

5/8/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re Pittsburgh airtel, 5/3/68. To *Philadelphia*.

Enclosed for Oklahoma City is a copy of reairtel.

On 5/8/68, JIM ABSHIER, Agent in Charge, Security Division, Gulf Oil Corporation (former Special Agent), Houston, advised as follows:

Gulf Credit Card No. 1312681552 is issued to a JAMES W. HAMMONS, Route 1, Antler, Oklahoma.

The purchase referred to in reairtel at Bartow, West Virginia on 4/22/68 was utilized for a 1962 white Chevrolet, Louisiana license 9H067. The purchase invoice for this purchase has been submitted by the dealer, KELTON PLYER, Bartown, West Virginia to Gulf Oil Corporation office at Philadelphia and is in the process of being forwarded to Houston, Gulf Oil Corporation Central Office for processing.

JIM ABSHIER advised that the reason for a "stop" being placed on the credit card of JAMES W. HAMMONS, Card No. [REDACTED] is because of the similarity in HAMMONS' name with that of a person named HAMMER who is also from

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Antler, Oklahoma. ABSHIER stated that Gulf Oil Corporation is confronted with an extensive credit card ring operating out of Antler, Oklahoma area and one of the persons using the card in this ring is a person named HAMMER. In view of the similarity of the names HAMMER and HAMMONS, both being from Atler, Oklahoma, a stop was placed against HAMMONS' card.

Regarding the name S.G. STEINER, JIM ABSHIER advised as follows:

Gulf Oil Corporation has in its employ an S.G. STEINER who is the credit manager of the Gulf Oil Corporation Credit Office at Philadelphia, Pa. The above referred to KELVIN PLYER, Gulf dealer, Bartow, West Virginia, refers his credit invoices for purchases to the Philadelphia Office of Gulf Oil Corporation and it would appear that because of this process PLYER has confused the name of STEINER and the purchase made by JAMES HAMMONS.

It would appear that S.G. STEINER is in no way involved in this matter.

LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT ANTIER, OKLA.

Will verify the identity of JAMES W. HAMMONS, purpose being to eliminate him as a suspect in captioned investigation.

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Will through automobile registration, Louisiana, determine or verify issuance of Louisiana license 9H067 supposedly issued to JAMES W. HAMMONS for a 1962 white Chevrolet.

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN  
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WERE RELEASED TODAY TO NEWS MEDIA IN WASHINGTON. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN IN MEXICO)." THIS IS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN DARK GLASSES AND SPORT SHIRT. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT IN CALIFORNIA)." THHP IS HEAD SHOT OF RAY IN BUSINESS SUIT WHICH SHOWS MARKED CLEFT IN CHIN. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE COPIES OF THESE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS LOCALLY AND YOU SHOULD INSURE THEY RECEIVE WIDE-SPREAD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ALL MEDIA CONTACTS. FIVE COPIES OF EACH OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ALL OFFICES.

LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO ADVISED.

CORR LINE SEVEN WORD EIGHT SHOULD READ THIS

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Date: May 7, 1968

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

To: All SACs and LEGATs  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

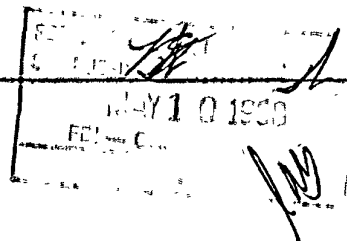
The Bureau has designated Memphis as office of origin in this case.

You were previously advised that leads in this Top Ten Fugitive case must be handled within 24 hours. The Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Springfield Offices are to prepare the results of their investigation to date in report form, not as an insert. At such time as the amount of investigation in these field offices does not appear to warrant individual reports, advise the Bureau and office of origin that inserts being prepared in future in lieu of reports, UACB.

All other offices will record the results in appropriate form and transmit 15 copies of each to the office of origin for inclusion in reports submitted by the Memphis Office. Should investigation increase in any such area warranting submission of individual report, do so and advise the Bureau and Memphis.

LEGATs are to submit results of investigation which can be disseminated in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination. Any administrative data which cannot be disseminated is to be set forth in the administrative section of your transmittal communication. Look-alikes and other leads resolved and reported by cablegram or other communication need not be rereported as copies of these communications are being forwarded office of origin by the Bureau for administrative handling of the case.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.



Sent Via \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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5/8/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)  
MURKIN  
CR  
OO Memphis

Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, etal, 4/30/68; Jackson teletype to Director, etal, 4/24/68, copies of which are enclosed for Dallas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HAROLD E. DUNCAN.

At El Reno, Oklahoma

On 5/7/68 records (card record only) of Federal Reformatory disclosed ROBERT G. BOSHERS, Inmate #26381 SW, FBI #754495C, a white male, born 5/28/38 at St. Louis, Missouri, was sentenced 7/2/59 in the Eastern District of Missouri to serve an indeterminate period under the Youth Corrections Act (SO10b), following conviction for mail theft -- forging and uttering U. S. Check -- probation revoked. He was received at El Reno 7/13/59; paroled 4/1/61; parole violator's warrant executed 10/5/63 and BOSHERS was returned to El Reno 10/24/63, and was released 12/12/63 at the expiration of his sentence.

Inmate file for BOSHERS has been transferred to the Federal Records Center, Fort Worth, Texas.

3 - Director  
2 - Dallas (Enc. 2)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - St. Louis (44-775) (Info)  
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LEAD

DALLAS DIVISION

At Fort Worth, Texas

Will at Federal Records Center, review inmate file for ROBERT G. BOSHERS (Federal Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma, #26381SW, FRC #304,628), for information requested of Detroit, Kansas City, and Oklahoma City Divisions in re St. Louis airtel.

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FBI

Date: May 8, 1968

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
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*MA* To: All SACS and LEGATS  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
MURKIN ✓  
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

In connection with the captioned case there has been speculation that James Earl Ray concocted the alias of Eric Starvo Galt by combining the names of characters from books by Ian Fleming and from a book "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand. This speculation is based on the fact that in the James Bond books by Ian Fleming there is a character named Ernst Stavro Blofield and in "Atlas Shrugged" there is a character named John Galt, as well as one named Eric Starnes. Ernst Stavro Blofield is a formidable person, John Galt is a "social drop out" and Eric Starnes is described in the book as a "whiner" from a low-class family.

