

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC LOUISVILLE 44-947

DATE: 4-24-68

FROM : SA John K. Fenrod

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CR

OO: Memphis

Re Memphis airtel dated 4-19-68

James Boone, Boone Laundry & Cleaners, Murray, Ky. advised on 4-23-68 their laundry places Thermo Seal tape on outer clothing only (shirts, trousers, etc.) and they do not use this tape for sheets and pillow cases. He was unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning Thermo Seal tape ~~20~~ 20R-3 other than in his opinion this marking would probably have come from a big city laundry since most small or medium size laundries do not place such tape on sheets or pillow cases.

*Above furnished  
Memphis - 4/24/68  
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# Killer Must Be Apprehended Alive

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

THE CONFUSING REPORTS issued by law-enforcement officials investigating the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King are disquieting. More and more the killing of Dr. King begins to look like the work of a conspiracy. If ex-convict James Earl Ray was the killer, as the FBI says, where did he get the money he so freely spent? He had no visible means of support. What was his motive?

It is important that Ray be captured alive. If he isn't, we are likely to be haunted by the same kind of questions that are still unanswered in the assassination of President Kennedy. By describing Ray as "armed and extremely dangerous" in a public announcement, the FBI has decreased the chances of apprehending him alive.

In an editorial over the weekend, The Atlanta Journal said: "We regard it as imperative that James Earl Ray . . . be taken into custody alive and closely protected thereafter. If this is the killer, every possible step

must be taken to see that he is not silenced before he talks."

The feeling is growing that Attorney General Ramsey Clark prematurely ruled out a conspiracy theory. Later, in its warrant for the arrest of Galt (or Ray) the FBI charged him with conspiracy without disclosing the scope or nature of it.

This week *Time* magazine reported that a Memphis man "told *Time* and the FBI that he had overheard a local businessman giving an unknown triggerman urgent orders to kill King on the balcony of his motel, and even specifying the price for the job (\$5,000), and the pickup point for the fee." The FBI declined to comment on the report.

Editorial Page

Courier-Journal

Louisville, Ky.

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Editor: Barry Bingham  
Title:

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FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P) *for*  
RE: MURKIN

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The individual he observed had short cropped dark hair and was wearing what appeared to be dark plastic rimmed glasses. He observed this individual while stopped at a red light at which time the party seemed rather nervous and tried to cover the side of his face with his hand. This occurred near the Youngstown Shopping Center. MASON further related that the Oldsmobile proceeded from a side street onto Highway 62, near a group of apartments on the north side of Jeffersonville, Indiana.

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The above information telephonically furnished to SA SEAMAN JONES of the Jeffersenville Resident Agency by SA EDWIN H. EILERS.

LEADS

INDIANAPOLIS

AT JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA.

Will ascertain registered owner of car bearing Indiana plate 10A1120 and thereafter attempt to resolve the identity of the party driving this vehicle as related by MASON.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

ADDENDUM:

Phone call received at 3:10 PM, 4/23/68, by SA EILERS and furnished SA JONES telephonically at 4:45 PM.

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FBI LOUISVLE

FBI MEMPHIS

725PM URGENT 4-13-68 MEN  
TO LOUISVILLE  
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO: ME.

INVESTIGATION MEMPHIS REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS  
WERE REGISTERED INTO THE LORRAINE HOTEL DASH MOTEL, FOUR  
ZERO SIX MULBERRY AVE., MEMPHIS, ON EITHER APRIL THREE OR  
FOUR, LAST, OR BOTH DATES. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE  
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INTERVIEW ALL INDIVIDUALS LISTED RE ANY INFO. THEY MIGHT  
HAVE CONCERNING ASSASSINATION.

*4/14/68 - 2:10 P.M. -  
Mr. L.B. Ward, 2540  
Rounded Ave - sent to  
New Orleans - King - arrived  
later in afternoon - room  
to L. B. Ward 4/13 - 14*

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Kinnard  
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FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED AT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO INSURE REPEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION. COPIES OF THE 1968 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION AND WANTED FLYERS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA CONTACTS. NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS RELEASE. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537**

4-23-68 307 HJC

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray # [REDACTED]	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Cs129438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #31071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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	<p>WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967                      (operating motor vehicle without permission of owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D &amp; DW")                      (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary                      Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.</p>			

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	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p> <p>Alias: James Walton</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p>			
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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

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CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS  
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SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947)

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. - FUGITIVE; MURKIN; CR; UFAC -  
ROBBERY. OO: ME

REUR PHONE CALL TODAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Louisville

FROM : SPC James Byron Riley

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-25-68

SA, Penrod, Paducah RA, telephonically advised that he had received and checked out information to the effect that James Earl Ray had been seen in Metropolis, Illinois. Results of investigation to be given this office by memo next date - 4-26-68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : File 44-947

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SAC, Louisville

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At about 2:20 PM today, No. 1 Man JOE KELLY, Civil Rights Section, SOG, called advising that Crime Records Division had just received a call for the Bureau's confidential information from one DAVID KRESLOW, the Washington News Editor of the Los Angeles Times newspaper, to the effect that an employee of the newspaper in Los Angeles, an ex-convict who still has contacts among the criminal element, had informed to the effect that his sources indicate that subject RAY is currently living under the name of CLAUDE COFFEY at 134 Mann Street, Apartment H, Greenup, Kentucky.

Mr. KELLY requested that we immediately check this out. He further requested to be advised by teletype of the results, if COFFEY eliminated. Of course, we would call the Bureau in the event COFFEY is the subject.

At 2:27 PM this date, I furnished the above information to SRA STOWE at Ashland with the request that it be immediately checked out. He indicated he would do so at once.

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3:55 PM URGENT 4-25-68 NCH  
TO DIRECTOR AND LOUISVILLE  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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