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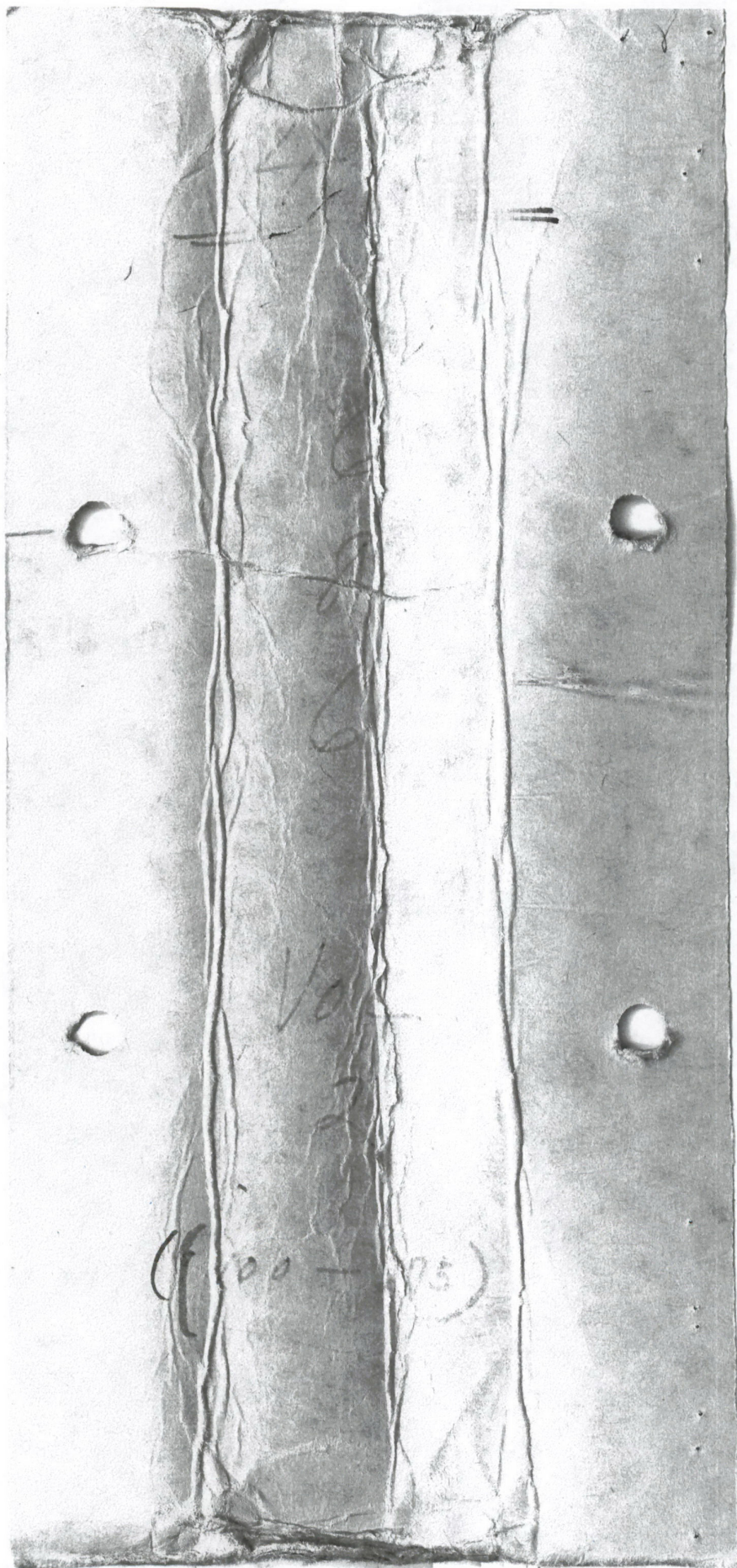
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, also known as  
Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer,  
John Willard, James McBride, James  
Walton, W. C. Herron and James  
O'Conner

FUGITIVE

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location.

Ray has been the subject of a massive and intensive search since the brutal gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. One rifle bullet, believed fired from the window of a nearby rooming house, felled the victim.

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An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division, succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery, based on a Federal warrant issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri. He had been confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in March, 1960, with a 20-year sentence following conviction for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In September, 1966, while serving the sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri. He was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary since April 23, 1967.

Ray, who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

He served in the Army between February, 1946, and December, 1948, received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest and was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928. He is approximately 5'10" inches tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.



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April 20, 1968

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A 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928, Ray is approximately 5'10" tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably.

Described as a "loner and "drifter," with a "rural" quality in his speech, Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA DELMER R. EXON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype to Oklahoma City, 4/23/68.

Tractor mentioned in retel registered to National Trailer Convoy, Tulsa, Oklahoma. DAVID BOATNER, Field Supervisor, National Trailer Convoy, advised 4/24/68 that the above tractor was being operated by HAROLD LLOYD WOODALL, white male, born 5/27/31, 5'10", 160 pounds, medium brown hair. WOODALL, who wears cowboy boots, was operating tractor in Texas on 4/23/68 and returned to Tulsa on 4/23/68. WOODALL has been continuously employed by National Trailer Convoy since 8/31/67. Previous employment of WOODALL from February, 1964, to January, 1966 by trucking firms in Los Angeles, California, has been verified by current employer and identity well established.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Miami Teletype 4/23/68.

