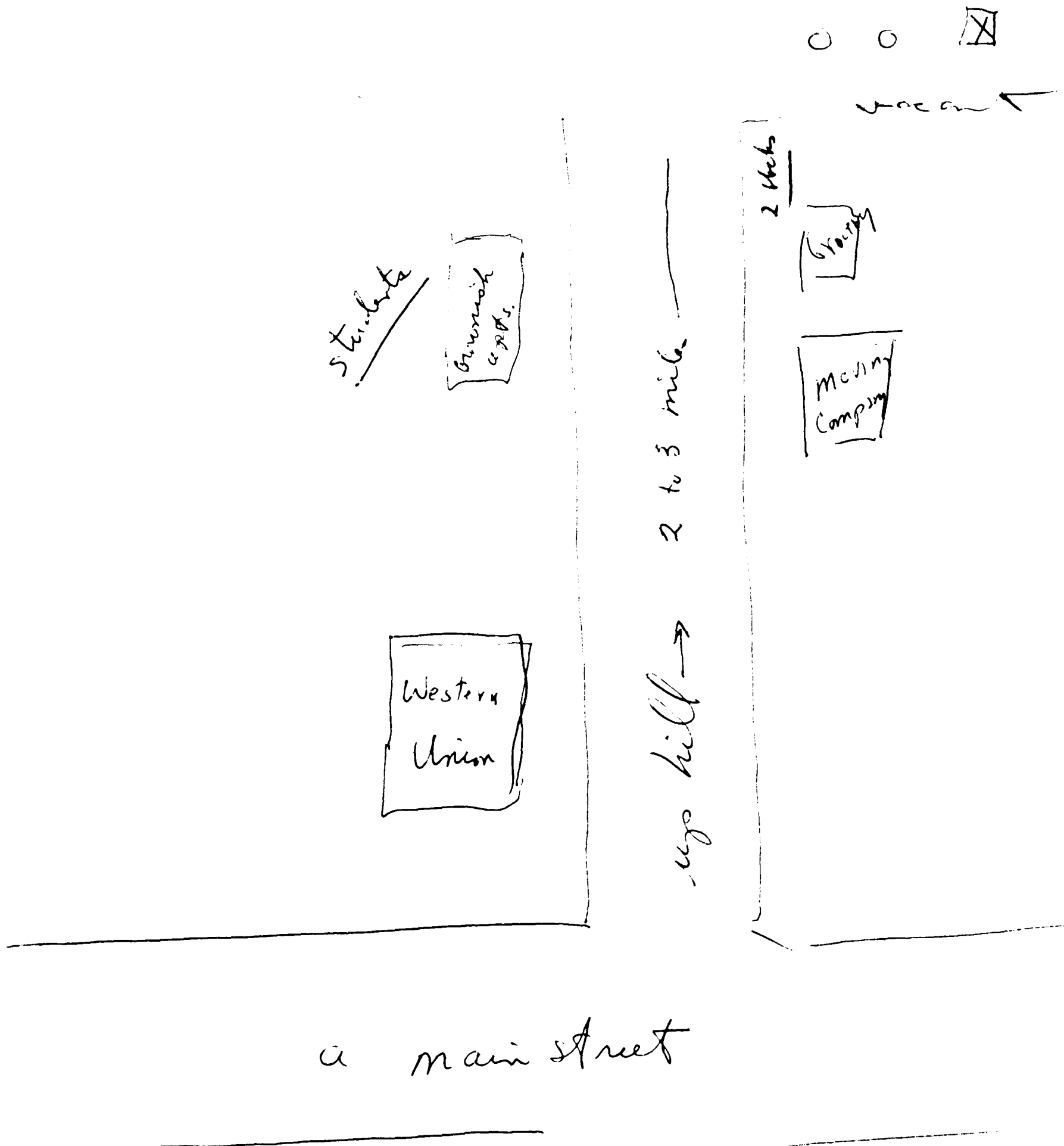


Drawn by City Editor WILLIAM THOMAS,  
"Los Angeles Times", 5/17/68, and  
given to SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP and  
Supervisor WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN as to  
possible location of hideaway house  
allegedly utilized by RAY at Kansas  
City. (See Item 5, page 1)



According to our information, here were Ray's movements:

- 1 - The day before the shooting, Ray was picked up in Athens, Alabama, and was taken to Memphis.
- 2 - He registered in rooming house, ~~and was accompanied by another man who registered as Samuel Lewis.~~ *unsubstantiated* (Lewis was supposed to be backup man, kill King at rally that night. ~~is~~ Ray missed his chance on the balcony.)
- 3 - After shooting King, Ray walked two or three blocks to the getaway car, accompanied by a girl and a guy. The car is a new blue Buick, with Alabama plates. First digits are believed to be 14. Car is owned and was driven by Eddie Wilburn of Huntsville, Ala. It is equipped with a police radio. *(Second man stayed overnight, took early bus to Knoxville.)*
- 4 - Ray, two girls and a child were driven out of Memphis by Wilburn in the blue Buick. Went to Kansas City. Trip took 6½ hours. Girls, child, Wilburn all from Huntsville.
- 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 ~~may~~ have rough location.)
- 6 - At dusk the next day (April 5) Ray was flown to Belle Glade, ~~Florida~~ Florida, in a private plane. Took off from private field, also used as training field for military. Ray arrived early April 6.
- 7 - Plane in which Ray was flown is owned by a William Pierce (~~Pearce?~~), a wealthy man who owns or operates an airport in Belle Glade, and once owned a contracting company in Cuba. Not known ~~whether~~ whether Pierce flew the plane. Pierce also owns motel in Belle Glade and cottages on the lake in nearby Okeechobee (or maybe on nearby Lake Okeechobee). Pierce said to be KKK member.
- 8 - Theory: Ray stayed in motel or in cottage. May be still there. Or in Cuba.
- 9 - On April 11, Ray got on yacht (probably charter boat) in Key West. Boat owned by Ben Thompson. (A Ben Thompson of Miami owns three fishing boats.)

Additional details:

- 1 - Pierce often flies own private plane to New Orleans. Said to know DA Jim Garrison. Also might check possible flights in direction of Cuba.
- 2 - Pierce and Wilburn said to be related.
- 3 - Lead to Wilburn might be VFW club in Huntsville, where he is supposed to be a member.
- 4 - Rifle is supposed to have been left in furnace of Memphis rooming house, and is believed still there. Must refer to backup man's weapon.
- 5 - Ray now wearing bifocals.
- ✓ 6 - White Mustang belonging to Ray was not in Memphis on the day of King slaying, and he did not escape in it. ~~xxxxxxx~~  
Presumably it never left Georgia in April.
- 7 - On the day of the killing (April 4) Ray made phone calls from Memphis to Belle Glade. Calls believed to be made from a bus station.
- 8 - In the weeks before the killing, Ray stayed somewhere in Belle Glade.
- 9 - Story of payoffs very complicated. Wilburn sposed to have been paid off in Reno. Night before killing, somebody hit a Keno ticket for \$25,000 in Cal-Neva Lodge. Rigged, to pass the money. Done with knowledge of Charlie Cate, 6880 Pebble Beach Drive, Reno, who runs a shift at Cal-Neva. Then there is Ben (or Jack) Sturgis of St. Louis, who used to work bar on 2nd St., Reno. Came into money. Another "contact."

(For LA, see attached.)

Los Angeles:

- 1 - Ray somebody stayed in Clark Hotel, room 700, on April ~~22~~  
~~arrived there~~ 17-18.
- 2 - Lamont White, who works for Western Union in Los Angeles.  
Has sent money to Louisiana. Bought two pistols under his  
name. They really went to Frank Brickley of Chatanooga,  
Tenn., who was in prison with Ray. Brickley sposed to be here.
- ✓ 3 - Harold's Cafe (555 S. Main). Ray bartender there for week or  
so. Queer bar. Guy named Connie knows him there.

Willi Shea. Once worked Top Rail Bar, 7th and Alvarado. Ray  
supposedly married to her once. She from Missouri, now lives  
in North Hwd. Has money. Mother married, lives in Compton,  
drives a purple Pontiac convertible.

