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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO MOBILE APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST.

BOBBY JOE FAULKNER, EMPLOYED MACMILLIAN DASH

BLOEDEL PAPER MILL SITE, YELLOW BLUFF, ALA., BY ALLEGHANY ELECTRIC COMPANY, SUBCONTRACTOR FOR RUST ENGINEERING COMPANY, STATES RESIDED AT GARNER'S ROOMING HOUSE, ATLANTA, GA., ON FOURTEENTH STREET, ON TWO OCCASIONS. ONCE DURING LATTER PART OF JANUARY AND FIRST PART OF FEBRUARY, SIXTYEIGHT, AND SECOND TIME DURING PERIOD OF APRIL TWO THROUGH EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

FAULKNER STATES PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, SHOWN ON IO AND WANTED FLIER, IS PERSON UNKNOWN TO HIM WHILE AT GARNER'S ROOMING HOUSE. CLAIMS PHOTO OF RAY TAKEN IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY RESEMBLES TO SOME EXTENT

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1 - MOBILE

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QUOTE YOUNG FELLOW UNQUOTE, WHITE MALE, TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTY, ABOUT FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE FORTY LBS., LIGHT BROWN, CLOSE CROPPED HAIR, WHO LIVED AT ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH STREET IN THE SECOND FLOOR, FRONT BEDROOM. THIS PERSON DROVE A SIXTYTHREE OR SIXTYFOUR GOLD COLORED PLYMOUTH, APPEARED TO BE WELL DASH EDUCATED, AND HE THOUGHT THIS PERSON WAS A COLLEGE STUDENT. FAULKNER STATED HE BELIEVED THIS PERSON HAS LIVED AT GARNER'S FOR QUOTE LONG PERIOD UNQUOTE OF TIME AND MAY STILL BE THERE.

FAULKNER, DURING PERIOD APRIL TWO THROUGH EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, LIVED AT GARNER'S QUOTE SECOND HOUSE UNQUOTE, WHICH IS LOCATED NEXT DOOR TO ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH STREET, ATLANTA, GA. ONLY OTHER PERSON HE OBSERVED LIVING THERE WAS A WHITE MALE, OVER FIFTY YEARS OF AGE, SIX FEET, ONE FIFTY TO ONE SIXTY LBS., GRAY HAIR, WRINKLED ROUGH SKIN ON FACE. HE SAW THIS INDIVIDUAL WITH TWO ASSOCIATES DESCRIBED AS: ONE:

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WHITE MALE, FORTY TO FORTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET EIGHT TO FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, TWO HUNDRED TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, BALDING ON TOP. THIS INDIVIDUAL APPARENTLY HAD THROAT OPERATION, AS HE HAD A HOLE IN HIS THROAT COVERED BY A PIECE OF GAUZE AND SPOKE IN A GRUFF WHISPER.

OTHER MAN WAS A WHITE MALE, LATE FORTIES, FIVE FEET SIX TO FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, GRAY HAIR, AND WAS VERY SHORT. ALL THREE WORE GRAY WORK CLOTHES AND HE ASSUMED THEY WERE POSSIBLY ELECTRICIANS. NONE OF THREE RESEMBLED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT.

FAULKNER LEFT THE ROOMING HOUSE EARLY MORNING OF APRIL FIVE SIXTYEIGHT, TRAVELED AFTER WORK TO HOME IN COLUMBUS, GA., AND DID NOT RETURN TO ROOMING HOUSE APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT TURNED KEY TO ROOM INTO GARNER AT GARNER'S RESTAURANT, LOCATED ON NORTHSIDE DRIVE.

FAULKNER HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AT PINE HILL, ALA., THE PAST THREE WEEKS AND HAS NOT RETURNED TO ATLANTA SINCE

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THAT TIME.

INSERTS FOLLOW.

AM COPY FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

5/1/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, Knoxville  
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Look Alike Reported to  
Memphis Office 4/7/68

Re Memphis airtel to New Orleans 4/12/68.

Referenced communication contained information that an individual traveling through Tennessee on 4/7/68 observed a white 1965 or 1966 Mustang bearing 1968-69 Louisiana license 8L794 parked at service station in Mont Eagle, Tenn., 4/7/68.

*Sub B-74*  
Investigation conducted at the Motor Vehicle Division, Louisiana Department of Revenue, reveals that that license plate was issued to CAROL E. FISCHER, 1325 North Street, Apartment 8, Baton Rouge, La.

On 4/30/68 MARY LANDERS, 1325 North Street, Baton Rouge, advised that CAROL FISCHER is her daughter-in-law as of 12/19/67 and that she (CAROL) possesses a white late model Mustang. She further stated her son, DAVIDSON T. LANDERS, CAROL's husband, is attending University of the South and is in his first year in the School of Theology at Sewanee, Tenn. LANDERS is residing in St. Luke's Hall of the university and is described as follows:

Name  
Age

DAVIDSON T. LANDERS  
24

2 - Knoxville  
② - Memphis  
2 - New Orleans  
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Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes

5' 9"  
180 pounds  
Brown  
Blue

LEAD:

KNOXVILLE

AT SEWANEE, TENNESSEE. Will locate and logically  
eliminate LANDERS as suspect in MURKIN.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/1/68

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Jackson

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RE: REVEREND STEVE HAMMONDS - COMPLAINANT

Reference is made to Oklahoma City teletype 4/14/68, to Bureau and Jackson advising that captioned complainant observed individual who resembled artist's drawing of the subject who was driving automobile bearing Mississippi license HB9317. Bureau files do not disclose results of your inquiry.

By return airtel advise results of your inquiry or identify communication wherein your investigation was reported.

① - Memphis (info.)

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**AIRTEL**

**AIR MAIL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-987) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**  
**CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4-22-68, re suspect,  
**JOHN W. LEWIS.**

For the information of the Atlanta Office, **JOHN W. LEWIS** mentioned in referenced airtel is undoubtedly identical with **JOHN WARREN LEWIS**, subject of Louisville file entitled "**JOHN WARREN LEWIS, SN** [redacted] OO: Louisville, and also "**JOHN WARREN LEWIS, SN- C**", OO: Louisville. **LEWIS** is presently under bond after arrest for violation of the Selective Service Act in connection with his activities in the group, American Friends Service Committee, and Students for a Democratic Society. **LEWIS** is leader of the Ky. Conference on War and the Draft and a leader of a conference of this group at the University of Ky. on 3-10-68.

**JOHN WARREN LEWIS** is definitely not identical with the photo enclosed for the Louisville Office in referenced airtel, nor with subject **RAY**.

For the information and guidance of the Atlanta Office, enclosed is a photo of **JOHN WARREN LEWIS** taken upon his arrest by Agents in the Frankfurt, Ky. area on 3-27-67. **JOHN WARREN LEWIS** is described as 32 years of age, SN [redacted] at Franklin County, Ky., 6'3", 225 lbs., heavy build, dark brown hair, brown eyes, residence 208 West Ave., Frankfurt, Ky. This photo is

3 - Bureau  
2 - Atlanta (44-3886) (Enc. 1)  
② - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Louisville  
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Being furnished the Attorney General in the event they desire  
to further review the identity of JOHN F. KENNEDY and  
determine the current status of the investigation of  
the New Orleans office of the FBI, at New Orleans.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

5/1/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
FROM: JACKSON (157-9586) 2P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, JACKSON,  
KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND MIAMI APRIL THIRTY LAST.

SUPERVISOR JOHN WHITE, DELTA AIRLINES, JACKSON, MISS.,  
ADVISED MAY ONE INSTANT THAT INBOUND-PASSENGER RECORDS ARE  
NOT MAINTAINED BEYOND TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. PASSENGER WEAVER  
(FNU) NOT RECALLED AND UNKNOWN AT JACKSON. WHITE ADVISED  
PRESENT LOCATION OF CREW OF FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE FROM BIRM-  
INGHAM TO JACKSON TO DALLAS CAN BE OBTAINED AT DELTA AIRLINES,  
ATLANTA. WHITE ADVISED THAT IN EVENT WEAVER PURCHASED TICKET  
AT BIRMINGHAM OVER THE COUNTER IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO TAKEOFF,  
NO FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA WOULD BE AVAILABLE. IN THE  
EVENT WEAVER MADE RESERVATION AND PICKED UP TICKET AT COUNTER,

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1 - MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
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FURTHER DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGH SEARCH OF IBM-TYPE MAGNETIC TAPE AT ATLANTA. HE ADVISED THAT A SEARCH OF THE MAGNETIC TAPE NORMALLY INVOLVES A TEN-DAY WAIT FOR REQUESTED DATA.

BIRMINGHAM WILL RECHECK FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE, APRIL EIGHT LAST, MANIFEST FOR FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA.

ATLANTA WILL DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF CREW OF DELTA FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE, WHICH DEPARTED BIRMINGHAM SIX NINETEEN AM APRIL EIGHT LAST, DESTINED FOR JACKSON AND DALLAS, AND SET OUT LEAD TO EXHIBIT PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS..

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

END.

F B I

Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO NEW YORK

FROM NEWARK

MURKIN.

RE SUSPECT DRIVING CAR BEARING NY LICENSE WW TWO.

DON WARSHAW, NEWARK STAR LEDGER NEWSPAPER, CONTACTED THIS OFFICE THIS DATE AND ADVISED WHILE DRIVING EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, FOUR TWENTY EIGHT, LAST, IN THE SPRING VALLEY, NY, AREA, HE SPOTTED AN OPEN CONVERTIBLE WITH NY LICENSE WW TWO. WARSHAW STATED IN THE FRONT SEAT OF THIS CAR THERE WAS A WHITE MALE WEARING SUNGLASSES WHO RESEMBLED RAY. HE STATED SUBJECT HAD A PROTRUDING EAR AND A LONG NARROW NOSE. IN FRONT SEAT WITH SUBJECT WAS A WELL DRESSED NEGRO MALE, STOCKY BUILD.

NY WILL IDENTIFY HOLDER OF REGISTRATION WW TWO AND ELIMINATE.

MEMPHIS FURNISHED MAIL COPY.

1 - Memphis (AM)

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

JEFFREY MERRITT aka Jeff, formerly incarcerated in Missouri State Penitentiary from June, 1962, to August, 1964 and from November, 1965, to December, 1967, interviewed by New York. MERRITT recalled subject RAY as being one of the inmates at the Penitentiary and said he and RAY had worked together on the loading docks there. He stated his knowledge of RAY was limited and he could not recall anything specific regarding his background, habits or description, which would be of value in locating RAY. He pointed out that RAY appeared to be a "loner" and associated very little with other inmates. Due to the policy of segregating white and Negro inmates in their living quarters, MERRITT was limited with contacts with RAY.

