised  
she and her husband JOE own a 1967 Chevrolet, blue in  
color with Cal Lic VFE632 which they purchased in November,  
1967. She said her husband, who works nights and is sleeping,  
is 64 years of age, 5'7" and his right arm is amputated. She  
said she does not drive and her husband is the only one who  
drives the car.

In view of fact that ROACH is not identical with RAY  
and Mrs. ROACH was not familiar with anyone resembling RAY  
no further action is warranted concerning this complaint.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-1574-691)

DATE: 5-8-68

FROM : RICHARD J. NELSON, SA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo SA RICHARD B. SADLER, 4-24-68.

On 5-3-68 DONA STANNARD, 2295 Euclid St., Long Beach, Calif. advised SA NELSON that she had occassion to see and talk to the individual at the Tarter House that she had called in on as possibly GALT. She said that his name is MERVIN \_\_\_\_\_ and he is employed at Shell Refinery and has been there over a year. Further this person does not look anything like the 1968 photo. Further she had her girlfriend go to the bar with her and she saw MERVIN \_\_\_\_\_ and said that she could see that MERVIN had some resemblance to RAY'S prison picture but that it was not RAY and MERVIN would be in his early 30's.

In view of above not further inquiry is being made on this individual.

RJN/

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574-825)

DATE: 5-8-68

FROM : RICHARD J. NELSON, SA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Restatel from DMV 4-26-58.

On 5-8-68 HARRY POLLOCK, Office Manager, Volvo Western Distributing Co., 1955 W. 190th St., Torrance, Calif., advised SA RICHARD J. NELSON that license 2/A DLR 763 was one of the company cars assigned to them and that this particular unit had been assigned to MORRY SCOTT, sales representative since February 1968.

POLLOCK said that SCOTT was greying and might have a slight resemblance to suspect RAY but definitely was not RAY. Further that RAY was not employed there as he knew each employee.

In view of above no further inquiries being made on this phase.

RJN/

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
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FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

REMYTEL MAY SEVEN LAST.

RE LOOK ALIKE JAMES EARL RAY, LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT, MAY THREE LAST.

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL UNITED AIR LINES (UAL) FLIGHTS  
CHECKED MAY NINE LAST: FIVE SEVEN ONE, MAY ONE; TWO FOUR  
THREE, MAY ONE; ONE SIX THREE, MAY TWO; ONE SIX NINE, MAY  
ONE AND TWO; WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS RE CARL RAY. REMAINING  
FLIGHTS TO BE CHECKED: THREE FIVE NINE, MAY TWO; FIVE SEVEN  
ONE, MAY TWO; EIGHT FIVE SEVEN, MAY ONE.

RE TEL INCORRECTLY STATED FLIGHT FIVE SEVEN ONE AS EIGHT  
SEVEN ONE. CORRECT FLIGHT IS FIVE SEVEN ONE.

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*Carl Ray photo*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA J. CHARLES MERRIMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA J. CHARLES MERRIMAN, 5/7/68 (44-1574-1144),  
regarding VERNE SCHLOTZHAUER.

On 5/8/68 VERNE M. SCHLOTZHAUER was interviewed at his place  
of employment, Department of Water and Power, 6000 Van Nuys  
Boulevard, Van Nuys (Los Angeles), California.

Several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to SCHOLTZHAUER  
at which time he advised he was unable to state that instant photos  
were identical with individual he saw driving a late model white  
Wildcat Buick on 5/7/68 along Victory Boulevard in Canoga Park.  
SCHOLTZHAUER explained that the license number he furnished when  
telephoning the FBI Office on 5/7/68 as Louisiana license number  
96G-616 was not altogether correct. He further noted that he had  
written down the license number he observed on aforementioned Buick,  
but that he had misplaced the piece of paper on which he had written  
the license number. He therefore pointed out he is not sure whether  
the license number 96G-616 is correct or not, noting that he furnished  
this number merely by memory.

In view of SCHLOTZHAUER being unable to identify photos of RAY  
as identical to person driving above mentioned Buick, and fact he was  
unable to furnish correct license number of instant Buick, it is  
recommended that no further action be taken in this matter.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

(44-1574)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA EUGENE W. ADAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/4/68, an attempt was made to contact NETTIE COHEN at 15729 Eucalyptus, Bellflower, California, Apt. #3.

Mrs. DOUGLAS BALL 12826 Corley, La Mirada, Calif., advised she is the landlady for NETTIE COHEN; however, she could not advise where COHEN was at that time. She advised that COHEN works for North American Aviation Corp. in Downey, Calif.

On 5/6/68, NETTIE COHEN 15729 Eucalyptus, Bellflower, Calif., was contacted at her employment. She advised she is employed as an electronic assembler, Department 668, building 6, Space Division, 12214 South Lakewood Blvd., Downey, Calif., a division of North American Aviation Inc.

