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Bureau File Number 44-38861

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Section 3

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To BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED

Please exchange the undermentioned NOTES and COIN  
with recourse to me/us  
\*and credit my/our account.

Signature Ramon George Sneyd  
Address 962 Dundas West  
Toronto, Canada

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by R/S 8/8/68. Jlt*

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8-7-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

ATTN: MR. McGOWAN  
ROOM 2712

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

Enclosed are two Xerox copies of a Barclays Bank slip found in the personal effects of JAMES EARL RAY at the time of his arrest. Inasmuch as information is barely legible on the copies, Bureau will note Memphis has typed in the data on one of the copies.

It appears to Memphis that RAY arrived at Heathrow Airport on May 17, 1968, from Portugal, and by means of this bank slip converted his Portuguese currency into English currency.

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1 MEMPHIS

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URGENT

TO LEGAT LONDON  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)  
MURKIN

AIRMAIL SEVEN TWENTY-SIX, SIXTY-EIGHT.

DOCUMENT NINE IN REPORT OF NEW SCOTLAND YARD ENCLOSED  
WITH RE COMMUNICATION LISTS AN ITEM "ONE - BARCLAYS BANK  
SLIP IN NAME OF MURDER" THE PROPERTY OF SUBJECT. YOU SHOULD  
DETERMINE IF ANY INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY NEW SCOTLAND  
YARD RE THIS ITEM, IF SO, RESULTS THEREOF AND SUBMIT RESULTS  
TO BUREAU. MEMPHIS HAS OBTAINED COPY OF THIS ITEM AND HAS  
FORWARDED IT TO YOU BY AIR MAIL ON EIGHT EIGHT INSTANT.

AIR MAIL TO MEMPHIS.

1 - SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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Date August 23, 1968

RE:

**MURKIN**

☒ For information    ☐ Retention optional    ☐ For appropriate action    ☐ Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

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Date: 8/16/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)  
 MURKIN

ReBucab 8/8/68.

The Barclays Bank slip, copy of which was received from Memphis, has been reexamined by Chief Inspector KEN THOMPSON and Sgt. PETER ELLIOTT, New Scotland Yard. Both officers state they remember the slip being in subject's property at the time of his arrest.

Sgt. ELLIOTT checked with Barclays Bank at London Airport on 8/15/68 and the following information is known:

The bank is located in the terminal building opposite the exit for passengers arriving in the country after they have cleared Immigration and Customs.

The primary function of this branch of the bank is to change foreign currency into English currency for travelers arriving in England.

The date stamp on the slip indicates the date of the transaction, which in this case is 5/17/68, the day RAY arrived in England from Lisbon. The word "Europa" on the stamp indicates in which terminal at London Airport the bank is located, Europa being the departure and arrival building for European flights.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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The bank personnel state that the slips are always written in long hand and usually they don't bother with name and address except where there is a large amount of money involved. In this instance L84-15-8 is \$213.48, at \$2.40 to the L. Bank personnel state thousands of transactions are conducted daily and they would not be able to recall any particular person or transaction.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Seattle, Washington  
August 16, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RE: HOWARD PHILLIP ETHRIDGE  
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On August 15, 1968, Mrs. RACHEL WHITE, South 2503 Teko, Spokane, Washington, and Miss BONNIE LOUISE WHITE, South 1303 Crestline, Spokane, Washington, advised that on August 13, 1968, they were en route from Milton Freewater, Oregon, to Spokane, Washington. Upon leaving Walla Walla, Washington, they observed a young man hitchhiking near the outskirts of town. As it was approximately 11:30 PM, they decided to give the man a ride as they felt sorry for him being out so late hitchhiking. The man gave his name as PHILLIP ETHRIDGE and advised that he was going to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to work in a lime plant.

ETHRIDGE got into the back seat of the 1967 Chevrolet two-door hardtop, being driven by RACHEL WHITE. ETHRIDGE sat behind BONNIE WHITE, who was sitting in the passenger side of the front seat.

RACHEL WHITE and BONNIE WHITE advised that approximately three miles from Colfax, Washington, ETHRIDGE said something to the effect that he had a gun pointed at BONNIE WHITE's head and that he was naked and for neither girl to look back or he would shoot. He told RACHEL WHITE to keep driving the vehicle but he did not give any directions. RACHEL advised that as they entered Colfax, Washington, she turned toward Pullman, Washington, instead of turning toward Spokane. She stated that she knew the traffic would be heavier between Colfax and Pullman and there were more farm houses in the event ETHRIDGE left the girls in the country as he was indicating he planned to do. ETHRIDGE assured the girls that he did not intend to molest them but did intend to take their money and their vehicle. RACHEL WHITE and BONNIE WHITE stated that as they proceeded toward Pullman, Washington, ETHRIDGE told them that he had killed two policemen and had wounded other men. He then

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RE: HOWARD PHILLIP ETHRIDGE

asked them if they had heard of the KENNEDY assassination and the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. The women said that they had and ETHRIDGE told them that he had been in on these killings so he wasn't afraid to use a gun. Both women stated that he did not indicate which KENNEDY he meant but they assumed that he meant the killing of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY due to the fact ETHRIDGE had told them that he was only 19 years of age.

RACHEL WHITE and BONNIE WHITE advised that they thought that ETHRIDGE was not telling the truth when he informed them that he had killed two policemen and had participated in the assassination of KENNEDY and KING. They stated that they got the feeling that he was attempting to frighten them and at the same time to build up his own ego. ETHRIDGE informed them that he did not kill women but instead planned to leave them in the country, and take their money and the 1967 Chevrolet.

ETHRIDGE made RACHEL WHITE turn off the highway on a road leading to Albion, Washington, and proceed down that road until out of sight of the highway. He then ordered both women out of the vehicle and ordered them to completely undress. RACHEL WHITE stated that as she was undressing she noticed that ETHRIDGE had a gun in his hand and did not have a shirt on, although he had a pair of dark trousers on. After having both women undress, ETHRIDGE ordered them to walk down the road to Albion. The women proceeded down the road until out of sight of the car headlights at which time they hid in a side ditch beside the road. A short time later ETHRIDGE drove past them in the vehicle proceeding toward Albion, Washington. The women then proceeded to a nearby farm house where they obtained clothing and notified the Whitman County Sheriff's Office.

ETHRIDGE was arrested on August 14, 1968, during the early morning hours near Lewiston, Idaho, following a high speed chase from Pullman, Washington.

August 13, 1968

Airtel

To: SAC, Seattle (26-36371)

From: Director, FBI

HOWARD PHILLIP EHRIDGE

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OO: BUTTE

Re Seattle airtel 8/13/68 and letterhead memorandum attached thereto, a copy of which is being forwarded to the Los Angeles and Memphis Offices.

In view of the allegations contained therein Butte should expedite its interview of Ehridge and submit results of same by FD-302 under appropriate caption to both Los Angeles and Memphis.

Seattle immediately resubmit information contained in letterhead memorandum on appropriate FD-302. All offices should insure that in the future appropriate communications be utilized in setting forth results of investigation dealing with either Kennalt or Murkin.

- 1 - Butte
- 1 - Memphis - Enclosure (Murkin)
- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure (Kennalt)

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FBI CHICAGO

1155PM URGENT 8-23-68 RFJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

HARVEY A. AND CLARA S. KLINGEMAN, OWNERS OF INDIAN TRIAL  
RESTAURANT, WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, INTERVIEWED THIS EVENING AT WINNETKA  
PD FOLLOWING CONTACT BY THEM WITH WINNETKA CHIEF DONALD DERNING. (NA)  
THEY WERE CONTACTED TUESDAY, AUGUST TWENTY, LAST, BY  
WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, HARTSELLE, ALABAMA, AUTHOR OF "THREE LIVES  
FOR MISSISSIPPI" AND "LOOK" MAGAZINE PHOTOGRAPHER HANSEN. HUIE  
EXHIBITED LETTERS PURPORTEDLY FROM SUBJECT RAY ADDRESSED TO RAY'S  
ATTORNEY AND GIVEN TO HUIE. HUIE SAID HE HAS OBTAINED ALL  
COMMERCIAL RIGHTS TO RAY'S STORY AND IN RETURN IS UNDERWRITING  
COSTS OF RAY'S DEFENSE. LETTERS WRITTEN ON HALF SHEETS OF YELLOW  
LEGAL FOOLSCAP AND KLINGEMANS CLAIM RECOGNIZED SUBJECT RAY'S HANDWRITING.  
BOTH KLINGEMANS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF SUBJECT  
RAY AS MAN EMPLOYED BY THEM FROM MAY THREE, SIXTYSEVEN, TO 5/3/67-6/24/67  
JUNE TWO FOUR, SIXTYSEVEN, AS DISHWASHER AND COOKS HELPER, WITH  
TOTAL PAY OF ABOUT EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS. WAS EMPLOYED  
UNDER NAME JOHN L. RAYNS, SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED]

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LEFT EMPLOYMENT SAYING GOING TO WORK ON BOATS WITH HIS BROTHER AND SUBSEQUENTLY MAILED LETTER TO RESTAURANT REQUESTING PAY DUE BE SENT TO HIS BROTHER IN NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS. KLINGEMAN DID MAIL CHECK WHICH WAS CASHED. ALL PAY CHECKS OBTAINED AND WILL BE FURNISHED FBI LAB ALONG WITH FORM W DASH FOUR. GAVE LOCAL ADDRESS OF TWO SEVEN THREE ONE, SHEFFIELD, CHICAGO, BUT CHECK MAILED TO BROTHER CONTAINS ADDRESS ONE SIX FOUR EIGHT LUNT, CHICAGO WITH DATE JULY THREE, SIXTYSEVEN.

SUBJECT WAS EXCELLENT EMPLOYEE, QUIET, HAD NO FRIENDS OR VISITORS, BUT RECEIVED THREE OR FOUR PHONE CALLS DURING LAST WEEK OF EMPLOYMENT FROM PERSON STATING HE WAS BROTHER.

AUTHOR HUIE SHOWED LETTERS FROM RAY TO KLINGEMAN IN WHICH HE LISTED EMPLOYMENT AT INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT (AN OLD, LARGE, UPPER CLASS RESTAURANT OF EXCELLENT REPUTATION).

HUIE DESCRIBED METHOD OF ESCAPE OF SUBJECT FROM JEFFERSON CITY VIA BREAD TRUCK AND CLAIMED RAY WALKED TO CHICAGO, BECOMING VERY SORE FOOTED. (KLINGEMAN RECALLS WHEN RAY EMPLOYED HE HAD SORE AND SWOLLEN LEGS). AFTER BECOMING EMPLOYED, HUIE ALLEGES RAY WAS CONTACTED BY CONSPIRATORS WHO THREATENED TO REVEAL HIS IDENTITY AND CAUSE HIS RETURN TO PRISON IF HED DID NOT WORK  
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FOR THEM. HUIE SAYS RAY WAS GIVEN TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS DURING INITIAL CONTACTS AND ULTIMATELY WAS PAID FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, BUT WAS TO RECEIVE MORE.

UPON LEAVING RESTAURANT EMPLOYMENT, HUIE ALLEGES RAY MADE TWO TRIPS TO CANADA THROUGH DETROIT TUNNEL, TESTING DIFFICULTY OF ENTERING AND LEAVING CANADA. HE ALSO MADE THIRD TRIP TO CANADA AND ACCORDING TO HUIE, "WAS INSTRUCTED" TO OBTAIN FORTY YEAR OLD NEWSPAPER, OBTAIN NAMES OF MALES BORN, THEN SEARCH CURRENT PHONE BOOKS FOR SIMILAR NAMES. THEN SURVEIL INDIVIDUALS WITH SIMILAR NAMES TO FIND OUT WHETHER THEIR PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS MATCHED HIM.

THEREAFTER HE TELEPHONED PERSONS OF HIS LIKE DESCRIPTION USING PRETEXT AND FOUND MAN WHO HAD NEVER APPLIED FOR PASSPORT. THEN APPLIED FOR PASSPORT IN THIS NAME.

HE WAS THEN GIVEN MORE MONEY TO PURCHASE CAR, WHICH WAS TO BE DRIVEN TO ACAPULCO, MEXICO, TO OBTAIN TOURIST STICKER, THEN DRIVEN THROUGH MEXICO TO WEST COAST. HUIE CLAIMS RAY WAS FLOWN TO ATLANTA FROM WEST COAST, BUT TIME WAS NOT RIPE, SO WAS RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA. HE WAS GIVEN MONEY TO BUY BINOCULARS AND SHOTGUN AND WAS TO GO TO MEMPHIS AT CERTAIN TIME AND PLACE.

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HUIE ALLEGES A NEGRO CALLED KING TO BALCONY, WHERE HE WAS SHOT. ACTUAL MURDERER WAS NOT RAY, ALTHOUGH RAY WAS PRESENT, AND AT LATER TIME RAY WILL IDENTIFY MURDERER. RAY DID PICK UP RIFLE, RAN TO HIS CAR AND PROCEEDED TO RENDEZVOUS AT ATLANTA, HOWEVER, CONSPIRATORS DID NOT APPEAR WITH REMAINING "BUNDLE OF MONEY."

RAY WAS THEN TO FLEE TO MEXICO, BUT IMMEDIATELY FLY NORTH TO THROW OFF PURSUIT AND TO STEER ALL INVESTIGATION TO MEXICO. SINCE CONSPIRATORS DID NOT APPEAR, HE FLED TO CANADA AND HUIE ALLEGATIONS THEN FOLLOW SUBSEQUENT NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS. HUIE DID SAY RAY ROBBED BANK IN LONDON BECAUSE HE GOT REAL LOW ON MONEY.

HUIE DID NOT AT ANY TIME IDENTIFY ANY ALLEGED CONSPIRATORS.

HUIE SWORE KLINGEMANS TO SECRECY, SAYING HE WOULD MAIL THEM "LOOK" PROOFS ON SEPT. TEN, NEXT, COPIES OF WHICH WILL BE FURNISHED BY KLINGEMANS TO CHICAGO FBI, AND STORY IS TO BE IN "LOOK" NOVEMBER TEN, NEXT, ISSUE. KLINGEMANS BROKE PROMISE OF SECRECY UPON REFLECTION, BELIEVING THEIR PUBLIC DUTY WAS TO CONTACT POLICE. HUIE NOT AWARE OF THEIR TALKING WITH FBI AND THEY WILL NOT TELL HIM WITHOUT APPROVAL OF FBI THROUGH CHIEF DERNING, NA.

CHICAGO SUGGESTS BUREAU CONSIDER NOTES AND LETTERS FROM  
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RAY IN POSSESSION OF HUIE MAY CONSTITUTE EVIDENCE OF FEDERAL CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS, NOTABLY CONSPIRACY, AND EVEN THOUGH OBTAINED BY RAY ATTORNEY LOSE THEIR PRIVILEGE WHEN SHOWN TO OUTSIDERS.

KLINGEMANS ARE ELDERLY, REPUTABLE CITIZENS, WHO ARE WILLING TO ASSIST BUREAU IN ANY WAY DESIRED.

HUIE OBTAINED PHOTOSTATS OF PAYROLL LEDGERS AND TOOK MANY PHOTOGRAPHS AT INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT AS WELL AS AT RAY'S CHICAGO RESIDENCE, ACCORDING TO KLINGEMANS.

CHICAGO CONTINUING INVESTIGATION INCLUDING ADDRESSES MENTIONED.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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FBCHICAGO

4:58 @MERGENT 8-24-68 PMS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS AUGUST TWENTY-THREE LAST.

MRS. GLORIA DONNELLY, OWNER, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE NORTH SHEFFIELD, CHICAGO, PRODUCED RENT RECORDS WHICH SHOW A JOHN LARRY RAYMS RENTED ROOM ON APRIL THIRTY, SIXTY-SEVEN. MRS. DONNELLY ADVISED RAYMS RENTED REAR BASEMENT APARTMENT. RENT RECORDS DO NOT SHOW WHEN RAYMS LEFT, HOWEVER, NEXT PERSON TO OCCUPY APARTMENT MOVED IN ON MAY SEVENTEEN OR JUNE SEVENTEEN SIXTY - SEVEN - CONFUSION AS TO DATE DUE TO FIRST DIGIT OF DATE WRITTEN OVER. THIS DIGIT IS EITHER FIVE OR SIX. ROOM RENTED TO RAYMS BY JEAN WILKS, DONNELLY'S AUNT. WILKS DIED ON MAY ONE LAST.

DONNELLY STATED RAYMS CAME TO APARTMENT THROUGH AD IN NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSPAPER. RAYMS HAD NO FRIENDS OR ASSOCIATES. LEFT THE HOUSE DAILY BEFORE SEVEN A.,M. DONNELLY CANNOT RECALL RAYMS HAVING A CAR. RAYMS HAD LOTS OF BOOKS AND COOKING UTENSILS, VERY FEW CLOTHES. SOME COOKING UTENSILS  
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LEFT BEHIND. RAYMS RECEIVED ONE LETTER DURING STAY. THIS LETTER FROM UNKNOWN PLACE IN CANADA. DONNELLY STATED RAYMS LEFT SAME DAY HE RECEIVED LETTER. RAYMS STATED HE WAS GOING TO CANADA TO WORK. ALSO MENTIONED GETTING A JOB ON A SHIP.

DONNELLY SHOWN GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS. UNABLE TO PICK OUT PHOTO OF RAY. DESCRIBED RAYMS AS LATE TWENTIES, EARLY THIRTIES, DARK HAIR, TALL AND THIN.

DONNELLY STATED ONE PHONE IN APARTMENT NOT CONNECTED AND BELIEVED TO BE DISCONNECTED AT TIME RAYMS IN APARTMENT. STATED CALLS IF ANY PROBABLY MADE AT CORNER DRUG STORE. PHONE NUMBERS OF THESE PHONES OBTAINED.

DONNELLY MADE AVAILABLE REGISTRATION SHEET SIGNED BY RAYMS.

EDWARD SPERLING, SECOND FLOOR, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE N. SHEFFIELD, ADVISED HE RECALLED RAYMS AND PICKED PHOTO OF RAY FROM GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWN AS RESEMBLING RAYMS. SPERLING ADVISED RAYMS SPOKE TO NO ONE AND DID NOT HAVE ANY FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES.

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ANNIE KEEGAN, SECOND FLOOR, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE N. SHEFFIELD, UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION RE RAYMS.

PHYLLIS LEHNING, WHO RESIDED FRONT BASEMENT APT., TWO SEVEN THREE ONE N. SHEFFIELD UNTIL MAY TEN, SIXTY - SEVEN, UNABLE TO RECALL OR IDENTIFY RAYMS.

MAYE CANAPA, MANAGER, LINCOLN APT. HOTEL, ONE SIX FOUR EIGHT W. LUNT, CHICAGO, CHECKED RENT RECORDS AND DETERMINED A JOHN L. RAYNS, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE N. SHEFFIELD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, CHECKED INTO ROOM ONE ZERO FIVE ON JUNE EIGHTEEN, SIXTY - SEVEN. REGISTRATION CARD MARKED "RENTED FOR ONE WEEK."

CANAPA UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY AND CANNOT RECALL RAYNS. ROOM RENTED BY LOLA BALLARD WHO WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. REGISTRATION CARD OBTAINED.

REGISTRATION CARDS BEING SUBMITTED TO LABORATORY THIS DATE FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISON.

PHONE RECORDS UNAVAILABLE WILL BE CHECKED WHEN FIRST AVAILABLE, MONDAY NEXT.

OTHER PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY RAY AT EITHER ADDRESS UNAVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY WHEN THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

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FBI MEMPHIS

8/26/68

AIRTEL

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

Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau, 8/23/68, indicating subject JAMES EARL RAY was employed under the name JOHN L. RAYNE, Social Security No. [redacted] for the period May 3, 1967 through June 24, 1967.

It is requested that Bureau permission be given to have Baltimore check Baltimore Source 4 for any additional employments under that Social Security number.

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② - Memphis  
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**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**ATTN: FBI LABORATORY**  
**PC-A5498-BX**  
**IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**  
**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

**FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)**

**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original eight checks from the Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, payable to JOHN L. RAYNE plus a W-4 Form made out by JOHN L. RAYNE. One Xerox copy of each also enclosed to Bureau and Memphis.

These checks were paid to subject JAMES EARL RAY under the alias of JOHN L. RAYNE during his employment at the above restaurant from 5/3/67 till 6/24/67.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the signatures of JOHN L. RAYNE with known handwriting of the subject to determine if identical.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process enclosed checks and W-4 Form for latent prints and thereafter compare with fingerprints of subject.

In addition it is requested that any latents developed on check #5357 dated 6/25/67 also be compared

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**with the fingerprints of subject's brother JERRY RAY  
previously submitted instant matter.**

**The Memphis and Chicago Divisions should be advised  
of the results of afore-mentioned examination and the enclosed  
items should be returned to Chicago upon completion of  
examination.**

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5 AUG 1968

## OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

PRETORIA

TO: RSO, AmEmbassy, PRETORIA

DATE: August 2, 1968

FROM: AmConGen DURBAN *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Citizenship and Passports: Beverley Harcourt Prophet (AKA, John W. Prophet)

REF: Your memorandum of July 24, 1968

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Authority RD 34722

By *[Signature]*, DMSA, Date 10/15/2023

Beverley Harcourt Prophet reported to the Consulate General on August 1, 1968, and voluntarily submitted the two U.S. Passports in his possession. One of which was retained by this office for transmittal to PPT/LAD ( see enclosure one).

Mr. Prophet is an interior decorator. He showed the reporting officer:

1. Certificate of Naturalization No. [REDACTED] issued December 1, 1950, via petition No. [REDACTED] by the Superior Court of Alameda County in Oakland, California, in the name of Beverley Harcourt Prophet.
2. State of Florida driver's license No. G-554045 issued in the name of Beverley Harcourt Prophet.
3. Birth Certificate, Province of Ontario, Prophet, Beverley Harcourt, born [REDACTED] in "Orillia, Simcoe Co."; registered Sept. 15, 1936, under number [REDACTED], card issued May 20, 1964. Number on back of card [REDACTED]
4. Social Security Card number [REDACTED] to Beverley Harcourt Prophet.

Mr. Prophet plans to stay in South Africa for anywhere up to five more months. His address in the United States is, and will be, c/o Mr. Joseph Kordemeier, 1895 Venice Gardens, Miami (north), Florida.

Mr. Prophet has used the names "John", "John B.H." and perhaps "John W." Prophet for business purposes in the United States as he found the name Beverley to be embarrassing and a drawback in his business contacts. He estimates he has been known professionally as "John Prophet" for about twenty years. He has never used this name on a government form, state or national, to the best of his knowledge. He showed the reporting officer a large number of club and credit cards in this name however. He said he was so well known in the area he never had to show a birth certificate etc. to get credit or membership.

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cards. One example was noted by the reporting officer, should further investigation become necessary: "Coral Ridge National, 2626 East Oakland Park Blvd., P. O. Box 11004, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33306, Customer Ident. 074 7505, John Prophet INTERIORS".

Enclosure number two is a report on the passport still in Mr. Prophet's possession. Enclosure number three is a report on the passport returned to PPT/LAD. Visas and other pertinent information are included on these reports.

Mr. Prophet was extremely cooperative and expressed his regrets at the problems he caused the passport office. The Regional Security Officer's interest in the matter was not mentioned to Mr. Prophet nor was the interest of the CID. Of possible interest, however, Mr. Prophet was quite aware that he was being investigated by the CID and also that he looked somewhat like "James Earl Ray". He said the CID were polite to him at all times and he in no way wished to complain about their activities although he was disturbed by them quite a bit.

Enclosures:

1. OM to PPT/LAD, August 2, 1968
2. Report on US Passport No. [REDACTED]
3. Report on US Passport No. [REDACTED]

*[Signature]* RSavage:bvt 8/1/68

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## OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

TO: Department of State (PPT/LAD) DATE: August 2, 1968  
FROM: PSO, AmConGen DURBAN *JS*  
SUBJECT: Citizenship and Passports: Beverley Harcourt Prophet (aka John Prophet  
and John W. Prophet)  
REF: Your OM to AmConGen, Johannesburg of July 11, 1968 -- referred to  
Durban for action by the Regional Security Officer, AmEmbassy PRETORIA

Consulate General Durban herewith returns United States Passport number [REDACTED] issued to Beverley Harcourt Prophet on June 8, 1966, by the Consulate General of the United States of America in Toronto, Canada. Mr. Prophet remains in possession of U.S. Passport number [REDACTED] issued to Beverley Harcourt Prophet on June 1, 1966. The enclosed passport has not been cancelled by the Consulate General as we assume that PPT/LAD will take whatever final action is necessary.

Mr. Prophet apologized for not returning the passport as requested by the Toronto ConGen. He noted it had expired and therefore felt it was unnecessary.

Beverley Harcourt Prophet used the name "John" on other than official government documents for business purposes only. His driver's license - Florida and London - were in his correct name as is his Social Security card. Because people kept mixing Beverley up and thinking he was a she, Mr. Prophet, in his area of business operations, took to using "John". He has not, however, officially changed his name or officially registered his AKA.

A full report on his travels and use of the name "John" is being sent to the Regional Security Officer, American Embassy, Pretoria. It may be noted, however, that Mr. Prophet created no suspicions on the part of the reporting officer.

Enclosure:  
Passport number [REDACTED]

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cc: RSO - AmEmb Pretoria  
Mr. Otis, Joburg

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US Passport No. [REDACTED] issued to Beverly Harcourt Prophet  
Birth date - [REDACTED] in Canada

Height 6 ft. 0 in. Hair - black, Eyes - Hazel

Passport issued June 1, 1966

Beside picture stamped - United States Immigration  
Miami, Florida 39  
October 4, 1967

| <u>Visas</u>                                  | <u>Issued</u> | <u>Length of Visa</u> |
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| United Kingdom                                | 3 Mar, 1967   | 3 months              |
| United Kingdom                                | 10 Aug 1967   | 3 Oct. 1967           |
| South Africa<br>(issued in London)            | 18 Jan 1968   | 10 Jan 1969           |
| Mozambique<br>(transit visa issued in London) | 12 Jan 1968   | 3 days                |

Alien registration in London on 14 Aug. 1967, certificate No. [REDACTED]

Entry stamped to UK at London airport on 3 Oct, 1967, 16 Jan, 1968,  
6 Jan, 1968



US Passport No. [REDACTED] issued to Beverly Harcourt Prophet

Born [REDACTED] Hair - Black, Eyes - Hazel

Height 6 ft. 0 in.

Passport issued June 8, 1966 at the ConGen Toronto, Canada

Passport stamped:

Passport limited to October 8, 1966 it cannot be extended without the authorization of the Department of State.

Signed by Consul General, Toronto

Visa for UK - June 9, 1966 until Sept. 8, 1966

The number [REDACTED] written on the last page of both passports.

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## OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

TO: Amconsul JOHANNESBURG  
FROM: Department of State (PPT/LAD) *sk*  
SUBJECT: CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORTS: PROPHET, John W.  
REF: Your OM, June 26, 1968

DATE: JUL 11 1968

The records of the Passport Office show that on June 1, 1966 the Miami Passport Agency issued Passport No. [REDACTED] to Beverley Harcourt Prophet who was born in Canada on [REDACTED] and who was naturalized at Oakland, California on December 1, 1950. At the time the passport was issued, Prophet was residing at 2301 NW. 60th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in care of Max Shaffer.

On June 8, 1966 the subject executed an application for a passport at Toronto, Canada. He executed an affidavit in which he stated that while awaiting the arrival of his passport he traveled to Toronto and made arrangements to fly to England. The last available opportunity for his trip was June 8. His passport had been mailed to him in Toronto on June 6 but had not arrived. He requested the emergency passport to enable him to travel, and stated that when the original passport was received, his brother would deliver it to the Consulate General at Toronto. He was thereupon issued Passport No. [REDACTED]

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J.C. Kolesnik, Esq.,  
c/o United States of America Embassy,  
PRETORIA.

Sir,

RE: JAMES EARL RAY • ERIC STARVO GALT.

Your conversation with the writer anent the above has reference.

You will recall having drawn attention to an advertisement in the Personal Column of the Johannesburg "Sunday Times" of 19th May, 1968, concerning an American in Durban.

Discreet enquiries elicited the following in regard to the person who placed the advertisement:-

He is one John W. Prophet and he resides at 111, Barle Marais, 542, Point Road, Durban. He is in possession of passport No. [redacted] issued at Toronto, Canada, on 3th June, 1966, by the United States Consul-General there, as well as passport No. [redacted] issued at Miami, Florida, on 1st June, 1966, both passports in favour of Beverley Prophet with the following particulars:-

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| Date of Birth  | : | [redacted]                          |
| Place of Birth | : | Canada.                             |
| Description    | : | 6' tall, black hair,<br>hazel eyes. |

Both passports are valid to 1st June, 1969, and the holder is described as a tourist. According to the passports, Prophet went to the United Kingdom from Canada and thence to Laurence Marais, where he arrived on 17th January, 1968. He subsequently arrived in Johannesburg on 19th

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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| TITLE<br><br>RAY, James Earl |                                    | CASE CLASSIFICATION<br><br>Special Inquiry/F.B.I. |                                       |
| FIELD OFFICE<br><br>Pretoria | DATE REPORTED<br><br>6 August 1968 | DATES INVESTIGATED                                | REPORTING AGENT<br><br>J. C. Kolesnik |

SYNOPSIS

Negative report on RAY from Salisbury Police. South African Police also submit negative report on RAY. Attached is a report from SAP dated 21 June 1968 and results of inquiries at PPT/LAD and Durban re one John W. PROPHET, aka: Beverley Harcourt/PROPHET, an American who self admittedly looks somewhat like James Earl RAY.

-CLOSED-

REFERENCE: Headquarters Memorandum dated 14 May 1968.

DETAILS:

RECORD CHECKS

Salisbury, Rhodesia:

The Rhodesian CID reported on 25 July 1968 that they were unable to find any trace of a person who was or looked to be identical to Mr. RAY.

South African Police:

In reply to our request for information about an ad placed in the "lonely hearts" column of the Sunday Times supposedly by an American, aged 40, 6 ft. tall, the South African CID informed the RSO that the ad was placed by one John W. PROPHET, 111 Sarie Marais, 542 Point Road, Durban. It was pointed out that he was in possession of two

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| APPROVED<br><br><i>James C. Kolesnik</i><br>James C. Kolesnik<br>Regional Security Officer<br>(Special Agent in Charge) |  | DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE                             |  |
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(2) U. S. passports, and was from the Miami, Florida area.

MISCELLANEOUS

Attached to the original of this report are a copy of the SAP report of 21 June 1968, from Maj. Gen. JOUBERT, as well as various reports on Mr. PROPHET's passports. The 2 August 1968 OM from Durban, page 2, last paragraph, reports that Mr. PROPHET himself told the Vice Consul in Durban that he looks somewhat like "James Earl Ray".

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO:

CD 36722  
Amw 10/15/70-23

DATE: August 13, 1968

TO: The Honorable  
J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

FROM: Chief, Division of Investigations  
Office of Security *RHB*

SUBJECT: RAY, James Earl

Reference is made to your request for certain information regarding the above-captioned individual.

In connection with this case, herewith is one copy of a report of investigation dated August 6, 1968, at Pretoria. The attachments mentioned in the report are also herewith. The case is closed.

ATTACHMENTS:

As stated

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GROUP 5  
Declassified following removal of attachments

8/24/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY**  
**FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

**OO: MEMPHIS**

Enclosed for the Laboratory is page "13" of a rooming house ledger and Registration Card No. 8075 from a hotel.

Page "13" was obtained from a rooming house at 2731 Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, and on line 24 bears the signature JOHN LARRY RAYNS, who it is believed is identical with the subject. *Sub m-188*

Registration Card No. 8075 obtained from the Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, bears the signature of JOHN L. RAYNS and other inked handwriting, believed made by the subject.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the signature JOHN LARRY RAYNS appearing on line 24 of the enclosed page "13" and the signature JOHN L. RAYNS and other inked writing on the enclosed Registration Card No. 8075 with the known handwriting and signatures of the subject to determine if the subject in fact signed page "13" and the Registration Card.

