

RAMAGE stated that PORTER had remained in Oklahoma City from 4/19 and she had last seen him approximately 10 AM, 4/23/68. She stated that he must have left town or else he would have been in contact with her.

RAMAGE stated PORTER had told her that he had been in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and had traveled around the State of Iowa and that he had left his home in Waverly, Iowa taking with him his mother's ring which he had pawned and sent her the pawn ticket. PORTER further told her that he had been released from the MSP on 12/8/67 and that he had known JAMES EARL RAY while in the penitentiary. He stated that while in the Penitentiary that RAY had escaped from the penitentiary in a guard's uniform while he was working in the dry cleaning plant and that RAY had obtained this uniform from a guard who has since been fired. He stated that RAY and this guard were very close friends. She further stated that PORTER told her that RAY had not escaped in a bakery truck as the newspapers had reported. RAMAGE stated that she had sent a check, in February, 1968, in the amount of \$23.00 to PORTER in Waverly so that he could obtain a bus ticket to come to Oklahoma City to see her. She stated that PORTER had called her from the bus depot in Oklahoma City approximately 7:30 PM 4/19/68 and told her that he was drinking with a person who had an amputated hand at the knuckles at Winnie's Bar which is located across the street from the bus depot.

RAMAGE stated that PORTER had possibly applied for employment as machinery operator at an automatic car wash in the 4000 block of North Pennsylvania or through the Key Personnel, 110 N. Robinson or at some Mortgage and Loan Company across the street from the city library. RAMAGE further advised that PORTER had told her that he had lost his luggage in Kansas City and was currently traveling without any luggage.

Continuous and intensive investigation was conducted to locate PORTER at Oklahoma City.

On 4/29/68, PORTER was located through an Oklahoma City PCI at the Blood Plasma Donor Center, 505 West Main, