

11-6-68

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

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of letters directed to eight individuals regarding the appearance of witnesses in instant case. These are furnished for the Bureau's information and no action is recommended.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/5/68

Sgt. TOM BARDEN, Alabama State Troopers, 715 North 18th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, was interviewed and after being explained the nature of the interview, furnished the following information:

Sgt. BARDEN reviewed the form concerning the application for a driver's license of one ERIC STARVO GALT and stated that this is a standard Form DL2 required to be prepared for every individual who applies for and receives an Alabama driver's license. He stated that this form indicates that the individual representing himself as GALT appeared at the Driver Testing Office at 715 North 18th Street, on September 5, 1967, and was furnished the inside portion of his examination on that day by Examiner Trooper CHARLIE RAYMOND THORNTON, whose initials CRT appear on the front of this form. The typewritten portion of this form was filled out by one of the girls at the desk and under the date of birth section it is noted that he was the 79th person to appear on that date. The Yes-No section of this form was prepared by Trooper THORNTON and then signed by ERIC STARVO GALT. Trooper THORNTON also administered the Eyesight and Hearing Test. The road rules and road signs portion of the test were also administered at this time. GALT scored a 100 on the road signs and road rules tests as indicated by the 0 recorded for those portions of the test on the form. Trooper THORNTON then recorded in the Department Action Section of the form the 3-1 and IO notations, which indicate that he was given the road rules and road signs tests numbered 3-1 and the IO indicates that the test was incomplete inasmuch as the individual stated that he did not wish to proceed that day with the driving portion of the examination.

BARDEN advised that the form was then placed in the file and was retrieved the following day, September 6, 1967, when the individual named GALT reappeared at this office to take the driving portion. He was then given this form and directed to the driving test area on 6th Avenue, North, between 16th and 17th Street, adjacent to Kelly Ingram Park, approximately three blocks from the testing office.

On 11/4/68 at Birmingham, Alabama

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by SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN:gasDate dictated 11/5/68

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BARDEN stated that this form further indicates that the driving portion of the test was administered by Trooper JIMMY HOLDER, whose signature appears at the bottom of the form. Before giving the test, HOLDER would have checked the automobile, which is recorded on the form as being a 1966 Mustang. He would have checked the lights, brakes and general safety conditions of the automobile and recorded the driver's license number of the accompanying driver. HOLDER would have then administered the driving portion of the test and requested the individual to sign his name in the block marked Applicant's Signature. Upon passing the test, the individual would have been directed to the Jefferson County Courthouse where he would have paid the required fee of \$4.50 after presenting this completed signed form to the clerk, who would then issue him a temporary driver's license. The clerk who handled this portion of the transaction, according to BARDEN, appears to be M. A. HORSLEY. This clerk would then forward this entire application to the Driver's License Record Department in Montgomery, Alabama.

BARDEN further stated that his comments concerning this transaction are based entirely upon his knowledge of the usual procedures engaged in by the Troopers employed at his office in giving drivers tests, and that he has no personal knowledge of the presence of an individual using the name ERIC STARVO GALT on September 5 and 6, 1967.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/6/68

Mrs. MARY ANN HORSLEY, 2405 17th Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone 251-7731, was interviewed and after being shown a Xerox copy of an Alabama State Form DL-2, identified the signature M. A. HORSLEY as being hers.

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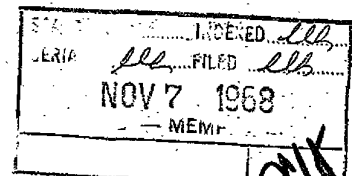
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Trooper CHARLIE RAYMOND THORNTON was interviewed and after being advised of the nature of the interview, furnished the following information:

Trooper THORNTON stated that in the courses of his business, he signs his name as C. R. THORNTON and when he uses his initials, he writes CRT. Trooper THORNTON advised that he has been a Trooper with the Alabama State Troopers for 21 years and currently resides at 4845 Avenue B, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, in trailer lot #35. He stated he can be reached at the Driver's License Testing Office, 715 North 18th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone number 324-3165.

After viewing a Xerox copy of Alabama State Form DL-2, he stated that his initials appear on the first page of this form indicating that he administered the inside portion of a driver's license test to a man using the name ERIC STARVO GALT on September 5, 1967. Trooper THORNTON advised that this form indicates that the outside portion of the test was given by Trooper JIMMY HOLDER, who is currently working in a Gadsden, Alabama, office of the State Troopers.

THORNTON advised that he does not know whether or not he would be able to identify anyone as being the individual who took the driver's test using the name ERIC STARVO GALT.



