

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA G. J. MOOREHEAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Serial 955.

On 5/2/68, the 1/4/66 pictures of RAY were shown to PETER N. GORMAN, 9023 Lark Ellen Circle, Los Angeles, California, who had previously been interviewed concerning an individual resembling RAY that he had hired as a day laborer.

GORMAN was unable to identify this person as identical with RAY. GORMAN advised that he is going to be at the following location for a two-week period starting 5/3/68:

PETER N. GORMAN
~~276 Levinson-Greenhill~~ WB 1017
1001 City Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
phone number (215) MI 9-1490

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FROM : SA G. J. MOOREHEAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Serial 854 sets out that one HENRY COLEMAN, 2542 Vineyard, Los Angeles, number RE 4-5819, is a parking lot attendant at 935 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, and on 4/25/68, he had an individual drive a 1956 red Buick, California license PYR 391 into his lot, whom he believed resembled photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 4/30/68, COLEMAN was interviewed by SA's G. J. MOOREHEAD and GILBERT G. BENJAMIN and furnished the following information:

After reviewing photographs of RAY, he is certain that the person he had seen is not identical with RAY. He stated that the person he had seen was attempting to conceal his face and this made COLEMAN suspicious. He was concerned that this person would either hold him up or strip cars and had, therefore, contacted the authorities to have this driver "checked out".

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, AND HOUSTON
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN.

RE: CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE, ALPINE,

TEXAS ON DEC. SIXTEEN LAST TO NINE

THREE EIGHT FIVE SIX THREE EIGHT, GREENWOOD,
LA.

TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE THREE EIGHT DASH FIVE SIX THREE EIGHT
IS LISTED TO R. L. HAMMETT, GREENWOOD, LOUISIANA. UPON INTERVIEW
HAMMETT ADVISES HE CAN NOT SPECIFICALLY RECALL WHO CONTACTED
HIM ON DEC. SIXTEEN LAST FROM ALPINE, TEXAS., HOWEVER, HAMMETT
STATES DURING DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN HE RECEIVED
NUMEROUS LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM HIS UNCLE,
ED HUNSUCKER, INQUIRING ABOUT THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF HAMMETT'S
FATHER WHO WAS IN POOR HEALTH. THESE CALLS WERE RECEIVED
FROM VARIOUS AREAS IN TEXAS INASMUCH AS HUNSUCKER IS A TRUCK
DRIVER AND TRAVELS EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT TEXAS. HAMMETT VIEWED
PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATES THAT RAY IS COMPLETELY
UNKNOWN TO HIM. NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE
WITH HAMMETT OR HUNSUCKER.

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RE NOEL GRAY, PROFESSOR, HISTORY DEPARTMENT, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, LA.

IN JUNE, SIXTYFIVE, NEW ORLEANS POSSESSED INFORMATION CONCERNING REMARKS ALLEGEDLY MADE BY NOEL GRAY THAT THE NEGRO RACE NEEDED A "NEW MONUMENT," AS CHRIST HAD BEEN DEAD TWO THOUSAND YEARS AND IT WOULD BE BETTER IF KING OR JAMES FARMER WERE KILLED. THIS INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM JACK N. ROGERS, THEN COMMITTEE COUNSEL FOR THE JOINT LEGISLATURE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA. ROGERS IN JUNE, SIXTYFIVE, DECLINED TO REVEAL HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING GRAY.

ON APRIL THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, DR. FELTON G. CLARK, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, ADVISED GRAY IS PROFESSOR IN HISTORY DEPARTMENT AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND RESIDES ONE ZERO SEVEN FIVE MAYHAM DRIVE, BATON ROUGE. FURTHER GRAY TEACHING AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SINCE FIFTYTWO AND DURING

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THAT TIME WAS NOT ENGAGED IN ANY ACTIVITIES TO AGITATE MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT BODY OR ENGAGED IN ANY CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES. CLARK STATED GRAY WELL RESPECTED ON CAMPUS AND LIKED BY BOTH STUDENTS AND FACULTY.

RECORDS, BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, LSP, AS OF APRIL THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, DISCLOSED NOEL GRAY, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AT NEW ORLEANS, ARRESTED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, BATON ROUGE, DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYONE, ON CHARGE OF VAGRANCY, WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY FOLLEPROSSED.

JACK N. ROGERS, ATTORNEY, BATON ROUGE, LA., CONTACTED MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AT WHICH TIME ROGERS ADVISED HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING GRAY IS NOW DECEASED. ROGERS STILL DECLINES TO DISCLOSE IDENTITY OF THIS SOURCE. ROGERS STATED HOWEVER, HIS SOURCE HAD ADVISED HIM ON MARCH FIVE, SIXTYFIVE, THAT GRAY HAD TOLD SOURCE THAT MOST NEGROES CONSIDERED JAMES FARMER A REVISIONIST AND CONSIDERED MARTIN LUTHER KING A MESSIAH. FURTHER, GRAY STATED THE NEGROES NEED A NEW
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MONUMENT AS JESUS CHRIST HAD BEEN DEAD FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS. ROGERS STATED SOURCE TOLD HIM "THE ASSASSINATION OF FARMER HAD BEEN A MATTER OF OPEN CONJECTURE." ROGERS SAID NO MENTION WAS MADE OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, HOWEVER, IT WAS ROGERS' OPINION THAT PROBABLY ASSASSINATION OF BOTH FARMER AND KING A MATTER OF CONJECTURE.

APPROPRIATE RI-PROB SOURCE CONTACTED BATON ROUGE AREA MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND GRAY UNKNOWN TO SOURCE.

FILES OF NEW ORLEANS OFFICE CONTAIN NEWSPAPER CLIPPING OF BATON ROUGE MORNING ADVOCATE NEWSPAPER DATED JANUARY TWENTYNINE SIXTYTWO WHICH REVEALS THAT NOEL G. GRAY DESCRIBED AS A MEMBER OF FACULTY AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY IN BATON ROUGE WAS ONE OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWO FACULTY MEMBERS WHO HAD SIGNED A STATEMENT REGRETING ACTION TAKEN AGAINST SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN REGARDS TO THE RACIAL QUESTION. NEW ORLEANS FILES CONTAIN NO OTHER INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH GRAY. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE GRAY IS NOT BEING CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEW.

