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ALL PERSONS NAMED SLATTERY LISTED IN GREATER KANSAS CITY
DIRECTORY NEGATIVE RE DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT.

INFO FURNISHED BY LILLISBRIDGE RE MONEY ORDERS VERIFIED
BY PRISON RECORDS.

AIRTEL RE MURKIN COST DATA FORWARDED TO MEMPHIS THIS
DATE. LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

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732PM URGENT 5-1-68 JWH

TO: DIRECTOR KANSAS CITY MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN

RE KOTEL TO BUREAU MEMPHIS TAMPA AND ST. LOUIS
FIVE ONE SIXTYEIGHT.

RE MAY FELLOW PRISONERS.

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FRED HENRY MILLER, WHITE MALE, MISSOURI TRAINING SCHOOL
FOR MEN, MOBERLY, MO., NUMBER SIX SIX FIVE THREE FIVE,
INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. WAS INCARCERATED JEFFERSON CITY, MO.,
ELEVEN TWO FIFTYTWO, FROM WAYNE CO, MO., ON LIFE SENTENCE FOR
MURDER. TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY JULY SIXTYFIVE BACK TO JEFFERSON
CITY AUGUST SIXTYSIX AND BACK TO MOBERLY TWO FOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

KNOWS SUBJECT BY SIGHT AND REPUTATION. KNOWS NOTHING
PERSONAL ABOUT HIM AND WAS NOT A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OR SPEAKING
ACQUAINTANCE.

HE IS THE ONLY FRED MILLER HE KNOWS OF EITHER IN
JEFFERSON CITY OR MOBERLY SINCE NOVEMBER OF FIFTYTWO.

NO RECORD OF FRED MILLER NUMBER ZERO TWO TWO SEVEN THREE
AT MOBERLY, THEY HAVE NO SUCH NUMBER.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: MOBILE (157-2627) 1P

MURKIN. OO: ME.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE, TEN THIRTYONE AM, APRIL THIRTY
LAST AND SAN JUAN TELETYPE, MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT.

INVESTIGATION, MONTGOMERY, ALA., REFLECTS RUFUS RAY,
TWENTYFIVE E. SOUTH ST., A RETIRED INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
EMPLOYEE, KNOWN TO SRA SPENCER H. ROBB APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-
THREE YEARS, ADVISED HIS SON, LT. COL. JAMES EARL RAY
PRESENTLY SERVING WITH U. S. ARMY IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AND
GRANDSON, JAMES EARL RAY, JR., CURRENTLY IN U. S. NAVY IN
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. RAY STATES SUBJECT OF THIS CASE NOT
RELATED IN ANY WAY TO HIS FAMILY AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIM.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED AT, JK AND SJ. P.

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3:06PM 5-1-68 URGENT CEJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) LOS ANGELES (44-1574) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM EL PASO (157-136) (P)
MURKIN.

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RE TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

RELATEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST.

MRS. SYLVIA LEDFORD, ASSISTANT MANAGER, DEL CAMINO MOTEL,
EL PASO, TEXAS, TELEPHONE SEVEN SEVEN TWO - TWO SEVEN ONE ONE,
ADVISED THIS DATE SHE HAD COMPLETED SURVEY OF EMPLOYEES OF MOTEL
AND NONE OF EMPLOYEES RECALLED RECEIVING TELEPHONE CALL JANUARY
NINE LAST FROM ANYONE AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

MRS. LEDFORD SAID MOTEL RECORDS CONTAINED NO INFORMATION
REFLECTING ANY GUEST AT MOTEL ON JANUARY NINE LAST RECEIVING A
TELEPHONE CALL FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES. STATED MOTEL HAS
A CONSOLE RATHER THAN SWITCHBOARD AND ANY INCOMING CALL FROM ST.
FRANCIS HOTEL COULD HAVE BEEN ROUTED DIRECTLY TO ANY ROOM IN MOTEL
WITH NO RECORD BEING MADE OF SUCH CALL BY THE MOTEL.

AM CORY BIRMINGHAM.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC RICHMOND
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TEL APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST.

RE: TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN HOLLYWOOD AREA, LOS ANGELES, FROM NOVEMBER NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, THROUGH MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST, APPROXIMATELY. NOVEMBER NINETEEN UNTIL APPROXIMATELY JANUARY TWENTY RESIDED NEAR ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AND JANUARY TWENTYONE TO MARCH SEVENTEEN RESIDED THERE. TOLL NUMBERS FROM TELEPHONE BOOTHS AT THE HOTEL BEING ANALYZED FOR POSSIBLE CALLS BY SUBJECT. TOLL CALL MARCH TWO LAST, WDC, SEVEN FIFTYONE PM, THREE THREE SEVEN DASH FIVE THREE ONE FIVE. LISTED TO COLONIAL PARKING, INC., TWO ONE FOUR ZERO PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, WDC. CALL RECEIVED AT TEN FORTYSEVEN PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME BY ANSWERING SERVICE

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FOR COLONIAL. CALL FROM PETER HOLDEN, TWO TWO ZERO ZERO MILLS ROAD, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, LOS ANGELES PHONE TWO ONE THREE DASH SIX SIX ZERO DASH ZERO FIVE ONE NINE, RESIDENCE SEVEN SIX EIGHT DASH NINE SEVEN SEVEN FOUR.

HOLDEN LEFT NO MESSAGE BUT SAID HE WOULD CALL BACK AT ONE AM. NO SECOND CALL RECEIVED BY COLONIAL'S ANSWERING SERVICE. COLONIAL BELIEVES HOLDEN CALLED ABOUT HIS ONE HALF TON BLACK PICKUP CHEVROLET TRUCK WITH WHITE TOP AND VIRGINIA LICENSE TAGS. TRUCK PLACED IN STORAGE TEN FOURTEEN SIXTYSEVEN; TAKEN OUT OF STORAGE MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST. PLACED IN STORAGE ON MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST. REMOVED FROM STORAGE ON APRIL EIGHT LAST. AREA CONTACT LISTED AS AUTO DRIVENAY, JOHN RICHMOND, TELEPHONE THREE FOUR SEVEN DASH THREE FOUR FOUR FOUR. TWO MEN NAMES NOT KNOWN CAME TO COLONIAL STORAGE LOT ON APRIL FOUR, FIVE OR SIX LAST TO REMOVE SOME SPRAY PAINT EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FROM TRUCK IN STORAGE TO A BEIGE ONE HALF TON TRUCK WITH RACKS FOR CARRYING LADDERS AND VIRGINIA LICENSE TAGS. ONE MAN WHOSE

