



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

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

Date: **May 16, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680514126 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**
Reference: **Airtel 5/10/68**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination of Q337.**

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)

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Airtel

To: SAC's, WFO (44-703)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re WFO teletype 5/10/68, and delivery of a typewritten letter dated 12/28/67, and signed Eric S. Galt, Q334, by SA Roger Ashland, WFO, on 5/10/68.

Three latent fingerprints of value were developed on the letter. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, or Bureau employee Robert H. Sylvester. Based on information furnished, no fingerprint record located for John P. Asord.

Results of laboratory examination and disposition of Q334 separate.

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Denver (157-203)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Denver airtel 5/6/68, submitting a copy of the May 3, 1968, issue of Life Magazine.

Four latent fingerprints of value were developed on magazine. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

Magazine being returned to Denver under separate cover.

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
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LESLIE L. DENNY
CHIEF OF POLICE

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
CHIEF OF POLICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Latent Fingerprint Section
Washington D.C.

May 3, 1968

RE: James Earl Ray
F.B.I. # 405 942 G.

Dear Sir,

I was requested by our local agent, Glen Barton to send any Latent Prints that we have lifted since April of 1967, in reference to case involving the above named subject. Enclosed are envelopes containing lifts taken, Crime, Date etc. When finished please return to our Department. Any lifts of no value may be destroyed by you if you so desire.

10-21-67 Safe Burglary, Pepsi Cola Bottling Plant, Danville, Ill. Comp # 2776.
3-21-68 Continental Filling Corp. Burglary. Danville, Ill. Comp # 4091.
4-17-68 Burglary 444 N. Jackson, Danville, Ill. Comp # 4345.
4-1-68 Arson, Grand Hotel, Danville, Ill. Comp # 4192.

Any other latents have been recorded by your Bureau prior to this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Robert R. Patterson
Robert R. Patterson
Identification Officer
Police Department
Danville, Ill.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

**REPORT**

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO.

Complaint #2776**May 17, 1968**

FBI FILE NO.

32-19965

LATENT CASE NO.

92328**REGISTERED**

TO: **Mr. Leslie L. Denny**
Chief of Police
Danville, Illinois 61832

Attention: **Mr. Robert R. Patterson**
Identification Officer

RE: **UNKNOWN SUBJECT;**
PEPSI COLA BOTTLING PLANT
DANVILLE, ILLINOIS
OCTOBER 21, 1967
SAFE BURGLARY

REFERENCE:

Letter May 3, 1968

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

Addressee

SPECIMENS:

Three photographs
One negative
Thirty-five transparent lifts

One latent fingerprint of value was found in the three photographs and the negative submitted in connection with the captioned case.

Fourteen latent fingerprints of value appear on nine of the thirteen lifts submitted in connection with the Continental Filling Corporation burglary, your Complaint #4091, latent case #92329.

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- ② - Memphis (44-1987) (with copy of incoming)
 1 - Springfield (44-561) (with copy of incoming)

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Mr. Leslie L. Denny

May 17, 1968

Thirteen latent fingerprints of value were found on ten of the eleven lifts submitted in connection with the burglary at 444 North Jackson, your Complaint #4945, latent case #92330.

Four latent fingerprints of value were found on four of the eleven lifts submitted in connection with the Grand Hotel arson case, your Complaint #4192, latent case #92331. No other latent impressions of value found on the submitted lifts.

These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

The three submitted photographs, as well as photographs of the latent fingerprints of value appearing on the lifts, are being retained in our files where they will be available for any additional comparisons you may desire.

The negative, the lifts, four identifying envelopes, and your mailing wrapper are enclosed.

A copy of this report is being forwarded to our Springfield Division.

Enclosures (41)

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5-17-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Denver (157-203) - Enc. (6)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Denver airtel 5-7-68, submitting five Frontier Airlines Transportation receipts, and one application for a travel card, Q328 through Q333, for examination.

