



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 13, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-562709 JK**

Examination requested by: **Denver**

Reference: **Airtel 5/7/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

You will be separately advised regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q328 through Q333.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Los Angeles (44-1574)

Date: May 13, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562868 JK

Specimens received 5/10/68

Q335 One-page handwritten letter beginning "Dear sirs,  
Please send in plain envelope the list..." and  
ending "...any list covering S.F. Bay Area."

**Result of examination:**

It was concluded that the questioned writing  
on Q335 was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI#405942G.

Q335 has been photographed and is returned to  
Los Angeles separately.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Los Angeles (44-1574)  
Re: MURKIN  
CR

Date: May 13, 1968  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562868 JK

Specimens received 5/10/68

Q335 One-page handwritten letter beginning "Dear sirs,  
Please send in plain envelope the list..." and  
ending "...any list covering S.F. Bay Area."

**Result of examination:**

It was concluded that the questioned writing  
on Q335 was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI#405942G..

Q335 has been photographed and is returned to  
Los Angeles separately.

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Re: MURKIN  
CR

OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562868 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 5/8/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished on the latent fingerprint examination and the disposition of Q335.

This report supplements and confirms Bureau teletype to Los Angeles dated 5/10/68, airmail copy to Memphis.

*Copy to Ray  
let Samuels  
do it  
no more*

*J. Moll  
handled*

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OO: Memphis

  
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Lab. No. D-562868 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles


Reference: Airtel 5/8/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished on the latent fingerprint examination and the disposition of Q335.

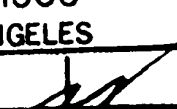
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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 19, 1968

Re: MURKIN

FBI File No. 44-38861

CR

Lab. No. D-560922 JK

OO: Memphis

Specimens received 4/16/68

K60 Six handwriting sample forms bearing known hand-  
writing of THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEIDK61 Eight handwriting sample forms bearing known hand-  
writing of SUSAN L. HARRIS FLIKEIDALSO SUBMITTED: Major case prints of SUSAN L. HARRIS  
FLIKEID, and THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEID,  
and GINGER NANCE

## Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Q118 (portion of "Kleenex box") were not prepared by either THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEID, K60, or SUSAN L. HARRIS FLIKEID, K61.

The submitted material has been retained.

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 19, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-560922 JK

Examination requested by: Chicago

Reference: Airtel 4/15/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be separately advised regarding the  
results of the fingerprint comparisons.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 30, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561771 JK

Specimens received 4/29/68

- Q293 Air Mail envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 4B PM 26 FEB 1968" bearing typewritten address "TIFFANY ENTERPRISES. 8512 WHITWORTH DR. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. 90035 " and typewritten return address "ERIC S. GALT 5533-HOLLYWOOD, BLVD. HOLLYWOOD: CALIF. 90028."
- Q294 Accompanying sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/26/68, signed "Eric S. Galt"

## Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions appearing on Q293 and Q294 are the same style as those appearing on items previously submitted in this case attributed to Eric S. Galt. Because of the lack of identifying defects, it could not be definitely determined whether the same typewriter was used in preparing Q293 and Q294 and the other items submitted, but no significant differences were noted.

It was concluded that the "Eric S. Galt" signature on Q294 was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on numerous other specimens previously received.

Q293 and Q294 are temporarily retained. Photographs were made.

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Specimens received 4/29/68

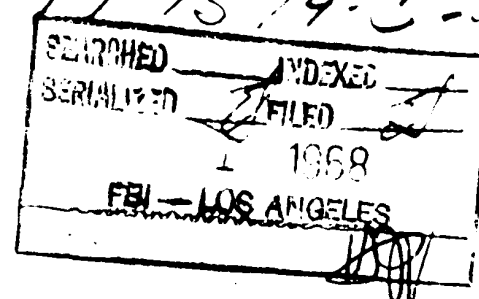
- Q293 Air Mail envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 4B PM 26 FEB 1968" bearing typewritten address "TIFFANY ENTERPRISES. 8512 WHITWORTH DR. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. 90035 " and typewritten return address "ERIC S. GALT 5533 HOLLYWOOD, BLVD. HOLLYWOOD: CALIF. 90028."
- Q294 Accompanying sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/26/68, signed "Eric S. Galt"

## Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions appearing on Q293 and Q294 are the same style as those appearing on items previously submitted in this case attributed to Eric S. Galt. Because of the lack of identifying defects, it could not be definitely determined whether the same typewriter was used in preparing Q293 and Q294 and the other items submitted, but no significant differences were noted.

It was concluded that the "Eric S. Galt" signature on Q294 was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on numerous other specimens previously received.

Q293 and Q294 are temporarily retained. Photographs were made.





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OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-561771 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 4/26/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q293 and Q294.