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FATHER MAY OWN TRUCK IN STORAGE SAID DRIVEWAY SERVICE WANTED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS TO DRIVE TRUCK IN STORAGE TO CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE TWENTYFIVE YEARS TO THIRTY YEARS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE SEVENTYFIVE TO ONE EIGHTYFIVE POUNDS, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BLOND HAIR, STOCKY BUILD WEARING ONE PIECE LIGHT TAN COVERALL. OTHER MAN WITH HIM DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE THIRTY TO THIRTYTHREE YEARS OLD, SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE NINETY POUNDS WEARING DARK GABARDINE JACKET. BOTH HAD SOUTHERN ACCENTS AND WORE EXPENSIVE SHOES LIKE ALLIGATOR STYLE LOAFERS WITH MEDIUM POINT. THEY HAD PICKUP TRUCK TUNED UP FOR TRIP TO CALIFORNIA. ON APRIL EIGHT LAST ANOTHER MAN DROVE TO COLONIAL PARKING LOT IN MUSTANG AND PLACED PACKAGE BELIEVED TO HAVE CONTAINED CLOTHES AND A TWENTYTWO CALIBER RIFLE IN CAB OF TRUCK IN STORAGE. THESE WERE PLACED BEHIND DRIVER'S SEAT. A BOX OF AMMUNITION WAS PLACED IN GLOVE COMPARTMENT OF TRUCK. HE SAID HE WAS A DRIVER FOR DRIVEAWAY AND WAS GOING TO DO SOME HUNTING WHILE EN ROUTE WITH THE TRUCK TO CALIFORNIA. HE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE

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MALE IN LATE THIRTY'S, SIX FEET ONE TO TWO INCHES, ONE SEVENTY-FIVE TO TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WITH GRAY AND REDDISH TINT. AFTER PUTTING ABOVE ITEMS IN TRUCK HE DROVE AWAY IN MUSTANG AND RETURNED IN A TAXI TO DRIVE PICKUP TRUCK AWAY. WFO INDICES NEGATIVE RE PETER HOLDEN.

IN VIEW OF PERIODS TRUCK USED BY HOLDEN, RICHMOND FURTHER DETERMINE HOLDEN'S ACTIVITY.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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341PM URGENT 5/1/68 WPK

TO DIRECTOR DETROIT KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703 2P

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WFO RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL ON APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST FROM
A MAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JUNIUS PRICE,^D CAB DRIVER,
AUTORAMA NUMBER FORTY, WHO ADVISED THAT HE HAD JUST DROPPED
OFF A MAN AT THE U.S. CAPITOL WHO "LOOKED JUST LIKE THE
MURDERER OF KING". PRICE SAID HE PICKED MAN UP AT THE REGENCY
HOTEL, NEW YORK AVENUE, N.E., WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC). HE
SAID MAN HAD A NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT OR NINETEEN FIFTYNINE
CHEVROLET, BEARING MICHIGAN LICENSE XA NINE ONE EIGHT ONE.^D

INVESTIGATION AT REGENCY CONGRESS INN, SIX ZERO ZERO
NEW YORK AVENUE, N.E., WDC, REVEALS A RICHARD KOLAT,^D ONE THREE
TWO NINE LENIWOOD ROAD, LINWOOD, MICHIGAN, IS A GUEST OF THE
INN. HE IS IN POSSESSION OF A NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE CHEVROLET,
MICHIGAN LICENSE XA NINE ONE EIGHT ONE, AND IS STAYING IN
ROOM TWO ONE ZERO. KOLAT CHECKED IN APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST
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WITH HIS WIFE. PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED TO PERSONS AT INN WHO HAD OBSERVED KOLAT, AND THEY ADVISE KOLAT DOES NOT RESEMBLE RAY. EFFORTS TO LOCATE KOLAT AT WDC ON APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST AND APRIL THIRTY LAST NEGATIVE.

DETROIT AT LINWOOD, MICHIGAN. WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF KOLAT IS IDENTICAL TO RAY.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU, MAY ONE LAST.

CECILIA SZESZULSKI, ONE THREE TWO ONE LINWOOD RD.,
LINWOOD, MICH., MOTHER-IN-LAW OF RICHARD KOLAT, ONE THREE
TWO NINE LINWOOD RD., LINWOOD, MICH., ADVISED SA ROBERT J.
FLANAGAN ON MAY TWO INSTANT THAT HER DAUGHTER ANN AND KOLAT
DROVE TO WASHINGTON, D.C. IN THEIR NINETEEN SIXTY THREE
CHEVROLET, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT LICENSE XA NINE ONE EIGHT
ONE, APRIL TWENTY EIGHT LAST, TO SEE "CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL",
EXPECTED TO RETURN LATE MAY THREE OR EARLY MAY FOUR NEXT.
KOLAT MARRIED ANN SZESZULSKI AT LINWOOD, MICH. MAY THIRTY
NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AND IS KNOWN AS A BODY REPAIRMAN FOR
MAILLETTE AUTO SALES, BAY CITY, MICH. KOLAT ALSO KNOWN
TO BAY COUNTY CREDIT BUREAU, BAY CITY, SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY.
WEDDING PICTURE OF KOLAT DISPLAYED BY MRS. SZESZULSKI AND
DOES NOT RESEMBLE JAMES EARL RAY. PHOTO OF RAY NOT
FAMILIAR TO SZESZULSKI.
AIR MAIL COPY SENT WFO. AND MEMPHIS.

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430 PM URGENT 5/1/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS AND INDIANAPOLIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

MRS. TROY PATRICIA STATLER, CARBONDALE, KS., ADVISED THAT ON
APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST SHE WAS IN MANOGANY BAR, NINE ZERO ONE NORTH
DORMAN ST., INDIANAPOLIS, IND. THIS BAR IS OPERATED BY JIM
TAYLOR, JIM KELLY WAS WORKING AS THE BARTENDER, AND LICULLE
DALTON WAS WORKING AS WAITRESS. AT ABOUT THREE THRITY PM, A
MAN RESEMBLING PHOTOS OF SUBJECT CAME INTO THE BAR ALONE,
ORDERED ONE "WEIDEMAN" BEER AND LEFT TWENTY MINUTES LATER.
SHE ASKED THE BARTENDER AND WAITRESS IF THEY HAD EVER SEEN THE
MAN BEFORE AND THEY SAID NO. SHE STATED SHE WAS TOO FRIGHTENED
TO NOTIFY ANYONE, BUT FELT THAT SHE SHOULD CONTACT THE FBI NOW
THAT SHE HAS RETURNED TO KANSAS. SHE WAS SHOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES
EARL RAY AND SHE FEELS HE IS THE PERSON SHE SAW IN THE BAR. SHE
ADVISED THAT HE WAS WEARING BLACK TROUSERS, WHITE SOCKS, BLACK
SHOES, BLUE SWEATER, HAD SCAR ON FOREHEAD, AND HAIR VERY NEAT.
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INDIANAPOLIS, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT MAHONEY BAR
FOR ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT.