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RE: TELEPHONE CALLS ORIGINATING FROM
PROVINCIAL MOTEL, NEW ORLEANS.
DEC. SEVENTEEN THRU NINETEEN ,
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

RALPH BENNETT, DISTRICT PLANT MANAGER, SOUTHERN
BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY ADVISES THAT SOUTHERN BELL,
NEW ORLEANS, HAS NO TAPE OR IBM TYPE OF SYSTEM THAT WOULD ENABLE
THE TELEPHONE COMPANY TO KEEP ANY RECORD OF OUTGOING LOCAL CALLS
MADE FROM THE PROVINCIAL MOTEL.

RE: COOLEY (PH) OR COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION
NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE
WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION.

RE: JOHNNY VALENTI (PH)
KANSAS CITY OFFICE ADVISED MAY TWO INSTANT THAT
JOHNNY VELANTIE WAS PAROLED ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, SIXTY
SEVEN AND WAS ORIGINALLY FROM ATLANTA, GA. IN VIEW
OF THIS NEW ORLEANS HOLDING LEAD AT BATON ROUGE IN ABEYANCE
IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE VALENTI UNTIL INFO RECEIVED
FROM PRISON RECORDS. NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE
WITH VALENTI OR VELANTIE.

RE: CONTACTS WITH MOTELS AND HOTELS
LOCATED IN FRENCH QUARTER, NEW ORLEANS.

INASMUCH AS IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT JAMES EARL RAY
STAYED AT A FRENCH QUARTER MOTEL IN DEC. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND THEN
WAS IN NEW ORLEANS AGAIN ON PROBABLY MARCH TWENTY ONE SIXTYEIGHT,
THE RECORDS OF MOTELS AND HOTELS IN FRENCH QUARTER HAVE BEEN
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CHECKED FOR REGISTRATION OF RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME AND KNOWN ALIASES. PERIOD CHECKED WAS FROM ARCH SEVENTEEN THRU TWENTY FOUR SIXTYEIGHT. RECORDS OF MOTELS AND HOTELS CONTAINED NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAY.

HOUSTON OFFICE AT HOUSTON TEXAS. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ED HUNSUCKER THROUGH HILL AND HILL COMPANY AND DETERMINE IF HE PLACED CALL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST FROM ALPINE, TEXAS TO R. L. HAMMETT, AT GREENWOOD, LA. AND EXHIBIT PHOTO OF RAY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT NEW ORLEANS. AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, ATLANTA, DALLAS BIRMINGHAM, AND LOS ANGELES. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA WAYNE L. BOURQUE, dated 4/30/68 at Los Angeles, California.

The following investigation was conducted in Los Angeles, California, by SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR.

Mrs. JAMES JUDD, aka JEANE JUDD, was interviewed at her residence, 5/4/68 The Belmont Apartment Hotel, 948 South Figueroa, apartment 412, Los Angeles, at which time she advised as follows:

She stated that she was of the belief that she danced with JAMES EARL RAY on the evening of 4/24/68. She stated that she had been bowling, and had returned to a local bar-hangout, The Annex Bar, 871 South Figueroa, and thereafter began to drink beer. She stated that approximately one hour, and several beers after she entered the bar, she went to the juke box to play a selection when a white male, whom she described as looking like RAY approached her, asked her to dance with him, and thereafter came to her table and remained there until she left at about night.

JUDD stated that the bar was not crowded during the evening, and that STEVE ZEBB was the bartender the entire evening, and he probably could verify her story.

She stated that the unknown male was wearing a warm up jacket with "Tennessee written on the back.

She was shown several photos of JAMES EARL RAY, at which time she stated that she could not be certain whether the unknown male and RAY were identical.

She was asked by the interviewing agent if she was acquainted with CHARLES BOOKMAN, a resident of the Belmont Apartment hotel, and an individual who alleged that he had recently received a telephone call from RAY, and served time with him at Levinworth. JUDD stated that she did not know BOOKMAN.

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In an effort to further assess JUDD's story, immediately after departing from her apartment, the agent went to BOOKMAN's room, believing that if JUDD and BOOKMAN were acquainted, JUDD would telephone BOOKMAN of the fact that she had just been interviewed by an agent of the FBI.

Shortly after arriving at BOOKMAN's room, JUDD entered BOOKMAN's without knocking, evidencing the fact that they were more than casual acquaintances. Upon seeing SA AIKEN, JUDD became highly ~~*****~~ irritated and nervous, and would not respond to questioning by SA AIKEN.

She left the room quite upset, and BOOKMAN stated that he had talked with JUDD about RAY, and he intimated that the story that she had told the agent was a fabrication.

On 5/3/68 STEVE ZEBB, Bartender, Annex Bar, 871 South Figueroa Los Angeles, California was interviewed by SA AIKEN, at which time he was asked if he recalled a white male in the company of Mrs JUDD on the evening of 4/24/68, while she was a patron of the Annex. He answered in the affirmative, stating that although he did not know the individual's name, he was a local patron who frequented the bar occasionally. He stated that this individual was a graduate from the University of Tennessee, was about 26 years of age, and that he was employed with some sporting goods firm in Los Angeles.

He was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and asked if the person above described by him appeared to be identical with RAY. ZEBB, after reviewing the photograph stated that absolutely the person he saw with JUDD, who wore a Tennessee warm-up jacket, was not RAY.

In view of the ~~above~~ above, no further investigation is being conducted in this phase of the investigation.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: May 6, 1968

FROM : SA BILLY DALE HUBBARD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CARLYLE COUNLEY, Chief Security Officer, International Hotel, 6211 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised

SA BILLY DALE HUBBARD and WILLIAM N. HEARD, on May 3, 1968, that he had seen a man having a vague similarity to the picture he had seen in the newspapers of JAMES EARL RAY between 8 and 10 a.m. on May 3, 1968. He stated he watched the man at a telephone booth in the lobby of the hotel. He described the man as being a white male, appearing to be about 45 years of age, 5 ft. 11 inches, 150 lbs. and had hair that came down over his collar. The man was wearing a medium blue sharkskin suit with a ~~xxx~~ lighter vertical blue stripe. He was shown the #Local Swingers" photograph and he could not identify the man at the hotel with the picture.

The following person employed by the hotel who would have been employed during the pertinent period of time advised they could not identify the photographs of RAY as being identical to anyone they had seen at the hotel:

DICK WILLIS, BELL Captain, Photographs of RAY shown to all bellhops and drivers of the hotel by WILLIS in the presence of agents without effecting an identification.

