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On 5/6/68, Mrs. MARY B. GEORGE (protect identity), Post Mistress, Union City Post Office, advised that RUTH SPENCER had moved from Union City and left a forwarding address to General Delivery, Bethel Island, Calif., on 9/16/68.

On 5/8/68, Miss MELBA HANKE (protect identity), Bethel Island, advised there is no RUTH SPENCER known to her as a resident of Bethel Island. She did state a RUTH LOCKMAN is presently believed to reside with a WAYNE SPENCER at the Bethel Island Trailer Park.

On 5/13/68, RUTH LOCKMAN, a resident of Bethel Island Trailer Park, Bethel Island, advised she is the former holder of P. O. Box 764 at Union City, California. She stated that her maiden name was RUTH ECKHART and denied having ever used another name.

RUTH LOCKMAN stated that she is not a member of a correspondence club and has never heard of the Swinger Correspondence Club of Los Angeles and has never received literature from them.

She stated that she has with in the past few months received some mailings from the Los Angeles area containing advertising for material which she considered to be of a pornographic nature. However, she stated she could only presume that through some mailing list her name had been listed with the Swinger Correspondence Club (SCC). She advised the names JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC STARVO GALT and the other aliases of RAY were unknown to her and after viewing photographs, stated she did not recognize RAY.

On 5/4/68, MORIS ANDREOTTI, 460 Rico, Salinas, Calif., advised that a couple of years ago she joined a correspondence club out of Chicago, Illinois and ever since then has gotten pamphlets and free offer type sales literature from several other companies. She advised that she does not remember ever getting any correspondence from a local SCC.

She advised that she is presently writing to a man named GAY RANSON from San Francisco, California. She stated that she started writing him through the correspondence club

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out of Chicago. She advised she has no idea how the SCC could have obtained her address unless the correspondence club in Chicago gave it to them.

On 5/4/68, GEORGE PHELPS (protect), Postmaster, El Cerrito, Calif., advised that P. O. Box 431 has been in use since 12/20/67 by SHIRLEY K. WALSH, home address 51 Redgear Drive, Walnut Creek, Calif., phone 939-3443.

On 5/5/68, Mrs. SHIRLEY WALSH, 51 Redgear Drive, Walnut Creek, Calif., advised she has never been a member of or credited in any way with the SCC. She related that she has in the past as of November, 1967, corresponded with the "Worldwide Group", P. O. Box 5073, Berkeley and with the Computer Dating Company, Inc., 681 Market Street, San Francisco.

She advised that she was unable to explain how the SCC had obtained her address of P. O. Box 431, El Cerrito, California. She stated she is an employee of the Contra Costa County Social Service Dept. and advised she had obtained P. O. Box 431, El Cerrito for the sole purpose of receiving therein the "Berkeley Barb", a newspaper which she did not desire to have people know that she subscribed to. She stated this was the only reason for obtaining this box.

Mrs. WALSH stated that she has never received any photographs from the SCC and after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka. advised that this person was completely unknown to her.

On 5/4/68, Miss ANNETTE LA PERLLE, Apt. 29, 535 Leavenworth, advised she had at no time joined the "Club Swinger", but had received communications from the club after sending for a Self-hypnosis book some time ago. She stated because she has received so much advertising mail that she has been destroying some of this mail without even opening it if the return address is unfamiliar to her. Mrs. LA PERLLE advised that she has not received any correspondence from JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT and that she does not know him and has never seen him. Mrs. LA PERLLE, after viewing photographs of RAY, stated that the man was completely unknown to her.

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Date: 5/20/68

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

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. CR.

RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY FOURTEEN LAST.

SAN FRANCISCO IS REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW DORIS
ANDREOTTI REGARDING FULL IDENTITY OF GAY RANDAL AND
THEREAFTER CONDUCT SUFFICIENT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE
IF RANDAL IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY.

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Airtel _____

Teletype RFB/acp
(1) *[Signature]*

A.M. _____

A.M.S.D. _____

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Approved: _____

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TO DIRECTOR CLEVELAND FIELD

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

MURKIN

ON NIGHT OF MAY SEVEN, INSTANT, INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF
AS JOE CONROY, ^DALLIANCE, OHIO, WHO REQUESTED TO FURNISH ST CITY
ADDRESS, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BUREAU AND FURNISHED FOLLOW-
ING INFORMATION. AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT TWENTY P.M., MAY SEVEN,
INSTANT, HE OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL WHO RESEMBLED JAMES EARL RAY
DRIVING AN OLD CAR POSSIBLY A CHRYSLER PRODUCT, APPLE GREEN IN
COLOR, BEARING WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE ALABAMA LICENSE TWO
SEVEN ONE SEVEN EIGHT SIX FOUR. ^DLICENSE WAS A RED BACKGROUND WITH
LIGHT LETTERS. THIS INDIVIDUAL STOPPED AND WENT INTO TOILET
RESTROOM NEXT TO CITY SQUARE ON MAIN STREET IN ALLIANCE AND
AFTER A FEW MINUTES CAME OUT AND DROVE OFF HEADED EAST ON
MAIN STREET. INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FIFTYFIVE -
FORTY, FIVE FEET ELEVEN, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, APPROXIMATE
TO AN OHIO, VERY DARK TAN COMPLEXION. CONROY OBSERVED THE
INDIVIDUAL

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MALE IN CAR BUT COULD DESCRIBE HER AS ONLY HAVING A LOT OF DARK COLORED HAIR OR BLACK HAIR. HE CLAIMED SOME CLOTHES HANGING IN THE REAR OF THE CAR.

WILL ASCERTAIN HE HAD ABOVE ALABAMA LICENSE ISSUED AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO DETERMINE IF VEHICLE OCCUPANT COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

CLEVELAND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT BUS STATION, INCLUDING DISPLAY OF SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH, IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY ABOVE PERSON.

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Date: 5/8/68

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

TO: BUREAU 44-38861 AND CLEVELAND
FROM MOBILE 157-2627

MURKIN. CR. OO ME.

RE ALA. LICENSE TWO SEVEN DASH ONE SEVEN EIGHT SIX FOUR,
SEEN ALLIANCE, OHIO, MAY SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE BUTEL MO AND CV, ELEVEN FIFTEEN P.M. MAY SEVEN LAST.

ALA. LICENSE TWO DASH SEVEN ONE SEVEN EIGHT SIX FOUR AN
IMPOSSIBLE NUMBER.

MAY EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, MRS. MABEL BAILEY, LICENSE CLERK,
DALLAS COUNTY, ALA. PROBATE COURT, ADVISED THAT SIXTYEIGHT ALA.
LICENSE TWO SEVEN DASH ONE SEVEN EIGHT SIX FOUR IS ISSUED TO
WALLACE GREATHOUSE, RT. ONE, SELMA, ALA., FOR A FIFTYNINE PONTIAC,
TWO DOOR CATALINA, VIN ONE FIVE NINE T FOUR SIX FIVE SEVEN,
COLOR NOT RECORDED. THIS TAG WAS MAILED TO GREATHOUSE, JAN.

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JTB:lpw
① Memphis (44-38861) AM
Approved: _____ Sent _____
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Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)**MO 157-2627****PAGE TWO**

**ONE LAST, CARE OF GENERAL DELIVERY, PEACH ORCHARD BRANCH,
AUGUSTA, GA.**

**THIS LICENSE HAD BEEN ORDERED BY MAIL AND IN ORDERING THE
TAG GREATHOUSE SAID HE WAS EMPLOYED WITH JAMES H. DREW SHOWS
IN TRAVEL STATUS.**

**CLEVELAND REFER TO MOLET TO ALL OFFICES DEC. NINETEEN,
SIXTYSEVEN, CAPTIONED, ALA. CAR, ITSMV MATTERS, WHICH SET OUT
INFORMATION CONCERNING MAIL ORDER TAGS ISSUED IN SEVERAL ALA.
COUNTIES. IT IS NOTED THAT PERSON ORDERING MAIL ORDER TAG
MUST ONLY IDENTIFY HIMSELF AS EMPLOYED IN THE ENTERTAINMENT
BUSINESS OR THE MILITARY AND FURNISH ADDRESS WHERE TAG IS TO
BE MAILED.**

**CLEVELAND DETERMINE IF JAMES H. DREW SHOWS OPERATING IN
THE ALLIANCE, OHIO, AREA, AND CONDUCT THE NECESSARY INVESTIGA-
TION TO LOCATE AND ELIMINATE GREATHOUSE.**

NO INSERT BEING SUBMITTED BY MOBILE.

AM COPY MEMPHIS.

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

5/9/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Sub E-888A
ALA. LICENSE 27-17864
SKEN ALLIANCE, OHIO, 5/7/68

Reference is made to Bureau teletype to Mobile, Cleveland and Memphis, 11:15 p.m., 5/7/68, and Mobile teletype to the Bureau and Cleveland, Airmail copy to Memphis, 11:30 a.m., 5/18/68.

Enclosed herewith for Savannah is one copy each of the above-referenced teletypes.

By teletype dated 5/9/68, Cleveland advised that witnesses at Turner Drug Store, Alliance, Ohio, advised that the individual who appeared at the drug store was not identical to RAY. Cleveland also advised that there were no carnivals operating in the Alliance, Ohio, area at present and set forth lead for Mobile at Selma, Ala., to locate and interview WALLACE GREATHOUSE, Rt. 1, for the process of elimination.

Sub E-888A
As pointed out in Mobile teletype, 5/8/68, Ala. license 27-17864 was issued to GREATHOUSE, Rt. 1, Selma, Ala., as a result of a mail order and was forwarded to him, care of General Delivery, Peach Orchard Branch, Augusta, Ga.

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2-Cleveland (44-365)
②-Memphis (44-1987)
2-Savannah (Encs. 2)
1-Mobile
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Reference was made to Mobile letter to all Offices, 12/19/67, captioned: "ALA. CAR; ITSMV MATTERS", which set forth information concerning mail order tags which are issued in three Ala. counties within the Mobile Div. These tags may be ordered by letter, wire or telephone or in person and are sent to whatever address is indicated if the person identifies himself as being in the entertainment field or in the military service. A route address is issued on the tag receipt.

This being a mail order tag, there is no indication that GREATHOUSE has been in Selma, Ala., or Dallas County, and in the absence of such information, there is no investigation to be made by the Mobile Office in an effort to locate GREATHOUSE.

SAVANNAH. Will attempt to locate WALLACE GREATHOUSE through General Delivery, Peach Orchard Branch, Augusta, GA., in order that he may be contacted to determine if he could possibly be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

CLEVELAND. Will contact sources at Alliance, Ohio, to develop address of complainant BOB CONROY and interview him in person concerning the individual seen by him.

In the event this investigation at Cleveland and Savannah does not result in location of WALLACE GREATHOUSE, it is suggested that Cleveland attempt to trace him through the James H. Drews Show by contact with "Billboard Magazine", Cincinnati, Ohio.

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FBI

Date: 5/14/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Mobile airtel to Bureau 5/9/68.

Alabama License 27-17864
Seen Alliance, Ohio 5/7/68

On 5/9/68, Mr. ROBERT T. CONROY, 815 Parkway Avenue, Alliance, Ohio, was contacted. CONROY indicated he had telephoned the FBI in Washington, after he had seen a man who resembled RAY, coming out of Turner's Drugstore, Alliance, Ohio. CONROY stated that he was downtown, driving in his own car when he observed this individual, who appeared to be, or at least resembled RAY. He stated he went around the dock, came back and copied a license number after he observed this man enter an old green vehicle which he believed to be a Chrysler product. This license was copied down by himself and he then telephoned the FBI in Washington giving them the details as he recalled same. In regards to distance, CONROY said that he was on the opposite side of the street when this man left the drugstore and he again observed him after driving around the block from a distance of 30 or so feet, but did not get a good view, since the man was in the car. CONROY was not absolutely sure that this individual was RAY, however, indicated he wished to aide the FBI in any conceivable way possible, therefore, had immediately or soon thereafter telephoned Washington. CONROY had no additional information to add to the above facts or elaborate on the information furnished Washington.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Mobile (157-2627)
2 - Savannah
2 - Cleveland

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Special Agent in Charge

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SAVANNAH

AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

In above referenced communication, Mobile advised that if investigation at Cleveland and Savannah does not result in the location of WALLACE GREATHOUSE, it is suggested that attempts to trace him through the James H. Drews Shows by contact with the Billboard Magazine, Cincinnati, Ohio be set out.

Inasmuch as Cleveland was unable to obtain any additional information in this matter, in its interview with BOB CONROY, Savannah if unable to locate GREATHOUSE, will set out the lead to contact Billboard Magazine, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1700) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Alabama License 27-17804
Busn Alliance, Ohio 5/7/68

Enclosed to Pittsburgh for background information are the following:

Bureau teletype to Mobile dated 5/7/68
Mobile teletype to Bureau dated 5/8/68
Mobile airtel to Bureau dated 5/9/68
Cleveland airtel to Bureau dated 5/14/68

The following investigation was conducted at Augusta, Ga., by SA EDWARD D. COLLINS:

On 5/17/68 JOHN RIVERS, Manager, and JOHN WASSON, Assistant Manager, U. S. Post Office, Peach Orchard Branch, south of Augusta, advised that their records were negative concerning WALLACE CHRISTENSEN, who listed his address as General Delivery at that station. Both stated he was unfamiliar to them.