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FBI INDAPOLS

8:06PM URGENT 5-1-68 DFL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-388611)

MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY (44-760)

FROM: INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL FIVE ONE SIXTY-EIGHT, JIM TAYLOR, OWNER
MAHOGANY BAR, AND JIM KELLY, BARTENDER, FOUR TWENTY FOUR SIXTY-
EIGHT. TAYLOR AND KELLY CAN NOT RECALL SUBJECT, NOR CONVERSATION
WITH MRS. STATLER. PICTURES EXHIBITED BUT NEITHER COULD MAKE
IDENTITY. WAITRESS NOT AVAILABLE.

AREA IS BUSINESS AREA- OFFICES CLOSED FOR TODAY. WAITRESS
AND OFFICES WILL BE CANVASSED AM FIVE TWO SIXTY EIGHT.

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500PM URGENT 5/2/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY (44-760), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-583)

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL MAY ONE LAST; INDIANAPOLIS TEL MAY ONE LAST.

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ENCILLE DALTON, ONE TWO ONE NINE E. MIDWAY ST., APT. EIGHT, LAITRESE MANORARY BAR, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., ADVISED SHE KNOWS PATRICIA STATLER AS A CLOSE FRIEND FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. STATLER RECENTLY STAYED WITH HER AT INDIANAPOLIS.

DALTON SAID STATLER WAS IN MANORARY BAR APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST DRINKING. STATLER ASKED DALTON SOMETIME DURING AFTERNOON IF SHE KNEW A MAN WHO HAD COME INTO THE BAR TO WHICH DALTON ANSWERED "I DON'T KNOW HIS NAME BUT I KNOW THE FACE AND SO DO YOU HE HAS BEEN IN HERE A NUMBER OF TIMES BEFORE."

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DALTON SAID THAT THE PICTURES OF RAY WERE CERTAINLY NOT IDENTICAL WITH THE INDIVIDUAL. STALLER KNOWN TO DRINK QUITE A BIT AND BE UNRELIABLE.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED ALONG THIS LINE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI BIRMINGHAM

434 PM URGENT 5-1-68 JBA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND SEATTLE 44-371
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND BIRMINGHAM APRIL TWENTYNINE,
SIXTYEIGHT, SETTING FORTH LEAD TO LOCATE GERALD D. RAY AT HUNTSVILLE,
ALABAMA.

ON APRIL THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, WALTER HARGROVE, SECURITY OFFICER
FOR THE HUNTSVILLE DIVISION OF THE BOEING COMPANY, REVIEWED ALL
AVAILABLE PERSONNEL RECORDS AND ADVISED THAT THERE WAS NO GERALD D.
RAY PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AT HUNTSVILLE DIVISION FROM ANY OTHER
BOEING DIVISION. HARGROVE COULD FURNISH NO OTHER INFORMATION RE RAY.

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435PM URGENT 5-1-68 DMJ

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ATLANTA
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE INSTANT DATE.

ILLINOIS DRIVERS LICENSE B THREE TWO SIX-FOUR FOUR FIVE
THREE THREE ZERO THREE ZERO, ISSUED JUNE TWO SIXTYSEVEN TO
JAMES E. BODKER, ONE FOUR THREE FOUR ONE SOUTH AVALON, DALTON,
ILLINOIS. THIS LICENSE WILL EXPIRE JANUARY THIRTY NINETEEN
SEVENTYONE AND DESCRIBES BODKER AS MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE POUNDS, BROWN
HAIR, GREEN EYES. OCCUPATION CONSTRUCTION LBAORER. RECORDS
REFLECT LICENSE SUSPENDED DECEMBER TWELVE SIXTYSEVEN FOR ACCIDENT.
AGAIN SUSPENDED FEBRUARY SIXTEEN SIXTYEIGHT FOR THREE MOVING
VIOLATIONS. LICENSE PRESENTLY CLEAR AND VALID. P.

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505P EDT URGENT 5/1/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 4P

MURKIN

CHARLES V. TYSON, MGR., HERTZ RENTALS, ALBANY, GA.,
FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFO MAY FIRST, INSTANT:

ON APR. NINETEEN, 'SIXTYEIGHT, HE RECEIVED PHONE
CALL FROM UNIDENTIFIED MALE WHO CLAIMED TO BE CALLING
FROM CORDELE, GA., ASKING IF HE COULD HAVE A CAR AT ALBANY,
GA. AIRPORT FOR JAMES E. BODKER. THIS INDIVIDUAL STATED
BODKER HAD CREDIT CARDS.

AT TWELVE FIFTEEN PM, APR. NINETEEN, LAST, W/M
IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS JAMES E. BODKER RENTED 'SIXTYSEVEN
FORD GALAXIE, FOUR-DOOR HARDTOP, WHITE OVER BLUE, VIN SEVEN A
FIVE SIX C TWO ZERO SEVEN SIX TWO FIVE, BEARING 'SIXTYEIGHT
GEORGIA LICENSE EIGHT J FIVE ZERO THREE NINE. CAR TO BE USED
IN VICINITY OF ALBANY AND RETURNED TO ALBANY, GA., ON
APR. TWENTYTWO, LAST. BODKER USED SHELL OIL CO. CREDIT
CARD NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GIVING HOME ADDRESS AS ONE FOUR THREE FOUR ONE S. AVALON
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DOLTON, ILL., AND CLAIMED TO BE MGR OF SUBURBAN MOTORS, ADDRESS NOT GIVEN. GAVE ILL. DRIVER'S LICENSE NO. B THREE TWO SIX FOUR FOUR FIVE THREE THREE ZERO THREE ZERO.

TYSON NOT PRESENT WHEN CAR RENTED. CAR RENTED BY DOTTIE OLIVER, A HERTZ EMPLOYEE. ANOTHER EMPLOYEE OF HERTZ, WILLIAM YOMAN WAS PRESENT WHEN CAR RENTED.

