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The following description was obtained from observation and interrogation:

Name:	<u>CHARLES MAHN WITZLER</u>
Residence:	Old Soldiers and Sailors Home, Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio. 68
Age:	
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Perrysburg, Ohio
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	150 pounds
Hair:	Gray
Eyes:	Brown
Tattoos:	"CMW" above an eagle with Social Security # [redacted] below on inner right forearm, seal of the United States on right shoulder, Indian head on left shoulder.
Family:	
Son:	WILLIAM WITZLER, 7th Street, Maumee, Ohio.
Son:	RICHARD WITZLER, West Harrison Street, Maumee, Ohio.
Daughter:	Mrs. JEAN CATLEY, Centerfield Drive, Maumee, Ohio.

Copies are provided for the Document Section since the writer of the letter, forwarded to the Document Section in above referenced airtel, has been identified as CHARLES MAHN WITZLER by his own admission.

It is to be noted that the FBI Laboratory in its examination in report dated May 8, 1968, was successful in discovering the name WITZLER through examination for indented writing.

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Inasmuch as the note in question contained no threat, no further action is contemplated by the Cleveland Office with respect to CHARLES MANN WITZLER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/20/68

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TO: SAC, WFO

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-884)

MURKIN

Re Newark teletype to Bureau 5/20/68.

**Enclosed for WFO are microfilm copies of US Postal
ND #1,016,211,078 purchased 3/8/68 in the amount of \$15 at
Santa Western Station, Los Angeles, Calif., and #5,615,657,923
purchased 3/28/68 in the amount of \$750 at Atlanta, Ga. It is
to be noted that the fifth number could be an eight or zero
rather than a six.**

Above furnished for assistance in locating originals.

2 - WFO (Enc. 2)
2 - Memphis
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[Signature]

CITY Memphis, TennesseeDATE May 21, 1968Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, Memphis, TennesseeOne hundred twenty-eight dollars, and seventy-five cents,(\$ 128.75), which money is to be paid by me on 5-22-68to HERSHEL COOK, CORPS OF ENGINEERSfor information concerning the case entitled MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS

For rental 4/12/68 of fully operated airplane for aerial photography,
specifically to photograph scene of assassination MARTIN LUTHER KING,
and payment for 25 4 x 5 contact prints.

Services: \$ 128.75 Federal Income Tax Withheld \$ _____

Expenses \$ _____

Signed: _____
Special AgentAuthority (date) SACPeriod Covered by Payment 4-12-68

Authorization Checked _____

Check Number 306Receipts Received YES

Voucher Prepared _____ Item _____

Date of Actual Payment _____

By whom SA HOWARD D. TETENInformant's File No. 44-1987Approved Robert J. Jensen
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Portland, Oregon
May 17, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. PD 157-380
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CHECK OF OREGON BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
FOR UNIDENTIFIED MALE DEAD SINCE APRIL 5, 1968

Mr. Russell Lee, Manager, Oregon Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Office Building, Portland, Oregon, stated on May 16, 1968 that his office receives reports of all unidentified dead persons whose bodies are found in the State of Oregon.

He stated that no unidentified male dead have been reported to his office since April 5, 1968.

Re-check with Mr. Lee will be made on a monthly basis, so long as pertinent, and only positive findings will be reported.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (157-380) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

DATE: 5/17/68

Transmitted herewith are 15 copies of an insert in this case relating to contact with Oregon Bureau of Vital Statistics re un-identified male dead since 4/5/68.

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The following investigation was conducted at San Juan, Puerto Rico:

On April 5, 1968, all sources, racial, criminal, and security, of the San Juan Office (SJO) were contacted with negative results.

The night of April 12, 1968, Assistant Commissioner CHARLES GRONEVELDT, Department of Public Safety, St. Croix, Virgin Islands (VI), advised SA ROBERT L. MOORE that one DONALD CHURCHILL had left personal belongings at the Club Comanche Hotel, St. Croix, V. I., and mysteriously disappeared. According to GRONEVELDT, CHURCHILL fits the description of ERIC STARVO GALT and those who have seen him say he bears a striking resemblance to a UPI telephoto sketch of a police drawing for the MURKIN suspect that appeared in the April 8, 1968, issue of the "New York Daily News."

On April 13, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SAs ROBERT L. MOORE and JOE C. SPARKS, at St. Croix, VI:

ROBERT PETERSON, Manager, Club Comanche, St. Croix, VI, advised CHURCHILL entered the Club Comanche on April 6, 1968, without a reservation and asked for a room. They told him Room 5 would be available for four days and he registered for it. He left the hotel and returned shortly thereafter with four or five bags and some boxes. In the registration book, he had given the address of 75 Willow Street, Brooklyn, New York. He printed his name and address. PETERSON saw nothing more of CHURCHILL until the following morning, when he appeared in the lobby saying that he intended to go to St. Thomas for the day. He had a small box with him. PETERSON mentioned the fact that it was customary for a deposit to be made, CHURCHILL left a \$100.00 American Express Check, Number RA34-962-243, which he told PETERSON he would countersign when he returned.

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PETERSON described him as a white American male, in his late 30s or early 40s, six feet tall, medium to thin build, brown hair, with no distinguishing physical features. He did appear to be somewhat "wild-eyed" and nervous. CHURCHILL has not been seen or heard of since and his personal belongings, some of which were strewn about the room, have been collected and are being maintained by the hotel.

CATHERINE GOLDEN, Desk Clerk, Club Comanche Hotel, advised that she was present in the lobby the morning that the subject departed, saying he was going to St. Thomas for the day. She found his conversation somewhat peculiar, although she did not state exactly why, and described him as a "kook." She feels he made too big an issue of the fact that there should be no worry about his ability to pay for his room. She described him as a white American male, about 5' 9" tall, light complexion, but slightly tanned, light brown hair combed straight back, possibly brown eyes, but no glasses, 36 to 37 years of age, wearing a brown knit shirt and slacks, has somewhat thin face with a prominent nose.