*Now lives at 812 S. Westlake L.A.  
with man who owns a bar, she's blond, about 38.*

More supplemental data:

- 1 - Telephone credit card supposedly used by Ray was issued to Ridell (sp?) Catering, U.S. Rubber, Detroit. Either in name of Ridell (no first name) or a Robert Brinkley. Ridell reportedly lives in Harper ~~Woods~~ Woods, Mich. Calls on card reported made from Memphis to Belle Glade, Fla., among others.
- 2 - Samuel Lewis, second man in rooming house, discharged 1963 from Milan, Mich. Also served time in Chillicothe and Terre Haute. (Warden at Milan says no record of Lewis.)
- 3 - Lewis took bus to Los Angeles from Knoxville on April 7. Came through Memphis and El Paso.

**REPORT  
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 16, 1968**Re: **MURKIN  
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680514126 JK**Specimens received **5/14/68****Q337 Post Office Department Form 1583 (Application for  
Delivery of Mail Through Agent) bearing the signature  
"Eric S. Galt"****Result of examination:**

**It was concluded that the "Eric S. Galt" signature  
on Q337 was prepared by the writer of other signatures in this  
name on some of the items previously received in this case.**

**Q337 will be returned separately. Photographs were  
made.**

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Date: **May 16, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680514126 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel 5/10/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results  
of the fingerprint examination of Q337.**

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**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

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Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680515051 JK

Examination requested by: San Antonio

Reference: Airtel 5/11/68

Examination requested: Document

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- Q338' Brown manila envelope postmarked at San Diego, California, bearing handwritten address "Maxine Ingram 121 Omaha San Antonio, Texas" and accompanying handwritten message beginning "Maxine Drop..."
- Q339 White envelope with no postmark bearing handwritten address "Mrs. Dempes 8251 Burley Chicago, Illinois 60617"
- Q340 Post card to Maxine Ingram bearing handwritten message beginning "Be sure & put..., " ending "...tell's you not to."

2 - Chicago (44-1114) (9-3944)

2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (9-3759)

1 - San Diego (44-387)

2 - San Antonio (55-67) (44-1242) Enclosures (4)  
(Q338-Q340, photocopy of Q339)

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Remarks:

As the result of a search in the Anonymous Letter File, the writings on Q333 through Q340 have been identified with other material submitted to the Laboratory attributed to Robert P. Anderson, and which have been included in Bureau file 62-111085. (LA file 9-3759; SA file 55-67; CG 9-3944). Nothing of significance was noted between the writings on Q333, Q339 and Q340 when compared with the various writings which have been received in the MURKIN case.

In view of the incoherent nature of the material submitted, a copy of which has been enclosed for San Antonio, and the past mental history of Anderson, no additional examinations are being made.

The material submitted is returned to San Antonio.

No Laboratory report is being submitted.

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Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel 5/8/68, submitting a hand-written letter, Q335, and Los Angeles airtel 5/10/68, submitting a Post Office Department form, Q337, for examination.

No latent impressions of value were developed on these two items, which are enclosed to Los Angeles.

Laboratory reporting separately.

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**Laboratory reporting separately.**

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Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel 5/17/68, submitting one  
Greyhound Bus ticket and envelope for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on the  
ticket or envelope, which are enclosed to Los Angeles.

1 - Birmingham (44-1740)  
1 - Kansas City (44-760)  
1 - Knoxville

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Argument - Banker*

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**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

**Re Los Angeles airtel 5/17/68, submitting one**  
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- 1 - Knoxville**

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

ReNKteletype 5/20/68.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Lab are two United States Postal Money Orders bearing signature ERIC S. GALT.

Number one Money Order # 1,916,211,078, dated 3/8/68, in amount of \$15.00 purchased Los Angeles, California, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. GALT lists address as 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Number two Money Order # 5,615,057,923, dated 3/28/68, purchased Atlanta, Georgia, in amount of \$7.50, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. GALT lists address as 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Money orders furnished to SA SIDNEY H. ROCHE on 5/22/68, by JOHN R. TAKACH, Chief, Money Order Branch, Government Accounting Office, Washington, D.C.

Laboratory requested to compare signature on money orders with known handwriting of RAY to determine if identical.

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- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 1 - Newark (44-854) (Info)
- ① - Los Angeles (44-1574)
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)  
Re: MURKIN  
CR

Date: May 27, 1968  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680523034 JK

Specimens received 5/23/68

Q352 U.S. Postal Money Order, No. 1,916,211,078, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N.J., bearing the handwritten name and address "Eric S. Galt 5533 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90028"

Q353 U.S. Postal Money Order, No. 5,615,057,923, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N.J., bearing the handwritten name and address "Eric S. Galt 113-14th St. N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30309"

## Result of examination:

On the basis of the available writings attributed to the subject, James Earl Ray, it was concluded that the questioned hand printing and handwriting appearing on Q352 and Q353 were prepared by this individual.

