

possible elimination, Mrs Peter Baird
199 Post One Westling St. advised that
the green Rambler in the parking lot
at that address with Alabama plates
belonged to her and her husband
and has been in their possession
during the last 6 months. She said
during that time it has never been
loaned to anyone. She further advised
that husband is a groom at Roosevelt
Raceway for the Houghton Stable and
has been employed there for at least
1 year.

On 4/16/68 Ben Steall, Trainer,
for W.R. Houghton Stables advised
that Pete Baird has worked as a
groom for about 14 years and has
been there every day during that period.
Steall said that particularly during
the last month he has not missed
a single day of work.

4/19/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Serial 197

Re New Haven teletype to NY, 4/18/68.

Three employees of Pan American Airways named ROBERT EVANS eliminated by review of airline personnel file review. None of these individuals is now or has in the past been employed as a mechanic by PAA.

Serial 424

PAA mechanic RICHARD EVANS resigned 9/30/66, and records presently in dead storage in NJ. Since first name differs New York not requesting PAA to make this file available at this time.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - New Haven (157-818) (INFO)
- 1 - Memphis (INFO)
- ① - New York

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re New York telephone call to the Bureau on 4/18/68, re suspect JOSEPH FRANCIS FERTITTA.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the fingerprints of JOSEPH FRANCIS FERTITTA.

The Bureau is requested to eliminate or identify FERTITTA as Unsub instant matter.

UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau (Encl.1)
2 - Memphis
1 - New York

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44 1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Serial 254

Re New York teletype to the Bureau 4/16/68.

Investigation on 4/17/68, at Bartenders International School, 200 W. 24th St., NYC, and Bartenders School, Inc., 201 West 49th St., NYC, negative for any information re JOHN WILLARD, HARRY LOWMEYER or ERIC STARVO GALT (GAULT).

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2 Memphis
1 New York

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO:MEMPHIS

RE: New York telephone call, 4-20-68

Re telephone call requested the NHO interview E.L. FOSS, JR., co-pilot for Eastern Airlines on Flight 106, from Atlanta, Ga., to Kennedy Airport, New York City, on 4-5-68.

E.L. FOSS, Bridgewater, Conn., advised on 4-20-68, that he was co-pilot on Flight 106 from Atlanta, Ga., to Kennedy Airport, New York City on 4-5-68. He advised that he had had opportunity to view the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that he was unable to recall anyone fitting this description being on Flight 106 from Atlanta, Ga., on 4-5-68.

2 - Memphis
1 - Atlanta (44-1286)
① - New York
2 - New Haven
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TO DIRECTOR AND MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM NEWARK (44-854)(P)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS,
NEWARK AND NEW YORK, FOUR NINETEEN LAST.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT. FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS OF EASTERN
AIRLINES (EAL) FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA,
APRIL FIVE DASH SIX LAST.

PAGES THREE AND FOUR RE TEL SET OUT LEAD RE FLIGHT ATTENDANT
CYNTHIA LOUISE BRONSON, EIGHTY THREE-NINETY SIX ONE HUNDRED
EIGHTEENTH ST., APT. TWO D, KEN GARDENS, NEW YORK, FOR FLIGHT
ONE ZERO SIX.

EAL, JFK AIRPORT, NYC, ADVISES BRONSON NOW IN MIAMI
AREA AND SCHEDULED TO DEPART MIAMI ON FLIGHT TWO TWO ZERO
ONE, TEN FORTY PM, FOUR TWENTY INSTANT, TO ARRIVE JFK, NYC,
ONE AM FOURTWENTY ONE NEXT.

- 1 - ATLANTA (44-2386)(INFO)
- 1 - BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(INFO)
- 1 - MEMPHIS (44-1987)(INFO)
- 1 - NEW YORK (INFO)

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PAGE THREE LISTS UNDER CAPTAINS AND PILOTS, T.R.
CRANE, FOURTEEN AVALON LANE, MATAWAN, N.J., FLIGHT ONE ZERO
SIX. SAME SOURCE ADVISES CRANE DEPARTED JFK, NYC, SEVEN TWENTY
AM, THIS DATE, ON FLIGHT TO MONTREAL, AND DEPARTED MONTREAL
AT NINE FIFTY AM, THIS DATE, RETURN JFK AND IMMEDIATELY DEPART
FOR MIAMI, FLIGHT SEVENTEEN, TO ARRIVE MIAMI AT TWO THIRTY
NINE, THIS DATE. MIAMI HANDLE BRONSON AND CRANE AND EXHIBIT
PHOTOS.

MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND NEW YORK.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : HERBERT W. KILGORE (A) #23

SUBJECT: MURKIN
Re Miami airtel to Bureau 4/19/68

SA DICK DAVIS, Newark Office, advised that attempts had been made to contact R.A. HOUCHIN, Eastern Airlines Pilot, at 41 ~~W~~ Woodlawn Rd., Sparta, N.J., and it was ascertained that he was not available to be interviewed until 8:00 PM

to night. He is leaving on a flight at 9:00 PM and will

be at the Crew schedule area Eastern Airlines Building, Kennedy Airport at 8:00 PM. The Telephone No. of that

building is 995-2434. *Davis did not know where he was going.*

SA. Cummings
On 4/20/68 investigation at E.A.T. Bldg. Kennedy Airport at 8:00 PM determined that R.A. Houchin had departed at 7:45 PM. His schedule was not known for Sunday 4/21/68.

*Newark notified by phone
handled*

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9:51 PM URGENT 4-20-68 JON 3P
TO DIRECTOR(44-38861), ATLANTA(44-2386), BIRMINGHAM(44-1740),
MEMPHIS(44-1987), AND NEW YORK(44-1609)
FROM NEWARK (44-854) -P-

MURKIN

RE ERIC STARVO GALT, FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS OF EASTERN AIRLINES,
(EAL), FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA; APRIL FIVE -
SIX, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU AND ABOVE OFFICES, FOUR NINETEEN LAST,
NEWARK TEL TO BUREAU AND MIAMI, FOUR TWENTY INSTANT; AND NEWARK -
NEW YORK TEL CALLS, FOUR TWENTY INSTANT.

PILOT C. (CALVIN) E. STOW, DELRAN, N.J., CONTACTED THIS DATE
AND EXHIBITED PHOTOGRAPHS OF GALT AND ALSO PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL
RAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

FOLLOWING FLIGHT ATTENDANTS ALSO NEGATIVE RE GALT AND RAY
PHOTOS: C. ZABORONEK, HIGHLAND PARK, N.J., AND RUTH LEHR CHASE,
DENVER, N.J. CHASE ADVISED SHE WAS ON FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE
ON FOUR SIX LAST, NOT FOUR FIVE LAST.

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J.P. O'Neil
advised 4/21/68
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CONTACT WITH EAL, NEWARK AIRPORT, REFLECTED ALL FLIGHT CREW MANIFESTS AND SCHEDULED FLIGHTS MAINTAINED AT EAL, JFK AIRPORT, NEW YORK. TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH HAL NUGENT, SHIFT SUPERVISOR OF CREW SCHEDULE, AND LENNIE GIANNINO, SHIFT SUPERVISOR, CREW SCHEDULER, BOTH EAL, JFK AIRPORT, REFLECTED FOLLOWING NEWARK BASED PERSONNEL, WHO LIVE IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA, WERE NOT ON FLIGHTSCHEDULES FOR FOUR TWENTY AND COULD PROBABLY BE REACHED AT RESIDENCES:

serial 355 ✓ *serial 355 ✓* *serial 357*
serial 355 ✓ JOAN EVELYN HUEZDA; LUELLEN LOREHN; CAROL ANN SCOTT, AND DIANE SARAH TREMBLY. NYO TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED AND REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW.

serial 355 ✓
CAPTAIN D. W. GROSMAN, FIFTY-THREE SUMMIT RD., OAK RIDGE, N.J., ASSIGNED OUT OF JFK AIRPORT, UNABLE TO BE REACHED AT HOME. WIFE ADVISED HE WAS ENROUTE JFK AND COULD BE LOCATED THERE. NYO ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY.

CAPTAIN R. A. HOUGHIN, FORTY-ONE WOODLAWN RD., SPARTA, N.J., UNAVAILABLE AT HOME AND WIFE ADVISED HE COULD BE REACHED AT JFK AIRPORT PRIOR TO FLIGHT TIME AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM, THIS DATE AT EAL BUILDING. NYO ADVISED BY TELEPHONE.

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PILOT T.R. CRANE, FOURTEEN AVALON LANE, MATAWAN, N.J., AND CYNTHIA LOUISE BRONSON, NYC, NY, DETERMINED TO BE ON FLIGHTS, AND BOTH IN MIAMI AREA FOUR TWENTY INSTANT. MIAMI ADVISED BY RE TEL TO HANDLE.

Not available. Teletype to NK 4/11 to handle at airport.
CORRINE I. CONNOR, THREE ZERO FIVE EAST FORTIETH ST., NYC, PHONE EIGHT SIX SEVEN - SIX TWO EIGHT NINE, NOT ABLE TO BE LOCATED BY EAL, NEWARK OR JFK. EAL, JFK ADVISED THAT CONNOR NOT SCHEDULED ON FLIGHT OUT OF NEWARK UNTIL FOUR TWO TWO NEXT, AT SIX THIRTY-FIVE A.M. (CHECK IN TIME). NEW YORK LOCATE CONNOR AND EXHIBIT PHOTOS.