CHURCHILL's personal effects were examined and the following was observed:

CHURCHILL was estranged from his wife, FAITH DENNIS, and appears to be in a controversy over the custody of the children. He seems to be a man of some means and may be the recipient of several hundred thousand dollars left by his father, ARTHUR. Among other things, he had in his belongings the April 3, 1968, late City Edition of the "New York Times." He had marked an article about MC CARTHY winning the Wisconsin election and President JOHNSON polling forty per cent of the votes.

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He marked another article captioned "Soviet Believe Testing Rockets, Able to Guide Bombs From Orbit." He also had the April 5, 1968, issue of the "Washington Post," Section A, the bulk of which was devoted to the assassination of Dr. Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. He had written on page one in ink the following:

"Dearest Bob. I am addressing you in a way that could be misunderstood but in my opinion, you are a Prince of Peace - I hope we may meet someday. Thank you."

A copy of employment resume was located which shows among other things the fact that he was employed for five years as a Pan American Airways Navigator. He has kept many scribbled notes concerning his marital problem, including dates that his wife has indicated she was going to obtain a divorce. There is no indication among any of these notes that he has any racial preoccupation. He has expired U. S. ordinary Passport number [REDACTED] issued in 1959, at London, England. A photograph of the subject was obtained from his personal belongings.

A review of Antilles Air Boat's manifest established that DONALD CHURCHILL flew at 11:01 AM, on April 8, 1968, from St. Croix, to St. Thomas, VI, aboard Antilles Air Boat using one way ticket number 05601. ELIZABETH WILSON, Antilles Air Boat, advised when he departed he was dressed in Bermuda shorts, a tan shirt and necktie and carrying a heavy winter overcoat.

On April 16, 1968, JOSE CESTERO MAS, who resides at Calle 11, Block 29 #6, Santa Rosa, Bayamon, Puerto Rico, personally advised SA JOSEPH KAY BROOKS that near the end of February, 1968, he had been in the Professional Hospital and shared a room with a man by the name of DAVILA. He said

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that DAVILA had a relative named GILBERTO DIAZ AVILES, who visited in the hospital on occasion. He said that DAVILA was the person who expressed extreme hate for the Negroes and became very boisterous and loud and bordered on violence in discussing the subject.

CESTERO advised that he does not know the address of DIAZ, but he is employed by TIPPETT-ABBETT, Room 612 or 616, Fomento Building, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. He stated that DIAZ very closely resembles the artist's conception appearing in the "El Mundo" newspaper of the murder suspect. He described DAVILA as a white male, age approximately 25 to 30.

On April 19, 1968, G. VANDO, Accountant, TIPPETT-ABBETT-MC CARTHY-STRATTON, 268 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico (Fomento Building), advised SA JAMES R. MARTIN that GILBERTO DIAZ MILAN is an employee of this company and was present for work every day during the month of April, 1968, with the exception of one half day on April 16, 1968.

Mr. VANDO advised that he is the Accountant for the company and prepares the attendance and payroll record, and in his position he has observed DIAZ on every day that he was at work.

A photograph of the artist's conception of unknown subject in this case as described by witnesses was exhibited to Mr. VANDO and he advised that DIAZ does not in any way resemble this photograph.

On April 19, 1968, Lieutenant FELIX VEGA, Lares, Puerto Rico, advised SA THOMAS H. GREENE that a complainant, FELIPE HERNANDEZ, who resides on the highway between Lares and Arecibo #129, Puerto Rico, furnished the following information:

A photo of ERIC STARVO GALT appearing in the "El Mundo" newspaper contains the same general characteristics of an individual known as JOE, last name unknown,

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who is married to MERITA CASULL, formerly of Barrio Vayana de Hatillo, Puerto Rico, on April 6, 1968, and left Puerto Rico on April 13, 1968.

Their present address is believed to be #1035 De Kalb Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

During their stay near Lares, JOE was known to have \$5,000 in cash on his person, acted extremely nervous and was frequently observed covering his face with his hat. JOE is described as 35 to 40 years of age, 5'7" tall, weighs 160 to 170 pounds, smokes Camel and Chesterfield brand cigarettes.

On April 20, 1968, FELIPE HERNANDEZ VELEZ BAYOMEY, Arecibo, Puerto Rico, advised SA GREENE that JOE, last name unknown, and wife, MERITA CASULL VELEZ, arrived at Arecibo, Puerto Rico, on April 11, 1968. JOE reportedly said that he had been in Puerto Rico about a week. VELEZ had no information as to where JOE had been prior to that date or his whereabouts on April 4, 1968. VELEZ described JOE as a white male, age 35 to 40, approximately 5'8", weighs 160 to 180 pounds, build - heavy, large stomach, dark brown hair, brown eyes. MERITA CASULL VELEZ, described as white female, age 42 to 45, height 5'4", weighs 110 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. Both JOE and MERITA reside at #1035 De Kalb Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, the home of MERITA's father, BENITO CASULL. Additional relatives of MERITA are GEORGE CASULL VELEZ and his wife ANASASIA, #888 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, New York; IRMA CASULL, wife of OSCAR GONZALEZ, #814 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. JOSEPH CHIRICO and wife MERITA CHIRICO, nee MERITA CASULL VELEZ, interviewed on April 20, 1968, by SA JAMES J. CUMMINGS at #1035 A De Kalb Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. CHIRICO born on [redacted], at Brooklyn, New York, speaks with Italian accent, has olive complexion, 175 to 190 pounds, 5'6" tall. CHIRICO

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is bald from beginning of forehead to point three to four inches back on scalp.

