

5/9/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, EL PASO  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
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OO: Memphis

*Telephone calls  
Charles Stein  
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Re Hourston airtel 5/6/68, setting forth telephone calls to be checked out regarding the trip of subject and CHARLES STEIN Dec. 15-17, 1967. It is noted that on page 3, the following calls were made:

| DATE     | CALLING NUMBER    | CALLED NUMBER               |
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| 12/16/67 | Beaumont 835-9162 | 915-694-3606 Midland, Texas |
| 12/15/67 | Beaumont 835-9162 | 915-694-3606 Midland, Texas |

Since Midland is in the El Paso Division, El Paso will handle.

2 - El Paso  
1 - Houston (44-1509) (Info)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
2 - Dallas  
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TO SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1575)  
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

*phone call*

MURKIN.

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY THREE, LAST, NEW  
ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY FOUR, LAST AND LOS ANGELES  
TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS MAY EIGHT, LAST.

ARNOLD AND ISABELLE THOMAS, THREE FIVE TWO THREE HAMBURG  
STREET, NEW ORLEANS, ADVISED THEIR SON, ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR.,  
RESIDES ONE FIVE ZERO EAST ONE ONE SIX PLACE, LOS ANGELES,  
CALIF., ZIP CODE NINE ZERO ZERO SIX ONE. THOMAS ADVISED HIS  
OTHER SON, CHARLES THOMAS, RESIDES FIVE ONE FIVE ZERO SOUTH  
GRAMERCY PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., ZIP CODE NINE ZERO ZERO  
FOUR SEVEN, TELEPHONE THREE NINE FOUR - NINE NINE NINE ONE.

LOS ANGELES WILL INTERVIEW THOMAS, VERIFY PHONE CALL FROM  
EL PASO TO NEW ORLEANS, AND SHOW PICTURES OF SUBJECT RAY TO  
DETERMINE IF THOMAS HAS EVER SEEN THIS INDIVIDUAL BEFORE.

AIRMAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, PHOENIX AND EL PASO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - New Orleans  
① - Memphis  
1 - El Paso  
1 - Phoenix  
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Date: 5/9/68

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

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: Telephone calls from  
public phone on Inter-  
state 10, Texas.

Re Houston airtel to Director, 5/3/68.

Telephone number 206-622-4911 is public phone listed to Rocky Mt. Fire and Casualty Company, 2717-3rd Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Mr. KARL J. JAECH, Customer Service Manager, Rocky Mt. Fire and Casualty Company, advised no record of incoming calls are kept by the Seattle Office of Rocky Mt. Company.

JAECH, in company with SA VERNON P. COYNE, personally contacted the three telephone operators and receptionists in that office, and none of these persons could recall receiving a telephone call from Texas.

Mr. JAECH and SA COYNE also checked the collect telephone calls billed to Rocky Mt. Company, Seattle Office, over December 15, 1967, and there were no collect calls from anywhere in Texas.

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② - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Seattle  
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Mr. JAECH pointed out that Rocky Mt. does not have insurance agencies in Texas, but some possible holder who has moved to Texas, or was passing through that state, might have called Seattle on some type of claim.

Mr. JAECH pointed out that there are only two persons in the Claims Division of Rocky Mt. who handle calls on claims. Mr. JAECH personally contacted these two persons and neither could recall receiving such a telephone call from Texas, but they pointed out such a call from Houston, Texas might have been received in December and they cannot now remember such a call.

They said that if the name of the caller were known, if it pertained to a claim, the call could be verified through their Claims Index Records.

Mr. JAECH determined that this company does not have any insurance claims under the names of JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT.

Mr. JAECH said that Rocky Mt. employs approximately 190 persons in their Seattle Office on an average, and it is possible one of these persons might have received this person's call from Texas. He said that since December 1967, there has been the usual turnover of personnel.

Mr. JACK HOWARD, Treasurer of Rocky Mt., and GEORGIA COUGHLIN, office employee of Rocky Mt., were unable to locate any person presently associated with Rocky Mt. in Seattle who received such a call from Texas.

No further action being taken in Seattle on this call.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/8/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)  
MURKIN.

Re Houston airtel to Bureau dated 5/3/68.

Mr. SAN BEASLEY, Special Agent, Security Office, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, (protect identity) advised SA JOHN W. JONES as follows on 5/7/68:

Telephone number 714-469-6604 is subscribed to by RUDOLPH SEAMAN, 567 Cardiff, San Diego, California.

Telephone number 714-745-1548 is subscribed to by NATHAN CARRILLO, 183 Star Route, Valley Centre, California.

Telephone number 714-279-1714 is subscribed to by GEN L. BERNSTEIN, 4095 Hatton Drive, San Diego, California.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN on 5/7/68:

Mr. RUDOLPH SEAMAN, 567 Cardiff, San Diego, California, advised he has telephone number 469-6604, and during the month of December, 1967, his stepson, GUY MARINI,

- 4 - Bureau (RM)
- ① - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Houston (44-1509) (Info)
- 2 - San Diego

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previously from Columbus, Ohio visited he and his wife. After departing their residence, he returned East traveling through the state of Texas. It is Mr. SEAMAN's recollection that GUY MARINI telephoned he and his wife from Texas during the middle of December, 1967. The present whereabouts of GUY MARINI is unknown to Mr. SEAMAN.

On 5/7/68, PAMELA DOBERSTEIN, 4095 Hutton Drive, San Diego, California, advised that she and her parents reside at this address and have telephone number 279-1714.

According to PAMELA DOBERSTEIN, she has an uncle, a brother of her mother, named MONHEMT VILLAFLO, who formerly resided at Orange Street, Vidor, Texas. Miss DOBERSTEIN recalls the family received a telephone call from MONHEMT VILLAFLO during the middle of December, 1967.

The present whereabouts of MONHEMT VILLAFLO are unknown to Miss DOBERSTEIN and her family since he has departed Vidor, Texas.

Photographs of RAY were displayed to PAMELA DOBERSTEIN and RUDOLPH SEAMAN and both advised the subject is unknown to them.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HERBERT E. DYLER on 5/7/68:

On 5/7/68, SOLEDAD GONZALEZ, 183 Star Route, Valley Centre, California, advised her parents, MATTHEW and EVA CARRILLO, reside adjacent to her and that telephone number 745-1548 is assigned to their residence. She further stated that her brothers, JOHN and RICHARD CARRILLO, ages 17 and 19, and her sister, MARIA, age 21, also reside at her parents' residence.