One latent fingerprint of value was developed on the receipt dated April 27, 1968, Q329. This latent fingerprint was not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

Q328 through Q333 enclosed to Denver.

Laboratory reporting separate.

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 17, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680515052 JK**Specimens received **5/15/68**

- K271 Three pieces of paper each bearing three sample laundry tapes, Serial No. 33607, obtained from Colesville Cleaners, Silver Spring, Maryland**
- K272 Yellow piece of paper bearing two sample laundry tapes obtained from Waldorf Laundry, Waldorf, Maryland**
- K273 White card bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Lustre Cleaners, Suitland, Maryland**
- K274 White card bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Morningside Laundry, Hyattsville, Maryland**

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the machines used to prepare specimens K271 through K274 were not employed to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on Q69 and Q70 and that the machines designated K272, K273 and K274 were not used to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on Q97 and Q99. Differences were noted between the laundry tapes represented by K271 and those appearing on Q97 and Q99 but the lack of identifying features precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

K271 through K274 have been retained.

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 17, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680515052 JK

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- K274 White card bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Morningside Laundry, Hyattsville, Maryland

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the machines used to prepare specimens K271 through K274 were not employed to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on Q69 and Q70 and that the machines designated K272, K273 and K274 were not used to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on Q97 and Q99. Differences were noted between the laundry tapes represented by K271 and those appearing on Q97 and Q99 but the lack of identifying features precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

K271 through K274 have been retained.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Date: **May 17, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680515052 JK**

Examination requested by: **Baltimore**

Reference: **Airtel 5/14/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

It should be noted by Baltimore that only six samples of laundry tapes were received in the Laboratory.

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1 - Baltimore (44-669) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

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

Date: **May 17, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680515051 JK**

Examination requested by: **San Antonio**

Reference: **Airtel 5/11/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

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xxxxxx Specimens received 5/14/68

- Q338** Brown manila envelope postmarked at San Diego, California, bearing handwritten address "Maxine Ingram 121 Omaha San Antonio, Texas" and accompanying handwritten message beginning "Maxine Drop..."
- Q339** White envelope with no postmark bearing handwritten address "Mrs. Dempes 8251 Burley Chicago, Illinois 60617"
- Q340** Post card to Maxine Ingram bearing handwritten message beginning "Be sure & put....," ending "...tell's you not to."

2 - Chicago (44-1114) (9-3944)

2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (9-3759)

1 - San Diego (44-387)

**2 - San Antonio (55-67) (44-1242) Enclosures
(Q338-Q340, photocopy of Q339)**

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Remarks:

As the result of a search in the Anonymous Letter File, the writings on Q338 through Q340 have been identified with other material submitted to the Laboratory attributed to Robert P. Anderson, and which have been included in Bureau file 62-111085. (LA file 9-3759; SA file 55-67; CG 9-3944). Nothing of significance was noted between the writings on Q338, Q339 and Q340 when compared with the various writings which have been received in the MURKIN case.

In view of the incoherent nature of the material submitted, a copy of which has been enclosed for San Antonio, and the past mental history of Anderson, no additional examinations are being made.

The material submitted is returned to San Antonio.

No Laboratory report is being submitted.

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Los Angeles (44-1574) - Enclosures (2)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel 5/8/68, submitting a hand-written letter, Q335, and Los Angeles airtel 5/10/68, submitting a Post Office Department form, Q337, for examination.

No latent impressions of value were developed on these two items, which are enclosed to Los Angeles.

Laboratory reporting separately.

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To: SAC's, Atlanta (44-2386) - Enclosure
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel 5/10/68, submitting registration card #6960, Q336, for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on Q336, which is enclosed to Atlanta.

Laboratory reporting separately.

1 - Little Rock

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To: SAC's, Los Angeles (44-1574) - Enclosures (2)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel 5/17/68, submitting one
Greyhound Bus ticket and envelope for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on the
ticket or envelope, which are enclosed to Los Angeles.