On basis of observation and above data, CHIRICO determined not identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 20, 1968, MIGUEL ANGELO OLIVO telephonically advised that his mother recognized the picture appearing in the "El Mundo" newspaper of ERIC STARVO GALT as that of a man who was riding the bus to the San Juan International Airport on Monday, April 15, 1968.

OLIVO stated the man was described as 5'8" tall, wearing white and blue checkered shorts, tennis shoes, with dirty blond hair, blue eyes, and of approximately 35 years of age.

OLIVO stated he is the owner of the sign shop which is located across the street from the Swiss Chalet, Santurce, Puerto Rico. He advised he could be contacted at his residence telephone 785-4658, and his business telephone 724-0284.

On April 23, 1968, OLIVO was contacted at his place of business and advised that his mother is Mrs. MARIA FERRER, who resides at 1B 32 Royal Palm, Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

On April 23, 1968, SA BUFRED M. MCSLEY attempted to contact Mrs. MARIA FERRER BALCELLS at 1B 32 Royal Palm, Bayamon, Puerto Rico. On April 24, 1968, Mrs. FERRER advised SA MCSLEY of the following information:

On Monday, April 15, 1968, at about 5 PM, she caught an airport bound bus at stop #19 on Fernandez Juncos Avenue. She advised that this bus was crowded and that one of the male passengers who was standing in the bus when she boarded was later seen by her in the airport terminal. FERRER stated that she had gone to the airport

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to recover a piece of luggage and did not notice any person or place contacted by the above mentioned passenger during the period of approximately one hour that she was in the airport terminal.

FERRER stated that she boarded a bus marked "Airport via Condado" upon leaving the airport terminal with her piece of luggage, and took a seat next to a window on the right side in the middle of the bus. She advised that moments later, the above mentioned individual entered the bus; walked to the rear portion and then returned and sat in the seat immediately to her left. She advised that she did not get a good look at this individual's face from the front, inasmuch as he never turned his head while sitting next to her even though he talked to her in English and did not know Spanish. She furnished the following description of the above individual:

Name	Unknown
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	38 or 39
Height	6 feet
Weight	180 lbs.
Hair	Dark blond or light brown, medium length
Eyes	Light blue
Complexion	Pale, not tanned or sun-burned
Scars and Marks	None noticed
Dress	Plaid Bermuda shorts, tennis shoes, and sport shirt

Mrs. FERRER advised that while returning from the airport, the above described man mentioned that he was from Connecticut and was looking at a folded map (origin unknown) and he asked her if the bus would pass close to Punta Las Marias. She said that she told him that the bus would pass very close to that area and he then told the bus driver to remember to stop in that area. FERRER then stated that the above unknown male wanted to

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know how frequently the buses that ran between Punta Las Marias area and the airport. She advised that they operated frequently and told him so. She stated that he got off the bus at Llorens Torres, near a small triangular park and walked towards the beach. She stated that he turned and waved to her from the sidewalk and she caught a glimpse of his face from the front.

FERRER advised that on April 20, 1968, she saw a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT in the local paper, "El Mundo", and that the photo displayed bore a very strong resemblance to the man that she described above as having been on the bus with her. When asked as to why she remembered this man, she stated that she thought it very strange that the man of the bus would never turn and face her even though they conversed during their trip together.

Mrs. FERRER viewed several photos and selected the photos on I.O. 4182, JAMES EARL RAY, (the two photos of the left) as being very close to the person she saw on April 15, 1968. She stated that the man she saw had longer (medium length) hair and she was not sure of the straight-on face photo of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, but noted that the profile shot was very close to the man she described above, however, she stated she could not state the individual she saw was identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 25, 1968, an examination was made of the area along Baldorioty Avenue which Mrs. FERRER described as the point of departure from the bus by the above described unknown male. It was determined that this individual had apparently departed the bus on April 15, 1968, at the corner of Jupiter Street and Baldorioty Avenue.

The following guest houses in this area were contacted with negative results:

ELBA ALVAREZ, Calle Loiza #2478 A
MANUEL OTERO, Calle Loiza #2482

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LISA VEGAS, Calle Doncella #107, 2nd Floor
RONNIE LAO, Calle Doncella #107, 1st Floor

On the same date, HENRY MARQUEZ RODRIGUEZ, White Castle Guest House, 106 Doncella Street, advised that several days prior a young man had inquired about a room, but desired something cheaper than \$25.00 per week. This young man was described as follows: white male, age 20's, six feet tall, 185 pounds, sandy hair.

RODRIGUEZ stated that the above person bore a slight resemblance to the 1960 photos of JAMES EARL RAY on I. O. #4182, but that this person was definitely not RAY based on age.

On April 25, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. O.S.E. PERKINS, the owners of the Villa Mar Guest House, #4 Caoba Street, advised that on April 15, 1968, one ROBERT C. WHELAN registered at their guest house and gave his address as #1773 Central Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. They advised that WHELAN left to return to Connecticut on April 22, 1968, with some money which was cabled to him by his father. They described WHELAN as follows: white male, age 20's, six feet tall, 175 to 180 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, no scars or marks recalled. the PERKINS observed I.O. #4182 and advised that WHELAN was not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, but noted the the profile photo of RAY bore some resemblance to the profile of WHELAN.

On April 26, 1968, FREDERICK WUERTH, Casa Meyer, Old San Juan, telephonically contacted SA CHARLES A. MOSHER at the SJO and advised he thought he had seen an individual answering the description of JAMES EARL RAY. WUERTH stated he was calling from the Excelsior Theater, Calle Parque, Stop 23, Santurce, and that he would wait at the theater for an FBI Agent to contact him.