On 5/7/68, EVA CARRILLO advised she is unable to speak English and consequently was interviewed with the assistance of her daughter, SOLEDAD GONZALEZ. Mrs. CARRILLO stated that she generally is the only individual in the household during daylight hours and that she is unable to recall having received a telephone call from Texas in December, 1967. She stated, however, that it is possible that she did receive such telephone call and is unable to

recall it. She further advised that if the caller had spoke in English, she would have been unable to correspond and would have consequently quickly terminated the conversation and probably not recall it. Also, that if the caller had dialed a wrong number, she probably would not recall this.

All the members of the CARRILLO household consisted of JOSE, RICHARD, MARIA, and Mr. MATTHEW CARRILLO were interviewed and all advised that they have no recollection of receiving a telephone call from Texas in December, 1967. When questioned regarding friends, relatives, and associates possibly residing in the state of Texas, they all advised they have relatives residing in El Paso, but that since they are on an extremely low economic level, they do not believe they would have attempted to telephone them.

MARIA CARRILLO, upon interview, stated that during the latter part of December, 1967, including December 17, 1967, her brother, ANTONIO CARRILLO, a Catholic priest from Mexico, was visiting with her and her family and that the possibility exists that he received the telephone call. She stated he is currently residing at Casa Parroquial, Tenejapa, Chiapas, Mexico.

An additional copy of this airtel is being furnished the Bureau for transmittal to Legat, Mexico, so that Father, ANTONIO CARRILLO, presently residing at Casa Parroquial, Tenejapa, Chiapas, Mexico can be contacted to determine if he received a telephone call during the middle of December from the state of Texas while visiting his sister at Valley Centre, California.

A photograph of subject RAY should be displayed to Father CARRILLO to determine if subject RAY is known to him in view of the fact that subject RAY has a past history of travel to Mexico.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-2231) (P)  
MURKIN  
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Re Houston airtel to Director, 5/3/68.

Re: Public Telephones on Interstate 10 -  
Houston Division

Calling No. 700-8102, Vidar, Texas, to Tampa,  
Fla., 813-228-1414, on 12/17/67.

At Tampa, Florida

E. K. HENDERFORD, Security Division, General  
Telephone Company (Protect), advised records showed tele-  
phone number 228-1414 in home of MRS. ROBERTA, 1237 Burden  
Court, Tampa, installed November 2, 1967.

Mrs. MRS. JAMES, 1237 Burden Court, advised  
May 8, 1968, Miss ROBERTA ROBERTS is her daughter and  
phones at their residence in her name. Advised no telephone  
call ever received at her residence from Texas; that she  
was home all day Sunday, December 17, 1967, and could posi-  
tively state no one received a call. Photos JAMES EARL RAY

3 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Birmingham (44-1940) (RM)  
2 - Houston (44-1989) (RM)  
① - Memphis (44-1987)  
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exhibited and subject RAY unknown to her.

Miss DEDRA RODGERS, 1237 Burden Court, advised May 8, 1968, she was at her residence with her mother on Sunday, December 17, 1967, and could positively state no one received a call from Texas. Photos RAY exhibited to her and RAY unknown.

H. K. RUTHERFORD, as above, advised May 8, 1968, old Criss-Cross Directory checked negatively for prior subscriber and telephone company cannot tell who previous subscriber was.

It is noted JUDGE and RODGERS are Negroes and reside in entirely Negro project.

No further investigation being conducted by Tampa and Houston may desire to recheck numbers.

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CALLS FROM PUBLIC TELEPHONES  
INTERSTATE 10, DECEMBER 15-17, 1967

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
R. GERARD ROBINSON:

On May 7, 1968, Mr. WALTER FRIDAY, Administrator, Choctaw General Hospital, Butler, Alabama, advised that telephone number 459-2461 has been assigned to that hospital for several years. He said that he has no knowledge concerning any telephone calls received at this hospital from Orange, Texas, or any out-of-state calls in December 1967, as such calls received by the hospital are not centrally recorded. He said that he could not recall any patient at the hospital who might logically have received any telephone calls from Orange, Texas. FRIDAY advised that he checked with several clerical employees of the hospital who served at varying times on telephone duty but none could recall any long distance calls from the State of Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
ROBERT D. CAMPBELL:

On May 8, 1968, Mr. CHARLES B. STEPHENS, Semmes Nursery, Semmes, Alabama, advised that he has had telephone number 342-1435 for a long time and that during the middle of December 1967, he had received a call at the Nursery from a customer by the name of PATFIELD, who called from Houston, Texas. He said that PATFIELD had a short time before gone into the nursery business and was then making most of his telephone calls from public telephones.

On May 8, 1968, WILLIAM T. HODGES, 1107 Hannon Road, Mobile, Alabama, advised that he has had telephone number 479-8740 for the past ten years. He said that he occasionally drives a truck moving furniture for Bekins Van Lines and on December 16, 1967, he was in Corpus Christi, Texas, at the residence of a sister-in-law. He recalled the date as it was his sister-in-law's birthday, and on that occasion, he called his wife in Mobile from Corpus Christi.

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He said that he had not made any phone calls from Houston, Texas, to his home in Mobile at any time.

Mrs. WILLIAM T. HODGES advised that the only long distance call she received in Mobile in December 1967 was from her husband in Corpus Christi, Texas. She said that she had received no call from the Houston, Texas, area.

The Mobile telephone number 479-7378 is issued to Captain Pete's Restaurant and Lounge, Highway 90. Inquiry at the Lounge on May 8, 1968, reflected that the manager of this establishment during December 1967 was FRANCES PATRONAS, who is now located in Bel Air Apartments, Mobile.

On May 9, 1968, Mrs. FRANCES PATRONAS, Apartment 140, Bel Air Apartments, advised that she recalls receiving no telephone calls at Captain Pete's Restaurant and Lounge from the State of Texas during December 1967 and could furnish no information concerning any such calls.

MARGARET GRIFFIN and MARY WEATHERELL, waitresses at Captain Pete's Restaurant and Lounge during December 1967, were located through Mrs. PATRONAS. MARGARET GRIFFIN could recall no telephone calls from the State of Texas. MARY WEATHERELL advised she recalls a man who had been a customer at this Lounge on a number of occasions, name not recalled, and she seems to recall that this customer had received a phone call one night from a girl friend from Texas. The call she has recollection of was definitely a personal call from a girl friend. She said that this man is a traveling salesman who had been coming through Mobile on a number of occasions in the past and had frequently stopped in at this Lounge.

These persons were shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but could not identify any of the photographs as being similar to anyone seen by them in the past.

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

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

CALLS FROM PUBLIC TELEPHONES  
INTERSTATE 10, 12/15-17/67

Reference is made to Houston airtel to the Bureau,  
5/3/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies of an insert  
and for Houston, two copies, setting forth the results of  
the investigation in the Mobile Div. concerning the four  
telephone numbers listed in referenced Houston airtel.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

②-Memphis (Encs. 25)  
2-Houston (44-1509)(Encs. 2)  
2-Mobile  
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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone calls on Interstate 10 from the Houston Division, 12/15-17/67.

