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FBI FILE NO. 100-33541
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

of

Wife of [REDACTED]

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INVESTIGATION

Bureau File Number 100-33541

DO NOT DESTROY - PRESERVE FOR
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6-43 PM URGENT 5/14/68 GFH

TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SUBJECT SPENT A CONSIDERABLE
SUM OF MONEY FROM APRIL TWENTY-THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN TO
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY-EIGHT, AND THE SOURCE OF HIS MONEY
HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, HIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED
TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES AND
BANK BURGLARIES IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE WITNESSES ARE
AVAILABLE. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE REQUESTING
OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TO
WITNESSES IN THEIR UNSOLVED ROBBERIES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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*NOTE - no 91. burglary
in division has
available witnesses*

*on 5/15
R/s sent to agents with unsolved
91's involving white males between
7/23/67 and present re above.*

Cases are:
91-2623 - ROGERS
91-2640 - HALL
91-2650 - CRISWOLD
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*Review 9/16 - not
out here*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

FROM : SA GENE L. STEPHENS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/15/68

Re memo of SA DANIEL E. BRANDT, 4/18/68.

On 5/7/68, SA GENE L. STEPHENS and WILLIAM PAUL CALLIS interviewed Milwaukee Road Railroad Detective RICHARD VAN SCOY, who stated that he had observed an individual resembling the photos which appeared in the newspaper on JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that this individual was called to his attention by CLAYTON DENESEUS, also an employee of the railroad.

He stated that the individual first entered the depot at approximately 12:30 a.m. and went to the restaurant where he ate and departed at approximately 1:45 a.m., on 4/18/68. He advised that he again observed the individual having returned at approximately 5:40 a.m.; however, the individual remained only a few minutes and then left. He stated that the individual had a dress type hat pulled low over his eyes and therefore, he was unable to get a good look into his face. He stated that the individual had no luggage with him.

VAN SCOY described this individual as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 7"
Weight	160 - 170
Age	35
Complexion	Dark
Remark	Two day's growth of beard
Clothing	Dark zippered jacket and dark hat.



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At this point the writer exhibited all available photos JAMES EARL RAY to VAN SCOY and discussed his physical description with him.

VAN SCOY stated that he believed the individual he observed closely resembled the photo of RAY with the exception of the protruding left ear and further stated that the individual he observed to be somewhat shorter than RAY's listed height of 5' 10". VAN SCOY stated that he could provide no further information concerning this individual.

On May 8, 1968, SAs STEPHENS and CALLIS interviewed HENRY CLAYTON DENASEUS, Baggage Clerk, Milwaukee Road Railroad, who advised that he observed an individual on two different occasions during the early morning hours of 4/18/68, which he believed to resemble photographs of JAMES EARL RAY published in a Milwaukee newspaper. He further stated that he had called this individual's presence to RICHARD VAN SCOY, Milwaukee Road Railroad Detective. He stated the individual entered the depot shortly after midnight and went to the restaurant where he ate and then departed the depot at approximately 1:45 a.m. He stated that the individual's actions appeared suspicious to him and upon observing him closely he believed he closely resembled the pictures he had seen of RAY. He described the individual he observed in the depot as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 7 - 8"
Weight	160
Age	35 - 40
Complexion	Dark
Remark	One or two days' growth of beard
Clothing	Dark hat pulled over his eyes.

He stated that at no time did he notice this individual to make any other purchases other than the meal in the restaurant. He stated the individual had no conversation or contact with anyone in the depot.

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DENASEUS observed all available photos of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the man he observed appeared very similar to the photograph with the possible exception of the ears and he appeared to be somewhat shorter than RAY's listed height. He further advised that he based this similarity primarily on the mouth and nose as the individual wore a hat over his eyes and he could not observe the individual's hair and eyes.

VAN SCOY and DENASEUS advised that neither had observed this individual since the above time and that they would immediately contact the FBI should the individual return to the depot.

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Date May 13, 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:

Enclosed for assistance of each office in connection with any laundry checks being made are photographs of laundry marks placed on shirt and bed linen for James Earl Ray while using the name of Eric Starvo Galt in the Los Angeles area.

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Clark Thinks King Suspect Still Alive

Washington, D. C. —UPI—
Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark expressed the belief Sunday that escaped convict James Earl Ray, accused of slaying the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., remains alive. He said he was "very optimistic" that Ray would be captured.

Clark said he found no evidence to support theories that Ray had been hired by conspirators to kill King and then himself was killed. "We have no evidence to believe that he is not still alive," he said. "I believe we will find him," Clark said.

Citing the "massive man-hunt" underway for Ray, he said, "It is awfully difficult for an individual, and particularly an individual about whom so much is known, to remain at large in the United States under these circumstances."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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MILWAUKEE SENTINEL
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Date: 5/13/68

Edition: FINAL

Author:

Editor: HARRY SONNEBORN

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Date 5/3/68

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, also known as - FUGITIVE
Identification Order 4182; Wanted Flyer 442A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; INTERSTATE
FLIGHT - ROBBERY

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Remarks:

Enclosed are five smooth finished copies of the photograph of James Earl Ray. The Memphis Division is the office of origin in this investigation. Memphis Office file number is 44-1987.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Miami airtel dated 5/6/68.