Specimens Q352 and Q353 will be returned separately.  
Photographs are retained.

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Date: May 27, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680523034 JK

Examination requested by: Washington Field Office

Reference: Airtel 5/23/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q352 and Q353.

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Airtel

To: SAC's WFO (44-703) - Enc. (2)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re WFO airtel 5/23/68, submitting two U. S. Postal  
Money Orders, Q352 and Q353.

No latent impressions of value developed on the two money  
orders, which are enclosed to WFO.

Laboratory reporting separate.

- 1 - Newark (44-854)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)

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FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861)

MURKIN

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RE LATELS MAY TWENTY-EIGHT LAST.

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

LOS ANGELES, IF NOT ALREADY COMPLETED, WILL PROCESS  
RECOVERED NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN PLYMOUTH FOR LATENT PRINTS  
AND OTHER EVIDENCE. POSSIBILITY COULD EXIST THAT THIS  
VEHICLE USED BY SUBJECT RAY. INSURE DESCRIPTION OF  
DELUCA AS FURNISHED BY KRAUSE APPROXIMATES THAT OF MARSHALL  
AND IF NOT, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT DELUCA AND MARSHALL  
ARE NOT IDENTICAL. OBTAIN CHECK FURNISHED BY DELUCA TO  
KRAUSE FOR HANDWRITING AND LATENT FINGERPRINT COMPARISONS  
IN MURKIN CASE.

RE ALLEN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

THOMPSON SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED AND REINTER-  
VIEWED IF NECESSARY AND ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED ON HIM  
WHICH CAN BE UTILIZED AS LEVER TO ELICIT TRUE INFORMATION  
FROM HIM SHOULD BE EMPLOYED IF NECESSARY. INTERVIEW HIM  
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ASSOCIATES, OTHER HOTEL EMPLOYEES, TENANTS AND ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION WHICH WOULD

ASSIST IN PURSUING OR RESOLVING THE RECENT INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THOMPSON. UNTIL ALL OTHER AVENUES OF INVESTIGATIVE APPROACHES ARE EXPLORED TO ELICIT TRUE INFORMATION FROM THOMPSON, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR CALLING HIM BEFORE GRAND JURY AT THIS TIME. IF YOU FEEL THAT THOMPSON CAN FURNISH SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HARDIN AS TO POSSIBLY WARRANT CONSIDERATION OF HAVING AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION PREPARED, YOU SHOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS.

EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO RESOLVE THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THOMPSON AND PURSUE IT TO LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS AND SAN DIEGO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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SMS

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Date: 5/29/68

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(Priority)

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

ATTN: FBI Laboratory  
 Latent Fingerprint  
 Section

RE: WILLIAM A. MARSHALL:

Enclosed is a check in amount of \$400 dated May 15, 1968, payable to ALAN A. KRAUSE, signed W. L. DE LUCA, a Gulf Oil Gasoline Invoice, dated 5/15/68, and signed W. L. DE LUCA, five cards, bearing partial latent prints obtained from 1967 Plymouth.

The above cards with latent prints are being forwarded for comparison with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY.

The check and gas invoices are forwarded to determine if latent prints can be developed and compared with prints of RAY.

Also enclosed is signature of DE LUCA on the check and gas invoice should be compared with handwriting of RAY. These items of evidence should be returned to Los Angeles for transmittal to Covina PD.