SA MOSHER and SA H. LAMAR MEYER went immediately to the theater and contacted WUERTH. Photographs of RAY, and his physical description were furnished to WUERTH. He stated the individual to whom he was referring, who had left

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the theater, definitely did not answer RAY's description, and did not look at all like the photographs of RAY which were exhibited to him. He advised this individual had a receding hairline to the point of being almost bald, what hair he did have was in a crew cut. WUERTH took a close look at this individual and is positive that his eyes were green, not blue as are RAY's, he estimated the man to be approximately 180 to 190 pounds. He is also positive the individual to whom he is referring did not have a protruding left ear.

The manager, and employees of the theater were exhibited photographs of RAY and stated they had definitely not seen anyone answering RAY's description in the theater, and that only two or three "Continental's" had entered the theater for the matinee, and that none looked anything like RAY.

SA MOSHER and SA MEYER personally observed all patrons of the theater and could find no one resembling RAY.

On April 29, 1968, the Baltimore Office advised that RICHARD WIER, D.D.S., 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware, advised on April 24, 1968, he spoke for twenty minutes to a fellow customer at the Carousel Bar on the waterfront, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (VI), who looked exactly like the 1960 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated the individual does not look like the 1968 photograph. The individual was described as a white male, 40 to 50 years old, 5'10" tall, stocky muscular appearance, blue eyes, short brown hair, freckled complexion, strong southern accent, wearing white sports shirt and drinking beer. Individual stated he was in the Merchant Marine for fourteen years and now doing similar work. He likes cities such as San Francisco, New Orleans, and Cape Town, South Africa, the best. WIER stated that from a distance of one-two feet he could not observe a scar on the forehead of this individual.

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On April 30, 1968, Bartenders BUD EBERHARDT and THOMAS BYRD as well as all waitresses in the Carousel Bar, waterfront, Charlotte Amalie, Virgin Islands, were interviewed by SA JOE C. SPARKS and could furnish no positive information concerning the presence of anyone resembling JAMES EARL RAY being present of the Carousel Bar on April 24, 1968.

On April 30, 1968, the Jacksonville Division advised that the Regional Inspector, Internal Revenue Service, Atlanta, Georgia, discovered a tax return for JAMES EARL RAY, JR., Social Security number [REDACTED]. The return indicates that RAY, JR., is with the U. S. Navy, Jacksonville, Florida.

Personal records at Naval Air Station Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Florida, reflect RAY, JR., departed on April 25, 1968, for temporary active duty at Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, San Juan, Puerto Rico, as Mess Cook for four weeks.

On May 1, 1968, JAMES EARL RAY, JR., advised SA DAVID C. MC MICHAEL that he is the son of Lieutenant Colonel JAMES EARL RAY, who is in the U. S. Army, presently serving in Vietnam. He advised his mother is TERESA LEE RAY and resides at 403 Honeysuckle Court Montgomery, Alabama. RAY, JR., advised he is not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY, subject of this investigation, and does not believe they are related.

RAY advised his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. RUFUS RAY, 25 East South Street, Montgomery, Alabama, are originally from Washington, D.C., and would know if any relation exists with the subject of this case.

RAY, JR., advised he is assigned to Navy Squadron VA-174, temporarily assigned at Roosevelt Road Naval Station, Puerto Rico, and will return to Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Florida, about May 25, 1968.

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On May 1, 1968, the Mobile Division advised that investigation in Montgomery, Alabama, reflects RUFUS RAY, 25 East South Street, is a retired Internal Revenue Service employee known to Senior Resident Agent SPENCER H. ROBB for approximately twenty-three years. RAY advised that his son, Lt. Col. JAMES EARL RAY is presently serving with the U. S. Army in South Vietnam, and his grandson, JAMES EARL RAY, JR., is currently in the U. S. Navy in Jacksonville, Florida. RAY states subject of this case is not related in any way to this family and he had no knowledge of him.

On April 28, 1968, at 9:30 PM, SA JOE C. SPARKS received an anonymous telephone call at his home. The caller advised that one week ago at approximately 10:30 AM he was at Red Hook, St. Thomas, VI, and overheard a conversation between a forty year old white male and one of the employees of the Dohm Water Taxi Service. The forty year old white male fits the description of the individual sought in the MURKIN case and looked similar to the caller to a picture he saw in the April 20, 1968, issue of the New York Times. He said this unknown individual inquired as to places to stay in Cruz Bay, St. John, and Mead's was recommended to him as a comfortable spot that was not too expensive.

SA SPARKS conducted the following investigation on April 29, 1968:

PER DOHM, Operator of the Dohm Water Taxi, Red Hook, St. Thomas, advised that he recalled having spoken to an individual approximately a week ago who was inquiring about a place to stay in Cruz Bay, St. John, VI. He explained that the incident stood out in his memory since almost without exception anyone going to St. John has reservations there for a place to stay. Since DOHM transports so many people to and from St. John from Red Hook, he was unable to furnish a description of the individual in question. He viewed photographs of RAY, aka GALT, and advised that he could not state that

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the individual in question looked like these photographs. After transporting the individual in question to Cruz Bay, DOHM saw him sometime later, possibly the following day, and inquired if he had found a place to stay. The individual told him that he was staying at Ellington's Guest House.

Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD ELLINGTON, Ellington's Guest House, advised that the only unaccompanied male guest they had had was VICTOR VILLEMAIN who stayed with them two days beginning April 23, 1968. He gave as his home address #31 Union Square, New York City, 10003. He had a bar bill of \$4.55 and paid \$20 a night for the two nights. Both Mr. and Mrs. ELLINGTON advised that VILLEMAIN was over fifty years of age, had long hair and walked with a cane. His manner was effeminate and they suspect that he is a homosexual. After examining photographs of RAY, aka GALT, they advised there was no question in their mind but that this VILLEMAIN could not be identical with RAY.

