FBI ST LOUIS

950PM URGENT 5-9-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS CHICAGO LOSANGELES OMAHA FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

Call the

MURKIN

FOR ASSISTANCE OFFICES NOT RECEIVING PREVIOUS INFO, JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, FBI NUMBER ONE THREE FOUR THREE THREE FOUR, LIVED WITH SUBJECTS MOTHER BETWEEN IMPRISONMENTS NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR TO HER DEATH NINETEEN SIXTY ONE. APPEARS CLOSEST PERSON TO FAMILY. CLAIMS TAUGHT SUBJECT BURGLARY AND CASED SEVERAL JOBS TOGETHER FIFTY EIGHT FIFTY NINE.

UNDER DEVELOPMENT AS PCI SINCE INITIAL INTERVIEW THIS CASE.

IS SEVENTY YEARS OLD, ON VERGE OF SENILITY, EXTREMELY RAMBLING
IN CONVERSATIONS, AND AGENTS EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY KEEPING
INTERVIEWS ON PERTINENT TRACK, AS WELL AS SEPARATING FACT FROM
CONJECTURE. JERRY RAY HAS DESCRIBED HIM AS KOOK, AND OTHER SOURCES
REGARD HIMAS CRAZY/OLD MAN WHO TALKS TOO MUCH.

ON INTERVIEW TODAY GAWRON STATED WITHIN DAY OR TWO FOLLOWING RELEASE ON BOND, JUNE TWENTY THIRD TWENTY FOURTH SIXTY SEVEN, HE READ IN CHICAGO TRIBUNE OF BANK ROBBERY OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN SOUTHERN STATE, AND RECALLED BANK HAD BEEN CASED BY SUBJECT AND SELF ON TWO FRIDAYS, BIG PAY ROLL DAYS, FIFTY EIGHT FIFTY NINE, BUT NOT ROBBED DUE TO GAWRON LEG INJURY.

END PAGE ONE

PAGE TWO

FEW DAYS AFTER ARTICLE WAS VISITED BY MAN HE REFUSED TO NAME,
WHO HE BELIEVED HE HAD INTRODUCED TO RAY IN FIFTY NINE, WHO TOLD
HIM HE AND OTHERS HAD ROBBED BANK, DISPLAYED VALISE FULL OF
MONEY AND GAVE HIM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS.

GAWRON HAS ADVISED FEW DAYS LATER HE VISITED FAMILY AND CAROL PEPPER, SISTER AND JOHN RAY, BROTHER, TOLD HIM SUBJECT WAS NOT IN MISSOURI. WEEK OR SO LATER THEY SAID SUBJECT IN OMAHA, DOING WELL, HE BELIEVED AS SALESMAN. WEEK OR SO LATER THEY SAID SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES. CLAIMED NO DIRCUSSION AS TO HOW THEY KNEW, OR INFO AS TO DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONTACT.

SIX WEEKS AGO WAS VISITED BY SAME MAN WHO INDICATED SUBJECT AND ONE OR MORE OTHERS WERE ACCOMPLICES IN BANK ROBBERY.

GAWRON DECLINED TO GIVE LOCATION OF BANK OR IDENTITY OF
MAN AT THIS TIME, SAYING WANTED TO SEE MAN AGAIN AND IDENT ALL
ACCOMPLICES, AND BE SURE HIMSELF IN THE CLEAR. PROMISED ADDITIONAL

DETAILS IN FEW DAYS. INTERESTED IN BANK ROBBERY REWARD. WAS PRESSED FOR DETAILS ON PROBABILITY OF IMMEDIATE REWARD BUT DECLINED.

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

DURING PRESS FOR DETAILS STATED CITY WHERE BANK LOCATED
WAS NOT SMALL, WAS NEAR RIVER WHICH IS STATE LINE, ROBBERS IN
ANOTHER STATE FIVE MINUTES AFTER ROBBERY. WAS IN DEEP SOUTH,
"LIKE MISSISSIPPI" BUT NOT MISSISSIPPI. LOOT PLUS OR MINUS
TWO THOUSAND WAS FIFTY THOUSAND. SIZEABLE AMOUNT IN VAULT MISSED
BY ROBBERS. SAID UN NAMED MAN NOT ST. LOUISAN, BUT BELIEVED
FROM SOUTH WEST AND HAS SERVED SOME SENTENCE POSSIBLY IN ARKANSAS.