The Laboratory is requested to return the enclosures to the Chicago Office upon completion of this examination.

3 - Bureau (Encl. 1)  
① - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
1 - Chicago

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI WASH DC

6:21PM URGENT 8-27-68 LPT

TO MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

REAIRTEL CG AUGUST TWENTYTHREE SUBMITTING EIGHT CHECKS FROM INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, NUMBERED FOUR EIGHT THREE EIGHT, FOUR NINE ONE THREE, FOUR NINE EIGHT SEVEN, FIVE ZERO FIVE EIGHT, FIVE ONE THREE ZERO, FIVE TWO ZERO NINE, FIVE TWO EIGHT THREE AND FIVE THREE FIVE SEVEN AND W DASH FOUR FORM DATED MAY TEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, SIGNED "JOHN L. RAYNS." ALSO REAIRTEL CG AUGUST TWENTYFOUR SUBMITTING REGISTER PAGE THIRTEEN, BEARING SIGNATURE "JOHN LARRY RAYMS" ON LINE TWENTYFOUR AND REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER EIGHT ZERO SEVEN FIVE DATED JUNE EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND SIGNED "JOHN L. RAYNS."

CONCLUDED JAMES EARL RAY, K ONE SEVEN ONE, K TWO ONE ONE, K TWO FIVE SEVEN, PREPARED THE RAYMS SIGNATURE ON LINE TWENTYFOUR OF REGISTER PAGE; THE QUESTIONED INKED WRITING ON REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER EIGHT ZERO SEVEN FIVE; THE QUESTIONED  
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HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING ON W DASH FOUR FORM. ALTHOUGH SIGNIFICANT SIMILARITIES NOTED IN THE ENDORSEMENTS ON SUBMITTED CHECKS EXCEPT CHECK NUMBER FIVE TWO ZERO NINE WHEN COMPARED WITH RAY'S KNOWN WRITINGS, PRESENCE OF UNEXPLAINED VARIATIONS, INSUFFICIENT COMPARABLE MATERIAL AND DISTORTION IN SOME OF HANDWRITING PRECLUDED A DEFINITE DETERMINATION WHETHER RAY PREPARED ENDORSEMENTS ON SUBMITTED CHECKS. ENDORSEMENT ON CHECK NUMBER FIVE TWO ZERO NINE TOO DISTORTED FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES. ALTHOUGH SOME SIMILARITIES NOTED IN THE DATE ON LINE TWENTYFOUR OF THE REGISTER PAGE BESIDE THE RAYMS SIGNATURE WHEN COMPARED WITH COMPARABLE WRITINGS OF RAY, THE LIMITED AND OVERWRITTEN NATURE OF THIS DATE PRECLUDED A DEFINITE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER RAY PREPARED THIS DATE. SUBMITTED EVIDENCE TO BE FORWARDED TO CG AFTER COMPLETION OF REQUESTED LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATIONS. COPIES MAILED TO CG. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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FBI

Date: August 26, 1968

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

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

TO: SAC, Memphis (44-3599)

✓ FROM: Director, FBI  
MURKIN

News media report, that attorneys for James Earl Ray have filed a motion in court at Memphis, Tennessee, that murder charges against Ray be dropped because "pervasive and wide-spread" publicity on the case has ruined chances for a fair trial for Ray anywhere in the United States. The news media also reports that several other motions have been filed in Shelby County Court by Arthur J. Hanes, Jr., including a request for the prosecution to produce all its physical evidence and to drop the second charge against Ray, carrying a dangerous weapon.

Determine if the above is correct, submit to the Bureau copies of available motions. Keep the Bureau advised of court action.

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8/28/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)

RE: MURKIN

On 8/26/68 Special Agent CARAWAY, Federal Bureau of Narcotics, San Antonio, advised that an informant of his, who has furnished reliable information in the past, heard from an unnamed person the following information:

Three days prior to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING a man named (FNU) TURNTIDE, who is employed as a supervisor of a construction crew for the Holiday Inn motels, commented to the unnamed individual that TURNTIDE had received a telephone call from Memphis, Tennessee (headquarters of Holiday Inn motels) and thereafter stated that KING would be assassinated in three days. At that time CARAWAY's informant, the unknown man, and TURNTIDE were working on the construction of a Holiday Inn motel in San Antonio, Texas.

TURNTIDE, according to the informant, is presently employed in the construction of a Holiday Inn motel in Chicago, Ill.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILL. Will attempt to locate

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(FNU) TURNTIDE, employee of Holiday Inn motels, and interview him for any information he may have concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SAN ANTONIO

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. Will attempt to determine the identity of the unknown man and interview him for details of conversation with TURNTIDE.

9/2/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 9/1/68, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, Author, Hartselle, Alabama, was contacted by SAs WILLIAM H. LEE and STEPHEN L. CRABBE at his home in Hartselle upon his request. HUIE requested that this contact be kept in confidence for reasons depicted in the information furnished. He stated as follows:

While JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated in London, England, he (HUIE) entered into a contract with RAY to write the true account of RAY's activities and background concerning the assassination of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. This contract is also of interest to RAY's attorney, ART HANES, inasmuch as the cost of the trial, including attorney fees, is dependent upon the commercial success of the contract. HUIE advised that to date he has invested approximately \$20,000 in this venture. He advised that he is in constant contact with RAY through Attorney HANES in the form of written questions and answers by RAY, which includes names of cities, states, places, maps and individuals contacted by RAY, as well as activities from the date of his escape from prison to his apprehension in England.