On 11/4/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # ME 44-1987-Sub-H-401
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by SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN :gas Date dictated 11/5/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/6/68

Mr. JAMES HEALEY, Director of Revenue, Jefferson County, Birmingham, Alabama, was interviewed and after viewing a Xerox copy of his standard State of Alabama Form DL-2, Application for Driver's License, stated that the individual signing this form as M. A. HORSLEY is in fact Mrs. MARY ANN HORSLEY, 2405 17th Avenue, North, telephone 251-7731. He stated that Mrs. HORSLEY is a temporary employee of Jefferson County who has worked in a temporary capacity for the past five years during the period of the automobile tag sales rush, usually from the first week in September until the first week in December.

Mr. HEALEY stated that the initials SC appearing on motor vehicle license transfer form are the initials of Miss SUE CLICK, Route 2, Box 327, Adamsville, Alabama, telephone 674-9024. He advised that Miss CLICK is a full-time employee of the Jefferson County Department of Revenue and has been so employed for approximately two years.

After viewing a Xerox copy of a receipt for a new license tag prepared in the name of ERIC S. GALT, Mr. HEALEY stated that the initials appearing on this form appear to be J. D., and after reviewing his records, could state only that he believes they belong to a temporary employee who was employed during the auto tag sales rush in 1967 and whose name he believes to be WILLIE JEAN DAVIS, 2820 21st Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. HEALEY advised that WILLIE JEAN DAVIS is not employed at the present time and unsuccessful attempts were made to contact her in September of 1968 to determine whether she would again work during the rush period.

Mr. HEALEY stated that a subpoena duces tecum for the tag transfer receipt and the receipt for new tag should be directed to him.

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Date: 11/6/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

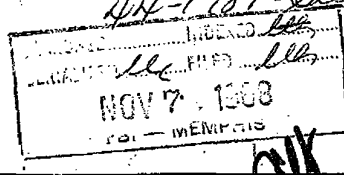
Enclosed for Memphis are five copies each of five FD-302's reflecting interviews conducted concerning the identity of individuals handling the transaction wherein an individual using the name ERIC STARVO GALT took a test and received an Alabama state driver's license on September 6, 1967, transferred a license tag and purchased a new license tag during the same approximate period.

On November 4, 1968, Col. FLOYD MANN, Commanding Officer of the Alabama State Troopers, was contacted concerning the necessity of having two or more State Troopers appear in Memphis, Tennessee, for the purpose of furnishing testimony in the forthcoming trial of JAMES EARL RAY. Col. MANN advised that he would pledge 100% cooperation in this matter and any Trooper needed would be made available when requested. He advised that any subpoenas should be served on the Trooper at their home station. He advised that a subpoena duces tecum for the original application for a driver's license should be directed to Major BANKHEAD BATES, Alabama State Troopers, Headquarters, Montgomery, Alabama.

It should be noted that Trooper JIMMY HOLDER is unavailable for interview at the present time and no interview with him is anticipated in the light of Col. MANN's promise of cooperation. Trooper HOLDER should be subpoenaed at the Gadsden Office of Alabama State Troopers.

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For the information of Memphis, Mrs. MARY ANN HORSLEY stated at the time of interview that she was extremely reluctant to travel to Memphis to furnish testimony in this case. She advised that her husband would "pitch a fit" about her going and possibly would prevent her from making this trip. She stated also that she will do anything herself to avoid making this trip unless it is absolutely necessary. Miss SUE CLICK stated that she is also reluctant to testify in this matter but it is believed that she will do so if requested.

There is some confusion on the part of personnel in the Department of Revenue, Jefferson County, concerning the identity of the employee who affixed her initials "JD" on the tag receipt dated October 2, 1967. It is believed that she is a Negro female who worked as a part-time employee and is no longer residing in the Birmingham area. Efforts will be made by Birmingham to identify and locate this individual. It is requested that Memphis furnish the enclosed and contained information to appropriate members of the Attorney General's Office in Memphis, Tennessee.

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Date: 11-7-68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF CRIME SCENE AND ADJACENT AREA WERE OBTAINED SHORTLY AFTER KING'S MURDER APRIL FOUR LAST AND WERE FORWARDED TO BUREAU EXHIBITS SECTION. DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL CANALE IS AWARE OF EXISTENCE THESE PHOTOGRAPHS AND HAS REQUESTED TO USE THEM IN INSTANT TRIAL. THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO RETURN THESE PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE MEMPHIS OFFICE BY RETURN MAIL. IF FOR SOME REASON THEY ARE UNAVAILABLE, PLEASE SUTEL IN ORDER THAT CANALE MAY BE NOTIFIED.