1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
1 - Kansas City (44-760)
1 - Knoxville

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P
RE: MURKIN
OO:ME

Re SL tel to AT, 5-16-68; AT tel to SL, 5-16-68;
and SL MURKIN summary tel to Bureau, 5-17-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following items
of evidence:

1. One empty match box.
2. One lid from small box bearing Woolworth's price tag.
3. One piece of paper imprinted "Hounstree, Reg. Penna. Dept. Agr., Printed in England".
4. One Missouri road map.
5. One empty brown paper bag.

Also enclosed are 11 sections of rubber lifting
tape bearing latent impressions taken from vehicle.

For information of Bureau and other offices, on
5-16-68, a 1968 Dodge Dart 270, VIN LM1200232340, bearing
1968 Ga. license 1B45303, was recovered at Lambert-St. Louis
Municipal Airport by Trooper DONALD SHERR, MISSOURI. Airport

3 - Bureau (Enc. 16) (RM)
2 - Atlanta
2 - Chicago
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2 - St. Louis (1 - 26-32047)
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checked daily for possible abandoned cars by SHURE and this vehicle had been missing since 3-5-68. Inquiry by SHURE determined vehicle rented Atlanta, Ga., 4-2-68, from National Car Rental utilizing stolen credit cards in name of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 Wood Rd., Richmond, Ill. These cards were allegedly stolen from SCHNEIDERMAN in an armed robbery in NCHD, however, date of robbery and other details not furnished. It is noted in examining vehicle for latent fingerprints that the vehicle was extremely dusty inside and out. This vehicle was towed to Westlake Motors, 12105 St. Charles Rock Rd., SL Co., Mo., and a representative of the National Car Rental Agency operating out of SL Municipal Airport was to handle recovery arrangements.

The Bureau is requested to compare enclosed evidence and latent prints with prints on file of JAMES EARL RAY and other prints obtained in MURKIN investigation.

LEADS

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will ascertain details pertaining to rental of vehicle and submit original rental agreement to laboratory for handwriting comparison.

CHICAGO DIVISION

AT RICHMOND, ILL.

Will interview SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 Wood, regarding robbery of credit cards from him and determine if description of unsub resembles JAMES EARL RAY.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT KANSAS CITY, MO.

Will at the PD ascertain details of theft of credit cards from SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN.

5/20/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
Attention: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed is a letter and envelope addressed to Rev. HAL LLOYD, United Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Pa., dated 4/17/68, bearing the return address of Cloud 13, Pueblo, N. Korea, signed ERIC S. GALT, and bearing the postmark of Mansfield, Ohio, p.m. 4/23/68.

Mr. SHERMAN A. HARMON, who resides 134 West Upsal Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and who is employed with the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, 54th and Haverford Avenue, Philadelphia, made available the above letter and envelope about which he advised as follows:

On Easter Sunday, 4/14/68 Rev. HAL B. LLOYD, Pastor, Germantown Presbyterian Community Church, Green and Tulpehocken Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., made a sermon which was televised to several states. Since that time LLOYD has received numerous letters in response to his sermon, some of which were complimentary and some of which were uncomplimentary. These letters concern the present conditions of the Negroes in this country.

HARMON was reviewing some of these letters for LLOYD and noticed that one of the letters was signed ERIC S. GALT.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)(RM) (Encl. 2)
- 1 - Cleveland (Info)
- ① - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)
- 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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The FBI Lab is requested to compare the signature on the enclosed envelope and letter with the known handwriting and signature of JAMES EARL RAY.

The Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed letter and envelope for any identifiable latents. If any identifiable latents are developed, the Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to compare the latents with RAY's known fingerprints and also to search the latent prints through appropriate sections of the Single Fingerprint Files.

The Identification Division is requested to return the enclosed letter and envelope to the Philadelphia Office.

Information copies of this letter being furnished to Cleveland and Memphis Offices.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/20/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are two X-rays and X-ray reports obtained from the X-ray Department, Missouri State Penitentiary.