CLAIMED DID NOT MENTION ROBBERY EARLIER AS SUBJECT SOUGHT FOR MURDER AND DID NOT BELIEVE ANYONE INTERESTED IN LESSER CRIME.

JOHN LARRY RAY TODAY EMPHATICALLY DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE, SPECIFICALLY DENIED AND INFO OR STATEMENT THAT SUBJECT IN OMAHA OR LOS ANGELES PRIOR TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS THIS CASE, AND STATED CONVICTION SISTER CAROL AND BROTHER JERRY HAVE SIMILAR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE.

TO ASSIST ST LOUIS IN EVALUATING CREDIBILITY OF GAWRON.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO EXAMINE REPORTED BANK ROBBERIES IN

SOUTHERN STATES JUNE JULY SIXTY SEVEN TO SEE IF CITIES INVOLVED

ARE NEAR STATE LINE RIVER AND LOOT IN VICINITY OF FIFTY THOUSAND.

END PAGE THREE

PAGE FOUR

CHICAGO IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW JUNE TWENTY THIRD TO END

OF JULY ISSUES OF GHICAGO TRIBUNE FOR ACCOUNT OF SUCH ROBBERY.

OMAHA AND LA THROUGH SUCH SOURCES AS MAY BE DEEMED

APPROPRIATE ATTEMPT DETERMINE PRESENCE OF SUBJECT IN THIER

TERRITORIES JUNE AND JULY SIXTY SEVEN.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Memorandum

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (14-1574) (P)

DATE:

5/6/68

FROM

SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR.

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Memo of SA GEORGE E. AIKEM, JR. dated 4/29/68 at Los Angeles

On 4/30/68, Miss SUSAN CARD was interviewed at her place of employment, 5670 Wilshire Boylevard, suite 1330, the offices of the Chicago Sun-Times, by the writer and SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS.

Miss GARD stated that on two or three occasions, she went to the National Dance Studios, located on Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, California, with her fiances RALPH PIERCE. She stated that PIERCE was a dancing student at the studio, and on the occasions that she went to the studio with him, they had dates later in the evening, after he finished his dancing lessons.

She stated that she did not know any of the students of the dance studio, nor did she know any of the instuctors. She stated that she conversed with ROD ARVIDSON, the owner of the studios on one or two occasions. She stated that on the occasions she went to the dance studios, she remained in the studio *** lebby, and studied a US Navy Manual, inasmuch as she was in the USNR, and was at the time studying to pass her Yeoman 1st Class examination.

She stated that she did not know anyone by the name of **SAMES** ERIC S. GALT or JAMES EARL RAY. She was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, at which time she advised that she had never observed him in her life, to her knowledge.

She stated that she and PIERCE had engaged in conversations about GALT, after it became known to them that he was a dancing student at National Dance Studio during the same period as Pierce. She stated that PIERCE told her that he did not recall ever s eeing GALT at the studio.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/1/68, RALPH PIERCE Co-owner Senior Taco, was interviewed at his office, 5670 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California by SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR. at which time he advised as follows:

He stated that during a portion of January and February, 1968, he was enrolled as a dancing student at the National Dance Studios in Long Beach, California. He stated that on several times Miss. SUSAN GARD, his fiancee accompanied himto the studios, and on these occasions, she remained in the main reception lobby of the studios, while he, PIERCE, completed his lesson, and they thereafter would go an a date for the evening.

He stated that he did not know any of the other students of the studios, and usually there was only one or two other students present in the studio while he was having his lesson.

He was specifically asked if the name of ERIC S. GALT or JAMES EARL RAY ment anything to him. He stated that up until recently, he had never heard of the name before, however he had read much about GALT in the newsmedia in connection with the captioned matter.

He was exhibited a photograph of RAY, and after reviewing the photo stated that he could not recall ever having seen RAY before in his life.

In view of the above, it is recommended that no further investigation be conducted in this phase of the sase.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference Los Angeles memo of SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR. dated 4/25/68, and memo of SA RICHARD B. SADLERIII dated 4/26/68 in Los Angeles.