The Randolph, Mass., List of Persons by Streets listed the following as residents of 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass:

JAMES BUTTE, 20, at home
JOSEPHINE, 45, waitress

Personnel, Randolph, Mass. PD, on 5/7/68, advised their records contained no information concerning EARL B. SHIELDS.

Mrs. JOSEPHINE BUTTE, 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass., on 5/8/68, advised that EARL B. SHIELDS was a roomer at her residence for about 3 or 4 months during the Spring of 1967. She said SHIELDS was an electrician and worked somewhere on Cape Cod, place unknown. When he left, she did not know where he went nor did she know his current whereabouts.

She described SHIELDS as follows:

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1 - Birmingham (info) (RM)
1 - Kansas City (info) (RM)
2 - Memphis (RM)
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

White male, about 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds, receding brown hair, blue eyes, 2 inch scar under right side of nose, age about 38.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was exhibited to Mrs. BUTTE and she stated that SHIELDS positively was not RAY and that he did not resemble him.

On 5/10/68, EARL B. SHIELDS telephonically contacted the Boston FBI Office and said that he could be reached at 110 Squantum St., Milton, Mass.

SHIELDS was interviewed on 5/10/68 and advised the following:

He said that he left Pompano Beach, Florida, on 4/2/68 and that he is an electrician. He travelled to Chattanooga, Tennessee, with a fellow worker, EARL HARE, Pompano Beach, Florida, to secure a job with the TVA. He arrived at Chattanooga the same night. Union Hall told him there was no immediate work. He left Chattanooga, Tennessee, on 4/3/68 and went to Hamilton, Ohio, and checked into the Country Club Motel on Route 4 on 4/3/68. He secured work through the Union with Armco Steel Corp., Middletown, Ohio, where he worked for about two weeks.

SHIELDS is staying at the residence of his brother, 110 Squantum Road, Milton, Mass., before departing for New York City, N.Y., to seek employment.

The following is a description of SHIELDS:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB	<input type="text"/>
POB:	Boston, Mass.
Height:	5 feet 10½ inches
Weight:	165 pounds
Hair:	Brown, receding
Eyes:	Blue

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Complexion: Dark, tanned

Scars and Marks: 1 inch scar left jaw;
2 inch scar under right
side of nose

Inasmuch as SHIELDS has accounted for his whereabouts on 4/4/68 and is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, no further action is contemplated.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

DATE: 5/14/68

FROM : SA RALPH D. PERRIGO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted
by SAs RALPH D. PERRIGO and GENE L. STEPHENS; on 4/28/68:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

ROBERT D. MATHEWS, 2122 North 24th Street, advised that on 4/27/68, at approximately 9 PM, he was standing at the corner of 10th and Center Streets, Milwaukee, at which time a white station wagon bearing Michigan license plates and carrying five white males, stopped and asked him to take them to a place where they could get a drink. He said they went to the Bamboo Club, Teutonia and Center Streets, where all six had several drinks. He said that while enroute to the club the driver of the automobile made a statement to him, "Would you know KING's killer if you were riding in the car with him"? He said the driver appeared to be intoxicated and continued to ramble about the assassination and stated something to the effect that they were to receive \$80,000 for their part in the murder.

He advised that after leaving the Bamboo Club they went to another tavern on North Avenue where they continued to consume several drinks. About 11 PM they drove him home. He stated that none of the five stated where they were from or where they would be going after driving him home.

MATHEWS stated that he had observed a photograph of Dr. KING's assassinator in the local newspaper and stated one of the individuals who had ridden in the back seat had resembled the photograph. MATHEWS stated that he was very intoxicated and after viewing several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY he stated that he does not feel that the individual whom he had previously referred to resembled any of the photographs of RAY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM : SA ELDON J. MUELLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Memo of SA GEORGE J. VOPAL 5/6/68.

On 5/7/68, Lt. REINHOLD ALTENBURG, Identification Division, Madison Police Department, and Captain THOMAS A. PETERSON, Dane County Sheriff's Office, were contacted with respect to comparing latent fingerprints which are unidentified in their departments since the escape of the subject from the Missouri State Penitentiary on 4/23/67.

On 5/10/68, Lt. ALTENBURG and Captain PETERSON advised that such comparisons had been made with negative results.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) -P-

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM : SA RALPH LOUIS MORGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/14/68, the Madison RA was telephonically contacted by Miss E. JOY MC LAUGHLIN, 503 North Page Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin, telephone 873-9440. Miss MC LAUGHLIN advised that on 5/13/68 between approximately 11 AM and 11:30 AM she was at the Octopus Car Wash 907 South Park St., Madison, Wisconsin having her vehicle washed when she observed an employee of the Octopus Car Wash whom she believed resembled JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that she did not look directly at this individuals face, but noticed that he was a thin white male, with a cleft in his chin. She could furnish no additional descriptive data of this individual except to state that the individual was wearing light blue coveralls with the number 51 and approximately 3 inch white numerals on the back of the coveralls.

On 5/14/68, Mr. HENRY DOPKINS, Manager, Octopus Car Wash, 907 South Park St., Madison, Wisconsin, advised that the only individual working at this car wash on 5/13/68, who fit the description furnished by Miss MC LAUGHLIN was WALTER L. DUDLEY, who is the assistant manager of the Octopus Car Wash on East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin, and, who on 5/13/68 was wearing blue coveralls with numerals 51 on the back.

