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Description:

1 Photo of unknown
person - (2 views)

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2 photos of Walter
Terry Rife then 10/6/64?

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WALTER TERRY KIFE
FBI # 455-8766

60-100

DOB



5' 10"

56 #

Brown Hair

Blue Eyes

4/10 4-1-1917-10-191



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Walter Jerry Rife

W - M - A

5-10

186

DOB

Brown Hair
Eyes Blue

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100. 4-20-68 1 cc each Map LA area Map AT area (SEE BACK OF EX 1A)
 101. 4-20-68 2 photos of Jeff Addison Willard, Taken? (See Back of 1A)
 102. 4-20-68 1 cc each of a set of 5 color photos tkn of 1966 Bu Mustang
 103. 4-20-68 1 photo of Eric Starvo Galt (with eyes closed)
 & 4 photos artist's conception Galt with his eyes open
 104. 4-20-68 28 color photos of evidence See Back of 1A
 105. 4/20/68 1 photo of John Wilson, taken?
 106. 4/20/68 1 photo of John Warner Willard, Jr. taken 4/68
 107. 4/20/68 1 photo of Tommy Ray White taken?
 108. 4/20/68 2 photos of Mr. Bruce Johnson, taken 1967
 109. 4/20/68 1 photo of James Donald Hall, taken?
 110. 4/20/68 1 photo of Christopher Andrew Riquilio
 111. 4/20/68 2 passport photos of John Alan Reduccia
 112. 4/20/68 1 map of City of Memphis
 1 Holiday Inn Passport 1/67-3/31/67
 1 Eastern Travel Guide Booklet
 113. 4/22/68 2 photos of Frank B. Stevens, taken 5/67

Disposition:

~~104. 28 color photos of evidence (see back of 1A)~~

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Description:

2cc's of a 2-page
dept of psychiatric
exam dtd 10-24-64

Serial Sub-A-348

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Hx FBI*

CERTIFICATE
24 October 1966

We certify that this is a report of psychiatric examination pursuant to the provisions of Section 552.020 RSMo 1963, as ordered by the Circuit Court of Cole County, Cause No. 6303, in the case of JAMES EARL RAY, a 38 year old, single, Caucasian male, who was admitted to Fulton State Hospital on 8 September 1966.

I. PERTINENT HISTORY

Reason for Admission: Pre-trial examination pursuant to Section 552.020 by Circuit Court Order of Cole County alleged to be charged with the crime of attempted escape.

Legal Status: Subject was transferred to this hospital for pre-trial evaluation from the Missouri State Penitentiary, where he was serving a sentence of twenty years, having been convicted of the crimes of first degree robbery and two charges of operating a motor vehicle without the permission of the owner. In addition to the sentence, he is serving, he now has a charge against him of attempted escape.

Pertinent Social History: According to accompanying information received from the Missouri State Penitentiary, at or about 9:00 p.m. on 11 March 1966, the subject attempted to escape and actually had hidden out inside the penitentiary walls until he was discovered at approximately 12:10 a.m. on 13 March 1966 attempting to make his way to the roof from which he apparently planned to scale the prison wall. He had placed a dummy in his bed to cover up for his absence at the 9:00 a.m. count on 11 March and had taken a 14 foot iron rod with a metal hook on the end with which he was able to scale several feet of one of the walls inside the penitentiary. He had cut a hole through a security screen on a window and had been hiding out from search parties on various areas of the roof.

Mr. James Ray was born on [redacted] in Illinois. The record indicates that he completed ten grades of school and entered the Army in February 1946, where he served until December 1948, at which time he was discharged because of a lack of adaptability. His FBI record comprises one and one half pages and shows numerous arrests for a variety of charges. He has served sentences in various penal institutions on conviction of such charges as robbery, forgery of postal money orders, and car theft. He has been incarcerated in one or another penal institution a good part of his adult life.

II. PHYSICAL STATUS

There is no physical disease or defect which requires treatment at this time.

Laboratory Data: 9 Sep 66: Urinalysis essentially negative. Hematology within normal limits. Serum bromides negative. Blood sugar and blood urea nitrogen were within normal limits. VDRL nonreactive. 13 Sep 66: Chest x-ray reported as negative.

II. MENTAL STATUS

Orientation: He is oriented for time, place and person.

Memory: His memory is unimpaired for both recent and remote events.

Speech and Mental Activity: He is coherent, alert, relevant and there are no hallucinations or delusions.

Mood and Affect: He appeared to be somewhat tense and anxious and at times showed some mild depression but not of psychotic proportions.

Insight and Judgment: He has a good verbal assessment of reality but in the past he has used poor judgment.