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FBI NEW YORK

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NY 44-1609

On April 22, 1968, the following individuals were contacted at 23 St. Marks Place, New York City, by SA VINCENT P. DOHERTY concerning JAMES EARL RAY to determine if an individual may have frequented their place of business who might resemble RAY. These individuals advised that based on their knowledge, no one who resembled RAY frequented their place of business. These individuals are as follows:

STANTON FREEMAN
Owner
Electric Circus

WILLIAM GRAVES
Owner
Dom Bar

*Complaint
info on
serial 272*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW YORK (44-1609)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : SA THOMAS L. SHEER

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka
MURKIN

At 7:02 PM 4/21/68 An individual who identified himself originally as "El Gato" (the cat) and then specifically stated that he would not identify himself, telephonically advised that the person the FBI was looking for was at the "Electric Circus" bar. The caller then elaborated, stating that the individual he was referring to was the man who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING. The caller then said the man in the bar looked like RAY and was in the bar by himself. He offered to buy the caller a drink and was observed to have a "large roll" of cash.

Weekend supervisor and case agent advised.

23 St. Marks Place.

*V. Doherty
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW YORK (44-1609)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : SA JAMES P. O'NEIL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Newark teletype 4/20/68, setting forth leads for interview of EAL flight attendants who flew out of Atlanta, Ga., on foreign bound flights on 4/5-6/68.

CORRINE I. CONNOR, 305 East 40th St., telephone 867-6289, was not available through her residence during the day of 4/21/68.

Miss CHARLOTTE MILLER, In-Flight Scheduling, EAL, advised CONNOR is scheduled to depart Newark on EAL flite #905, 7:35AM, 4/22/68, for Mexico City, returning on Tuesday night, probably being available for contact on Wednesday.

Newark was requested by teletype to contact CONNOR at Newark airport where she will check in at 6:35PM, 4/22/68.

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9:38PM URGENT 4-22-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, WASHINGTON FIELD,
NEW YORK, ATLANTA, AND KANSAS CITY
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY.

MELVIN POWERS, OWNER-MANAGER, WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY,
8 7 2 1
EIGHT SEVEN TWO ONE, SUNSET BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES: HIS OFFICE
SECRETARY, FRIEDA FREEDMAN, AND FIVE OTHER EMPLOYEES (ENTIRE
STAFF) WERE INTERVIEWED AND PHOTOS OF RAY WERE EXHIBITED TO THEM.
NONE HAS ANY RECOLLECTION OF RAY AS EVER HAVING BEEN PATRON OF WILSHIRE
BOOK COMPANY. POWERS SAID BECAUSE MANY OF BOOK TITLES THEY
PUBLISH DEAL WITH SELF-HYPNOTISM, WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY RECEIVES
TELEPHONE INQUIRIES SEEKING HELP IN THAT FIELD. THESE CALLERS ARE
REFERRED TO DR. MARK O. FREEMAN, WHICH POWERS FEELS WAS PROBABLY
PROCEDURE FOLLOWED WITH REGARD TO JAMES E. RAY.

RECHECK OF ALL AVAILABLE BOOK ORDERS COVERING PERIOD OF
DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN TO PRESENT FAILED TO REFLECT ANY ORDERS UNDER
NAMES OF RAY OR GALT.

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*Conrad
serial 3254*

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POWERS SAID HIS PREVIOUS LISTS, COVERING ALL MAIL ORDER PURCHASES, PRIOR TO DECEMBER LAST, ARE CURRENTLY MAINTAINED BY ^{2 1 5} KEN OLSEN, OF WILLA MADDERN, INC., TWO ONE FIVE PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK CITY, TELEPHONE ^{77 7-7 4 6 0} SPRING SEVEN SEVEN FOUR SIX ZERO. HE SAID NY OFFICE SHOULD BE SURE AND MENTION IN CONTACTING OLSEN THEY WISH TO CHECK MAILING LISTS BOTH FOR MELVIN POWERS AND WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY, AS HE IS NOT SURE WHETHER OLSEN MAINTAINS ONE OR TWO SEPARATE LISTS.

NEW YORK REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT AS RAY OR GALT IS ON MAIL ORDER LIST.

REⁿ MONEY ORDER PHASE, BANK OF AMERICA, LOS ANGELES

HELOISA KELLER, INDIVIDUAL WHO SOLD SUBJECT MONEY ORDERS AT BANK OF AMERICA, HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN BRANCH, ON FEBRUARY TWO SIX LAST, WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY. SHE STATED SHE COULD NOT RECALL THE TRANSACTION OR WAS THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE PHOTOGRAPH FAMILIAR TO HER.