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Lab. No. D-561771 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 4/26/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q293 and Q294.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)****Date: May 2, 1968****FBI File No. 44-38861****Re: MURKIN  
CR****Lab. No. D-561400 JK****Specimens received 4/30/68**

**Q296 White envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF. PM 24  
APR 1968" bearing typewritten address "FBI 1340 West  
6th Street Los Angeles, Calif."**

**Q297 Piece of paper to which is attached a mailing address  
sticker for "Mr. Eric S. Galt 1535 N. Serrano L. A.  
90027"**

**Result of examination:**

**Specimens Q296 and Q297 were searched through the  
appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could  
not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.**

**The typewritten impressions on Q296 and Q297 differ  
from each other and from those impressions appearing on items  
received in this case attributed to Eric S. Galt.**

**Q296 and Q297 are temporarily retained. Photographs  
were made.**

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)****Date: May 2, 1968****FBI File No. 44-38861****Re: MURKIN  
CR****Lab. No. D-551800 JK****Specimens received 4/30/68**

**Q296 White envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF. PM 24  
APR 1968" bearing typewritten address "FBI 1340 West  
6th Street Los Angeles, Calif."**

**Q297 Piece of paper to which is attached a mailing address  
sticker for "Mr. Eric S. Galt 1835 N. Serrano L. A.  
90027"**

**Result of examination:**

**Specimens Q296 and Q297 were searched through the  
appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could  
not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.**

**The typewritten impressions on Q296 and Q297 differ  
from each other and from those impressions appearing on items  
received in this case attributed to Eric S. Galt.**

**Q296 and Q297 are temporarily retained. Photographs  
were made.**

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Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-561869 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel 4/26/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q296 and Q297.**

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Date: **May 2, 1968**

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CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-561869 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel 4/26/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the  
results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of  
Q296 and Q297.**

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 8, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562360 JK

Specimens received 5/3/68

Q315 Sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/17/68,  
beginning "I AM ANSERING..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"Q316 Typewritten advertisement beginning "SINGLE MALE CAUC.  
36..." bearing typewritten name and address "ERIC S. GALT,  
406 SO 2nd. ALHAMBRA. 91802"ALSO SUBMITTED: One copy of the 2/2/68 issue of the  
"Los Angeles Free Press"

## Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions on Q315 and Q316 are the same as the impressions appearing on other typewritten items in the name Eric S. Galt which were previously submitted. Because of the lack of identifying defects, it could not be determined whether the same typewriter was employed to prepare the current and previous submissions, but no significant differences were noted.

The Eric S. Galt signature on Q315 was prepared by the individual who prepared the signature in this name appearing on numerous other items received.

The submitted material is temporarily retained.  
Photographs were made.

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Re: MURKIN  
CR

Date: May 8, 1968  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562360 JK

Specimens received 5/3/68

- Q315 Sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/17/68, beginning "I AM ANSERING..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q316 Typewritten advertisement beginning "SINGLE MALE CAUC. 36..." bearing typewritten name and address "ERIC S. GALT, 406 SO 2nd, ALHAMBRA. 91802"

ALSO SUBMITTED: One copy of the 2/2/68 issue of the "Los Angeles Free Press"

Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions on Q315 and Q316 are the same as the impressions appearing on other typewritten items in the name Eric S. Galt which were previously submitted. Because of the lack of identifying defects, it could not be determined whether the same typewriter was employed to prepare the current and previous submissions, but no significant differences were noted.

The Eric S. Galt signature on Q315 was prepared by the individual who prepared the signature in this name appearing on numerous other items received.

The submitted material is temporarily retained. Photographs were made.

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Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562360 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 5/2/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of the evidence.

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OO: Memphis

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562360 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 5/2/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

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Date: 5/9/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

To: SAC's Los Angeles (44-1574) - Enc. (3)  
 Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel of 5/2/68, submitting a sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/17/68, Q315, and a type-written advertisement, Q316.

Three latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q315. No latent impressions of value developed on Q316. The three latent fingerprints on Q315 are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, or with the latent fingerprints previously reported in this case.

*Letter to Patricia Schubert & ad in Free Press*  
 1 - Local Summary Q315, Q316, and a copy of the 2/2/68 issue of the "Los Angeles Free Press," which was also submitted, are enclosed to Los Angeles.

Laboratory reporting separate.

Disposition of a photograph of Eric S. Galt, which was also submitted, separate.

- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)  
 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)

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Airtel

To: SAC's Los Angeles (44-1574) - Enc. (3)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Laboratory reporting separate.

Disposition of a photograph of Eric S. Galt, which was also submitted, separate.