Miss COHEN advised that about 2 years ago she wrote to a friendship club at P.O. Box 3802, Downey, Calif. That organization sent her about 10 or 15 names to contact for companionship. She stated she never became friendly with any of those persons. She met only 1 or 2 of the men whose names she received, but that she only saw them once. She became disgusted, and threw away the names. She stated she was contacted again by the club, and was furnished more names which she threw away.

Miss COHEN advised she is not familiar with any of the aliases of JAMES EARL RAY, and after viewing his photo, advised she is not acquainted with him.

She knows of no one else who has written to the club.

It should be noted that Miss Cohen is a deaf mute, and the interview was conducted through writing and lip reading.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (137-6745)

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA B. Bruce Bradford

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SUBJECT: LA 5026 C

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Dates of Contact <b>5/9/68</b>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <b>157-943: POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS, RACIAL MATTER</b> <b>44-1574: MURKING</b>		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NEGATIVE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>POSITIVE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>STATISTIC</b>  <b>Contacted at 7th and South Westlake, Los Angeles, California.</b>  <b>Informant was reminded to report any information concerning racial violence.</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>Excellent</b>	Coverage <b>Same</b>
<b>Same</b>		<b>44-1574-1229</b> SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED 2 MAY 9 1968 FBI - LOS ANGELES

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC , LOS ANGELES (170-205)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA FREDRICK E. BECKER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob) (PRI)  
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R GHETTO  
☐

SUBJECT: ROSA HELEN ROBERTS  
PRI - GHETTO

Dates of Contact 4/11/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted ROSA HELEN ROBERTS INFORMATION HAS BEEN MURKIN CHANNELIZED OR IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING CHANNELIZED AND MAY BE LOCATED IN THE "A" SECTION OF THIS FILE. NEGATIVE CONTACTS, IF ANY, APPEAR BELOW.		
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Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC PRI was contacted at her home and she advised that she knew of no information pertaining to future plans for racial disturbances and she knew of no specific problems or tensions that were building in the area even though Martin Luther King had just been killed the week before and some cities in the nation were experiencing racial disorders.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage Racial Matters
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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (170-204)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA FREDRICK E. BECKER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob) (PRI)  
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R  
GHETTO

SUBJECT: CALVIN T. ROBERTS  
PRI - GHETTO

Dates of Contact 4/26/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted CALVIN T. ROBERTS MURKIN ALL POSITIVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN CHANNELIZED OR IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING CHANNELIZED AND MAY BE LOCATED IN THE "A" SECTION OF THIS FILE. NEGATIVE CONTACTS, IF ANY, APPEAR BELOW.		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC PRI was contacted at his home and he advised that he knew of no future racial trouble building or being planned.  PRI advised that he has heard no information in any connection with the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage Racial Matters
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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RE: KENNETH LEE WADE  
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY

Re Los Angeles airtel, 5/3/68.

Records of the San Quentin Penitentiary reflect that KENNETH LEE WADE, FBI #56 81 23 B, was received at San Quentin Penitentiary on 9/19/67 to serve a five year to life sentence for armed robbery committed in the Los Angeles, California area.

The following interview of KENNETH LEE WADE was conducted by SAs DALE F. NORTON and MICHAEL T. GEARY:

KENNETH LEE WADE advised that he served a sentence in the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) at Jefferson City, Missouri from 1958 through 1965, where he was confined as a result of having been convicted of a robbery charge in St. Louis, Missouri. He advised that he knew RAY from about 1960 until 1965.

WADE advised that he served about one year of his sentence and then escaped, and after being recaptured, was

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returned to MSP and served from 1962 to 1965. He advised that RAY came to MSP with a man by the name of ~~RAY PRUITT~~. WADE stated that he and PRUITT were fall partners. He advised that both he and PRUITT were convicted at the same time but that PRUITT fought the conviction and did not enter MSP at the same time that he, WADE, did.

WADE advised that PRUITT and RAY may have met while both were in the City Jail in St. Louis, Missouri. WADE stated PRUITT knows RAY better than he does.

He advised that when PRUITT and RAY arrived at the penitentiary, that he, PRUITT and RAY all lived in "K Hall", and that because RAY and PRUITT were friends, he and his friends accepted the two of them and that PRUITT in effect, was RAY's sponsor. WADE advised that he and RAY worked in the bakery. WADE was a pastry cook and was fairly good.

WADE examined the photographs and drawings of RAY and stated that the drawing of RAY in which his eyes were open is not a good likeness in that it completely changes the appearance of RAY's eyes which are smaller and more slanted. WADE advised that his group in the prison consisted of the following individuals:

- (1) JAMES EARL RAY
- (2) RAY PRUITT
- (3) BOBBY BURNS
- (4) GLEN SHURNICK or SHERNICK (PH)
- (5) WADE

He advised that they, the five of them, had "a little thing going for them" in that they were selling amphetamine pills and other stimulants to inmates at the prison.