RE RABBITS FOOT CLUB PHASE

BO DELMONTE AND JAMES E. MORRISON, BARTENDERS, RABBITS FOOT CLUB, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA ADVISED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT FREQUENT CUSTOMER AT BAR. THEY STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO HAVE USED NAME QUOTE DOUG COLLINS END QUOTE WHEN PURCHASING KEY TO

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Onnie Lander
Research Projects Co
1706 Rockaway Ave., Lynbrook, L.I.
9:00 AM 516.887 2611

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KEY CLUB OPERATION AT BAR. NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO ASSOCIATES OR PRESENT LOCATION.

RE LARSON BOOK STORE PHASE

LOUISE LARSON, LARSON BOOK STORE, HOLLYWOOD, ADVISED AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT THAT HE WAS FORMER CUSTOMER AT STORE. SHE COULD NOT RECALL ANY SPECIFIC TRANSACTIONS REGARDING SUBJECT NOR ANY DESCRIPTIVE DATA OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY KNOWN.

ST. FRANCIS HOTEL PHASE

MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, ADVISED THAT NO INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIABLE WITH SUBJECT HAS BEEN IN HOTEL SINCE HIS DEPARTURE ON OR ABOUT MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST. ANONYMOUS COMPLAINANT HAD ADVISED THAT SUBJECT WAS AT ROOM FIVE ZERO SEVEN. MANAGER STATES TENANT AT ROOM FIVE ZERO SEVEN IS FEMALE NURSE HAS BEEN TENNANT FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS.

U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER PHASE

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC S. GALT, UTILIZED U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER NUMBER ONE NINE ONE SIX TWO ONE ONE ZERO SEVEN EIGHT OF THE AMOUNT FIFTEEN DOLLARS IN PAYMENT TO THE LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, BLOOMFIELD, NEW JERSEY. THIS MONEY ORDER DATED MARCH EIGHT LAST. THIS MONEY ORDER WAS ONE OF SERIES SOLD AT U.S. POST OFFICE.

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SANTA MONICA - WESTERN STATION. DURING PERIOD FEBRUARY ONE LAST THROUGH APRIL FOUR LAST U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER SERIES ONE NINE ZERO EIGHT ONE EIGHT THREE EIGHT FIVE SIX THROUGH ONE NINE ZERO EIGHT ONE EIGHT THREE NINE NINE NINE WERE SOLD AS WELL AS U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER SERIES ONE NINE ONE SIX TWO ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO THROUGH ONE NINE ONE SIX TWO ONE ONE NINE NINE NINE. FURTHER INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PURCHASER OF U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER AND TO WHOM THE FUNDS WERE TO BE RECEIVED AS WRITTEN ON THE MONEY ORDER, COULD BE OBTAINED ONLY BY REVIEW OF THE CANCELLED MONEY ORDERS AT MONEY ORDER DIVISION, U.S. POST OFFICE, G.A.O. BUILDING, FOUR FOUR ONE G STREET, WASHINGTON, D.C.

WFO REQUEST TO REVIEW BOTH SERIES OF MONEY ORDERS FOR ANY THAT MAY HAVE BEEN UTILIZED BY SUBJECT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NY (44-1609)

FROM : SUPV. JOHN WILLIAM JOYCE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

On 4/19/68, at approximately 4:45 pm., the writer received the following information from HENRY MAC FARLANE, Director of Security, JC Penney Corp., and former SA. MAC FARLANE pointed out that the following information received by him from GEORGE STONE, Corporate Director, JC Penney Inc., 1301 6th Ave., NYC, phone 957-6645.

Mr. STONE was talking on 4/19/68, to ROBERT F. BENNETT, Washington representative, Public Relations, JC Penney, who is the son of WALLACE BENNETT, Senator of Utah. ROBERT F. BENNETT stated that on the day before MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination his father was attending a testimonial dinner for top industrialists in Chicago, Illinois. At this dinner, an executive, not further identified, stated that a man who used to work for him, was the personal chauffeur for KING and this man contacted him for his advice. He stated that KING required him to carry over \$200,000 in cash in a black bag at all times. This man was concerned about his job as chauffeur inasmuch as he recognized the possibility of being robbed or KING himself being killed for the money.

MAC FARLANE stated that if the FBI desired additional information and more details regarding the above, GEORGE STONE could be contacted by phone call placed to ROBERT F. BENNETT in Washington, DC.

The above information was telephonically furnished to Supv. Young.