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Date: May 8, 1968

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Lab. No. D-562332 JK

Specimens received 5/4/68

Q312 White envelope postmarked "Los Angeles May 1 1968 PM"  
addressed to "Editor in chief The Los Angeles Times  
Newspaper Los Angeles, California"

Q313 Accompanying one-page typewritten letter beginning  
"Dear Editor, By the time..." ending "...never kill  
again." signed "James Ray"

K252 Los Angeles, California, Police Department Booking Card  
bearing known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY

## Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions on Q312 and Q313 are  
not identical with the typewritten impressions appearing on  
items previously received in this matter in the name Eric S.  
Galt.

Although significant handwriting differences were  
noted between the "James Ray" signature on Q313 when compared  
with the available known signatures of James Earl Ray, because  
a portion of the questioned signature is overwritten and  
because of the limited nature of the questioned writing  
involved, a definite opinion could not be reached as to whether  
the questioned signature on Q313 was prepared by Ray.

No watermarks, indented writing or other identifying  
features were noted on Q312 and Q313 which might indicate  
their immediate source.

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Specimens Q312 and Q313 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Photographs will be added to this file for future reference.

The spelling, **punctuation** and typing habits of the individual who prepared Q312 and Q313 were found at variance with similar aspects of typewritten material previously received in the name Eric S. Galt and also in the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

The submitted evidence has been photographed and is returned herewith.

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bearing known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY LAPD # 154643

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with the available known signatures of James Earl Ray, because  
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because of the limited nature of the questioned writing  
involved, a definite opinion could not be reached as to whether  
the questioned signature on Q313 was prepared by Ray.

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features were noted on Q312 and Q313 which might indicate  
their immediate source.

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Specimens Q312 and Q313 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Photographs will be added to this file for future reference.

The spelling, **punctuation** and typing habits of the individual who prepared Q312 and Q313 were found at variance with similar aspects of typewritten material previously received in the name Eric S. Galt and also in the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

The submitted evidence has been photographed and is returned herewith.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 8, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562322 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 5/3/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the latent fingerprint examination.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to Los Angeles and Memphis dated 5/4/68.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 10, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*Carl King*

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-562560 JK**

Examination requested by: **Denver**

Reference: **Airtel 5/4/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

You will be separately advised regarding the results of the latent fingerprint examination and disposition of Q235.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to Denver, Los Angeles and Memphis dated 5/7/68.

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*157-203*  
*At Home*

REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN  
CR

Date: May 10, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562560 JK

Specimens received 5/7/68

Q325 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped  
date May 1, '68, signed "Carl Ray"

## Result of examination:

Some differences were noted between the "Carl Ray" signatures on Q325 when compared with the signatures in the name appearing on Q322 (Frontier Airlines temporary credit card), but the limited nature of the questioned signature precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

Because of the limited questioned material and the lack of significant handwriting characteristics, it could not be determined whether the "Carl Ray" signature on Q325 was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY.

Q325 is temporarily retained. This specimen was photographed.

44-1574-C-103

5/3/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED R.R.R.

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

Re Los Angeles telephone call to Bureau today.

Enclosed herewith in a cellophane envelope is a type-written letter captioned "Dear Editor" and ending "JAMES RAY; an envelope attached addressed to the "Editor in Chief, the Los Angeles Times Newspaper, Los Angeles, California"; and a Los Angeles Police Department original record card in the name of JAMES E. RAY, which card bears his description, prints and samples taken on 10/11/49 of his handwriting.

The letter was received from Deputy Chief of Police ROBERT HOUGHTON, Los Angeles Police Department, by SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP and Supervisor WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN on 5/3/68. HOUGHTON advised that he had received the letter from JERRY COHEN, a staff writer for the Los Angeles Times, who had brought the letter to Deputy Chief HOUGHTON in the hopes of being able to determine if it had any authenticity. Deputy Chief HOUGHTON advised that he desired to make this available to the FBI for examination, and also that COHEN had requested of him that COHEN be advised if the letter is authentic or the work of some prankster. Deputy Chief HOUGHTON has advised COHEN that he has turned the letter over to the FBI.

The Bureau is requested to compare the signature on the enclosed letter with all known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

- 4 - Bureau (Encs. - 3) (AM-PM) (RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (AM)
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2186) (AM)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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in an effort to determine whether or not this is an authentic letter. Also, the Bureau is requested to conduct a latent fingerprint examination for fingerprints of RAY. In addition, a typewriter examination should be conducted, as well as a comparison of the contents, spelling, spacing, typing ability, etc., to determine if RAY is the author. The Bureau is also requested to examine and advise of any data pertaining to the paper and the envelope and to conduct all other possible examinations to develop the fullest amount of information.

The letter has been touched by Deputy Chief NOUGHTON, whose prints should be on record; JERRY COHEN, staff writer, Los Angeles Times; JACK GOULDING, Assistant City Editor, and one MIKE STRAZER (or STRAVER), also of the Los Angeles Times; and their female secretary. Of the male individuals involved, it is believed that they have all served in the military.