Re Houston airtel to Bureau, 5/3/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES J. CUMMINGS:

On 5/7/68, Mr. DENNIS ZERVOS, 7202 Sixth Ave., Brooklyn, NY, advised that telephone number 212-748-7417 is his private home phone and has been his phone number for a number of years. He stated that a relative of his, GEORGE MAKRILOS, a merchant Greek seaman, often calls him from Houston, Texas. He stated that he believed MAKRILOS had called him on 12/15/67, from Houston, Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA O. EUGENE SMITH:

On 5/8/68, NATHAN SAPIRO, 36 E. Seventh St., NYC, advised that he is subscriber to NY telephone 254-2288.

2- Memphis  
1- Houston (44-1509) (Info)  
1- New York

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He advised that he cannot recall receiving a telephone call from anyone in Texas on or about 12/15/67. He advised that he is not acquainted with anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT or JAMES EARL RAY.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was displayed to SAPIRO and he advised that he did not recognize the photograph as anyone he had ever seen.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: May 9, 1968

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Reference Houston airtel to Director, dated 5/3/68, ~~and~~ telephone calls on Interstate 10.

On 5/8/68, Lt. Col. H. J. BONNETTE, Post Signal Officer, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, advised SA HILLARD D. THORPE that 798-9309 would be a Fort Campbell number; however, there is no record of 9309 assigned at this time, nor was that number in existence on 12/17/67. Moreover, all Fort Campbell numbers starting with the digit "9" are public, pay phones on the base.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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2 - Louisville  
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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to the Director, 5/3/68, concerning toll calls made from Public Telephone Booths on Interstate Highway #10, 12/15 - 17/67.

On 5/7/68, Miss LINDA PETERS, a freshman student at Cedar Crest College, (a girls' school), Allentown, Pa., advised SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN, that she resides in Room #336, on the third floor, Curtis Hall, at the college.

(It is noted that phone number 433-9403 is listed to Cedar Crest College, Curtis Hall, third floor, Allentown, Pa.)

PETERS advised that her boy friend, GEORGE VOLLMANN, a freshman at LAMAR Technical Institute, Beaumont, Texas, had called her on 12/12/67, from Texas. She received the call on the dormitory phone on her floor. PETERS advised that she had no knowledge of JAMES EARLY RAY. PETERS stated that her home address was 12 Feliek Terrace, Parlin, N.J.

On 5/7/68, Mrs. DEAN STAIR, RD #3, Hanover, Pa., advised SA JOHN WILLIAM DAANE that telephone #837-8759 was listed to her husband at that address. She stated that about a week before Christmas, 1967, she had received a phone call from her foster brother, RALPH KUHN, in Beaumont, Texas. She stated that KUHN presently operated a used car lot in Beaumont.

3-Bureau (RM)  
①-Memphis (44-1987)  
1-Houston (44-1509) (Info)  
1-Philadelphia (44-1368)  
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re Houston airtel to Bureau, 5/3/68, re telephone calls made from Interstate 10, Houston Division, 12/15-17/67.

Telephone # 614-551-2363 determined through check of the telephone directory of the Bartlett, Ohio area to be listed to MYRTLE MYERS, Star Route, Vincent, Ohio.

Mrs. MYRTLE MYERS, Star Route, Vincent, Ohio, advised SA MACK O. ELLIS, 5/9/68, that the telephone call made on 12/16/67 from telephone # 453-9016, Houston, Texas, to her number was made by LORETTA KING, estranged wife of her son, PAUL KING. Mrs. KING has made a number of calls from Houston, Texas and other southern cities during the past several months, the last being from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida area.

Mrs. KING ran away from home, leaving 3 small children behind.

Mrs. MYERS advised that the telephone call was definitely not made by JAMES EARL RAY.

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2-Memphis (44-1987)  
2-Houston (44-1509)  
2-Cincinnati

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2849)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re Houston airtel dated 5/6/68, setting forth telephone calls to be checked out regarding the trip of subject and CHARLES STEIN 12/15-17/67. It is noted that on page 5, the following call was made:

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| 12/15/67    | Houston 408-9933   | 817-936-2766, Marlin,<br>Texas |

Since Marlin, Texas, is in the San Antonio Division, County Seat of Falls County, San Antonio will handle.

2 - San Antonio  
1 - Houston (44-1509)(Info)  
① - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)  
2 - Dallas  
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Date: 5/10/68

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(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Butel to El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio,  
4/25/68; Bureau airtel to all offices dated  
5/7/68.

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

Noted that referenced Bureau airtel sets out instructions for all offices regarding the reporting of information developed in this case.

The El Paso Office has completed the checking out of the more than 115 telephone calls received by various individuals in the El Paso Division during the period from December 15-17, 1967, which originated from telephone booths and pay stations along the route used by subject RAY en route from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans, Louisiana. None of the individuals contacted were acquainted with subject RAY and none of them had ever

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②- Memphis (44-1987)  
1- El Paso

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Approved: *R. J. [Signature]* Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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received any telephone call from subject RAY, according to their own statements.

The above information will be set out in an ADMINISTRATIVE insert and not in an INVESTIGATIVE insert in view of the fact that the information regarding the telephone calls came from the confidential records of various telephone companies. The detailed results of each interview pertaining to these telephone calls will not be included in the administrative insert but will be recorded in the El Paso case file, UACB.

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RE: Cincinnati Telephone Number 681-2839

The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agents THOMAS B. ESTEP and BILLY C. KIRTS on May 8,  
1968:

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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Telephone number 681-2839 was determined to be listed  
to DENIS CREMIN, 5130 Hawaiian Terrace, Cincinnati, with no toll  
calls made in March or April, 1968.

Mrs. DAVID GERDING, 5150 Hawaiian Terrace, Rental Agent,  
advised that 5130 Hawaiian Terrace has been leased since  
September 1, 1967 to DENIS CREMIN at \$250 a month, being a  
four bedroom apartment. She stated that the family consists  
of two adults and two girls, one of whom is in college and one  
in high school. The family has two cars, one being a light blue  
Oldsmobile convertible driven by the daughter attending college  
and the other a white sedan. The family attends Little Flower  
Church in the area. Mrs. GERDING could furnish no further details  
on the CREMIN family, except that they are reputable citizens.