Mrs. EUTIMIA NUNEY, Cashier, International Hotel Restaurant
DOROTHY KAUTZMAN, Waitress, International Hotel Restaurant
GULDANE BRADY, Jewelry Shop Concession, Hotel Lobby
Margaret Bellamy, Fashion Model for Restaurant
Miss JOY WHITE, National Car Leasing Concession in hotel lobby
PAUL KLIMIS, International Hotel Manager
LEE GRAFTON, Cashier, International Hotel
PENNY YOUNG, Cashier, International Hotel

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TO : SAC , LOS ANGELES 44-1574

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM D. SOSTIGAN *WDS*

SUBJECT: MURKIN:

(Re: Memo of SA B. BRUCE BRADFORD serial 844)

On 5/3/68 the writer determined that the "BOB'S Cafe and Bar" referred to in ref. memo is located at 12201 Venice Blvd, LA (Mar Vista) and the telephone number is 397 9163. The owner Bud Neubauer was telephonically contacted. He advised that Ilene Hanson is a regular customer and resides somewhere in the neighborhood and that he would attempt to obtain the address... Neubauer volunteered comments to the effect that Hanson would be of questionable reliability and that the bar tender as well as others in the establishments didnot share her opinion regarding a customer who she felt resembled Fug. Ray....

On 5/6/68 SAM INTERLICCHIA, Bartender, and BUD NEUBAUER were interviewed at BOB'S Cafe....Hanson's res was determined.. INTERLICCHIA advised that he recalled the customer that Hanson referred to and that this individual did not in the remotest look like Ray....being over 6' tall and in excess of 200 lbs..

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ILENE HANSON, 12218 Venice was located and interviewed at emp... 12226 Venice...Observed IO and Wanted Flyer (442 A).. Not ident with person observed and reported on...Hanson has small newspaper clipping with sketch of "Galt"...Info in ref. memo complete knowledge, nothing more specific..

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TO : SAC LOS ANGELES 44-1574

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : *WCS* SA WILLIAM DL COSTIGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re; SA JAMES M. KELLOGG memo, serial 589.

MRS. ANN DORE, Apt 2, 827 3rd St. Santa Monica telephonically contacted 4/26/68... she advised that she does not believe the individual she referred to as JOSEPH MELVIN HARVEY is identical with JAMES RAY however that they do somewhat look alike... She added that she has observed more recent photos of RAY and she is sure they are not identical....

Mrs. DORE said that her reason for calling the FBI was that she has lost contact with HARVEY and in recalling their association and conversations she feels he is hiding something and that because of his background and personality he could easily be a part of a plot or conspiracy to participate in such a crime. DORE said that she would appreciate being contacted by an agent personally however that she would not be available the end of next week....

MRS. DORE was personally contacted on 5/3/68... she related a long story concerning HARVEY, "a retired member of the USN.... who had served 28 years and 8 months ... on reserve status" Harvey had related accounts of his service and personal life which led DORE to feel he is out to make a lot of money in a hurry.

Mrs. DORE had no specific info. ~~XXXXXX~~ pertinent to this investigation... She desires to be cooperative and will contact the writer or FBI LA should she get info re HARVEY's whereabouts

HARVEY inferred having been active in BLACK MARKET operations!

INDEX ~~INDEX~~ JOSEPH MELVIN HARVEY, M W 145 lbs, 5'9" Brn hair (graying)
former res. * Via Arroyo, Ventura Calif.
" US Navy....

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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 <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">JAMES EARL RAY</div>				Character of case <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">MURKING</div>		
				Complainant <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">MARY ANN BAIRD aka ANN DORÉ</div>		
				Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>11/4/68</u> Time <u>2 PM</u>		
Address of subject				Complainant's address and telephone number <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">707 Hill St. Santa Monica</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">386-6370</div>		
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">44-1574-589</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">-1673</div>
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					
Facts of complaint <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;"> Compl. advised that she had furnished info. to agents during the MURKING investigation regarding on JOS. MELVIN HARVEY. Stated she now has additional info which she would like to make available. </div>						
Action Recommended <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">J. M. Hunsal</div> <div style="text-align: center;">(Agent)</div>						<div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">44-1574-1673/a</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> SEARCHED _____ INDEXED _____ SERIALIZED _____ FILED _____ NOV 5 1968 FBI — LOS ANGELES </div>

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA G. J. MOOREHEAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/2/68 at 6:10 PM the writer interviewed JAMES GILPIN, 17000 Burton Street, Van Nuys, California, telephone number 342-8401, who advised that he is the Safety and Security Supervisor, Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, 4836 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and was furnished the following information:

An orderly in the hospital named GORDON GUTIERREZ, 1231 North Mariposa, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 666-8530, had advised the Personnel Office that he had seen a newspaper picture of RAY and thought that it was identical to one ROGER ELVIN REED an individual who commenced work as an orderly in this hospital on April 29, 1968.

GILPIN advised that both GUTIERREZ and REED were presently off duty, but would be working at 7:00 AM on the following day. He did have the employment form for REED and it reflected that he resides at 1116 North Mariposa, Los Angeles, date of birth [redacted] 5'7½", 145 pounds, previous address 3933 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri. His marital status was shown as divorced (CAROL REED) and has two children, ages 13 and 10. His Social Security Number is [redacted] and military status 3-A. Previous employment December, 1966, and January, 1967 in Alexian Brothers Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri. GILPIN stated that a telephone call to this latter hospital reveals that REED did work there during this period, but he was also informed that REED and another employee, DELMAR MICHAEL MAYEAUX, now with Cedars of Lebanon, were engaged in a homosexual affair during this same period. MAYEAUX resides at 1601 North Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles.

On May 3, 1968, SA WALTER M. BRADY and the writer interviewed GORDON GUTIERREZ and he advised that he had seen the original newspaper photograph of ERIC GALT, (the one with the eyes closed) and believed it looked like REED. GUTIERREZ reviewed other photographs of RAY and stated that none looked

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like REED. When asked to describe REED he stated that he had not taken a careful look at his face as he did not want to arouse his suspicions, however he believed he was about 5'4", 140-150 pounds, had a "face rash" on his cheek and had reddish-brown hair.

GILPIN later stated that GUTIERREZ has a cop complex and was turned down by the California Highway Patrol (reason unknown). He said that he runs around like "007".

An attempt was made to interview REED, however it was eventually determined that he had called in and stated he would not be at work this date.

SA's proceeded to the residence of REED and received no response to our knock.

SA's G. J. MOOREHEAD and GILBERT G. BENJAMIN attempted to contact REED at his residence on the afternoon of 5/3/68 however he was not located.