With the assistance of Patrolman V. SPRAUVE, St. John Police Department, the following individuals were contacted concerning the possibility of RAY having been in the area or been a guest at their establishments. No positive information was developed. Mrs. MEAD, Mead's Guest House, Cruz Bay, St. John, VI; Mr. and Mrs. JOHN R. WOODSIDE, Cinnamon Bay, St. John, VI; DAVID BREWER, Manager, Caneel Bay Plantation, St. John, VI.

Photographs of RAY were left with Captain LEANDER R. JURGEN, St. Thomas Police Department, who was made aware of the circumstances of the anonymous telephone call. He advised that he would re-alert the nine men on his force in St. John, to be doubly alert for any individual who might fit the description of RAY and immediately notify the contacting agent.

On May 2, 1968, ROBERT WILSON, Chief of Detectives, St. Thomas Police Department, advised that

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he had received word from Patrolman THOMAS, St. John, VI, that Miss MALVERN SEWER, operator of Malvern's Guest House in Cruz Bay, St. John, had advised him that the man the FBI had been inquiring about two days earlier was now at her guest house.

On the afternoon of May 2, 1968, Patrolman V. SPRAUVE, St. John Police Department, advised that he had shown Miss SEWER photographs of the MURKIN suspect and she advised that the individual at her guest house was positively not identical with RAY. SPRAUVE advised that Miss MALVERN was not available for interview that afternoon since she had departed for Coral Bay.

Additional wanted flyers were furnished to Captain JURGENS who assured that they would be prominently posted throughout the island of St. John.

On May 9, 1968, Mrs. EMILLIE R. SNIDER, Dependent wife to Air Force Sergeant, Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico, 313 B-7th Street, advised SA THOMAS H. GREENE that on April 25, 1968, she was at the Island of Curacao on a vacation tour. Sometime between 12 noon and 1 PM, April 25, 1968, she was eating lunch in the Lido Restaurant, Curacao, and observed two men in the restaurant, one of whom she says strikingly resembles newspaper photo of JAMES EARL RAY.

She said this individual who resembled subject was seated, with his back to the wall, at the second table on the right from the entrance into the restaurant section of the Lido.

Mrs. SNIDER said that because she is of the Negro race she contemplated in her mind for the past several days that she might have been prejudiced in thinking this individual resembled RAY or that he actually did. She is of the opinion, after making honest memory study, that unknown person in the restaurant could very well have been the subject.

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Unknown person was overheard to order something to eat, the last part of his order consisting of "rice and iced tea." Unknown person has a very definite Southern accent.

This person was wearing slacks, color unknown, and a rumpled white shirt. He appeared to be about thirty-seven years of age, approximately six feet, 180 to 185 pounds, sandy colored hair, very dry, complexion ruddy around the cheeks and nose. The only distinguishing feature of unknown person was a definite cleft in center of chin such as appears in the pictures of subject. Unknown person appeared to have a somewhat fleshier face than that of photo of subject she has observed.

She advised she had not seen this individual prior to this encounter nor since. Mrs. SNIDER stated she could furnish no further detailed information concerning unknown person and as far as she knows, this person did not alert the attention of anyone she knows.

On May 13, 1968, Staff Sergeant EDWARD WIENCLAW, Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico, telephonically advised that during 1962, he dated a girl by the name of BESS RAY. He later learned that she was married and her husband was serving time for armed robbery. He said he dated BESS RAY in Spokane, Washington, where she was living on Maxwell Street (number unknown), with her mother. She was also working in one of the "chain" stores in Spokane.

He said he later heard she had moved and was recently living in Juneau, Alaska.

WIENCLAW said he could furnish no further information regarding the matter, but thought it might be of interest to the FBI. He advised he did not know the name of BESS' husband, where he had served time, the name of BESS' mother, her address, nor where exactly BESS was living or working in Juneau.

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On April 30, 1968, PCI JOHN TALLMAN, owner - operator, Carousel Bar, waterfront, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, advised SA JOE C. SPARKS that he had been alert for the presence of JAMES EARL RAY since originally contacted by FBI Agents. PCI TALLMAN stated he was tending bar at the Carousel on Wednesday evening, April 24, 1968, and does not recall seeing anyone resembling RAY or anyone fitting the description given by Dr. RICHARD WIER.

PCI TALLMAN stated that JAMES EARL RAY propaganda in the Virgin Islands, which have eighty-five per cent Negro population, has generated wide interest and has been highlighted in local news media. PCI sights this interest as reason why he doubts RAY could be in the Virgin Islands undisguised and not be detected.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 5/20/68

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (157-61) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of two investigative inserts reflecting investigation conducted at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2 - Memphis (Encl. 30)
1 - San Juan

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 5/20/68

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to the Bureau, Memphis, and Springfield, dated 4/29/68.

On 4/30/68, Mrs. DORRIS CLARK, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Alton, Illinois, advised that telephone number 466-1186 was issued to TED SIGITE, 5224 Wickway, Godfrey, Illinois; that telephone number 466-4543 was issued to JOSEPH LAVITE, 4818 Cinderella, Godfrey, Illinois.

Mrs. TED SIGITE, 5224 Wickway, Godfrey, Illinois, advised that her daughter, LINDA ELIZONDO, is a student at Massey Junior College, Atlanta, Georgia, and resides at the Red Lion Apartments in that city. She stated that LINDA has telephone number 876-6449, and that she very often calls home and also calls her sister, Mrs. JOSEPH LAVITE. Mrs. SIGITE stated that the only calls that she has ever received from Atlanta in recent months have been from her daughter, LINDA.

LINDA ELIZONDO was interviewed at her mother's residence, 5224 Wickway, Godfrey, Illinois, at which time she advised she is on vacation from Massey Junior College, Atlanta, Georgia. She stated that she frequently calls her parents and her sister at telephone numbers 466-1186 and 466-4543 from her phone in Atlanta, which has telephone number 876-6449. She stated that it is very likely that she placed calls to her mother and sister in February, 1968, from Atlanta.