LYNN HANDLIN, Operations Department, American Flyers, Inc., Ardmore, Oklahoma, advised on 4/23/68 that American Flyers, Inc., had 5 flights out of the United States to Mexico and the Bahamas for the period 4/4/68 through 4/10/68. All flights were chartered groups of employees of large concerns. Each member of the chartered group is checked thoroughly for identification before boarding flight. Each have to be cleared through customs, each has to be cleared for insurance purposes, and each has to be vouched for by the leader of the chartered group. It would be impossible for a single individual to join one of these groups. He does not have all the manifests available concerning these 5 chartered flights at this time.

In view of the above procedures, no further effort will be made to check American Flyers' manifests UACB.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Miami (Info.)
- ② - Oklahoma City (44-686)

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1030 AM URGENT 4/25/68 LIB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, SAN FRANCISCO. 173-65, MEMPHIS 44-1987,

OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

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RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST, SUGGESTING LOOK ALIKE FOR JAMES EARL RAY AT WICHITA, KANSAS, IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE TO FIFTYSIX. SINCE RAY WAS IN FEDERAL CUSTODY INCLUDING USP, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, FROM MARCH TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE TO HIS CONDITIONAL RELEASE MAY TWENTY, NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT, SAN FRANCISCO REINTERVIEW RAYMOND OWEN AND IF HE IS CERTAIN THE LOOK ALIKE HE SUGGESTED WAS IN WICHITA DURING PERIOD OF RAY'S INCARCERATION, THE LOOK ALIKE CAN BE ELIMINATED ON THIS BASIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ESCAPE PROPENSITIES.

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FBI OKLA CITY

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FBI OKLA CITY

8:16 PM URGENT 4-25-68 OET

TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, DALLAS, OKLAHOMA CITY, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY  
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509) 5P

MURKIN; CR.

RE KC TEL, APR. TWENTY FOUR, LAST.

NEAL EDGAR AEBY INTERVIEWED TODAY AT RAMSEY NO. ONE,  
STATE DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS, TEXAS. AEBY ADVISED THAT HE AND  
RAY IN MISSOURI STATE PEN TOGETHER FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS.  
STATED HE AND RAY HANDLED SOME MINOR NARCOTICS IN PRISON  
IN ORDER TO GET MONEY FOR COMMISSARY ITEMS. AEBY STATES NEVER  
KNOWN RAY TO BE USER OF HARD NARCOTICS.

AEBY ADVISED HE HAD THREE BROTHERS, NAMELY BILL AEBY,  
BOX SIX FOUR, SEGOVILLE, TEXAS, WHO ALSO WAS A FRIEND OF RAY,  
AND WHO ALSO SERVED TIME WITH RAY AT MISSOURI STATE PEN;  
AUBREY AEBY WHO LIVES AT UNKNOWN ADDRESS IN DALLAS, TEX;  
JAMES AEBY, WHO OWNS AND OPERATES A FILLING STATION IN  
DALLAS AND WHO HAS NEVER BEEN ARRESTED.

AEBY ADVISED THAT HE ARRIVED AT RAMSEY NO. ONE ON APRIL  
TWENTYFOUR AFTER HAVING BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM MISSOURI STATE  
PEN TO HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS. AEBY STATES EN ROUTE TO HUNTSVILLE  
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*James advised  
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HE WAS LODGED IN JAIL IN OKLAHOMA CITY FOR ONE NIGHT WHERE HE MAILED A POSTCARD TO FRANK GUINAN.

AEBY ADVISED THAT HIS EXWIFE JUDY POSSIBLY RESIDES IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, HOWEVER HE HAS NOT SEEN HER FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND DOES NOT KNOW WHERE SHE COULD BE LOCATED.

AEBY ADVISED THAT RAY HAD VERY FEW FRIENDS IN MISSOURI STATE PEN AND DESCRIBED RAY AS VERY DEADLY. HE SAID THAT RAY WAS NOT A LOUD RABBLE ROUSING TYPE INDIVIDUAL AND NEVER EXPRESSED ANY HATRED FOR THE NEGRO BUT IF ANYONE WRONGED HIM IN ANYWAY RAY WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTRIVE A MEANS TO GET EVEN. AEBY RELATED THAT HE STABBED TWO PERSONS HIMSELF IN MISSOURI STATE PEN HOWEVER WOULD NOT ADMIT KNOWING ABOUT ANY POSSIBLE STABBINGS THAT RAY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN. AEBY STATED THAT HE WAS A CHIEF COOK IN MISSOURI STATE PEN AND RAY WORKED UNDER HIM AS A SLICER IN THE BREAD ROOM. AEBY ADVISED THAT RAY ON TWO OCCASIONS, ONCE IN NINETEEN SIXTYTWO AND AGAIN IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE FROM FROM MISSOURI STATE  
END PAGE TWO

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PEN BUT IN EACH CASE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN THAT THE LADDER BROKE THE FIRST TIME AND THE ROPE WHICH HE WAS USING ON THE SECOND OCCASION FAILED TO SUPPORT HIM AND HE FELL AND FRACTURED HIS ARM. AFTER SERVING TIME IN SOLITARY, RAY WAS AGAIN RETURNED TO THE BREAD ROOM.