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(1-Supv. #20)

Airtel to Bureau 4/19/68
re: serial 191
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Date: 4-22-68 155T. DIR.Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel

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 (Priority) ----- SAC IV
 ----- SUPV. 23

To: SAC's, New York (44-1609)
 Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re New York teletype 4-19-68

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Maurice Lamar Wolverton, born 6-6-26, in Ohio, who may or may not be the same as the Maurice Wolverton described in referenced teletype. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Wolverton.

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Date: 4/22/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT
FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS OF
EASTERN AIR LINES FOREIGN
BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA,
GEORGIA, 4/5,6/68

Re: New York teletype 4/21/68

On 4/22/68, Stewardess CORRINE I. CONNOR was located at Eastern Air Lines (EAL) Flight Crew Counter, Newark, N. J., Airport. CONNOR stated she was a stewardess on EAL Flight 915 on 4/6/68, and this flight made an interim stop at Atlanta, Georgia, prior to terminating in Mexico City.

CONNOR observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she had no recollection of seeing this individual on that flight or any others.

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3-Bureau
2-Memphis (44-1696)
1-Atlanta (44-2386) (Info.)
1-Birmingham (44-1740) (Info.)
1-New York (44-1609)
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

356PM URGENT 4/22/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF U. S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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PHILADELPHIA ---01---

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URGENT 4-22-68 RNK

TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

MURKIN

REMEAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL ONE NINE LAST FURNISHING
BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY
UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES
(POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL TWO THREE
ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN
ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY
OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST
VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED
IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING
SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND
BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : JAMES G. CLEARY

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY.
INFO CONCERNING.

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Anonymous male, who commented that he worked in prison library (at Terre Haute, Indiana) with ORVILLE D. EWING during incarceration there, telephonically contacted the NY Office this date and advised:

Wayne
EWING, who was released from prison in December, 1965 after having served approximately twentysix months of a three year sentence (Federal) for bankruptcy fraud, is now, according to the anonymous male (whose voice had a southern (possibly negroid) or midwestern accent), conducting a used car operation in Richmond, Indiana. RAY was friendly with EWING and at one time dated EWING's daughter, in Alton, Ill. Complainant feels that an interview of EWING might prove of some value in locating RAY.

The complainant terminated the conversation.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) & NEW YORK
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 1P (P)

MURKIN

RE: HARVEY LOWMYER

RECORDS OF GUARANTEE SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF
LIVERMORE VALLEY, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA REFLECT THAT A JOINT
ACCOUNT AT THAT INSTITUTION IS IN THE NAME OF MARGARET G.
LOHMEYER AND MARIE GRIFFITH, SEVEN NINE MAGNOLIA STREET, PEARL
RIVER, NEW YORK.

LEAD: NEW YORK AT PEARL RIVER: CONTACT MARGARET G.
LOHMEYER AND MARIE GRIFFITH, SEVEN NINE MAGNOLIA STREET,
FOR ANY INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE CONCERNING HARVEY LOWMYER.

OTHER OFFICES ADVISED

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TO DIRECTOR (44-3886L), BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEWARK, NEW
YORK (44-1609)

FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

✓
MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST, SEVEN
FIFTEEN P.M.

RETEL SETS FORTH LISTS OF MAGAZINES IN WHICH SUPERIOR BULK FILM
COMPANY ADVERTISES AND SET FORTH LEAD FOR NEW HAVEN TO DETERMINE FROM
FAWCETT PUBLICATIONS SUBSCRIBERS TO MECHANICS ILLUSTRATED USING NAME
ERIC STARVO GALT, ALSO KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMEYER OR HARVEY LOWMYER
AND JOHN WILLARD.

FOR INFO NEW YORK FAWCETT ALSO HANDLES SUBSCRIPTION LIST FOR SCIENCE
AND MECHANICS AND FIELD AND STREAM.

SEARCH OF SUBSCRIPTION LIST AT FAWCETT FOR ABOVE THREE MAGAZINES
REFLECTS FOLLOWING FOR MECHANICS ILLUSTRATED ONLY:

JOHN WILLARD, TEN ATLANTIC CITY BOULEVARD, BAYVILLE, NEW JERSEY,
IN FEB., NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT SUBMITTED CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO ROUTE THREE
SEVEN TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY; J. WILLARD, FOURTEEN DASH TWENTYSEVEN
CHANDLER DRIVE, FAIRLAWN NEW JERSEY IN APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT
SUBMITTED CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO SIXTEEN DASH SIXTYNINE CHANDLER DRIVE.
SAME CITY.

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NO REFERENCES TO OTHER NAMES. FAWCETT ONLY ABLE TO SEARCH NAMES FOR THOSE WHOSE SUBSCRIPTIONS HAVE NDED OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS SUBMITTED. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION LIST CAN ONLY BE SEARCHED IF ADDRESS KNOWN.

