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FBI ALBANY

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, BOSTON, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN
AND NEW YORK

MURKIN CR 00 MEMPHIS

RE TEL CALLS TO BUREAU MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM THIS DATE.

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 Edward
 Fr 3
 from O'Neill
 per the
 Yacov Edward
 to Mr J

Charles Conway
BHM, Babylon
advising 9:40 4/7/68
a hole to contact
Fred Weiler
if to call from O'Neill
A.M. of 4/8/68
re what he found
sat, per O'Neill
request of -
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DORCHESTER, MASS., NEWARK: PROSPERITY DIVISION OF AMETEK
ONE SEVEN TWO FIVE ORIENT WAY RUTHERFORD, N.J.; NEW YORK
DELTA CLEANERS EQUIPMENT CO., EIGHT SEVEN FIVE PROSPECT
AVE., WESTBURY, L.I.; EXCELL LAUNDRY MACHINERY CO. FIVE
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BERGENFIELD, N.J.; BOND CLEANERS TWO ZERO FIVE TWO
NOTTINGHAM WAY, TRENTON, N.J.

NEW HAVEN: BARRY CLEANERS THREE ONE SIX BRIDGE APPROACH
NEW LONDON SHOPPING CENTER, NEW LONDON, CONN., BARTON AND
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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, BOSTON, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN
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NEW YORK
J.F. Shanley [signature]

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2. " " " 50 photo's of composit from Memphis.
3. " " " 50 photo's of composit from Birmingham.
4. " " " 1 photo of 20 S & E Green Stamps bearing printed data.
5. " " " 11 8 by 10 color photo's of tee shirts & shorts.
6. 4/22/68 Telegram from Alejandro Rivera. (see ser 243)
7. " " " 1 photo of Eric Starvo Galt. (see ser 230)
8. " " " 1 photo of subject Ray. (see ser 229)
9. " " " 1 photo of Walter T. Rife. (see ser 229)
10. " " " 1 stand-up photo of James Earl Ray and Walter T. Rife. (see ser 229)
11. " " " 1 photo of subject Ray. (see ser 229)
12. 4/23/68 2 neg. of Eric Starvo Galt.
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15. " " " Receipt for return of film to Rocks, 4/16/68.
16. 4/25/68 Interview Rights & Waiver re: George Wiedeman.
17. " " " 2 neg. & 6 photo's of unknown individual.
18. 4/26/68 Voluntary Appearance; Advice of Rights Form re: Perlitta.
19. 4/29/68 1 neg. of subject James Earl Ray.
20. 4/30/68 3 photo's of James Earl Ray taken in Mexico in the fall of 1967.

DO NOT ENTER ANYMORE EXHIBITS

SEE 1A SUPPLEMENT

Enter and return

File Number NY 44-1609-1A20
Date Received BUREAU R/S 4/30/68
From _____

(name & address of contributor)

By (name of SA) SHANLEY

To be returned - Yes () No (X)

Description:

3 photo's of James Earl Ray
taken in Mexico in fall of 1967

2 Destroyed 6/10/68
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Date Received

4/13/68

From

Bureau R/S dtd 4/14/68

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By

J. Sharkey

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

3 color photographs
re tee shirt + shorts2 Destroyed
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By

J. Sharkey
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

50 photos of composite
from Memphis

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49 Destroyed
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Description of subject
from Memphis

White

Male

5'11"

160 - 170 lbs.

Medium Build

Dark brown or black hair;
combed straight back, no part.

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Date Received

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From

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By

J. Sharley

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

50 photos of composite
from Birmingham

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6/10/68



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Description of subject
from Birmingham:

White

Male

Age 36

5'8" - 5'10"

150 - 160 lbs.