In view of the above and in order that Agents handling this investigation can be alert to the possibility of Ray's utilizing an alias based on characters in Fleming's books, there is set out as an attachment to this airtel a list of various characters in those books for your assistance.

Enclosure

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**CHARACTERS IN BOOKS**

**BY IAN FLEMING**

**CASINO ROYALE**

James Bond	Smyert Shpionam	Monsieur Sixte
de Villorin	Goytchev	Lord Danvers
Duclos	Garrad-Jones	Carmel Delane
Dasilva	Petchora	Signor Tomelli
Clements	Donovan	Rene Mathis
Caffery	Harthrop-Vane	Monsieur Versoix
Fawcett	Ventnor	Adolph Gettler
Herr Nummer	Mace	Herr Gettler
Herr Ziffer	Savarin	
Smersh	Mathis	
Deauville	Charles Dasilva	
Le Touquet	Kingston	
Zographos	Monsieur Muntz	
Cypher	Trouville	
Alsace Lorraine	Royale	
Strasbourg	Vesper Lynd	
Archivist	Dior	



**DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER**

Galland	Felix Leiter	Sir Reginald Leeper
Sillitoe	Pickapepper	Mr. Swart
Daker	Mauve Decade	Brigadier Rademeyer
Jacoby	Bill Winfrey	Volk
Bronsteen	Kid Tatters	Bernard Nealon
Sefton Delmer	Lame-Brain Pissaro	John Blaize
DeBeers	Belair Stud	Williamson
Ronnie Vallance	Mr. Weiss	Prospector Katze
Rufus B. Saye, wa, Jack Spang	Windy Wint	du Raan
Peter Franks	Boofy Kidd	Mr. Louwrens
Tiffany Case	Ernie Cuneo	Sergeant Cilliers
Sergeant Dankwaerts	Jack Entratter	Andries Coetzze
Sergeant Lobiniere	Bobby Bilbo	Alexander Foote
Mister Grunspan	Mr. Lucian	Desmond
Willy Behrens	Frasso	Percy Sillitoe
George Feyer	McGonigle	Ernest Oppenheimer
Michael Tree, wa, Shady Tree	Captain Hook	J. A. Brink
Seraffimo Spang	B. Kitteridge	Claasens
W. Winter	Mr. Rothblatt	Bill Syer
Mike Hammer	<b><u>THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS</u></b>	Fuchs
Rocky	Ian Fleming	LeBeers

**THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS**

Van Blommestein & Birt

Tim Patterson

Piet Willers

T. S. Patterson

Blake

Davis

de Graaf

Mrs. Coetzze

Christine Granville

Sammy Silberstein

Captain van der Westhuisen

William Percival Radley ("Tony")

Donald Miles

Henry Orford

Blaize

Bernard Nealon

Harry Morgan

Finkle

William N. Witherspoon

P. M. R. Willis

Ardayast Powanlian

David Mitchel

Frank Wile

Max Pop

Francis Gballeit

Arthur Sherman

Belcher

Herbert Cox

Monsieur Diamant

Harry Openheimer

Kutze

Groffelaar

Patrick Sullivan

Leiser Weitman

John Gundry

Willy Rosen

Sillitoe

Henry Brasseur

Kheir

Mr. Capper

Robert Johnson

Ernest Oppenheimer

**THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS**

**Lyall**

**Philip Schreiber**

**Amschel Benny Engel**

**M. Lallet**

**M. Mario Pinci**

**Alio Giwa**

**Nathan Ascher Glatt**

**Dr. H. P. Lowe**

**H. J. Browning (Mr.)**

**Solomon Cukrowicz**

**David Gollansky**

**Alahaju Mustafa Ibrahim**

**Mike Collins**

**R. F. Sheldon**

**Mr. H. Rogers**

**Harras**

**DOCTOR NO**

**John Strangways**

**M**

**Bill Templar**

**Stoker Smith**

**James Molony**

**Dr. Peter Steincrohn**

**Major Boothroyd**

**Quarrel**

**Hugh Foot**

**Mr. Pleydell-Smith**

**Ben Gibbons**

**Josiah Smith**

**John Bryce**

**Waygood Otis**

**Julius No**

**Lemmy**

**FOR YOUR EYES ONLY**

**Rattray**

**Bates**

**Proctor**

**Pyramus**

**Thisbe**

**Havelock**

**Jimmy Farquharson**

**Aschenheim**

**Fayprince**

**Henriques**

**Feddens**

**Major Gonzales**

**von Hammerstein**

**Colonel Johns**

**Haversack**

**Burns Martin**

**Monty**

**Ethan Allen**

**Robin Hood**

**Harvey Millers**

**Godalming**

**Cheltenham**

**Tunbridge Wells**

**Governor**

**Philip Masters**

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

Tattersall

Whitehall

Albergo Colomba D'oro

Signor Kristatos

Ronnie Vallance

Santos

Enrico Colombo

Van Cleef

Mr. Toad

Albergo Daniell

Milton Krest

Mr. Abedana

Professor Hildebrand

General Ivan Aleksandrovitch Serov

Colonel General Grubozaboyschikov

Lt. General Slavin

Lt. General Vozdvishensky

Tokaev

Khoklov

Petrov

Rene Mathis

Drax

Colonel Klebb

Kronsteen

Makharov

Fouche

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Donovan Grant

"Red" Grant

Krassno Granitsky

"Granit"

Dr. Baumgarten

Colonel Arkday Fotoyev

Lt. Col. Nikolai Godlovsky

Professor Deniken

Darko Kerim

Lermontov

Swaine

Adeney

Wilkinson

Kerim Bey

Cecil Beaton

**FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE**

Croesus  
David Somerset  
Bianco  
Major Dansey  
Gyllius  
Vavra  
Krilenku  
Zora  
Vida  
Boris Kerim  
Melchior Benz  
Kurt Goldfarb  
Stefan Trempo  
"Tempo"  
Captain Norman Nash  
Wilbur Frank  
Comtesse Metterstein  
Rosa Malheur