RALPH SCHRADER, Registered Nurse, Assistant
Director of Nursing, Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, was then interviewed by SA's MOOREHEAD and BENJAMIN and he advised as follows:

He recalls that he interviewed and hired REED and after reviewing the photographs of RAY he is quite certain that they are not identical. He did state however, that there was certain facial similarities between REED and the original photos of RAY.

On May 6, 1968, SA's MOOREHEAD and JOHN W. WARREN interviewed ROGER ELVIN REED at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, and were advised as follows:

He resides at 883 South New Hampshire, Los Angeles, California, 90005, telephone number 385-1125. He is living with a "roommate" and moved in over the past weekend. He was born [redacted] in Tower City, Pennsylvania, where his former wife (CAROL FESIG) and two children, [redacted] and [redacted] presently reside at 139 West Grand Avenue.

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REED is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'7"
Weight	140 to 145 pounds
Build	Slender to medium
Hair	Brown (parted on side)
Eyes	Green
Complexion	Medium

We logically concluded that REED and RAY are not identical.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 94101

IN REPLY REFER TO

April 30, 1968

Mr. Wesley G. Grapp
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1340 West 6th St.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90017

Dear Mr. Grapp:

As of interest in connection with the investigation of ERIC S. GALT, I am attaching the following documents from our investigative file on "The Local Swinger", a correspondence club operating from P. O. Box 3802, Downey, Calif. 90242:

- (a) Copy of typewritten letter dated February 17, 1968, signed "Eric S. Galt" and directed via "The Local Swinger" to one Patricia K. Anderson, 2800 Glenview Avenue, Los Angeles.
- (b) Copy of Polaroid photograph of a subject purporting to be Eric S. Galt which was transmitted with the original of the letter cited in (a).

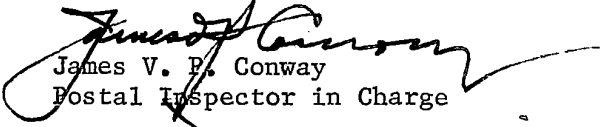
The letter and photograph were furnished to this Service by Patricia K. Anderson, who considered the letter objectionable, for our use in investigating "The Local Swinger" as a suspected medium through which obscene materials are transmitted and exchanged.

The address shown on (a) is the address of the St. Francis Hotel, which has been mentioned in press releases concerning Eric S. Galt. The telephone number shown on (a) is the desk telephone of the St. Francis Hotel. The Polaroid code number on the reverse of the photograph, of which (b) is a copy, indicates that the film was manufactured in August 1967.

Post Office Box 3802, Downey, was rented on January 31, 1968, by James O'Dowd, who supplied the business address 8115 East Imperial Highway and the telephone number 861-1926.

Our investigation of "The Local Swinger" is assigned to Inspector L. O. Poindexter, of our Los Angeles office, and it will be satisfactory to consult with him directly should any additional information concerning the enclosures be desired. Inspector Poindexter can be reached at 688-2161.

Sincerely yours,


James V. P. Conway
Postal Inspector in Charge

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May

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DEAR MISS:

I AM ANSWERING YOUR LISTING IN THE LOCAL SWINGER
SINCE I THINK I SHARE MOST^{of} YOUR INTEREST, WITH
EMPHASIS ON FRENCH CULT. AND SWING SESSIONS.

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM MEXICO AFTER FIVE YRS.
AND THE FEW FEMALES I HAVE MET DON'T GO FOR THE
SWING PARTIES AND IT TAKES TWO TO SWING.

THE SAME ROUTINE GETS BORING, DON'T YOU THINK.

WILL CLOSE UNTIL I HERE FROM YOU.

5-11-1701B. 36YRS.

Eric S. Galt

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ERIC S. GALT

5533-HOLLYWOOD BLVD.

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

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PH. 464 1131.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA ROBERT H. CLAUDIUS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Complaint Form FD 71 of IC LARRY E. MULLINS, 5/8/68.

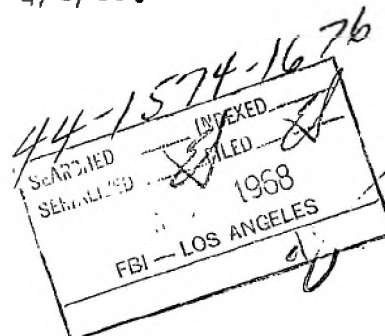
On 5/8/68 Mrs. DONNIE PARKEY, 7535 $\frac{1}{2}$ Purdy Street, Bell Gardens, California, telephone 927-7359, telephonically advised the Los Angeles Office that she had seen the picture of JAMES EARL RAY in the morning Los Angeles Times (5/8/68). She said she felt that this person could be identical with one of her tenants living at 7535 Purdy Street. She advised she would like to observe a better picture of RAY than was published in the "Times".

On 5/8/68 SAs RICHARD F. KILCOURSE and ROBERT H. CLAUDIUS contacted Mrs. PARKEY and exhibited to her all photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. In observing the photo of RAY, she advised that her tenant was somewhat younger than the photo of RAY.

Mrs. PARKEY exhibited rent receipts paid by one THOMAS RANDAL for the apartment at 7535 Purdy at the rate of \$105.00 per month. She stated that RANDAL and his wife, CAROLINE RANDAL came to her apartment about noon on 4/3/68 and agreed to let the apartment to them for \$105 per month. She said that she made the receipt out to him on 4/4/68 and that she believes she recalls delivering it to him by hand on the evening of Thursday, 4/4/68. She advised that on 4/6/68 she also delivered another receipt to him in the amount of \$25.00 for cleaning and damage deposit. Both Agents personally observed these two receipts still intact in her receipt book in duplicate form.

She advised that RANDAL drives a 1961 Comet bearing California license JPP 934. She said she went to DMV and obtained the registration on the auto. It is registered to one TOM DOLTAR, 10755 Weaver Street, El Monte. The auto has ID number 1R22U814634.

This lead is eliminated on the basis of no make on the exhibited photographs and the fact that she personally conducted rental business with RANDAL on 4/3/68 and 4/4/68 and 4/6/68.



*Re serial
44-1574-1157
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA FREDERICK J. PETERSEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re complaint form, dated 5/7/68, concerning a man who may have checked in at the El Rey Hotel, 6th & San Pedro, on evening of 5/7/68.