The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR. $\!\!\!/$

Mr RODNEY ARVIDSON, Owner-Operator of National Dance Studios, Long Beach, California, advised SAs AIKEN and E. RHEAD RICHARDS as follows on 4/25/68:

He stated that one LANNART G. CEDRUP, Foreign Correspondent-Sweden, 7550 woodrow will on Drive, Hollywood, California, had generally been a nuisance at the National Dance Studios and had been a disruption in the orderly affairs of the studios. He stated that he had desired to talk with other students who had enrolled in dancing lessons about the same time as JAMES EARL RAY for the Swedish Press, inasmuch as M.L. KING was awarded the Nobel Prise in that country.

CEDRUP learned that a girl, first name SUSAN had attended a dance lesson with a friend, who was a pupil at the studios. Her friend was RALPH PIERCE, who was employed Senior Taco, a franchised taco vendor.

CEDRUP was told that she might be possibly Swedish extraction, and from there, CEDRUP dreamed up "the blond associate" known to RAY.

ARVIDSON stated that PIERCE was presently out of town, and he had contacted him telephonically in Modesto, California. ARVIDSON stated that he discretely attempted to obtain SUSAN's last name from PIERCE, and PIERCE would not give him the last name until he had time to talk with the girl, stating to ARVIDSON that SUSAN was his fiancee.

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RICHARD WHEELER, 19213 Bryant Street, Northridge, California, telephone 886-4889, was telephonically contacted by the writer on 4/29/68, at which time he stated that he had ascertained that the name of the girl in question was SUSAN GARD, address unknown, telephone 826-4142.

He stated that he was a business associate of RALPH PIERCE, and wished that the above information that he had furnished to the writer be maintained in the strictest of confidence.

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At Los Angeles, California, will ascertain the name and residence of the person who subscribes to telephone number 826 4142, and will thereafter interview SUSAN GARD, who is residing at that residence.

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: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA JOHN W. WHALEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re SAC memo dated 4/9/68.

The following laundries were contacted with negative results as to whether they utilized a thermo-seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York:

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4279 S. Moover
233-9270

Biltmore San Carlos Cleaners and Laundry
511 W. 5th
624-3595

Boss Uniform and Towel Serv
1126 N. Euclid
Anaheim

Braun Towel and Linen Serv Co
1841 E. 103rd Place
569-7172

Broadway Chinese Hand Laundry
5419 S. Broadway
751-8656

Buck's Master System Cleaners
631 W. 8th
622-6788

Budget Way Cleaners and Laundry
859 E. Vernon
231-0650

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California State Department of Mental Hygiene

James V. Lowry, M.D., Directo

Utilization of Short-Boyle Programs, January 1968

Previous Bullotins in this series:

No. 23, dated October 27, 1987

No. 28, dated December 7, 1967

No. 35, dated January 29, 1968

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incomplete reporting continues to limit the comparison of monthly partient movement totals shown in the successive publications of this sories. Momeyer, it appears there was some increase in Short-Doyle program estivity during January. The table below shows the patient movement totals for the months of December and January with estimates for late reporting units included. The data show a rise in monthly admissions to each of the three types of direct service and an increase in the caseload of the rehabilitation services. Increases are also indicated in the total number of inpatient and day care days and outpatient contacts.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)

RE:

MURKIN

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CO: MEMPHIS

Re Atlanta sirtel to Bureau dated 4/18/68, and Los Angeles letter to Sacramento dated 4/26/68 (IC).

Re Possible Mental Condition of Subject RAY

On 5/2/68, CHARLES LUNDHOLM, Bureau of Viostatistics, California State Department of Nental Health, Sacramento, California, advised they had no record of subject RAY or his aliases ever having been a patient in any of the mental institutions back to 1922. This would also include committed alcoholics.

LUNDHOLM advised that this would not be a complete record for the State of California inasmuch as about 2/3 of the counties in California have their own Inpatient, Cutpatient and Rehabilitation Centers where one could go on his own volition. The names of all these individuals are not submitted to the state. He said it was possible that counties could have central indices but did not know whether the indices would be by name or file number.

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Whether counties in all states have their own facilities as they do in California is not known, but those that do, a check would have to be made at county as well as state level to be all inclusive.

Above is being submitted as a suggestion and checks on county level will be held in abeyance so that the Bureau and Office of Origin may offer additional observations if deemed advisable.