DOPKINS advised that DUDLEY was working only temporarily at the location on South Park Street on 5/13/68, as he is employed as the company's assistant manager at the location at East Washington Avenue. He stated that a check with his personnel office revealed DUDLEY has been employed by the Octopus Car Wash since March 17, 1968 under social security number [redacted]. His address is 1038 Northport Dr., Madison, Wisconsin. DOPKINS stated that the company does not require any additional identifying data of its employees.



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DOPKINS further stated that a check of the company's records indicated that on April 4, 1968 DUDLEY was employed at the company's location on East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin, between the hours of 8 AM through 1:25 PM. DOPKINS advised that, through his association with DUDLEY, he knows DUDLEY to be a white male, age 32.

DOPKINS stated that DUDLEY slightly resembles the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY; however, DUDLEY is much darker in complexion than is RAY.

On 5/14/68, checks were made of the Credit Bureau of Madison and a driver's record file of the Motor Vehicle Department without locating any record of WALTER L. DUDLEY.

No further action is recommended.

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TO : SAC (44-388)

FROM : SA CLIFFORD E. HUHTA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/15/68

AT SUPERIOR, WIS.

KENNETH BEETCHER, Identification Officer, Superior PD, advised 5/13/68 that they have no file of unidentified latent fingerprints as such, stating that if they have some such prints they are in the case folders, and they would have to look at all of their files, thousands of them, to find perhaps a few such prints. He said he does not recall any unidentified latent fingerprints which they have maintained since 4/23/67.

AT ASHLAND, WIS.

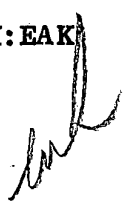
DONALD TOLLIVER, Chief, Ashland PD, advised 5/14/68 that they have no unidentified latent fingerprints in file for any case that he knows of which were obtained since 4/23/67.

TOLLIVER advised they have no baker's union local in Ashland but are affiliated with the Duluth, Minn. Baker of Workers Union local.

AT SUPERIOR, WIS.

ROBERT SAUNDERS, Patio Cafe and Bakery, advised 5/14/68 that their bakery employees are affiliated with the bakery workers local in Duluth, Minn., twin city of Superior, Wis.

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DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA RONALD R. DECKER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/13/68, the following persons were contacted concerning a 1953 Chevrolet Panel Truck, dark green in color which had been cut down by hand to make it a Chevy Pickup truck. It had Arkansas License plates, one tail light in the back and was driven by a white woman with a white male passenger. The vehicle had been stopped by ROBERT CORNING of the Wisconsin State Traffic Patrol on Highway 51 south of Westfield, Wisconsin at approximately 2 PM 5/11/68. These persons advised they could furnish no information concerning the vehicle or the occupants:

OLIVE WARD
Bay View Motel
Pardeeville, Wis.

Miss BRUCE BRANT
BB Motel
Pardeeville, Wis.

EILEEN MAY
Pleasant Oaks Motel
Pardeeville, Wis.

BETTY MEIERTIRK
Indian Trails Camp Grounds
Pardeeville, Wis.

HARRY BEAHM
Wilderness Camp Grounds
Pardeeville, Wis.

Deputy RINGLESETTER
Columbia County Sheriff's Office
Pardeeville, Wisconsin



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ROGER RAUDE
Lake George Camp Site
Wyocena, Wis.

Mrs. HOWARD BORGZ
Willow Mills Camp Grounds
Wyocena, Wis.

TONY BAILLES
Town Marshal
Pardeeville, Wis.

MIKE EGGELSTRON, Mobil Station Attendant, Pardeeville, Wisconsin, advised that the above mentioned vehicle stopped at the Mobil Station between 10 and 11 AM on 5/11/68. The vehicle was driven by a white female, approximately 50 years old, 195 lbs., with grey and black unkempt hair. She purchased \$2 worth of gasoline and she paid for it in cash. EGGELSTRON stated that the white male in the vehicle was approximately 140 lbs., black hair, 50 years old and seemed very nervous. EGGELSTRON viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that this photograph did not look anything like the person who was the passenger in the vehicle.

HERBERT BURNS, Mobil Station, Pardeeville, Wisconsin, advised that on 5/13/68 at approximately 10:30 AM the aforementioned vehicle stopped at the service station. A white female had been driving the vehicle and she purchased \$5 worth of gasoline which she paid for with five one dollar bills. She then drove the vehicle from the Mobil Station in a northerly direction on Highway 22. BURNS advised that the woman was approximately 50 years old, very heavy and had a generally an unkempt appearance. He advised that a male passenger in the vehicle said nothing while the vehicle was being serviced and such passenger was described as white male, American, 50 years old, 145 lbs., black hair. BURNS stated that he could not estimate the man's height, insomuch as at all times the man was sitting and BURNS paid little attention to him. BURNS viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that the man in the vehicle was a much older man than RAY, that the man in the vehicle had a hard shaped faced and he did not believe the man in the vehicle was RAY.