On 5/8/68, TONY HAVERLUK, desk clerk, El Rey Hotel, 511 E. 6th St., Los Angeles, California, advised he was on duty last evening from 4:00pm on and he recall no one of the description of the individuals and/or automobiles as set forth in referenced complaint form. He volunteered that should he come upon any data concerning same he will at once call the FBI Office.

The physical description given by complainant is not similar to Subject RAY's description.

In view of the above, no further inquiry is indicated.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : *LFW* SA LESLIE F. WARREN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re FD-71 by SA H. R. MC CULLOUGH dated 4/28/68 revealing a telephone call from R. IEE PERRY, 981 South Hoover Street, Los Angeles, Telephone DU 6-0934, PERRY having advised that he had seen the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY on the FBI T.V. program and had observed a man hanging around the front of the Boy's Market on South Hoover Street, Los Angeles, who resembled a picture of RAY.

PERRY on 4/30/68 when called for an appointment said that he was attending Trade Tech, Los Angeles, in the mornings and working in the afternoons and could be contacted after 5:30.

✓ On 5/1/68, PERRY was shown a photograph and wanted flyer on RAY. PERRY stated that the man that he had called the FBI about would be too old to be identical with RAY. He did not know the name of the man or have any further detail except that the man in question had a deeply lined face.

RECOMMENDATIONS

None further.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA LESLIE F. WARREN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memorandum of SA RICHARD B. GEORGE dated 4/19/68 (44-1574-713) revealing a call on 4/18/68 from Mrs. GENEVIEVE COMER, 22626 Draille Drive, Torrance, California, who reported seeing three men on 4/14/68 in a car in the Torrance area all of whom somewhat resembled photographs of GALT. She furnished the car license TRY-024 which, according to DMV records, was registered to a 1966 Mercury Sedan in the name of TED T. SHINGU, 121 N. Schoolside, Los Angeles.

On 4/29/68, Mrs. COMER advised SA LESLIE F. WARREN and JAMES E. FEENEY, that she felt that RAY was possibly a little older than the three men she had observed in the large white automobile, description of which she had furnished the FBI. She said that the three men in question appeared to be possibly brothers and the oldest about 36 and the other two in their teens or possibly early 20's. She said that it was not her opinion that these men were of Japanese descent but were Caucasian.

On 5/2/68, there was no one at home at 121 North Schoolside in Los Angeles, however, a Mrs. MARIE GONZALEZ, 117 Schoolside, stated that the occupants of 121 North Schoolside was a Japanese family by the name of SHINGU and that none of them or any other persons at this address that she had observed in any way resembled in her opinion the photographs and wanted flyer of JAMES EARL RAY.

RECOMMENDATION

None further.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA LEWIS W. KOLDEWEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/9/68

On 5/8/68, ERNEST BARNETT of 17232 Ceres, Fontana, California, with home telephone number of 823-3804, called the San Bernardino Resident Agency. BARNETT said that he has a cousin named MITCHELL SPEEGLE, 5210 East Buffalo, Tampa, Florida, who has used the alias of ERNEST GALT on occasions in the past two years. BARNETT said that SPEEGLE has been arrested various times, especially in the Chicago area. In his younger years, he was raised in Cullman County, Alabama. He resembles JAMES EARL RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA JACK E. DE VANE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Detective JACK HUNTSMAN, Intelligence Detail, San Bernardino Police Department, made available the attached incident report completed by Patrolman ARTHUR YEAKEL. He related YEAKEL first told him of the incident the afternoon of 4/15/68, informing he thought nothing of it until he read an account of the MURKIN case in the newspaper. HUNTSMAN related he had requested YEAKEL to make out the attached incident report and after receiving it on 4/16/68 questioned YEAKEL about the incident who related he could add nothing.

A teletype was dicated for Jackson Division to ascertain to whom license registered and to identify the current driver of the vehicle.

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See Ser 189

Mississippi License 294700

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THE U/S OFFICER WHILE WORKING EXTRA AS A SPECIAL
OFFICER AT THE TACO ETT, MILL & MT VERNON STS, WAS
APPROACHED BY A W/M/A WHO ASKED DIRECTIONS TO GLENDALE.
THE SUBJECT APPEARED TO BE OF SAME ^{OR CLOSE} PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
AS PC-187 SUSPECT OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. HE WAS APPROX. 5'10"
- 6'0" AND APPROX. 175 LBS. HE APPEARED TO BE 30-35 YRS OF
AGE. THE COLOR OF HIS HAIR WAS LIGHT BROWN AND BETWEEN
A SHORT AND MED LENGTH. IN COMPARISON TO ARTIST'S CONCEPTION
IN THE NEWS PAPER, HIS HAIR LINE WAS NOT RECEDED AS MUCH
AND HIS NOSE WAS NOT ~~AS~~ POINTED TO THAT EXTEND. THE
SUBJECT WAS CARRYING A MAP OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA WITH
GLENDALE AND PASADENA CIRCLED. THE U/S GAVE DIRECTIONS
IN USING THE FREEWAY OR ROUTE 66. AT FIRST HE DECIDED
TO USE ^{ROUTE} 66 THEN STATED HE WOULD USE THE FREEWAY INSTEAD.
AT THIS POINT I DID NOT THINK TOO MUCH OF RESEMBLANCE
UNTIL HE GOT INTO A 55-57 FORD, MED BLUE/DK. BLUE CAR
BEARING MISS. PLATES. # 294700 IN THE CO. OF ITAWAMBA.
I STILL DID NOT SEEM TOO CONCERNED UNTIL I OVER

CHECKED A MAP AS TO THE LOCATION OF THE
CO. IN MISS. TO MEMPHIS, TENN. THE LOCATION
BEING THE N/E PART OF MISS. AND APPROX. 90 MILES
FROM MEMPHIS TENN. THE SUBJECT WAS TRAVELING
BY HIMSELF AND HAD CLOTHING HANGING IN THE
REAR OF CAR.

A. L. Yeakel

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)(P)

DATE: 5/12/68

FROM : SA THOMAS B. LANDESS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Negative

Re serial 503.

Mrs. MYRTLE SANDY, 1225 Grandview Avenue, Glendale, advised on May 1, 1968 that she believed that one of her roomers, DEWAIN R. SLATE, resembled GALT. She stated that he moved into her house on April 17, 1968 with a girl by the name of Carol and that he worked at the Aluminum Extrusion Company.

Mr. Alfred Horner, Personnel Division, Aluminum Extrusion Company, 3042 Treadwell, advised on May 1, 1968 that DWAIN SLATE has been employed continuously by the above company the first week of March, 1968.