- 4 - Bureau (RM) (Encls. 3)
- 1 - Memphis (info) (RM)
- ② - Los Angeles

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Reg. # \_\_\_\_\_ or B/L # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date shipped 5-29-68  
 Employee NLB  
 Method of shipment Reg. AM  
 Reimbursable value, if any, of  
 evidence

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**  
Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

Date: **June 4, 1968**  
FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680531091 JK**

Specimens received **5/31/68**

**Q362 Check drawn on Security First National Bank, Long Beach, California, dated May 15, 1968, payable to "Alan A. Krause," signed "W. L. De Luca"**

**Q363 Gulf Oil invoice No. 6690906, dated 5/15/68, bearing the signature "W. L. De Luca"**

**ALSO SUBMITTED: Five cards bearing latent prints**

**Result of examination:**

**It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Q362 and Q363 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #4050420.**

**Because of the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations, the writings on these two items could not be satisfactorily compared with the "William A. Marshall" signatures appearing on Q343 and Q344 which were previously submitted.**

**The submitted items will be returned separately.  
Photographs are retained.**

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A rectangular stamp containing a handwritten signature, possibly "J. Edgar Hoover", and some illegible text. The signature is written in dark ink.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **June 4, 1968**Re: **MURKIN  
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-600531001 JK**Specimens received **5/31/68**

**Q362 Check drawn on Security First National Bank, Long Beach, California, dated May 15, 1968, payable to "Alan A. Krause," signed "W. L. De Luca"**

**Q363 Gulf Oil invoice No. 6000006, dated 5/15/68, bearing the signature "W. L. De Luca"**

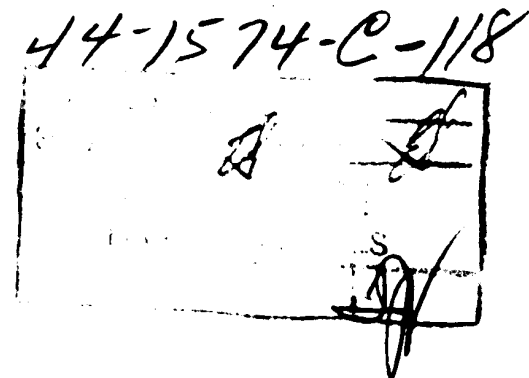
**ALSO SUBMITTED: Five cards bearing latent prints**

**Result of examination:**

**It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Q362 and Q363 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #4050420.**

**Because of the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations, the writings on these two items could not be satisfactorily compared with the "William A. Marshall" signatures appearing on Q343 and Q344 which were previously submitted.**

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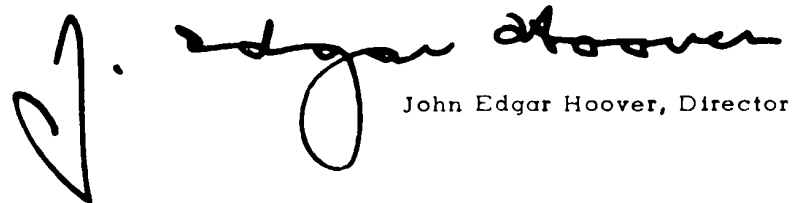


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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **June 4, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680531091 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel 5/29/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q362 and Q363.**

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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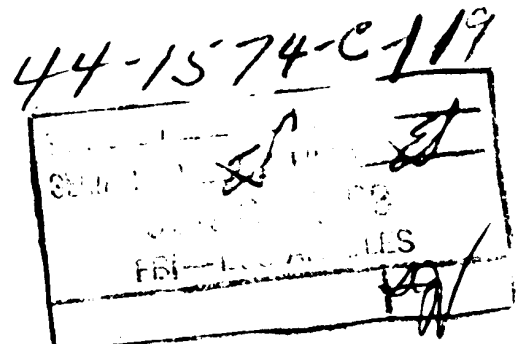
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 6, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680604048 JK

## Request

XXXXXX received 6/4/68

Request for comparison of handwriting and fingerprints appearing on questioned "Marshall" writings in this case with signatures and fingerprints of JACK WETHINGTON, FBI #616317C, and JAMES HAROLD WARREN, FBI #4250617

## Result of examination:

Because the known signatures of JAMES HAROLD WARREN, FBI #4250617, and JACK WETHINGTON, FBI #616317C, are not sufficiently comparable with the questioned William A. Marshall signatures on Q343 and Q344, it could not be determined whether the "Marshall" signatures were prepared by either of these individuals.