On May 8, 1968, Mrs. DENIS (PATRICIA) CREMAN advised  
Special Agents THOMAS B. ESTEP and BILLY C. KIRTS that they  
formerly lived in Dallas, Texas, and moved into their present  
apartment residence on September 1, 1967. After the Agents  
identified themselves and explained the purpose of their contact,  
Mrs. CREMIN stated that the telephone call on December 17, 1967  
at their number in Cincinnati from Beaumont, Texas, #892-9963, was  
made by JAMES ROWEN, who was, at that time, engaged to PATTY ANN  
CREMIN, who, with ROWEN, attended Louisiana State University,  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana. ROWEN's home is in Beaumont, Texas.  
He is age 22, 5'10½", 160 pounds; his step-father in Beaumont,  
Texas, being a private detective.

PATTY ANN CREMIN and ROWEN are no longer engaged and  
PATTY ANN is presently attending Mount Saint Joseph College,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Mrs. CREMIN advised her husband has been with the Diamond National Corporation for the past 14 years. She stated definitely JAMES ROWEN is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY and she could furnish no information whatsoever on RAY.

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Re: Bartlett, Ohio, Telephone #551-2363:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent MACK O. ELLIS:

Telephone #614-551-2363 determined through check of the telephone directory of the Bartlett, Ohio, area to be listed to MYRTLE MYERS, Star Route, Vincent, Ohio.

Mrs. MYRTLE MYERS, Star Route, Vincent, Ohio, advised Special Agent MACK O. ELLIS on May 9, 1968, that the telephone call made on December 16, 1967 from telephone number 453-9015, Houston, Texas, to her number was made by LORETTA KING, estranged wife of her son, PAUL KING. Mrs. KING has made a number of calls from Houston, Texas, and other southern cities during the past several months, the last being from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, area.

Mrs. KING ran away from home leaving three small children behind.

Mrs. MYERS advised that the telephone call was definitely not made by JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re Houston airtel, 5/3/68 and Cincinnati airtel, 5/10/68.

Telephone number 681-2839 was determined to be listed to DENIS CREMIN, 5130 Hawaiian Terrace, Cincinnati, with no toll calls made in March or April, 1968.

On 5/8/68, Mrs. DENIS (PATRICIA) CREMIN advised SAS THOMAS B. ESTEP and BILLY C. KIRTS that they formerly lived in Dallas, Texas, and moved into their present apartment residence on 9/1/67. After the Agents identified themselves and explained the purpose of their contact, Mrs. CREMIN stated that the telephone call on 12/17/67 at their number in Cincinnati from Beaumont, Texas, 7892-9963, was made by JAMES ROWEN, who was, at that time, engaged to PATTY ANN CREMIN, who, with ROWEN, attended Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. ROWEN's home is in Beaumont, Texas. He is age 22, 5'10", 160 pounds; his step-father in Beaumont, Texas, being a private detective.

PATTY ANN CREMIN and ROWEN are no longer engaged.

3 - Bureau  
1 - Houston (44-1509)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 30)  
1 - Cincinnati

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and PATTY ANN is presently attending Mount Saint Joseph College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Attached for Memphis are 15 copies each of inserts covering investigation concerning Cincinnati telephone #681-2839 and Bartlett, Ohio, telephone #551-2363.

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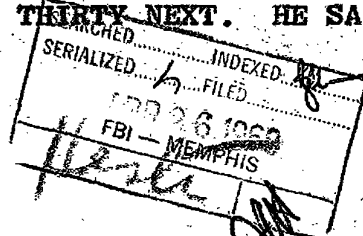
TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC, EL PASO  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE PHONE CALLS BY RAY ENROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS, AND EL PASO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND DALLAS, TODAY.

ROBERT METTS, SECURITY SUPERVISOR, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LUBBOCK, TEXAS, ADVISED IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR HIS OFFICE TO DETERMINE LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS MADE FROM PAY PHONES AT MARFA, ALPINE, AND MARATHON, TEXAS, BUT THIS PROJECT WILL REQUIRE EXTENSIVE WORK. HE STATED PAY PHONES ARE BILLED AT VARYING PERIODS OF TIME, FROM SEVEN TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS, DEPENDING ON VOLUME OF CALLS PLACED AT INDIVIDUAL PAY PHONES. HE STATED HIS OFFICE WOULD IMMEDIATELY BEGIN CHECKING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION, BUT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE UNTIL LATE APRIL TWENTY NINE NEXT, OR EARLY APRIL THIRTY NEXT. HE SAID IN

1 - Dallas  
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**ADDITION THAT SANDERSON, TEXAS, WHICH IS ON THE ROUTE TAKEN BY  
SUBJECT, IS ALSO HANDLED IN THE LUBBOCK DIVISION OF SOUTHWESTERN  
BELL, AND THAT HE WOULD ALSO HAVE PAY PHONES FOR THIS LOCATION  
REVIEWED AND HAVE ALL LONG DISTANCE INFORMATION FOR THE  
PERTINENT PERIOD AVAILABLE AT THE SAME TIME.**

**DALLAS AT LUBBOCK: WILL FOLLOW THIS MATTER AND REPORT  
RESULTS AS SOON AS RECEIVED FROM SOUTHWESTERN BELL.**

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

**AIRMAIL COPIES SENT MEMPHIS AND SAN ANTONIO.**

**PENDING.**

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9-15 PM URGENT 4-26-68 REF

TO EL PASO (157-136) AND MEMPHIS

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 1P

MURKIN

REURTEL TODAY.

STEIN HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH AND RECALLS THAT ON APPROXIMATELY SIX OCCASIONS RAY ATTEMPTED TO UTILIZE TELEPHONE, AND THIS OCCURRED WHILE CROSSING TEXAS. ONLY FACTUAL DATA HE COULD RECALL WAS A THIRTY MINUTE STOP DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN, NEAR HOUSTON. STEIN IS PRESENTLY WITH LOUIS LOVAX, CONTROVERSIAL NEWS PERSONALITY, AND SPENT APRIL TWENTY FIVE IN HOUSTON ARE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE ANY TELEPHONE BOOTH UTILIZED. HOUSTON ADVISES NO SUCCESS ON PART OF LOVAX AND STEIN.

STEIN NOT AVAILABLE FOR REINTERVIEW.

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FBI-HOUSTON

220PM URGENT 4-27-68 KJS

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS,  
LOS ANGELES, AND SAN ANTONIO  
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN; CR.

RE HOUSTON TEL, APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST.

RE LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN.

HOUSTON CHRONICLE REPORTER ON APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST  
ACCOMPANIED LOMAX AND STEIN ON AUTO TRIP FROM HOUSTON TO  
SAN ANTONIO ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE TELEPHONE BOOTH ALLEGEDLY  
USED BY RAY. TELEPHONE BOOTH NOT LOCATED.

CHRONICLE REPORTER, DON MICHAELS, ADVISED THAT HE LEFT  
LOMAX AND STEIN IN SAN ANTONIO AT FOUR THIRTY PM, APRIL  
TWENTY SIX, LAST. STATED LOMAX AND STEIN RENTED AUTOMOBILE  
FROM SAN ANTONIO AVIS CAR RENTAL, DOWNTOWN OFFICE, AND  
INDICATED THEY INTENDED TO SEARCH FOR TELEPHONE BOOTH WEST  
OF SAN ANTONIO. MICHAELS ADVISED IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT  
STEIN WAS TAKING LOMAX "FOR A RIDE" AND BOTH APPEARED TO BE  
COMPLETELY LOST AS FAR AS LOCATION OF TELEPHONE BOOTH.  
MICHAELS ALSO STATED THAT STEIN HAD INDICATED THAT HE HAD  
SLEPT MOST OF THE TRIP FROM CALIFORNIA TO NEW ORLEANS WITH RAY.

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FBI PHOENIX

1:07 PM URGENT 4-29-68 MPB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), HOUSTON , LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
NEW ORLEANS (157-10673), AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: PHOENIX (44-371)

MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TEL APRIL, TWENTYEIGHT, LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM YUMA, ARIZONA, DECEMBER FIFTEEN,  
SIXTYSEVEN, TO SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE  
ONE EIGHT - SEVEN FOUR SIX - NINE TWO ZERO ZERO.

ON THIS DATE MR. JACK GRAHAM, SECURITY, MOUNTAIN STATES  
TELEPHONE COMPANY, ADVISED FOR PAST THREE DAYS, SINCE ARRESTED  
BY FBI, HE HAS ENDEAVORED TO COMPUTERIZE ALL COLLECT CALLS  
MADE FROM YUMA PAY PHONE BOOTHS DURING DECEMBER FOURTEEN,  
FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. GRAHAM ADVISED THAT AFTER MANY  
FUTILE ATTEMPTS, THE ONLY WAY THAT IT CAN BE DETERMINED WHICH  
PHONE BOOTHS MADE COLLECT CALLS TO LOUISIANA DURING THE ABOVE  
PERIOD WOULD BE FOR THE SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY IN  
LOUISIANA TO CHECK ALL COLLECT TOLL CALLS MADE ON ALL LISTED  
PHONE NUMBERS IN STATE OF LOUISIANA OR AT LEAST IN SHREVEPORT  
OR NEW ORLEANS AREA IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF COLLECT CALL  
HAD BEEN MADE FROM YUMA PHONE BOOTH TO LOUISIANA ON DATES  
LISTED.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
SACS, EL PASO AND SAN ANTONIO  
FROM: HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN

44-19  
REBUTEL, APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST INSTRUCTING THAT LONG  
DISTANCE CALLS BE CHECKED ON ROUTES THROUGH TEXAS THAT  
SUBJECT AND CHARLES STEIN ALLEGEDLY MADE. ALTHOUGH  
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE IS INVOLVED IN A STRIKE,  
OFFICIALS OF THE COMPANY ARE COOPERATING AND HAVE DETERMINED  
THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TELEPHONE  
BOOTHES ALONG THESE ROUTES IN THE HOUSTON DIVISION. THE LONG  
DISTANCE CALLS FOR THE PERIOD DEC. FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND  
SEVENTEEN ARE BEING PULLED AND WILL BE EXAMINED AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE. WHEN NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE THEY WILL BE CHECKED  
BY AGENT PERSONNEL THIS DIVISION SINCE TELEPHONE COMPANY  
WILL BE UNABLE TO DESIGNATE ANY EMPLOYEE IN VIEW OF STRIKE.  
BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. AIRMAIL COPIES  
TO BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

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Date: 5/3/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 CR

ReButel 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67. *sub E-697*

Set forth by field division are telephone calls made from the Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. Recipient offices will determine from the subscriber, or person receiving call, the identity of caller. If caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information.

- 3 - Bureau
- ② - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Denver
- 2 - Louisville
- 2 - Miami
- 2 - New York City
- 2 - Norfolk
- 2 - Omaha
- 2 - Philadelphia
- 2 - Sacramento
- 2 - Seattle
- 2 - Springfield
- 2 - St. Louis
- 2 - Tampa
- 2 - Houston

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12/69 293-4542  
BOBBY W. BUNN

| <u>DATE</u>           | <u>CALLING NUMBER</u>         | <u>CALLED NUMBER</u> | <u>PLACE</u>               |
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| <u>DENVER:</u>        |                               |                      |                            |
| 12/16/67              | 835-9495<br>(Beaumont, Texas) | 303-636-1773         | Colorado<br>Springs, Colo. |
| <u>LOUISVILLE:</u>    |                               |                      |                            |
| 12/17/67              | 835-9074<br>(Beaumont, Texas) | 502-798-9309         | Ft. Campbell,<br>Ky.       |
| <u>MEMPHIS:</u>       |                               |                      |                            |
| 12/16/67              | 468-9078<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 615-293-4542         | Cornersville,<br>Tenn.     |
| 12/16/67              | 468-9078<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 615-293-4542         | Cornersville,<br>Tenn.     |
| 12/15/67              | 468-9081<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 615-293-4542         | Cornersville,<br>Tenn.     |
| 12/15/67              | 468-9081<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 615-293-4542         | Cornersville,<br>Tenn.     |
| <u>MIAMI:</u>         |                               |                      |                            |
| 12/15/67              | 769-9108<br>(Vidor, Texas)    | 813-657-3181         | Immokalee,<br>Fla.         |
| <u>NEW YORK CITY:</u> |                               |                      |                            |
| 12/15/67              | 673-9289<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 212-748-7417         | Brooklyn                   |
| 12/15/67              | 673-9236<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 212-254-2288         | New York City              |
| <u>NORFOLK:</u>       |                               |                      |                            |
| 12/16/67              | 452-9260<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 703-722-7921         | Hampton, Va.               |

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| <u>OMAHA:</u>        |                               |                      |                         |
| 12/15/67             | 835-9546<br>(Beaumont, Texas) | 712-375-4191         | Pierson, Iowa           |
| <u>PHILADELPHIA:</u> |                               |                      |                         |
| 12/17/67             | 835-9318<br>(Beaumont, Texas) | 717-637-8759         | Hanover, Pa.            |
| 12/12/67             | 835-8273<br>(Beaumont, Texas) | 215-433-9403         | Allentown,<br>Pa.       |
| <u>SACRAMENTO:</u>   |                               |                      |                         |
| 12/15/67             | 468-9850<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 209-464-8050         | Stockton,<br>Calif.     |
| <u>SEATTLE:</u>      |                               |                      |                         |
| 12/15/67             | 468-9868<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 206-622-4911         | Seattle,<br>Wash.       |
| <u>SPRINGFIELD:</u>  |                               |                      |                         |
| 12/16/67             | 835-9435<br>(Beaumont, Texas) | 309-452-4852         | Normal, Ill.            |
| 12/15/67             | 835-9419<br>(Beaumont, Texas) | 217-528-2815         | Springfield,<br>Ill.    |
| 12/17/67             | 835-8273<br>(Beaumont, Texas) | 618-932-2403         | West Frankfort,<br>Ill. |
| <u>ST. LOUIS:</u>    |                               |                      |                         |
| 12/16/67             | 682-9361<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 314-664-3747         | St. Louis,<br>Mo.       |
| <u>TAMPA:</u>        |                               |                      |                         |
| 12/17/67             | 769-9103<br>(Vidor, Texas)    | 813-229-1414         | Tampa, Fla.             |

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA LARRY F. THOMAS at Cornersville, Tennessee, on  
May 8, 1968:

Mrs. BOBBY W. (PEGGY) BURROW advised that she  
has subscribed to telephone number 293-4542 since around  
September, 1967. Her husband is currently serving in  
the United States Armed Forces in Vietnam. She employs  
a babysitter by the name of Mrs. HORACE WISER.

Mrs. WISER's daughter, who is also named PEGGY,  
is married to JIM RALPH POMEROY, who is from Houston,  
Texas. Mrs. BURROW recalls that in December of 1967,  
she could not remember the exact dates, three or four  
telephone calls were made to her home by JIM RALPH POMEROY  
who was trying to reach his wife, PEGGY, who was living  
with Mrs. BURROW at that time. These are the only long-  
distance telephone calls she has ever received from Houston,  
Texas.

POMEROY's father and mother live in Houston,  
but she does not know their name or address and neither  
does Mrs. WISER know their name or address. Mrs. BURROW  
pointed out that there is a considerable amount of  
domestic difficulty between POMEROY and his wife and that  
POMEROY often leaves home and is gone for weeks or even  
months without anyone knowing where he is. She said that  
Mrs. WISER recently told her that POMEROY is currently in  
jail somewhere in Illinois, but she does not know where it  
is.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
WILLIAM C. FISCHER:

AT URBANA, OHIO

On May 10, 1968, MATTHEW ANDERS, Manager, Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Urbana, advised that telephone number 513-653-6666, is subscribed to by Mr. STANLEY BLAKE, 1040 North Main Street, Urbana, Ohio. ANDERS stated that BLAKE is a retired employee of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company and is known to him to be a citizen of good character and reputation.

On May 10, 1968, attempts to contact STANLEY BLAKE, 1040 North Main Street, were met with negative results.

On April 13, 1968, STANLEY L. BLAKE, 1040 North Main Street, Urbana, Ohio, advised that he cannot recall receiving a telephone call from the Houston, Texas area on December 17, 1967, however, he has a daughter living in the Houston area who frequently telephones him and this call was probably from her. His daughter does not have a telephone at her residence, so most of the telephone calls made by her are from a pay phone booth. He cannot recall receiving a telephone call from anyone else from Houston, Texas, so is positive this phone call must be from his daughter. He identified his daughter as BETTY MARINI, 1710 Pine Village, Springbranch, Houston, Texas.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1742)(P)  
RE: MURKIN

ReButel to El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio 4/25/68  
San Antonio teletype 5/29/68 setting forth lead to interview  
RUSSELL JOHNSTONE, St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood, California.  
Los Angeles teletype 5/1/68 indicating JOHNSTONE may be identical  
with ROBERT P. ANDERSON shown in VA Hospital records as having  
schizophrenic reaction and being paranoid type.

Enclosed to the Bureau are the following:

1. Approx. 5" x 11" brown manilla envelope addressed to MAXINE INGRAM
2. White legal-size sealed envelope bearing two unused 10¢ airmail stamps, addressed to Mrs. DEMPSE
3. Postcard, addressed to MAXINE INGRAM, postmarked 5/2/68

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

Mrs. MAXINE INGRAM, aka Mrs. SAM INGRAM, domestic, a  
Negro female, 171 Omaha St., San Antonio, Texas, made available  
a postcard which she identified 5/10/68 as coming from ROBERT  
P. ANDERSON, aka, RUSSELL JOHNSTONE, for whom she had worked as  
a domestic when ANDERSON lived at 3320 N. Flores, Apt. 1, San  
Antonio.

Postcard is picture of downtown San Diego and post-  
marked San Diego, p.m., May 2, 1968. Addressed to Mrs. INGRAM.

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it reads: Be sure I put that letter you receive tomorrow in the mail box. Listen to nobody or call the F.B.I. office if anybody tells you not to. Card bore a 10¢ airmail stamp, cancelled.

Mrs. INGRAM at same time furnished an opened brown manilla, large size envelope, also bearing p.m., May 1, 1968, postmark and addressed to MAXINE INGRAM, which she identified as coming also from ROBERT F. ANDERSON, her former employer.

Inside this manilla envelope was a white legal-size envelope addressed: Mrs. DEMPEZ, 2461 Hurley, Chicago, Illinois 60617. The second letter in name DEMPEZ is not clearly legible.

None of the above-described card or envelopes bears ANDERSON's name or return address.

Review of San Antonio files reflects ROBERT F. ANDERSON known to Chicago Office, when he was considered as possible suspect in UNSUB; MURDER OF VALERIE PERCY, Kenilworth, Illinois, 9/18/68, POLICE COOPERATION, Chicago file 62-8835.

The following description of ANDERSON was obtained 8/1/68 from Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago, Ill., Police Department:

ROBERT F. ANDERSON, white male, born [redacted] Chicago, Ill., 5'10" 140 pounds, blue eyes, blond or brown hair, ruddy complexion; SSN [redacted] VA C-4-986-733. ANDERSON has San Antonio PD # 68285.

Retel 5/1/68 reflects ANDERSON on interview by Bureau Agents in recent past acknowledged writing letter to SAC JOHN P. MULL, JR., Phoenix Division: Either JOHN C. MULL JR. kills himself or certainly I will.

ANDERSON also came to notice of Chicago, Illinois, Police in the past, having shot and injured a woman at a social gathering.

Inasmuch as ANDERSON, aka, RUSSELL JOHNSTONE, appears

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to have resided in St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood, California, at same time as subject RAY in this case, the enclosures are forwarded to the Bureau for consideration.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

Open sealed white envelope addressed to Mrs. DEMPSEY, Chicago, Illinois, and following photostating of contents return same to San Antonio for return to original contributor, Mrs. MAXINE INGRAM, 121 Omaha St., San Antonio, Texas.

If contents of sealed letter indicate possible Federal violation on part of ROBERT P. ANDERSON, Bureau is requested to compare handwriting with known examples available in fingerprint records of Identification Division.