NEWARK ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF ABOVE WILLARDS.

MAKE NO MENTION INQUIRIES CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER AND CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI NEW YORK

4/23/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO:MEMPHIS)

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ReNYtel to Bu, and other offices including Memphis,
4/17/68.

Concerning seamen by last name GAULT formerly
employed by the United Fruit Co., NYC.

Investigation has been conducted at 39-68
59th St., Woodside, LI, NY, in an effort to locate or
develop information on one ROBERT GAULT, born 8/8/87,
and who gave this as his address while employed by The
United Fruit Co., during 1942.

Current owner and previous owners of property
at above address for the past 25 years interviewed
and deny knowledge of ROBERT GAULT. There is no telephone
or street listing in NYC under this name.

NY is conducting no further investigation re
ROBERT GAULT.

Subject JAMES EARL RAY is considered
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2-Memphis
1-New York

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201 East 69th Street
New York, New York 10021
April 23, 1968

Assistant District Superintendent
Arthur Fluhr
Bureau of Narcotics
90 Church Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Fluhr:

There is enclosed herewith 85 copies
of identification order 4182, dated April 20, 1968,
concerning James Earl Ray. Will you please issue
one to each of your Agents so that appropriate
informant contacts may be made.

Your cooperation in this matter is
appreciated.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. MALONE
Assistant Director in Charge

Encls.
Registered Mail

① New York (44-1609)

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201 East 69th Street
New York, New York 10021
April 23, 1968


Deputy Inspector William Palmer
Narcotics Squad
New York City Police Department
Old Slip and South Street,
New York, New York

Dear Inspector Palmer:

There is enclosed 90 copies of Identification Order Number 4182 dated April 20, 1968 and ten copies of Wanted Flyer Number 442-A, dated April 19, 1968, both concerning James Earl Ray. The Wanted Flyer is in Spanish. Will you please issue these to your Officers so that appropriate informant contacts may be made.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,


JOHN F. MALONE
Assistant Director in Charge

ENCLOSURES (100)
REGISTERED MAIL

2-Addressee
1-New York (44-1609)

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TO : SAC, CINCINNATI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: ME

RE INFORMATION FROM DR. PAUL BEREND, NYC.

DR. PAUL BEREND WAS STAYING AT HOLIDAY INN, TOWN
AND FOURTH ST., COLUMBUS, OHIO, ON APRIL FIVE LAST WHEN
HE OBSERVED TWO MALES REGISTER FOR ONE ROOM. HE HEARD ONE
TELL THE REGISTERING CLERK HE WOULD PAY IN ADVANCE BECAUSE
HE MIGHT LEAVE WITHOUT NOTICE. HE BELIEVES ONE MALE RESEMBLED
PUBLISHED DESCRIPTION OF ERIC STARVO GALT.

CINCINNATI CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT
HOLIDAY INN, COLUMBUS, OHIO, UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1- Memphis (AM)
1- New York
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1- ADIC JF MALONE

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ME)

Re Albany airtels 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, setting forth concerns who purchased Thermo-Seal marking machines, and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/12/68.

The FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in trunk of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code, "20R-3." In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type.

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

LEADSALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

Will recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code, "20R-3." 44-1669-288

2 - All Continental Offices NY
2 - Memphis
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TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to ME 4/17/68.

For information of all offices, the Bureau by retel requested of the Memphis Division as follows:

"Please furnish following information on above matter compiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter submit cumulative totals through the end of each month until further notice:

- 1) Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
 - A. Special Agents
 - B. Clerical Employees
- 2) Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally-owned cars.
- 3) Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.

① - Each Office NY
2 - Memphis
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- 4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

serial 228

Re Philadelphia teletype to the Bureau and New York dated 4/18/68.

Enclosed for Dallas, Memphis and Oklahoma City is one copy each of Philadelphia teletype to the Bureau dated 4/18/68.

LEO FRUTKIN, Security Officer, American Airlines, 633 Third Avenue, New York City, made available an IBM listing of all passengers on Flight #338, originating in Dallas, Texas on 4/6/68 with stop at Friendship Airport, Baltimore and arriving in Philadelphia same date. Review of IBM listing does not reflect name of subject or aliases. Approximately 128 people listed as traveling tourist class and only information available is telephone numbers where these persons may be contacted. The majority of the telephone numbers listed are in the Dallas area. Mr. FRUTKIN advised there was no seating manifest maintained of passengers on plane but furnished names and addresses of stewardesses which are as follows:

- 3- Bureau
- 2- Dallas (Encl. 1)
- 2- Memphis (Encl. 1)
- 2- Oklahoma City (Encl. 1)
- 1- Philadelphia (INFO)
- 1- New York (44-1609)

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1. VIRGINIA VANCE,
5049 Cedar Springs,
Apartment 120,
Dallas, Texas;
2. BONNIE CRAVEN,
2625 Hudnall,
Apartment 226,
Dallas, Texas;
3. JANICE THERRELL,
3726 Fairfax,
Dallas, Texas;
4. ANNETTE BUATT,
2710 Douglas,
Apartment 124,
Dallas, Texas.