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STELLA ELLEN, Wyocena Grocery Store, Wyocena, Wisconsin, advised that on 5/11/68, at approximately 11 AM a man and a woman stopped outside of the grocery store in the above mentioned vehicle and entered the grocery store to do some shopping. She stated that the man did all the shopping while the woman stood around with her arms folded and waited. She advised that approximately \$8 worth of groceries were purchased and the entire purchase was paid for in cash. She described the woman as a white American, approximately 50 years of age, with stringy grey hair, and very heavy. She described the male as a white American, 50 - 55 years old, black hair, 130 lbs., 5'5" tall ruddy complexion, and very nervous. ELLEN viewed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that the photograph of RAY looked absolutely nothing like the person who was in her grocery store on that day.

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SA RONALD R. DECKER

MURKIN

On 5/13/68, the following persons were contacted concerning a 1953 Chevrolet Panel Truck, dark green in color which had been cut down by hand to make it a Chevy Pickup truck. It had Arkansas License plates, one tail light in the back and was driven by a white woman with a white male passenger. The vehicle had been stopped by ROBERT CORNING of the Wisconsin State Traffic Patrol on Highway 51 south of Westfield, Wisconsin at approximately 2 PM 5/11/68. These persons advised they could furnish no information concerning the vehicle or the occupants:

OLIVE WARD
Bay View Motel
Pardeeville, Wis.

Miss BRUCE BRANT
BB Motel
Pardeeville, Wis.

EILEEN MAY
Fleasant Oaks Motel
Pardeeville, Wis.

BETTY MEIERTIRK
Indian Trails Camp Grounds
Pardeeville, Wis.

HARRY BEAHM
Wilderness Camp Grounds
Pardeeville, Wis.

Deputy RINGLESETTER
Columbia County Sheriff's Office
Pardeeville, Wisconsin

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ROGER RAUDE
Lake George Camp Site
Wyocena, Wis.

Mrs. HOWARD BORGZ
Willow Mills Camp Grounds
Wyocena, Wis.

TONY BAILLES
Town Marshal
Pardeeville, Wis.

MIKE EGCELSTRON, Mobil Station Attendant, Pardeeville, Wisconsin, advised that the above mentioned vehicle stopped at the Mobil Station between 10 and 11 AM on 5/11/68. The vehicle was driven by a white female, approximately 50 years old, 195 lbs., with grey and black unkempt hair. She purchased \$2 worth of gasoline and she paid for it in cash. EGCELSTRON stated that the white male in the vehicle was approximately 140 lbs., black hair, 50 years old and seemed very nervous. EGCELSTRON viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that this photograph did not look anything like the person who was the passenger in the vehicle.

HERBERT BURNS, Mobil Station, Pardeeville, Wisconsin, advised that on 5/13/68 at approximately 10:30 AM the aforementioned vehicle stopped at the service station. A white female had been driving the vehicle and she purchased \$5 worth of gasoline which she paid for with five one dollar bills. She then drove the vehicle from the Mobil Station in a northerly direction on Highway 22. BURNS advised that the woman was approximately 50 years old, very heavy and had a generally an unkempt appearance. He advised that a male passenger in the vehicle said nothing while the vehicle was being serviced and such passenger was described as white male, American, 50 years old, 145 lbs., black hair. BURNS stated that he could not estimate the man's height, insomuch as at all times the man was sitting and BURNS paid little attention to him. BURNS viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that the man in the vehicle was a much older man than RAY, that the man in the vehicle had a hard shaped faced and he did not believe the man in the vehicle was RAY.

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To: All SACS
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968, and prior to his departing Los Angeles, in March of 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

This should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

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To: All SACS
LEGATS, Mexico City
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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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In order to cover the possibility that subject may have died since commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted and they advised that no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested that each state may maintain such a record in their Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency.

There is no known Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information; and it is possible that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would only be maintained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities, or the like.

Each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if such records are maintained, and if so, should check records for the period from 4-5-68, to date, for any information which might possibly identify subject Ray with unidentified deceased person over that period.

If there is no central record repository maintained in the various states or nationally in the case of Mexico and Canada, you should, in connection with your contacts with law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, make appropriate inquiries relative to

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Airtel to All SACS and LEGATS, Mexico City and Ottawa
RE: MURKIN

unidentified dead for the period beginning 4-5-68; and if fingerprints on such dead are maintained, they should be compared with those on the Identification Order on Ray in order to effect identification or nonidentification. This should be handled in the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines.

The Identification Division has placed an appropriate stop on unidentified deceased inquiries it may receive. If feasible, appropriate offices and Legats, Mexico City and Ottawa should place similar stops with appropriate state, local or national agencies in your territories.

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A I R T E L

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Milwaukee airtel to the Director dated 5/13/68.

Referenced airtel requested investigation of Chicago and Memphis based upon the theft of credit cards from MARSHALL I. GOLDMAN, Aurora, Illinois, who was assaulted by three white males at Madison, Wisconsin, on 2/27/68, in view of a possible tie in this case because of phone calls made to and originating from Memphis, Tennessee, around 4/4/68.