Medium complexion

Dark hair (probably brown)

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Date Received 4-12-68
From BUREAU

(name & address of contributor)

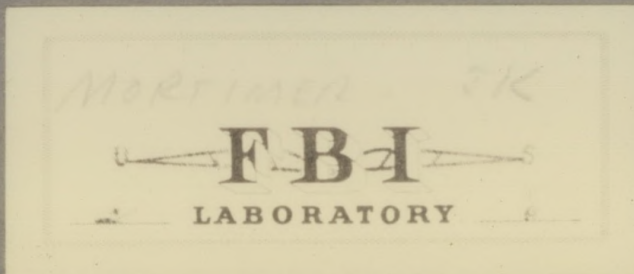
By-(name of SA) J. SHANLEY

To be returned: - Yes () No (☒)

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TWENTY S & H GREEN STAMPS
BEARING PRINTED DATA.

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Date Received 4-8-68
From BUREAU R/A 4-8-68

(name & address of contributor)
By-(name of SA) J. SHANLEY
To be returned - -Yes () No (X)
Description:

11 8 by 10 copies of
tee shirts & shorts.

10 Destroyed
6/10/68

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Date Received

4/21/68 - ser. 243

From

Western Union

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

Telegram from
Alejandro Rivera

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

SYMBOLS

DL = Day Letter

NL = Night Letter

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Letter Telegram

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Date Received 4/19/68 - serial 730
From Bureau
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Photo of Eric
Starvo Galt.

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ERIC STARVO GALT
aka HARVEY LOHMYER,
JOHN WILLARD
(Eyes drawn in by FBI artist)

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Date Received

4/22/68 - serial 229

From

Kansas City

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

Photo of subj Ray

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JAMES EARL RAY

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From Kansas City
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes

☒ No

Description:

Photo of Walter T.
Rife

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WALTER T. RIFE

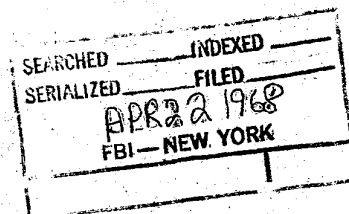
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File Number NY 44-1609-1A10
Date Received 4-22-68
From KANSAS CITY

(name & address of contributor)
By (name of SA) SHANLEY
To be returned: -Yes () No (X)
Description:

Stand up photo of James Earl Ray
& Walter T. Rife.





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WALTER T. RIFE

JAMES EARL RAY

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From Kansas City
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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By _____
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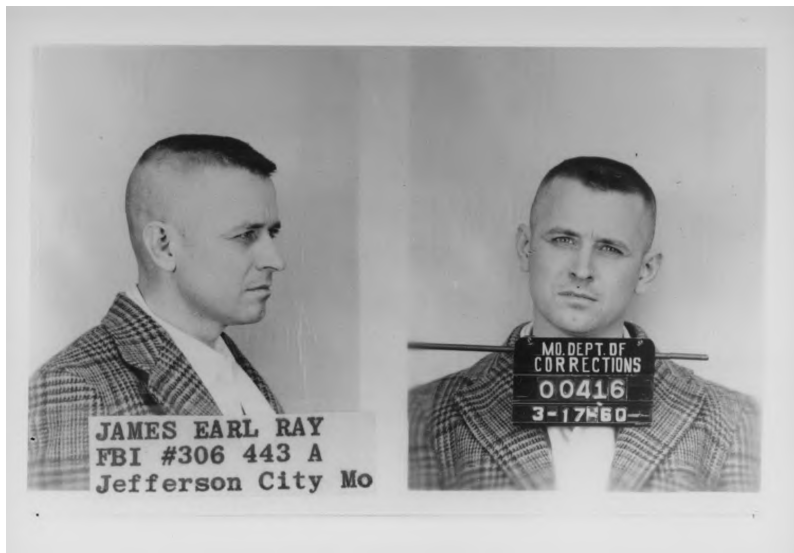
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Description:

Photo of subj. Ray

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From _____
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By John F. Stanley
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

2 negatives of
Eric Starvo Galt.

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Date Received 4/16
From _____
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)
By J. Shanley
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

2 negatives of photos
of composite sketches
of Eric Starvo Galt

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(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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By

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

19 copies of 1960
photo of James
Earl Ray

18 Destroyed
6/10/68

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Date Received 4/16/68

From ROBERT ROCKS
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CBS) Columbia Broadcasting System
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

524 W. 57th ST, NYC
(CITY AND STATE)

By FRANCIS L. CASTLIN
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Receipt for return of film
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