Following RAY'S escape from the Penitentiary, MERRITT could not recall having heard any comments among the prisoners as to where RAY might have gone.

MERRITT currently resides at 346 West 17th St., NYC, telephone 989-3100, and is employed as a mail handler at the National Maritime Union, 36 Seventh Avenue, NYC.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- ② - Memphis (RM)  
1 - Kansas City (RM)  
1 - New York

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Approved: *JFS*  
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Sir

Please check out the following  
in the King assassination.

APR 20 1968

REGISTERED  
11141

Larry Simpson  
LARRY SIMPSON

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
APR 22 1968  
R.A.O.  
CRIMINAL-GEN. CRIME SEC.

Independence Missouri

at last, known to be working for  
the BENDIX CORP.

95 + TROOST

KANSAS City, Missouri

This man from time to time expressed  
a hate and had the desire to get  
rid of Dr. King on several occasions.  
He resembles the wanted man quite  
closely.

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ENCLOSURE

A quiet investigation into his  
activities should be possible.

Thanks

Charles B. Fleming  
Charles G. Fleming  
34596 Spruce St.  
Bremerton WASH. 98310

I worked with Larry for 8 yrs.



5-1-68

Airtel

To: SAC, Kansas City

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Larry Simpson - suspect.

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from Charles G. Fleming, Bremerton, Washington, which was received by the Department of Justice indicating that Larry Simpson, Independence, Missouri, has in the past expressed hate concerning the victim. One copy of the letter is enclosed for Memphis.

Kansas City, conduct necessary investigation to eliminate Simpson or establish him as a suspect in this case.

① - Memphis (info) *ME*

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBulet to NY, 4/26/68.

ANDY B. COWSEN, Apartment #4, 1756 Park Place, Brooklyn, NY, was interviewed on 4/30/68, regarding his letter to the Bureau dated, 4/23/68. COWSEN advised that he saw the individual on Sunday, 4/21/68, near a mailbox near his residence. COWSEN said that he has not seen the individual since and has no information as to the present whereabouts of this person. COWSEN was shown a copy of Wanted Flyer No. 442-A on JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that the person he saw appears similar to the full face photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in 1960.

3 - Bureau (RM)  
① - Memphis (RM)  
1 - New York (44-1609)

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Date: 5/1/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: *W* SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO - MEMPHIS

Re Dallas airtel to New Orleans dated 4/22/68; and  
Houston teletype to Dallas dated 4/24/68.

RE: ANONYMOUS DALLAS CALL ON INDIVIDUAL DRIVING  
CAR BEARING 1968 LOUISIANA LICENSE 25E930

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JAMES J. SHERMAN as a result of an anonymous telephone  
call received at the Dallas Office on 4/19/68, by a  
woman stating an individual resembling the photograph of  
ERIC STARVO GALT appearing in Dallas newspapers had been  
seen by her going into a Dallas liquor store. This  
individual had gotten out of a Chevrolet bearing 1968  
Louisiana license 25E930.

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On 4/24/68, KEN BROWN, Owner and Manager of  
Capp's A.E. Car Rental, 3717 Inwood Road, advised their  
unit 141 was a 1967 Chevrolet and bears 1968 Louisiana  
license 25E930. He advised this unit is currently rented  
to Mr. VICK PARKER, 3211 South Vernon, Apartment 108. The  
vehicle was rented by All-State Insurance Company for Mr.  
PARKER's use as a result of the theft of Mr. PARKER's car.  
The car was rented on 3/26/68, and is due on 4/26/68.

2 - Memphis  
2 - Dallas  
JJS:cjh  
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Special Agent in Charge

DL 44-2649

On 4/24/68, Mrs. JOHN HARVEY, Manager, Biscayne Apartments, 3211 South Vernon, advised that VICK PARKER, who had been renting Apartment 108, was evicted on 4/22/68. She advised he moved in on 12/1/67, with JERRY FREELAND, whose mother HELEN FREELAND lives in Dallas. Neither PARKER nor FREELAND left a forwarding address when evicted. HARVEY was shown an Identification Order concerning RAY and advised there was no similarity whatsoever between either FREELAND or PARKER and RAY. She advised both boys are about 20-22 years old.

On 4/24/68, LINDA FREELAND, 607 North Franklin, Apartment 201, telephone WH 6-9246, advised her brother is JERRY FREELAND and JERRY, who was recently evicted from an apartment on Vernon Street, has come to live with her and their mother. She advised upon seeing a photograph of subject RAY and an Identification Order, that she knew of no one identical to that photograph. She advised she would have her brother get in contact with the FBI as soon as possible.

On 4/24/68, JERRY FREELAND telephonically advised he had viewed the photographs of RAY and the Identification Order and knows of no one that could be identical to RAY. He advised he knows VICK PARKER's friends fairly well, having lived with PARKER for several months, and does not think any one of them resembles RAY. When advised of the circumstances under which the individual was seen by an anonymous caller driving the car PARKER rented, FREELAND stated he thought it was possible that someone viewing PARKER from a distance and not getting a real good look at PARKER could find a slight resemblance between PARKER and the photograph of RAY.

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Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New Orleans tel, dated 4/29/68.

Re tel, look-alike, O'Hare Airport, Chicago,  
4/9/68, Delta Airlines Ticket Office, 2:00 P. M., April  
9, 1968.