Miss VANCE and Miss THERRELL were stewardesses assigned to First Class and Miss CRAVEN and Miss BUATT were assigned to Tourist Class.

FRUTKIN advised that JAN WOODRING, Group Supervisor, Dallas Airport is the person to contact in order that arrangements may be made to interview above-mentioned stewardesses.

LEADS:

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS: Will contact JAN WOODRING, Group Supervisor, American Airlines, Dallas, Texas, regarding interviewing airline stewardesses and displaying IO 4182 dated 4/20/68 in an effort to identify JAMES EARL RAY.

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LEADS CONT'D:

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT EDMOND, OKLAHOMA: Will recontact Mrs. DONOVAN WOODSIDE, 309 Elmwood Drive and display IO 4182 dated 4/20/68 of JAMES EARL RAY for purposes of further identification. If Mrs. WOODSIDE identifies individual or feels resemblance same as subject, Oklahoma City will notify NYO in order that approximately 128 people traveling Tourist Class may be contacted to determine if identical with subject.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK: Upon receipt of requested investigation from Dallas, Oklahoma or Philadelphia, NY will set out leads to appropriate field offices to contact passengers on Flight 338 traveling Tourist Class to determine if identical with the subject.

Information copy is being furnished to Philadelphia as possibility exists that Mrs. WOODSIDE may have been contacted by Agents of Philadelphia Office and if so, cover same lead set out for Oklahoma City.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED

AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re unidentified chauffeur for MARTIN LUTHER KING, who was required to carry over \$200,000.00 in cash in a black bag.

The following information was received by the NYO from HENRY MAC PARLANE, Director of Security, J.C. Penney Corporation and former Special Agent. MAC PARLANE received the information from GEORGE STONE, Corporate Director of J. C. Penney, Inc., who received it from ROBERT F. BENNETT, Washington Representative, Public Relations, J.C. Penney. BENNETT is the son of Senator WALLACE BENNETT of Utah and Senator BENNETT furnished this information to ROBERT F. BENNETT:

ROBERT F. BENNETT stated that on the day before MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination, his father was attending a testimonial dinner for top industrialists in Chicago, Illinois. At this dinner an executive, not further identified, stated that a man who used to work for him, was the personal chauffeur for KING and this man contacted him for his advice. He stated that KING required

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2- Washington Field
1- New York

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him to carry over \$200,000.00 in cash in a black bag at all times. This man was concerned about his job as chauffeur inasmuch as he recognized the possibility of being robbed or KING himself being killed for the money.

Washington Field Office at Washington, D.C., will contact ROBERT F. BENNETT, care/of J.C. Penney and interview him in detail regarding the above.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

serial 237

Re Richmond airtel to New York, 4/19/68.

Re: Investigation concerning
GEORGE WIEDEMAN

GEORGE E. WIEDEMAN, Documents Agent, TWA Cargo Terminal, Building 81, John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA), interviewed 4/23/68. Signed waiver of rights obtained.

WIEDEMAN, from TWA records, determined to be employed since 8/15/47, former residence 417 Rutland Avenue, West Englewood, New Jersey, presently residing 3950 Blackstone Avenue, Bronx, New York. He worked on 8 to 4 shift 3/27, 29, 31 and 4/4/68. He was absent on sick leave on 3/28 and on his regular day off, 3/30/68.

He stated, in answer to questions, that he had not travelled from New York City for one year; could not associate any acquaintances with the description furnished

- 2 - Richmond
- 1 - Houston (INFO)
- 1 - Memphis (INFO)
- 1 - New York

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in reairtel; knows no one named "IVAN" and could not connect the description furnished with any acquaintance named JACK; does not know GEORGE TORMEY; has not, nor is he now affiliated with any political, subversive or nationalistic groups other than to register for one of the two major political parties.

WIEDEMAN, a Caucasian, is married to a Negro, but states he has experienced no racial animosity in his residence neighborhood nor at TWA Cargo Terminal.

He said that he has no known enemies either at his residence neighborhood or place of employment.

After he was advised of the instant postcard, WIEDEMAN said he could suggest no one as the author and could offer no reason or explanation for such a communication. He denied having been in Memphis in the recent past or having any knowledge of the instant slaying other than that gained from public news media.