Psychological Testing: Psychological tests indicate that he has an IQ of 105 which places him within the average range of intellectual functioning. Tests also showed some degree of depression. The psychological tests showed no evidence of a psychosis.

IV. COURSE IN HOSPITAL

He has made a good hospital adjustment and has not been a management problem.

V. CONDITION AT PRESENT

Unchanged.

VI. DIAGNOSIS

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VII. DISCUSSION


Patient has been observed, studied and tested. No symptoms or signs indicating a mental disease or defect could be found. Although he showed signs of anxiety and depression, these could not be considered of psychotic proportions.

VIII. FINDINGS

- 1) That the accused has no mental disease or defect within the meaning of Section 552.010.
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E. Ray, dated 10-24-66.

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JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY

(WRITE ON THIS SIDE OF SHEET ONLY)

SPECTED

37,045C-5

DATE

16-24-66

Dr. Earl C. Hepler

TO

Biggs Bldg.

STREET AND NUMBER

Missouri

STATE

CITY

Business

RELATIONSHIP

James E. Ray

FROM

00416

REGISTER NO.

BOX 900, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65102

B.B.

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HALL

CELL NO.

Dear Sir;

ON or about the 7 of Sept 1966 I was committed to the Biggs Building on order of the Cole County Circuit Court on my arrival at Biggs Building I had with me my trial transcripts and other legal papers valued at about \$300.00 I also had \$29.00 in currency books. Mr. Perry said I could not take them to the word that they would be kept in my personal property upon leaving Biggs bldg. Mr. Perry said they could not find them and that they might have been sent back to the prison, the officials said they wasn't returning here either. I would appreciate it if you would have some one to see if they could find this property as I can't replace it. I know before I left the receiving office it was put in a desk drawer in the receiving office.

Thanks

James E. Ray

MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FOR MEN -- I. REGULATIONS

VISITING: No visit will be authorized until the inmate has been assigned from the Reception-Diagnostic Center to the institution and has made the proper request for the issuance of a visitor's pass to his prospective visitors. All visitors must possess a visitor's pass issued from the institution. Identification will be required. The pass is valid only for the person whose name appears on the pass. Visits at the institution are permitted every day except Monday, between 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Men assigned to the Sawmill Farm are permitted visits only on Saturdays and Sundays. Their visitor must notify the institution for 24 hours in advance of the intended visit. Children of inmates may be permitted, if conditions permit. Nieces and Nephews may be denied due to the limited visiting facilities. Men are permitted four (4) visits per month. Visits in the hospital are limited to Mother, father or wife, the length of the visit dependent on the condition of the inmate. No article will be brought into the institution. On the farms a family lunch may be prepared, subject to inspection. No one having served a sentence in a correctional institution will be permitted to visit. Anyone having the odor of an alcoholic beverage on their breath will be denied a visit. Visiting passes are issued at the request of the inmate. Do not write for a visiting pass.

CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence for men whose assignment is in any way connected with the State Penitentiary must be addressed giving the man's name, register number, Box 900, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102. This affects men who may be assigned to the Sawmill Farm, Renz Farm, Church Farm, Fordland Honor Camp or any other outside unit as well as men at the main institution. The inmates are permitted to write two letters per week. Improperly addressed mail will be returned to the sender. Incoming letters shall not exceed two (2) pages of paper not exceeding the normal 8½ x 11 inches, and shall not be written on but one side. Only approved correspondents will be permitted to receive letters from the inmate. Enclosures in the letter will prohibit its delivery—news clippings, etc.

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J. W. B. Silvers, Jr.
T. Allen, Jr.

Shelley, Jr.

Acc. of 4/15/68 Emmet Mc

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J. W. D. Silva, Jr.

Fuller, Wm.

St. L. N. J. 1871

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By ME
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Description:

2 Photos James Earl Ray
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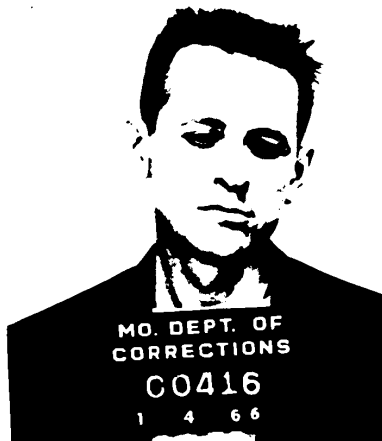


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JAMES EARL RAY

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JAMES EARL RAY

ME 44-1987-1A-104

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44-1917-112-124

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Enclosures for Memphis to Airtel dated 4/16/68 to
SACs Memphis (44-1987)
 Atlanta (44-2386)
 Los Angeles (44-1574)

From Director, FBI (44-38861)

Re: MURKIN