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URGENT

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TO: SAC'S MILWAUKEE (44-385)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN;

RE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE APRIL TEN.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL
FINGERPRINTS ROBERT CHARLES SCHMIDT, FBI NUMBER SEVEN
FOUR NINE THREE SIX TWO B. NO PALM PRINTS HERE FOR
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TO: SAC's ATLANTA (44-2386)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL APRIL TEN.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL
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TO: SAC'S, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN;

RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE APRIL TEN.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL DONALD
LE ROY LOHMEIER, U. S. MARINE CORPS NUMBER [REDACTED]
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TO: SAC'S CINCINNATI (157-1893)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

RE CINCINNATI TEL APRIL TEN.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL
FINGERPRINTS ROBERT FRANKLIN LOHMIER, FBI NUMBER
NINE FIVE EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT SIX A OR JOHN D. LOHMIER,
FBI NUMBER THREE SEVEN ONE EIGHT FOUR EIGHT TWO. NO
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URGENT

TO SAC COLUMBIA
MEMPHIS ✓

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

LABORATORY HAS ANALYZED THE LETTER COMBINATIONS IN THE HARRY LOWMYER NAME ON THE AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY INVOICE IN RELATION TO THE SIGNATURES APPEARING ON FINGERPRINT CARDS OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTYFIVE SUSPECTS. MANY OF THE FINGERPRINT CARD SIGNATURES WERE TOTALLY NOT COMPARABLE AND NO MEANINGFUL COMPARISONS WERE POSSIBLE. A FEW SIMILARITIES WERE NOTED BETWEEN THE SIGNATURE OF BOBBY RAY GRAVES ✓ FBI NUMBER FOUR ONE ZERO ONE FIVE ZERO D AND CERTAIN SIMILAR LETTERS IN THE HARRY LOWMYER NAME. DUE TO THE LIMITED NATURE OF THE MATERIAL THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE FEW SIMILARITIES COULD NOT BE ASSESSED.

FOR INFORMATION OF MEMPHIS. GRAVES IS SUBJECT OF COLUMBIA FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH FOUR TWO SIX NINE, RESIDES

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**TELETYPE TO COLUMBIA AND MEMPHIS
MURKIN**

BOILING SPRINGS, SOUTH CAROLINA, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] **INMAN, SOUTH CAROLINA, HEIGHT
SIX FEET TWO INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED EIGHTYFIVE POUNDS,
BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES. GRAVES IS EXALTED CYCLOPE OF
KLAN IN BOILING SPRINGS AREA. UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS LOCATED
TO DATE ARE NOT IDENTICAL WITH GRAVES'S FINGERPRINTS.**

**NOTWITHSTANDING DIFFERENCE IN DESCRIPTION AND FACT
THAT GRAVES'S FINGERPRINTS NOT IDENTIFIED WITH LATENTS
MEMPHIS SHOULD STILL NOT OVERLOOK GRAVES AS A SUSPECT
IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED WRITING SIMILARITIES NOTED.**

**PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVES AVAILABLE IN FINGERPRINT JACKET
BEING MAILED MEMPHIS WITH COPY OF THIS WIRE.**

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URGENT

TO: SAC's DALLAS (44-2649)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RE DALLAS TEL APRIL TEN.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGER-
PRINTS WILLIAM HENRY GATES, FBI NUMBER SEVEN SEVEN TWELVE
FOUR NINE D, OR JAMES TIMOTHY CARROLL, FBI NUMBER EIGHT
ZERO THREE SIX THREE E. LATENT PALM PRINTS THIS CASE NOT
IDENTICAL PALM PRINTS GATES. NO PALM PRINTS HERE FOR
CARROLL.

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of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)****Date: April 9, 1968****Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also
known as John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS****FBI File No. 44-38861****Lab. No. D-560301 JK****Specimens received 4/6/68**

- Q72 .243 Winchester caliber Remington bolt-action rifle,
Model 700, Serial Number 283749 from Aeromarine
Supply Company**
- Q73 Telescope sight mount from .243 Winchester caliber
rifle**
- Q74 Original invoice dated 3/29/68, Number 2251A, covering
sale of rifle to Harvey Lowmeyer**
- Q75 Copy of invoice, Number 2251A**

ALSO SUBMITTED: Factory box for .243 Winchester caliber rifle**Nine boxes of caliber .243 Winchester
ammunition****Elimination major case prints of Donald F.
Wood and U. L. Mathew Baker****Result of examination:**

The name and signature on Q74 and Q75 were searched through the National Fraudulent Check File and compared with signatures appearing on fingerprint cards located for the suspects who had been named in this matter, but no identification could be made.