AEBY ADVISED THAT RAY MENTIONED THAT HE HAD A BROTHER IN ST. LOUIS AND THAT HE, RAY, WAS FROM ST. LOUIS. AEBY ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE NAMES OF RAY'S BROTHER OR WHERE HE COULD BE LOCATED.

REGARDING THE ESCAPE ROUTE UTILIZED BY RAY IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AEBY ADVISED THAT HE WOULD NOT DIVULGE THIS ESCAPE ROUTE AS THE ROUTE IS STILL GOOD AND COULD BE USED BY OTHER PRISONERS. AEBY ADVISED THAT HE HATED THE WARDEN AT MISSOURI STATE PEN AND HOPED THAT HE WAS RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE HEAT AS A RESULT OF RAY'S ESCAPE. REGARDING THE ESCAPE OF RAY, AEBY STATED THAT IT WOULD BE THE SMART THING TO DO TO HAVE AN OUTSIDE MAN WAITING TO ASSIST RAY IN LEAVING THE TERRITORY, HOWEVER AEBY WOULD NOT ADMIT THAT HE KNEW OF ANY OUTSIDE MAN UTILIZED BY RAY IN HIS ESCAPE. AEBY

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WOULD NOT STATE WHETHER OR NOT RAY HAD ANY INSIDE HELP IN HIS ESCAPE FROM PRISON.

AEBY FURTHER STATED THAT IN SIXTYTHREE OR SIXTYFOUR RAY HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AT MISSOURI STATE PEN AND DEVELOPED A BAD STOMACH, WHICH RESULTED IN HIM NEEDING SPECIAL FOODS. AEBY ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS WOULD COOK EGGS FOR RAY WHICH RAY ADORED, SO THAT HE WOULD NOT HAVE TO EAT THE PRISON FARE. HE STATED ALSO THAT WHILE IN MISSOURI STATE PEN, RAY QUIT SMOKING POSSIBLY, BECAUSE OF HIS BAD STOMACH. HE STATED ALSO THAT RAY LIKED TO TINKER WITH MECHANICAL THINGS AND ADVISED RAY EVEN BUILT AN AIR CONDITIONER OUT OF SPARE PARTS FOR HIS JAIL CELL AND ALSO LIKED TO REPAIR RADIOS, PARTS FOR WHICH HE WOULD OBTAIN FROM THE MACHINE SHOP. AEBY FURTHER STATED HE DID NOT BELIEVE RAY WOULD GO TO MEXICO OR LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND STATED HE HOPED THAT RAY WOULD NEVER BE CAUGHT AND WOULD NOT ASSIST IN ANY WAY IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN HIS CAPTURE AND WOULD FURNISH NO OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING RAY.

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LEAD DALLAS, INTERVIEW BILL AEBY, BOX SIX FOUR, SEAGOVILLE, TEXAS, WHO KNOWS RAY AND WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. WILL INTERVIEW AUBREY AEBY WHO HAS HAD NUMEROUS ARRESTS IN DALLAS, ADDRESS UNKNOWN.

KANSAS CITY, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL CHECK WITH THE MISSOURI STATE PEN, DETERMINE SERIOUSNESS OF RAY'S STOMACH TROUBLE, AND WHETHER HE REQUIRES A SPECIAL DIET.

HOUSTON, WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE JUDY AEBY, EX WIFE OF NEAL AEBY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

JWS

FBI OKLA CITY

SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (66-1853)

4/26/68

IC TOMMY G. FREEMAN

TOP TEN FUGITIVE PROGRAM

This is to advise that on 4/26/68, material was furnished to each of the individuals and outlets listed in the instructions of file 66-1853 concerning JAMES EARL RAY, IO #4182, who was added to the FBI's List of Ten Most Wanted Fugitives on Saturday, p.m., April 20, 1968.

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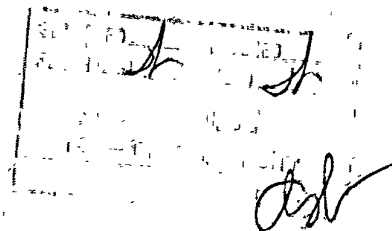
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1056PM 4-18-68 URGENT ERA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND SAC NEW YORK PLAINTEXT  
FROM SAC PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

MURKIN

RE OKLAHOMA CITY TEL TO BUREAU, DALLAS, PHILA AND MEMPHIS  
APRIL EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

MRS. DONOVAN WOODSIDE, THREE ZERO NINE ELMWOOD DRIVE, <sup>EDMOND</sup>~~35-9-5~~  
OKLA, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT ON APRIL SIX LAST, AN INDIVIDUAL  
RESEMBLING ERIC STARVO GALT BOARDED AMERICAN AIRLINE FET FLIGHT THREE  
THREE EIGHT IN DALLAS, TEX, AND DEPLANED AT PHILA. SHE SAW THIS  
INDIVIDUAL IN WAITING ROOM AT DALLAS FOR FEW MINUTES PRIOR TO TIME  
THEY BOTH BOARDED PLANE. THE INDIVIDUAL WAS IN AN AISLE SEAT ON  
LEFT SIDE OF PLANE ABOUT MIDWAY OF THE PLANE AND WAS TRAVELING  
TOURIST CLASS. FLIGHT LEFT DALLAS NINE ZERO FIVE AM AND HAD ONE  
STOP AT FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT, BALTIMORE, BEFORE ARRIVING AT PHILA  
ONE THIRTYONE PM. THE INDIVIDUAL DID NOT LEAVE PLANE AT BALTIMORE  
AND WAS NOT SEEN CONVERSING WITH ANYONE. DURING FLIGHT FROM DALLAS  
TO BALTIMORE, AN ELDERLY COUPLE WERE SEATED WITH HIM. THIS COUPLE  
LEFT THE PLANE IN BALTIMORE AND HE WAS SEATED ALONE DURING REMAINDER  
OF FLIGHT.