VEHICLE NOT RETURNED AND TYSON MADE NUMEROUS CALLS TO LOCATE CAR AND BODKER. NO WARRANT TAKEN AS YET. HE CHECKED WITH SHELL OIL CO. IN TULSA, OKLA., AND WAS TOLD THE CARD ISSUED TO BODKER HAD NEVER BEEN USED BEFORE AND WAS ONE OF A PROMOTIONAL GROUP MAILED TO COLLEGE SENIORS. DESCRIPTION GIVEN BY EMPLOYEES PLACES BODKER BEYOND COLLEGE AGE.

SINCE DOLTON, ILL. IS SUBURB OF CHICAGO, TYSON OBTAINED TELEPHONE NUMBER OF SUBURBAN MTRS, THREE ONE TWO DASH THREE EIGHT EIGHT DASH FIVE TWO EIGHT ZERO AND CALLED THEM APR. TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY, LAST, BUT RECEIVED NO SATISFACTION. HE TALKED TO MR. HANNA, WHO CLAIMED TO BE MGR OF SUBURBAN MTRS. HANNA FURNISHED VIRTUALLY NO INFO EXCEPT TO SAY BODKER WS PART-TIME EMPLOYEE AND NOT THERE.

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DESCRIPTION FURNISHED BY TYSON AS OBTAINED BY HIS EMPLOYEES FIT GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY EXCEPT FOR AGE AND ACCORDINGLY YOMAN AND OLIVER INTERVIEWED AND PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY EXHIBITED.

RENTAL CONTRACT OBTAINED AND BEING FORWARDED TO FBI LAB FOR HANDWRITING AND LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION.

YOMAN DESCRIBED BODKER AS W/M, AGE ABOUT THIRTY, FIVE FT. ELEVEN, ONE SIX FIVE LBS., DARK BROWN WAVY HAIR COMBED BACK SLIGHTLY REDDISH TINT, DARK COMPLEXION, OPEN NECK SPORT SHIRT, DARK PANTS, BEARS CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO 'SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO AND HEAD ON 'SIXTY PHOTO OF RAY AND BELIEVES COULD BE IDENTICAL.

YOMAN IS FIFTYFOUR YRS OLD, W/M, LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE OF HERTZ AND WELL-KNOWN TO THIS OFFICE AND CONSIDERED COMPLETELY RELIABLE.

OLIVER VIEWED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATES BODKER NOT IDENTICAL. BELIEVES FACE IS THINNER THAN 'SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO OF RAY AND COULD NOT PICK OUT ANY FACIAL CHARACTERISTICS IN PHOTO OF RAY RESEMBLING BODKER.

SHE DESCRIBED BODKER AS W/M, AGE THIRTYEIGHT TO FORTY, FIVE FT. TEN TO ELEVEN, ONE FIVE ZERO TO ONE SIX ZERO LBS.,

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AT 44-2386

THICK BLACK WAVY HAIR, COMBED BACK, DARK COMPLEXION, THIN FACE
LONG NECK, WEARING MUSTARD COLORED SPORT SHIRT WITH DICKIE AT
NECK AND DARK BROWN PANTS, NO NOTICEABLE ACCENT AND NOT NERVOUS.
OLIVER IS NINETEEN YEAR-OLD W/F ABOUT TO BE MARRIED, IS STILL IN
TRAINING, NERVOUS AND NOT BELIEVED TO BE GOOD WITNESS.

CHICAGO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT DOLTON, ILL.,
AND SUBURBAN MTRS. IF 'SIXTYSEVEN FORD LOCATED, ADVISE ATLANTA.

SPRINGFIELD REVIEW DRIVER'S LICENSE FILE UNDER NUMBER
B THREE TWO SIX FOUR FOUR FIVE THREE THREE ZERO THREE ZERO.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-3886) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Director dated 5/1/68.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Laboratory is North Hotel Agreement #220404 executed 4/12/68, signed JAMES E. MURKIN and bearing his initials.

For the information of the Laboratory, an employee of North of Albany, Ga. has described MURKIN generally the same as JAMES EARL RAY and has viewed his photos and believes possibly identical. The only handwriting appearing on this contract which is in MURKIN's handwriting is JAMES E. MURKIN and the initials "JEM."

The Laboratory is requested to compare this handwriting with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

It is also requested that the contract be processed for latent fingerprints in this matter to Mr. CHARLES V. TUCKER, Manager, North, Albany, Ga. who has handled this document. He was in the U.S. Army with serial number [REDACTED]. This document should be returned to Atlanta for return to Mr. TUCKER unless it becomes of value as evidence in the MURKIN case.

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TELETYPE

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

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REURAIRTEL MAY TWO SUBMITTING HERTZ RENTAL AGREEMENT
SIGNED JAMES E. BODKER, LOOK-ALIKE FOR SUBJECT RAY.
DIFFERENCES NOTED INDICATE THAT BODKER SIGNATURE ON
RENTAL AGREEMENT NOT EXECUTED BY JAMES EARL RAY, SUBJECT
IN THIS CASE; HOWEVER, LIMITED NATURE OF QUESTIONED
WRITING PRECLUDES A DEFINITE OPINION.

LATENT RESULTS FURNISHED SEPARATELY. COPY BEING
SENT AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS.

① - MEMPHIS (44-1987) - Airmail

NOTE FOR MEMPHIS: No Laboratory report will be submitted
regarding the results of the examination
set out above.

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FBI CHICAGO

440PM URGENT 5/6/68 JSM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO SUMMARY TEL MAY ONE LAST; ATLANTA TEL INSTANT.

RE JAMES E. BODKER

BODKER'S SISTER, BROTHER-IN-LAW AND MOTHER PLACE HIM IN
CALUMET PARK, ILL., ON DATE OF KING MURDER. BODKER INTERVIEWED
MAY TWO LAST. BEARS VERY LITTLE PHYSICAL RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT
AND ELIMINATED. HE STATES RETURNED HERTZ CAR TO THEIR CHICAGO
OFFICE.

IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, CHICAGO WILL NOT PROCESS HERTZ
VEHICLE AS SET FORTH IN RE ATLANTA TEL. UAC NINE AM MAY SEVEN
NEXT. WILL CONTACT HERTZ OFFICIALS TO RELEASE VEHICLE.

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FBI MIAMI

320PM EST 5-1-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
MEMPHIS (44-1987) NEW YORK AND JACKSONVILLE (44-769)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN.

RE HERTZ RENT-A-CAR ABANDONED BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT
APRIL SEVEN-EIGHT LAST.

RE BN TEL TO BUREAU APRIL THIRTY, LAST.

TICKETS AT EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL), MIAMI, INDICATE
PASSENGERS BOARDING EAL FLIGHTS SIX THREE FIVE AND SIX SIX
TWO AT BIRMINGHAM APRIL EIGHT LAST, AS FOLLOWS, WITH EAL FIELD
TICKET OFFICE (FTO) WHERE PURCHASED, DATE AND VALIDATOR (V)
NUMBER WHERE AVAILABLE. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, FORM
OF PAYMENT WAS CASH OR NOT INDICATED.