Q74 and Q75 are temporarily retained.*44-1987-Sub H-6*

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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 9, 1968**

Re: **UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also known
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VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560301 JK**

Examination requested by: **Birmingham**

Reference: **Memo 4/8/68**

Examination requested: **Firearms (G&A) - Toolmarks -
Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

As pointed out in Bureau teletype to Columbia and Memphis dated 4/8/68, a limited number of handwriting similarities were noted between the signatures of BOBBY RAY GRAVES, FBI #410150D, and the questioned signature appearing on Q74 and Q75. However, because of the limited nature of the comparable material any significance of these few similarities could not be assessed. Other information regarding GRAVES was set forth in the above teletype.

The results of the other examinations will be furnished to you separately.

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Washington, D. C. 20537

**REPORT**

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. 44-1987
 FBI FILE NO. 44-38861
 LATENT CASE NO. 91075

April 10, 1968

TO: SAC, Memphis

RE: MURKIN

Memphis airtels 4-4-68 and 4-6-68, Birmingham airtel 4-7-68,
 delivery of Memphis evidence by SA Robert Fitzpatrick 4-5-68
 and 4-6-68, and delivery of Birmingham evidence by SA Neil P.
 Shanahan 4-5-68 and SA Robert N. Butler 4-8-68

REFERENCE:

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Memphis and Birmingham

SPECIMENS:

Memphis Evidence:

Black rifle box, Q1
 Remington model 760 rifle, serial #461476, with
 telescopic sight and clip, Q2
 Cartridge case, Q3
 Nine cartridges, Q4 through Q12
 Large green and brown cloth, Q13
 Binoculars, Q14
 Blue zipper bag and contents, Q15 through Q63
 Three \$20.00 bills, Q65 through Q67 44-1987-Sub H-8
 Elimination fingerprints of Bessy Ruth Brewer, Q68
 Pair of shorts, Q69
 T-shirt, Q70
 Board (part of window sill), Q71
 Five cards bearing ten lifts

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 John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Birmingham Evidence:

- Remington model 700 rifle, serial #283749, Q72
- Telescope sight mount, Q73
- Original invoice, #2251-A, Q74
- Copy of invoice, Q75
- Factory box for rifle
- Nine boxes of ammunition
- Elimination major case prints of store clerks
 - Donald F. Wood and U. L. Mathew Baker
- Browning rifle, serial #3700Z5
- Remington model 700 rifle, serial #266009, with tag attached to trigger guard
- Remington model 788 rifle, serial #020726, with tag attached to trigger guard

This report confirms and supplements Butels to Memphis and Birmingham 4-6-68, 4-7-68, and 4-8-68.

All evidence examined for latent prints and latent impressions of value found or developed as follows:

Memphis evidence:

- One palm print on black rifle box, Q1
- One fingerprint on side of rifle, Q2
- One fingerprint on telescopic sight of rifle, Q2
- One fingerprint on binoculars, Q14
- One fingerprint on front page of Memphis newspaper "COMMERCIAL APPEAL" for 4-4-68, Q19
- One fingerprint on after shave lotion bottle, part of Q24
- One fingerprint on Schlitz beer can, Q53
- One fingerprint on board, Q71
- One fingerprint on lift marked in part "Lifted from Dresser top"
- One fingerprint on lift marked in part "Rt. side of fireplace (front)"

SAC, Memphis

April 10, 1968

Birmingham evidence:

Eight fingerprints on original invoice, Q74
Seven fingerprints on copy of invoice, Q75
Three fingerprints on Federal Center Fire
Cartridge box bearing #56 H 31 D 243 B
and marked #3 in Latent Fingerprint Section
Three fingerprints and three palm prints on
factory box for rifle
Two fingerprints and one palm print on
Browning rifle, serial #3700Z5

No other latent impressions of value found or
developed.