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MRS. WOODSIDE DESCRIBED ABOVE PERSON AS WHITE MALE, APPROX THIRTYFIVE YRS OF AGE, FIVE FT TEN INCHES, ONE SEVENTY TO EIGHTY LBS, LIGHT COLORED EYES, WEARING BUSINESS SUIT, BROWN SHOES WITH WHITE SOCKS AND BROWN STRAW COWBOY STYLE HAT. SHE STATED HE CLOSELY RESEMBLED FBI PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT APPEARING IN LOCAL OKLAHOMA CITY NEWSPAPERS THIS DATE.

NEW YORK ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ABOVE INDIVIDUAL THROUGH CONTACT WITH AMERICAN AIRLINES TICKET CENTER, SIX THREE THREE THIRD AVE, NYC, AND DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH SUBJ GALT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4/23/68  
PLAIN TEXTTransmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

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

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NY 44-1609

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.

NY 44-1609

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.

Insert for 44-686 Case Agt. GRIMES by BALES  
AT HOMINY, OKLAHOMA

Ch. Pol. JOHN A. ROBINSON, on 4/25/68, advised SA JHB the only person with a name similar to MEYERS known to him to have been in the cattle hauling business in Hominy, Okla. at any time over the past twenty years is FLEMON MYERS, 203 So. Regan.

ELICK FLEMON " Slim " MYERS, 203 So. Regan, advised on 4/25/68 he started in the cattle hauling business in 1929, and hired a number of drivers from that time until 1941, when he went out of the business for the duration of WW II, and until 1947, when he went back into the business. Most of his drivers roomed and boarded with him, and he knew them all personally. He continued in the cattle hauling business until 1958 when he sold out again, but from 1947 to 1958 he did not hire any drivers, although he did hire some casual help. He was the only person in Osage County or who hauled into or through Osage County with a name similar to MEYERS. He always had the name " Slim Myers, Hominy, Okla. " on his fleet of trucks from 1929 to 1941, and on the one truck he always had on the road from 1947 to 1958.

Mr. MYERS, and his wife, who assisted in the business, each advised after viewing the photographs of RAY that he, and his various aliases, are totally unfamiliar to them.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ( 44-38861 ) (Encls)  
ATT: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY ( 44-686 ) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Remytel 4/23/68

Enclosed herewith are the following items. ~~Excluded from fingerprinting~~

~~EXCLUDED FROM FINGERPRINTING~~

1. Registration card, QuoVadis Motor Hotel, 4/9/68, in name RICHARD BURNS, 13008 E. Ave., Ft. Worth, Tex.
2. Room Service ticket # 00958 signed RICHARD BURNS.
3. Room Service ticket # 00908 signed RICHARD BURNS.
4. Room Service ticket # 01446 signed RICHARD BURNS.

FBI Laboratory should compare the handprinting " RICHARD BURNS 13008 E. Ave. Ft. Worth, Tex., Elco Corp., 1967, ?CL-721 Tex." on Item 1, and the signatures RICHARD BURNS on Items 2, 3 and 4 with any known ~~handprinting~~ specimens of Subject RAY and/or co-conspirators.

Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, should thereafter endeavor to develop latent fingerprints on above items for comparison with prints of RAY and/or co-conspirators.

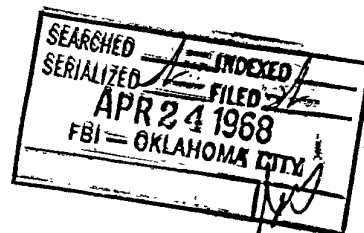
" BURNS" skipped from QuoVadis Motor Hotel, Ponca City, Okla.

4/10/68. Desk Clerk NEAL HARRISON, who saw him only at time registered,

- 1 - Bureau (Encls-4) (RM/AM)
- 1 - Dallas (Info)
- 1 - San Antonio (Info)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Oklahoma City ( 44-686)

JHB

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became suspicious when " BURNS " had second meal sent to room and did not show self in lobby or private club. HARRISON checked parking area of Room 221, found only car parked that area 1967 Ford Thunderbird, black vinal top, dark bottom, Texas license FDH-453, with clothes hanging in car. Called " BURNS " room, used pretext of reported car prowler in area, was advised by "BURNS " he was driving a Texas Thunderbird. HARRISON then entered "T-Bird" and "FDH-453" on registration card.

Both HARRISON and BOB GREEN, Bell Boy who delivered at least two room service meals to " BURNS " state he resembles and could be identical with Subject.