Review of the airtel places the assailants in Madison, Wisconsin, on 2/27/68, in Chicago, Illinois, on 3/8 and 3/11/68 and 4/3/68. In addition, phone calls were made from Booneville, Mississippi, and Baldwin, Mississippi, on 3/29 and 3/31/68. In view of the fact that the subject was known to be in Los Angeles at the St. Francis Hotel from 1/22 to 3/17/68 and that he purchased the murder weapon in Birmingham, Alabama, on 3/29-30/68 plus the fact that a call was made from Chicago, Illinois, on 4/3/68 when it was known that the subject was registered in the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, it appears to this office that the assailants of GOLDMAN and/or the individual utilizing his credit cards could not logically be identical with the subject and the requested investigation will not be conducted UACB.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-388)

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM : SA Thomas J. Graham

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo SA George J. Vopal 5/6/68.

On 5/8/68, Chief of Police Arvin Ziehlisdorf, Eau Claire, Wis. Police Dept., advised that his department did not maintain a file on unidentified latent fingerprints. He said he was not aware of any department in this area that did maintain such a file.

On 5/14/68, Chief of Police James Buchanan, Chippewa Falls, Wis. Police Dept., advised that his department did not maintain a file on unidentified latent fingerprints.

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

May 14, 1968

SAC, RICHMOND (44-657)-P-

MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re WILLIAM WALTON.

Re Milwaukee letter to Albuquerque dated 4/23/68.

Regarding referenced letter, no copy to Memphis, the Milwaukee Office advised that JOHN STOSNY, Wisconsin State Patrol, advised on going through his old wanted cards, checking aliases of JAMES EARL RAY, he observed the name WILLIAM WALTON, wanted by the Richmond, Virginia Police Department, item dated May 15, 1959, number 7720, file 5KQB9, for Forgery. He was of the opinion the description of WALTON was very familiar to that of RAY. A check of the files of the Richmond Police Department on May 7, 1968, by SA CLAUDE A. BASS, revealed the following:

WILLIAM "WILLIE" WALTON, Richmond Police Department, Identification Number 12941, is a Negro male. WILLIAM WALTON, also known as WALTERS, Identification Number 16447, is a Negro male. WILLY WALTON, Richmond Police Department arrest number 227933, is a Negro male.

The records contained a stop wanted flash for WILLIAM C. WALTON, Document Number 3562, of 5714 "S" Road or Stuart Road, Galveston, Texas, a white male, which the department held a felony warrant for worthless check forgery, for a check issued by WALTON on May 13, 1959, at Richmond, Virginia; however, the stop flash was not placed in their files for WALTON until June 1964.

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Sergeant JAMES KEA, Detective, Richmond, Virginia Police Department, advised he was the officer placing the wanted stop flash for WALTON, and that the individual's full name was WILLIAM CLINTON WALTON, of Galveston, Texas, also known as HERBERT E. TOMLIN. He stated that as of May 1959, WALTON was described as a white male, 22 years, 5' 11", 160 pounds, brown hair, with a tattoo on the back of both hands -- "BILL" on one and "ANN" on the other. KEA stated that WALTON was never in custody of the Richmond Police Department, and they had no prints for him, nor arrest numbers. He said the check which WALTON had issued had been dated May 12, 1959, in the amount of \$75, drawn on the First and Merchants Bank, Richmond, Virginia, payable to WILLIAM C. WALTON, by HERBERT E. TOMLIN, and presented to Mr. WILLIAM R. SCHAUB, Proprietor of the Old Dominion T. V. Shop, 5013 Forrest Hill Avenue. KEA advised that on June 2, 1959, the department had received information from the Virginia State Police, their teletype number 7720-K, referencing Richmond Police Department teletype number 851, dated May 13, 1959, to the effect subject had been arrested by the Police Department, Austin, Texas, and was then in custody of the Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas. Richmond Police Department had subsequently advised that the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Richmond, Virginia, would not extradite subject from Texas, and would only send for him if he was still located within the state of Virginia, or in adjoining state. Sergeant KEA stated their warrant for WALTON was still outstanding, however, his present whereabouts was still unknown. He further advised that their records set forth that WILLIAM C. WALTON's FBI Number is 735344, however, the source of this information was unknown to him.

It would appear from the above information that WILLIAM C. WALTON is not identical with subject of this case, however, should further check be required, it is suggested that possible fingerprints and the verified FBI Number might be obtained through the Austin, Texas Police Department, or the Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-388)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SPC PATRICK J. RUTZINSKI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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On instant date, at approximately 11:40pm, writer received a call from one EVERETT TYNER, 730 Harrison St., Beloit, Wisconsin, no phone, re ~~RAY~~ James Earl Ray. Caller stated that he was in a phone booth near the Fairbanks Morse plant in Beloit and that he could lead the FBI to Ray. He stated that he has known Ray for 5 years. When questioned by writer, caller stated "if you don't want the information" and then abruptly hung up. It is to be noted that caller obviously had been drinking although not completely intoxicated.

The above for info purposes and any action deemed necessary. SA Johnson advised re above and no further action taken by writer.



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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

John Eugene Gawron was interviewed by St. Louis Office and advised he taught Ray to be a burglar. He stated that on or about 6/23-24/67, he read in the Chicago "Tribune" of a \$50,000 bank burglary in a southern state and recalled that he and Ray cased the same bank in 1958 or 1959, but did not rob the bank at that time because he injured his leg. A few days after reading this article Gawron claims he was visited by a man whom he refuses to identify and whom he believes he introduced to Ray in 1959. This man told Gawron he and others had robbed the bank, displayed a valise full of money and gave Gawron \$250. About six weeks ago this man again visited Gawron and allegedly indicated to him that Ray and one or more other persons had been involved with him in the bank robbery.