He stated that while he was confined to the penitentiary, that they had a semi-riot at the jail as prison authorities sought to integrate the prison and as a result, a few Negroes were stabbed and that the jail was not integrated while he was there.

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WADE stated, "I had a beef with a Negro over a debt about amphetamine powder. This beef was in 1962. I 'piped him', that is I hit him with a pipe a few times. He was hospitalized. This beef wasn't over RAY. This clique had a thing going for it."

He advised that he figures that they made about \$1,000 a month or more selling these pills each month. He advised they paid a guard \$100 to bring the jar in and after expenses, cleared about \$1,000 a month.

WADE stated that RAY is a very quiet individual. He stated he did not know what RAY's opinions were of Negroes.

He advised RAY had a friend who sent him some narcotics. He advised he did not know any more than this about that matter.

WADE advised that RAY was close-mouthed and never discussed anything with anyone, particularly he would not discuss any ideas or plans he had about escaping.

He described RAY as having a quick temper and a violent temper, but believed that RAY was in sufficient control of himself not to let his quick and violent temper unmask him. He said it was his opinion that if somebody got into an argument with RAY about something that RAY would control his emotions so as not to attract attention to himself, but he stated RAY was the type that would and could lay for the guy and later give him a good working over.

WADE stated, "I do not believe RAY would go to booze." He advised it was his belief that RAY liked narcotics but not hard stuff, and that he would probably just use the stimulant type. He advised that RAY could handle narcotics "real good."

He stated he did not believe that RAY at this time would engage in the sell of narcotics in view of the fact that he is an escaped convict.

WADE later stated, "RAY doesn't like Negroes. I believe

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RAY is capable of killing KING. RAY could plan it." He added it was his speculation "he must have had help." He stated, "I don't believe RAY killed KING. I couldn't see RAY getting into that bag as he was an escapee."

WADE advised that he never met any of RAY's family or friends from the outside while they were in jail and RAY never met any of his family or friends from the outside either. He stated, "I have no idea where RAY may be. I have no knowledge of RAY's outside connections. I believe RAY could have saved about a good sum of money from his share of the profits of the sale of amphetamine." He advised in the event RAY was going to escape he believes the other people in the clique would loan or give RAY as much money as they had available to them. He advised that RAY used to read about foreign countries in his cell. He advised that PRUITT, who was a cell block mate, worked in the library and would bring the books to RAY. He advised that BURNS and SHURNICK each got 75 years so they are still in MSP. He advised he does not know where PRUITT is.

He advised that he is presently confined as a result of some robberies which he committed in the Los Angeles area with HAROLD KLEMP, DONALD BUSSMEYER and SAM MASSY.

He advised that all four of them had been in MSP at one time or another and he believed that KLEMP, BUSSMEYER and MASSY might know RAY. He advised that KLEMP is in Folsom Prison, BUSSMEYER is in Mc Neil Island and SAM MASSY went insane and is confined in some mental hospital in the State of California.



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KANSAS CITY

AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MO.  
Will review appropriate records to determine present whereabouts of RAY PRUITT, BOBBY BURNS and GLEN SHURNICK or SHERNICK (Ph), who were inmates of the prison at the time RAY was confined.

(2) Will set out leads to have PRUITT, BURNS and SHURNICK interviewed if not already done.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Will review appropriate records of the Los Angeles County Courts to determine the present location of SAM MASSY who was arrested and convicted with KENNETH LEE WADE of robberies in the Los Angeles area in 1965 or 1966.

SACRAMENTO

AT FOLSOM PENITENTIARY, CALIF. Will interview HAROLD KLEMP who was arrested with WADE in a series of Los Angeles robberies and who was reported to be an inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary at the time RAY was confined there.

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AT MC NEIL ISLAND PENITENTIARY, WASHINGTON. Will interview DONALD BUSSMEYER who was arrested with WADE in a series of Los Angeles robberies and who was reported to have been in the Missouri State Penitentiary with RAY.

Will interview BUSSMEYER to determine if he has any knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
RE: MURKIN

Re Memphis telephone call to Los Angeles 5/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a photograph of RITA STEIN taken 5/18/67.

Referenced Memphis telephone call advised that information received by Memphis Office indicated that two elderly women, 40-42 years of age visited JAMES EARL RAY while he resided at the Harkey Apartments in Montreal, Canada. Apparently this information was contained in a portion of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) report received by the Memphis Office. This RCMP report noted that possibly these women were identical to RITA STEIN and MARIE MARTIN.

The Los Angeles Division is not in possession of a photograph of MARIE MARTIN.

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The Bureau is requested to furnish copies of the enclosed photographs to Legat, Ottawa, Canada, so they in turn can be exhibited to Mr. (FNU) QUINTAL, Harkey Apartments, Montreal, Canada, to determine if STEIN identical to one of the two women who visited RAY while he resided there.

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