Description of " BURNS " as furnished by HARRISON:

White  
Male  
5' 10"  
160-70 lbs  
Hair brown, cut short  
(shorter than on 1968 photo)  
Age Late 20's, early 30's  
Face: Believed slightly rough  
Voice: Talked soft & low on telephone,  
no accent or speech peculiarities noted.  
Ears: did not notice.

Description of " BURNS" as ~~furnished~~ furnished by GREEN:

White  
Male  
5'9"-10"  
160 lbs  
age 30-31  
Hair: Dark, crew cut.  
Bld: Medium  
Personality: Pleasant, smiled, used "Thank You".  
Voice: no peculiarities noticed.  
Ears: " " "

Submitted items should be returned to Oklahoma City Office.

F B I

Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-  
RE: MURKIN  
CR

Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

1 - Each Continental Office  
2 - Memphis

GMR/vtp

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO-MEMPHIS

Re Oklahoma City teletype 4/23/68, re individual using name RICHARD BURNES.

Investigation conducted by Dallas on 4/23-24/68, by SA MALON L. JENNINGS identified RONNIE E. ISENBERG, Grandview, Texas, employed as traveling salesman for Style-Rite Manufacturing Company, Cleburne, Texas, as using the name and registering on 4/9/68, as RICHARD BURNES at Quo Vadis Motor Hotel, Ponca City, Oklahoma. ISENBERG formerly owned 1967 Thunderbird, 1968 Texas License FCL 712, and now owns 1967 Thunderbird, 1968 Texas License FDH 453, observed at instant motel, Ponca City.

RICHARD A. BURNES, 106 Johns Terrace, formerly residing at 3000--8th Avenue, Fort Worth, stated he lost driver's license, has not been to Oklahoma for several months, and does not fit description of JAMES EARL RAY. BURNES stated an individual has been using his name at a Fort Worth motel, where there was a skip on the bill, and the motel was trying to collect from BURNES.

GEORGE ELLIOTT, Manager, Roadway Inn, Fort Worth, advised an individual registered as RICHARD A. BURNES, 3000--8th Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, on 4/6/68, and departed on 4/8/68. His employment was listed with firm of Elco Corporation, 1321 Circle Drive, Dallas, Texas, car license FCL 712. Bellboy states two individuals

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① - Oklahoma City (44-686)(Info)  
2 - Dallas  
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occupied room, there were visitors, and none fit description of JAMES EARL RAY. Bellboy heard name of RONNIE while delivering food to room; also obtained car license of 1967 Thunderbird, which was FDH 453. ELLIOTT advised he canvassed other motels and found that at the Holiday Inn, midtown, the same individual with the same car registered as JAMES A. GOODMAN and registered at the Green Oaks Inn as JACK KENT. Registration cards at the Roadway Inn and Green Oaks Inn were hand printed. At all three motels bills were left unpaid. Two or more individuals occupied rooms at all three motels.

ISENBERG admitted registering in Roadway Inn Motel as BURNES and Green Oaks Inn Motel as JACK KENT. A friend, KARL NORBERG aka Karl Perry, 8524 Gibbs Drive, Fort Worth, registered at the Holiday Inn and accompanied ISENBERG. NORBERG admitted participating with ISENBERG in renting motel rooms for weekend and then skipping out on bill. NORBERG knows ISENBERG registered as BURNES at Roadway Inn.

ISENBERG has had financial problems according to his employer and recently has passed several hot checks.

ISENBERG stated that he registered as ROBERT BURNES at Ponco City Motel because he tried to cash a check at a local bank and was turned down. He did not have enough money to pay his motel bill and intended to skip the bill, and for that reason registered in the name of BURNES instead of using his true name.

No further investigation being conducted re BURNES matter.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3861)  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

ReKctel, 4/24/68, and Hctel, 4/25/68.

JUDY CAROL PETERS, nee Thomas, aka Judy Carol Aebly, 10205 W. Hardy, Houston, no telephone, interviewed this date and furnished the following information:

She was married to NEAL EDGAR AEBLY for approximately two years in 1960 and 1961. When he was arrested and returned to Missouri in 1961, she came to Houston and has not seen AEBLY since that time. She last contacted him on 4/19/62, advising him of the birth of their daughter. She has divorced AEBLY and has not corresponded with him since that date. Subject RAY is unknown to her and she has not been contacted by any of AEBLY's associates during the past six years. She stated AEBLY does not know her exact address and could not locate her himself.

The only relative of AEBLY who subject RAY might contact would be brother AUBREY AEBLY, Dallas. She does not know the whereabouts of AEBLY's relatives and never closely associated with them.

PETERS promised complete cooperation and will immediately advise the FBI of any information received re subject RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau  
1 - Chicago (Info)  
1 - Dallas (Info)  
1 - Kansas City (Info)  
1 - Memphis (Info)  
1 - Oklahoma City (Info)  
1 - Houston  
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*Denver*

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4/26/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CO-MEMPHIS

Re New York airtel to Bureau, 4/23/68.