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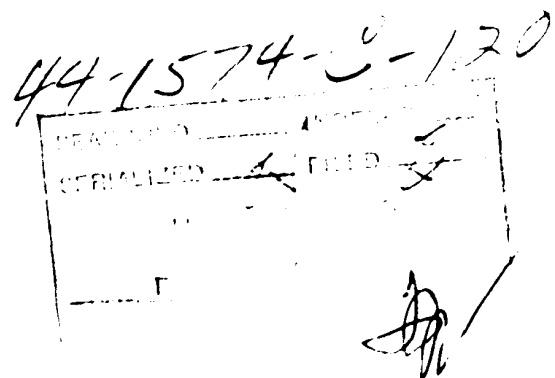
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XXXXXX received 6/4/68

Request for comparison of handwriting and fingerprints appearing on questioned "Marshall" writings in this case with signatures and fingerprints of JACK WETHINGTON, FBI #616317C, and JAMES HAROLD WARREN, FBI #4250617

## Result of examination:

Because the known signatures of JAMES HAROLD WARREN, FBI #4250617, and JACK WETHINGTON, FBI #616317C, are not sufficiently comparable with the questioned William A. Marshall signatures on Q343 and Q344, it could not be determined whether the "Marshall" signatures were prepared by either of these individuals.





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

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

Date: **June 6, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680604048 JK**

Examination requested by: **San Diego**

Reference: **Teletype 5/31/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

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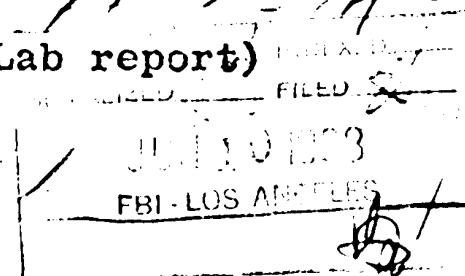
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Date: 6/6/68

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Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

To: SAC's Los Angeles (44-1574) - Enc. (7)  
Memphis (44-1987)  
San Diego (44-387)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel 5/29/68, submitting check dated 5/15/68, (Q362), Gulf Oil invoice #6686906, (Q363), and five lifts.

One latent fingerprint developed Q362; one latent fingerprint developed Q363; and one latent fingerprint of value on lift #1. Latent prints on other lifts no value.

Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G; James Harold Warren, FBI #4250617; or Jack Wethington. Wethington and Warren previously considered suspects this matter.

Lifts, check, and invoice enclosed to Los Angeles.

Laboratory report separate.

*Evidence  
being returned to  
Cowan P.W.  
Rapp 6-27-68  
Returned  
on 6-28-68  
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**Airtel**

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**San Diego (44-387)**

**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

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**Laboratory report separate.**

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of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **June 11, 1968**FBI File No. **44-38861**Re: **MURKIN  
CR**Lab. No. **D-680610039 JK****Request**~~Specimens received~~**6/7/68**

**Request comparison of the WILLIAM A. MARSHALL signatures on Q343 and Q344 with the known handwriting of HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., FBI #1971400**

**Result of examination:**

**Because of the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations for a satisfactory examination, it could not be determined whether the "William A. Marshall" signatures on Q343 and Q344 were prepared by HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., FBI #1971400.**

**If available, additional known handwriting of BIRRELL may permit a more definite opinion.**

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

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

Date: **June 11, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

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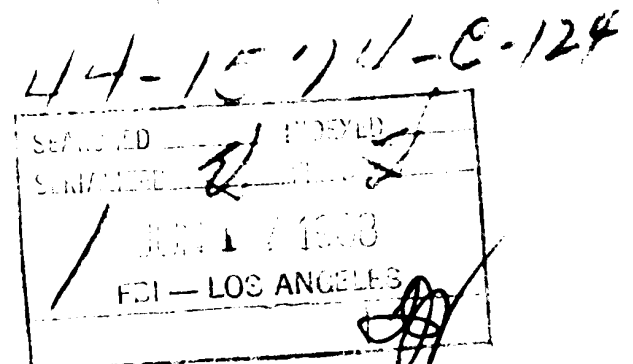
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Examination requested by: **San Diego**  
Reference: **Teletype 6/5/68**  
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**  
Remarks:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, San Diego (44-387)  
(44-394)

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
KENSALT

Date: June 21, 1968  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680619073 JK

Specimens received 6/19/68

Q375 Sheet of paper bearing a hand printed note which begins "If the F.B.I. wants Ray's buddy go to....," and ending "...in Big Stone Gap Virginia by the F. B. I."

K485 Sheet of paper bearing the known hand printing of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing on Q375 was prepared by GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, K485.