The original police card is to be returned to Los Angeles for return to the Los Angeles Police Department.

The Bureau is requested to advise Los Angeles of results.

Dear Editor,

By the time that you get this letter I wont be in Los Angeles no longer. I am going to leave this city and go somewhere where no body is ever going to find me. There is no use for you to go to all the trouble of finding where I sent this or anything because since I killed the nigger leader and came out here I have not talked to any one and no body knows that I was ever here.

While I was in Los Angeles I went to see the movie In Cold Blood and I got all shook up and felt real bad because of the terrible crime that was done in Kansas a few years ago. I got real sick for myself too because I realized what I had done and that is why I am writting to you right now. I want you to put this in the papers or give it to the FBI because I want you to know how misserable I am. Did you know that the day after I killed King that I was so sick about what I had done that I actually threw up all over a hotel room? I am so sorry that I did it now and with my pictures all over the place I am sure that someday I still might get caught. I am afraid to look at anyone in the face anymore because I am afraid that they know who I am and they will tell the police. I will kill myself before I will get caught for I will never again spend any time in no damn prison. But the reason that I am writting you this letter now, is because that I have to let someone know how x I really feel about what I did.

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I just got all the rest of my \$3,000 dollars today and am leaving the place where I am at. But I am 100% positive that nobody could ever find me or recognize me in a million years. So if I have to leave something to my country and If you and everybody else in the world want to know my only thoughts about this whole thing all I can say is I am now sorry. I am really sorry that I did it at all. I could never kill again.

James Ray

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 Address *538 1/2 Broadway at 10th St. S.E. Atlanta, Ga.*

Witnessed by *Folk-*  
Name Ser. No.

Date *10-11-49*

Fingerprints of Four Fingers of Right Hand

Signature

*James E. Ray*



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**LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
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Race ☒ *Cauc.* ☐ *Mex.* ☐ *Neg.* ☐ *Other*

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LOS ANGELES ---1--- 635AM MSE

URGENT 5-4-68 MSE

TO LOS ANGELES 44-1574 MEMPHIS 44-1985

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

RECEIVED BY CODED TELETYPE

① SAC Birmingham  
② Deputy Chief, Memphis  
Advised 10<sup>15</sup> am 5/4/68  
No law. He was advised

RE LA AIRTEL MAY THREE LAST SUBMITTING LETTER AND ENVELOPE  
ADDRESSED TO "THE LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER."

TYPEWRITING ON ABOVE ITEMS NOT IDENTICAL WITH THAT RECEIVED  
IN THIS CASE ATTRIBUTED TO ERIC S. GALT.

SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES INDICATE JAMES RAY SIGNATURE ON  
LETTER PROBABLY NOT BY JAMES EARL RAY. OVERWRITING OF PORTION  
OF SIGNATURE AND LIMITED QUESTIONED HANDWRITING PRECLUDED  
DEFINITE OPINION.

TYPING HABITS; SPELLING AND PUNCTUATION AT VARIANCE WITH  
TYPEWRITTEN LETTERS RECEIVED IN GALT NAME AND KNOWN HANDWRITING  
OF SUBJECT RAY.

NO LATENTS DEVELOPED ON SPECIMENS.

SPECIMENS ARE TEMPORARILY RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO SAC'S BIRMINGHAM AND ATLANTA.

END

RJM

FBI LOS ANGELES

*Subside per [unclear] [unclear]*



5/17/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
(ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype 5/17/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is one Greyhound Bus ticket, No. 3 00082229 42, covering passage from Knoxville to Los Angeles via Memphis and El Paso.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Kansas City and other offices is one rough map drawn by City Editor WILLIAM THOMAS of the "Los Angeles Times" based on information furnished to him by their informant, known as "BOB" (LNU), which supposedly depicts the location of the house in Kansas City where JAMES EARL RAY allegedly stayed overnight. This appeared as Item 5, Page 1, of Mr. THOMAS's notes, as set forth in referenced Los Angeles teletype. The reference is as follows:

"5. In Kansas City, RAY stayed overnight at a home. It is a small, gray, shingled, one-bedroom house about three miles from central Kansas City. (We have rough location.)"

The Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to examine the bus ticket in question for any

- 4 - Bureau (Enc. - 2) (AM-JM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. - 1) (AM)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1760) (Enc. - 1) (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Enc. - 1) (AM)
- 1 - Knoxville (Enc. - 1) (AM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)

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possibility of latents or any other information that could be gleaned that would relate to other data in this case. The envelope has been handled by numerous persons, and City Editor WILLIAM THOMAS advised that the ticket has been handled by quite a number of persons on his staff. The pertinent examination would seem to be whether or not JAMES EARL RAY left a latent print on this ticket.