On 4/25/68, each of the following who were the stewardesses on American Airlines Flight No. 338 from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia on 4/6/68 advised the photographs on FBI Identification Order No. 4182, dated 4/20/68, for JAMES EARL RAY do not appear to be of anyone observed on Flight No. 338 on 4/6/68:

VIRGINIA VANCE, 5049 Cedar Springs, Apartment 120, Dallas, Texas, telephone LA 8-3993;

BONNIE CRAVEN, 2625 Hudnall, Apartment 226, Dallas, Texas, telephone LA 6-4156;

JANICE THERRELL, 3726 Fairfax, Dallas, Texas, telephone 521-5349;

ANNETTE BUATT, 2710 Douglas, Apartment 124, Dallas, Texas, telephone LA 1-1548.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Oklahoma City (44-686)(Info)  
1 - Philadelphia (Info)  
1 - New York (44-1609)(Info)  
2 - Dallas  
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

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Re New York airtel to the Director 4/23/68, and  
Oklahoma City tel to the Director, 4/18/68.

On 4/26/68, Mrs. DONOVAN D. (NORMAN A.) WOODSIDE, 309 Elmwood Drive, Edmond, Oklahoma, was reinterviewed and MO 4182 displayed to her. Mrs. WOODSIDE said the individual she saw on American Airlines Flight 338 from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 4/6/68, very strongly resembled RAY and she believes him to be identical with RAY. She stated she first noticed this individual in the Love Field Terminal, American Airlines, Waiting Area, a few moments prior to boarding this flight. Mrs. WOODSIDE said she could not locate her ticket stub, but believes she occupied seat 14-C, an aisle seat on the left side of the plane, in the tourist section, and that the above individual occupied the aisle seat one row up on the right.

Mrs. WOODSIDE said this individual did not get off the plane when it landed at Friendship Airport in Baltimore, Md., did not converse with anyone on the plane, and carried no luggage.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Dallas (Info)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - New York (44-1609)
- 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368) (Info)
- 1 - Oklahoma City

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She informed he deplaned at Philadelphia, Pa., and she lost sight of him when her husband met her at the airport. Mrs. WOODSIDE related her husband is employed by RCA International Service Company, Camden, New Jersey, as Area Manager. He is presently on an assignment in the Azores, but at the time was working out of Camden, N. J. Mrs. WOODSIDE said she made the trip to spend Easter with her husband, and returned to Edmond, Oklahoma, on 4/16/68. Mrs. WOODSIDE stated she did not know any of the people on Flight 338.

Mrs. WOODSIDE said she has made so many trips by air that she now spends her time watching other passengers. She noticed that the above individual was visibly nervous, pulled at both of his ears and his nose and would rub the back of his neck, going from one to the other almost in one motion. She also noticed he had bitten his fingernails up to the quick. He spent some time listening to the radio, using the headset in the seat pocket in front of him and often removed these from his ears only to replace them in a few moments. While waiting for the plane to depart Dallas, he nervously directed his gaze out the window as if looking for someone. Mrs. WOODSIDE said at the time she thought he was afraid to fly, which resulted in his nervous manifestations. He appeared so nervous, Mrs. WOODSIDE said, that she thought he might "pass out."

Mrs. WOODSIDE described the above individual as follows:

Race	White
Age	35-40
Height	5'10"
Weight	170-180
Hair	Medium brown, worn long with a tendency to have a little wave
Complexion	Medium
Scars and marks	None noted
Peculiarities	Extremely nervous - pulled at both ears, nose and rubbed the back of neck, going from one to the other almost in one motion; bit fingernails up to the quick; nose has slight hump just below eye level which protrudes slightly up and out to both sides of nose.

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Mrs. WOODSIDE requested that her identity be protected and the above information not be attributed to her.

LEADS

NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York, New York

Set out leads to appropriate field offices to contact passengers on American Airlines Flight 338 traveling Tourist Class to determine if above individual identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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213PM URGENT 4-26-68 MS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) KANSAS CITY (44-760) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 1P

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

RAYMOND OWEN, SEASIDE, CALIF., REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND  
EXHIBITED PHOTOGRAPHS. NOW CLAIMS PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY  
NOT CLOSE TO PERSON HE KNEW AT WICHITA, KANSAS, AND HOMINY, OKLAHOMA.

KANSAS CITY AND OKLAHOMA CITY DISCONTINUE.

JAMES EARL RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI OKLA CITY

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FBI WASH DC

729PM URGENT 4/26/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS. THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686

DATE: 4/28/68

FROM : CLERK J. WAYNE STURDIVAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 8:14P.M. date, Kathy Pounds, 1724 LaHoma Road, phone number 234-0138, Enid, Okla., called and advised the following.

Complainant advised she just observed wanted notice of Ray on TV program, and recalled she believed she seen subject this date. She believed she seen Ray during her return trip from Verden, Okla., to Enid. She advised she did not recall if observed Ray at Verden, hitch-hiking, or at a Deep Rock Service Station, US81 at Hennessee, she had car serviced at that station.

SA Grimes advised.  
SA Oxford Advised.

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*Pounds interviewed,  
Adm. P. in, observed Hitchhiking from  
Verden to Enid, younger than  
Adm. P. in*

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*Enid lead to*  
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Routing Slip  
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TO: SAC,

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☐ Albuquerque  
☐ Anchorage  
☐ Atlanta  
☐ Baltimore  
☐ Birmingham  
☐ Boston  
☐ Buffalo  
☐ Butte  
☐ Charlotte  
☐ Chicago  
☐ Cincinnati  
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☐ Dallas  
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Date April 26, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

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- ☐ For information      Retention optional      ☒ For appropriate action      ☐ Retained 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 are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA DAVID J. LANG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of SA DONALD H. ROBERTS dated 4/25/68.