Latent palm print on rifle box, Q1, identified as right
palm print of Birmingham gun store clerk, Donald F. Wood. Latent
fingerprint on board, Q71, identified as fingerprint of SA Franklin L.
Johnson. Eight latent fingerprints on original invoice, Q74, identified
as fingerprints of Birmingham gun store clerk Wood. Six latent finger-
prints on copy of invoice, Q75, identified as fingerprints of Wood and
remaining latent fingerprint on copy of invoice identified as fingerprint
of SA Shanahan. Three latent fingerprints and three latent palm prints
on factory box for rifle identified as prints of Wood.

Remaining latent fingerprints on Memphis evidence not
identical with fingerprints of SAC Robert G. Jensen, SA Fitzpatrick,
SA Franklin L. Johnson, SA Orville Vernon Johnson, Nevelyn Ecdray
Zachary, born [redacted] in Robbs, Mississippi, or Guy Warren Canipe,
born [redacted] in Lufkin, Texas. Zachary and Canipe may or may not
be individuals named for elimination purposes. Remaining latent prints
on Birmingham evidence not identical major case prints of Wood or
Baker or fingerprints of SA Shanahan.

Latent fingerprint on rifle, Q2, identical latent finger-
print on binoculars, Q14. Latent prints compared with each other, but
no additional identifications effected.

SAC, Memphis

April 10, 1968

Thirteen latent fingerprints and one latent palm print remain unidentified. These latent prints have been compared and found to be not identical with fingerprints, and palm prints where available, of all suspects named to date.

Three rifles listed in Birmingham airtel of 4-7-68, and major case prints of Wood and Baker being retained temporarily in LFPS. You will subsequently be advised of the disposition of these items.

Results of laboratory examination and disposition of all other submitted items subjects of separate report.

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Miami

April 11, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

 YOUR NO. 44-1854
 FBI FILE NO. 44-38861
 LAB. NO. D-560410 JK

Reference Airtel dated April 9, 1968

The material described below has been searched in the following file without effecting an identification: **Anonymous Letter File**

Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

The submitted material is temporarily retained.

MATERIAL SUBMITTED:

- Q87 Air Mail envelope postmarked "MIAMI BEACH FL 5A 7 April 1968" bearing the address "F. B. I. Miami Fla"
- Q88 Slip of paper bearing handwritten message beginning "Get Tommy Nash..." and ending "...Kings Killer"

Remarks: A separate report will be forwarded concerning the fingerprint examination and disposition of the submitted evidence. Physical characteristics of the evidence have been taken and will be maintained in Bureau file.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis

Re: MURKIN

Date: April 11, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. PC-A5505 BX IZ

Specimens received
///// personally delivered on 4-8-68 by SA Robert Fitzpatrick,
Memphis

Q69 Undershorts
Q70 T shirt
Q71 Board from windowsill in bathroom

Results of examination:

The undershorts and the T shirt each bears a laundry tag with what appears to be the characters "02B-6." Only a portion of the first character is present on each tag. The Laboratory does not maintain a file of visible laundry marks. No invisible laundry marks were found on the undershorts or T shirt.

The pair of undershorts is small in size while the T shirt is large.

The pair of undershorts does not have a brand label. The T shirt has a "JOCKEY" brand label.

The T shirt label is held flat with a folded piece of 3/4" wide cellophane tape. The piece of tape is about 1" long. One end has been cut, and the other end has been torn.

The crotch seams of the undershorts have been repaired in two places with brown thread. The repaired areas are hand stitched.

No hairs were found on the undershorts or T shirt.

The Q71 board bears a recent dent which could have been produced by a light blow from the muzzle of a weapon such as the Remington rifle, Serial Number 461476

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previously submitted in this case. The dent contains microscopic marks of the type which could be produced by the side of the barrel at the muzzle but insufficient marks for identification were left on the board due to the physical nature of the wood. The microscopic marks present are different from the type which would be produced by the duck-bill pliers or tack hammer which were in the blue zipper bag previously submitted. No other marks were found on the board.

No gunpowder or gunpowder residues were found on the Q71 board.

No wood, paint, aluminum or other foreign material was found on the rifle barrel nor were any significant marks found on the rifle barrel.

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Memphis

Date: April 11, 1968

Re: MURKIN

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. PC-A5505 BX 1Z

Specimens ~~received~~ personally delivered on 4-8-68 by SA Robert Fitzpatrick,
Memphis

Q69 Undershorts

Q70 T shirt

Q71 Board from windowsill in bathroom

Results of examination:

The undershorts and the T shirt each bears a laundry tag with what appears to be the characters "02B-6." Only a portion of the first character is present on each tag. The Laboratory does not maintain a file of visible laundry marks. No invisible laundry marks were found on the undershorts or T shirt.