LOU MYERS, Field Ticket Office Manager, Delta Airlines, O'Hare International Airport, advised that from his records the two ticket agents working the express baggage check-in counter where seat selection formerly was located were JOHN WINNICK and PAUL VANA. MYERS said that Delta handles from four to five thousand passengers a day from O'Hare, and advised that the seat selection is now handled, and was at that time handled, at each gate. However, if H. ALVIN SHARPE is a frequent Delta traveler, he would have recalled that this is where seat selection had been for a number of years.

WINNICK interviewed at length, however, he recalled nothing of incident described in re tel. He has seen many photographs of subject, and states he cannot recall any person resembling subject.

PAUL VANA recently married, on honeymoon at the Island of Aruba, off the coast of South America, and unavailable until 5/8/68.

LEADCHICAGO

② - Memphis  
2 - New Orleans (157-10673)  
1 - Birmingham  
1 - Atlanta  
1 - Chicago  
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CG 44-1114

AT O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. Will discuss  
above with PAUL VANA upon his return to Chicago.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3886) AND CHICAGO  
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1385)

MURKIN

IN EARLY A.M. OF MAY NINE, INSTANT, OFFICER FRANK OWEN, MOORESVILLE, N. C., PD TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT PD HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY MR. HUGH TALLEY, ONE TWO EIGHT BROOKFIELD CIRCLE, MOORESVILLE, N. C., WHO STATED THAT HE OBSERVED JAMES EARL RAY AT O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN THE A.M. OF MAY EIGHT, LAST.

TALLEY WAS CONTACTED AND ADVISED THAT SOMETIME BETWEEN EIGHT A.M. AND NINE A.M., CHICAGO TIME, MAY EIGHT, LAST, HE WAS HAVING BREAKFAST IN A RESTAURANT AT O'HARE AIRPORT. TALLEY DOES NOT REMEMBER NAME OF RESTAURANT BUT STATED RESTAURANT WAS LOCATED ON SAME CONCOURSE AS IS EASTERN AIRLINES TICKET COUNTER AND STATED RESTAURANT IS LOCATED BETWEEN EASTERN AIRLINES AND NORTH CENTRAL AIRLINES.

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TALLEY STATED AN INDIVIDUAL CAME INTO THE RESTAURANT AND GLARED DOWN AT HIM FOR ABOUT THREE OR FOUR SECONDS AND SEEMED ANGRY AT FACT TALLEY WAS TAKING UP A TABLE FOR FOUR BY HIMSELF. NO CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THEM AND INDIVIDUAL SAT AT ONE TABLE REMOVED FROM TALLEY. TALLEY LEFT RESTAURANT ABOUT NINE:FIFTEEN A.M., AND INDIVIDUAL WAS STILL SEATED ALONE. TALLEY OBSERVED NO ONE ELSE APPROACH THIS INDIVIDUAL EXCEPT THE WAITRESS.

TALLEY ADVISED FACE OF INDIVIDUAL HE OBSERVED IN RESTAURANT WAS "PRECISE DUPLICATE" OF MOST RECENT PHOTO OF RAY RELEASED BY THIS BUREAU.

TALLEY DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL HE OBSERVED AS A WHITE MALE, AGE, EARLY THIRTIES, ONE EIGHT ZERO TO ONE EIGHT FIVE POUNDS, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES TO SIX FEET TALL, COLOR OF EYES NOT NOTICES BUT EYES SET DEEP IN EYE SOCKET. DARK BROWN HAIR, FACIAL COMPLEXION, MEDIUM.

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TALLEY STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS EXTREMELY WELL-DRESSED AND NEAT, WEARING A WELL-FITTING BUSINESS SUIT, BETWEEN A BLUE AND OLIVE COLOR, AND A CLEAN WHITE SHIRT AND TIE. INDIVIDUAL HAD NO LUGGAGE WITH HIM.

CHICAGO AT CHICAGO WILL DISPLAY PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY TO WAITRESSES AND EMPLOYEES AT APPROPRIATE RESTAURANT AT O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND CONDUCT OTHER APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT O'HARE AIRPORT.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

END.

5/9/68

TELETYPE

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND CHICAGO (44-1114)  
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO MAY NINE  
INSTANT, AND CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND CHARLOTTE MAY  
NINE INSTANT. LOOK ALIKE, O'HARE AIRPORT, MAY EIGHT LAST.

HUGH TALLEY ADVISED MAY NINE INSTANT, RESTAURANT HE  
REFERRED TO IS NOT THE TARTAN TRAY CAFETERIA AND NOT THE SEVEN  
CONTINENTS RESTAURANT, BUT IS ON THE SAME (MAIN) FLOOR AS IS  
THE TARTAN TRAY, AND THE RESTAURANT IS LESS THAN A TWO MINUTE  
WALK FROM THE TARTAN TRAY AS ONE WALKS FROM THE EASTERN AIRLINES  
FLIGHT CONCOURSE. WALKING FROM THE TARTAN TRAY, ONE COMES  
INTO A LARGE CIRCULAR AREA APPROXIMATELY SIXTY FEET IN DIAMETER,  
AND AN ESCALATOR DESCENDS INTO APPROXIMATELY THE CENTER OF  
THIS CIRCULAR AREA. AT THE TOP OF THIS ESCALATOR IS THE SEVEN  
CONTINENTS RESTAURANT. ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THIS CIRCULAR  
END PAGE ONE.

① - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
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AREA, ON THE MAIN FLOOR, ONE ENTERS AN APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY FOOT CORRIDOR WHICH LEADS TO UNITED AIRLINES AND EASTERN AIRLINES TICKET COUNTERS. RESTAURANT IN QUESTION IS ON THE RIGHT OR LEFT ALONG THIS CORRIDOR, BETWEEN THE CIRCULAR AREA AND UNITED AIRLINES TICKET COUNTER.

TALLEY DESCRIBED THE RESTAURANT IN QUESTION AS A PRACTICAL LOOKING AND NOT PLUSH RESTAURANT, LONG AND RECTANGULAR SHAPED WITH MORE THAN FIFTY TABLES. ONE WALL IS COMPOSED OF WINDOWS AND TABLES UTILIZE PAPER PLACE MATS RATHER THAN TABLE CLOTHS.

WAITRESS WHO WAITED ON TALLEY DESCRIBED AS WHITE FEMALE, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-TWO YEARS, FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES, ONE ONE ZERO LBS., DARK HAIR, VERY RUDDY OR PITTED FACE, POSSIBLY POLISH DESCENT. TALLEY BELIEVES THIS WAITRESS ALSO WAITED ON INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION. ANOTHER WAITRESS OBSERVED BY TALLEY DESCRIBED AS WHITE FEMALE, AGE MIDDLE TWENTIES, BLEACHED BLONDE HAIR, WEARING THICK EYE GLASSES.

TALLEY, WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTY-TWO YEARS, PRESENTS BUSINESS EXECUTIVE APPEARANCE, AND ADVISED HE IS A SELF-EMPLOYED

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CHEMICAL CONSULTANT.

CHARLOTTE INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING TALLEY.

CHICAGO, AT O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, CONDUCT  
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

END.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO : DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TEL MAY NINE LAST.

RE LOOK ALIKE O'HARE AIRPORT MAY EIGHT LAST.

ON MAY NINE LAST ALL PERSONNEL SERVING PUBLIC IN  
"PANCAKE HOUSE" AND "COFFEE SHOP", O'HARE AIRPORT, CONTACTED  
RE INFO FURNISHED BY HUGH TALLEY. NO ONE REMEMBERED ANY  
CUSTOMER FITTING DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT. ALL PHOTOGRAPHS  
SHOWN.

MISS LYDIA DAVRA, UNDOUBTEDLY WAITRESS DESCRIBED BY  
TALLEY, CONTACTED MAY NINE LAST, ADVISED DID REMEMBER WHITE  
MALE, THIRTY FIVE TO THIRTY NINE, FIVE FT EIGHT, ONE SIXTY FIVE  
ONE SEVENTY LBS., WEARING BLUE JACKET, SEATED BY HIMSELF AT  
TABLE FOR FOUR IN "PANCAKE HOUSE" AND THIS PERSON CREATED  
SOMEWHAT OF A DISTURBANCE. STATED DUE TO FEW NO. OF CUSTOMERS  
IN RESTAURANT AT TIME, FEELS POSITIVE SHE WOULD HAVE REMEMBERED  
ANYONE IN RESTAURANT FITTING DESCRIPTION OF RAY.

① - Memphis (AM)

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DAVRA RECONTACTED THIS DATE, SINCE DESCRIPTION OF  
RESTAURANT FURNISHED BY TALLEY UNDOUBTEDLY "PANCAKE HOUSE".  
DAVRA STILL CERTAIN NO ONE RESEMBLING SUBJECT IN RESTAURANT  
AT TIME SET OUT BY TALLEY.

AMCC TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/10/68

A I R T E L

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New Orleans teletype 4/29/68.

RE: LOOK ALIKE JAMES EARL RAY  
CHICAGO/O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
4/9/68

*D* *Sub E-835*  
PAUL VANA, Delta Airline Ticket Agent, interviewed  
5/9/68 upon return from Aruba. States recalls no incident  
as described, observed all photographs of subject RAY with  
negative results.

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Date: 5/2/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, BOSTON, ALBANY, CINCINNATI, AND NEW YORK

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE ALBANY TEL FIVE P.M., MAY TWO INSTANT.

OFFICER NORMAN GADUE, BENNINGTON, VERMONT PD,

APPARENTLY IN ERROR CONCERNING HIS IDENTIFICATION. INFO

AVAILABLE MEMPHIS DISCLOSES SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY DID COMPLETE

SALE FOR MUSTANG ON AUGUST THIRTY, SIXTYSEVEN, IN BIRMINGHAM.

THEREFORE APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT HE COULD HAVE BEEN IN BENNINGTON,

VT. SAME DATE.

UACB, ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE LEADS.

A &amp; D.

P.

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FBI ALBANY

5:00 PM URGENT 5/2/68 PX3

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BOSTON  
CINCINNATI, NEW YORK  
FROM ALBANY (44-493) 2P

MURKIN.