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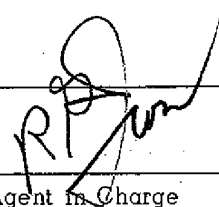
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (44-1987)

FROM : ASAC C. O. HALTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 11/8/68

SA T. J. AHERN of the Los Angeles Office telephonically informed as follows at 1:10 PM, 11/8/68:

Asst. Attorney General "BUZZY" DWYER, Memphis, has been in telephonic contact with the Los Angeles Office and is interested in this information:

MARIE MARTIN is out on bond at the present time and her trial is set for January 3, 1969. She is free to travel to Memphis and Agents feel they would be able to arrange for a delay in trial in the event her presence is needed in Memphis while she is supposed to be on trial in Los Angeles.

CHARLIE STEIN is available and can be located within an hour or two through MARIE MARTIN.

LUCY PINNELA no longer resides in Los Angeles. Her address is: Care of Mrs. TETRA ALFARO, 255 Rest Park Avenue, San Ysidro, California (this is in San Diego Division).

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN

Mr. ROBERT DWYER, Executive Assistant Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee, advised this date that subpoenas issued in connection with trial scheduled for November 12 should be disregarded. Trial date has been tentatively set for March 3, 1969. DWYER requested that all potential witnesses who have received subpoenas should be made cognizant of change in trial date. Communication will be forwarded to interested witnesses by DWYER's office in near future advising them of new scheduled date for trial.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: EXHIBITS SECTION
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN

In view of the postponement of trial until March 3, 1969, State Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE inquired today as to the possibility of exhibit being prepared by FBI in this case. He expressed the opinion that an exhibit prepared by the FBI would be of immeasurable assistance in the prosecution of this case. Mr. CANALE expressed a preference for a three-dimensional type exhibit.

Memphis of opinion that exhibit prepared by FBI will definitely be an asset in handling of case and will bring favorable reaction for FBI. If work schedule of Exhibits Section permits construction of exhibit, Memphis recommends this be done. If approval for construction of exhibit granted, further details will be secured.

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 20, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-681115108 JK

Specimens received 11-15-68

Qc409 Photocopy of registration card of Town'n Country Ltd.
Motel & Restaurant bearing the name and address
"Eric Galt, 507 Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill."

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings
appearing on Qc409 were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY,
FBI #405942G.

Specimen Qc409 has been retained in the files
of the Bureau.

44-1987-Sub-H-408

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 20, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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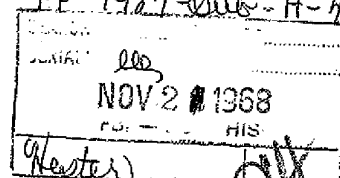
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 20, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-681115108 JK

Examination requested by: Bureau
Reference: None
Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Enclosed for the information of Memphis is a copy of RCMP report relative to Qc409. Legat, Ottawa, has advised, that as yet, clearance has not been received from the RCMP for dissemination outside the Bureau of the results of this examination or the information in the RCMP report.

Enclosures (3) (2 Lab report, copy of RCMP report)

1 - Legat, Ottawa Enclosure (Lab report)

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reurtel 4-13-68, and airtel 4-17-68, submitting major case prints of John Scott Candrian.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Frank Taylor Broughton, aka Frank Leon Miller, FBI #779936D. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Broughton.

The remaining unidentified latent prints in this case are not identical with the finger or palm prints of Candrian.

The major case prints of Candrian are being temporarily retained in the Identification Division Latent Fingerprint Section.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. W. PITMAN, 191 Carlton Avenue, Pasadena, California, advised that his wife is employed at the Grecker-Citizens National Bank, Lake and Green Streets, Pasadena. On 11/12/68 Mrs. PITMAN observed a cardboard box in the rear parking area of the bank. This box bore penciled handwriting as follows:

"JAMES EARL RAY
112 Tucker Street
Leland, Mississippi"

"JOHN WESLEY RAYFORD, JR."

"JOHN WESLEY TUCKER"

The above appeared to have been written by the same person.

Also written on this box were the names "JOHN" and "JONOUR", which appeared to have been written by a different person.

Mrs. PITMAN retained the box, which was furnished to SA PHILIP J. REILLY, Pasadena Resident Agency, by her husband. Mr. PITMAN stated that neither he nor his wife has any additional information regarding the box, who placed it in the parking lot,

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when it was placed there or how long it had been there.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office contain no reference to JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR., or JOHN WESLEY TUCKER.