**GOLDFINGER**

Blackwell	Homer
Schwab	Philip Scrutton
Santos	Foulks
Johnny Crawford	Hagen
Auric Goldfinger	Bernard Darwin
Mr. Armour	Mr. Scotland
Jill Masterton	Le Touquet
Colonel Smithers	Tilly Masterton
Sassoon	Dr. Foch
Ellerman	Mr. Gold
Lord Cowdray	Helmut M. Springer
Rothschilds, Barings, Hambros	Jed Midnight
Williamson	Billy (The Grinner) Ring
Oppenheimer	Jack Strap
Boris Anrep	Mr. Solo
Hopton Wood	Jim Colossimo
Alfred Blacking	Slappy Hapgood
Farquharson	Giulio
Hawker	Bloody Morgan
Lord Lonsdale	Cortez

GOLDFINGER

O' Brien  
Weathership Charlie  
Dutch Schuyts  
Napoleon, Hitler

LIVE AND LET DIE

Grady  
Arthur Fein  
Buonaparte Ignace Gallia  
Tee-Hee Johnson  
Leigh Fermor  
Samuel D. Baldwin  
Mr. Halloran  
Captain Dexter  
Zachary Smith  
Baron Samedi  
Sam Miami  
G-G Sumatra  
Flannel  
Mr. Bryce  
Quarrel

THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN

M.  
Captain Walker  
Major Townsend  
Mr. Robson  
  
Sir James Molony  
Bill Tanner  
Ramon "The Rod" Rodriguez  
Enrico Scaramanga  
Harold L. Peterson  
Oliver Winchester  
Beau Desert  
Commander Edmund G. Ross  
Mark Hazard  
Tony Hugill  
Mr. Brown  
Francisco Scaramanga  
Mr. Hendriks  
Sam Binion  
Leroy Gengerella  
Hal Garfinkel

## THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN

Louie Paradise	Tranby Croft	Marie Laurencin
Mr. Travis	Steffi Esposito	Leica
Mr. Nick Nicholson	Meyer	Baxter
Stanley Jones	Gibbon	Professor Bhose
King Tiger	Longchamp	Galatea
Sir Alexander Bustamante	Brevett	Graf Hugo von der Drache
Mr. Scramble	Canfield	
Mr. Arosio	Dangerfield	Kaltenbrunner
Rastafari	Max	Otto Skorzeny
Macdonald	Porterfield	Group Captain Tandy
Bannister	Grimley	Peter Trimble
Percival Sampson	General Bealey	Detective-Inspector Vivian
Lister Smith	Duff Sutherland	
Justi J Morris Cargill	Morphy	
Donatz	Ronnie Vallance	
Guderian	Tallon	
	Gala Brand	

## MOONRAKER

Hugo Drax ("Hugger")	Egon Bartsch
Jack Hobbs	Professor Train
Gordon Richards	Dr. Walter
Basildon (Basil)	Willy Krebs

ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

Phillippe Bertrand

Boudin

Monet

Ernst Stavro Blofeld

Croupier

Rossi

Andre Mattei

Peckham

Laurence Sterne

Johnson

Goldsmith

Dean Swift

Lord Nelson

Sable Basilish Pursuivant

Gebriider Gumpold-Moosbrugger

Tissot

Tracy

Blauenfelder

Monsieur Maurice

Monsieur Pol

Changeur

Marc - Ange Draco

Jean Gindicelli

Griffon Or

Sir Thomas Bond

Nell Gweynn

Boswell

Reynolds

Garrick

Canning

Lord Bently Royal

Sir Hilary Bray

G. W. Marshall

Sir James Malony

Achmed

Jenny Bray

Mary potts

O'Neill

Maria Stavro Michelopoulos

Captain Boris

Alphonse de Bleuville

D'dsigneys

Professor Auguste Kommer

Conte de Bleuville



**ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE**

Fritz	Jed Phancey	Sol (Horror) Horowitz
Ivan	Derek Mallaby	Horst Uhlmann
Bertil Yugo	Ben Said	Lieutenant Morrow
Sir George Dunbar	Maurice Smart	O'Donnell
George Albert Windsor	Don Shirley	Captain Stonor
Ernst George Blofeld	James Grant	
Shaun Campbell	Audrey Thompson	
Herr Graf	Nosy Parker	
Pat Smythe	Hoppy Jones	
Simon de Bleuville	Bill Kenny	
Muir	Charlie Fuqua	
Summerhayes	Harling	
Mr. Leathers	Len Holbrook	
Marius	Frank Donaldson	
Che-Che	Bill Donaldson	
Ernst Stefan Blofeld	Kurt Rainer	
Mr. Franklin	Trude	
Sir Ronald Vallance	Herr Doktor Braunschweig	
Mr. Trumper	Pat Moss	
Toussaint	Elliott Frey	
<b><u>THE SPY WHO LOVED ME</u></b>	Millicent	
Mr. Sanguinetti	Sluggsy Morant	

**THUNDERBALL**

Bircher-Brenner  
Kneipp  
Preissnitz  
Rikli  
Schroth  
Gossman  
Bilz  
Joshua Wain  
Alan Moyle  
Heinkel  
Count Lippe  
Beresford  
Jules  
Gregor Karlski  
Ernst Stavro Blofeld  
Marius Domingue  
Pierre Borraud  
Giuseppi Petacchi  
Fidelio Sciacco  
Bruno Bayer  
Fonda  
Enrico Valli

**YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE**

Vargas	Tiger Tanaka
Emilio Largo	Trembling Leaf
Kotze	Grey Pearl
Leopoldo Rodriques	Dikko Henderson
Dominetta Vitali	Admiral Ohnishi
Pitman	Porterfield
F. Larkin	Sir James Molony
Roddick	Ernst Stavro Blofeld
Felix Leiter	Richard Lovelace Henderson
Bryce	
Harold Christie	Tracy
Sergeant Molony	Colonel Hamilton
Mr. Snow	Prenderghast
Mr. Player	Bill Tanner
Constable Santos	Jim Saunderson
Emil Traut	Mariko Ichiban
Brigadier Fairchild	Superintendent Ando
Peter Pedersen	Taro Todoroki
Admiral Carlson	Kono
Strelik	Kazama
Petty Officer Fallon	
Dr. Stengel	Doctor Guntram Shatter- hand, aka-Comte de Bleuville

## THRILLING CITIES

Leonard Russell

Mr. Frere

Hugh Barton

Jack Conder

Dick Hughes

Kadoorie

Richard Mason

Dr. Lobo

Samuel Montague

Len Cosgrove

"Cos"

"Tiger" Saito

Alan Searle

Mr. Fratinelli

Captain James Hamilton

Virgil Peterson

Professor Philip Fox

Colonel Edward Bradley

Ben Goffstein

Ray Russell

Charles Beaumont

Ray Brennan

Joey Glimco

Francis "The Immune" Maritote

Charles "Cherry Nose" Gioe

Richard Hauff

Cosmo Orlando

Carlo "Bananas" Urbaniti

Ripa

Joseph Broge

Gene Gleason

Dan Jacobson

David Barlow

Felix Leiter

Marthe Richard

Antony Terry

Knoeller

"Rickey" Renee

Dr. Julius Raab

Dr. Kriesky

Anton Karas

Colonel Podharsky

Dr. Bircher-Brenner

Frederick Bussy

Pierre Jaccoud

Charles Zumbach

Andre Zumbach

Professor Pittard

Francesco Waldman

Salvatori Funari

**OCTOPUSSY, THE DARLING**

Major Dexter Smythe

Professor Bengry

Dr. Jimmy Greaves

Luna

Hannes Oberhauser

Gieves

Arundels

Marchesis

Dr. Cahusac

**THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS**

Corporal Menzies

Tanqueray

Trigger

Captain Paul Sender

Grafin Liselotte Mutzenbacher

Ameryllis

Donskaya

Lomova

**THE PROPERTY OF A LADY**

Dr. Fanshawe

Faberge

Kenneth Snowman

Peter Wilson

Piotr Malinowski

**CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG**

Commander Caractacus Pott

Mimsie Pott

Jeremy (Pott)

Commander Crackpott

Lord Skrumshus

Man Mountain Fink

Soapy Sam

Blood-money Banks

Monsieur Bon-Bon

Jacques

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : CLERK J. WAYNE STURDIVAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 10:40PM date, an unidentified woman called the office re the above saying that RAY was working for the Independent Postal Service here in Okla. City. Complainant, who refused to identify herself, advised she lives in the Park Estates and that subject while making his mail round, one day last week, stopped and talked to caller, while he was waiting for mail truck. Caller stated subject did not have name on his shirt or jacket, nor did she know his name, but would be working for this postal system. Caller was very sure of identity as Ray, as she had photo of Ray in her possession, and seemed to be frightened, saying that when we caught Ray, she would identify herself to us, but that she was scared to identify herself at this time, as subject had talked to her.

1840 W. Reno  
Tele # 232-5487

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by Lang*

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA DAVID J. LANG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReMemo Clerk J. WAYNE STURDIVAN dated 5/8/68.

On 5/9/68, the following investigation was conducted at Oklahoma City by SA'S DAVID J. LANG and MICHAEL F. HUTTER:

STEVE JOHNSON, Head of Operations, Independent Postal Service, 1840 West Reno, Telephone Number 232-5487, advised that his service includes the Park Estates area of Oklahoma City on Tuesdays. He stated this area is in the vicinity of Northeast 36th and Kelly, and that most of the employees who work in that area for his Service are Negroes. JOHNSON reviewed the worksheets of the individuals working in the Park Estates area and stated that none of these is identical to JAMES EARL RAY or any of his known aliases. He further stated after viewing current photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that subject is not employed by the Independent Postal Service and has not been so employed in the past.

Current photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were also shown to RICK JOHNSON, Asst. Head of Operations, and JAMES WYATT, Supervisor of Personnel, and they stated that they had not seen anyone identical to subject.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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5/9/68

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New York teletype to Baltimore dated 4/30/68 concerning the names and phone numbers of tourist passengers on AAL Flight #338 from Dallas to Philadelphia on 4/6/68; Baltimore teletype to Philadelphia 5/2/68 re (FNU) BODDOR; Philadelphia telephone call to Baltimore 5/9/68 re (FNU) BODDOR.

In referenced New York teletype of 4/30/68:

(FNU) BODDOR, AC 215-793-1320 listed to ROBERT BODDORFF, General Wayne Drive, Lenape, Pa. It was determined that this individual works at the home office of Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Del., phone AC 302-656-9811, Ext. 8797. This individual travels extensively and can best be interviewed at Hercules in Wilmington, Del. Telephone lead set out for Baltimore to handle on 5/9/68.

This individual appears to be identical with the (FNU) BODDOR, AC 302-656-9911 set out under leads for Baltimore in referenced New York teletype.

(FNU) AIMS WORTH, AC 215-VI 3-5650 determined to be BRUCE AIMS WORTH, III, a student at TCU, Fort Worth, Texas. Teletype lead set out for Dallas 5/2/68.

- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
  - 2 - Baltimore (44-669) (RM)
  - 1 - Dallas (44-2649) (Info) (RM)
  - ① - Oklahoma City (44-686) (Info) (RM)
  - 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)
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(FNU) SIKRA, AC 215-EL 7-5009, determined to be JOHN F. SIKRA, 28 North Westview Avenue, Feasterville, Pa. SIKRA interviewed 5/1/68. He was on Flight 338 but could not recall seeing anyone resembling RAY. SIKRA is an employee at the Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, and not identical to RAY.

(FNU) RANDALL, AC 717-EX 3-1381 determined to be THOMAS RANDALL, a student at SMU, Dallas. Teletype lead set out for Dallas 5/3/68.

