

told us that on the advise of his attorneys he had given every scrap of paper in Ray's handwriting to Percy Foreman shortly after Foreman came into the case. I asked Mr. Huie if as he had stated earlier that his only interest in this matter was helping to effect the apprehension and exposure of co-conspirators, how he felt that his turning notes of Ray's over to Foreman was fair and consistent with that statement. I also asked Mr. Huie if General Canale hadn't on many occasions asked to confer with him and he had put General Canale off until this date. I reiterated that I couldn't see how his acts in delivering Ray's notes to Foreman was compatible with his statement that his only interest in the case was the exposure and apprehension of co-conspirators. Mr. Huie stated he would have to reflect on that for a while in view of what I had said. He related after reflection that if any time during the trial that we needed to verify something Ray is supposed to have said that that we thought would be beneficial, he would be available and would co-operate with us to that extent. I asked Mr. Huie if he had not made a statement that he had copies of all of these notes and would deliver them upon request to the State of Tennessee. He stated he might have made such a statement but he didn't have any material in his possession that he could copy. Mr. Huie related examples of Ray's lying to him as follows: The version of the escape from the Missouri Penitentiary as published in LOOK magazine was found to be a lie upon subsequent checking by Mr. Huie. The information as published in reference to the hold up of the house of prostitution in Montreal was later admitted to be a lie by Ray and in truth and in fact he held up a food center in Montreal along in early August of 1967 but when questioned about this by Mr. Huie, Ray said it was a half truth because in 1959 he did rob a house of prostitution in the same manner that he described to Mr. Huie. Mr. Huie related that he tried to verify Ray's hold up in Alton, Illinois, a bank and obtaining in the neighborhood of \$20,000 and Mr. Huie stated that he never could verify that he held up the bank in Alton, Illinois. Mr. Huie further related that he had working with him on verifying Ray's story a investigator by the name of Groovich (phoenetic). He then related that Oswald had lived in Exchange Alley in back of the Monte Leon Hotel and that

at that time the Monte Leon family had as their guests, pilots who had been ransomed from Cuba who had participated in the invasion of the Bay of Pigs. Huie related that Ray on his trip to New Orleans with Stein had met unknown, unnamed parties in a bar from which diagrams made by Ray, Huie concluded was across the street from the Monte Leon. Huie started relating about John F. Kennedy not supporting the invasion of Cuba and that because of that there was much resentment for the Kennedy family among the rescued participants of the invasion of Cuba. He further related that Garrison didn't have anything in his opinion other than a conspiracy that began and ended in the atmosphere of New Orleans. We asked Mr. Huie pointed questions about prior statements made by him in different localities as to him making the assertion that there are other co-conspirators. He stated he might have made statements of that kind. We asked Mr. Huie that if he had any facts or evidence or proof in his possession from any source that would indicate to him from his knowledge of this matter if there were and if there are any co-conspirators. He said that he did not have any proof and that his statements were based on suppositions and inferences that he had drawn from checking Ray's story. We informed Mr. Huie that in view of the fact that he had made these statements about the country and in particular Shelby County that we were handing him a subpoena for his appearance before the Shelby County Grand Jury on Friday, February 7. Mr. Huie accepted his subpoena and said he was not and would not try to avoid it and would be here and would testify. Mr. Huie also added that from his interviewing witnesses he had found that the FBI in showing mug shots to different witnesses for identification purposes that there had been in a group of pictures shown two or three pictures of the same individuals. Mr. Huie stated that the green spread that was used by James Earl Ray to wrap the bundle with the rifle that he dropped on Main Street had come from California. Mr. Huie state that he had purchased an identical rifle that Ray used from Donald Wood at Aeromarine Supply and that he had gone to the rooming house and re-enacted the assassination and that he was convinced that anyone could have made a shot of that kind. It did not take a marksman. Mr. Huie