Upon a review of subject's file, it was felt that dental X-rays were taken of subject's teeth in 1965; however, these are X-rays of subject's sinus cavities, but the profile has a good picture of subject's teeth. Also, it appears subject's right elbow was X-rayed; however, neither this nor dental X-rays are available. A complete search of the X-ray Department and dental laboratory at the hospital failed to reveal new additional X-rays regarding RAY. Those enclosed were furnished by Warden HAROLD SWENSON to SA ROWEN B. AYERS on 5/17/68, and are being forwarded for whatever use these may be in this case.

It is requested that when they are of no further value to the FBI, they should be returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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2 - Kansas City
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AIRTEL

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

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

MURKIN
CR

Enclosed for the Bureau are the originals of an envelope and letter postmarked May 1, 1968, at Dallas, Texas, addressed: "Mr. LOHR, Mayor of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee". This letter reads as follows:

"I didn't mean to kill Rev. LUTHER KING. They hired me to shoot him in the leg and when he stumped over I accidental kill him. Brother A said he would pay me \$300 cash and if Rev. KING was wounded they would get a hole lot of money and would give me \$2000. Now they will pay me no more. 3 men hired me called each other Bro A Mr. S and Mr. T.

"By the time you gets this I will be out of the country. Hope you gets the 3 men that hired me. They are the guilty ones. You are looking for the wrong man. I am white but not a white man Black man hired me."

This letter was made available today by Inspector H. E. HACHARY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department, who stated he had received it today from the Mayor's Office. Several names written in ink on the back of the envelope are names that were written by someone in the Mayor's Office and have no connection with this letter.

A Xerox copy of this letter is enclosed for the Dallas Office; however, no investigation is being requested of Dallas until such time as the Bureau has compared the handwriting with known handwriting of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc-2)
- 1 - Dallas (Info) (Enc-1)
- 1 - Memphis

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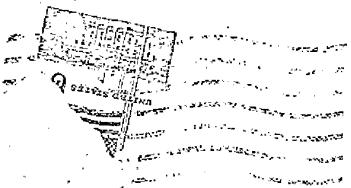
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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to compare the enclosed letter with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY and advise Memphis and Dallas results.

I don't know who
Bert Miller King
they had used to shoot
him. He had leg injury
I remember Billy from
Bunker G. paid the
money \$300 each
bid. Bert King was
surprised that I would
a hole in the money
and would not
know. Now they will
pay me more
3 men have
each other Bid A
Mr B paid Mr T.
BY the way you
said I will be out in
the country. Hope you
get that 3 report that
you are. They are
not guilty. I
just don't know how
it was. I am
not sure. Black man
the time.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C.
Dear Mr. Hoover:



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

DATE: 5-21-68

FROM : ✓ Director, FBI (44-38861)

Lab material

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4-26-68 numerous items of evidence were returned by courier to your office for return to the Memphis Police Department in connection with this case.

Included in the boxes containing these items were certain items recovered by the Memphis Office. These items, for record purposes, are listed below and should be retained by your office:

Q65 - Q67 Three twenty-dollar bills
Q71 Board from bathroom windowsill

K30 - Soil sample from where gun and bedspread abandoned
K44 - K49 Soil samples - Rebel Motel area
K50-K59 Soil samples - 488 - 422½ South Main Street

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 21, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680518001 JK

Specimens received 5/18/68

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>SIGNED</u>	<u>BANK</u>
Q343	391	\$5000.00	5/14/68	C. C. Alley	William A. Marshall	Security First National Bank, Chula Vista, California

Q344 Deposit receipt dated 5/14/68 for \$5000.00, bearing the signature "William A. Marshall"

Result of examination:

Significant differences were noted as the result of comparing the "William A. Marshall" signatures on Q343 and Q344 with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, K171, K211 and K257, indicating that the questioned Marshall signatures were probably not prepared by Ray.

