

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI KAN CITY

1254 PM URGENT 4/25/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, ST. LOUIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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W. L. RUDDELL, POST OFFICE INSPECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MO.,  
ADVISED IN ADDITION TO INFO IN PRE-SENTENCE REPORT FOR JAMES EARL  
RAY DATED APRIL TWENTYSIX, FIFTYFIVE, USDC, WDM, PREVIOUSLY  
FURNISHED YOUR OFFICE, HE COULD FURNISH FOLLOWING INFO:

SUBJECT AND WALTER RIFE, WHEN ARRESTED ON MARCH TWENTYTWO,  
FIFTYFIVE, IN HANNIBAL, MO., WERE DRIVING FORTYNINE LINCOLN,  
WHICH HAD BEEN PURCHASED AMACKER MOTORS, ONE THREE FIVE NE  
THIRTYSIXTH ST., MIAMI, FLA., AND ON THIS CAR THEY TRADED IS A  
FORTYSIX OR FORTYSEVEN NASH. THIS PURCHASE POSSIBLY COULD HAVE  
BEEN MADE ON ABOUT MAY FOURTEEN, FIFTYFOUR. HE ALSO STATED WHEN  
APPREHENDED, SUBJECT AND RIFE HAD BEEN STAYING AT PARK HOTEL,  
MONTGOMERY CITY, MISSOURI.

MIAMI, AT MIAMI, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT AMACKER MOTORS,  
FOR ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT.

ST. LOUIS AT MONTGOMERY CITY, CONTACT PARK HOTEL  
FOR ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ST LOUIS

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) CHICAGO, MEMPHIS  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE WFO TEL TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS, PHILADELPHIS  
AND ST. LOUIS, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

ON APRIL TWENTYFIVE, INSTANT, REVIEW OF RECORDS, VETERANS  
ADMINISTRATION (VA) RECORD PROCESSING CENTER, SLMO, DISCLOSED  
JAMES E. RAY, BORN [REDACTED], ALTON, ILL., U. S.  
ARMY SN [REDACTED] VA CLAIM FOR EDUCATION  
C SEVEN SIX SIX ONE THREE FOUR ZERO, FILED CLAIM FOR EDUCATION  
OR TRAINING ALLOWANCE ON APRIL NINETEEN, FORTYNINE, AT VA  
REGIONAL OFFICE, CHICAGO, ILL.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING THIS CLAIM NOT SHOWN. CLAIM  
FILE INDICATED RAY'S REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOLDER  
RETIRED TO FEDERAL RECORD CENTER, CHICAGO, ILL., MARCH FIFTEEN,  
FIFTYFIVE.

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ADDRESSES FOR RAY SHOWN AS FIVE ZERO FIVE ZERO NORTH  
BROADWAY, APRIL FORTYNINE, AND FOUR FIVE NINE ST. JAMES  
PLACE, NOVEMBER FIFTY, BOTH IN CHICAGO, ILL.

NO FURTHER INFORMATION NOTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF  
MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS VERIFYING RAY'S MILITARY SERVICE.

CHICAGO LOCATE AND REVIEW RAY'S REHABILITATION AND  
EDUCATION FOLDER FOR ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION. CONDUCT  
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE ADDRESSES IF NOT ALREADY  
DONE.

AM COPIES TO KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS.

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FBI ATLANTA

245P URGENT 4/25/68 VSC

TO BUREAU 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

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SUGGESTION MADE THAT BUREAU INSTRUCT ALL OFFICES  
COVERING STATE CAPITOLS ATTEMPT THRU CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES  
STATE EMPLOYMENT OFFICES TO MAKE CHECK OF RECORDS TO  
DETERMINE WHETHER SUBJECT APPLIED FOR EMPLOYMENT OR  
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS THRU SUCH AGENCIES. IN ORDER TO  
FACILITATE SUCH SEARCH DEEMED URGENT TO DEVELOP SOCIAL  
SECURITY NUMBER FOR SUBJECT.

KANSAS CITY DETERMINE THRU RECORDS USP, LEAVENWORTH, STATE  
PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., WHETHER SOCIAL SECURITY NO.,  
RECORDED IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT IN PRISON INDUSTRIES.  
MAKE CHECK AT STATE HOSPITAL NO. ONE, FULTON, MO., TO DETERMINE  
IF SOCIAL SECURITY DATA AVAILABLE IN CONNECTION WITH PATIENT  
TREATMENT SEPTEMBER EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, AS JAMES EARL  
RAY, NO. THREE SEVEN ZERO FOUR FIVE C - FIVE.

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331 PM URGENT 4/25/68 BLE  
TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893) 2P

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*Ray  
in jail  
in 1966*

RE CI TEL TO ME AND BH, FOUR ZERO TWO P.M., APRIL TWELVE  
LAST.

ALBERT JAMES WALTON, NUMBER ONE TWO THREE NINE ONE ZERO,  
CHILLICOTHE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, CHILLICOTHE, OHIO, ADVISED  
APRIL TWENTY FIVE INSTANT THAT HE HAD NOTED FACT THAT SUBJECT  
JAMES EARL RAY USED ALIAS "JAMES WALTON" IDENTICAL WITH  
HIS NAME. WALTON VIEWED PHOTOS OF RAY AND INDICATED THAT FULL-  
FACE PICTURE TAKEN NINETEEN SIXTY IS VERY SIMILAR TO INDIVIDUAL  
KNOWN TO HIM IN FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA, DURING SPRING, NINETEEN  
SIXTY-SIX, AS LOWMEYER. WALTON WAS QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER  
HIS DATES WERE ACCURATE, AND HE INDICATED IT WOULD HAVE HAD TO  
BE IN NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX.