LUNDHOLN furnished a Statistical Bulletin No. 39 dated 3/14/68, wherein each county having impatient, outpatient or rehabilitation types of service is listed as well as the number of each. It may be noted that Los Angeles County has 243 such centers.

Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco are being furnished two copies of this bulletin in the event counties listed thereon are to be contacted.



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DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACHAMENTO (100-427)

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MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO BUREAU APRIL RIGHTERN LAST AND SACRABENTO AIRTEL TO BUREAU WAY SIX LAST.

RE: POSSIBLE MENTAL CONDITION OF MURJECT.

ALTHOUGH THE SUGGESTION HADE IN RE ATLANTA ATRIEL HAD MERIT, THIS SUGGESTION WAS MADE PRICE TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF JAMES HARL BAY AS SUBJECT OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

ALTHOUGH RAY CONSULTED A PSYCHIATRIST IN LOS ANGELES, CALIF., SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ESCAPE PROM PRISON AND WHILE IN PRISON SOUGHT PSYCHIATRIC HELP ON ONE OCCASION, INVESTIGATION TO DATE 1870 RAY'S BACKSHOUND HAS PAILED TO REVEAL ANY IMPOS-MITION TO INDICATE HE HAS EVER EXEN COMPINED TO A MENTAL INSTITUTION.

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THEREFORE, IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BURNAU, OFFICER RECEIVING THIS COMMUNICATION ARE TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE ANY INVESTIGATION RE CHECK OF RECORDS OF MEDIAL INSTITUTIONS IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE A COMMUNICATION RECORDS

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIBGO, AND BAN FRANCISCO ADVISED BY ATRNAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END.

FBI LOS ANG.

FBI CHICAGO

1257PM URGENT LMA TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987 BERMINGHAM(44-1740), AND ATLANTA (44-2386).

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY NINE LAST.
RE GINGER MANCE.

GINGER NANCE ADVISED THIS DATE SHE DID NOT GIVE HER
NAME TO ANY BARTENDER OR LEAVE HER NAME AT ANY BARS WHILE
IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA. NANCE ADVISED SHE FREQUENTED THE
FOLLOWING BARS IN LOS ANGELES:

VEGAS ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD.; RABBIT'S FOOT ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD.; BLACK HORSE ON WESTERN, AND RED VEST ON WESTERN.

LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE.

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FBI CHICAGO

10:45 AM URGENT 5-14-68 PMS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987),

LOS ANGELES (44-1574), LAS VEGAS, DENVER (157-203)

AND ALBUQUERQUE

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

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Memorandum

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SA ROBERT W. BUTLER		
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KENNETH EDWARDS		
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SAC, LOS ANGELES ((44-1574)

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DATE: 5/13/68

FROM

SA ALBERT A. HUSTEDT

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SAS ALBERT A. HUSTEDT and M. JON KOLOMITZ:

On 5/8/68, photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to ALVA V. CLARKE and ANDY SHELLEY, Bartenders at the San Moritz Inf., 9030 Valley Boulevard, Rosemead, California.

CLARKE stated that he was on duty between 5:00 and 6:00 PM qn both 4/30/68, and 5/6/68.

Both CLARKE and SHELLEY stated they have seen photographs of RAY numerous times on television and in various news media publications. They both said they are positive that no one even resembling RAY has frequented the San Moritz Inn at any time.

They both stated that they would remain alert, and if any of their customers even closely resemble RAY, they will attempt to identify the individual and immediately advise the Los Angeles Office.

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Memorandum

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/13/68

FROM:

SA PHILIP J. REILLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On 5/13/68 Mr. REX WESTERFIELD, West Coast Director of Public Relations for the John Birch Society, 2627 Mission Road, San Marino, California, advised that he had rechecked the files and records of the Society and had interviewed the persons who had normally had telephonic contact with the public, and to the best of his knowledge, he has satisfied himself that there is no record of any ERIC S. GALT having contacted the Society at any time through the mail, by phone or in person.

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TO

SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE:

5/13/68

FROM

SA RICHARD J. RAYSA

SUBJECT:

RICHARD LEE OGG

BR SUSPECT

Attached are photos of RICHARD LEE OGG, who, by contract with Auto Drive Away, Washington D.C., transported a 1967, ½ ton, Chevrolet pickup truck, black in color and bearing Virginia license tags, from WDC to Auto Drive Away, 227 So. Vermont, Los Angeles, departing from WDC on 4/8/68 and arriving LA 4/8/68. OGG reportedly carried .22 caliber rifle and ammo.