- ② - Memphis (44-1987)
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5/21/68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Little Rock (157-1215) - Enclosures (5)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Little Rock airtel 5/16/68, submitting five \$20.00 bills for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on the \$20.00 bills, which are enclosed to Little Rock.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)
MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 5/16/68 with information
from JOHN EUGENE GARDEN.

Knoxville Division has no unsolved bank
robberies in June or July 1967. No major robberies
known to have occurred Knoxville Division during parti-
ment period within jurisdiction this Bureau or local
authorities.

3 - Bureau
① - Memphis (44-1987)
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The following investigation was conducted by the Jacksonville, Florida, Division:

Numerous suspects and look alike individuals from photographs of the artist's conception of the assassin of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING and later photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, were eliminated as being RAY and/or having been in Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, 1968.

During the period, April 9, 1968, through April 12, 1968, all laundries in the Jacksonville Division were contacted in an effort to locate a laundry utilizing the type of laundry mark utilized on the tee shirt and undershorts which may have been used by the assailant of Doctor KING.

As previously reported, a rifle abandoned near the scene of the crime was purchased by an individual using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

On April 9, and 10, 1968, a review was made of the files of the Jacksonville Office, all City Directories, all Drivers License Records, Telephone Directories, Auto Registrations, Voter Registrations, Credit and Criminal Records in the Jacksonville Division, and failed to identify a HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

On April 10, 1968, the files of the Jacksonville Office, State Selective Service Headquarters, State Drivers License and Motor Vehicle Bureau and all City and Telephone Directories, financial institutions, credit and criminal records, and other logical sources, including electric companies in the Jacksonville Division, were contacted negatively regarding the name ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 11, 1968, the passenger lists of all departing ships from Jacksonville, Florida, from April 4, 1968, through April 11, 1968, were checked through

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G. EVERETT PEPPELL, Assistant Port Director, negatively, regarding the names ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, and HARVEY LOWMEYER. Logical second rate hotels and flop houses, Jacksonville, Florida, were also checked on April 10, and 11, 1968, regarding the above individuals.

As previously reported, investigation at the Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, shows ERIC STARVO GALT resided Room 14, from August 26, 1967, to October 7, 1967. JOE E. BELL, 2537 Wycliff Drive, Pensacola, Florida, resided in Number 27, from September 18, 1967 through September 25, 1967.

On April 12, 1968, JOE E. BELL, 2537 Wycliff, Pensacola, Florida, advised SA ORVILLE R. SHOOK he had stayed at the Economy Rooming House, Birmingham, Alabama, for one week in September, 1967. He had only two meals at this rooming house and spent all evening at the Veteran's Administration Hospital with a dying cousin. He knew no individual by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT as he did not meet, talk to, or recall any occupants at the Rooming House.

On April 15, 1968, all dance studios in the Jacksonville Division, were contacted with negative results in an effort to ascertain if an individual using the name ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD had previously taken dancing lessons at their studios.

On April 17, 1968, the records of the Bureau of Employee's Compensation, U. S. Department of Labor, Jacksonville, covering the States of Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina; Florida Industrial Commission, Compensation Division, Tallahassee, Florida, covering the State of Florida; and Admiralty Claims, Jacksonville Division, were checked for information concerning suspects

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with negative results.

Leading newspapers, radio and television stations were contacted April 17, 1968, and furnished a press release regarding the Federal complaint filed against ERIC STARVO GALT, and available photographs furnished to them. Contact has been maintained with all mass communications' media in the Jacksonville Division, to insure frequent communications with this case and photographs of subject have been made available to them.

Criminal informants and appropriate racial and security informants have been contacted.

As previously reported, Thermo-Seal Tapes were found on a pillow case and bed sheets in the trunk of the 1966 white mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT. All laundries in the Jacksonville Division, determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines, were contacted in an effort to locate a laundry using a similar code, with no positive information being obtained.

On April 29, 1968, LEO BARNETT, Age 37, from Flat River, Missouri, ~~and~~ presently incarcerated at the Florida State Prison, Raiford, Florida, advised SA THOMAS J. WALSH he knew JAMES EARL RAY in the Missouri State Prison, from about 1962, until August 1, 1966, however, not well. He said RAY was in a different cell block than he, and RAY worked in the kitchen while BARNETT worked in the Soap Factory. BARNETT ordinarily only saw RAY approximately once a week. He met him through a mutual friend, BILLY MILES, and only associated with RAY because of MILES, who is presently at New Pennitentiary, Moberly, Missouri. BARNETT recalled RAY as quiet, not saying much, and bothering nobody. He described him as a loner with no close friends and as having a bad nervous condition and a definite mental problem. RAY, in his opinion, was taking powdered

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amphetamine while in prison and although he had no knowledge of the amount RAY was using, he suspected it was a great quantity during the times when the supply was available and on other occasions, none, due to weight loss and gains of RAY from 10 to 15 pounds over short periods of time. BARNETT noted that amphetamine taken in quantities would produce a substantial rapid weight loss. According to BARNETT the supply of amphetamine prior to 1964 was readily available at \$5 a shot or less. After 1964, amphetamine was very scarce, however, was available and the price remained at \$5 a shot. BARNETT recalled that in 1964, three Negroes were killed in the Missouri State Penitentiary, however, he was certain RAY was not involved in this killing since BARNETT was aware of those actually involved. The only place BARNETT heard RAY speak of was Raytown near Kansas City, Missouri. BARNETT said he found it hard to believe RAY could be completely responsible for the killing of KING since he was of the impression RAY was too stupid and would not have enough initiative.

Other than MILES, the only other individual that BARNETT knew that would know RAY well would be LOUIE "WEITTY" DALTA.