Because of variations within the limited questioned signatures a definite conclusion was not reached.

Q343 and Q344 are temporarily retained. Photographs were made.

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 21, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680518001 JE

Specimens received 5/18/68

SPECIMEN	CHECK #	AMOUNT	DATE	PAYABLE TO	SIGNED	BANK
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

Date: **May 21, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680518001 JK**

Examination requested by: **San Diego**

Reference: **Airtel 5/16/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination of the two submitted items.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to San Diego and Memphis dated 5/18/68.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - San Diego (44-387) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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Airtel

To: SAC's, San Diego (44-387) - Enclosures (2)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re San Diego airtel 5/16/68, submitting check #391, Q343, and deposit receipt, Q344, signed by William A. Marshall.

No latent impressions of value developed on the check. Two latent fingerprints developed on the deposit receipt. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, or with the fingerprints of several individuals using the name William A. Marshall.

The check and receipt are enclosed to San Diego.

Laboratory reporting separately.

This airtel confirms and supplements Butel 5/18/68.

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 21, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680517109 JK**Specimens received **5/17/68****Q341 Registration card of Woodland Motor Court in the name
"Richard B. McGinnis"****Result of examination:**

It was concluded that the questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q341 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, whose known hand printing and handwriting appear on K171, K211 and K257.

Q341 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 21, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CRFBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680517109 JK

Specimens received 5/17/68

Q341 Registration card of Woodland Motor Court in the name
"Richard B. McGinnis"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q341 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, whose known hand printing and handwriting appear on K171, K211 and K257.

Q341 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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A handwritten signature, possibly 'J. Hester', written in dark ink.



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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

Date: **May 21, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680517109 JK**

Examination requested by: **Atlanta**
Reference: **Letter 5/15/68**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q341.

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

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[Handwritten signatures]

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Atlanta (44-2386) - Enc. (29)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta letter 5-13-68, submitting eighteen lifts and seven negatives of latent impressions from the files of Rome, Georgia, Police Department for examination.

Latent fingerprints appearing on these lifts and in the negatives are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. No palm prints Identification Division files for Ray.

The lifts, negatives, and four identifying envelopes enclosed to Atlanta. No photographic copies of the latent prints were prepared for Bufiles.

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CR
 (OO: MEMPHIS)

On 4/15/68, JIMMIE D. GARNER, Roominghouse Manager of the roominghouse located at 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, made available an unopened envelope with certain handwritten and handprinted notations thereon.

GARNER advised that when ERIC S. GALT obtained a room at this address, he had GALT write his name on the envelope. It is noted that the handprinted name ERIC S. GALT appears on the envelope and, according to GARNER, this handprinting was prepared by GALT himself. Other handwritten notations on the face of the envelope were, according to GARNER, prepared by himself. It is noted that this is the only written record available to confirm GALT's presence at this address.

EXAMINATION REQUESTED:

The FBI Laboratory (Document Section) is requested to compare the handprinting "ERIC S. GALT" with any known

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Atlanta by R/S
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handprinting of suspect ERIC STARVO GALT which may be available to the Laboratory.

The Laboratory is also requested to give consideration to the feasibility of attempting to develop any latent fingerprints on the envelope. In this regard, it should be noted that this envelope has been handled by JIMMIE D. GARNER, FBI No. 4110207, and Special Agents ROGER L. KAAS and JOHN E. OGDEN.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

**REPORT**

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. 26-38663
 FBI FILE NO.
 LATENT CASE NO. 92546

May 23, 1968

TO: SAC, New Orleans

RE: UNSUB.;
 1968 OLDSMOBILE
 VIN 386698M311780
 1968 GEORGIA LICENSE 19A308
 ITSMV

REFERENCE: Letter 5-9-68
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: New Orleans
 SPECIMENS: Six lifts
 One film pack
 Numerous other items from 1968 Oldsmobile

Specimens examined and latent impressions of value
 found or developed as follows:

Two fingerprints and one palm print on
 two lifts marked "from inside left
 window of frt. left door"

Two fingerprints on one lift marked
 "from left inside glass of back door"
 and in three negatives from film pack

One palm print on lift marked "from
 left door window"

② - Memphis (44-1987)

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SAC, New Orleans

May 23, 1968

Five fingerprints on inside rearview
mirror
One fingerprint in negative #4 from
film pack
One fingerprint on binoculars
Two fingerprints on Pepsi-Cola bottle

Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints of
James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. No palm prints Identification
Division files for Ray.