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WALTON FURTHER STATES THAT IF INDIVIDUALS PREVIOUSLY NAMED  
BY HIM IN FORT PAYNE ALABAMA AREA HAD CONTRACTED TO HAVE KING

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KILLED, THEY WOULD HAVE NOT PAID KILLER FULL AMOUNT, AND WOULD  
HAVE HAD HIM RECONTACT THEM TO COLLECT REMAINDER OF MONEY  
AT WHICH TIME THEY WOULD HAVE PROBABLY KILLED HIM AND HIDDEN  
HIS BODY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MIAMI

435PM EST 4-25-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1937), AND  
KANSAS CITY (44-760)  
FROM MIAMI (44-1354)

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, ST.  
LOUIS, APRIL TWENTYFIVE, INSTANT.

RE PURCHASE OF AUTOMOBILE BY JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER  
RIFE ON OR ABOUT MAY FOURTEEN, FIFTYFOUR, AT MIAMI, FLA.

LUKE SELLARS, PROPRIETOR, LUKE SELLARS MOTORS, MIAMI,  
FLA., ADVISED HE WAS THE PROPRIETOR OF AMACKER MOTORS, ONE  
THREE FIVE N.E. THIRTYSIX ST., MIAMI, IN NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR.  
HE DISSOLVED THIS BUSINESS IN NINETEEN SIXTYONE AND HAS  
SINCE DESTROYED ALL RECORDS.

SELLARS ADVISED WHEREABOUTS OF FORMER EMPLOYEES AMACKER  
MOTORS UNKNOWN. SELLARS STATED DOES NOT RECALL SALE OF VEHICLE  
TO SUBJECT AS MENTIONED IN REFERENCE TEL, HOWEVER, IF THERE  
WAS SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT SALE, HE WOULD RECALL CIRCUMSTANCES.  
SELLARS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT AND  
RIFE.

SUSPECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

ST. LOUIS ADVISED AM.

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Date: 4/25/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SUBJECT RAY HAVE BEEN EXHIBITED TO EMPLOYEES OF THE REBEL MOTEL AND TO EMPLOYEES OF THE REBEL MOTEL RESTAURANT, HOWEVER, NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO RECALL THE SUBJECT AS HAVING BEEN THERE ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL THREE LAST.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SUBJECT HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO WITNESSES IN THE ROOMING HOUSE AT FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE HALF SOUTH MAIN STREET, MEMPHIS, WITHOUT EFFECTING AN IDENTIFICATION.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE ALSO BEEN SHOWN TO MR. RALPH CARPENTER, YORK ARMS COMPANY, MEMPHIS. ~~HE SAID PICTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY APPEARING ON WANTED FLYER FOUR FOUR TWO - A, WITH RAY'S EYES INSERTED BY ARTIST LOOKS MORE LIKE BINOCULAR PURCHASER THAN ANY~~

REVEREND SAMUEL KYLES LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT MEMPHIS. REVEREND KYLES WAS ONE OF LAST PERSONS TO TALK WITH

Airtel ~~VICTIM KING~~ AND IT WAS AT KYLES' HOUSE THAT KING WAS TO HAVE

Teletype ~~DINNER ON NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR LAST.~~ KYLES WAS NEARBY WHEN

A.M. ~~KING WAS STRUCK BY FATAL BULLET, BUT STATES HE DID NOT SEE~~

A.M.S.D. \_\_\_\_\_

Spec. Del. JCH/acp

Reg. Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved: R Jensen

Registered \_\_\_\_\_ Special Agent in Charge

Sent WA 5:48 PM

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ANYTHING WHICH WOULD GIVE HIM ANY INDICATION AS TO THE KILLER. KYLES DOES NOT RECALL HAVING SEEN SUBJECT RAY PREVIOUSLY AND UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY OR HIS WHEREABOUTS.

KYLES STATED IT WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE, PROBABLY INCLUDED IN RADIO NEWS BROADCASTS, THAT KING WAS STAYING AT THE LORRAINE MOTEL DURING HIS VISIT TO MEMPHIS ON APRIL THREE LAST. STATED IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY SIMPLE FOR SUBJECT RAY TO HAVE KNOWN OF KING'S RESIDENCE.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU: BUREAU'S ATTENTION IS CALLED TO PHOTOGRAPHS FURNISHED MEMPHIS IN BUREAU AIRTEL APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST WHICH PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN BY WOMAN WITH WHOM SUBJECT WAS ACQUAINTED IN MEXICO AND WHICH PHOTOGRAPHS ARE PURPORTED TO BE SUBJECT RAY. IT IS REQUESTED THE BUREAU FURNISH COPIES OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS TO CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS, AND SPRINGFIELD, FOR EXHIBITION TO RELATIVES OF SUBJECT RAY. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P END.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI CHICAGO

551PM URGENT 4-25-68 TAB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) ATLANTA (44-2386)

ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM: CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

REWFO TEL TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS AND PHILADELPHIA, APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST; WFO TEL TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS, PHILADELPHIA AND ST LOUIS, APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST AND ST LOUIS TEL TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS, INSTANT DATE.

MORT ROTHSTING, ATTORNEY, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) REGIONAL OFFICE, CHICAGO, ADVISED TODAY SUBJECTS VA CLAIM FILE NUMBER SEVEN SIX SIX ONE THREE FOUR ZERO, INACTIVE SINCE MARCH FIFTEEN, FIFTY FIVE AND RETIRED TO FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, CHICAGO, AND SUBSEQUENTLY FORWARDED TO VA RECORD PROCESSING CENTER, FOUR THREE ZERO ZERO GOODFELLOW BOULEVARD, BUILDING ONE ZERO-FOUR E, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

BILL CIRONE, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION, VA REGIONAL OFFICE, CHICAGO, ADVISED TODAY INACTIVE REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOLDERS, INCLUDING RAY'S, WERE DESTROYED APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO.

AM COPIES TO KANSAS CITY AND WFO.

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6:30PM URGENT 4-25-68 PJL  
TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL APR. TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

INQUIRY OF BOCA RATON CLUB, BOCA RATON, FLA., APR.  
TWENTYFOUR, LAST, REFLECTS WILLIAM RAYMOND STEKLY EMPLOYED  
AS HOUSE MAN APR. THREE TO APR. NINETEEN, LAST. STEKLY  
LEFT APR. NINETEEN, LAST GIVING FORWARDING ADDRESS IN CARE  
OF WANDA JEAN STEKLY, LUPIN LANE, CARMEL VALLEY, CALIF.  
STEKLY'S SUPERVISOR AT BOCA RATON CLUB STATED STEKLY DOES  
NOT RESEMBLE SUBJECT'S PHOTO AND STEKLY WAS DEFINITELY  
WORKING AT BOCA RATON CLUB ON APR. THREE TO APRIL NINETEEN,  
LAST.

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FBI MIAMI

6:32PM URGENT 4-25-68 PJL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) KANSAS  
CITY (44-760) AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM MIAMI (44-1354)

MURKIN

RE JAMES EARL RAY

OLIVER BRIGHT, VICE PRESIDENT, HIALEAH-MIAMI SPRINGS  
BANK, HIALEAH, FLA., ADVISED THAT HIS BANK PURCHASED CONTRACT  
FROM FINCHER OLDSMOBILE, MIAMI, FLA., MADE BY GUY E. RAY AT  
FINCHER MOTORS, INC., MIAMI, FLA., ON APRIL THREE SIXTYEIGHT.  
ON APPLICATION RAY GAVE MIAMI ADDRESS AS RESIDENCE PAST  
TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS. RAY REPORTEDLY NOT HAVING LIVED AT THIS  
ADDRESS. RAY FURTHER GAVE FICTITIOUS EMPLOYMENT AND ADVISED  
HE HAD PREVIOUSLY LIVED ROUTE TWO, BOX ONE FOUR A, KILLEN,  
ALA., AND ROUTE ONE, OWENS CROSS ROADS, ALA. MR. BRIGHT  
HAS CONTACTED A MR. BUFORD GARNER, STATE NATIONAL BANK OF

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MUSCLE SHOALS, NINE ZERO NINE WOODWARD AVE., MUSCLE SHOALS, ALA. GARNER ADVISED RAY AND WIFE DIANE RAY KNOWN TO BANK FOR ONLY THREE MONTHS. TYPE OF BUSINESS NOT KNOWN, BUT DEPOSITS TO ACCOUNT ARE WITH FLA. CASHIER CHECKS. GARNER HAS NEVER SEEN RAY AND ALLEGED WIFE HAS HANDLED ALL BANK CONTACTS. RAY ACCOUNT CAME TO STATE NATIONAL BANK OF MUSCLE SHOALS AS A REFERENCE FROM FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM. BIRMINGHAM WILL MAKE PROPER INQUIRES AT MUSCLE SHOALS, KILLEN AND OWENS CROSS ROADS, ALA., TO ELIMINATE GUY E. RAY AS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEIOUS.

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643 PM URGENT 4/25/68 VLB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS,  
MILWAUKEE, ATLANTA AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P) 2P

MURKIN

RE MILWAUKEE TEL INSTANT DATE.

RE LOUIS LOMAX STORY REGARDING MYSTERIOUS BLOND.

MRS. GLORIA DAVIDSON, CALIFORNIA STATE NARCOTIC BUREAU,  
VINEWOOD CENTER, ONE EIGHT THREE ONE NORTH VINE ST., LOS ANGELES,  
ADVISED DYRELL DENNIS LEGITIMATE PERSON. FURTHER ADVISED DENNIS  
HAS BEEN CONFINED AT NORCO STATE HOSPITAL, NORCO, CALIFORNIA  
FOR PERIODS DATING BACK TO NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE AND WAS LAST  
CONFINED TO HOSPITAL FROM MAY FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN TO  
JANUARY ONE SIX NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT FOR NARCOTIC TREATMENT.  
DENNIS RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL AND PLACED IN HALF WAY PROJECT  
HOUSE AT VINEWOOD CENTER ON JANUARY ONE SIX NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.  
PERSONS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN DAILY CONTACT AT CENTER AND DENNIS  
DROPPED AS "AT LARGE" ON THREE TWENTY SIXTY EIGHT AND WARRANT FOR  
ARREST NUMBER FOUR CRN ISSUED THREE TWENTY FIVE SIXTY EIGHT.

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DENNIS STILL WANTED BUT STATE WILL NOT EXTRADITE ON THIS  
TYPE OF WARRANT WHERE SUBJECT IS IN TREATMENT STATUS. RECORDS  
OF NARCOTIC UNIT REFLECT DENNIS DOES HAVE SON SEVENTEEN YEARS  
OF AGE BY NAME OF CURTIS ROBERT PAUL, AND SHE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED  
AS SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR. DENNIS HAS CII NUMBER ONE TWO FIVE ONE  
FOUR THREE FOUR. PHOTO'S BEING SECURED BY LOS ANGELES AND  
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

SAN FRANCISCO DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PHOTO.

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FBI ST LOUIS

1023PM URGENT 4-25-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR KANSAS CITY MEMPHIS

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

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, ST. LOUIS  
THIS DATE.

SHERIFF GARLAND BETHEL, MONTGOMERY CO, MO.,  
ADVISED THE PARK HOTEL MONTGOMERY CITY WHERE RAY ALLEGEDLY  
STAYED IN NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE IS NO LONGER IN OPERATION.  
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To: SACs, Atlanta (44-493) (Encs. 7)  
Birmingham (44-1740) (Encs. 7)  
Los Angeles (44-1574) (Encs. 7)  
Memphis (44-1987) (Encs. 7)

LEGAT, Ottawa (Encs. 7)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Enclosed are copies of photographs of individual purported to be subject Ray, which were taken in November, 1967, by a woman with whom he was acquainted in Mexico.

Each office display to appropriate witnesses to ascertain if photograph is good likeness of subject Ray, aka Galt.

Copies to Legat, Ottawa for information.

*Memphis lead  
also believe we  
should tell  
Bureau &  
send photo  
to Chicago  
& St Louis  
to show  
to relatives*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama  
April 23, 1968

**WANTED BY THE FBI**

James Earl Ray, with known aliases of Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim", is being sought by the FBI and charged with a civil rights conspiracy in which the victim was shot and killed and interstate flight - robbery.

According to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, Ray, who is 40 years of age, was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, since April 23, 1967, where he had been received on March 17, 1960, to serve a 20-year sentence following his conviction for armed robbery.

Ray has a known arrest record dating back to 1949, which includes a conviction for burglary in Los Angeles, California, in 1949; armed robbery in Chicago, Illinois, in 1952; and forging United States Postal Money Orders in Missouri in 1955.

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Ray had served in the U. S. Army from February, 1946, to December, 1948, at which time he was given a general discharge. He is a white male, born March 10, 1928, in Illinois (not confirmed), is approximately 5'10", weight 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes, brown hair, has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand.

Ray is a drifter and has been employed as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

Ray should be considered armed and dangerous. Anyone having information concerning him should immediately report it to the FBI. Call Birmingham telephone 322-7711 collect.



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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-30861)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN  
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Re Birmingham telephone call to Bureau, 4/23/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an article for publication on JAMES EARL RAY, and enclosed for Atlanta and Memphis is one copy each of the article.

For information of Bureau and interested offices, the enclosed article for publication was furnished to Mrs. HELEN SPIVEY, Secretary, Alabama Service Station Association, Inc., 1102 South 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, on 4/23/68. Mrs. SPIVEY advised that she will publish the article in the Association's monthly magazine which is distributed to service station owners who are members of the Association throughout the State of Alabama. She advised that this article will appear in the April Issue of the Association's Magazine which will be distributed on or about 4/30/68.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)  
1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1) (Info)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 1)  
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URGENT

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/  
FROM SAVANNAH /44-1768/

MURKIN. CR.

RE ANONYMOUS LETTER FROM MONTREAL, CANADA.

RE BUREAU PHONE CALL TODAY.

DISPLAY OF PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY TODAY TO PERSONS  
AT BUSINESSES AND RESIDENCES ON GA. HIGHWAY ONE TWO ONE FOR  
DISTANCE OF FIFTEEN MILES BEGINNING FIVE MILES SOUTH OF MILLEN,  
GA., DEVELOPED NO INFO RE SUBJECT. -P-

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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1 - SAVANNAH

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AIRMAIL

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

RE: BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS RECORD  
CHECKS FOR MALES BORN 1

Re Bureau teletype 8:17 p.m., 4/12/68 instructing that Bureau of Vital Statistics records be checked for all male births on           , specifically for ERIC STARVO GALT JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMYER as well as all variations of these names.

Mobile teletype to Bureau and Memphis 4/15/68 reported that BVS records for Alabama contain no record under the names of GALT, WILLARD or LOWMYER or variations of these names. RALPH W. ROBERTS, Registrar, advised that to check records of all male births 7/20/31 would entail the checking of all records of that office for a period 1928 through 1932 as birth records are recorded in 5 year periods and not listed as to specific date or as to male or female. He said to check these records would require about 3 weeks and the hiring of one additional person as his present personnel would not be able to handle. He estimated that it would cost between \$350 to \$400 to obtain this information.

The Bureau by teletype to Mobile 4/17/68, air mail copy Memphis instructed that in view of estimated cost, Mobile not pursue the identification of all male births 7/20/31 and accordingly no further investigation concerning this lead is being conducted.

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② - Memphis (44-1987)  
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AIRMAIL

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

Reference is made to Memphis airtel to Bureau, 4/19/68 requesting that check be made of custodial institutions for releases May through July, 1967.

In view of the fact that subject has been identified, this lead will not be covered.

3 - Bureau  
② - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Mobile  
JTB:ljr  
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO NEW ORLEANS (157-10678)  
CHICAGO (44-1114)  
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE: SUSPECT JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO MOBILE APR. TWENTY AND MOBILE AIRTEL  
MEMPHIS AND OTHER OFFICES, APR. TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYEIGHT.

TWENTYFOUR INSTANT RAYMOND M. HILBURN LOCATED ONE THREE  
ZERO W. PATTON STREET, MONTGOMERY, ALA. HE REPORTED TO SA  
JOHN C. MC CLUNEY:

ON APR. NINETEEN LAST HE TRAVELED TO NEW ORLEANS, LA.,  
IN HIS WHITE CORVAIR, ILL. LICENSE D G THREE ONE ZERO NINE.  
SOUTH MOBILE, ALA., HE PICKED UP HITCHHIKER JOSEPH (LNU).  
AT PASCAGOULA, MISS., THEY WERE STOPPED BY PD. JOSEPH  
IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO OFFICER WHO SAID HE RESEMBLED GALT.

ON APR. TWENTYTHREE LAST HILBURN LEFT JOSEPH AT NEW  
ORLEANS, LA. JOSEPH IS EMPLOYED AS BARTENDER AND RESIDES AT  
MUSIC BOX LOUNGE, ONE NINE ZERO ZERO CANAL ST., NEW ORLEANS, LA.

1 - Jackson (157-1586) (AM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
1 - Mobile  
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NEW ORLEANS INTERVIEW JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE.

CHICAGO DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE HILBURN.

AM COPIES MEMPHIS AND JACKSON.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4/24/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

RE: SEARCH OF RECORDS DRIVER'S LICENSE  
DIVISION FOR WHITE MALES BORN

Re Bureau teletype 10:09 p.m., 4/16/68 and Memphis  
teletype 10:40 a.m., 4/17/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
DAN O. STEPHENS:

On 4/18/68, Mrs. GAYNOR TURNER, IDN Section, Driver's  
License Division, Alabama Department of Public Safety,  
Montgomery, Alabama, advised that a search of all their  
current licenses through the computer system of that office  
resulted in the location of 36 white male current license  
holders having DOB [REDACTED]. She advised that records of  
past holders of Alabama Driver's Licenses would be searched  
separately.

Inasmuch as the subject has been identified,  
investigation concerning these license holders as suggested in  
Memphis teletype 4/17/68 is not being conducted and Mrs.  
TURNER has been notified not to search records of her office  
further.

3 - Bureau  
② - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Mobile  
JTB:ljr  
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Referenced Birmingham airtel to Mobile, copy to Memphis, 4/17/68, set forth lead at Gilberttown, Ala., concerning the family named GALT residing there in 1937-38.

In view of the subsequent identification of subject, no investigation is being made concerning this lead at Gilberttown.

② - Memphis  
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info.)  
2 - Mobile  
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE: SEARCH OF STATE SELECTIVE SERVICE  
RECORDS FOR REGISTRATION 7/20/49 -  
8/5/49

Reference is made to Memphis teletype 3:21 p.m.,  
4/17/68.

The records of the State Selective Service Headquarters, Montgomery, Ala., were searched 4/18-19/68 by SA DAVID R. PENDER re all persons having registered in Alabama under SSA, 1948 from 7/20/49 to 8/5/49 and 9 persons having similar descriptive data were located.

Inasmuch as subject has been identified, no investigation is being conducted concerning these nine individuals.

It is noted that Mrs. MARIETTA ADAMS, State Selective Service Headquarters, Montgomery, Ala., had previously advised SA DAN O. STEPHENS on 4/9 and 4/10/68 that she was unable to locate any records in her files identifiable with ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

② - Memphis  
2 - Mobile  
JTB:ljr  
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**AIRTEL**

**TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES**  
**FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

Re Atlanta teletype dated 4/17/68, and  
Atlanta airtel dated 4/16/68, concerning tires found  
on abandoned white Mustang.

Sacramento received with reairtel the inked  
impression of tire bearing serial number 4174P807, along  
with a photo of this tire. It does not bear tread design  
WT 771-X. These are therefore being furnished as enclosures  
for the Los Angeles Office.

Tire bearing serial number 20427372, and the  
mark 601, is the one bearing tread design WT 771-X,  
and the one which reportedly came from a mold manufactured  
by Supernoid, Lodi, California. This may have been sent  
to Los Angeles.

Los Angeles is requested to review the enclosures  
received with reairtel and furnish Sacramento Division  
with inked impression of tire 20427372, with photo, so  
that manufacturer can be definitely established.

- 2- Los Angeles (Encls. 2)
- 2- Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
- ②- Memphis (44-1987)
- 2- Sacramento

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)  
SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)

INSPECTOR J. C. ENGEL, POST OFFICE DEPT., ADVISED  
APRIL TWENTY FOUR INSTANT, HE HAD RECEIVED FROM POSTMASTER,  
ELBERTA, ALA., AN ORDER FORM FOR INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
FORM SEVENTEEN OR FORM THREE THREE FOUR. THIS FORM WHICH IS  
DESIGNED TO BE FILLED OUT AND MAILED IN SEPARATE ENVELOPE  
*Government Printing office* R  
TO GPO, WASHINGTON, HAS PERFORATED LOWER PORTION ON WHICH  
SENDER WRITES NAME AND ADDRESS. UPON RECEIPT, GPO, TEARS  
OFF LOWER PORTION AND USES FOR PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING FORMS  
TO PERSON ORDERING SAME.

RETURN ADDRESS ON FORM WAS HANDPRINTED QUOTE ERIC STARVO  
GALT, E. STREET, ELBERTA, ALA UNQUOTE. FORM WAS ACTUALLY  
MAILED TO ELBERTA. POSTMARK SHOWS MAILED PENSACOLA, FLORIDA,  
APRIL TWENTY TWO, EIGHT PM (ILLEGIBLE) OR AM. *44-1987-Sub A-466*

INSPECTOR ENGEL ADVISES HIS REGULATION PREVENT HIS MAK-  
ING ABOVE FORM AVAILABLE FBI FOR FP EXAMINATION AND HANDWRITING  
EXAM. CALLED HIS HEADQUARTERS IN CHATTANOOGA AND RECEIVED PER-  
MISSION TO CONFIDENTIALLY FURNISH AUTOSTAT COPY OF PRINTING

2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)

1 - Mobile

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ONLY TO MOBILE OFFICE. SAME OBTAINED AND WILL BE FORWARDED  
FBI LAB. ORIGINAL FORM SENT BY ENGEL TO CHATTANOOGA HDQTRS.

PENSACOLA RA REQUESTED TO CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION  
IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY SENDER THROUGH POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES.

KNOXVILLE REQUESTED TO CONTACT POSTAL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE  
AT CHATTANOOGA IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN ORIGINAL FORM FOR APPROPRIATE LAB EXAMINATION.

BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO CONTACT USPO HDQTRS, WASHINGTON, IN  
ORDER TO EXPEDITE MATTER.

INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED ELBERTA.

AM COPIES FURNISHED ME.

4/24/68

TELETYPE

URGENT  
IMMEDIATE

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) (AIRMAIL)  
LOS ANGELES

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) (4 P)

MURKIN

FOR INFO LOS ANGELES, DEPUTY SHERIFF RAY STOCK, COCONINO COUNTY SO, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, RECEIVED PHONE CALL TWO TWENTY AM, APRIL TWENTY, LAST, FROM ANONYMOUS MALE WHO STATED HE HAD DONE STATE TIME WITH RAY, AKA GALT. CALLER ALSO SAID HE HAD DONE FEDERAL TIME AT TEXARKANA, TEXAS, WITH ONE DAVID WILSON, WHO LATER MARRIED FLAGSTAFF GIRL WHOSE BROTHER OR SISTER WAS NAMED HERNANDEZ. CALLER STATED RAY AND WILSON HAD DONE TIME TOGETHER AND THAT DAY OR TWO PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION OF KING, CALLER MET WILSON ABOARD PLANE FROM

- 1 - Bureau (AM)
- ① - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- 1 - Little Rock (157-1216) (AM)
- 1 - Dallas (44-2849) (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (AM)
- 1 - Jacksonville (44-769) (AM)
- 1 - Phoenix

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PHOENIX TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN, AT WHICH TIME WILSON HAD TICKET TO NASHVILLE, TENN., AND WAS ENROUTE MEMPHIS. CALLER STATED HE HEARD LATER THAT RAY WAS IN MEMPHIS AT THAT TIME BUT CALLER DID NOT KNOW FOR SURE. CALLER STATED WILSON WANTED TO GET EVEN WITH RAY FOR SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED IN PENITENTIARY, THAT WILSON HATES "HIGGERS" AND THAT WILSON WAS IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA "NOW." CALLER AGREED TO PHONE BACK IN THIRTY MINUTES TO TALK TO FBI AGENT BUT NO CALL RECEIVED.

INVESTIGATION AT FLAGSTAFF IDENTIFIED DAVID L. WILSON, BORN [REDACTED] AT WESTBURN, TENN., SIX FEET THREE, ONE NINETY POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, FBI NO. SEVEN TWO NINE TWO FOUR TWO C. ONE XEROX COPY EACH OF PHOENIX TELS TO BUREAU, ET AL, DATED APRIL TWENTYONE AND TWENTYTWO, LAST, CONTAINING RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH WILSON AND HIS WIFE, EDNA WILSON, BEING FURNISHED LOS ANGELES AIRMAIL.

EDNA WILSON, WIFE OF DAVID L. WILSON, LISTENED TO TAPE OF ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL AND STATED SHE HAS HEARD VOICE BEFORE AND BELIEVES SAME POSSIBLY THAT OF HER FORMER HUSBAND,

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RICHARD HARRELL. HARRELL IDENTIFIED AS RICHARD B. HARRELL,  
FBI NUMBER SEVEN FIVE ONE ONE NINE FIVE A AND HIS IDENTIFICATION  
RECORD REFLECTS LAST ARREST SEPTEMBER TEN, LAST, BY SO,  
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, NO. TWO THREE FOUR SIX NINE,  
ON CHARGE HIT AND RUN (PROPERTY) WITH DISPOSITION "SIXTY  
DAYS SUSPENDED, TWO YEARS NLV." SECOND LAST ARREST WAS BY  
SO, RIVERSIDE, CAL., THEIR NO. A DASH NINE SIX SEVEN SIX NINE,  
JUNE FOURTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, FOR BATTERY AND FAILURE TO APPEAR,,  
DISPOSITION BEING TEN DAYS SUSPENDED AND FINES OF FIFTYSIX  
DOLLARS AND TWENTYNINE DOLLARS. HE WAS ALSO ARRESTED BY SO,  
RIVERSIDE, UNDER NO. A EIGHT THREE FIVE EIGHT FIVE ON  
JANUARY TWENTY, SIXTYSEVEN, FOR DRUNK, FINED SEVENTEEN DOLLARS.