FLIGHT SIX THREE FIVE:

^a
W.P. MORGAN, JR., PURCHASED APRIL EIGHT, FTO BIRMINGHAM,
V THIRTY SIX.

^b
MR. D. MORNICA, ISSUED APRIL FIVE, FTO, PENSACOLA, FLA.,
V FIVE, INITIAL LEG FLIGHT EAL SIX TWO FOUR, APRIL FIVE,
PENSACOLA TO ATLANTA, FINAL LEG APRIL EIGHT, FLIGHT
THREE FIVE, BN TO PENSACOLA.

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L. NONNALLY,^D ISSUED APRIL EIGHT, FTO BH, FINAL LEG MOBILE TO BH APRIL NINE, PAID BY CHECK.

N.W. DENT,^D ISSUED APRIL EIGHT, FTO BH, V TWELVE, PAID BY AMERICAN EXPRESS NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TRAVELED BH TO MOBILE TO BH.

FLIGHT SIX SIX TWO:

DALLAS M. WHITE,^D ISSUED FTO BH, V THIRTY TWO, APRIL SEVEN. FINAL LEG JACKSONVILLE TO DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., NATIONAL FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN THREE, OPEN DATE.

J.A. GWIN, JR.,^D ISSUED FTO BH, V THIRTY SIX, APRIL SEVEN, FINAL LEG ATLANTA TO JACKSONVILLE, ON EAL FLIGHT FOUR THREE FIVE, OPEN DATE. ^D

MRS. J. WEBB,^D ISSUED FTO BH, V THIRTY SIX, APRIL SEVEN. FINAL LEG ATLANTA TO JFK, NY, EAL FLIGHT FOUR FIVE ZERO, APRIL EIGHT. ^D

MR. S. MONTGOMERY,^D ISSUED APRIL FIVE, NY, NY, TICKET AGENT STAMP ILLEGIBLE, INITIAL LEG EAL FLIGHT FOUR FOUR FIVE, NY TO ATLANTA APRIL FIVE, THEN EAL FLIGHT SIX THREE FIVE,

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ATLANTA TO BH APRIL SIX. FINAL LEG ATLANTA TO NY, EAL FLIGHT FOUR FIVE ZERO, APRIL EIGHT.

J.E. RINGO ISSUED FTO BH, V THIRTY SIX, APRIL SEVEN.

W.J. POPE ISSUED NY APRIL FIVE FOR TRAVEL NY TO ATLANTA, OPEN DATE AND FLIGHT WITH SUBSEQUENT TRAVEL ATLANTA TO BH, BH TO ATLANTA, ATLANTA TO NY.

MISS HALLIE OLSON ISSUED APRIL SEVEN, FTO BH, V TWENTY FIVE.

NY AT EAL, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE ADDRESS OF PASSENGER G. MONTGOMERY FROM RESERVATION RECORDS, TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SEVEN-FOUR ONE ONE-THREE FOUR THREE-EIGHT FIVE FOUR AND, IF POSSIBLE, ADDRESS OF W.J. POPE, TICKET NUMBER THREE-ZERO ZERO SEVEN-FOUR ONE ONE-THREE FOUR THREE-SIX EIGHT NINE.

JACKSONVILLE AT PENSACOLA, AT EAL, DETERMINE ADDRESS OF PASSENGER D. WORNICA FROM RESERVATION RECORDS.

BIRMINGHAM AT EAL, DETERMINE ADDRESSES OF REMAINING PASSENGERS FROM RESERVATIONS RECORDS.

ALL OFFICES THEREAFTER SET LEADS FOR SHOWING PHOTO OF SUSPECT MAY TO PASSENGERS TO DETERMINE IF MAY OBSERVED AS PASSENGER.

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FBI ATLANTA

832 PM EDT URGENT 5/1/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, MIAMI,
MINNEAPOLIS AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 2P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, APR. THIRTY, LAST, AND ATLANTA TELCALLS
TO BIRMINGHAM, MAY ONE, INSTANT.

OFFICES HAVING LEADS TO LOCATE PASSENGERS LEAVING BIRMINGHAM
AS STATED IN RETEL, REQUESTED TO DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION
TO LOCATE PASSENGERS. INVESTIGATION HERTZ CORP., ATLANTA,
THIS DATE REFLECTED RENTAL AGREEMENT DATED APR. SEVEN,
'SIXTYEIGHT FOR 'SIXTYEIGHT AMERICAN MTRS REBEL, TWO-DOOR,

REFERRED TO IN RETEL, RENTED TO J. TERRENCE WOLKERSTORFER UNDER
SINCLAIR CREDIT CARD NO. [REDACTED]
APPARENTLY EMPLOYED NOTRE DAME AND AVA MARIA MAGAZINE. RENTAL AGREEMENT
REFLECTS ADDITIONAL DRIVER OF CAR JOHN TEVAHEAY, THREE ONE
SIX SPENCER ROAD, DEVON, PA. WOLKERSTORFER APPARENTLY APPEARED AT
ATLANTA AIRPORT FOUR AM, APR. NINE, 'SIXTYEIGHT, AND ADVISED
HERTZ EMPLOYEE AMERICAN REBEL AUTO LEFT AT BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT
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AT 44-2386

WITH HERTZ CORP. AND MILEAGE RECORDED FIVE HUNDRED
TEN MILES. CHECK-REPORT MADE IN ATLANTA BY M. STEPHENS. INQUIRY SINCLAR
OIL CO., ATLANTA, REFLECTS WOLKERSTORFER RESIDES THREE TWO FOUR WOODLAWN
AVE., ST. PAUL, MINN. CREDIT CARD NOT REPORTED STOLEN TO DATE AND
NO EXCESSIVE CHARGES LISTED.

MINNEAPOLIS AT ST. PAUL, MINN., LOCATE WOLKERSTORFER RE RENTAL
OF AMERICAN MTRS REBEL, TWO-DR, AT ATLANTA, APR. SEVEN, LAST, AND
LEAVING SAME AT BIRMINGHAM. ASCERTAIN IF WOLKERSTORFER IN ANYWAY
CONNECTED WITH CAPTIONED MATTER AND IF HE AND ASSOCIATE, TEVAHEAY
POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT.

ATLANTA INTERVIEWING M. STEPHENS RE CHECK-IN-OF REBEL AUTO.