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Mr. Huie further related that it struck him as peculiar that Ray did make trips to Aeromarine Supply which is in the vicinity of the airport in Birmingham and that also in that location was the headquarters of General Doster. He stated that Doster assembled the pilots that participated in the Bay of Pigs Invasion. He also stated that it was a known fact that people could come and go there in General Doster's headquarters who were of like character as Ray. Mr. Huie further related that Ray and his brothers were 100 per cent convinced that Wallace was going to be elected president of the United States and that we knew that Ray was politically motivated toward Wallace because of his activities in Los Angeles. He further related that Ray is very disappointed at this time in that Wallace was not elected and that he didn't receive the support from the people that he thought he was going to receive by killing King. Mr. Huie felt that Jerry Ray knew prior to the killing what James Earl was going to do and that he knew after the killing and that he assisted James Earl Ray.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re ~~ME~~airtel to the Bureau dated 1-30-69.

Review of this matter discloses that Legat, Mexico, received information that Negro males from a cruise ship "Italia" sailing from the Los Angeles, California, area and docking at Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on or about 10-29-67, were involved in an altercation with James Earl Ray while Ray was drinking in a cafe with a Mexican prostitute.

This information was provided to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr. State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is prosecuting the state's case against James Earl Ray. Mr. Canale indicated that it would be helpful in his case if the crew members from the cruise ship "Italia" could be located and interviewed, as this would possibly establish Ray's prior anti-Negro sentiments.

Los Angeles ascertained that the "Princess Italia" did not arrive at Puerto Vallarta until 12-19-67, and it was further determined that other cruise ships sailing from the Los Angeles area did not stop at Puerto Vallarta during the pertinent period of the altercation.

In view of the fact that Los Angeles conducted extensive investigation to determine identity of any ship that was docked at Puerto Vallarta with negative results; it is possible that the Negro crew members could have been from a yacht or private boat, and in view of the time that the altercation took place, it does not seem feasible that further investigation should be conducted in this matter.

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (RUC)

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Re Philadelphia airtel 1/23/69.

All information regarding the Reverend JAMES BEVEL SCLC, and his statements regarding JAMES EARL RAY has been furnished the Bureau and Memphis.

Philadelphia is conducting no further investigation.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1487) AND NEW ORLEANS (157-10653)
FR-M LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 3 P

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS FEBRUARY FIVE
INSTANT.
DAVE LARSEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER, ADVISED FEBRUARY
FIVE INSTANT THAT DURING APRIL SIX EIGHT WHEN SEARCH WAS
BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE JAMES EARL RAY, HE INTERVIEWED
CHARLES STEIN, RE HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RAY. STEIN ATTEMPTED
TO SELL FOR ABOUT TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS TO LARSEN AND FELLOW
REPORTER JERRY COHEN, A PIECE OF PAPER WHICH STEIN STATED
BORE RAY'S HANDWRITING. PAPER WAS SLIP TSED IN MOTELS TO
RECORD MESSAGES FOR GUEST WHEN AWAY FROM ROOM.

STEIN ALLEGEDLY CAME INTO POSSESSION OF PAPER WHEN RAY,
DURING TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS FROM LOS ANGELES IN DECEMBER ONE
NINE SIX SEVEN, GAVE STEIN PHONE NUMBER IN NEW ORLEANS WHERE
HE COULD BE CONTACTED RE RETURN TO LOS ANGELES.
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5 1 RAY WROTE THE PHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE AND GAVE IT TO STEIN. ON THE REVERSE SIDE WAS A HANDWRITTEN MESSAGE "CALL GREYHOUND BUS STATION". LARSEN STATED HE IMITATED THE HANDWRITING AND COMPARED IT TO COPY OF RAY'S HANDWRITING HE LOCATED AT THE INTERNATIONAL DANCE SCHOOL, LONG BEACH. FROM OBSERVATION, LARSEN BELIEVES HANDWRITING TO BE IDENTICAL TO RAY'S. STEIN ADVISED LARSEN HE DID NOT WANT TO GIVE PAPER TO AUTHORITIES SINCE HE DID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED AND IF LARSEN DID NOT BUY IT HE WOULD DESTROY IT.