LOS ANGELES AT SAN LUIS OBISPO AND RIVERSIDE, CAL.,  
INSTITUTE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE HARRELL FOR INTERVIEW RE  
ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO LOS ANGELES, DAVID WILSON WAS IN  
FLORIDA STATE PRISON, RAIFORD, FLA., NOVEMBER TWENTYONE,  
FIFTYEIGHT, TO APRIL SIX, SIXTY, AND EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ONE

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EJVL:rs

CLARENCE CLARK AT THAT PRISON DURING THAT PERIOD NEGATIVE.

MEMPHIS, LITTLE ROCK, DALLAS, KANSAS CITY, AND  
JACKSONVILLE ADVISED AIRMAIL. Armed and Dangerous

PENDING.



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Date: 4-24-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

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

On the night of 4-24-68, WALTER TERRY RIFE, Quincy, Illinois was interviewed on a Quincy TV Station re JAMES EARL RAY, at 6 P.M. Two telephone calls were later received by wife, MARY RIFE, at the Virginia Hotel, in which the caller a male negro voice asked for WALTER RIFE. MARY stated that RIFE was asleep. Both times the caller stated "Tell him that we will be seeing him." The caller then hung up.

The Quincy, Illinois Police Department was contacted, and the Virginia Hotel and the Quincy PD have requested a trap be placed by the Telephone Company to locate the caller.

RIFE continues to display a cooperative attitude with the Bureau concerning MURKIN.

3 - Bureau (44-38861)  
② - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Springfield (44-561)  
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

from: CINCINNATI (157-1893) P

JAMES EARL RAY: FUGITIVE: MURKIN. CR.

TODAY LAWRENCE (NMN) LITTLETON, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO SOURCE OF UNKNOWN RELIABILITY, ADVISED HE SAW MAN CLOSELY RESEMBLING NEWSPAPER PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY IN BLUE CAR, MAKE AND MODEL UNKNOWN BEARING CANADIAN TAG SEVEN TWO DASH THREE SIX ZERO ON APRIL TWENTY-THREE LAST PARKED ON INTERSTATE SEVENTY, WEST OF SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

BUREAU IDENTIFY OWNER CANADIAN TAG THROUGH LEGAT.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND KANSAS CITY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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- ① - Memphis
- 1 - Birmingham
- 1 - Kansas City

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS, CHICAGO (44-1114),  
MINNEAPOLIS, AND PHILADELPHIA

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN.

TODAY VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA), HEADQUARTERS, WASH-  
INGTON, D.C., ADVISED JAMES EARL RAY, BORN [REDACTED] *wrong*  
[REDACTED], ENLISTED UNITED STATES ARMY FEBRUARY NINETEEN FORTYTWO,  
IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND DISCHARGED DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE  
FORTYEIGHT. ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT, FIVE THREE EIGHT  
EAST BROADWAY, ALTON, ILLINOIS. RAY ASSIGNED VA CLAIM NUMBER  
SEVEN SIX SIX ONE THREE FOUR ZERO. FILE LOCATED VA REGIONAL  
OFFICE, CHICAGO. RAY HAD INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER N ONE NINE  
EIGHT SIX EIGHT THREE THREE SIX. INSURANCE RECORDS MAINTAINED

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Teletype Unit
- ① - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)
- ① - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- 2 - WFO

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VA INSURANCE CENTER, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, OR ST. PAUL,  
MINNESOTA. NO RECORD FOR RAY AT VA BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS.

CHICAGO REVIEW VA FILE.

PHILADELPHIA AND ST. PAUL ATTEMPT TO REVIEW INSURANCE  
RECORDS.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS CHICAGO  
MINNEAPOLIS  
PHILADELPHIA  
ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

RE WFO TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR INSTANT.

TODAY VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS, WASH., D.C.  
ADVISED JAMES EARL RAY BORN [REDACTED] HAS BEEN  
ASSIGNED VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) CLAIM NUMBER SEVEN SIX  
SIX ONE THREE FOUR ZERO. RE TELETYPE STATED FILE LOCATED  
VA REGIONAL OFFICE, CHICAGO, ILL.. LATER INFORMATION FROM  
VA INDICES FILE IN VA RECORDS AT FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER,  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. ST. LOUIS REVIEW VA FILE.

CHICAGO ASCERTAIN IF VA REGIONAL OFFICE CHICAGO, ILL.  
HAS ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY.

2-Bureau  
2-Teletype Unit  
①-Memphis (Info) (AM)  
1-Kansas City (Info) (AM)  
2-WFO  
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PHILADELPHIA AND MINNEAPOLIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE VA  
INSURANCE RECORDS CONCERNING RAY WHO HAS VA INSURANCE POLICY  
NUMBER N ONE NINE EIGHT SIX EIGHT THREE THREE SIX.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

P.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : *inf* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

Enclosed is a "Stop Notice" dated April 22, 1968,  
regarding San Francisco APB.