The following individuals were contacted this date at the Big Town Truck Stop # 1, 9600 Northeast Expressway, Oklahoma City, and were shown current photographs of JAMES EARL RAY:

KAY DEARMAN, Waitress, advised that photos looked similar to person who was arrested by OCPD Narcotics Bureau since 4/7/68. Individual described as being WMA, 5-8 to 5-9, 155 lbs, 25-30 years. DEARMAN stated she did not recall anyone looking like photos in Restaurant 4/7/68.

HELEN WELLS, Head Waitress, advised photos do not resemble anyone she has previously seen.

DONNA MC MANIS, Waitress, advised photos resembled person previously arrested by OCPD.

DON THRONESBERRY, Owner, advised photos resembled individual by name of DON (lnu) who was questioned by narcotics Bureau, OCPD, about a week ago, for selling amphetamines to truck drivers.

Detective JACK MULLINS, OCPD, advised that the person who resembled JAMES EARL RAY, was a DON GUNTER, age 32-34, a person who has been known to the OCPD for the past 6-8 months. MULLINS advised that although this individual strongly resembles RAY, that he is not identical to RAY.

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9:47PM URGENT 4-29-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BALTIMORE, CHARLOTTE, DALLAS, DETROIT,  
LAS VEGAS, LITTLE ROCK, LOUISVILLE, MIAMI, MINNEAPOLIS,  
NEW HAVEN, OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA, SACRAMENTO, ST. LOUIS,  
SAN FRANCISCO, TAMPA, AND WASHINGTON FIELD  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

REMYTEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST.

RE: TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN HOLLYWOOD AREA, LOS ANGELES,  
FROM NOVEMBER NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, THROUGH  
MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST, APPROXIMATELY. NOVEMBER NINETEEN  
UNTIL APPROXIMATELY JANUARY TWENTY RESIDED NEAR ST.  
FRANCIS HOTEL AND JANUARY TWENTY ONE TO MARCH SEVENTEEN  
RESIDED THERE. TOLL NUMBERS FROM TELEPHONE BOOTHS AT THE  
HOTEL ARE BEING ANALYZED FOR ANY POSSIBLE CALLS BY SUBJECT  
WHILE IN LOS ANGELES AREA.

FOLLOWING NUMBERS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN  
CALLED FROM THE TELEPHONE BOOTHS LOCATED IN THE ST.  
FRANCIS HOTEL.

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7:21 PM MWC  
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BALTIMORE

FEBRUARY ELEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, OXON HILL, MARYLAND,  
TEN ZERO THREE AM, SIX THREE ZERO DASH THREE ONE EIGHT TWO.

CHARLOTTE

FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, PEMBROKE, NORTH CAROLINA,  
SEVEN FIFTY THREE PM, FIVE TWO ONE DASH FOUR SIX EIGHT NINE.

MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA,  
NINE THIRTEEN AM, SEVEN THREE FIVE DASH FOUR TWO ZERO NINE.

DALLAS

MARCH TWELVE, SIXTY EIGHT, FORT WORTH, SIX ELEVEN PM, NINE  
TWO FOUR DASH NINE THREE ZERO NINE.

DETROIT

FEBRUARY TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, ST. INGLIS, MICHIGAN,  
TIME NOT KNOWN, SIX FOUR THREE DASH ONE TWO EIGHT SEVEN.

LAS VEGAS

DECEMBER TWENTY THREE, SIXTY SEVEN, LAS VEGAS, THREE TWENTY  
EIGHT PM, SEVEN THREE FIVE DASH NINE SEVEN ONE THREE.

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LITTLE ROCK

FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, LITTLE ROCK, ONE FORTY SEVEN PM, SIX SIX FOUR DASH ONE FOUR SEVEN EIGHT. TICKET REFLECTS THIS COLLECT CALL TO MRS. VERA D. AND KEN STURGIS, EIGHT ZERO TWO WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, LITTLE ROCK.

LOUISVILLE

JANUARY TWELVE, SIXTY EIGHT, STURGIS, NINE TWELVE PM, THREE THREE THREE DASH TWO SEVEN TWO EIGHT.

MIAMI

FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, FORT LAUDERDALE, ELEVEN FORTY EIGHT AM, FIVE SIX FOUR DASH TWO THREE SEVEN ONE.

FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, FORT LAUDERDALE, TWELVE NINETEEN PM, FIVE SIX FOUR DASH TWO THREE SEVEN ONE.

MINNEAPOLIS

JANUARY TWENTY ONE, SIXTY EIGHT, MINNEAPOLIS, ONE THIRTY FOUR AM, EIGHT SIX SIX DASH FOUR FOUR THREE NINE.

NEW HAVEN

FEBRUARY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT, FIVE ELEVEN PM, EIGHT FOUR SEVEN DASH NINE ZERO FIVE TWO.

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FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX, SIXTY EIGHT, BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT,  
ELEVEN EIGHTEEN PM, THREE THREE SIX DASH FOUR NINE FOUR SEVEN.