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5 LARSEN STATED HE MADE CALL TO FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE WHICH WAS THE NUMBER OF THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE BARRACKS IN NEW ORLEANS. HE STATED HE DID NOT FEEL RAY WOULD BE ASSOCIATING WITH ANYONE AT THE STATE POLICE BARRACKS AND WANTED NO MORE OF IT.

COHEN IS PRESENTLY IN NEW ORLEANS TO COVER THE CLAY SHAW TRIAL. COHEN DETERMINED THAT THERE IS A STATE TROOPER RAUL V. ESQUIBEL ASSIGNED TO THIS BARRACKS.

LARSEN STATED HE RECALLS IN READING WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE'S ACCOUNT OF RAY'S LIFE IN "LOOK MAGAZINE", THAT RAY
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HAD MADE A RENDEZVOUS WITH A RAUL AT A GREYHOUND BUS STATION
AND THOUGH THE FOREGOING MAYBE OF SIGNIFICANCE.

LOS ANGELES WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATED CHARLES STEIN TO
DETERMINE IF HE STILL HAS PAPER IN HIS POSSESSION.

NEW ORLEANS SHOULD DETERMINE CORRECT SUBSCRIBER TO
PHONE NUMBER AND IDENTIFY RAUL V. ESQUIBEL. NEW ORLEANS
SHOULD COMPARE THIS PHONE NUMBER WITH PHONE NUMBER OF MOTEL
WHERE RAY STAYED IN NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER ONE NINE SIX SEVEN,
TO DETERMINE IF NUMBERS HAVE ANY SIMILARITY.

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FBI MEMPHIS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SPC JENKINS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 2-6-69

At Approximately 1:15 a.m., this date, a telephone operator contacted this office. When SPC Jenkins answered the phone, the operator told the party "The FBI is on the line; go ahead. She made this statement several times, at which time the party hung up.

When SPC Jenkins asked the operator who the caller was, she stated, he gave no name; but wanted the Memphis PD. He stated he had been shot and then changed his mind and asked for the Memphis FBI. The operator got a fix on the phone, which is located at 1056 College, Apt. #10. This is the residence of Robert M. Gaines.

The MPD was advised of this conversation at 1:37 a.m., this date. During the conversation with the police department, this office received another call from Gaines. The PD was advised that Gaines was on another line. Lt. Keller stated he would send a patrol car to Gaines' residence.

Gaines stated he wanted the FBI to go to Mahalia Jackson Chicken Place and tell B.L. Hooks, Jr. or Louis Vestral that "Mitchell Parks is one of the best qualified people in the soul kitchens" signed R.M. Gaines, 1056 College Street, Apt.10.

Gaines sounded quite intoxicated during this call.

Lt. Keller of the MPD contacted this office at 3:21a.m. and stated Gaines was at home unharmed and "drunk".

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, LOS ANGELES 44-1574
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673 P
SUBJECT MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS 2/5/69, AND
LOS ANGELES TELETYPE FEB. FIVE, LAST.

MR JERRY COHEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWS REPORTER IN NEW
ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, RESIDING AT THE COCHETTA MOTEL, ROOM 216,
TELEPHONE 822-1560, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE HAD CONTACTED THE
LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE FBI AND HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE
NEW ORLEANS OFFICE OF THE FBI.

COHEN ADVISED THAT HE AND DAVE LAWSON OF LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA, WHO IS ALSO A REPORTER OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, HAD
OBTAINED FROM CHARLES STEIN A TELEPHONE
NUMBER WITHIN ONE WEEK AFTER THE ARREST OF JAMES EARL RAY.

COHEN STATED THAT DAVE LAWSON HAD MADE ALL THE NOTES OF
THE CONVERSATION WITH STEIN, BUT THAT AS HE, COHEN, RECALLS IT,
STEIN SHOWED LAWSON A PIECE OF PAPER WHICH CONTAINED A TELEPHONE
NUMBER AND THAT LAWSON HAD COPIED THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FROM STEIN'S
PIECE OF PAPER INTO LAWSON'S NOTE.

WHEN STEIN WAS QUESTIONED CONCERNING THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER,
RAY HAD SAID THIS IS WHERE HE GOT HIS WEATHER REPORT

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COHEN STATED THAT STEIN TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER TALKING TO COHEN AND LAWSON HAD MADE A CALL TO NEW ORLEANS AND HAD DETERMINED THIS NUMBER WAS A NUMBER FOR TROOP B OF THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE LOCATED IN THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS AREA.

COHEN STATE THAT NEITHER HE NOR LAWSON HAD FURNISHED THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER TO THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE FBI AND WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS WAS AN OVERSIGHT ADVISED THAT SUBCONSCIOUSLY IT HAD BEEN FORGOTTEN WITH THE HOPE IT MIGHT MATERIALIZE INTO A GOOD STORY.

COHEN ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE THE TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH HIM BUT HAD MADE A CONTACT IN NEW ORLEANS WHILE HERE TO ATTEND THE CLAY SHAW TRIAL, WHO HAD DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS A LOUISIANA STATE TROOPER AT TROOP B NAMED RAUL V. ESQUIVEL.

COHEN ADVISED HE HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS NUMBER, BUT THAT LAWSON WOULD HAVE MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION FROM HIS NOTES.

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WAS CONDUCTED IN NEW ORLEANS FILE 44-2401, BUREAU FILE 44-26940
IN THE CASE CAPTIONED "TROOPER RAUL VICTOR ESQUIVEL, LOUISIANA
STATE POLICE, FERDINAND JOSEPH HORIO, JR. - VICTIM, CR."

INSTANT REPORT REFLECTS ESQUIVEL IN 1964 DESCRIBED AS WHITE
MALE, DOB [REDACTED] BRITISH, HONDURAS, EMPLOYMENT LOUISIANA
STATE POLICE, TROOP B, METAIRIE, LA., LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT SEVEN
YEARS, RESIDENCE 4524 PARSIMMON ST. METAIRIE, LA.

R. L. POLK'S NEW ORLEANS CITY DIRECTORY FOR NINETEEN
SIXTYEIGHT LISTS TELEPHONE NUMBER ^{4 8 2 - 5 7}
FIVE ONE TO STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TROOP B.

THIS NUMBER WAS DIALED THIS DATE AND THE TROOPER ANSWERING PHONE
STATED "STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS" AND THEN UPON INQUIRY
STATED THAT IT WAS TROOP B.

THE CURENT NEW ORLEANS TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS TELEPHONE
NUMBDR FIVE TWO FOUR DASH SIX FOUR FOUR SIX TO THE PROVINCIAL
MOTEL, ONE ZERO TWO FOUR CHARTRES STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LA. THE
PROVINCIAL MOTEL IS WHERE RAY STAYED IN NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER,
SIXTYSEVEN.

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8 NEW ORLEANS INDICES NEGATIVE RELATIVE TO TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR
EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE.

LOS ANGELES , IN CONNECTION WITH PENDING INTERVIEW WITH CHARLES STEIN, CHECK LONG DISTANCE CALLS, IF RECORDS AVAILABLE OF STEIN, TO NEW ORLEANS.

UAC, NEW ORLEANS WILL, UPON RECEIPT OF RESULTS OF LOS ANGELES INTERVIEW WITH STEIN , INTERVIEW RAUL VICTOR ESQUIVEL IN DEPTH FOR ANY KNOWLEDGE HE MAY POSSESS CONCERNING RAY, STEIN AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS PERTINENT TO INSTANT MATTER. WILL ALSO DISPLAY TO ESQUIVEL, PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY, STEIN AND OTHER LOGICAL INDIVIDUALS.

LHM FOLLOWS.

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