The pair of undershorts is small in size while the T shirt is large.

The pair of undershorts does not have a brand label. The T shirt has a "JOCKEY" brand label.

The T shirt label is held flat with a folded piece of 3/4" wide cellophane tape. The piece of tape is about 1" long. One end has been cut, and the other end has been torn.

The crotch seams of the undershorts have been repaired in two places with brown thread. The repaired areas are hand stitched.

No hairs were found on the undershorts or T shirt.

The Q71 board bears a recent dent which could have been produced by a light blow from the muzzle of a weapon such as the Remington rifle, Serial Number 461476

previously submitted in this case. The dent contains microscopic marks of the type which could be produced by the side of the barrel at the muzzle but insufficient marks for identification were left on the board due to the physical nature of the wood. The microscopic marks present are different from the type which would be produced by the duck-bill pliers or tack hammer which were in the blue zipper bag previously submitted. No other marks were found on the board.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Birmingham**
Re: **MURKIN**

Date: **April 10, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **PC-A5524 BX**

Specimens received

4-6-68

- Q72 .243 Winchester caliber Remington bolt-action rifle, Model 700, Serial Number 283749 from Aeromarine Supply Company**
- Q73 Telescope sight mount from .243 Winchester caliber rifle**
- Q74 Original invoice dated 3-29-68, Number 2251A, covering sale of rifle to Harvey Lowmeyer**
- Q75 Copy of invoice, Number 2251A**

ALSO SUBMITTED:

**Factory box for .243 Winchester caliber rifle
Nine boxes of caliber .243 Winchester ammunition
Elimination major case prints of Donald F. Wood
and U. L. Mathew Baker**

Results of examination:

Debris found on the face of the bolt of the Q72 rifle shows that this rifle has not been fired recently. The debris has been present for a considerable length of time and this weapon probably has not been fired since manufacture.

The Memphis Office submitted a .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington Model 760 rifle, Serial Number 461476, to the Laboratory in connection with this case. A Redfield telescope sight is mounted on this rifle. No marks were found on the telescope sight tube and, therefore, the telescope sight mount, Q73, cannot be associated with this sight tube. on the basis of a toolmark examination. Therefore, it was not possible to determine whether or not the telescope sight was ever on the telescope mount.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Birmingham**

Date: **April 10, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab. No. **44-38861
PC-A5524 BX**

Examination requested by: **Birmingham**

Reference: **Teletype 4-5-68**

Examination requested: **Firearms - Toolmarks - Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

The enclosed report confirms the teletype to Birmingham and Memphis on April 9, 1968.

The results of the latent and document examinations requested are being furnished separately.

All of the evidence listed in the enclosed report is being temporarily retained in the Laboratory.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

(2) - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **April 11, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-560449 JK**Specimens received **4/10/68**

**Kc7 Photocopy of Liberty National Bank Dealer Plan-
Purchaser Statement bearing purported known hand
printing and signature of DR. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH**

Result of examination:

Because Kc7 is almost entirely hand printed and not adequate for comparison with the questioned writings, it could not be determined whether the material in this matter was prepared by DR. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH, Kc7. However, the style of writing of FRENCH differs from the other writings which have been submitted in this matter.

Kc7 has been retained.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 11, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560449 JK

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WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 11, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **PC-A5505 BX IZ**

Examination requested by: **Memphis**

Reference: **Airtel 4-6-68**

Examination requested: **Firearms - Fingerprint - Microscopic**

Remarks:

The enclosed report confirms and supplements the teletype to the Memphis Office dated April 7, 1968.

You will be separately advised concerning the results of the latent examination requested and as to the results of the examination of the printing on the laundry tags on the undershorts and T shirt.

Specimens Q69 through Q71 are being temporarily retained in the Laboratory.

Enclosures sm (2) (2 Lab report)

H. J. G.

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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 11, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560449 JK**

Examination requested by: **Buffalo**

Reference: **Airtel 4/8/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Atlanta Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Birmingham (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Jacksonville Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Buffalo (44-374) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 12, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560380 JK
D-560340 JK
PC-A5564 JV
PC-A5571 JV

Specimens received 4/9/68, from FBI, Atlanta

K1 Five sample laundry tapes bearing Code #02B-6, from machine used by Blum's Individual Laundry and Dry Cleaning Co., Macon, Ga.