Four negatives from film pack retained. Other
negatives in which no latents of value appear destroyed. Other
items being returned under separate cover.

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AIRTEL

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

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

ReNKteletype 5/20/68.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Lab are two United States Postal Money Orders bearing signature ERIC S. GALT.

Number one Money Order # 1,916,211,078, dated 3/8/68, in amount of \$15.00 purchased Los Angeles, California, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. GALT lists address as 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Number two Money Order # 5,615,057,923, dated 3/28/68, purchased Atlanta, Georgia, in amount of \$7.50, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. GALT lists address as 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Money orders furnished to SA SIDNEY H. ROCHE on 5/22/68, by JOHN R. TAKACH, Chief, Money Order Branch, Government Accounting Office, Washington, D.C.

Laboratory requested to compare signature on money orders with known handwriting of RAY to determine if identical.

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- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
- ① - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 1 - Newark (44-854) (Info)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
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Date: 5/24/68

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

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
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Reference Memphis airtel 5/22/68 submitting envelope and letter received by Mayor of Memphis, and postmarked at Dallas, Texas.

Items submitted not identified in Anonymous Letter File and no identifying features noted thereon. Concluded these items not prepared by subject James Earl Ray, latent examination to be reported separately.

Reference Bureau airtel to Memphis 4/10/68 setting forth the interpretation of scratches on small radio (Q32) as being "00416." For possible interest of Memphis, it is noted that "00416" was the inmate number of James Earl Ray at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

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of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 24, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680522041 JK**Specimens received **5/22/68**

Q349 Registration card of the Wm. Len Hotel, Memphis,
Tennessee, Folio No. 42754, in the name "Vincent Walker"

Q350 Registration card of the Wm. Len Hotel, Memphis,
Tennessee, Folio No. 42761, in the name "Lawrence Rand"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing appearing on Q349 was not prepared by James Earl Ray, K171, K211 and K257. Differences were noted between the handwriting appearing on Q350 and the known handwriting of Ray, but because of the distorted nature of the questioned material on Q350 a definite opinion could not be reached.

Q349 and Q350 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 24, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No.

44-38861

Lab. No.

D-680522041 JK

Specimens received 5/22/68

Q349 Registration card of the Wm. Len Hotel, Memphis,
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Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing appearing on Q349 was not prepared by James Earl Ray, K171, K211 and K257. Differences were noted between the handwriting appearing on Q350 and the known handwriting of Ray, but because of the distorted nature of the questioned material on Q350 a definite opinion could not be reached.

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Date: **May 24, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680522041 JK**

Examination requested by: **Memphis**

Reference: **Airtel 5/20/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of the two
items submitted.**

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 23, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680521090 JK

Specimens received 5/21/68

- Q347 Envelope postmarked "Mansfield, Ohio APR 23 1968 PM" bearing typewritten address "Rev. Hal Lloyd United Presbyterian Church Germantown, Pa."
- Q348 Accompanying sheet of white paper bearing typewritten message dated April 17, 1968, beginning "This may be the..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

Specimens Q347 and Q348 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file. The watermark "Four Star Bond Southworth Co. USA 25% Cotton Fiber" appears on Q348. The Southworth Company is located in West Springfield, Massachusetts. No indented writing or other identifying features were noted on Q347 and Q348 which might indicate the immediate source of these two items. The type-writing on Q347 and Q348 is not identical to that on other typewritten items which emanated from "Eric S. Galt." The signature on Q348 bears a pictorial resemblance to other signatures in the "Galt" name appearing on items previously submitted; however, the poor line quality and the presence of certain characteristics indicate that the signature on Q348 was not prepared by the subject, James Earl Ray. The typing habits, spelling, grammar, etc. of Q348 differs considerably from these features of previous Galt material.