OFFICER NORMAN GADUE, BENNINGTON, VERMONT PD, TODAY ADVISED HE ISSUED SPEEDING TICKET TO ONE JAMES ESTEL RAY AT NINE PM, AUGUST THIRTY SIXTYSEVEN. RAY AT TIME DRIVING SIXTYTWO WHITE CADILLAC CONVERTIBLE BLACK TOP, SIXTYSEVEN TENNESSEE REGISTRATION EW EIGHT-ONE THREE TWO. OPERATOR'S LICENSE, NUMBER UNKNOWN, AND STATE UNKNOWN REVEALED RAY'S ADDRESS AS ONE TWO EIGHT BIG PINE ROAD, DAYTON, OHIO. TENNESSEE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE REVEALED ADDRESS AS ROUTE THREE, BOX THREE FOUR NINE, HARRIMAN, TENNESSEE. RAY BELIEVED EMPLOYED BY PETRICCA CONSTRUCTION CO., PITTSFIELD, MASS., OR PRELOAD CONSTRUCTION CO., GARDEN CITY, LONG ISLAND, N.Y. BOTH COMPANIES WORKED ON WATER SUPPLY PROJECT IN BENNINGTON AREA DURING SUMMER OF SIXTYSEVEN. RAY NEVER APPEARED TO ANSWER TO SPEEDING TICKET. INVESTIGATION BY OFFICER GADUE

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REVEALED RAY LEFT BENNINGTON, VERMONT, NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER  
FOURTEEN SIXTYSEVEN. OFFICER BELIEVES PHOTO OF JAMES EARL  
RAY ON WANTED FLYER FOUR FOUR TWO IS VERY SIMILAR AND PROBABLY  
IDENTICAL WITH JAMES ESTEL RAY.

MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY CHECK MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS PERTAINING  
TO TENNESSEE REGISTRATION AND ADDRESS IN HARRIMAN, TENN.

CINCINNATI CHECK OUT ADDRESS IN DAYTON, OHIO.

BOSTON CONTACT APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL AT PETRICCA CONSTRU-  
TION CO., PITTSFIELD.

NEW YORK CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION AT PRELOAD CONSTRU-  
TION CO., IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF JAMES EARL RAY IDENT  
WITH SUSPECT THIS CASE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI WASH DC

645PM URGENT 5/2/68 GJM

TO KANSAS CITY BIRMINGHAM NEW ORLEANS MEMPHIS  
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO BH, ME, KC, SI, AND SL, MAY TWO, INSTANT,  
AND BHTEL TO NO, NO CC OTHER OFFICES, MAY TWO INSTANT.

KANSAS CITY, AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, SHOULD  
ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY JOHNNY VALENTI <sup>Sub # 833 p2</sup> WHO WAS REPORTEDLY  
INCARCERATED THERE AT THE SAME TIME AS SUBJECT RAY. SET  
OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO HAVE VALENTI INTERVIEWED WHEN  
WHEREABOUTS LOCATED. NEW ORLEANS, HOLD IN ABEYANCE  
INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE VALENTI PENDING INFORMATION DEVELOPED  
BY KANSAS CITY.

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311PM URGENT 5-2-68 DJB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, & ST. LOUIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE MAY ONE LAST.

BIRMINGHAM ADVISED FORMER MSP INMATE JAMES W. BROWN  
INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF RAY AT MSP,  
JEFFERSON CITY, MO., WERE JOHNNY VELLANTI, JOHNNY JOHNSON  
SERVING TWENTY YEARS FROM KANSAS CITY; NONEY EDEN SERVING  
FIVE YEARS, RICHARD BEEMAN AND FRANK MAYBERRY FROM WEST  
PLAINS, MISSOURI.

RICHARD BEEMAN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED MAY TWO INSTANT  
BUT COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION AND DID NOT KNOW RAY WELL.  
JOHNNY VELLANTI NUMBER ZERO ZERO TWO THREE THREE, PAROLED  
MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, SIXTY SEVEN, AND LAST ADDRESS IS ONE SIX  
THREE TWO SOUTH EIGHTEENTH STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WHERE  
HE IS EMPLOYED BY WMARY FM RADIO. NONEY EDEN NOT IDENTIFIED.  
JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON NUMBER ZERO ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SIX SERVING  
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TWENTY FIVE YEARS FROM JACKSON COUNTY ASSIGNED MENS TRAINING SCHOOL AT MOBERLY JANUARY TWENTY THIRD, SIXTY SEVEN, AND FORMERLY WAS IN MOBERLY JUNE TWENTY FOUR, SIXTY FOUR, TO AUGUST TWENTY THREE, SIXTY SIX WHEN HE WAS PAROLED. RETURNED ON REVOCATION DECEMBER TWO SIXTY SIX. FRANK MAYBERRY NUMBER ONE THREE SEVEN SIX THREE ALSO ASSIGNED TO MOBERLY.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW JOHNNY VELLANTI CONCERNING BACKGROUND ASSOCIATES FOR WHEREABOUTS OF RAY.

AT MOBERLY, WILL SIMILARLY INTERVIEW JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON AND FRANK MAYBERRY. INQUIRY MSP DOES NOT REFLECT WALTER E. NOLAN DISCIPLINED FOR HAVING AMMUNITION IN HIS POCKET. MAJOR BERNARD POIRY RECALLS INCIDENT THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN AMMUNITION FOUND IN WORK SHOP OF PENITENTIARY AND THIS TRACED TO JIMMY Z. BRADLEY WHO HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS "KING PEN" IN AMPHETAMINE BUSINESS IN MSP AND WHO IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF RAY. ST. LOUIS BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY WITH BACKGROUND DATA ON NOLAN AND VELLANTI.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

P.