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5/20/68

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Airtel SACs, Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, Jackson,
Kansas City, Knoxville, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis,
New Orleans, Omaha, Little Rock, St. Louis, Springfield

RE: MURKIN

During this interview Gawron refused to identify the bank or the man who visited him. He did say that the bank was in the deep South in a State like Mississippi, but not in Mississippi, in a city that is not small and is near a river. The robbers were out of state in five minutes and the loot amounted to \$50,000, plus or minus two thousand.

Based upon available information, the Chicago "Tribune" and the Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed without finding any reference to a robbery such as Gawron described.

Gawron has now been reinterviewed and he denies having any contact with Ray since Ray's escape. Regarding the southern bank robbery Gawron previously alleged Ray was involved in, Gawron now states that this could have occurred in July, 1967, instead of June, and was in a city on the east bank of the Mississippi River.

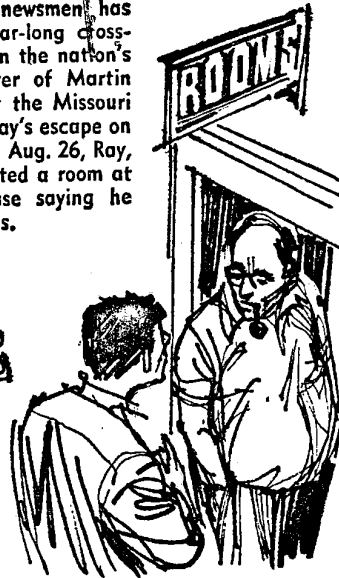
Each office receiving this communication should make a review of their records to determine if such bank robbery or any other robbery coming within the jurisdiction of the Bureau occurred. You should make inquiry at appropriate police departments to determine if a robbery of this magnitude exists in their files.

Armed and dangerous.

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James earl Ray : MAN ON THE RUN

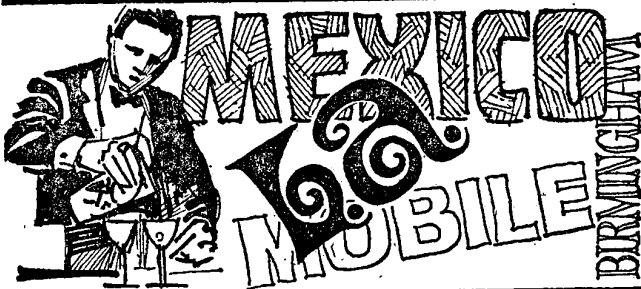
Sleuthing by federal agents and newsmen has pieced together key moves in a year-long cross-country journey of the No. 1 man on the nation's wanted list—the suspected murderer of Martin Luther King Jr. The trail starts at the Missouri State Penitentiary with James Earl Ray's escape on April 23, 1967. Four months later, on Aug. 26, Ray, using the alias Eric Starvo Galt, rented a room at a Birmingham, Ala., boarding house saying he planned to stay three or four months.



On Aug. 30, he bought a 1966 white Mustang, paying \$2,000 in cash. On Oct. 7, he checked out of the boarding house, after only six weeks, saying he was going to Mobile to look for work.



The trail picks up next in Los Angeles. Ray and a Hollywood songwriter, Charles Stein, made a Los Angeles-New Orleans round trip in the Mustang between Dec. 15 and 21. Ray also took dancing lessons at a Long Beach, Calif., studio during December. He mentioned to both Stein and a dance instructor owning a bar in Mexico.



Next came a bartending course. Ray began six weeks training on Jan. 20, 1968, graduating March 2 but declining a job the school had available for him. Ray said he was leaving Los Angeles to see a brother. On March 29, he turned up in Birmingham again, buying a .243-caliber rifle at a sporting store but turning it in next day for a .30-06.



April 4, Memphis: A man registering as John Willard but fitting Ray's description checks into a rooming house at 3:15 p.m., requesting a back room facing the motel where Martin Luther King was staying. At 6 p.m., King, standing on the motel balcony, was killed by a bullet from a .30-06 rifle.

Early on April 5, residents of an Atlanta housing development near the Georgia state capital noticed a man park a white Mustang. Police, alerted several days later, identified the car as Galt's. At Atlanta the trail vanishes, despite a manhunt extending beyond the border of the United States, to Mexico and Australia. Where is James Earl Ray?

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AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 5/13/68.

ROBERT NEMACHEK, Security Office, Wis. Telephone Co., 208 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. (protect identity), advised SA DANIEL E. BRANDT on 5/15/68 he was informed on 5/10/68 by Det. JAMES MC FARLANE, Madison, Wis. PD, of the theft of a telephone credit card owned by MARSHALL I. GOLDMAN, 160 Evanslawn, Aurora, Ill.

In addition, MC FARLANE indicated the Madison PD would extradite the individuals involved as there had been approximately \$1,400.00 of fraudulent purchases made with the stolen credit cards.

MC FARLANE said the person using GOLDMAN's gas credit card had been picked up by the Chicago PD but had been released.

NEMACHEK advised the Milwaukee Security Office would conduct no further investigation on fraudulent phone calls as this matter would be handled by the Security Office, Ill. Telephone Co., Chicago, Ill.