He stated that to date he has been refused personal contact with RAY by Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Trial Judge, State of Tennessee, Memphis. Also, he highly desires obtaining current non-publicized photographs of RAY of character type rather than mug shots or those depicting RAY in manacles.

3 - Bureau (AM)  
② - Memphis (44-1987)  
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HUIE further advised he would be most willing to divulge all information he has received to date to the Bureau on a confidential basis, as well as all information he may receive in the future on a current basis, provided the two above requests could be met.

He requested that he be contacted at his residence in Hartselle, Alabama, to avoid divulging his contact with the Bureau in this matter. It was suggested to Mr. HUIE that the Bureau does not attempt to influence, interfere, or suggest action taken by state officials or courts.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau and Memphis for information and/or action deemed advisable.

9/5/68

AIRTEL

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

Re Birmingham Airtel to the Bureau, 9/2/68.

The Memphis Office is of the opinion that WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE should not dictate circumstances under which he furnishes information to the Bureau. Memphis Office also is of the opinion that no contact should be made with Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE to secure any favor whatsoever for WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE nor should any photographs of JAMES EARL RAY be made available.

No further action in this matter being taken by Memphis Division.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Birmingham (44-1740)  
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)  
MURKIN

*INDEX  
JAYWALKING*

Re telephone call from Bureau Supervisor RICHARD LONG, General Investigative Division, to Buffalo, 8/24/68, during which Supervisor LONG advised that highly confidential information had been received indicating that the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, might have been arrested by the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, during June or July, 1967, on a charge of jaywalking.

On 8/27/68, Inspector RICHARD GIBSON (NA), Head of the Central Identification Division of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department (MTPD), was requested to make the necessary record checks to determine whether RAY was, in fact, arrested in Toronto for jaywalking, and in connection with this request, was furnished with all known aliases used by RAY in the past.

On 8/28/68, Inspector GIBSON advised that subject, under his true name and all aliases, had been checked through the Central Identification Bureau, the Records and Inquiry Bureau, and the Letter File of the MTPD; and no information was developed indicating an arrest in Toronto at any time under any of RAY's aliases.

In addition, Inspector GIBSON pointed out that it was not the practice of the MTPD to arrest individuals for jaywalking but that on infrequent occasions, a police officer would issue summonses for this offense. Inspector GIBSON had all available records of the MTPD checked regarding summonses issued for jaywalking and determined that no unanswered summonses were on file for the offense of jaywalking in the City of Toronto during the months of June and July of 1967.

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Inspector GIBSON pointed out that ordinarily if a person failed to appear in answer to a jaywalking summons, a bench warrant would be issued for his arrest and that the records of the MTPD contained no outstanding warrants based upon this type of violation during the pertinent period.

For the further assistance of the Bureau in connection with Supervisor LONG's inquiry concerning innocuous calls previously received by the individuals in Toronto whose identities subject assumed while in Toronto during the period from April 8 to May 6, 1968, attention is called to Buffalo airtel to the Bureau dated 6/11/68 with which were forwarded two copies of a memorandum setting forth a chronology of subject's activities while in Toronto insofar as was known at that time and which included specific references to the innocuous calls received by the individuals whose identities RAY assumed. More detailed data concerning these calls was undoubtedly submitted by Legat, Ottawa, since the RCMP in Toronto are known to have prepared a lengthy report for Legat, Ottawa, including that type of information.

The same situation exists insofar as the third point raised by Supervisor LONG in referenced telephone call, that is, the availability of vital statistics information utilized by RAY in connection with the assumed identities while in Toronto.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington  
August 22, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RE: HOWARD PHILLIP ETHRIDGE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On August 16, 1968, Howard Phillip Ethridge, inmate, Whitman County Jail, Colfax, Washington, stated that on August 13, 1968, he was hitchhiking from Walla Walla, Washington, to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Ethridge stated that he was picked up by two girls outside Walla Walla, Washington. He stated that near Colfax, Washington, he produced a gun and threatened the two girls. Ethridge stated that he told the girls that he had killed two policemen and wounded other men and that he had also participated in the assassination of Kennedy and the killing of Martin Luther King. Ethridge stated that he made this comment only as a means of scaring the two girls. He stated that he has never harmed anyone and is definitely not capable of killing anyone. He stated that he has no knowledge of the assassination of Kennedy and Martin Luther King other than what he has seen in newspapers. Ethridge stated that he thought that by making such a statement it would frighten the girls into cooperating with his demands and that he made the statement for no other purpose.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-38861)

DATE: September 6, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Seattle letter to the Bureau dated 8-22-68.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a self-explanatory LHM received from Seattle. This LHM is being disseminated to the Department.

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September 11, 1968

**AIRTEL**

To: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
**MURKIN**

*William Bradford Huie*

ReBHairtel to the Bureau dated 9/2/68.

You should not honor the request of Huie as set forth in referenced communication, and under no circumstances should you "bargain" with him.

Keep the Bureau fully advised of any further contacts Huie may make with you.

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**AIRTEL**

**To: SAC, Chicago (44-1114)**  
**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

By return communication advise your last date of contact with Harvey A. and Clara S. Klingeman.

As you were previously advised, you should insure that in the event Harvey A. and Clara S. Klingeman, owners of Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, are further contacted by William Bradford Huie, you are promptly notified, and the Bureau immediately advised.

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