Specimens received 4/9/68, from FBI, Boston

K2 Four pieces of paper each containing laundry marks on red tape obtained from four separate thermo-seal machines manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc. and used by Superior Laundry Co., Inc.

K3 Partial roll of unused red tape obtained from Superior Laundry Co., Inc. 625 Concord Ave., Cambridge, Massachusetts

Result of examination:

The printing on the K1 and K2 tags was found to differ from that appearing on the laundry tags affixed to the Q69 shorts and the Q70 T-shirt.

The fabric tape in K1, K2 and K3 is similar in color, construction and composition to the fabric tape used on the two laundry tags attached to Q69 and Q70. The submitted items have been retained.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 10, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: **Atlanta, Boston**

Reference: **Letter 4/8/68, Airtel 4/8/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Microscopic
(Hair and Fibers)**

Remarks: **Miscellaneous**

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560380 JK
D-560340 JK
PC-A5564 JV
PC-A5571 JV**

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2 - Boston (157-644) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Albany Enclosure (Lab report)

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4/12/68

AIRTEL

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

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ME)

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory, under separate cover, are ten soil samples of soil obtained from the area in the rear of 418 and 432 1/2 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. For information of the Laboratory, it is believed that the killer of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING fired from a bathroom window on the second floor of 418 South Main Street.

It is requested that these samples be compared with any and all other soil samples submitted in this investigation. The results of the Laboratory findings should be submitted to Memphis and any other interested Office. Upon completion of your investigation, these samples should be returned to Memphis where they will be retained as evidence.

4 - Bureau
(1 - Package, Enclosure 1, RM)

② - Memphis

TLB:jms
(6)

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Teletype _____
A.M. _____
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AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Submitted herewith are the following items:

- (1) One pillow and pillow case
- (2) One green sofa pillow
- (3) One bed sheet.
- (4) Second bed sheet.
- (5) One black leather strap, $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide
- (6) One black leather strap, $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide
- (7) Several strands of grass-like material.
- (8) One towel, white with blue and green stripes.
- (9) One plastic-type red, white, and blue decorative pin

*Exhibit
Physical Evidence*

The green pillow, bedding, and towel all came from Room 5-B, which was occupied by suspect in instant case. It is not known whether suspect lay down on, touched, or in any way had contact with this material; however, the Laboratory is requested to examine all material for the possibility that there

3 BUREAU (Enc. 9) (REGISTERED MAIL) (1 - PACKAGE)
① MEMPHIS

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are hairs or fibers that may be suitable for comparison with other material submitted by the Memphis Division.

In addition, of possible interest are the two black leather straps submitted herewith. Possibility exists that they may have connection with binoculars submitted and/or rifle in instant case. The Laboratory should examine binoculars, binocular case, and/or rifles to see whether or not possibility exists markings may help associate these items.

In addition, the necessary examination for latent prints should be made on both leather belts.

Memphis does not know at this time whether in examination of automobile conducted by Atlanta any grassy materials recovered. In the event such was submitted, the grass submitted by Memphis should be compared if such is possible.

Markings on material submitted disclosed the initials "ELH" which represent those of E. LARRY HUTCHINSON, Investigator, Attorney General's Office, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. The other initials "OVJ" are those of the Agent receiving the material from E. LARRY HUTCHINSON. In one instance, the striped towel was received by SA CYRIL F. BUSCH from Inspector E. E. ZACHARY, Memphis PD.

The plastic red, white, and blue decorative pin was located by Lt. GLENN KING, Memphis PD, and turned over to Special Agents.

All the above evidence should be returned to the Memphis Division upon completion of the requested examinations.

4/10/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: ME)

Reference Buffalo teletype to the Bureau and Jacksonville and Jacksonville teletype to the Bureau and Memphis both dated 4/8/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory is one registration card from the Holiday Inn, Williston, Florida, and one postcard from the Holiday Inn, Southeast, Memphis, Tennessee.

Enclosed for Memphis are eight copies each of FD-302s reflecting interviews with Mrs. ROSALIE STELL, Innkeeper and GLORIA GRIGER, desk clerk, Holiday Inn, Williston, Florida.

For the information of the FBI Laboratory, Mrs. STELL advised that ALVIN FRENCH filled in the following items in her presence: Name, street, city, state, make of car and license number, on the above document. She stated that she herself filled in all other items.