^{LEAD}
Chicago, at Chicago, Ill., will contact Chicago PD for info to identify individual who used GOLDMAN's gas credit card and was released by Chicago PD.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : SA MICHAEL S. SOJA

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY
TOP TEN
IO #4182

DOROTHY FURLICK, Secretary-United States Secret Service, Milwaukee, Wisc. telephonically advised writer that on instant date she was telephonically contacted by Mrs. ELLA SCHIELKE, address unknown, Tel. No. 462-3046 and that SCHIELKE furnished the following information:

During week of 5/13/68, SCHIELKE rented a room to an individual who gave his name as PAUL ROUT MATTINGLY. The other day, MATTINGLY became ill and was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, 5000 W. Chambers St., by the Milwaukee Police Department and is still confined to the hospital. SCHIELKE has no background info on the individual and learned from nurses at the hospital that MATTINGLY will not furnish any background information. SCHIELKE has viewed a photograph of subject and feels that MATTINGLY resembles subject and furnished the following description. MATTINGLY is a white, male, age 29, Height 5'6"-5'8", and has dark hair with slight curl combed straight back.

ADDENDUM:

SCHIELKE telephonically contacted the Milwaukee Office, FBI, and advised that she went some of MATTINGLY'S personal belongings and observed military documents which reflect that MATTINGLY was discharged from U.S. Army, had SN-RA16518758, DOB [redacted] Blood B, Brown hair, Brown eyes, Ht-5'6", Wt.-145 lbs and was retired on a physical disability.

SCHIELKE further advised that MATTINGLY has been employed by SCM, 1530 W. Atkinson Ave., for the past year, is studying for a commercial pilot's license at Mitchell Field and is driving a new red Volkswagon.

MILWAUKEE INDICES NEGATIVE ON MATTINGLY.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-388)

DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : SA ELDON J. MUELLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel 5/9/68.

At Madison, Wisconsin

On May 20, 1968, Mrs. VIOLET PETERSON, Supervisor, Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Board of Health and Social Service, advised as follows:

The state of Wisconsin does not maintain an unidentified dead file, but these matters are handled by individual police departments or sheriff offices.

Mrs. PETERSON said she would be alert to any inquiries her department might receive concerning an unidentified deceased male and would refer such matter to the Milwaukee Office.

On May 20, 1968, Captain THOMAS PETERSON, Dane County Sheriff's Office, and Captain FRANK FORSTER, Madison Police Department, advised their departments have had no unidentified dead since April 5, 1968.



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TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS
FROM: DIRECTOR

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INASMUCH AS RAY IS KNOWN TO STAY AT "FLOPHOUSES" AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS.

ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENCE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, 68, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTYFIVE YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

JS
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

FROM : *E/PB*
SA WILLIAM Y. DORAN (P)

DATE: 5/24/68

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Milwaukee, 5/14/68; Bureau airtel, 5/16/68; Bureau radiogram, 5/22/68; and SAC memo to all agents, 4/22/68.

In captioned teletype, Bureau advised that in view of the fact that subject spent a considerable sum of money from 4/23/67 to 4/4/68, and because this source of his money has not been determined, his photograph should be displayed to appropriate witnesses in unsolved bank robberies or burglaries, where witnesses are available. The bureau also advised that consideration should be given to displaying the photograph of RAY to witnesses in local unsolved robberies to the police departments.

In airtel dated, 5/9/68, the Bureau stated that in order to cover the possibility that subject may have died since commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education, and Welfare were contacted and they advised no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. Inasmuch as there is no Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information, and it is possible that if any record of unidentifiable deceased is maintained, it would only be obtained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities, or the like.

Investigation at the Madison, Bureau of Vital Statistics State Board of Health and Social Service, determined as follows:

The State of Wisconsin does not maintain an unidentified dead file, but these matters are handled by individual police departments and sheriff's offices.

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For information, an investigative aid for resident agencies at Madison, La Crosse, Eau Claire and Superior, the following information was furnished in Bureau airtel, 5/16/68:

JOHN EUGENE GAWRON was interviewed by St. Louis Office and advised he taught RAY to be a burglar. He stated that on or about 6/23-24/67, he read in the Chicago "Tribune" of a \$50,000 bank burglary in a southern state and recalled that he and RAY cased the same bank in 1958 or 1959, but did not rob the bank at that time because he injured his leg. A few days after reading this article GAWRON claims he was visited by a man whom he refuses to identify and whom he believes he introduced to RAY in 1959. This man told GAWRON he and others had robbed the bank, displayed a valise full of money and gave GAWRON \$250. About six weeks ago this man again visited GAWRON and allegedly indicated to him that RAY and one or more other persons had been involved with him in the bank robbery.

During this interview GAWRON refused to identify the bank or the man who visited him. He did say that the bank was in the deep South in a State like Mississippi, but not in Mississippi, in a city that is not small and is near a river. The robbers were out of state in five minutes and the loot amounted to \$50,000, plus or minus two thousand.

Based upon available information, the Chicago "Tribune" and the Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed without finding any reference to a robber such as GAWRON described.

GAWRON has now been re-interviewed and he denies having any contact with RAY since RAY's escape. Regarding the southern bank robbery GAWRON previously alleged RAY was involved in, GAWRON now states that this could have occurred in July, 1967, instead of June, and was in a city on the east bank of the Mississippi River.