As GALT has been identified in other parts of the country on numerous times since March, 1968, no further investigation is being conducted on this lead.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)(P)

DATE: 5/12/68

FROM : SA THOMAS B. LANDESS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Negative

Re serial 613.

Complainant reportedly observed a look-a-like driving a Pontiac, WAX 127, registered to DANIEL LEE TRUHITTE, 3270 Oakshire Drive, Hollywood, on April 22, 1968.

Mrs. LOREN C. MAZOR, 3266 Oakshire Drive, advised on April 22, 1968 that Mr. TRUHITTE and his family have resided at 3270 Oakshire Drive for the past two years and have never been away from their residence for any extended periods. She stated that they drive a green and white pontiac car and she did not believe that Mr. TRUHITTE resembled GALT in any way. She stated that she has seen Mr. Truhitte and his family on almost a daily basis since he has resided at 3270 Oakshire.

No further investigation being conducted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)(P)

DATE: 5/12/68

FROM : SA THOMAS B. LANDESS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Negative

Re serial 503.

Complainant stated that a look-alike was observed at Motel at Southwest Corner of Firestone and Long Beach Boulevards on 4/19/68.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to the following employees of three motels located at the intersection of Firestone and Long Beach Boulevards and all advised that they had not seen anyone at the motels that resembled this individual:

MECCA MOTEL - 2725 Firestone Boulevard.

Mrs. Clarence King, Manager
Mrs. Hilda M. Harris, Maid
Mrs. Robert L. Kline, Maid

SANTA FE MOTEL - 2735 Firestone Boulevard.

Mr. Howard Marks, Manager
Miss Mildred Evans, Maid

PACIFIC MOTEL - 2749 Firestone Boulevard.

Mr. Pete Collins, Manager
Mr. James Reynolds, Maintenance

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)(P)

FROM : SA THOMAS B. LANDESS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/14/68

Negative

RE serial 351, complaint at Executive Car Leasing, Hollywood, California.

The lead resulted from an anonymous call relating that One A. Schaumburg, Executive Car Leasing was a drinking buddy of GALT.

Mr. ARMIN C. SCHAUMBURG, Personnel Director, Executive Car Leasing, 7807 Santa Monica Boulevard, Phone 654-5000, was interviewed on April 18, 1968 and advised that he had never heard of GALT and only remembered that the name was familiar when he recalled the radio and TV coverage of the instant case. He stated that the anonymous caller was no doubt someone that he had turned down for a job or had to fire from the company. Mr. SCHAUMBURG explained that in his position with the company he has had a large number of accusations made against him by disgruntled employees and interviewees that he has turned down, as well as many threats. Mr. SCHAUMBURG exhibited a large number of notes and letters he had received defaming him and in some cases threatening him.

Mr. SCHAUMBURG called the president of the company into his office and explained this matter and both assured SA LANDESS that GALT had never been interviewed or worked for the company and that the call to the FBI office attempting to link Mr. SCHAUMBURG with GALT was the work of a crank. Both men stated that Mr. SCHAUMBURG has a family and attempts to get home each night as early as his job permits and has no time to spend in bars with anyone.

It was noted that EXECUTIVE CAR LEASING is a relative large firm in new quarters and appears to employ 75 to 100 people.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 6/14/68

FROM : SA STEPHEN L. DURKIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memorandum of SA BILLY DALE HUBBARD to SAC,
Los Angeles dated 6/7/68 (serial 1619).

On 6/12/68, Mrs. EDWARD DWYER, 2221 Fanwood, Long Beach, California, advised that the former residence MURRAY J. CLATER, 3332 Roxanne Avenue, Long Beach, California, moved and presently resides at 448 Via Herbosa, Novato, California, telephone 883-4192.

According to Mrs. DWYER, the CLATERs left the Roxanne residence during December, 1967.

SUGGESTED LEAD

Set out lead for San Francisco Division to interview MURRAY J. CLATER.

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Date: 6/17/68

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

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 5/20/68; and Bureau teletype dated 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio, advising each office should determine from telephone company the long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Highway 90 and Interstate Highway 10, over which subject JAMES EARL RAY and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15/67 - 12/17/67 en route Los Angeles, California to New Orleans, Louisiana and return route.

Subject reportedly made eight long distance telephone calls while in Texas.

Set forth is a telephone call made from within the San Antonio Division for the period 12/15/67 - 12/17/67, which information was obtained from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling No.</u>	<u>Called No.</u>	<u>Listed to</u>
12/17/67	988-7491	213-429-9378	MURRAY J. KLATNER, 3332 Roxanne Avenue, Long Beach, California (disconnected 2/17/68, no final billing address).

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2 - San Francisco
1 - San Antonio (44-1242) (Info)
② - Los Angeles

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
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According to Mrs. DWYER, The CLATERs left the Roxanne residence during December, 1967.

Information copy being furnished San Antonio for their information concerning lead set forth that Division.

LEAD

SAN FRANCISCO

AT NOVATO, CALIFORNIA: Will locate MURRAY J. CLATER and interview concerning telephone call received at his telephone number on 12/17/67 to ascertain if the individual placing call to his residence was RAY and to determine if CLATER has any information regarding subject JAMES EARL RAY.

To: SAC,

Date 6/12/68

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<input type="checkbox"/> Houston	<input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma City	To: Legat, _____

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Reurairtel 6/10/68.

Exhibits Section, Administrative Division, will revise artist's conception drawing per changes set forth in your airtel. Copies will be forwarded to your office for re-evaluation by witness, and, upon being notified that likeness is satisfactory, Bureau will send copies to offices indicated in urtel of 5/30/68.

44-1574-1688

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EXHIBITS SECTION
Administrative Div.
Room 331 OPO

N. P. Callahan

MURKIN

When and if the Artist's Conception of JAMES C. HARDIN is received at Los Angeles, it must be shown to ALLAN O THOMPSON @ St. Francis Hotel and an appropriate determination be made as to its likeness to HARDIN.

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Date: **June 14, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **Airtel** _____
(Priority)

To: SAC, Los Angeles

✓ From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

RE: **[Edgar Downing]** complainant.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are two copies of a letter from Edgar Downing, Del-Mar Hotel, Room 312, 257 East Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California, dated 6-9-68. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

You should immediately interview Downing for any pertinent information he may have relating to this case. At the time of interview orally acknowledge receipt of his letter. The correspondent indicates that he previously contacted the FBI, no location designated; however, no record can be located regarding such contact in Bureau files.