A review of the files of the Jacksonville Office was made in an effort to locate a vehicle recovered in the Jacksonville Division that had been stolen from the State of Georgia, subsequent to March 23, 1968, and recovered subsequent to April 4, 1968, that may have been utilized by subject RAY. Agents further doublechecked law enforcement agencies in the Jacksonville Division to be certain all Georgia cars found abandoned had been reported.

On April 30, 1968, photographs and information regarding JAMES EARL RAY were furnished to the State

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Beverage Department, who volunteered to make a copy available to each of its district offices so their agents would be familiar with the photograph of RAY when they made their daily contacts in bars throughout the State.

Subscribers to telephone numbers receiving calls from coin telephones along the route taken by RAY for December 15, 1967, through December 17, 1967, were contacted. There was no indication RAY had called any of these subscribers.

On April 30, 1968, law enforcement officers maintaining unidentified latent fingerprints in connection with matters under their jurisdiction were requested to compare these latents with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY.

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Date: 5/20/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN
CR
(OO:ME)

ReBureau airtel dated 5/7/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 15 copies
of insert reflecting investigation by the Jacksonville
Division.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

② - Memphis 15 enc men
2 - Jacksonville
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Hester

Approved: REG Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

May 15, 64.

Dear Margie:"

I thought I would write you a short note to say hello and hope you and Robert don are both feeling fine. I was sorry to hear you was in labor for such a long time, but it was worth it and at least he was born healthy and that's the main thing. I don't know much about birth so let me know if 19 1/2 inches is small or large for a Baby. plus 6 pounds 7 ounces is that about average for a Baby or light or heavy. when you get some pictures of him send me one.

don enclosing another picture of Mike and it that was taken two years ago. if you look close you'll see a Bandage on his neck. he had the mumps and they swelled from the inside and the doctor had to make a incision to drain the fluid out so I made a special trip down to see him.

It sure was nice talking to you last night you sure have a pretty voice.
love!

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Rona	

you dont only have a pretty voice but
 youre and extremely lovely lady plus by
 your letters we have so much in common
 I am just keeping my fingers crossed that
 when we meet youll like me as well as I
 know I'll like you. I am going to make
 this a brief letter as I'll get your letter
 either tonight or tomorrow night
 I am really looking forward in seeing
 you in a few weeks and I know we will
 have a good time.

I havent been going out much lately
 but I am sure youll know just where
 we should go.

I am going to close for now and get this
 in the mail right away.

you cant tell Robert I am hello for me so
 just give him a kiss for me
 write when you get time

as ever
 Jerry.

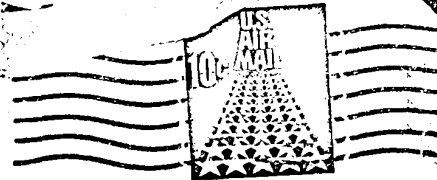


2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Jersey Ray
3535 Dundee Road
Northbrook, Ill

ZIP CODE *60062*



... VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Maryjane Fellers
2420 Arnold Street
Camden, New Jersey 08104

5/21/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-334) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Enclosed for the information of Memphis and Chicago is a Xerox copy of a two-page letter dated 5/15/68, from JERRY RAY to PCI MARSHALL LOUISE FATTEN. Also enclosed is a Xerox copy of the envelope in which the letter was sent.

The original of this letter is being returned to PCI, who is keeping it in a secure place with the previous letters she has received from subject's brother, JERRY RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Chicago (Enc. 2) *WGM*
2 - Memphis (Enc. 2)
1 - Newark
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Airtel

To: SACs, Buffalo
Chicago (44-1114)
Kansas City (44-760)
Sacramento

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Subject Ray, under the name of Eric S. Galt, enrolled in a correspondence locksmithing course in July, 1967, and continued correspondence in such course until the end of March, 1968. In view of subject's interest in such training and in view of his background, it is felt that he might endeavor to continue such training through correspondence courses. For your information only, the course in which subject was enrolled was conducted by the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

It has been determined that correspondence courses in locksmithing are offered by the following:

Belsaw Institute
315 Westport Road
Kansas City, Missouri

Nelson-Hall
325 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

Lockmasters
38 Round Trail Drive
Pittsford, New York

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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BOYLE	B/B

Airtel to SACs, BU, CG, KC, SC
RE: MURKIN

The records of the above named should be reviewed for any applications submitted on or after 4/1/68. The original application or a photographic copy thereof should be submitted to the Bureau for appropriate handwriting and/or typewriting examinations.

In addition, information has been received that a course in locksmithing is offered by the Universal School of Master Locksmithing, 1974 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, California, (P. O. Box 4868). It is reported that this school requires their students to be in residence at the school and does not offer any correspondence courses. Sacramento Office should contact the school and ascertain if correspondence courses are offered. If such are offered, appropriate check should be made of applications received on or after 4/1/68. If correspondence courses are not offered, a check should be made regarding those individuals who are in residence to determine whether or not subject is among such group.

5-31-68

Airtel

To: SAC'S Atlanta (44-2386) - Enclosure
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta letter 5-15-68, submitting registration card of Woodland Motor Court, Q341, for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on the registration card, which is enclosed to Atlanta.

Laboratory reporting separately.

44-1987-Sub B-239

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Airtel

To: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Circularization
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ReBMAirtel 5/18/68.

Bureau authority is not granted for circularization of establishments which are licensed to serve beer and/or "miniatures" in the State of Alabama.

You should, however, in your daily contact with establishments of this type involving leads in Murkin as well as other cases, provide a copy of the IO concerning Ray to the appropriate person of such establishments.

Armed and dangerous.

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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Airtel

**To: SACs, Jacksonville
Little Rock (157-1215)
Tampa**

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Subject as James Earl Ray and his associate Walter Terry Rife were arrested on March 22, 1968, by the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Hannibal, Missouri, and were charged with cashing stolen U. S. Postal Money Orders. Ray and Rife were subsequently incarcerated at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas on these charges.