A review of records to determine if such bank robbery or any other robbery coming within the jurisdiction of the bureau occurred should be done. You should make inquiry at appropriate police departments to determine if a robbery of this magnitude exists in their files.

By radiogram dated 5/22/68, the Bureau stated that inasmuch as RAY is known to stay in flophousees and lower class rooming houses, all offices are to furnish copy of identification order to same and to Salvation Army and other charitable type missions.

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Each agent is reminded that cost data information must be furnished to the Memphis Division by 6/2/68, for the month of May. Accordingly each agent will route the following requested information to SA WILLIAM Y. DORAN by close of business, 5/31/68:

1. Number of man hours spent on case, broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours.
2. Total mileage (estimated or actual) driven by Bureau cars or personal cars.
3. Any unusual or out of the ordinary costs.
4. Chief Clerk WEBB and Chief Steno KIELISZEWSKI will furnish above information concerning the above for their respective sections.

LEAD

RE: DEAD FILES

SA MICHAEL S. SOJA, Will make appropriate checks at Milwaukee Police Department and Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office.

All resident agents and road trip agents will make appropriate checks with law enforcement agencies in their respective territories.

RE: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY JOHN EUGENE GAWRON

Special Agents DEAN, LOVETT, COUGHLIN, SCHALLER, GRAHAM and HUHTA, will check with police departments and sheriff's offices regarding robberies which may appear similar to robbery described above herein.

RE: SALVATION ARMY and RESCUE MISSIONS

Each Resident Agent and road trip agent will be responsible for furnishing identification order of RAY to the Salvation Army, Rescue Mission, and/or other flophouses within their territory.

Identification Orders will be furnished above described establishments in Milwaukee by SA WILLIAM Y. DORAN.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

FROM : SA JOSEPH S. WALKER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/24/68

Re memo of SA GEORGE J. VOPAL, 5/6/68.

Lt. HARRY DELLIS, Detective Bureau, Green Bay, Police Department, has charge of identification matters; in connection with that department advised that there were no latent fingerprints on file that agency in connection with burglaries or other unsolved crimes which compare with the known fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY as set forth on the Identification Order.

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AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, TAMPA

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the evening of 5/17/68, DYRELL DENNIS, previously described as girlfriend of subject JAMES EARL RAY and interviewed by the Milwaukee Division, telephonically contacted the Milwaukee Office and advised she urgently needed to talk to SA WILLIAM Y. DORAN. Upon contacting DENNIS, she advised she had just left a bar known as the New Yorker on 605 North Fifth Street where she had observed three men. She stated that one of the men was familiar to her, and she recognized him as being from the Hollywood Blvd. and Western Blvd. area of Los Angeles, California, and that he was living in that area and frequenting the same bars as she during the same period of time that she knew JAMES EARL RAY to be living in that neighborhood. She stated the man had changed his appearance from that of a stumbler in California to that of a businessman in Milwaukee. In the conversation with DENNIS, she indicated there may be some connection between JAMES EARL RAY and the above-described man, whom she could not identify by name.

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On the same date, GEORGE BENIS, Bartender, New Yorker Bar, 605 North Fifth Street, advised he recalled three men being in his cafe at approximately the time BENIS had called the Milwaukee Office. He stated the three men were merchant seamen operating on the Great Lakes and had mentioned that they would be shipping out in the early AM of 5/26/68.

Following the interview with GEORGE BENIS, efforts were made to locate and interview the three unknown males, which efforts were successful.

The man described by DYRELL DENNIS was determined to be ROSS WESLEY STEVENS, who gave his home address as 1021 Highview Drive, Lake Wales, Florida. He stated he was a steward aboard the Edward S. Kendrick, a ship belonging to the Wilson Line, Cleveland, Ohio. During the course of the interview, STEVENS denied ever having been in Los Angeles, California, denied knowing DYRELL DENNIS, and denied any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY. STEVENS is further described as a white male, 5'9", 180 lbs., date of birth [redacted] brown hair, brown eyes (note: color of eyes listed as brown on his Florida Driver's License; however, visual observation relates eyes are gray).

On reinterview with DYRELL DENNIS, she stated she does not feel she is mistaken in stating she knew this individual by sight in Los Angeles, California, during early March, 1968.

LEADS

CLEVELAND DIVISION

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will contact Wilson Line Shipping Company and through records of that Company, attempt to determine whereabouts of ROSS WESLEY STEVENS during March, 1968.

TAMPA DIVISION

AT LAKE WALES, FLORIDA

Will conduct credit and criminal re ROSS WESLEY STEVENS and make appropriate inquiries to determine authenticity of his story.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA MICHAEL S. SOJA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

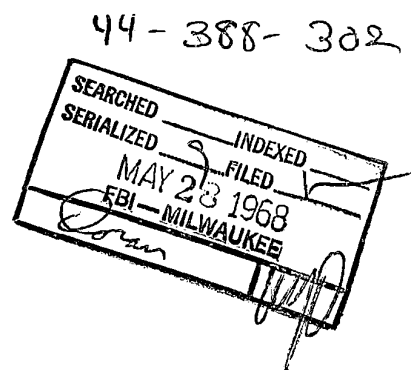
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