Enclosed for the Laboratory is the original portion of the box, as furnished to SA PHILIP J. KILLY, for comparative examination with other samples of handwriting submitted in this matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of a photograph of the handwriting. Two photographs of the above-described handwriting are enclosed for Jackson and Memphis.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 11/22/68

Re Bureau airtel 11/14/68, and Birmingham teletype 11/20/68.

Enclosed please find the original of a registration card believed for subject RAY under alias JOHN L. RAYNS. This reflects his registration at 9:05 a.m. on Saturday, 8/26/67, at the Grenada Hotel, Birmingham, a third rate institution, giving residence address of 1825 Lafayette St., St. Louis, Missouri.

It is requested that the handwriting appearing on the three lines of the registration card be compared with known handwriting of subject RAY. A Xerox copy of the registration card is also enclosed for the Bureau and each office receiving this communication. Mr. ADRIAN KOONCE, Clerk, has no independent recollection of RAYNS.

A review of all registration cards during the period 8/22-28/67 has been completed without noting any significant card which might be indicative of the presence of "RAOUL" during the period. A list of the names will be furnished Memphis.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 2) (AM - RM)
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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 26, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-681125011 JK

Specimens received 11/25/68

Q410 Portion of a cardboard box bearing handwritten notations including the name and address "James Earl Ray 112 Tucker St. Leland, Mississippi"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned handwriting appearing on Q410 was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G. The hand printing on Q410 is too limited for an adequate examination; however, differences were noted between this limited hand printing and the known hand printing of RAY.

Q410 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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**REPORT
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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Re: **MURKIN
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

Date: **November 26, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-681125011 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel 11/21/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q410.

Enclosures (2) ^{see} (2 Lab report)

2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

44-1574

November 29, 1968

FBI FILE NO.

44-38861

LATENT CASE NO.

91075

TO: SAC, Los Angeles

RE: MURKIN
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REFERENCE: Airtel 11-21-68

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Los Angeles

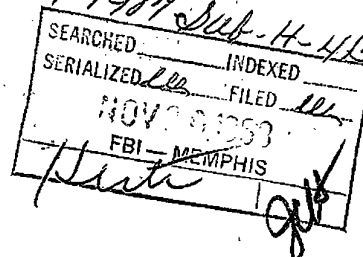
SPECIMENS: Portion of cardboard box, Q410

Listed Q specimen is described in the Laboratory report, which is being furnished separately.

No latent impressions of value developed on Q410, which is enclosed.

Enc.

- ② - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Jackson



[Handwritten signature of John Edgar Hoover]
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **November 29, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-681126110 JK**Specimens received **11/26/68**

Q411 Registration card bearing the name and address "John L.
Rayms 1825 Lafayette St. St. Louis Mo."

Result of examination:

Employing K171, K211, and K257 as known standards,
it was concluded that the questioned writings on the Q411
registration card were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Q411 will be returned separately. Photographs were
made.

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Re: **MURKIN
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

Date: **November 29, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-681126110 JK**

Examination requested by: **Birmingham**

Reference: **Letter 11/22/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q411.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Mobile Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - New Orleans Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - St. Louis Enclosure (Lab report)**

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REPORT

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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

December 2, 1968

TO: SAC, Memphis

RE: MURKIN
CR

REFERENCE: Letter 11-22-68 from Birmingham Division
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Birmingham
SPECIMENS: Q411, registration card bearing the name and address
"John L. Rayms, 1825 Lafayette Street, St. Louis,
Missouri"

No latent impressions of value were developed
on the specimen.

The specimen is being returned to Birmingham
Division.

Laboratory report separate.

- 2 - Birmingham (44-1740) - Enc.
- 1 - Mobile
- 1 - New Orleans
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Date: 4/15/69

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

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

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Buairtel 4/7/69.

Transmitted herewith are two Xerox copies of a registration card located on April 11, 1969, at the Birmingham Travellodge Motel, 821 South 20th Street in the Five Points South area of Birmingham recording the registration of ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, on 3/29/68 who is undoubtedly identical with RAY. Registration card reflects he was assigned Room 307, one in party, and charged for one day, departing at an unspecified time on 3/30/68. He was in possession of a 1966 Mustang with Alabama license 138993 which has previously been identified as having been registered by RAY at Birmingham on 10/2/67 under the alias ERIC S. GALT with the same residence address indicated. Since guest registrations are maintained in a very haphazard manner at the Travellodge Motel, it was difficult to locate this card since an entire package of guest registrations with the numerical series 18500 could not be located in a storeroom box where other registration cards for the year 1968 were examined.

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2 - Jackson (157-9586) (Enc. 1)
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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. and Mrs. WALTER C. MADDOX, Managers of the Travellodge, preferred to retain possession of the registration card for GALT after suitable Xerox copies had been made in the Birmingham Office.