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FBI ATLANTA

950A EDT URGENT 5/2/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSONVILLE, NEW YORK,

MIAMI AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2536 1P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL, MAY ONE LAST AND ATLANTA TELCALL TO ABOVE
OFFICES, MAY TWO, INSTANT.

DISCONTINUE LEADS TO CONTACT AIRLINES EMPLOYEES AND
PASSENGERS AS SIXTYEIGHT AMERICAN REBEL RENTED AT HERTZ
ATLANTA, APR. SEVEN, 'SIXTYEIGHT, BY J. TERRENCE WOLKERSTORFER,
ST. PAUL, MINN. AND LEFT AUTO AT BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT, APR. NINE,
LAST.

INVESTIGATION ST. PAUL, MINN., AND ATLANTA, GA., CONTINUING
TO IDENTIFY WOLKERSTORFER.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-430)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 5/1/68.

Enclosed for Indianapolis is one copy of referenced teletype.

On 5/2/68 Mrs. JOHN J. WOLLENSTORFER, 324 Woodlawn Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised SA WENDEL A. ANDERSON J. THOMAS WOLLENSTORFER, age 25, is her son and he is presently attending Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana. He is a U. S. Army veteran who served a year in Vietnam. During early April, 1968, he was in Atlanta and vicinity with a fellow student, JOHN TERRY, for the purpose of writing a story for the "Ava Maria Magazine" at Notre Dame. He will be returning to the Notre Dame campus on Sunday, 5/4/68.

The WOLLENSTORFER family are long-time residents of St. Paul and have excellent reputations, according to the Credit Bureau of St. Paul.

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AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Interview VOLKHOFF and TOLBY for anything they might have observed while in Atlanta and possibly Birmingham about 4/7/68.

This lead is being set out by airtel rather than teletype inasmuch as they are not returning to the Detroit campus until sometime Sunday, 5/3/68.

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Director, FBI (44-38861)

5/21/68

SAC, Indianapolis (44-563) (P)

MURKIN

Re Minneapolis airtel 5/3/68.

On 5/9/68 J. TERRENCE WOLKERSTORFER, age 25, 324 Woodlawn Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota, advised SA JOSEPH J. REILLY at South Bend, Indiana, that he is presently attending the University of Notre Dame and is also working for "Ave Maria" magazine, which is published on the campus of the university. He advised that on 4/6/68 he and JOHN C. TWOMEY flew to Atlanta to cover the burial of MARTIN LUTHER KING for "Ave Maria" magazine. WOLKERSTORFER and TWOMEY rented a car 4/7/68 from the Hertz Corp. in Atlanta, and TWOMEY drove it to Selma, Montgomery, and eventually to Birmingham, Ala., where he left it on 4/9/68 and flew to Chicago the same day.

WOLKERSTORFER advised that he stayed at the American Motor Hotel in Atlanta on 4/6 and 7/68 and then moved to the Sky Host Inn and stayed there until 4/9/68, when he checked out and flew back to Chicago.

WOLKERSTORFER advised that he did not see or hear anything concerning the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING other than that which was published in the newspapers.

On 5/10/68 JOHN C. TWOMEY advised SA JOSEPH J. REILLY that he did travel to Atlanta with WOLKERSTORFER in order to gather material for an article on the life and death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, which was to appear in "Ave Maria" magazine. Mr. TWOMEY advised that he did not see or hear anything that would be of value to the FBI concerning the death of Mr. KING while he was traveling through the South.

Administrative: Attempts were made to contact these individuals on 5/7 and 8/68; however, they were not available until dates above indicated.

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1-Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
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FBI DETROIT

10:13PM URGENT 5/1/68 LPS

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

FROM: DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN

RE DALLAS TEL FOUR THIRTY LAST.

PHONE NUMBER SEVEN SEVEN SIX- FIVE NINE FIVE ZERO ISSUED TO
A.B. BROOKS III, TWO TWO NINE FOUR ZERO GAUKLER, ST. CLAIR SHORES,
MICHIGAN.

MRS. BROOKS ADVISED THIS DATE PHONE CALL FROM MARATHON, TEXAS,
DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST WAS MADE BY HER GRANDPARENTS MR. AND MRS.
JOHN MC CALLUM, RURAL RTE. ONE ROSCOMMON, MICH., WHO WERE VISITING
MRS. MC CALLUM'S BROTHER AND HAD RUN INTO AN ICE STORM. PHONE CALL
ADVISED MRS. BROOKS RE ICE STORM AND NOT TO WORRY ABOUT GRANDPARENTS.

MRS. BROOKS VIEWED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATED RAY
NOT FAMILIAR TO HER AND SHE HAS NO INFO RE HIM.

AM COPY TO DALLAS (44-2649).

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FBI SPRNGFLD

1029PM URGENT 5-1-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-581) 1P

MURKIN

RE, BIRMINGHAM TEL INSTANT.

RE WILLIARD ALLEN SANDERS.

SANDERS, RESIDING ONE THREE SEVEN E. ACTON, WOOD RIVER,
ILLINOIS, INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS TODAY. SANDERS ADVISED INCARCERATED
AT MISSOURI STATE PEN, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., FROM JANUARY TWENTY,
NINETEEN FIFTY TWO TO SEPTEMBER ONE, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR ON ARMED
ROBBERY CHARGE, OUT OF ST. JOSEPH, MO. NEVER MET OR KNEW OF JAMES
EARL RAY DURING TIME HE WAS IN MISSOURI STATE PEN. SANDERS INDICATED
ON RELEASE ON PAROLE IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR HE WENT TO GADSDEN,
ALABAMA WHERE WORKED NINETEEN MONTHS, THEN TO CANDLER, SOUTH
CAROLINA WHERE WORKED NINE MONTHS FOR E. I. DUPONT. CAME TO
WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS AND HAS BEEN WORKING AS PIPEFITTER, SHELL
OIL COMPANY, SINCE JULY SIXTYSEVEN. LAST TWO JOBS IN PEN
WERE SEWING MACHINE MECHANIC AND HALL TENDER.

AIRMAIL COPY KANSAS CITY.

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Date: 4/29/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
 (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

MURKIN.

RE HOUSTON TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL TWO NINE INSTANT.

MRS. DELORES MATA, ROUTE TWO, BOX ONE FOUR FOUR, RUCKER AVENUE, GILROY, ADVISED ON APRIL TWO NINE INSTANT THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND, GUADALUPE G. MATA, HAVE BEEN SUBSCRIBERS TO TELEPHONE NUMBER EIGHT FOUR TWO DASH TWO ZERO ONE FOUR FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS. MATA STATED THAT HER HUSBAND VISITED HIS RELATIVES IN UVALDE, TEXAS APPROXIMATELY DECEMBER ONE FIVE LAST FOR ONE WEEK AND WHILE THERE CALLED HIS RESIDENCE IN GILROY ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION.