Copies of this communication are furnished to Los Angeles, Chicago, San Diego for information purposes.

DUE TO MENTAL HISTORY AND PAST USE OF FIREARMS, ROBERT P. ANDERSON SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS, TO POSSIBLY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES, AND POSSIBLY BE ARMED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/13/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)(P)

MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to Director 5/3/68, advising that each office should determine from telephone company, long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10, over which subject and CHARLES STEIN, allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM D. BRANON, on 5/7/68, at Hampton, Virginia:

It was determined that telephone numbers 703-722-7921 was assigned to the Dixie Hospital, Hampton, Virginia.

Investigation at the Dixie Hospital revealed that on 12/16/67 there were over 300 patients and 589 employees in said hospital. It was determined that after a direct dialed telephone call reached the switchboard it was undeterminable as to its final destination in said hospital. A check of the long distance telephone records for 12/16/67 failed to reveal any charge to the afore mentioned number for a call having been sent or received by said number.

No further investigation being conducted at Norfolk re this matter.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

3 - Bureau (44-38861)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)  
1 - Norfolk  
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

A Houston airtel to Director, 5/3/68.

Telephone calls by Subject RAY enroute  
from Los Angeles to New Orleans

A call was placed from Houston, Texas, to Stockton, California, telephone number 209 464 8050, on December 15, 1967.

This telephone number is listed to Mrs. LONNIE SHEPHERD, 402 West 9th Street, Stockton, California, who advised on May 3, 1968, that she did receive a telephone call on or about December 15, 1968, from her sister, ALICE AYERS, who called from a public telephone in Houston, Texas. Mrs. SHEPHERD, a Negro, advised that Subject in this case unknown to her.

3 - Bureau (RM)  
② - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)  
2 - Sacramento  
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
C R  
(OO: ME)

Re Houston airtel to Bureau, 5/3/68, re telephone calls from public telephones on Interstate 10.

Referenced airtel set forth five long distance calls made from the Houston area to points in Arkansas. Subscribers to these five telephones were contacted and all calls were from relatives, friends or associates and none of the subscribers had any information concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Houston (44-1509) (Info.)
- 2 - Little Rock

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| <u>DATE</u> | <u>CALLING NUMBER</u>        | <u>CALLED NUMBER</u> | <u>PLACE</u>    |
|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 12/15/67    | 453-9646<br>(Houston, Texas) | 918-446-6041         | Tulsa, Oklahoma |
| 12/17/67    | 452-9260<br>(Houston, Texas) | 918-936-3644         | Tulsa, Oklahoma |
| 12/17/67    | 468-9887<br>(Houston, Texas) | 918-446-5042         | Tulsa, Oklahoma |

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA DELMER R. EXON:

At Tulsa, Oklahoma

446-6041

Mrs. LOYD C. JONES, 8531 West 61st Street, advised on May 7, 1968, that during December, 1967, her daughter, Mrs. EUNICE HUNT, received a telephone call from her former husband, JESSE HUNT, who was then residing in Houston. The call, which was made from a pay telephone, concerned marital matters. JESSE HUNT talked more than the three minute limit and after the call, the operator said he left the booth without paying for the additional time.

936-3644

Mrs. BETTY B. WILEY, 924 South Allegheny, advised on May 8, 1968, that during mid-December, 1967, her son, ROBERT WILEY, came from Houston, Texas, to visit her in Tulsa. ROBERT's wife, PEGGY, remained with her parents in Channelview, Texas. PEGGY called her husband at the WILEY residence in Tulsa during that period. She called from a pay telephone because her parents did not have a telephone.

446-5042

Mrs. LOUIS MAYES, 1910 West 47th Street, advised on May 7, 1968, that about the middle of December, 1967, she received a telephone call from her husband's brother, RICHARD D. MAYES, from Houston, Texas. RICHARD MAYES, a member of the U.S. Navy, was enroute to Oklahoma on leave and called to say he would be delayed due to bad weather.

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| <u>DATE</u> | <u>CALLING NUMBER</u>        | <u>CALLED NUMBER</u> | <u>PLACE</u>   |
|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 12/17/67    | 468-9150<br>(Houston, Texas) | 405-842-5325         | Britton, Okla. |
| 12/17/67    | 673-9996<br>(Houston, Texas) | 405-424-4153         | Oklahoma City  |
| 12/16/67    | 452-9247<br>(Houston, Texas) | 405-946-2137         | Oklahoma City  |

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
DAVID J. LANG.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

842-5325

On May 8, 1968, Mrs. BETSY RIGGS, 1711 Elmhurst, advised she has been the subscriber to telephone number 842-5325 for approximately one year. She stated that her family has previously resided in Houston, Texas, and that her daughter went to Houston on December 21, 1967, to visit friends. She stated she believes that the call to her residence on December 17, 1967, would probably have been made to her daughter by either a girl friend, SHERYL RUSSELL, 307 Ranier, Houston, telephone number HO 8-4957, or a boy friend, MIKE REESBY, 502 Lanecrest, Houston, telephone number HO 8-0375. She further stated her husband, RICHARD RIGGS, travels throughout the Houston area in his job, and could have made this telephone call to the residence during December of 1967. Current photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to Mrs. RIGGS and she stated the person in the photographs was unfamiliar to her.

424-4153

On May 8, 1968, JEAN JOFFRION, 1529 Northeast 9th, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 424-4153, and was the subscriber to this number during December, 1967. She stated that she does not recall receiving any telephone calls from Houston, Texas, as she does not know anyone in that city. She stated that prior to a month ago, she had a tenant by the name of DOROTHY WILLIAMS, and that the relatives of WILLIAMS resided in the Houston area. She stated WILLIAMS was about six months pregnant and left Oklahoma City to return to her relatives' home. She further stated that WILLIAMS did on occasion receive

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and make telephone calls to the Houston area. She stated that she does not know of the current whereabouts of WILLIAMS or any of her friends or relatives. She further advised that WILLIAMS has not changed her mailing address and is still receiving mail at that address. JOFFRION described WILLIAMS as being about 21 years old, Negro, female, and single. She stated that to her knowledge WILLIAMS was employed at Lerner's, Penn Square, Oklahoma City.

946-2137

On May 8, 1968, Mrs. JO (DUANE) WILLIAMS, 4621 Northwest 33rd, advised she has been the subscriber to telephone number 946-2137 for many years. She stated that she does not specifically recall receiving the telephone call from Houston, Texas, on December 16, 1967, but believes it was her husband calling, inasmuch as he was traveling in business in the vicinity of Houston during that time period. She stated he is employed for Jeffries Company, and that this company is engaged in hauling heavy equipment. Mrs. WILLIAMS was shown current photographs of JAMES EARL RAY without effecting an identification.