Both explained that it was possible this individual was a carnival worker for JAMES H. DEW who lives about five miles south of that station on Peach Orchard Road near Gracewood, Ga.,

- 1- Bureau
- 2- Pittsburgh (Enc. 4)
- 2- Memphis (44-1987)
- 1- Cleveland (44-585) (Info)
- 2- Savannah

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and receives his mail from that station, namely, Gracewood.

On 5/17/68 efforts to contact JAMES H. BREN were negative, the neighbors explaining that he was on the road with a show up north and his whereabouts was unknown.

On 5/17/68 HARVEY BARRETTI, operator of the Club 13 and a girls show, who is familiar carnival workers who winter quarter in Augusta, Ga., advised that WALLACE CHRISTENSEN was unfamiliar to him. He did not know the itinerary for the Brev Show or the show's present whereabouts.

On 5/16/68 Mrs. FRANCES KIRCH, Credit Bureau of Augusta, Ga., and Sgt. WILLIAM E. SIMMONS, Record Bureau, Augusta, Ga., GA, both advised a search of their records failed to locate any names identifiable with CHRISTENSEN.

On 5/20/68 WILLIAM ROWLAND, Richmond County License Inspector, Augusta, Ga., advised he received a call from JAMES H. BREN concerning a license for the Exchange Club Fair in Augusta and learned that BREN was staying at the Holiday Inn #1 at Charleston, W. Va., for this week. He was playing shopping centers around Charleston, W. Va., for the next week or ten days following 5/20/68 and could be contacted at Area Code 304 342-4821.

LEADS:

PATENTEN DIVISION

AT CHARLSTON, W. VA.:

Will contact JAMES H. BREN, Brev Shows, a native of Augusta and who has been most cooperative in the past, to determine if WALLACE CHRISTENSEN is known to him and/or whether he might be considered to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

Will interview CHRISTENSEN to verify that he is driving an old Chrysler product, bearing captioned Alabama tag.

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AIRTEL

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 4/26/68, and
Bureau airtel to Philadelphia, 5/2/68.

Mr. JOHN J. O'DONNELL, 47 North 13th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa., today advised that he served in the
U. S. Navy, where he was fingerprinted and had U. S. Navy
Serial Number [REDACTED]. He advised he was born [REDACTED] at
Philadelphia, Pa.

The Identification Division is requested to
compare the fingerprints of O'DONNELL from his fingerprints
taken while he was in the U. S. Navy with the latent
fingerprints developed from the gin bottle.

In view of O'DONNELL having been fingerprinted
while in the U. S. Navy, Philadelphia, at this time, is
not fingerprinting O'DONNELL.

Information copy furnished Memphis.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-3649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO-MEMPHIS

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau, 4/30/68 to ascertain
identity and nature of phone call from West Texas area on
12/17/67, to phone No. 713-539-5382 at Diboll, Texas.

It was determined on 5/4/68, that the subscriber to
this phone number is JESS PARKER, Diboll, Texas.

On 5/4/68, MRS. ANNA PEARL PARKER, Diboll, Texas,
said that her husband, JESS, is deceased and that she had
telephone No. 539-5382 for several years. She recalled that
on 12/17/67, her son and his wife telephoned her from a small
town in West Texas on that date to inform her that they were
unable to arrive on Monday (12/18/67). MRS. PARKER explained
that her son is in the U. S. Navy stationed in California and on
12/17/67 was en route by automobile to visit her over the Christmas
holidays.

MRS. PARKER said she is aware of the photographs of
JAMES EARL RAY, the alleged killer of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING,
but does not know RAY and has not received any phone calls from him.

3 - Bureau
③ - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Dallas
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

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THREE EIGHT EIGHT SIX ONE.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPES MAY ONE AND THREE, LAST
TO BUREAU, TAMPA AND MEMPHIS, AND BUREAU TELETYPE
TO BIRMINGHAM, TAMPA AND MEMPHIS, MAY TWO, LAST.

~~B. DEMAY~~ O. J. WEISS, CONCESSIONS
SECRETARY, HYMIE JACOBSON, CONCESSIONS SECRETARY,
HARRY STEPHENS, INDEPENDENT OPERATOR OF CONCESSIONS,
DON PIERSON, INDIVIDUAL MANNING CONCESSIONS, RICHARD
FERLICH, INDIVIDUAL OPERATOR, LEAD GALLERIES, GUY
GARDNER, SECRETARY - TREASURER AND BUSINESS
MANAGER, AND JACK FLYNN, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
OF CONCESSIONS, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, INC., TAMPA,
FLA., ADVISED THEY WERE NOT ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES
"CHEROKEE" AND LINDA SPARKS. GUY GARDNER, SECRETARY-

1 - TAMPA

1 - MEMPHIS (AM)

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TREASURER AND BUSINESS MANAGER, UNABLE TO LOCATE EMPLOYMENT
RECORD DURING PAST TWO YEARS FOR JAMES OR LINDA SPARKS
OR CHARLES RAY JOHNSON. TED AND JOE PATTERSON UNKNOWN
BY ABOVE EMPLOYEES. TED AND JOE WILLIAMS WHO OPERATE
COOK HOUSE, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, DEPARTED TAMPA
TWO WEEKS AGO AND WILL REJOIN SHOW AT DAVENPORT, IOWA,
JUNE ONE, NEXT.

~~DE MAY~~ STATED NO ONE FITTING SPARKS'
DESCRIPTION AT ANY TIME PREPARED HIS MEALS SINCE HE
TAKES MEALS AT COOK HOUSE WITH OTHER EMPLOYEES.
ALSO STATED NO EMPLOYEE SLEEPS IN RAILROAD CARS
WHILE IN WINTER QUARTERS, TAMPA, FLA.

~~DE MAY~~ ADVISED MANIFEST CARDS
ISSUED ANNUALLY AND EXPIRE SAME YEAR. ROYAL
AMERICAN SHOWS MANIFEST NUMBER FIFTEEN, ISSUED FOR
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, ISSUED TO ROOSEVELT GUNNARSON.
~~DE MAY~~, GUY GARDNER, JOE BROWN, TIMEKEEPER
AND FOREMAN, ANGELO HAMILTON, LABORER AND JAMES

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ALLEN JOHNSON, LABORER, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SPARKS OR HIS WIFE AS ANYONE ASSOCIATED WITH SHOWS AT ANY TIME.

ALL OF THE ABOVE EMPLOYEES, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, OBSERVED SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND COULD RECALL NO ONE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SHOW AT ANY TIME RESEMBLING THE SUBJECT.

^{RE}
BIRMINGHAM WILL INTERVIEW JAMES SPARKS CONCERNING ALLEGED MANIFEST CARD, EXPIRING NINETEEN SEVENTY, TO CLARIFY INFORMATION.

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AM FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN
(OO:ME)

Mrs. BETTY JEAN SANDERS, 1541 Bay Point Road, Sarasota, Fla. on 5-3-68 advised while reviewing the 5-3-68 issue of Life magazine concerning the article on subject RAY she noticed her photograph in the group picture on page 20.

She is in the fourth row, first on the left. She remembers this being taken during her first teaching assignment at Ewing, Mo. when she was 19 years of age. She only taught at Ewing from September, 1937 to May, 1938 and only taught part of the third grade, and did not remember the subject or anything about him, and could not remember anyone else in the photograph that might be connected with him.

She stated her maiden name which was the name she used in 1937, was BETTY JEAN RHEA. She was furnishing this information in the event she was being sought for interview in this case.

2 - Bureau
2 - Memphis
2 - St. Louis
2 - Tampa
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)
MURKIN.

HARRY ANDERSON, FIVE ZERO SIX HOLLYWOOD PLACE, LOS ANGELES, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, ALLEGEDLY LONG DISTANCE FROM AREA CODE SIX ZERO TWO (AREA CODE FOR ARIZONA), TELEPHONE, SEVEN SEVEN TWO - FIVE ONE SIX ZERO, A PHONE BOOTH IN AN UNNAMED RESTAURANT AT ONE SEVEN ONE THREE SUNSETT STRIP, LOS ANGELES, AND ADVISED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WAS AT THAT RESTAURANT ABOUT SIX HOURS EARLIER AND, AT THAT, THE TIME OF HIS CALL (ONE FORTY-FIVE P.M. EDT), WHO FIT THE DESCRIPTION AND APPEARANCE OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND WEARING DARK SUIT, YELLOW TIE, WHITE SHIRT, YELLOW GOLD RING WITH DIAMOND AND BLACK SETTING, AND CARRYING A GUN IN A SHOULDER HOLSTER.

2 - Bureau
2 - Teletype Unit
③ - Memphis (44-9167) (AM)
1 - Phoenix (AM)
2 - WFO
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ANDERSON STATED HIS GRANDFATHER, THOMAS JOHNSON HAS TELEPHONE SEVEN TWO ONE - EIGHT SIX TWO ZERO AND RESIDES NEXT DOOR TO HIM.

WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE TIME AT THE PLACE WHERE HE WAS CALLING FROM, ANDERSON WAS EVASIVE AND SAID IT WAS ABOUT SIX HOURS EARLIER THAN IN WASHINGTON. HE WAS EVASIVE ABOUT THE NAME OF THE ABOVE RESTAURANT AND ABOUT GIVING THE IMPROPER AREA CODE. HE STATED HE HAD CALLED THE FBI IN LOS ANGELES AND RECEIVED NO ANSWER. HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO AGAIN CALL THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

IN VIEW OF ANDERSON'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THIS REPORT BEING A POSSIBLY HOAX.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS AND PHOENIX.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 5/6/68

KWD
FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO Memphis
Bufile 44-38861

Re Little Rock airtel to Memphis, 4/30/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SAS RICHARD L. ECKBERG and EUGENE W. RUIZ:

JIM AUSTIN, Litwin Corp., 520 E. William Street, Wichita, Kansas, advised 5/2/68, his records reflect WILLIAM G. SORRELLS, 1820 West Douglas Street, Wichita, was employed for this company 2/19/68 as design engineer and is presently employed. The records reflect he was born [redacted] and has Social Security # [redacted]. The time sheet reflects he worked nine hours in Wichita from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm on 4/4/68. He stated he could locate no record for a BOB NELSON.

WILLIAM G. SORRELLS, 1820 West Douglas Street, Wichita, Kansas, advised 5/2/68, he was working in Wichita for Litwin Corp. on 4/4/68. He stated he is acquainted with ROBERT NELSON who works for Litwin Corp. but who is on the payroll of another company. He stated NELSON is from Birmingham and has worked in Little Rock and Atlanta, however, NELSON has never been in Memphis to his knowledge. SORRELLS stated he drives a white Chevrolet Corvair and it was noted this car had Oklahoma license ZD 5779.

BOB NELSON, Litwin Corp., 520 E. William Street, Wichita, advised 5/2/68, his full name is ROLFE BERNARD NELSON but he is known as ROBERT or BOB. He stated he resides at 2316 Wildwood, Wichita, and has worked at Litwin Corp. in Wichita since August 1967. He stated he drives a white Oldsmobile and he has not been in Memphis for a year or more. He stated he was working in Wichita the day KING was murdered.

- ② - Memphis
- 1 - Little Rock
- 1 - New Orleans
- 2 - Kansas City

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and he and a friend by the name of SORRELLS, who is also from the South, made kidding remarks about the murder such as "You surely made a fast trip to Memphis and back". He stated that undoubtedly some of their kidding remarks were overheard as neither he nor SORRELLS made a trip to Memphis and had no knowledge of the murder.

JIM AUSTIN, Litwin Corp., 520 E. William Street, Wichita, advised 5/2/68, his office does not keep complete records on personnel who are employed for other companies and working at Litwin Corp. He did, however, had a time sheet which reflected ROLFE B. NELSON was a Senior Engineer and he worked nine hours during the day of 4/4/68.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, DENVER

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

This will confirm telephone conversation between our office and SA E. A. SAMPSON, Saturday supervisor of the Denver office, on 5/4/68.

SUE SORENSEN ODLE, Rural Route 1, Spearfish, South Dakota, a student at the Black Hills State College and an employee of Margie's Dinner Club, telephonically advised that she had seen a man fitting the description of the subject JAMES EARL RAY. She identified this individual as being JACK HARGOG, 8830 Manhattan Lane, Cheyenne, Wyoming, who has been staying at the Sienta Motel, Spearfish, South Dakota, for the past two week ends.

HARGOG allegedly went to Denver the week end of 5/4/68. HARGOG allegedly attempted to cash a check from the Boeing Corporation while in Spearfish.

Miss ODLE furnished the following description of HARGOG:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	38 to 40 years
Height	5'9" to 5'10"
Weight	160 to 170 pounds
Build	Medium
Complexion	Medium

HARGOG is alleged to be driving a new Camaro, black over gold.

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Will conduct investigation in effort to determine whether or not HARGOG is identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

5/6/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-3649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO-MEMPHIS

RE: TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY
EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO
NEW ORLEANS

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau, 4/30/68.

In regard to telephone call made from pay booth at either Van Horn, Valentine, or Sierra Blanca, Texas, to Denison, Texas, on 12/16/67, to Area Code 214-465-5263:

Subscriber identified 5/6/68, as MRS. J. W. HAGER, 47 Loy Drive, Denison. MRS. HAGER advised her son, JOHN J. HAGER, of Hanford, California, traveled to Denison during mid-December, 1967 because of death in family. She recalled that en route back to California, her son and family were stranded overnight 12/16/67, at Van Horn, Texas, due to bad weather, and they had spent the night in a church. She recalled he had telephoned to advise her and family were well.

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② - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Dallas
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Reference is made to Birmingham teletype to the Bureau, Atlanta and Mobile, airmail copy to Memphis, 5:53 PM, 4/26/68.

On 5/1 and 5/2/68, Lt. D. C. KIMBRO, Drivers License Division, and Mrs. GAYLORD TURNER, IBM Section, Drivers License Division, Alabama State Dept. of Public Safety, Montgomery, Ala., made available all records pertaining to Alabama driver's licenses issued throughout the State of Alabama, between 3/20/68 and 4/9/68. There were approximately 7500 driver's licenses issued for this period. SA DANIEL W. MC ALLEN, III examined these records and after eliminating applications of the young people, old people, Negroes, females, etc., there were approximately 800 application forms which were then examined by SA MC ALLEN.

Of these 800 applications, 10 persons were found generally fitting the description of subject and whose handwriting was thought somewhat similar to that of the subject. These 10 applications are enclosed herewith for the Bureau, and it is requested that the Laboratory compare the signatures on these applications with the handwriting

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Atlanta (44-2386)(Info)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(Info)
2 - Mobile
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of subject to determine if any of these signatures may have been prepared by the subject.

These application forms are for the following individuals:

WILLIAM ELMER JOHNSON
941 8th St., Pleasant Grove, Alabama 35127;

FRANK GARRETT PERRY
215 West Drake Ave., Auburn, Ala. 36830;

JAMES PRESTON RIDDICK
322 First Ave., Saraland, Ala. 36571;

ROBERT CLIFTON SMITH
Rt. 2, Box 221, Lineville, Ala. 36266;

PONTAINE (MRS) STONE
P.O.S.B. (Big R Trailer Park, Lot No. 10)
Greenville, Ala. 36037;

R. (Only) W. (Only) TIGER
Rt. 1, Box 109, Cave Springs, Ga. (Ala.) 36275;

CLYDE JUSTIN HILL, SR.
Rt. 1, Box 373
Bryant, Ala. 35958;

WINFORD PRESTON GILMORE
1203 21st St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867;

PAUL EDGAR GOODPASTER, JR.
1323 Perry St., Montgomery, Ala. 36104;

LEE EMERSON MELLAMY
809 Nashville, Ave., Sheffield, Ala. 35660;

ROGER DAVID BROUSSARD
2123 North 12th Avenue
Birmingham, Ala.

Copy of this letter is furnished to Birmingham, so that Birmingham may be aware that this license check for the State of Alabama, has been made, and a copy is furnished to Atlanta in view of the interest of the Atlanta Division in this particular phase of the investigation.

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Mobile is not retaining copies of these application forms, and if any investigation is needed concerning any of these application forms by either Birmingham or Mobile, the Bureau should furnish Birmingham or Mobile with the pertinent application.

Results of this review should be furnished to Memphis, Atlanta, Birmingham and Mobile. In the event the examination is negative, these forms need not be returned to Mobile.

5/23/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: ME)

Re Birmingham telephone call to Montgomery
RA, 5/21/68, and Birmingham teletype to Mobile, 5/21/68.

On 5/21/68, Mrs. GERTRUDE KING, Drivers
License Division, Alabama Department of Public Safety,
Montgomery, Alabama, telephonically advised SA DAN O.
STEPHENS as follows:

Sub E-897p2
License #2911516 was issued to ROGER DAVID
BROUSSARD, 2123 North 12th Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama,
on 4/10/68. He is described as being a white male, born
[redacted], 6', 170 lbs., brown eyes, and brown hair. His
application indicates that he was then employed as a sales-
man by Bell and Howell, and that he formerly held licenses
in Virginia and New York.

Frank W. Pruet
FRANK WILLIAM PRUETT, 2123 North 12th Avenue,
Birmingham, Alabama, holds a current license and has held
one in Birmingham since 1954. He is described as being a
white male, born [redacted], 5'9", 149 lbs., blue eyes, and
brown hair.

Above information was telephonically furnished to
SA SNOW, Birmingham Office, by SA STEPHENS on 5/21/68.

On 5/21/68, Mrs. KING, Drivers License Division,
made available to SA DANIEL W. McALLEN, III, a xerox copy

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② - Memphis (44-1987)
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of the application and license of BROUSSARD, which is enclosed herewith.

No insert being submitted by Mobile.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO MOBILE
FROM BIRMINGHAM (144-1740)

MURKIN, CR.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELEPHONE CALL TO MONTGOMERY RA, THIS DATE.

THIS TELETYPE WILL SERVE TO CONFIRM INFORMATION IN BIRMINGHAM
TELEPHONE CALL TO MONTGOMERY RAD, THIS DATE.

ON MAY TWENTY, LAST, PORTLAND, ADVISED UNKNOWN SUSPECT OPERATING
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC, FOUR-DOOR, HARDTOP, ALA. LICENSE
ONE C- FOUR TWO FIVE SEVEN.

A PORTLAND RESIDENT SAW A YOUNG MAN AND AN OLDER MAN AT A
COIN-OPERATED LAUNDRY IN PORTLAND, LAST NIGHT, AND THINKS OLDER
MAN MATCHES DESCRIPTION AND APPEARANCE OF JAMES EARL RAY. THE MEN
TRAVELING IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC, FOUR-DOOR HARDTOP,
BEARING ALA. LICENSE ONE C - FOUR TWO FIVE SEVEN. BIRMINGHAM
REQUESTED TO DETERMINE WHO MIGHT BE OPERATING ABOVE CADILLAC AND
WHETHER ANY POSSIBILITY IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

MVB JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA., ADVISED NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALA.
1-Memphis (AM)
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LICENSE ONE C-FOUR TWO FIVE SEVEN ISSUED TO ROGER BROUSSARD, TWO ONE TWO THREE, TWELFTH AVE. NO., FOR A SIXTYEIGHT CADILLAC DE VILLE, VIN B EIGHT - TWO ONE ONE THREE ONE ONE, FOUR DOOR, IN APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. CURRENT BIRMINGHAM DIRECTORY INDICATES RESIDENT AT TWO ONE TWO THREE, TWELFTH AVE. NO. IS ONE FRANK W. PRUETT. BIRMINGHAM PD, JEFFERSON COUNTY SO, AND INDICES NEGATIVE RE BROUSSARD. JEFFERSON COUNTY SO AND INDICES NEGATIVE OR PRUETT. BIRMINGHAM PD RECORDS INDICATE FRANK W. PRUETT ARRESTED IN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE FOR GL OF AUTO IN ST. CLAIR, CO., ALA.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY, ALA., WILL DETERMINE IF BROUSSARD AND PRUETT LICENSED DRIVERS IN STATE OF ALA., AND WILL OBTAIN COPY OF THEIR LICENSE AND DETERMINE IF SIGNATURES SIMILAR TO THAT OF SUBJECT.

BIRMINGHAM OBTAIN COPY OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TAGS ISSUED TO BROUSSARD.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

5/21/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO PORTLAND (157-380)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN, CR.

RE PORTLAND TELETYPE TO BIRMINGHAM, MAY TWENTY, LAST.

MVB JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA., ADVISED NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALA. LICENSE ONE C - FOUR TWO FIVE SEVEN, ISSUED TO ONE ROGER BROUSSARD AT TWO ONE TWO THREE, TWELFTH AVE. NOR., BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FOR A NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT CADILLAC DE VILLE, VIN B EIGHT - TWO ONE ONE THREE ONE ONE, FOUR-DOOR HARDTOP, ON APR. EIGHT, LAST. CURRENT BIRMINGHAM DIRECTORY INDICATES RESIDENT AT TWO ONE TWO THREE TWELFTH AVE. NO. IS ONE FRANK W. PRUETT. BIRMINGHAM PD, JEFFERSON COUNTY SO AND INDICES NEGATIVE RE BROUSSARD. JEFFERSON COUNTY SO AND INDICES NEGATIVE RE PRUETT. BIRMINGHAM PD RECORDS INDICATE ONE FRANK WILLIAM PRUETT, TWO ONE TWO THREE, TWELFTH AVE. NO. ARRESTED IN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE FOR QL OF AUTO IN ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ALA. INVESTIGATION AT BIRMINGHAM INDICATES BROUSSARD'S FULL NAME AS ROGER DAVID BROUSSARD, EMPLOYED BY STATE DETECTIVE AGENCY, ONE SEVEN TWO TWO, FIFTH AVE. NO., TELEPHONE TWO FIVE TWO-ONE SIX FOUR

1 - Memphis (AM)
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NINE, WHICH IS CURRENTLY DISCONNECTED.

RECORD OF FRANK W. PRUETT, FBI # SIX NINE SEVEN FIVE NINE FIVE B, INDICATES PRUETT, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD, GREY HAIR, BLUE EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, DOB [REDACTED] AT PELL CITY, ALA.

INVESTIGATION AT MONTGOMERY, ALA., REVEALED BROUSSARD OBTAINED ALABAMA DRIVER'S LICENSE ON APR. TEN, LAST, LISTING ADDRESS AS TWO ONE TWO THREE, TWELFTH AVE. NO., AND EMPLOYED AS SALESMAN FOR BELL & HOWELL CO. BROUSSARD DESCRIBED AS W/M, DOB [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SIX FEET TALL, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, BROWN EYES, BROWN HAIR.

PHOTO OF PRUETT TO FOLLOW BY AM SD.

PORTLAND ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN IF INDIVIDUALS SEEN MAY TWENTY, LAST, AT PORTLAND, IDENTICAL WITH BROUSSARD AND PRUETT.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

6/8/68

SAC, PORTLAND (157-380)

MURKIN

RE: UNKNOWN SUSPECT
Operating 1968 Cadillac
Alabama License 1-C-4257
At Portland, Oregon, 5/19/68

Re Portland teletype to Birmingham, 5/20/68 and
Birmingham teletype to Portland, 5/21/68.

Upon receipt of photograph of FRANK WILLIAM PRUETT
on 5/24/68, FREDERICK FIELDS, 433 NE Morgan, who was the
informant in this matter was re-contacted and the photo
of PRUETT shown to him. He cannot be definite as to whether
or not PRUETT is the man he saw in a laundromat at NE Union
and Dekum Streets, Portland, Oregon, on the night of
5/19/68. However, it is noted that PRUETT answers the
description of JAMES EARL RAY pretty well except for age and
color of hair. He has the chin dimple and the hump in
the nose.

ROGER BROUSSARD, the registered owner of the
above Cadillac has brown eyes and does not meet RAY's
description in other respects.

No further investigation of this lead is being made.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Portland

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re Springfield teletype dated 5/3/68.

Re full coverage of relatives.

On 5/3/68, it was determined from a confidential source, Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, that Denver telephone number 333-5486 is listed to the El Patio Motel, 8400 East Colfax Avenue, Denver. It was also ascertained that this motel is approved by the American Automobile Association and that it is a reputable motel.

On 5/4/68, SA EUGENE J. COBLE was advised by Mr. GRACE BRUNER that he and his wife, VIVIAN, are the only desk clerks at the El Patio Motel and that they work a 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. shift. He also stated that they reside at the motel and since the motel doors are locked at 11:00 p.m., they handle any guests who use the night bell or any possible telephone calls during the remainder of the night. He further advised that the number 333-5486 is the listed number for the motel switchboard, which switchboard they handle. He further advised that he and Mrs. BRUNER were on duty on 4/3/68. He also advised that Mr. W. F. MC MURRAY, proprietor of the motel, occasionally assists them on the desk.

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From a check of the motel records, Mr. BRUNER advised that there were only 15 rooms occupied on 4/3/68. He also advised that the motel maintains no record of prepaid incoming long distance telephone calls for guests. A check was made of the collect long distance calls received at the motel from 3/1/68, and there was no record of any such calls being received from Quincy, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. BRUNER advised they do not recall any long distance calls from Quincy, Illinois, being received by motel guests and they also advised they do not recall any guests resembling JAMES EARL RAY.