DELORES MATA THOUGHT HER HUSBAND'S AUNT, MARIA GOMEZ, THREE ZERO SEVEN EVANS STREET, UVALDE, TEXAS, CALLED THE MATA RESIDENCE IN GILROY ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE CHRISTMAS, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. MATA STATED HER HUSBAND IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED

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AS SHEEP SHEARER IN THE SACRAMENTO AREA. MATA ADDED THAT HER
HUSBAND HAS A BROTHER, JOSE MATA, ONE ZERO TWO ONE CHESTNUT,
HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND AN AUNT, ELSA MARTINEZ, UVALDE, TEXAS.

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Special Agent in Charge

4/30/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3331) (P)
MURKIN

ALFRED T. LANG, Clerk, Charlotte County Court-
house, Punta Gorda, Florida, advised SA HENRY J. KIRSTEIN,
JR., on 4/24/68, that he was a Clerk at the Duval County
Court Office, Jacksonville, Florida, from 1958, to June
1960. While in Jacksonville, he became acquainted with
the RAY brothers, JAMES RAY, ROBERT RAY, (FNU) RAY,
a fourth brother who was drowned four to five years ago,
and a fifth brother (FNU) RAY.

LANG was exhibited I. O. of JAMES EARL RAY
and he advised JAMES RAY of Jacksonville favored JAMES
EARL RAY. LANG stated that JAMES RAY of Jacksonville
was white; male; thirty-five to forty years of age; 5'10";
175 lbs.; with dark hair. LANG was not certain this indi-
vidual was, in fact, the same as JAMES EARL RAY.

LANG advised the RAY brothers were married,
that they had formerly been connected with a volunteer fire
department, the Oakwood Community Volunteer Fire Department,
and subsequently an audit of such records determined some
falseness and the Department was disbanded. Mr. LANG said

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the signature on the I.O. of JAMES EARL RAY was similar to signature of JAMES RAY of Jacksonville. He said the RAY family in Jacksonville originally came to Jacksonville from St. Louis, Missouri. He said he has not seen nor heard any more about the JAMES RAY family of Jacksonville since he departed in June 1966.

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JACKSONVILLE OFFICE

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Conduct appropriate investigation of JAMES RAY family of Jacksonville and determine whether or not identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM :

SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype to Cincinnati, 5/10/68.

On 5/10/68, Chief WILLIAM NOGGLE, New Paris, Ohio, PD, advised SA ROBERT H. BERTKE he is well acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY of Route 2, New Paris, Ohio.

RAY was born in Preble County and has lived his entire life in the New Paris area. He was a farmer until about one year ago when he went into the building and excavating business with his brother, ROBERT RAY. They are presently building a new house in New Paris. RAY has another brother, PAUL RAY, who owns and operates the Kile Grain Elevator, New Paris. Their mother, CATHERINE RAY, resides on High Street, New Paris. Their father is deceased. JAMES EARL RAY is now living with his mother on High Street.

Chief NOGGLE advised the RAY brothers have never been arrested and are respected members of the community. He described JAMES EARL RAY as a white male, age 35, height 6', 175 pounds, black hair and medium build.

Since JAMES EARL RAY of New Paris, Ohio, has been identified, no further investigation is being conducted, Cincinnati.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TODAY.

JACK ANDREWS, ATTORNEY, TWO ONE ZERO ZERO MARILYN AVENUE, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, RECONTACTED RELATIVE TO CALL TO BUREAU ON EARLY A.M. THIS DATE MADE ADMITTEDLY BY HIM WHILE INTOXICATED.

FOR INFO BUREAU, ANDREWS HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONTACTED BY LOUISVILLE OFFICE AND EXHIBITED PHOTOS OF SUBJECT RAY AND STATED SAME NOT IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY REQUESTING ANDREWS REPRESENT HIM.

ANDREWS REQUESTED AND INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT LOUISVILLE OFFICE DIRECT IN EVENT HE RECEIVES ANY WORTHWHILE INFO RELATIVE THIS CASE OR ANY OTHER MATTER IN THE FUTURE.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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Date: 4/29/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Sub B-240

Re Milwaukee airtel to Miami, 4/20/68.

For the information of Boston, information was received from Mr. DANIEL S. KELLY, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who advised that on 3/28/68, while at the Sun Castle Motel, 1380 S. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach, Fla., an establishment operated by former FBI Agent, they chanced to deal with a bellboy of the motel who apparently left the motel shortly after 3/28/68, to travel to Tennessee to accept work as an electrician in an unknown city in Tennessee, at a salary of \$500 per week. KELLY thought the salary sounded absurd, and later viewing photos of JAMES EARL RAY, both he and his wife felt the bellboy resembled RAY's description and photograph.

On 4/29/68, HERB BLONSTROM, Assistant Manager Sun Castle Motel, 1380 S. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach, Fla. was contacted re information contained in referenced airtel. BLONSTROM advised that based on this data, the

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Special Agent in Charge

MM 44-1854

individual referred to would probably be EARL B. SHIELDS of 15 Almond Dr., Randolph, Mass., Social Security Number [REDACTED]. SHIELDS was employed from 3/28/68 to 4/1/68, as a bellboy. Talking to SHIELDS, BLONSTROM learned that he was divorced and was contemplating re-marriage. He reportedly had several children. He seems to recall SHIELDS mentioned sometime about going to Tennessee, but the name of the city is unknown.

BLONSTROM was unable to locate the employment application for SHIELDS and admitted his records were extremely disorganized. His motel has highly transient help and in fact the supervisor for SHIELDS at the time has since departed. BLONSTROM viewed a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and said he did not believe this photograph was identical to SHIELDS. He indicated SHIELDS has more hollow cheeks and a wider nose, although the hairline and eyes are similar. BLONSTROM is continuing efforts to locate SHIELDS' application and to identify individuals at the motel who would have known SHIELDS.

Records of the Pompano Beach and Ft. Lauderdale Police Departments and Broward County Sheriff's Office are negative regarding SHIELDS.

LEADS

BOSTON

AT RANDOLPH, MASSACHUSETTS

Conduct investigation at 15 Almond Dr., in effort to further identify SHIELDS so that he can be identified or eliminated as the subject in this matter.

MIAMI

AT POMPAÑO BEACH, FLORIDA

Maintain contact with the Sun Castle Motel in effort to further identify SHIELDS.