Personnel, Auto Drive Away, LA advise OGG apparently accompanied by brother, further description unknown.

WFO indices reflect that OGG, FBI #403601C, was considered suspect in 1/19/66 \$12,500 robbery of Food Fair Store, 6250 Kenilworth Ave., Riverside, Md. (Baltimore file 87-11225).

OGG further described as follows:

Race:

Sex:

DOB:

POB:

Height:

Weight:

Hair:

Eyes:

FBI Number:

Characteristics:

Brown

Slight Southern accent

Brown with reddish tint

175 to 200 pounds

403601C

Caucasian

Male

Ohio 611"

Consider suspect unsolved LA area BR's.

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SACS, MEMPHIS

LITTLE ROCK

FROM:

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE DONALD W. RAMSEY, AKA BILL RAMSEY.

ON MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT, CALIFORNIA PAROLE AGENT C. L.

MANDELLA, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, FURNISHED PHOTOSTATIC

COPY OF LETTER WHICH DONALD W. RAMSEY, AKA BILL RAMSEY,

BOONE COUNTY JAIL, HARRISON, ARKANSAS WROTE TO LAWRENCE E.

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SPICHTIC, BOX TWO FOUR THREE, GROVER CITY, CALIFORNIA.

LAYMON IS BEING SOUGHT BY MANDELLA AS PAROLE VIOLATOR.

RAMSEY WAS RELEASED FROM CALIFORNIA MEN'S COLONY, WEST

FACILITY, LOS PADRES, CALIFORNIA, NOVEMBER ONE, NINETEEN

SIXTY SEVEN AND SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ARREST IN ARKANSAS, WAS

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"THE BIG HEAT IN WASHINGTON, D. C. IS SEEKING ME OUT
ON LUTHER KING AND FOUR NIGGERS SHOT TO DEATH IN KANSAS
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AND SOME PISTOLS. THE HEAT SAYS ONE OF MY RIFLES COULD BE
THE ONE THAT GOT KING. THEY PROVED I WAS IN MEMPHIS THAT
NIGHT SO I AM JUST SWEATING IT OUT. THIS LETTER IS SMUGGLED
OUT NOT CENSORED. MUTT WENT HAZY ON ME BUT IS GETTING BETTER,
FLUSHED A COUPLE HUNDRED DOWN THE TOILET - TRIED TO KILL
HIMSELF AND ALL THAT JAZZ. HE HAS A CHECK BEEF IN SAN
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THIRTY DAYS HERE FOR CONCEALED WEAPONS, BIG FINE FOR GUNS AND WHISKEY." ANOTHER PORTION OF THE LETTER READS:

"I BOUGHT A NEW CAR FORD BUT WORE IT OUT SIXTY THOUSAND MILES - WILL LET THE FINANCE COMPANY TAKE IT NOW. I'LL PROBABLY BE SLOUGHED UP FOR QUITE A WHILE. I WILL FIGHT ALL THE WAY - NOTHING TO LOSE NOW. I WILL BE HERE TIL MAY NINETEENTH UNLESS FEDS RELEASE TO CALIFORNIA."

LITTLE ROCK AW HARRISON, ARKANSAS - INTERVIEW RAMSEY
RE MURKIN, POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS, AND RE FOUR NEGROES
KILLED IN KANSAS CITY. INTERVIEW MUTT HOLLAND WHO WAS
APPARENTLY ARRESTED WITH RAMSEY ALONG SAME LINES.
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TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

FROM: (44-1574)

SUBJECT: \ MURKIN

Reyourairtel 5/3/68.

On 5/8/68, JAMES H. TOWNSEND, 808 North Pine Street, Anaheim, California, and his brother, RUSSELL (NMN) TOWNSEND, 535 South West Street, Anaheim, California, were contacted at their place of employment, 1110 South Pomona Avenue, Fullerton, California. On that date, both TOWNSENDs admitted receiving phone calls from HAROLD EDWARD NICHOLS on 3/29/68.