Leads

BALTIMORE:

AT WILMINGTON, DEL.

1. Will interview ROBERT BODDORFF at the Home Office of Hercules Powder Company to determine if he is identical with the two (FNU) BODDORs listed on pages two and seven of referenced New York teletype.

2. Will exhibit appropriate photographs of RAY to BODDORFF if he was on Flight 338.



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**AIRTEL**

**TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)**  
**FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268) (P)**  
**MURKIN**

**Re Interview of passengers aboard American Airlines Flight 338 from Dallas, Texas to Philadelphia, Pa., on 4/6/68.**

**Re Oklahoma City airtel to Memphis dated 5/2/68.**

**The following investigation was conducted at Fort Eustis, Va., by SA H. CURTISS BURRELL, on 5/6/68.**

**Private TIMOTHY JOHN TAYLOR, was contacted at Ft. Eustis, Va. He advised that he is in Company E of the Second School Battalion, Transportation School Brigade. He advised that he boarded the instant flight 338 at Oklahoma City, Okla., on 4/6/68, with his destination being Philadelphia, Pa. He sat in the most rear seat in the tourist section, next to a white female with blond hair. He was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results. He advised that he could recall no one on said flight who even resembled RAY. He noted, however, that due to his close attention to the white female with whom he was sitting, that he did not really pay too much attention to any of the other passengers. He stated that due to his seat in the most rear section of the airplane, also, that his observation of all passengers in the tourist section would have been quite limited.**

**Due to the above, no further investigation being conducted re this matter by Norfolk.**

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1 - New York (Info)  
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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA DONALD H. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re memo of SA DONALD H. ROBERTS dated 4/25/68,  
and telcall J. GRIMES to Lawton RA 4/30/68.

Pursuant to rememo, Mr. LOWELL DIKES, 1611 North 26th Street, and EVELYN HOUSE, 1301 Irwin Street, Lawton, Oklahoma, were interviewed by the writer and displayed photographs of Subject RAY. Mrs. HOUSE stated that the individual in the situation recalled by Mrs. DIKES was not observed by her for any extended period of time. She stated she does recall the incident and the only picture of RAY that resembles the man she recalls in the diner is the side view of RAY taken in 1960.

Mrs. HOUSE recalled that the individual at the Big Town Truck Stop was a very pleasant person, did most of his talking with Mr. LOWELL DIKES and to the best of her recollection, he was dressed in a brown suit and for some reason she took him to be a fisherman. He appeared to be 40 or 50 years of age, well tanned, and his height and weight she could not determine because he was sitting during the period of time she was eating at the Big Town Truck Stop.

Mr. LOWELL DIKES, 1611 North 26th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma, was interviewed 5/3/68, and advised the only pictures of JAMES EARL RAY which looked similar to the individual he, his wife, and Mrs. HOUSE observed at the Big Town Truck Stop is the profile of RAY taken in 1960. He stated that the front view of RAY as taken in 1968, does not resemble the man who they observed at the Big Town Truck Stop.

DIKES recalled that the individual was rather pleasant, tried to make conversation with DIKES, his wife, and Mrs. HOUSE but was not unmannerly in doing so. DIKES

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could not recall a description of the man sitting near the window at the Big Town Truck Stop nor could he recall if the man had departed prior to the time DIKES, his wife, and and Mrs. HOUSE had departed.

The following individuals were contacted by SA ROBERT HUTCHINGS in reference to any unidentified latent fingerprints:

Chief of Police ROY CARMAN, Chickasha, Oklahoma Police Department

ROY BOZARTH, Sheriff, Grady County, Oklahoma

Both of the above individuals advised that their respective agencies have no unidentified latent fingerprints.

SA ROBERT HUTCHINGS contacted the below individuals and was advised by them that their respective agencies had no unidentified latent fingerprints.

Anadarko Chief of Police TROY MASSI

Caddo County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff ELMO PATTERSON

DON CUNNINGHAM, Identification Officer, Lawton Police Department, advised SA DONALD H. ROBERTS on 5/1/68, that he had perhaps 200 unidentified latent fingerprints that he would search against the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY as set forth on his identification order.

On 5/2/68, DON CUNNINGHAM advised that a search of all the unidentified prints maintained by the Lawton Police Department was conducted and all latents were compared with those of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results.

Mr. BOYD HOSKINS, Deputy Sheriff, Comanche County Sheriff's Office, Lawton, Oklahoma, advised SA DONALD H. ROBERTS on 5/1/68, that he had approximately 50 unidentified latent fingerprints.

Later that day, Deputy HOSKINS advised that a comparison of the unidentified latent fingerprints in possession of the Comanche County Sheriff's Office were compared with those of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results.

Sheriff WOODROW WILSON, Cotton County Sheriff's Office, Walters, Oklahoma, advised SA DONALD H. ROBERTS on 5/1/68, that his office and the Walters Police Department have no unidentified fingerprints.

FBI

Date: 5-9-68

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✓ To: SAC, Oklahoma City

✓ From: Director, FBI

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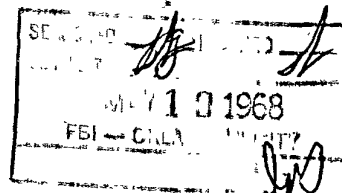
ReTPairtel 4-16-68.

Re Donald Eugene Sparks, FBI number, 71618A.

Reairtel set out lead for Oklahoma City to review files in an attempt to identify "Agents" who may have interviewed Sparks and to furnish the Bureau, Memphis and Birmingham any pertinent information regarding Sparks.

By return airtel submit results or identify communication in which results were furnished Bureau.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Re Bureau airtel to Oklahoma City 5-9-68, and  
Tampa airtel 4-16-68.

Re: DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, FBI # 71618A.

The results of review of Oklahoma City files concerning DONALD EUGENE SPARKS was submitted to Bureau by airtel dated 4-24-68. A lead was set forth in this airtel for Birmingham Division to attempt to interview DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, and Birmingham teletype to Directr 4-27-68, reflects an attempt was made by Birmingham to interview SPARKS at the De Kalb County Jail, Fort Payne, Alabama, on 4-27-68, and SPARKS refused to be interviewed.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info.)  
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12/15/67	453-9646 (Houston, Texas)	918-446-6041	Tulsa, Oklahoma
12/17/67	452-9260 (Houston, Texas)	918-936-3644	Tulsa, Oklahoma
12/17/67	468-9887 (Houston, Texas)	918-446-5042	Tulsa, Oklahoma

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA DELMER R. EXON:

At Tulsa, Oklahoma

446-6041

Mrs. LOYD C. JONES, 8531 West 61st Street, advised on May 7, 1968, that during December, 1967, her daughter, Mrs. EUNICE HUNT, received a telephone call from her former husband, JESSE HUNT, who was then residing in Houston. The call, which was made from a pay telephone, concerned marital matters. JESSE HUNT talked more than the three minute limit and after the call, the operator said he left the booth without paying for the additional time.

936-3644

Mrs. BETTY B. WILEY, 924 South Allegheny, advised on May 8, 1968, that during mid-December, 1967, her son, ROBERT WILEY, came from Houston, Texas, to visit her in Tulsa. ROBERT's wife, PEGGY, remained with her parents in Channelview, Texas. PEGGY called her husband at the WILEY residence in Tulsa during that period. She called from a pay telephone because her parents did not have a telephone.

446-5042

Mrs. LOUIS MAYES, 1910 West 47th Street, advised on May 7, 1968, that about the middle of December, 1967, she received a telephone call from her husband's brother, RICHARD D. MAYES, from Houston, Texas. RICHARD MAYES, a member of the U.S. Navy, was enroute to Oklahoma on leave and called to say he would be delayed due to bad weather.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
12/17/67	468-9150 (Houston, Texas)	405-842-5325	Britton, Okla.
12/17/67	673-9996 (Houston, Texas)	405-424-4153	Oklahoma City
12/16/67	452-9247 (Houston, Texas)	405-946-2137	Oklahoma City

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
DAVID J. LANG.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

842-5325

On May 8, 1968, Mrs. BETSY RIGGS, 1711 Elmhurst, advised she has been the subscriber to telephone number 842-5325 for approximately one year. She stated that her family has previously resided in Houston, Texas, and that her daughter went to Houston on December 21, 1967, to visit friends. She stated she believes that the call to her residence on December 17, 1967, would probably have been made to her daughter by either a girl friend, SHERYL RUSSELL, 307 Ranier, Houston, telephone number HO 8-4957, or a boy friend, MIKE REESBY, 502 Lanecrest, Houston, telephone number HO 8-0375. She further stated her husband, RICHARD RIGGS, travels throughout the Houston area in his job, and could have made this telephone call to the residence during December of 1967. Current photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to Mrs. RIGGS and she stated the person in the photographs was unfamiliar to her.

424-4153

On May 8, 1968, JEAN JOFFRION, 1529 Northeast 9th, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 424-4153, and was the subscriber to this number during December, 1967. She stated that she does not recall receiving any telephone calls from Houston, Texas, as she does not know anyone in that city. She stated that prior to a month ago, she had a tenant by the name of DOROTHY WILLIAMS, and that the relatives of WILLIAMS resided in the Houston area. She stated WILLIAMS was about six months pregnant and left Oklahoma City to return to her relatives' home. She further stated that WILLIAMS did on occasion receive

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and make telephone calls to the Houston area. She stated that she does not know of the current whereabouts of WILLIAMS or any of her friends or relatives. She further advised that WILLIAMS has not changed her mailing address and is still receiving mail at that address. JOFFRION described WILLIAMS as being about 21 years old, Negro, female, and single. She stated that to her knowledge WILLIAMS was employed at Lerner's, Penn Square, Oklahoma City.

946-2137

On May 8, 1968, Mrs. JO (DUANE) WILLIAMS, 4621 Northwest 33rd, advised she has been the subscriber to telephone number 946-2137 for many years. She stated that she does not specifically recall receiving the telephone call from Houston, Texas, on December 16, 1967, but believes it was her husband calling, inasmuch as he was traveling in business in the vicinity of Houston during that time period. She stated he is employed for Jeffries Company, and that this company is engaged in hauling heavy equipment. Mrs. WILLIAMS was shown current photographs of JAMES EARL RAY without effecting an identification.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
12/17/67	673-9118 (Houston, Texas)	918-846-2996	Wynono, Oklahoma

The following investigation was conducted by SA JACK H. BALES.

At Wynona, Oklahoma

Mr. and Mrs. LEON BUTCHER, Route A, advised on May 10, 1968, their telephone (918-846-2996) is actually listed in the name of Mrs. BUTCHER's mother, LILLIAN COBB, who is elderly and infirm. Mr. BUTCHER advised he is a trucker, and that in December, 1967, he was hauling wheat from Oklahoma to Houston, Texas, and was in Houston every other day prior to Christmas, 1967. On several occasions, he called his wife from a pay telephone in Houston located near the Continental Grain Company loading dock. At that time he was paying for these calls when made rather than making them collect to his home phone number, as he had run up a large bill a few months before without realizing it, and made the calls only when he had the money in his pocket to spare. Both Mr. and Mrs. BUTCHER advised the photographs and the description of Subject RAY were unfamiliar to them.



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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
12/17/67	673-9395 (Houston, Texas)	405-668-2423	Wilson, Oklahoma

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA GERALD E. PITTS:

At Wilson, Oklahoma

668-2423

The current Wilson, Oklahoma, telephone directory shows telephone number 668-2423 listed to L. C. ALEXANDER, 222 East Ash, Wilson, Oklahoma.

PAT BRIGHT, Credit Bureau, Ardmore, Oklahoma, which covers Wilson, Oklahoma, advised May 9, 1968, the full name of L. C. ALEXANDER is LEE CLINT ALEXANDER, 222 East Ash, Wilson, Oklahoma. He is age 52, wife LOIS, and has an excellent credit rating. ALEXANDER is self-employed as a carpenter and his wife is a nurse at an Ardmore hospital.