4/29/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1884) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

(OO: Memphis)

Re Tampa teletype to Bureau dated 4/24/68.

Re: Suspect resembling subject JAMES EARL RAY
on PAA Flight 420 from Miami to St. Croix,
Virgin Islands, 4/8/68

Pan American Airlines records indicate that Seat 7F
on Flight 420 from Miami to St. Croix, Virgin Islands, on
4/8/68, was occupied by EARL HULL, 1808 N. W. 19th Street,
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Investigation at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, has
determined that he is not identical with subject JAMES EARL
RAY.

Seat 7F on Flight 420 was not occupied.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau (RM)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info) (RM)
① - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (RM)
2 - Tampa (RM)
1 - Miami
RM:jvc
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DATE FILE STRIPPED 6/5/67
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RE: BU AIRTEL DTD 11/3/86

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TELETYPE

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SAC, DALLAS
SAC, EL PASO
SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY
SAC, PHILADELPHIA
SAC, PHOENIX
SAC, RICHMOND
SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS.

REFERENCE OKLAHOMA CITY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR,
DATED APRIL TWO SIX, LAST.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF OFFICES NOT RECEIVING
REFERENCED TELETYPE MRS. DONOVAN, WOODSIDE, PROTECT
IDENTITY, THREE ZERO NINE ELMWOOD DRIVE, EDMOND, OKLAHOMA,
WAS REINTERVIEWED AND IO FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO DISPLAYED TO
HER. MRS. WOODSIDE SAID INDIVIDUAL SHE SAW ON AMERICAN
AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE THREE EIGHT FROM DALLAS, TEXAS TO
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA ON APRIL SIX, LAST VERY STRONGLY
RESEMBLED RAY AND SHE BELIEVED HIM TO BE IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

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SUE STATED SHE FIRST NOTED ~~SEEING~~ THIS INDIVIDUAL IN LOVE
FIELD TERMINAL, AMERICAN AIRLINES WAITING AREA, A FEW MOMENTS

- ① - Memphis (AM) (RM)
- 1 - ADIC JOHN F. MALONE
- 1 - Supervisor #23
- 1 - New York (44-1609)

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PRIOR TO BOARDING THIS FLIGHT. MRS. WOODSIDE COULD NOT LOCATE HER TICKET STUB, BUT BELIEVED SHE OCCUPIED SEAT ONE FOUR DASH C, AN AISLE SEAT ON LEFT SIDE OF PLANE IN TOURIST SECTION AND THAT THE ABOVE INDIVIDUAL OCCUPIED THE AISLE SEAT ONE ROW UP ON THE RIGHT. MRS. WOODSIDE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL DID NOT GET OFF THE PLANE WHEN IT LANDED AT FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, AND DID NOT CONVERSE WITH ANYONE ON PLANE, AND CARRIED NO LUGGAGE. SHE INFORMED HE DEPLANED AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, AND SHE LOST SIGHT OF HIM WHEN HER HUSBAND MET HER AT AIRPORT.

THE FOLLOWING NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS WERE FURNISHED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF AIRLINES OF PERSONS TRAVELLING TOURIST CLASS ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE THREE EIGHT, WHICH DEPARTED DALLAS, TEXAS, APRIL SIX, LAST, AT NINE ZERO FIVE A.M. AND MADE ONE STOP AT FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT, BALTIMORE, BEFORE ARRIVING AT PHILADELPHIA ONE THREE ONE SAME DATE:

ALL PHONE NUMBERS LISTED IN BALTIMORE AREA WERE:

FIRST NAME UNKNOWN BODDOR, AREA CODE THREE ZERO TWO, TELEPHONE NUMBER SIX FIVE SIX DASH NINE NINE ONE ONE.

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FIRST NAME UNKNOWN BIRON, AREA CODE THREE ZERO ONE, TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN TWO SEVEN DASH SEVEN ONE ZERO FIVE.

FIRST NAME UNKNOWN HAISCHER, AREA CODE THREE ZERO ONE, TELEPHONE NUMBER EIGHT TWO THREE DASH TWO THREE NINE EIGHT.

FIRST NAME UNKNOWN HORSEY, AREA CODE THREE ZERO ONE, TELEPHONE NUMBER SIX NINE TWO DASH SIX ONE EIGHT THREE.

ALL PHONE NUMBERS LISTED IN THE DALLAS AREA WERE:

BEN BLEAM, AREA CODE TWO ONE FOUR, TELEPHONE NUMBER ^{TWO FIVE} ~~EIGHT ONE~~ FOUR DASH ZERO ONE FIVE ONE.

MRS. PAUL S. BAINE, AREA CODE TWO ONE FOUR, TELEPHONE NUMBER AN TWO DASH THREE TWO ONE ONE.

MR. BASS, AREA CODE TWO ONE FOUR, TELEPHONE NUMBERS LA EIGHT DASH SIX EIGHT FIVE FIVE, LA SIX DASH EIGHT EIGHT ZERO EIGHT.

DEAN BRIGHT, AREA CODE FIVE ONE TWO, TELEPHONE NUMBER CL EIGHT DASH TWO FIVE FIVE ONE.

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FIRST NAME UNKNOWN CRIDER, AREA CODE TWO ONE FOUR,
TELEPHONE NUMBER CH SEVEN DASH ZERO FOUR THREE TWO.

MR. LAW, AREA CODE NINE ONE FIVE, TELEPHONE NUMBER
FIVE SIX EIGHT DASH FOUR NINE SEVEN FIVE.

FIRST NAME UNKNOWN REID, AREA CODE NINE ONE FIVE,
TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE SIX EIGHT DASH ONE ONE FOUR SIX.

CY DOSSEY, AREA CODE TWO ONE FOUR, TELEPHONE
NUMBER DI EIGHT DASH SIX FOUR THREE EIGHT.

RICHARD EFFING, AREA CODE TWO ONE FOUR, TELEPHONE
NUMBER WH TWO DASH SIX ONE SEVEN FIVE.

ROGER FAZENBAKER, AREA CODE TWO ONE FOUR, TELEPHONE
NUMBER TA SEVEN DASH FOUR ONE ZERO ZERO.

FIRST NAME UNKNOWN FITZSIMMONS, AREA CODE TWO ONE
FOUR, TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN FOUR EIGHT DASH EIGHT FIVE FIVE
ONE.

FIRST NAME UNKNOWN GAREY, AREA CODE TWO ONE FOUR,
TELEPHONE NUMBER BR EIGHT DASH SEVEN NINE SIX TWO.

MRS. JACK KAMHOLZ, AREA CODE TWO ONE FOUR, TELEPHONE