JAMES TOWNSEND advised that he recalls receiving his phone call from NICHOLS some time during the afternoon on 3/29/68. TOWNSEND stated that NICHOLS was calling in connection with a trip TOWNSEND was making to the California Republican Assembly Convention, which was being held in Berkeley, California on 3/29/68. TOWNSEND stated that he departed Orange County Airport on 3/29/68 and was picked up at the Oakland Airport by NICHOLS and taken to the hotel in Berkeley, California.

JAMES TOWNSEND advised that he himself made three calls to NICHOLS on 3/29/68 in connection with his arrival time in Oakland. He stated he recalls leaving the Disneyland Hotel at 7:05 p.m. on 3/29/68 and arriving in Oakland later that same night.

RUSSELL TOWNSEND advised that he has known NICHOLS for better than six years and has worked with him on numerous

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occasions. He stated he cannot conceive of anyone even thinking that NICHOLS would have anything to do with the murder of Dr. KING. TOWNSEND stated that he has discussed the FBI interview of NICHOLS with NICHOLS in connection with the murder of KING, and both he and his brother JAMES TOWNSEND could not understand how anyone would think of connecting NICHOLS with Dr. KING. RUSSELL TOWNSEND stated he recalls getting a phone call from NICHOLS on the morning of 3/29/68 but could not recall the exact content of this call except to state that NICHOLS was trying to reach his brother JAMES TOWNSEND.

No further investigation being conducted Los Angeles in connection with NICHOLS or TOWNSEND at this time.

AGENTS IN INTERVIEWS SHOULD EXERCISE DISCRESSION AND CAUTION TO PREVENT ANY FALSE ALLEGATIONS THAT THE FBI IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF THE ATP.



TELEPHONE: 620-4070

W. H. DAMERELL

SPECIAL AGENT DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

107 SOUTH BROADWAY

ROOM 3134 LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

SPECIAL SERVICE UNIT



2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

State of California

Memorandum

Date: April 25, 1968

File No.:

Subject: See Below.

To: Mr. Wesley Grapp
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California

ATTN: Mr. Ted Gardner - Special Agent

From:

Mr. W. H. Damerell Special Agent Department of Corrections Special Service Unit Los Angeles

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Murder of Martin Luther King - Interstate Flight

to Avoid Prosecution for Murder; Violation of

Civil Rights.

SUSPECT:

James Earl RAY

REFER:

Florence Holloway SIMPKINS (Informant)

CII #1-262-676 CIW #3047-B FBI #933-437-C

Pursuant to our meeting of 4/24/68, when I stated I would prepare a memorandum for your case file, the following is a report of the statements given to me by the above-named informant who believes the man she knows as "Earl" is one and the same as your suspect James Earl RAY, AKA Eric Starvo GALT.

On 4/24/68, I interviewed informant Florence Holloway SIMPKINS, currently on California State Parole from the California Institution for Women. She stated that she has known for some time a Donald Martin BLAA, who has used the names Donald MARTIN and John FISHER, and who is currently using the latter name and will be so referred to as FISHER in this memorandum. His nickname is "Rocky". She describes him as a W.M.A., approximately forty-two (42) years old, a former Chicago resident who has described to her his check-writing and drunk rolling activities, although she does not believe he has ever served any prison sentences.

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Informant states she met FISHER about eleven years ago in Cleveland, Ohio, and that FISHER was a friend of her husband, now deceased. She ran into him in Los Angeles in early 1967 and that he had just married a girl name Irene whom he left shortly after the marriage.

Irene is currently employed as a waitress at the Terrace Restaurant located in the Terrace Hotel - 1256 West Seventh Street in Los Angeles.

Informant stated FISHER began living with a woman in Glendale, California, known only as Dolores, in the Spring of 1967, and that Dolores lived at and was the manager of an apartment house at 410 South Glendale Avenue (Apt. #102) in Glendale, California.

FISHER took Dolores to Cleveland, Ohio in July of 1967, according to the informant, and returned without her about a month later and subsequently told the informant that Dolores had been fearful of returning after stealing about \$500 in rent receipts from her employers, the apartment house owners.

Informant saw FISHER in September of 1967 at the King Edward Bar, Fifth and Los Angeles Streets in Los Angeles, at which time FISHER allegedly told her of meeting two brothers in or around the state of Kansas during August and while en route back to Los Angeles from Cleveland. He stated the brothers were named Earl and Paul and that he had driven them to Los Angeles. (FISHER was driving a cream colored 1959 Ford Sedan, California License SBF 294.)