The submitted material was searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

Q375 and K485 have been photographed and are being returned to San Diego separately.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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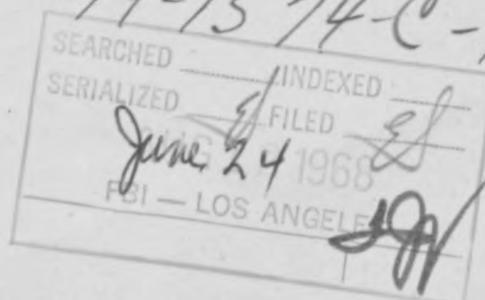
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, San Diego (44-387)  
(44-394)

Date: June 21, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis  
KENSALT  
OO: Los Angeles

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680619073 JK

Examination requested by: San Diego

Reference: Airtel 6/17/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

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Airtel

To: SAC's, San Diego (44-387) - Enclosures (2)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re San Diego airtel 6/17/68, submitting a hand  
printed note, Q375.

No latent impressions of value developed on the  
note, which is enclosed to San Diego, together with known hand  
printing, K485.

Laboratory reporting separately.

- ① - Los Angeles
- 1 - San Diego (44-394)

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Date: 7/1/68

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(Priority)

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

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Laboratory is a typewritten letter dated 2/4/68 addressed to Mr. HEWITSON and signed by ERIC S. GALT. It is requested that this document be examined for handwriting and typing comparisons with other materials submitted in this matter. This document has been handled only by Mr. HEWITSON and SA LEON J. MEYER.

On 7/1/68 RONALD G. HEWITSON, 9692 Imperial Street, Garden Grove, California, furnished the following information. He advised that he is Sales Manager of the Terene Corporation, 2815 South Halladay Street, Santa Ana, California, and President of the Orange County, California, Chapter, Friends of Rhodesia, P. O. Box 613, Garden Grove, California.

HEWITSON stated that he had recently read a news item indicating that FBI Agents were investigating JAMES EARL RAY's alleged contacts with the American-South African Council, Washington, D. C. He stated that the Friends of Rhodesia work closely with the American-South African Council. He stated that he looked through some of his correspondence and found a letter bearing the signature ERIC S. GALT. This letter is quoted as follows:

- 4 - Bureau (Enc. - 1) (AM-RM)
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"2-4-68

"DEAR MR. HEWITSON.

"I RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOUR OFFICE IN REPLY TO A LETTER I HAD SENT TO YOU REQUESTING INFORMATION ON RHODESIA, THE LETTER CLARIFIED MOST OF MY QUESTIONS REGARDING IMMIGRATION. SUCH AS PASSPORT. IT WAS NOT MY INTENTION TO LEAVE BEFORE NOVEMBER BUT WANTED THE INFORMATION BEFORE HAND, ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU SEND I WOULD APPREACITE. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE TO RHODESIAN COMMENTARY.

"SINCERELY,

"ERIC S. GALT

"1535-N-SERRANO

"L.A. CALIF. 90027.

/s/ "ERIC S. GALT"

HEWITSON stated that he would review his files to determine if any other communications from GALT are contained therein. He stated he was the only person to handle the enclosed letter, as he has no secretary. He stated that the note "ANS" appearing on the lower portion of this letter was made by him.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: July 8, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680705006 JK

Specimens received 7/5/68

Q385 Sheet of paper bearing typewritten letter dated 2/4/68,  
beginning "I RECENTLY RECEIVED..." and signed  
"Eric S. Galt"

## Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions on Q385 are the same  
style as those appearing on other items received in this matter  
attributed to "Eric S. Galt."

Because of the lack of identifying features it could  
not be definitely determined that the same typewriter was  
employed to prepared Q385 and the other items but no signifi-  
cant differences were noted.

It was concluded that the "Eric S. Galt" signature on  
Q385 was prepared by the writer of other signatures in this  
name appearing on specimens previously received some of which  
have been investigatively identified as having been prepared by  
James Earl Ray.

Q385 will be returned separately. Photographs are  
retained.

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Q385 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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A handwritten signature, possibly "J. Earl Ray", is written in the bottom right corner of the page. Above it, the file number "44-157-2-2" is handwritten.



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Re: MURKIN  
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OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680705006 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 7/1/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q385.