Los Angeles, see your file 157-909, airtel dated 8-13-64, captioned "Mississippi Summer Project, Racial Situation, State of Mississippi, Racial Matters," and your airtel dated 12-22-66, captioned "Dr. Gerald Colm, National Planning Association, Information Concerning," which indicates that Edgar Downing of Long Beach, California, has previously furnished information, in unrelated matters, to your office.

Advise Bureau upon completion of interview of Downing.

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Sent Via _____ M Per _____

June 9, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director : F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

I have just read in today's Los Angeles Times of James Earl Ray's arrest in England. The article was written by Robert L. Jackson, from Washington (a Times Staff Writer)

The article mentioned the fact that it is not known in what way Ray arrived in Canada. — — It is this reason that I write this letter to you.

Three or four (maybe five) days after Martin Luther King was killed, I was in the lobby of the Shel-Mar hotel and saw a man register for a room. Later, I saw pictures of the man that killed King. These pictures didn't register in my mind as being the man that I saw register at the Shel-Mar hotel here in Long Beach. Then one day I saw another picture which had not been ~~shown~~ ^{shown} of Ray before, it was this picture that I ^{JUN 4} recognized as being the man who ~~would~~ ^{would} — registered for a room at the Shel-Mar hotel. I then went to the office of the F. B. I. and reported my story described above. About one hour after going to the F. B. I.'s office, I brought

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a local newspaper which stated the fact that Ray wonce took dancing lessons here in Long Beach.

Could it be possible that Ray came from Atlanta, Ga. by plane to Los Angeles, Calif., and then bought a plane ticket to Canada?

Thank you very much. I am

Yours Truly

Edgar Downing

Shel-Mear Hotel

Room 312

257 E. Ocean Blvd.

Long Beach, Calif.

90802

Date

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

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☐ Female

☐ Exact Spelling

☐ Main Criminal Case Files Only

☐ Restrict to Locality of

☐ All References

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I - Identical
NI - Not identical

? - Not identifiable
U - Unavailable reference

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Date: 6/19/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

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

Rebuairtel 6/14/68.

EDGAR DOWNING, Del Mar Hotel, 257 East Ocean
Boulevard, Long Beach, California was contacted by SA
JOSEPH R. CONLON on 6/18/68.

His letter to the Bureau was acknowledged and
gratitude expressed for his cooperation.

DOWNING advised that about four days after killing
in instant matter, he was sitting in lobby of Del Mar Hotel
when a white male about 30 years, 5'10", 160 pounds, slender
build and brown hair, appeared, and DOWNING overheard inquiry
of clerk by this individual concerning whether a certain
young lady was registered there. Clerk, TRUE HAROLD, advised
this individual that the girl in question had checked out
after which HAROLD gave this individual his luggage which
had been stored at the hotel and he registered as a guest.
DOWNING said he felt this indicated that the individual had
been a guest in the hotel previously.

DOWNING indicated that later, he saw one of several
photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, which he felt somewhat resem-
bled the individual who appeared in the lobby of the Del Mar
Hotel. He reported this incident to the Long Beach Resident
Agency and understood that subsequently, agents had made
inquiry at the hotel.

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DOWNING said he had no other information concerning RAY or the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He explained he had written the letter to the FBI in Washington, D.C. when he had read recently that RAY had taken dancing lessons in Long Beach, California and desired to offer the suggestion that he may have returned to this city prior to his flight to Canada. He said he had no other information to furnish concerning this matter.

DOWNING, JOHN C. DWYER, and TRUE HAROLD, Clerks, and LEROY CUNNINGHAM, Manager, at the hotel Del Mar were shown a photograph of RAY and indicated that he was not familiar to them as identical with any guest at the Del Mar Hotel.

TRUE HAROLD advised SA CONLON on 6/19/68 that he could not specifically recall any incident where an individual had made inquiry in the recent past concerning whether a certain young lady was registered at the hotel nor could he recall any incident whereafter such inquiry had been made, he furnished any luggage that had been in storage at the hotel by the inquirer.

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Date: 6/17/68

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

To: SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re urairtel 6/10/68 and urtel 5/30/68.

1. ITEMS ENCLOSED PREPARED BY EXHIBITS SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION:

Three photographic copies of revised artist's conception

2. ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

- A. Have witness(es) view item(s) for evaluation.
- B. If modification is necessary, submit additional information and any pertinent comments of witness(es) to Exhibits Section, Administrative Division.
- C. If likeness is satisfactory and additional copies are desired, request same by letter or routing slip.
- D. As the case progresses, advise Exhibits Section re use and effectiveness of item(s) as investigative aid(s). Upon apprehension of subject(s), submit arrest photograph(s).

Photograph of Ashmore being returned herewith.

Notify Bureau, Attention: Exhibits Section of approval or changes desired by witnesses. Copies will then be sent to field offices listed in referenced Enc. (4) teletype dated 5/30/68.

Sent Via _____ M Per La Monte

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Date: 6/20/68

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(Priority)

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

Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 5/20/68 and Bureau teletype dated 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio, advising each office should determine from the Telephone Company the long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Highway 90 and Interstate 10 over which subject, JAMES EARL RAY, and CHARLES STEIN allegedly travelled 12/15-17/67 from Los Angeles, California to New Orleans, Louisiana and return route.

Subject allegedly made eight long distance telephone calls while in Texas.

Set forth below are the telephone calls placed from within the San Antonio Division for the period of 12/15-17/67 and the subscriber to the telephone number called within the Los Angeles Division.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>LISTED TO</u>
12/15/67	223-8266	213-231-5482	PRINCE DIXON, 4303 Morgan Avenue, Los Angeles, California
12/17/67	988-7491	213-429-9378	MURRAY J. KLATER, 9378 Rowan Avenue, Long Beach, California.

3 - Bureau
 1 - Memphis (Info)
 1 - San Antonio (Info)
 2 - Los Angeles
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Approved: _____
 Special Agent in Charge

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(Disconnected
2/17/68, no final
billing address).

12/17/67 223-7271

213-663-3675

FELIX ROBINSON,
651 North Commonwealth
Avenue, Los Angeles,
California.

12/16/67 379-9092

714-540-7240

changed 12/21/67
to telephone No.
835-5127)

ROBERT E. CARPENTER,
1221 South
Main Street,
Santa Ana, California

Numerous efforts have been made to contact PRINCE DIXON at 4303 Morgan Avenue, Los Angeles, California, with negative results. Contact with neighbors of DIXON revealed he continues to reside at the above address but none of the neighbors know his place of employment. DIXON, according to neighbors, is a Negro male.