From a check of the daily room audit for 4/3/68, it was determined that on that date the following individuals were guests at the motel:

Room 1

Registration Card No. 27262

ELMER C. HAYNES, JR.

708 Coggin Avenue

Brownwood, Texas

Representing U. S. Air Force

Registered 3/13/68 and stayed until 4/8/68;

Room 2

Registration Card No. 27335

EMILIO I. VELAZ

Calle 7, C4 Alt. De Flamboyant

Bayamon, Puerto Rico

Representing National Cash Register Company

Registered 3/25/68, still there;

Room 3

Registration Card No. 27417

E. J. O'CONNOR

5280 Jay

Wheat Ridge, Colorado

Chevrolet, Colorado license RJ 2170

Representing Ballard and Company;

Room 4

Registration Card No. 27396

LEROY JOHNSON

Laverkin, Utah

Ford pickup, Utah license

Representing Stanley Aviation;

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Room 5
Registration Card No. 27321
JAMES FAGAN
307 Chestnut Street
Honey Brook, Pennsylvania
Registered 3/24/68, left 5/3/68;

Room 6
Registration Card No. 27415
Mr. and Mrs. DE DUTCHER
Hubbard or Hibbard Drive
Jackson, Michigan
Party of two;

Room 7
Registration Card No. 27412
PATRICIA PACKER
4529 Holdrege Street
Lincoln, Nebraska
Representing Frontier Airlines
Staying two nights;

Room 8
Registration Card No. 27399
J. C. MYERS
1001 Valley View
Minot, North Dakota
License ARK20
Party of two
Registered 4/1/68, stayed for four days;

Room 9
Registration Card No. 27416
Mr. and Mrs. JACK KOWACK (?)
Limon, Colorado
Ford, Colorado license 2J625
Party of two;

Room 10
Registration Card No. 27414
Mr. and Mrs. JOE YURFECK (?)
1440 Tuser (?) Road
Denver, Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania license 1A4391
Party of two;

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Room 11

Registration Card No. 27413

JIM SCHULTZ

1931 Pontiac Drive

Enid, Oklahoma

1967 Chevrolet, Oklahoma license GA 7973

Party of five;

Room 12

Registration Card No. 27408

WALTER E. KERNARDT

1609 East 63 N.

Gladstone, Missouri

Mustang, Missouri license STS-473;

Room 14

Registration Card No. 27397

PAUL CHAMBERS and wife

914 Edger (?) or Edgw (?)

Durango, Colorado

Cadillac, Colorado license PR(?) 4145

Party of two;

Room 20

Registration Card No. 27285

RALPH KNOTT

551 South Fourth Avenue

Ann Arbor, Michigan

GMC, Michigan license 8601DE

Representing National Cash Register;

Room 20

Registration Card No. 27310

JOHN W. MELERIN

549 Taylor Drive

Canonsburg, Pennsylvania

Representing National Cash Register Company

Registered 2/1/68, still there;

Room 22

Registration Card No.

JOHN W. CHERS

2201 South Smithville Road

Dayton, Ohio

Representing National Cash Register Company, Dayton

Registered 3/3/68, stayed approximately six weeks;

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**Room 26
Unable to locate Registration Card
Mr. WALLIN.**

**All above guests registered at the motel on 4/3/68,
except where otherwise indicated.**

Mr. BRUNER advised that the motel had had several men staying there who were attending the National Cash Register Company training school at Denver, Colorado; some of them for rather extended periods. He advised that Mr. VELEZ and Mr. MCKINNON were still residing there, but that Mr. MCKINNON was out of town, having gone back to Pennsylvania to visit his family for a few days. Concerning Mr. WALLIN, for whom the Registration Card could not be located, Mr. BRUNER stated that WALLIN is a frequent guest at the motel and that he operates a motel in Estes Park, Colorado.

Mr. W. F. MC MURRAY, proprietor of the El Patio Motel, advised that he had no recollection of any guests receiving any long distance telephone calls either prepaid or collect from Quincy, Illinois. He was unable to recall any guest resembling the description or photograph of subject.

Mr. EMILIO ISMAEL VELEZ, who has been at the El Patio Motel since 3/25/68, advised that he will have been employed by the National Cash Register Company, International Division, five years by July, 1968. He is a service engineer with offices at 556 Munoz Rivera, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, home address same as set out above. He stated he has been attending the National Cash Register Company in-service training school in Denver. He advised that he has not received any long distance calls from Quincy, Illinois, that he is not acquainted with anyone in Quincy, Illinois, or vicinity and does not recall any guest at the motel since he has been there who resembles the photograph or description of subject. Mr. VELEZ stated he spends a great deal of his free time in the lobby of the motel and has had an opportunity to observe many of the guests.

DN 157-203

Since the information in possession of this office does not indicate whether the telephone call made from Quincy, Illinois, was actually made by subject's sister, MELBA MARIE RYAN, or from a public phone in the Virginia Hotel, available to anyone, Denver is not in a position to determine whether it would be logical to have all of the above guests located and interviewed. If it appears to Springfield that there might be some relationship or connection between any of these guests and MELBA MARIE RYAN, Springfield should set out appropriate leads.

F B I

Date: **5/6/68**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **TELETYPE** _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

MURKIN.

RE FULL COVERAGE OF RELATIVES.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND SAC'S, MAY THREE, LAST.

TELEPHONE FOUR SEVEN FIVE DASH FOUR FOUR ZERO ZERO AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON, IS THE NUMBER OF THE SHERWOOD INN MOTEL. PERSONNEL THIS MOTEL HAVE NO RECORD OF SUCH A CALL AND NO RECOLLECTION CONCERNING IT. NO ONE AT THIS MOTEL COULD IDENTIFY RAY AS EVER BEING A GUEST AT THE MOTEL.

SPRINGFIELD ADVISED IF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING THIS COLLECT CALL ON MARCH FIFTEEN, LAST.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

cc: **Memphis (AM)**
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, DENVER (157-203)

MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype 5/1/68, concerning telephone calls by subject RAY enroute from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Telephone Number 242-0720 is listed to W. E. MOON, 177 Glory View Drive, Grand Junction, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. MOON, who have no children, both advised that they received no call from Alpine, Texas, the afternoon of December 17, 1967, and believe that there must have been some mistake in the records.

Telephone number 242-7412 is listed to Modern Roofing and Insulation Company, 2841 North Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado. CHARLES and SANDRA McANALLY of Modern Roofing and Insulation Company advised that they had made the call on December 15, 1967, from Alpin, Texas. They were calling their parents in Grand Junction, because Mr. McAnally's father was in the hospital at the time.