She further stated that she received the enclosed postal card on 4/8/68.

Mrs. STELL advised that she would if at all possible like to have the registration card returned to her.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)(RM)
② - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 16)
2 - Jacksonville
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[Signature]

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JE 44-769

The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct appropriate handwriting and latent fingerprint examinations.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

CR

(OO: ME)

Re Denver teletype to Bureau and Memphis 4/7/68.

RICHARD KINST, mentioned as possible suspect in referenced teletype, was determined to be Second Lt. RICHARD W. KINST, U. S. Army Serial Number [REDACTED] Headquarters and Band Support Company, 5th Infantry Division, Ft. Campbell, Tennessee.

It was determined that KINST is not a suspect in the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

**3 - Bureau
2 - Denver (157-203)
1 - Memphis**

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Airtel _____

Teletype _____

A.M. _____

A.M.S.D. _____

Spec. Del. _____

Reg. Mail _____

Registered _____

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Kearney *[Signature]*
[Signature]

F B I

Date: 4/12/68

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

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reurairtel 4/9/68, submitting twenty-five lifts from room #34 of Rebel Motor Hotel.

Three latent fingerprints and two latent palm prints of value found on four of these lifts. Latent prints on other lifts of no value. Latent prints of value not identical with latent prints previously reported this case.

Latent prints being compared with fingerprints and palm prints where available of all suspects named to date and results will follow.

Lifts being retained temporarily in Latent Fingerprint Section.

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FBI WASH DC

546PM URGENT 4-13-68 SVW

TO MEMPHIS 44-1987 ATLANTA 44-2386

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA LETTERS APRIL ELEVEN AND TWELVE CONCERNING ITEMS FROM MUSTANG AND BUTEL APRIL TWELVE.

PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BEDSPREAD COMPOSED OF BROWN COTTON, GREEN COTTON AND GREEN RAYON. FIBERS LIKE THOSE COMPOSING BEDSPREAD AND WHICH COULD HAVE COME FROM BEDSPREAD FOUND ON SWEATSHIRT, TWO BED SHEETS, SHIRT JACKET, PULLOVER, BLACK SHIRT, WALKING SHORTS, RUG, PILLOW AND SOCKS FROM MUSTANG.

BROWN HEAD HAIRS OF CAUCASIAN ORIGIN WERE PREVIOUSLY FOUND ON BEDSPREAD, IN BLUE SUITCASE AND ON HAIRBRUSH AND SOCKS FROM BLUE SUITCASE. HEAD HAIRS LIKE THE ABOVE HAIRS AND WHICH COULD HAVE COME FROM SAME PERSON FOUND ON SWEATSHIRT, BED SHEETS AND RUG FROM MUSTANG. HAIRS CANNOT BE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS ORIGINATING FROM A PARTICULAR PERSON.

SCRAPINGS FROM UNDER GLOVE COMPARTMENT DO NOT CONSIST OF BLOOD.

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[A circled 'H' is written below the stamp.]

PAGE TWO

LIQUID FROM WINDSHIELD WASHER BAG IDENTIFIED AS WATER. NO TRACES OF ANY ALCOHOLS SUCH AS USED IN WINDSHIELD WASH WAS IDENTIFIED IN THIS SPECIMEN.

SOILS FROM MUSTANG AND DEBRIS FROM FLOOR OF MUSTANG DIFFER FROM SOIL FOUND ON BEDSPREAD AND DID NOT COME FROM SAME SOURCE.

IF FEASIBLE MEMPHIS SHOULD OBTAIN SOIL SAMPLES FROM WHERE BEDSPREAD WAS ABANDONED AND WHERE CAR WAS PARKED PRIOR TO GETAWAY AND SUBMIT TO LABORATORY FOR ELIMINATION PURPOSES.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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4/13/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI(44-38861) ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CR

RE: LAUNDRY MARKS

Enclosed for the Bureau are laundry mark samples obtained from Thermo-Seal Laundry Marking Machines located in the Naval Exchange Laundry, Millington, Tenn., and the Lamar laundry, 1172 Lamar, Memphis, Tenn. The serial numbers of the machines from which sample obtained are reflected on each sample.

REQUEST OF BUREAU

Bureau is requested to compare the enclosed laundry marks with laundry marks in this case.