On 6/12/68, Mrs. EDWARD DWYER, 221 Fanwood, Long Beach, California, advised that the former resident MURRAY J. CLATER, 3332 Roxanne Avenue, Long Beach, California, moved and presently resides at 448 Via Herbosa, Novato, California, telephone number 883-4192.

According to Mrs. DWYER, the CLATERs left the Roxanne residence during December, 1967.

Previous communication has been submitted to San Francisco asking that CLATER be interviewed concerning any information he might have regarding JAMES EARL RAY.

On 6/12/68, FELIX ROBINSON, 651 North Commonwealth Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed, at which time he advised that he could not recall having received any telephone calls from anyone within the San Antonio area but possibly the individual who resides with him at the above address, GUS MC KEAN, received the telephone call as he is originally from the San Antonio area.

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On 6/12/68, GUS MC KEAN was interviewed at his place of employment, Five Torches Restaurant, 11344 Crenshaw Boulevard, Inglewood, California. MC KEAN advised he could not specifically recall a telephone call to his telephone number 663-3675 on 12/17/68, but it was very probable the call was from his sister, MARY WILLIAMS, or his brother, JOHN MC KEAN, who both reside in San Antonio. He related his brother and sister call him at least two or three times a month. He was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he could not recall having ever seen the individual depicted in the photographs nor did the name JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT mean anything to him, except from reading about him in the newspaper and hearing the name on television.

Mrs. CLORELENE M. CARPENTER, 1221 South Main Street, Santa Ana, California, advised on 6/12/68 that in December, 1967, she and her family resided at 518 West Edinger Street, Santa Ana, California, and had telephone number 714-540-7240. She stated that they moved to this address about March, 1968, and have telephone number 835-5127.

Mrs. CARPENTER recalled about in December, 1967, her close friend, Mrs. KATIE DANIELS, went to Texas to visit her parents for Christmas. She stated the only call she received from Texas in December, 1967 was a call from Mrs. DANIELS.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will continue efforts to locate and interview PRINCE DIXON concerning the telephone call placed to his telephone from the San Antonio area on 12/15/67.

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FBI MEMPHIS

10-22 PM URGENT 6-21-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES

FROM MEMPHIS

MURKIN.

CHARLES SCHNEIDER, EDITOR, MEMPHIS PRESS - SCIMITAR
NEWSPAPER AND SAC CONTACT, MEMPHIS, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED
MEMPHIS OFFICE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THIS DATE;

SCHNEIDER SAID AT APPROXIMATELY ONE PM THIS DATE HE
RECEIVED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM TARZANA, CALIFORNIA.
CALLER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [JOSEPH MARKS] PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR,
TELEPHONE TWO ONE THREE - THREE FOUR FIVE - EIGHT EIGHT ONE
ZERO, BOX EIGHT TWO ONE. MARKS BEGAN CONVERSATION WITH SCHNEIDER
MAKING INQUIRY RE REWARDS OFFERED IN SOLUTION OF KING MURDER.
SCHNEIDER TOLD HIM THAT AS EDITOR OF PRESS SCIMITAR HE HAD
INFORMATION ONLY RE TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR OFFER MADE BY
PRESS SCIMITAR PAPER. SCHNEIDER ALSO SAID HE INFORMED MARKS
THAT THE REWARD WOULD BE PAID ONLY FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO
ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE MURDERER IN INSTANT CASE. MARKS

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REPORTEDLY THEN TOLD SCHNEIDER THAT HE HAD INFORMATION REGARDING THE PERSON WHO PAID SUBJECT RAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE KILLING. MARKS REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED THIS MAN AS ALMOST A BILLIONAIRE WHO OWNS BALBOA ISLAND. MARKS ALSO SAID THE MONEY HAD BEEN DEPOSITED IN A SWISS BANK SO THAT SUBJECT RAY COULD PROCURE SAME AND THIS WAS WHERE RAY WAS ENROUTE WHEN HE WAS APPREHENDED IN LONDON. MARKS FURTHER DESCRIBED THIS WEALTHY MAN AS AN ARDENT JOHN BIRCHER WHO HAD KING KILLED NOT BECAUSE HE WAS A NEGRO BUT BECAUSE KING WAS A COMMUNIST.

SCHNEIDER SAID THAT HE PRESSED MARKS FOR MORE IDENTIFYING DATA AND MARKS TOLD HIM THE MAN WHO PAID OFF RAY WAS WILLARD VOIGHT. SCHNEIDER SAID HE PRESSED MARKS FOR MORE DATA AND MARKS TOLD HIM THAT IF HE WANTED TO CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION HE SHOULD CALL AREA CODE ^{1 1 4 - 6 7 3} SEVEN ONE FOUR - SIX SEVEN THREE - ^{3 9 1 1} THREE NINE ONE ONE IN CALIFORNIA AND ASK FOR LOIS. LOIS WAS NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED BY MARKS BUT MARKS TOLD SCHNEIDER THAT LOIS KNEW VOIGHT AND SUPPOSEDLY KNEW OF VOIGHT'S INVOLVEMENT IN MURDER. MARKS SAID HE HAD RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION ON JUNE SIXTEEN AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE FIFTEEN AM.

SCHNEIDER SAID HE WAS, OF COURSE, IN NO POSITION TO

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*This # listed
to Charles M.
Dabney, 1034
West Balboa
Ave, Newport
Bahia, Calif
per Ed
Revere
Pacific tel
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EVALUATE THIS DATA BUT DID WANT TO PASS IT ON TO THE FBI FOR POSSIBLE USE. ✓

LOS ANGELES REQUESTED IDENTIFY JOSEPH MARKS, REVIEW ITS FILES, AND IF NO INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN INTERVIEW MARKS FOR ALL DATA HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING ALLEGATION. ✓

LOS ANGELES ALSO SECURE IDENTIFYING DATA FROM MARKS RE LOIS AND THEREAFTER CONDUCT NECESSARY INTERVIEWS WITH HER TO CLARIFY INFORMATION. ✓

WILLARD VOIGHT UNKNOWN TO MEMPHIS DIVISION. LOS ANGELES SHOULD REVIEW ITS FILES TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT VOIGHT FITS GENERAL DESCRIPTION FURNISHED BY MARKS AND WHETHER OR NOT HE MIGHT BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE CONSPIRATOR INSTANT CASE. ✓

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