Q347 and Q348 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**
Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Date: **May 23, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680521000 JK**

Specimens received **5/21/68**

- Q347 Envelope postmarked "Mansfield, Ohio APR 23 1968 PM" bearing typewritten address "Rev. Hal Lloyd United Presbyterian Church Germantown, Pa."**
- Q348 Accompanying sheet of white paper bearing typewritten message dated April 17, 1968, beginning "This may be the..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"**

Result of examination:

Specimens Q347 and Q348 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file. The watermark "Four Star Bond Southworth Co. USA 25% Cotton Fiber" appears on Q348. The Southworth Company is located in West Springfield, Massachusetts. No indented writing or other identifying features were noted on Q347 and Q348 which might indicate the immediate source of these two items. The typewriting on Q347 and Q348 is not identical to that on other typewritten items which emanated from "Eric S. Galt." The signature on Q348 bears a pictorial resemblance to other signatures in the "Galt" name appearing on items previously submitted; however, the poor line quality and the presence of certain characteristics indicate that the signature on Q348 was not prepared by the subject, James Earl Ray. The typing habits, spelling, grammar, etc. of Q348 differ considerably from these features of previous Galt material.

Q347 and Q348 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

Date: **May 23, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680521090 JK**

Examination requested by: **Philadelphia**

Reference: **Airtel 5/20/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q347 and Q348.

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2 - Philadelphia (44-1368) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 28, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680527001 JK**

Request received 5/24/68

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Request for comparison of evidence submitted with Philadelphia communication dated 5/20/68 and evidence submitted with Miami communication dated 4/11/68

Result of examination:

The items submitted with Miami communication dated 4/11/68 (Q124, Q125 and Q126) contain only questioned hand printing while the letter and envelope (Q347 and Q348) submitted by Philadelphia communication dated 5/20/68 bear only typewriting and the handwritten signature "Eric S. Galt."

Because of the different means employed to prepare the questioned items previously mentioned they could not be satisfactorily compared.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 28, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680527001 JK**

Request received 5/24/68

Specimens received
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Request for comparison of evidence submitted with Philadelphia communication dated 5/20/68 and evidence submitted with Miami communication dated 4/11/68

Result of examination:

The items submitted with Miami communication dated 4/11/68 (Q124, Q125 and Q126) contain only questioned hand printing while the letter and envelope (Q347 and Q348) submitted by Philadelphia communication dated 5/20/68 bear only typewriting and the handwritten signature "Eric S. Galt."

Because of the different means employed to prepare the questioned items previously mentioned they could not be satisfactorily compared.

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

Date: **May 28, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680527001 JK**

Examination requested by: **Cleveland**

Reference: **Airtel 5/23/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

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2 - Cleveland (44-565) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 28, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680527062 JK**Specimens received **5/27/68**

K276 Four slips of white paper each bearing a sample laundry tape obtained from L & H Cleaners, Havre de Grace, Maryland

K277 Slip of white paper bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Camelot Cleaners, Laurel, Maryland

Result of examination:

It was concluded that neither of the machines, **K276** nor **K277**, was used to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on **Q69** and **Q70**.

Specimens K276 and Q277 are retained.

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CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680527062 JK**Specimens received **5/27/68**

K276 Four slips of white paper each bearing a sample laundry tape obtained from L & H Cleaners, Havre de Grace, Maryland

K277 Slip of white paper bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Camelot Cleaners, Laurel, Maryland

Result of examination:

It was concluded that neither of the machines, **K276** nor **K277**, was used to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on **Q69** and **Q70**.

Specimens K276 and Q277 are retained.

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