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FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, MIDWEST CITY, ONE TWENTY  
ONE PM, SEVEN THREE SEVEN DASH FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX.

PHILADELPHIA

JANUARY THREE, SIXTY EIGHT, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,  
SEVEN THIRTY SEVEN PM, TWO FOUR SEVEN DASH TWO ZERO TWO SEVEN.

DECEMBER TWELVE, SIXTY SEVEN, SHARON HILL, PENNSYLVANIA,  
EIGHT SIXTEEN PM, FIVE EIGHT SIX DASH TWO ZERO SIX ZERO.

SACRAMENTO

DECEMBER EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SACRAMENTO, SIX ZERO  
SEVEN PM, NINE TWO FIVE DASH EIGHT FOUR ZERO THREE.

DECEMBER TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, SACRAMENTO, TEN ZERO  
FIVE PM, NINE TWO FIVE DASH EIGHT FOUR ZERO THREE.

ST. LOUIS

MARCH TEN, SIXTY EIGHT, KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI, TEN FORTY  
EIGHT AM, SEVEN EIGHT ONE DASH EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN SIX.

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SAN FRANCISCO

FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA,  
EIGHT TEN PM, TWO FIVE TWO DASH FOUR SEVEN ONE THREE.  
TICKET REFLECTS PERSON TO PERSON CALL TO LENORE WIDEN, NINE  
FOUR THREE BRENTWOOD.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SAUSALITO, TWO FORTY  
THREE PM, THREE THREE TWO DASH FIVE FIVE NINE TWO.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SAUSALITO, SEVEN TWENTY  
THREE PM, THREE THREE TWO DASH FIVE FIVE NINE TWO.

FEBRUARY NINETEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SAUSALITO, THREE FORTY  
THREE PM, THREE THREE TWO DASH FIVE FIVE NINE TWO.

FEBRUARY NINETEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, SEVEN TWENTY  
NINE PM, THREE SIX FIVE DASH NINE SEVEN SIX THREE.

FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, EIGHT ZERO  
TWO PM, THREE SIX FIVE DASH NINE SEVEN SIX THREE.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, SEVEN  
THIRTY TWO PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.

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FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, SEVEN ZERO ONE PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.

FEBRUARY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, FOUR ZERO THREE PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.

FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, NINE ZERO THREE PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.

FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX, SIXTY EIGHT REDWOOD CITY, NINE SEVENTEEN PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT SEVEN ZERO.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, MILL VALLEY, SEVEN TWENTY FIVE PM, THREE EIGHT EIGHT DASH SEVEN ZERO FOUR FOUR.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, MILL VALLEY, SIX THIRTY FOUR PM, THREE EIGHT EIGHT DASH SEVEN ZERO FOUR FOUR.

DECEMBER ELEVEN, SIXTY SEVEN, SAN FRANCISCO, TWELVE TWENTY NINE PM, THREE SIX TWO DASH SIX ONE SIX ZERO.

DECEMBER TWELVE, SIXTY SEVEN, SAN FRANCISCO, ONE FIFTY SEVEN PM, THREE SIX TWO DASH SIX ONE SIX ZERO.

FEBRUARY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, EIGHT FIFTY THREE PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.

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TAMPA

DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN, BRADENTON, FLORIDA,  
SIX TWELVE, PM, SEVEN FOUR SIX DASH FOUR FIVE EIGHT FOUR.

DECEMBER TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY SEVEN, TAMPA, EIGHT THIRTEEN  
AM, EIGHT THREE FOUR DASH FIVE EIGHT ZERO ONE. TICKET  
REFLECTS RECEIVER OF CALL GEORGE DAVERNOY, FOUR SEVEN ZERO  
ONE SAN JOSE STREET.

WASHINGTON FIELD

MARCH TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, WASHINGTON, D.C., SEVEN FIFTY ONE  
PM, THREE THREE SEVEN DASH FIVE THREE ONE FIVE.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBER AND  
IDENTITY OF CALLER AND ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE GAINED  
CONCERNING RAY IF HE MADE ANY OF THESE CALLS.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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Date: 4/25/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND  
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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4/25/68

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓  
CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Dallas teletype to Memphis 4/23/68, re info furnished by NATB, Dallas.

On 4/22/68, Mrs. CHARLIE VANDERPOOL, 321 Pike, North Little Rock, Arkansas, viewed current photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the individual's photograph is not identical with the unknown subject who sold her the 1967 Chevrolet, VIN 138177K198773. ✓ 44-686-42

Mrs. VANDERPOOL advised that the only resemblance between the individual in the photograph and the unknown subject who sold her the car, is the short crew type hair cut. Mrs. VANDERPOOL stated that she is certain the unknown subject is not identical with RAY.

Mr. LEE HUITT, 321½ Pike, North Little Rock, Arkansas, was present at the time Mrs. VANDERPOOL purchased the 1967 Chevrolet from the unknown subject.

Mr. HUITT viewed photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that the unknown subject was not identical with RAY. HUITT advised the only resemblance between the two, was the short hair cut.

VANDERPOOL and HUITT are certain at this time that the unknown subject is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

- 2 - Memphis
- ① - Oklahoma City
- 1 - Dallas (44-2649)
- 2 - Little Rock
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