Neither the MOONS nor the McANALLYs had any information concerning James Earl Ray.

Telephone Number 428-9207 is listed to RICHARD FOREMAN, 6850 Avrum Drive, Arvada, Colorado. Miss LINDA SANDLIN, granddaughter of Mrs. RICHARD FOREMAN, advised that she received a call from CHARLES HUGH HANAH, age 19, from Alpine, Texas, on or about December 15, 1967. She stated that HANAH is a boyfriend attending Sul Ross State College and has the address of Box 5R5743 in Alpine.

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1-Denver
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)
MURKIN
CR
OO Memphis

Re: TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Re El Paso airtel to Director 4/30/68.

Telephone Call 12/13/67 to Britton, Oklahoma, Phone
Number 843-3887

Above telephone number is listed to Market/Produce
Distributors, 801 N. Wilshire, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a
Division of Allied Supermarkets, Inc.

On 5/2/68 DUANE SAXON, Manager, Produce Division,
Allied Supermarkets, Inc., advised SA J. A. GRIMES there are
no records available which would specifically identify the receipt
of a phone call to this company on 12/13/67 from the Pecos, Texas,
area. He advised that truck drivers hauling produce for the
company will generally call the produce division one or two days
before arriving and he would assume that the call from the Pecos
area was from a truck driver. He advised that a check of his
records revealed the company received a load of tomatoes from
the Nogales, Arizona, area on 12/13/67. The records indicate
the load was a split load, where part of the load was delivered
to Dallas, Texas. From these circumstances, Mr. SAXON feels
certain the telephone call would have been a check call from the
trucker advising the company of the expected date of arrival of
the load of tomatoes in Oklahoma City.

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1 - Oklahoma City
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Telephone call 12/17/67 to Ponca City, Oklahoma,
Phone Number 762 3996

The following investigation was conducted by SA JACK
H. RALES.

At Ponca City, Oklahoma

It was determined that telephone number 405-762-3996
is listed to EARL FISHER, present address 425 D South Palm,
Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. EARL FISHER, 425 D South Palm, on 5/2/68
advised they have had that number for over a year, and that the
photographs and description of Subject are totally unfamiliar to
them. They are a retired farmer and wife, and at first advised
they could recall no telephone call from Southwest Texas received
in December, 1967. After discussion, they recalled that in
December, 1967, their daughter MELBA and her husband JIM WHEELER
were staying with them in Ponca City and that JIM had been driving
a construction job dump truck in Southwest Texas near El Paso
for JACK MC CUNE, who owns two such trucks used on contract work.
WHEELER had returned to Ponca City, and had been called shortly
before Christmas, 1967, by MC CUNE from somewhere in Southwest
Texas to tell him his pay check was being mailed to him, and
possibly to be asked by MC CUNE to return to work for him.
MC CUNE, who had previously been working around Ponca City, also
had a check coming to him in care of the FISHER's address, he
thought, which he wanted forwarded.

Mr. and Mrs. FISHER advised MELBA and JIM are presently
residing at P. O. Box 207, Lockwood, Missouri, but that JIM
WHEELER is now driving an over-the-road truck for Tri-State
Trucking Company, Joplin, Missouri, and the last they heard a
few days ago, he was in Portland, Oregon, en route from there
to New Jersey.

They are unable to recall the exact location in
Southwest Texas where MC CUNE was, and possibly still is, located,
as JIM WHEELER stayed there with MC CUNE only a few days after
helping him move his trucks there, since MC CUNE and his wife
both drank heavily and WHEELER figured MC CUNE would be unable to
hold a contract very long. Mr. and Mrs. FISHER advised MC CUNE
is about 50 years of age, bald headed, was originally from
Fairfax, Oklahoma, and has a married sister, name unknown, living
in Ponca City.

5/8/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Re El Paso airtel to Director, dated 4/30/68.

On 5/3/68, Mrs. NEIL L. PETERS, 30175 Buckshire, Southfield, Michigan, advised that their phone number is 313-356-3329. On approximately 12/12/67, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. GLEN YAKES of Detroit, left Detroit by automobile en route to Los Angeles, California. On approximately 12/16/67 or 12/17/67, her parents phoned her from the El Paso, Texas area to advise that they were being detained by a snow storm.

This was the only telephone call Mrs. PETERS could remember receiving from Texas in the past several years and she feels certain that her husband has not received a phone call from Texas without her knowledge.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: Latent Fingerprint Section
FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the May 3, 1968, edition of LIFE Magazine.

This magazine was furnished to the Denver Office, May 6, 1968, by WILLIAM C. HARRIS, 3260 Ivy Street, Denver, Colorado, who is employed as a Skycap at Stapleton International Airport. HARRIS advised that on the night of April 30, 1968, he observed a man who he now believes to be JAMES EARL RAY, sitting in the TV area of the lobby at Stapleton between 9:40 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.; and during this period, this man was reading the enclosed magazine and was observed by HARRIS to tear out some of the pages which he folded and put in his inside coat pocket. This man left the area about 10:30 p.m., leaving the magazine on his seat; HARRIS picked the magazine up and later discovered that the pages containing the article about RAY had been torn out and were missing. HARRIS later read an issue of "Jet" which had a photograph and an article concerning RAY; and at that time, came to the conclusion that the man he saw April 30, 1968, was possibly identical with RAY.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process enclosed magazine for latent prints and any latents developed be compared with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number 405942G.

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2 - Memphis
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)
MURKIN
(OO:ME)

Re Dallas teletype to the Bureau, 5/1/68.

Regarding telephone call made from telephone located at Alpine, Texas, 12/17/67, 7:18 a.m., to Number 882296, Del Rey, California, it was determined that one digit was missing. ED NELSON, Special Agent, Pacific Telephone Company, advised that most of the prefix numbers at Del Rey, California, are 888. He advised that Telephone Number 888-2296 was listed to COSME GARZA, 11117 East Central, Del Rey. The phone was disconnected on 2/15/68.

On 5/6/68, LYDIA GARZA, 11117 East Central Avenue, Del Rey, advised that her father, COSME GARZA, has worked in the Del Rey area since 1964, and formerly resided in Weslaco and Mercedes, Texas, but she was unable to recall instant telephone call from Alpine, Texas. She advised that the call

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- 2 - Kansas City
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Sacramento

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may have been made from some relative, but she is not acquainted with anyone in Alpine, Texas, nor was any other member of the family aware of any telephone call received on 12/17/67, from Alpine, Texas.