3 - Bureau (Encs. 5) (RM)

2 - Memphis

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(5) *mjh*

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Teletype _____

A.M. _____

A.M.S.D. _____

Spec. Del. _____

Reg. Mail _____

Registered _____

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AIRTEL

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

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ME)

RE: LAUNDRY MARKS

Mr. FRANK M. SAIGEON, Manager of White Rose Laundry and Cleaners, 299 South Dunlap, Memphis, Tennessee, made available to SA ROBERT W. GOODWIN samples of laundry marks from his Thermo-Seal marking machines manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. From Thermo-Seal machine, Model H5KI, SN 31323, SAIGEON made available six sample laundry marks with figures, "02B-6" on white tape attached to the cloth, marked with a number 1, which is circled, and with initials R.W.G., dated 4/12/68.

From Thermo-Seal machine, Model H5KI, SN 31295, Mr. SAIGEON made available five sample laundry marks with the figures, "02B-6" on green tape attached to the cloth, marked with a number two, which is circled, with initials, R.W.G., dated 4/12/68.

It is requested the Lab compare the above-mentioned laundry marks with those in this case.

3 - Bureau (Enc. - 2) (RM)
② - Memphis

RWG:jms
(5)

Airtel

Teletype

A.M.

A.M.S.D.

Spec. Del.

Reg. Mail

Registered

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Being forwarded under separate cover are 6 specimens of soil obtained from the parking lot and area between the curb and sidewalk near Unit 34 of the Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, where suspect ERIC STARVO GALT is thought to have stayed on the night of 4/3-4/68.

It is requested that these samples be compared with any and all similar evidence submitted in this case. Results of the examination should be furnished to Memphis and any other interested offices. Upon completion of its examination, the Laboratory should return these specimens to Memphis, where they will be held as evidence.

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(1-Package) (RM)
Teletype 2-Memphis
TLB:vp
A.M. (5)
A.M.S.D. wp
Spec. Del. _____
Reg. Mail _____
Registered _____

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **April 12, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-560411 JK
D-560412 JK
D-560413 JK**Specimens received **4/10/68, from FBI, Memphis****Q86 Registration card of New Rebel Motor Hotel in the
name "Eric S. Galt"****K6 One bar of Cameo toilet soap**Specimen received **4/10/68, from FBI, Mobile****Kc4 Photocopies of transfer of 1967 Alabama license form,
tag receipt for 1968 Alabama license
and application for Alabama driver's license
dated 9/6/67 bearing the known signatures of
ERIC S. GALT (printed from submitted FX 135-20 film)**Specimen received **4/10/68, from FBI, Birmingham****K5 The following documents bear known handwriting of
ERIC S. GALT:****Record of Access to Safe Deposit Box No. 5517****Contract for Safe Deposit Box****Ledger Card (rental record) for Safe Deposit
Box No. 5517****Undated letter on ruled paper****Result of examination:**

Because of the limited nature of the questioned "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on the Q72 invoice and the presence of unexplained characteristics, it could not be determined whether the same individual was responsible for the preparation of this signature and the material in the Eric S. Galt name represented by Q86, Kc4 and K5.

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The K6 bar of soap and wrapper were found to be similar in all observable characteristics with the Q48 bar of "Cameo" soap previously submitted.

The evidence submitted is temporarily retained. Photographs were made.

It was determined that the "Eric S. Galt" signatures on Q86, Kc4 and K5 were prepared by one individual.

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Record of Access to Safe Deposit Box No. 5517

Contract for Safe Deposit Box

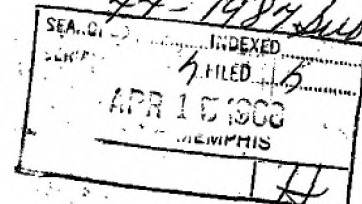
**Ledger Card (rental record) for Safe Deposit
Box No. 5517**

Undated letter on ruled paper

Result of examination:

**Because of the limited nature of the questioned
"Harvey Lowmyer" signature on the Q72 invoice and the presence
of unexplained characteristics, it could not be determined
whether the same individual was responsible for the preparation
of this signature and the material in the Eric S. Galt name
name represented by Q86, Kc4 and K5.**

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The F6 bar of soap and wrapper were found to be similar in all observable characteristics with the Q48 bar of "Cameo" soap previously submitted.

The evidence submitted is temporarily retained. Photographs were made.

It was determined that the "Eric S. Galt" signatures on Q86, Kc4 and K5 were prepared by one individual.

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