ARTHUR STEWART, Undersheriff, Carter County, in which Wilson, Oklahoma, is located, advised on May 9, 1968, that he has known LEE CLINT ALEXANDER and his wife all his life. They are reputable citizens of excellent character and reputation. They have never been active politically and had never been in any trouble.

BILL CULLEY, Identification Officer, Police Department, Ardmore, Oklahoma, advised on May 9, 1968, that Mr. and Mrs. LEE CLINT ALEXANDER have no record in his department.

Mrs. LEE CLINTON ALEXANDER advised on May 9, 1968, that her husband was unavailable and she furnished the following information:

They have a son, A. L. ALEXANDER, who lives at Bacliff, Texas, a suburb of Houston. He calls home from time to time but she could not recall specifically anyone calling them on December 17, 1967. They do not know anyone else in the Houston area and have received no other calls from that area. She could not identify the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as identical with anyone she knew.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

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Re Houston airtel to Bureau 5/3/68.

Re Telephone Calls of JAMES EARL RAY during trip  
to New Orleans 12/15-17/67.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two (2) copies  
of an investigative insert reflecting investigation to identify  
individuals making telephone calls as set forth in referenced  
Houston airtel. Enclosed for Memphis are fifteen (15) copies  
of insert.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 15)
- 1 - Oklahoma City

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
JACK H. BALES.

At Ponca City, Oklahoma

CLEO MYERS, Manager, Quo Vadia Motor Hotel, 212 South 14th Street, advised on April 22, 1968, that Desk Clerk NEAL HARRISON and Bellboy BOB GREEN had advised him a guest who had "skipped" without paying his bill resembled and was possibly identical with the individual being sought in connection with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. MYERS advised he did not see this guest himself. He furnished the registration card and three room service meal tickets of the guest.

NEAL HARRISON, Desk Clerk, residence 901 North Osage, advised on April 22, 1968, he observed RICHARD BURNS on only one occasion that being when he registered. BURNS registered at 4:34 PM, April 9, 1968, and was assigned Room 221. He was alone and on the registration card gave his address as 13008 East Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, his employment as Elco Corporation, and vehicle information only as 1967 license (?)CL-721, Tex., the first letter in the license tag being illegible.

HARRISON became suspicious of 'BURNS' after he did not show himself in the lobby, did not visit the private club on the premises, and had two meals sent to his room. HARRISON requested BOB GREEN, Bellboy, to check for BURNS' vehicle to verify his license, etc., and GREEN reported he could find no Texas license resembling the number on the registration card at the motel. HARRISON then checked the parking area for Room 221, and found a late model, believed 1967, Ford Thunderbird bearing 1968 Texas license FDH-453, parked near that room, this being the only vehicle then in the area. He then called Room 221 on the telephone from the motel office, used the pretext that a possible car prowler had been reported in the vicinity of the motel, and asked what kind of car "BURNS" was driving. He was advised "BURNS" was driving a Texas Thunderbird. HARRISON then entered the "T-Bird" and "FDH-453" on the registration card.

HARRISON advised it is his recollection this person resembled, and could be identical, with Subject. HARRISON had previously observed an artists' conception in a newspaper, and was shown copies of the 1968 photograph of Subject. He described this person as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'10"
Weight	160-170
Hair	Brown, cut short (shorter than on 1968 photo)
Age	Late 20's, early 30's
Face	Believed slightly rough
Voice	Talked soft and low on telephone, no accent or speech peculiarities noted
Ears	No peculiarities noted

HARRISON advised there were no local or long distance telephone calls charged to that room.

BOB GREEN, residence 1419 South 13th, Bellboy, Quo Vadis Motor Hotel, advised he recalls "RICHARD BURNS" as he had delivered two, and possibly all three, meals ordered by that guest to the room, had checked the parking area for his vehicle as requested by Mr. HARRISON, and since "BURNS" had skipped without paying. He advised that a day or so prior to this date he observed a newspaper photograph of an artist's drawing of the suspect in the KING murder, and had this date observed the published 1968 photograph of Subject. He advised "BURNS" strongly resembled the artist's drawing, and resembles the photograph. He described "BURNS" as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'9-10"
Weight	160
Age	30-31
Hair	Dark, crew cut
Build	Medium
Personality	Pleasant, smiled, used "Thank You."
Voice	No peculiarities noted
Ears	No peculiarities noted

Officer PAUL MARTIN, Dispatcher, Ponca City Police Department, advised on April 22, 1968, the radio log reflects that at 1600 hours April 10, 1968, that department requested

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the Oklahoma Highway Patrol to furnish data regarding 1968 Texas license FDH-453. At 2040 hours, April 10, 1968, a reply was received this Texas license was reported as not yet in file, and no stolen report had been made regarding this license.

Detective AL SHELTON, Police Department, advised on April 22, 1968, an oral report had been made to that Department regarding the "skip" of RICHARD BURNS from the Quo Vadis Motor Hotel but no record had been made of this matter pending a signed complaint, and no investigation was made except the radio check of the license indicated above.

HAZEL LONG, Retail Merchants Association, on April 23, 1968, advised no report of bogus or no account checks passed in Ponca City in the name RICHARD BURNS has been made to that Association, and there is no information in her files identifiable with BURNS.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) P

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ReButel to all SACs 4/29/68.

Re Latent Fingerprint Checks

All law enforcement agencies in the State of Oklahoma maintaining latent fingerprints have been contacted and these agencies compared the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY with unidentified latents received since 4/23/67. These agencies advised their checks were negative.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- ① - Oklahoma City

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA ROSCOE J. HATFIELD:

At Antlers, Oklahoma

On May 13, 1968, EVA HAMMONS, Route 1, mother of JAMES W. HAMMONS, advised her son was in Southeast part of the State a few days ago and did own a 1961 or 1962 white Chevrolet with Louisiana license, number unknown. She displayed a Gulf Credit Card #13 12 68 15 52, which was issued to her son, JAMES W. HAMMONS. This card had been broken into. She stated she was mailing it back to the Gulf Oil Company. She stated her son was not home at that particular time but would be in the evening.