SIMPKINS states FISHER brought Earl and Paul over to her apartment at 1219 West Fourth Street the day after she had seen him at the King Edward Bar as related above. She states "Earl" looked just like the photograph being publicized of James Earl RAY, except that the cheeks seemed slightly less full and that he looked more dissipated than the picture shows.

Informant stated that FISHER lived with her during October and November of 1967, and that he made arrangements to move to Long Beach with Earl and Paul. On 11/26 or 11/27/67, she advises that Earl and Paul showed up at her apartment and that the brothers and FISHER later left to move into a Long Beach residence, location unknown, but believed by informant to be close to the waterfront.

Informant next saw FISHER on Christmas Day, 1967, when he showed up for dinner with a Bob BICKERING and John Richard HOWARD. HOWARD tends bar at the King Edward Bar at Fifth and Los Angeles Streets, Los Angeles. On that occasion, FISHER told informant that the brothers, Earl and Paul, were still living in Long Beach, but that he (FISHER) was staying at the St. Francis Hotel.

FISHER lived with the informant during the first half of February of 1968, and for a while in January, lived with a Main Street gospel preacher, name unknown, who lives with a girl friend named Lori, also a Main Street gospel preacher. Informant gives their phone number as 781-3335.

On or about February 20, 1968, SIMPKINS was told by FISHER that Earl and Paul owed him some money and that he wanted to collect, inasmuch as the brothers were planning to take a trip to New Orleans. FISHER planned to meet Earl and Paul that night at a bar, name unrecalled by informant, located below the St. Francis Hotel. (She referred to the hotel as being in Pasadena, although phone company information shows no listing for such a hotel in Pasadena. There is a St. Francis Hotel in Alhambra, and of course the St. Francis Hotel on Hollywood Boulevard in Hollywood where RAY is known to have resided.)

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Informant states that on the night of February 20, 1968, she accompanied FISHER to the bar below the St. Francis Hotel and that they met with a foursome which included Earl and Paul, a musician whose name the informant does not recall, and a female named Avis KIRKWOOD who SIMPKINS described as a blonde in her late twenties. Informant states she recalls the blonde female because they discussed employment and KIRKWOOD suggested that SIMPKINS get in touch with her later about being hired at the Duarte Hospital.

Informant gives Avis KIRKWOOD's address as 908 Vuena Vista Road in Duarte and employment at the hospital, possibly called Duarte Community Hospital, and on the same block as KIRKWOOD's residence, and KIRKWOOD's supervisor at the hospital as a Mrs. Leslie.

SIMPKINS stated she hasnot seen the brothers since that occasion, but that on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1968, she saw for the last time John FISHER, that he was drinking at the King Edward Bar at Fifth and Los Angeles Streets, and that she did not speak to him because she was upset over his damaging her apartment while intoxicated earlier that month. She states one of his friends, and a roomer of hers is a Donald WATERS who works at Foothill Motors, 1318 East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena.

Informant described Earl as being like an "okie", that he was quite coarse and crude, expressed considerable animosity towards Negroes and had commented particularly hostilely about seeing some Caucasion women in Los Angeles being in the company of male Negroes. She described his brother, Paul, as being more subtle and refined in his personality and as being a neater dresser.

Informant SIMPKINS, according to her parole agent Mrs. V. Jones (MA. 0-2470), has a background of forgery and alcoholism and a poor reputation for truthfulness.

This information is for your evaluation and whatever use you wish to make of it in the course of your investigation in this case.

If this office can be of any assistance to you in this or any other matter of mutual interest, please call on us.

Very truly yours,

W. H. DAMERELL Special Agent

Special Service Unit

Los Angeles

ATTACHMENTS:

Notes and wage and tax statements, and miscellaneous vehicle registration forms sent to John D. FISHER and turned over by informant SIMPKINS to this special agent.

ADDITIONAL:

Informant SIMPKINS has advised of her visit later on 4/24/68 to the King Edward Bar, where the previously mentioned John Richard HOWARD told her of receiving a letter from FISHER who was in Chicago, describing himself as in hiding due to a warrant being issued for his arrest in Los Angeles (charge unknown).

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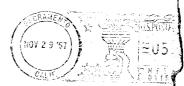
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