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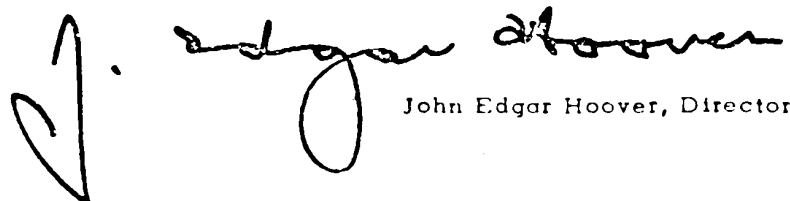


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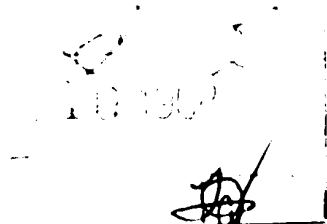
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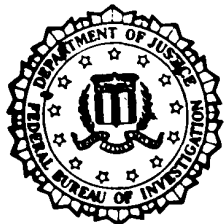
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Washington, D. C. 20537

**REPORT**

of the

**IDENTIFICATION DIVISION****LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO.

**44-1574**

FBI FILE NO.

**44-38861**

LATENT CASE NO.

**91075****July 11, 1968**TO: **SAC, Los Angeles****MURKIN**RE: **CR****Airtel 7/1/68**

REFERENCE:

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

**Los Angeles**

SPECIMENS:

**Letter, Q385**

**Seven latent fingerprints of value developed on letter, Q385.**

**Latent fingerprints not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, or Special Agent Leon J. Meyer.**

**On basis of information furnished, no fingerprint record located here for Ronald G. Hewitson.**

**Specimen enclosed.**

**Laboratory report separate.**

**Enc.**

- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)**
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)**
- 1 - WFO (44-703)**

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**REPORT**

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**IDENTIFICATION DIVISION****LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. 44-1574  
FBI FILE NO. 44-38861  
LATENT CASE NO. 91075

July 11, 1968

TO: SAC, Los Angeles

RE: MURKIN  
CR

REFERENCE: Airtel 7/1/68  
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11/21/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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

Mr. W. PITMAN, 191 Carlton Avenue, Pasadena, California, advised that his wife is employed at the Crocker-Citizens National Bank, Lake and Green Streets, Pasadena. On 11/12/68 Mrs. PITMAN observed a cardboard box in the rear parking area of the bank. This box bore penciled handwriting as follows:

"JAMES EARL RAY  
112 Tucker Street  
Leland, Mississippi"

"JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR."

"JOHN WESLEY TUCKER"

The above appeared to have been written by the same person.

Also written on this box were the names "JOHN" and "JONOUR", which appeared to have been written by a different person.

Mrs. PITMAN retained the box, which was furnished to SA PHILIP J. REILLY, Pasadena Resident Agency, by her husband. Mr. PITMAN stated that neither he nor his wife has any additional information regarding the box, who placed it in the parking lot,

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2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encs. - 2) (AM)  
2 - Jackson (Encs. - 2) (AM)  
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when it was placed there or how long it had been there.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office contain no reference to JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR., or JOHN WESLEY TUCKER.

Enclosed for the Laboratory is the original portion of the box, as furnished to SA PHILIP J. REILLY, for comparative examination with other samples of handwriting submitted in this matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of a photograph of the handwriting. Two photographs of the above-described handwriting are enclosed for Jackson and Memphis.

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

Mr. W. PITMAN, 191 Carlton Avenue, Pasadena, California, advised that his wife is employed at the Crocker-Citizens National Bank, Lake and Green Streets, Pasadena. On 11/12/68 Mrs. PITMAN observed a cardboard box in the rear parking area of the bank. This box bore penciled handwriting as follows:

"JAMES EARL RAY  
112 Tucker Street  
Leland, Mississippi"

"JOHN WESLEY RAFFORD, JR."

"JOHN WESLEY TUCKER"

The above appeared to have been written by the same person.

Also written on this box were the names "JOHN" and "JONOUR", which appeared to have been written by a different person.

Mrs. PITMAN retained the box, which was furnished to SA PHILIP J. REILLY, Pasadena Resident Agency, by her husband. Mr. PITMAN stated that neither he nor his wife has any additional information regarding the box, who placed it in the parking lot,

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