END

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND NEW ORLEANS  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS

*Sub A-533  
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WHEN INTERVIEWED MAY ONE, LAST, NEAR TUSCALOOSA, ALA.,  
JAMES W. BROWN, PRESENTLY UNDER SUPERVISION ALABAMA STATE  
PAROLE BOARD, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sub H-564*  
RE COOLEY (PH) OR COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION:

BROWN WAS CONFINED MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON  
CITY, MO., FROM APRIL, SIXTY, TO RELEASE ON PAROLE, JUNE  
FIFTEEN, SIXTY FIVE. WHILE THERE HE BECAME FAIRLEY WELL ACQUAIN-  
TED WITH SUBJECT RAY, AND DURING SIXTY THREE, RAY WAS VEHEMENT  
IN HIS RACIST ATTITUDE TOWARDS VICTIM. DURING FALL OF SIXTY  
THREE, HE MADE STATEMENT THAT HE WAS GOING TO GET MARTIN LUTHER  
KING WHEN HE GOT OUT. BROWN DURING CONVERSATION THEN WITH RAY  
HEARD RAY SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THAT COOLEY (PH) OR COOLEY'S  
ORGANIZATION WOULD PAY TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HAVE KING DEAD.  
NO FURTHER INFORMATION IN BROWN'S POSSESSION RE THIS.

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*Nothing in office  
indicates RFB*

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this in our  
indices  
& see what  
we have*

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BIRMINGHAM FILES NEGATIVE RE THIS INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION.

SUGGEST BUREAU ATTEMPT THROUGH FILE SEARCH TO IDENTIFY COOLEY AND/OR ORGANIZATION. IF NOT IDENTIFIABLE, SUGGEST BUREAU MAY DESIRE CORRESPOND EACH CONTINENTAL OFFICE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

*Sub-H-583 p3*  
RE JOHNNY VALENTI (PH):

IN INTERVIEW, BROWN RECALLED RAY CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF VALENTI, BELIEVED FROM BATON ROUGE, LA., ORIGINALLY, AND POSSIBLY STILL CONFINED IN PRISON. RECALLED THAT VALENTI COULD SPEAK SPANISH AND HE AND RAY TALKED ABOUT VISITING MEXICO. ON ONE OCCASION RAY STATED THAT WHEN RELEASED HE WAS GOING TO VISIT A MUTUAL FRIEND OF HIS AND VALENTI, NAME UNKNOWN, WHO HAD BEEN RELEASED, WAS MARRIED AND BELIEVED OPERATING A CAFE NEAR MOBERLY, MO.

NEW ORLEANS, AT BATON ROUGE, LA., ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY VALENTI AND IF NOT NOW LOCATED THERE, SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS FOR INTERVIEW, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE. IT IS RECALLED THAT BANK RECORDS, BIRMINGHAM, CONTAIN NOTATION THAT SUBJECT, AS GALT, WHEN RELEASING HIS SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX ON DEC. THIRTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN, WAS THEN IN BATON ROUGE, ALTHOUGH ENVELOPE BEARING POSTMARK NOT RETAINED BY BANK.

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AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.



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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

*Sub A-527*  
PUNCHY MILLER, AKA WILLIAM EARLESS MILLER, JR., LOCATED  
AND INTERVIEWED MORGAN COUNTY, MO. SO, ADVISED HE KNEW SUBJECT  
AS FELLOW INMATE, FURNISHED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OTHER  
THAN SUBJECT TOOK PEP PILLS, DISLIKED WESTERN MUSIC AND  
SPOKE OF A DESIRE TO GO TO NEW ORELANS AS IF HE HAD NEVER  
BEEN THERE.

*Johnny Velanti - Sub E-837A*  
ATLANTA ADVISED RE JOHNNY VELANTI'S RELEASE FROM  
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AND CURRENTLY IN ST. LOUIS.

FORMER KC PCI CURRENTLY INCARCERATED FEDERAL PENITENTIARY,  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, ADVISED HE KNEW SUBJECT AT MSP. RAY HAD  
FRIEND NAMED ROBERT BOWELL WHO WANTED RAY TO BEAT UP GIRLFRIEND  
FRANKIE BARBARA (PHONETIC), DOE RUN, MO. WHEN HE GOT OUT,  
ST. LOUIS ADVISED.

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1 Memphis (AM)

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CONTACTS WITH SOURCES IN THE HIPPIE, BEATNIK AREAS  
AND SOURCES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF NARCOTICS TRAFFIC NEGATIVE  
TO DATE.

NUMEROUS LOOK-ALIKES CONTINUE TO BE CHECKED OUT THOROUGHLY.  
INTERVIEW WITH PRISONERS MSP CONTINUES. KANSAS CITY ATTEMPTING  
TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW EX-GUARD JOHN STOUT. LOCAL LEADS  
BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY. AM MEMPHIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION TO LEARN INFORMATION  
REGARDING <sup>COOLEYS</sup> "COOLEYS ORGANIZATION" IN THE MISSOURI STATE  
PENITENTIARY (MSP) UNSUCCESSFUL TO DATE, INTERVIEWS AT  
PRISON CONTINUE.

LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN LOWER  
CLASS ROOMING HOUSE AREA BEING ~~CONTINUED~~ <sup>CONTACTED</sup>. INVESTIGATION  
UNDERWAY TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW FULL-BLOODED INDIAN  
BARBER REPORTED TO BE ASSOCIATE OF RAY AT THE MSP.  
SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE # NINE ONE THREE NINE EIGHT NINE  
FOUR FOUR SIX EIGHT IS MRS. FLOYD HONTZ, RT. ONE, WATHENA,  
KS. SHE AND HER SON A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ARE THE ONLY  
RESIDENTS AT THAT ADDRESS. BOTH ADVISED THAT TELEPHONE  
IN THEIR NAME SINCE MAY SIXTYSEVEN AND RECALL NO CALLS

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FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS AT ANY TIME. PHOTOGRAPH OR NAME  
OF SUBJECT UNKNOWN TO THEM.

COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING TOM BRITTON  
FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM.

LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO GET *IMMEDIATE ATTENTION*  
~~ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.~~

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5/1/68

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)  
RE : MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

ReBuairtel 4/25/68, and Atlanta airtel to Savannah dated 4/29/68.

On 5/1/68, contact with CID, Hunter Army Air Field, Ga., disclosed that Company D, 575th Engineer Battalion, formerly at Hunter, had been reallocated to Fort Stewart, Ga., approximately 1½ months ago.

Telephonic contact with the First Sergeant, Company D, 575th Engineer Battalion, Fort Stewart, on 5/1/68, disclosed that WILLIAM SIBERT was currently assigned to that unit; however, had been granted leave for twelve days on 4/18/68 and was to return by Midnight, 4/30/68, but had not returned as of 2:30 p.m., 5/1/68. The First Sergeant pointed out, however, that SIBERT would not be considered AWOL until Midnight, 5/1/68, since he has, automatically, one day's grace in connection with extended leave.

The First Sergeant noted that SIBERT furnished a leave address of 501 Webster Street, Ottawa, Illinois, telephone Area Code 815 433-4462.

The First Sergeant said that he was aware of the fact that SIBERT owned a 1966 Mustang and, to the best of his knowledge, was on duty at Fort Stewart, Ga., on April 4 and 5, 1968; however, without checking the Morning Report Records at Post Headquarters, he could not positively verify

- 3- Bureau
- 1- Atlanta (44-2386) (INFO)
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- 1- Pittsburgh (INFO)
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that SIEBERT was on duty.

The records of Vehicle Registration Division, Fort Stewart, Ga., disclose that enlisted men's decal # 6231 had been issued to SIBERT for use on a 1966 Mustang.

LEAD:

SAVANNAH

AT FORT STEWART, GEORGIA:

Will cause a check to be made of appropriate attendance records, to verify SIBERT's presence on duty at Fort Stewart, on April 4 and 5, 1968.

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FBI EL PASO

911 PM URGENT 5-1-68 LMT

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 BALTIMORE

FROM EL PASO 157-186 -P-

MURKIN

RE PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE THREE EIGHT.

RE NEW YORK TEL TO BALTIMORE FOUR-THIRTY LAST.

LEADS SET OUT PAGE FOUR RETEL FOR DALLAS RE FNO REID. AREA CODE NINE ONE FIVE TELEPHONE NO. FIVE SIX EIGHT-ONE ONE FOUR SIX. THIS AREA CODE IS EL PASO AND TELEPHONE NO. IS FOR AIRLINES TRAFFIC OFFICE, FT. BLISS, TEXAS.

OFFICE RECORDS REFLECT PVT. P.I. REID TRANSFERRED TO ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS, MARYLAND, TOOK AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT TWO TO DALLAS, AND AA FLIGHT THREE THREE EIGHT TO BALTIMORE APRIL SIX LAST. POST LOCATER, FT. BLISS, ADVISED PVT. PAUL I. REID, RA ONE SIX NINE NINE SEVEN SIX SEVEN FIVE, ASSIGNED TO USAOC AND S, ABERDEEN .

BALTIMORE INTERVIEW PVT. REID IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN RETEL.

AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re NY tel, 4/30/68;  
 EP teletype to the Bureau, 5/1/68;  
 Three EP airtels to the Bureau, 5/2/68.

RE: PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY ON AMERICAN  
 AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER 338

Page four of New York tel sets out a lead regarding Mr. LAW. Noted DOUGLAS L. LAW was interviewed on 5/1/68, and it was determined that he was not identical with the subject. LAW saw no one who resembled the subject on the flight in question.

Page four of referenced New York tel contains a lead regarding (FNU) REID. Referenced El Paso tel set out a lead for the Baltimore Office to interview PAUL I. REID.

Page seven of referenced New York tel sets out leads regarding Mrs. MORRISON, Mrs. WEBB, and Mrs. ROSE TEERESHKO.

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FTS calls were made to Albuquerque, Norfolk, and Newark regarding these individuals and these offices were requested to locate and interview them.

Referenced El Paso airtels dated 5/2/68, confirmed FTS telephone calls made to these offices.

El Paso has no outstanding leads under above caption.

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: EL PASO

FROM: BALTIMORE (44-669)

MURKIN, CR.

RE EL PASO TEL TO BU AND BA, MAY ONE, LAST.

RE: AMERICAN AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER THREE THREE EIGHT.

PRIVATE PAUL I. REID, ASN RA ONE SIX NINE NINE SEVEN  
SIX SEVEN FIVE, ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MD., INTERVIEWED  
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. REID STATES THAT HE AND FOUR OTHER  
SOLDIERS WERE ON INSTANT FLIGHT TO BA; HOWEVER, IDENTITY OF  
THESE INDIVIDUALS IS UNKNOWN TO REID, AND NOT AVAILABLE AT  
ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND.

EL PASO AT FT. BLISS, TEXAS, CONTACT APPROPRIATE PERSONS,  
BUILDING TWO FOUR FOUR EIGHT, TO IDENTIFY THE FOUR MILITARY  
PERSONS WHO WERE ON INSTANT FLIGHT WITH REID.

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