No local or long distance telephone calls were charged to the room and no information obtained which indicated any association on the part of GALT with any other guests.

Upon completion of the investigation of motels in the Florence, Alabama area, appropriate FD-302's will be furnished the Memphis Office. A copy of GALT's registration is being furnished the Memphis Office at this time and a similar copy furnished Jackson for possible assistance in conducting investigation of motels in the Corinth, Mississippi area.

Request of the Bureau:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the handwriting appearing on the attached Xerox copy of Registration Card #18586, noting that GALT wrote all entries down through the description of the Mustang. Request that Birmingham and Memphis be advised of the result.

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 22, 1969

Re: MURKIN

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-690417057 JK

Specimens received 4/17/69

Qc412 Two Xerox copies of registration card in the
name "Eric S. Galt," #242 18586

Result of examination:

It was concluded that Qc412 was prepared by the writer of other similar registration cards, Q86 (New Rebel Motor Hotel) and Q141 (Provincial Motel), which were previously submitted.

It was further determined that the "Eric S. Galt" signature on Qc412 was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on Q261 and Q262. (Bartender School items). The signatures on Q261 and Q262 have been authenticated through investigation as known signatures of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI#405942G.

Qc412 has been retained.

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✓ To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 22, 1969

Re: MURKIN

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination requested by: Memphis

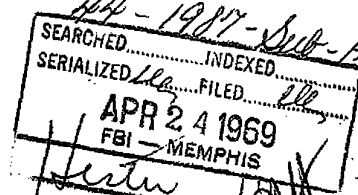
Reference: Airtel 4/15/69

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) *llh* (2 Lab report)
2-Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1-Jackson (157-9586) Enclosure (Lab report)

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: January 21, 1970

Re: MURKIN

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-700109058 LF

Specimens received 1-8-70

- Q413 Envelope postmarked "PHILADELPHIA PA A AM 30 DEC 1969" bearing handwritten address "U.S. District Court Judge, Robert M. McRae, Jr. Memphis, Tennessee"
- Q414 First page of handwritten letter beginning "Dear Judge McRae, Jr; As a Government Informer, I am giving..." and ending "...The truth is that".
- Q415 Second page of handwritten letter beginning "I attended Communist schools..." and ending "... Learn to pray to 'God'"
- Q416 Envelope postmarked "PHILADELPHIA PA. DEC 17 P.M." bearing handwritten address "U. S. District Court Judge, Robert M. McRae, Jr. Memphis, Tenn."
- Q417 Accompanying Christmas card bearing hand printed message beginning "Judge McRae, Jr. You are wrong..." and ending "...with his Commie Negroes."

ALSO SUBMITTED: Newspaper clipping; Leaflet entitled It Can Happen Here

Result of examination:

Specimens Q413 through Q417 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies are not being added at this time.

Specimens Q413 through Q416 contain no watermarks, indented writing of significance or any other identifying characteristics which would assist in determining their source. Specimen Q417 and the ALSO SUBMITTED material contain no indented writing of significance.

The postage stamps on specimens Q413 and Q416 originated from sheets of stamps.

The submitted material is returned herewith. Photographs have been made.

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: January 21, 1970

FBI File No. 44-38861

Re: MURKIN

Lab. No. D-700109058 LF

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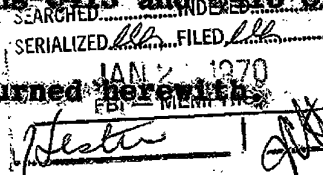
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: January 21, 1970

Re: MURKIN

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-700109058 LF

Examination requested by: Memphis

Reference: Letter 1-5-70

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Enclosures (8) (Q413 - Q417, ALSO SUBMITTED, 2 Lab report)

1 - Philadelphia Enclosure (Lab report)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Philadelphia (44-1368)

Date: February 2, 1970

FBI File No. 44-38861

Re: MURKIN

Lab. No. D-706116005 LP

Specimens received 1/16/70

K490 One envelope and accompanying greeting card, one sheet of blue ruled paper, one photocopy of a portion of an envelope, one photocopy of articles regarding Victoria Craig, and two pages of news letter, all bearing known handwriting of VICTORIA CRAIG

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writing on previously submitted Q413 through Q417 was prepared by the writer of specimen K490.

The submitted material was returned herewith.
Photographs have been made.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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To: **FBI, Philadelphia (44-1988)**

Date: **February 2, 1970**

Re: **MURKIN**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-700116085 LF**

Examination requested by: **Philadelphia**

Reference: **Airtel 1/15/70**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

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Enclosures (3) (K490, 2 Lab report)

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

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