*men*

2 - Memphis (Enc. 1)(RM)  
1 - San Francisco  
MTG/sms #11  
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*Be sure  
we get  
stop cards  
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Date: 4/24/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority)

*CWB*  
TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel to San Francisco, dated 4/15/68.

The following persons were contacted in an attempt to determine the identity of a Reverend GAULT in the San Francisco area on the dates indicated with negative results. In each instance the person contacted indicated that they had never heard of a minister with that name in the San Francisco area.

Mrs. DOROTHEA WEBB, Oakland Council of Churches, Oakland, California, telephone number 452-1655, April 19, 1968;

Miss JANET VERKUYL, Financial Secretary, Northern California Council of Churches, 83 Mc Allister Street, San Francisco, California, telephone number 861-4726, April 19, 1968;

Reverend JOHN CHESTER SMITH, San Francisco Council of Churches, 465 Post Street, San Francisco, California, telephone number 982-4161, April 19, 1968;

Mrs. JANE TIMMONS, Secretary, Council of Churches of San Mateo County, San Mateo, California, telephone number 344-2204, April 22, 1968.

No further investigation is being conducted to determine the identity of Reverend GAULT, unless requested by the Memphis Office.

② - Memphis (RM)  
1 - San Francisco  
RML/sms #11  
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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

*Photo*

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau (Enc. 4)  
2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each)  
2-Kansas City  
RBH:lib

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Special Agent in Charge

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CHICAGO  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE WFO TEL TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS, PHILADELPHIA  
AND ST. LOUIS, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

ON APRIL TWENTYFIVE, INSTANT, REVIEW OF RECORDS, VETERANS  
ADMINISTRATION (VA) RECORD PROCESSING CENTER, SMO, DISCLOSED  
JAMES E. RAY, BORN [REDACTED] ALTON, ILL., U. S.  
ARMY SN [REDACTED], VA CLAIM NUMBER  
C SEVEN SIX SIX ONE THREE FOUR ZERO, FILED CLAIM FOR EDUCATION  
OR TRAINING ALLOWANCE ON APRIL NINETEEN, FORTYNINE, AT VA  
REGIONAL OFFICE, CHICAGO, ILL.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING THIS CLAIM NOT SHOWN. CLAIM  
FILE INDICATED RAY'S REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOLDER  
RETIRED TO FEDERAL RECORD CENTER, CHICAGO, ILL., MARCH FIFTEEN,  
FIFTYFIVE.

1 - ST. LOUIS  
1 - KANSAS CITY (AM)  
① - MEMPHIS (AM)  
JDD:pdp  
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ADDRESSES FOR RAY SHOWN AS FIVE ZERO FIVE ZERO NORTH  
BROADWAY, APRIL FORTYNINE, AND FOUR FIVE NINE ST. JAMES  
PLACE, NOVEMBER FIFTY, BOTH IN CHICAGO, ILL.

NO FURTHER INFORMATION NOTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF  
MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS VERIFYING RAY'S MILITARY SERVICE.

CHICAGO LOCATE AND REVIEW RAY'S REHABILITATION AND  
EDUCATION FOLDER FOR ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION. CONDUCT  
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE ADDRESSES IF NOT ALREADY  
DONE.

AM COPIES TO KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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F B I

Date: 4/25/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND  
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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Date: 4-25-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TELETYPE URGENT

Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST, ADVISING SELECTIVE  
SERVICE RECORDS REFLECT SUBJECT INDICATED OCCUPATION STUDENT,  
AMERICAN TELEVISION SCHOOL, SLMO, IN APRIL, FORTYNINE.

KENNETH K. LANDESS, FORMER DISTRICT MANAGER, AMERICAN  
TELEVISION, INC. SLMO, ADVISED ST. LOUIS HAD ONLY ENROLLMENT  
OFFICE AND SCHOOL ACTUALLY LOCATED IN CHICAGO, ILL. ST. LOUIS  
OFFICE CLOSED IN FORTYNINE AND ALL RECORDS FORWARDED TO CHICAGO.  
SUBJECT UNKNOWN TO LANDESS.

CHICAGO ENDEAVOR TO CHECK RECORDS.

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PM URGENT 4/25/68 OLP

TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES  
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673  
MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS FOUR TWENTYFIVE  
SIXTYEIGHT AND NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES  
FOUR TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT WHICH CONTAINED RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS  
WITH RELATIVES OF CHARLES STEIN AND MARIA MARTIN.

RE MARIE LEE, SISTER OF CHARLES STEIN.

MARIE LEE, INTERVIEWED TODAY AND ADVISED CHARLES STEIN  
TRAVELED FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN,  
DATES UNRECALLED. STEIN LIVED WITH HER AT ONE FOUR TWO NINE  
BURGUNDY FOR TWO DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS. STEIN'S ORIGINAL  
PLANS WERE TO SPEND ONE DAY AND ONE NIGHT IN NEW ORLEANS, BUT  
HIS PLANS WERE ALTERED AND HE SPENT TWO DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS.  
STEIN CAME TO NEW ORLEANS TO PICK UP RITA STEIN'S TWO CHILDREN.  
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The time in  
manit for New Orleans  
seems good as Ray  
took room in Atlanta  
on or about 3/23/68  
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