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>CALLING NUMBER</u>        | <u>CALLED NUMBER</u> | <u>PLACE</u>     |
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| 12/17/67    | 673-9118<br>(Houston, Texas) | 918-846-2996         | Wynono, Oklahoma |

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

At Wynona, Oklahoma

Mr. and Mrs. LEON BUTCHER, Route A, advised on May 10, 1968, their telephone (918-846-2996) is actually listed in the name of Mrs. BUTCHER's mother, LILLIAN COBB, who is elderly and infirm. Mr. BUTCHER advised he is a trucker, and that in December, 1967, he was hauling wheat from Oklahoma to Houston, Texas, and was in Houston every other day prior to Christmas, 1967. On several occasions, he called his wife from a pay telephone in Houston located near the Continental Grain Company loading dock. At that time he was paying for these calls when made rather than making them collect to his home phone number, as he had run up a large bill a few months before without realizing it, and made the calls only when he had the money in his pocket to spare. Both Mr. and Mrs. BUTCHER advised the photographs and the description of Subject RAY were unfamiliar to them.

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| <u>DATE</u> | <u>CALLING NUMBER</u>        | <u>CALLED NUMBER</u> | <u>PLACE</u>     |
|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 12/17/67    | 673-9395<br>(Houston, Texas) | 405-668-2423         | Wilson, Oklahoma |

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA GERALD E. PITTS:

At Wilson, Oklahoma

668-2423

The current Wilson, Oklahoma, telephone directory shows telephone number 668-2423 listed to L. C. ALEXANDER, 222 East Ash, Wilson, Oklahoma.

PAT BRIGHT, Credit Bureau, Ardmore, Oklahoma, which covers Wilson, Oklahoma, advised May 9, 1968, the full name of L. C. ALEXANDER is LEE CLINT ALEXANDER, 222 East Ash, Wilson, Oklahoma. He is age 52, wife LOIS, and has an excellent credit rating. ALEXANDER is self-employed as a carpenter and his wife is a nurse at an Ardmore hospital.

ARTHUR STEWART, Undersheriff, Carter County, in which Wilson, Oklahoma, is located, advised on May 9, 1968, that he has known LEE CLINT ALEXANDER and his wife all his life. They are reputable citizens of excellent character and reputation. They have never been active politically and had never been in any trouble.

BILL CULLEY, Identification Officer, Police Department, Ardmore, Oklahoma, advised on May 9, 1968, that Mr. and Mrs. LEE CLINT ALEXANDER have no record in his department.

Mrs. LEE CLINTON ALEXANDER advised on May 9, 1968, that her husband was unavailable and she furnished the following information:

They have a son, A. L. ALEXANDER, who lives at Bacliff, Texas, a suburb of Houston. He calls home from time to time but she could not recall specifically anyone calling them on December 17, 1967. They do not know anyone else in the Houston area and have received no other calls from that area. She could not identify the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as identical with anyone she knew.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Re Houston airtel to Bureau 5/3/68.

Re Telephone Calls of JAMES EARL RAY during trip  
to New Orleans 12/15-17/67.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two (2) copies  
of an investigative insert reflecting investigation to identify  
individuals making telephone calls as set forth in referenced  
Houston airtel. Enclosed for Memphis are fifteen (15) copies  
of insert.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
- ② - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 15)
- 1 - Oklahoma City

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Date: 5/14/68

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(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

RE: Calls made by subject en route from LA to NO.

RE Dallas teletype 5/1/68 and El Paso airtel 4/30/68;  
Houston airtel 5/3/68.

Dallas tel 5/1/68 lists 12/15/67, 9:19 p.m. call made  
to 3472382, Ramsey, Indiana; and December 15, 1967, 9:14  
p.m. call made to 6334609, Milltown, Indiana.

Telephone Directory Ramsey, Indiana, reflects number  
347 2382 issued to RUSSELL STEPH DePauw, Indiana. On 5/3/68  
Mrs. RUSSELL STEPH advised call made by boy known to her as  
PAUL DIAZ or DIEZ, who used to date her daughter. PAUL is  
Mexican and had returned home to Texas.

Photos of RAY exhibited; not identical to DIAZ.

- 3 - Bureau
  - 2 - Dallas (44-2649)
  - 2 - El Paso (157-186)
  - 2 - Houston
  - 2 - Kansas City
  - ② - Memphis (44-1987)
  - 1 - Indianapolis
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Telephone Number 633-4609, Milltown, Indiana, is assigned to EDNA GREEN.

EDNA GREEN advised on 5/3/68 call received from PAUL GUADARRAMA, Box 295, Sanderson, Texas. He returned to Texas to go to school. Photo of RAY exhibited; Mrs. GREEN stated no resemblance. Mr. DAN SMITH, Irby Construction Company, advised GUADARRAMA worked for company. He advised no resemblance between RAY and GUADARRAMA.

Tell City Number 547-3141 assigned to J. ROBERT CLARK, 1339 14th Street, Tell City, Indiana. On 5/3/68, CLARK interviewed; advised his son DON KEITH CLARK might have made call. DON KEITH CLARK on 5/3/68 advised he made one collect call from Weatherford, Texas, and another from Pecos or Midland, Texas. He explained he drove to California on 12/15/67 and called home every night.

Telephone Number 317-288-0107 is assigned to TRUMAN G. POPE, Burlington Pike, Muncie, Indiana.

On 5/3/68, Mrs. GEORGIA POPE advised she had relatives visting her, ALICE and DAVE VAUGHT, sister and brother-in-law. They ran into a snowstorm in Texas and had to stay overnight and called to advise them of this.

Telephone Number 872-4551, Mexico, Indiana, is assigned MARVIN L. JONES, Vice-President, Bank of Peru, Peru, Indiana. JONES interviewed on 5/7/68 and cannot recall receiving call from Texas on 12/16/67. His wife cannot recall receiving call either. Both have excellent reputation in community.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/16/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2049) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO - MEMPHIS

RE: HAROLD J. THOME - SUSPECT

Re Indianapolis teletype dated 5/11/68, and Dallas airtel dated 5/15/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
MORLEY D. MIDLAND:

AT WEATHERFORD, TEXAS

On 5/15/68, Mrs. NORVALL TERRY (protect identity), Secretary, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, advised that records reflect telephone No. LI 4-7816 is subscribed to by the River Ranch Cafe, west of Weatherford. Mrs. TERRY advised that on 3/26/68, a long distance telephone call was made from this number to Dallas, Texas, No. DA 1-5670. On 3/25/68, a long distance telephone call was made from this number to Dallas, Texas, No. DA 1-2303.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
JAMES J. SHERMAN:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

3 - Bureau  
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (Info)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Dallas  
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