Sheriff LEE BOYD, Antlers, Oklahoma, advised JAMES W. HAMMONS was born and raised near Antlers, Oklahoma, and had been arrested several times on minor charges. He described HAMMONS as white, male, born October 30, 1925, Antlers, Oklahoma, 6'3", 180 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes.

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AIRMAIL

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TO: SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)  
MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to Philadelphia 5/8/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are twenty-five (25) copies and for Pittsburgh and New Orleans is one (1) copy of investigative insert conducted at Antlers, Oklahoma, 5/13/68.

Copies are furnished New Orleans and Pittsburgh in view of investigation conducted there.

Investigation was conducted to eliminate JAMES W. HAMMONS, holder of Gulf Credit Card #13 12 68 15 52 as being identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

New Orleans Division should discontinue leads as set forth in referenced communication since JAMES W. HAMMONS has been eliminated as being identical to RAY.

- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 25)
- 1 - New Orleans (Info) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (440578) (Info) (Enc. 1)
- ② - Oklahoma City

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# Memorandum

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DATE: 5/9/68

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-686)

DATE: 5-8-68

FROM : SA DELMER R. EXON

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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The following investigation was conducted by SA DELMER R. EXON.  
At Tulsa, Okla.

The current Tulsa City Criss-Cross Telephone Directory reflected the following listings:

446-6041 LOYD C. JONES, 8531 W. 61st St.;

446-5042 LOUIS C. MAYES, 1910 W. 47th St.;

936-3644 B. B. WILEY, 924 S. Allegheny.

MRS. LOYD C. JONES, 8531 W. 61st St., advised on 5-7-68 that during December 1967 her daughter, Mrs. EUNICE HUNT, received a telephone call from her former husband JESSE HUNT, who was then residing in Houston. The call, which was made from a pay telephone, concerned marital matters. JESSE HUNT talked more than the three minute limit and after the call the operator said he left the booth without paying for the additional time.

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MRS. BETTY B. WILEY, 924 S. Allegheny, advised on 5-8-68 that during mid-December 1967 her son ROBERT WILEY came from Houston, Texas to visit her in Tulsa. ROBERT'S wife, PEGGY, remained with her parents in Channelview, Texas. PEGGY called her husband at the WILEY residence in Tulsa during that period. She called from a pay telephone because her parents did not have a telephone.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA DAVID J. LANG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

TELEPHONE CALLS 12/15-17/68

ReButel 4/25/68, and Houston Airtel to Bureau 5/3/68.

The following investigation was conducted at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by SA's DAVID J. LANG and MICHAEL F. HUTTER:

On 5/8/68, JEAN JOFFRION, 1529 Northeast 9th, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 424-4153, and was the subscriber to this number during December 1967. She stated that she does not recall receiving any telephone calls from Houston, Texas, as she does not know anyone in that city. She stated that prior to a month ago, she had a tenant by the name of DOROTHY WILLIAMS, and that the relatives of WILLIAMS resided in the Houston area. She stated WILLIAMS was about six months pregnant and left Oklahoma City to return to her relatives home. She further stated that WILLIAMS did on occasion receive and make telephone calls to the Houston area. She stated that she does not know of the current whereabouts of WILLIAMS or any of her friends or relatives. She further advised that WILLIAMS has not changed her mailing address and is still receiving mail at that address. JOFFRION described WILLIAMS as being about 21 years old, Negro, female, and single. She stated that to her knowledge WILLIAMS was employed at Lerner's, Penn Square, Oklahoma City.

On 5/8/68, Mrs. BETSY RIGGS, 1711 Elmhurst, stated she has been the subscriber to telephone number 842-5325 for approximately one year. She stated that her family has previously resided in Houston, Texas, and that her daughter went to Houston on 12/21/67 to visit friends. She stated she believes that the call to her residence on 12/17/67, would probably have been made to her daughter by either a girl friend, SHERYL RUSSELL, 307 Ranier, Houston, Telephone Number HO 8-4957, or a boy friend, MIKE REESBY, 502 Lanecrest, Houston, Telephone Number HO 8-0375. She further stated her husband, RICHARD RIGGS, travels

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throughout the Houston area in his job, and could have made this telephone call to the residence during December of 1967. Current photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to Mrs. RIGGS and she stated the person in the photographs was unfamiliar to her.

On 5/8/68, Mrs. JO ( DUANE) WILLIAMS, 4621 Northwest 33, advised she has been the subscriber to telephone number 946-2137 for many years. She stated that she does not specifically recall receiving the telephone call from Houston, Texas, on 12/16/67, but believes it was her husband calling, inasmuch as he was traveling in business in the vicinity of Houston during that time period. She stated he is employed for Jeffries Company, and that this company is engaged in hauling heavy equipment. Mrs. WILLIAMS was shown current photographs of JAMES EARL RAY without effecting an identification.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, OKLA. CITY ( 44-686 )

DATE: 5/11/68

FROM : BALES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Ho A/T to Dir. 5/3/68 ( Ser. 159, Pay  
Station call, Ho to Wynona, Okla. 12/17/67)

AT WYNONA, OKLA.

Mr. and Mrs. LEON BUTCHER, Rt. A, advised SA JHB on 5/10/68 their telephone ( 918-846-2996 ) is actually listed in the name of Mrs. BUTCHERs mother LILLIAN COBB, who is elderly and infirm. Mr. BUTCHER advised he is a trucker, and that in December, 1967 he was hauling wheat from Oklahoma to Houston, Texas, and was in Houston every other day prior to Christmas, 1967. He on several occasions called his wife from a pay telephone in Houston located near the Continental Grain Co. loading dock. At that time he was paying for these calls when made rather than making them collect to his home phone number, as he had run up a large bill a few months before without realizing it, and made the calls only when he had the money in his pocket to spare.

Both Mr. and Mrs. BUTCHER advised the photographs and the description of Subject RAY is unfamiliar to them.

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Ottawa

*WJA*  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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From: Director, FBI

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

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

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