Review of these money orders indicates they were all cashed during the month of March, 1968, and included in the cities where they were cashed are Hot Springs, Arkansas; St. Petersburg, Daytona Beach, Tampa and Tallahassee, Florida.

The Little Rock Office at Hot Springs; the Tampa Office at St. Petersburg and Tampa; and Jacksonville Office at Daytona Beach and Tallahassee bear in mind that subject, as a result of cashing these stolen U. S. Postal Money Orders, is somewhat acquainted with these places and it is possible that subject could return to same.

Armed and dangerous.

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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BOYLE BJB

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Airtel

To: SAC, Newark (44-854)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re telephone conversation 5/21/68.

Inasmuch as the subject had previously enrolled in a locksmithing course and had completed a number of the required lessons, it is likely that subject might endeavor to continue such training. The records of the Locksmithing Institute in Little Falls, New Jersey, should be thoroughly reviewed for all applications submitted after 4/5/68. If the original applications can be obtained, they should be forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for handwriting and/or typewriting examinations. In the event the original applications cannot be obtained, photographic copies of same should be submitted to the Laboratory for examination purposes.

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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Airtel

To: SAC, Charlotte (44-1365)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Herbert H. Eaton - complainant.

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from complainant dated 5/20/68, indicating he may be in possession of information which is pertinent to this case.

You should immediately interview Mr. Eaton and orally acknowledge receipt of his letter at that time. Conduct necessary interviews and set out appropriate leads.

Enclosures (2)

① - SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (info)

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361 Oakley
Memphis, Tennessee 38111



Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Office Building
Memphis
Tennessee

CONFIDENTIAL
JAN 21, 1961

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

As an officer of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I feel compelled to offer my theory of the possible escape route of the murderer of Martin Luther King Jr.

A few days prior to the assassination, Dr. Carl McIntire-- a well-known Bible Presbyterian Minister of Collingswood, N.J.-- was indignantly reporting on his radio broadcast that several Russian fishing boats were anchored off our New England shores--I believe in close proximity--and that they were of our country, with the intention of a mission of our Soviet Government, of millions of dollars worth of fish, in addition to occupying an excellent strategic point for spying on our country.

A few days later, Dr. McIntire reported that one of the boats--a tanker-- had been sighted and had taken on food, gas and various other supplies, including fish.

Now if this occurred on the day of the assassination, King was murdered on the grounds according to a Government plot, I might very well believe the Russian was sighted and one of those Russian boats. I am sure that the Russian was sighted.

I am sure I should write to you, but I am sure I should write to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs R. Seth McCalley

841 Federal Office Building
167 North Main Street
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
May 23, 1968

Mrs. R. Seth McCallen
3561 Oakley
Memphis, Tennessee 38111

Dear Mrs. McCallen:

The observations and suggestions contained
in your letter dated May 21, 1968 are appreciated.

You may rest assured that every possible
avenue is being explored in our search.

Very truly yours,


ROBERT G. JENSEN
Special Agent in Charge

1 - Addressee
① - Memphis (44-1897)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 5/21/68

OO: MEMPHIS
BUfile: 44-38861

REGARDING STOPS PLACED WITH THE BUREAU OF
VITAL STATISTICS.

ARMED & DANGEROUS.

Re Bureau airtel to all SACS, 4/9/68.

Enclosed for Memphis is one stop card on
stop placed at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Phoenix,
Arizona, on May 20, 1968.

On May 20, 1968, Mr. FENTON H. BUTLER,
Deputy State Registrar, Bureau of Vital Statistics,
Arizona State Department of Health, Phoenix, Arizona,
advised IC LESLIE SANDERLIN, JR., that a search of
that department's files from April 5, 1968 to date
failed to disclose any record for any unidentified
dead which could be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.
Mr. BUTLER advised that he would continue to review
subsequent unidentified dead reports to determine if
they could in fact, be subject RAY.

2 - Memphis (Enc. 1)
2 - Phoenix

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*stop card returned
jst*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date 5/17/68

Mr. AL STANLEY, a gold prospector, 3764 Oredan Boulevard, advised that he is acquainted with one HAROLD EDWARD NICHOLS of San Leandro, California. He noted that he and NICHOLS have both been active in promoting candidates for the American Independence Party.

Mr. STANLEY advised that on March 29, 1968, he placed a collect person-to-person to NICHOLS at San Leandro, California. He further stated that subsequent to this telephone conversation, NICHOLS and a man by the name of CYRIL STEVENSON, Jr., a realtor from Berkeley, California, visited him in Oroville. STANLEY stated that NICHOLS and STEVENSON arrived in Oroville at approximately 10:30 AM on April 4, 1968, and departed from Oroville at about 2:00 PM on the same date. Mr. STANLEY noted that the three of them looked at the property just outside Oroville, California.

Mr. STANLEY noted that he recently talked to NICHOLS and was expecting a contact by the FBI. He noted that NICHOLS is a "quiet, gentle man", and honestly believes that he is incapable of any violence or of conspiring to harm anyone.

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On 5/11/68 at Oroville, California File # SC 100-427

by SA JOHN T. NICHOLSON/amt Date dictated 5/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

3/21/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

OO - Memphis

Re San Francisco airtel to Director, 3/3/68.

SUSPECT HAROLD EDWARD NICHOLS
aka Hal Nichols

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are fifteen copies of FD-302 reflecting results of an interview with Mr. AL STANLEY on 3/11/68 at Oroville, California, wherein he stated he did place a collect person-to-person call to NICHOLS on 3/29/68 at San Leandro, California, and too, that NICHOLS visited him in Oroville on 4/4/68.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (Enc. 15) (44-1987)
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1 - Sacramento
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