The following physical description was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	GEORGE E. WIEDEMAN
Date of Birth	9/9/24
	Englewood, New Jersey
Race	White
Sex	Male
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Height	5'8"
Weight	140
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair, freckles
Scars and Marks	No scars obvious

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Peculiarities	Dark horn rimmed glasses
Wife	LOUISE nee INGRAM
Children	None
Military Service	Honorable Discharged United States Army

Above investigation conducted by SAS JOHN R.
KENNEDY and GERARD W. VAN LEEUWEN.

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Date: 4/23/68

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Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) & SACS ST. LOUIS,
MIAMI, BALTIMORE AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY

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RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DATED APRIL
TWENTY TWO LAST AS TO JOHN LARRY RAY OF WHICH ST. LOUIS
RECEIVED A COPY.

RECORDS OF CONCORD HOTEL, KIAMESHA LAKE, NEW YORK,
SHOW THAT JOHN RAY, DATE OF BIRTH FEBRUARY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN
THIRTY THREE, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS EMPLOYED THERE
FROM JANUARY TWENTY, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE TO JANUARY
TWENTY FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE AS A PORTER. HE LISTED
HIS FATHER AS JAMES RAY, ONE EIGHT ZERO SIX PARK AVENUE,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AND A PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT AT THE
EVERGLADES, FLAMINGO, FLORIDA.

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LEADS: MIAMI AND ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JAMES EARL RAY'S BROTHER IN YOUR DIVISION OR INFORMATION AS TO HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONSIDER INSTRUCTING BALTIMORE TO CHECK SOURCE FOUR AS TO JOHN RAY.

JAMES EARL RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/23/68

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

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RE ORVILLE D. EWING.

AN ANONYMOUS MALE TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE.

DURING INCARCERATION AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA, HE WORKED WITH ORVILLE D. EWING IN THE PRISON LIBRARY. EWING WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE AFTER HAVING SERVED APPROXIMATELY TWENTY SIX MONTHS OF A THREE YEAR FEDERAL SENTENCE FOR BANKRUPTCY FRAUD. EWING IS BELIEVED TO BE CURRENTLY CONDUCTING A USED CAR OPERATION IN RICHMOND, INDIANA. JAMES EARL RAY WAS FRIENDLY WITH EWING AND AT ONE TIME DATED EWING'S DAUGHTER IN ALTON, ILLINOIS.

ANONYMOUS MALE STATED THAT AN INTERVIEW OF EWING MIGHT BE OF SOME VALUE IN LOCATING RAY.

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INDIANAPOLIS AT RICHMOND AND TERRE HAUTE CONDUCT
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
ORVILLE D. EWING.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1609)

FROM : SAS C. JACK ALLEN &
JAMES PETER BOLAN #23

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

The following investigation was conducted by
SAS C. JACK ALLEN and JAMES PETER BOLAN on 4/23/68:

JACK MILLER, Owner and Manager of Louis
Employment Agency, Inc., 96 3rd Ave, NY, NY, advised
that he has employment applications that go back one
year and he also has a list of names who he had placed
in jobs going back to January, 1967.

MILLER stated that 3 copies of the application
are made; one copy is maintained in his file, one copy is
furnished the employer where the employee is placed and
one copy is given to the employee. He stated that these
applications are not filed in any order except by date.
He further stated that no index is maintained of the men
who fill out applications and placed in a particular job.
MILLER pointed out that most of the individuals do not
use their correct names in applying for work. He stated
that he has not had any applicant by the name of RAY in
the last six months, and cannot recall ever having one.
MILLER stated that he receives approximately 13,000 job
applicants per year.

MILLER was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY
and stated that this individual had never been in his
establishment, however, he would be alert and advise the
FBI should he see this individual.

ROBERT SINGLETON, Manager, 608 8th Ave, NYC,
said his premises was a rooming house consisting of 22
rooms. The owner is Mr. ROY SLAUGHTER. Mr. SINGLETON
has been in this position since 1955. He stated that
since 1955, he has had only one white male tenant. This

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tenant is MORRIS BURHTEN, a white male, 5'6", Jewish, who lives in Room 17. BURHTEN has resided in this room for six years, is in his late 40's, and is on NYC Welfare. Mr. SINGLETON provided his tenant register, which failed to reflect anyone named RAY residing on the premises from 1964 to present. He pointed out that this was not a transient rooming house and most of his tenants had been here a long time. SINGLETON was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and said he had never seen this individual and would advise the FBI should he see him.

It is noted that the address 608 8th Avenue, is across the street from Port Authority on 8th Avenue and 39th Street.

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For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

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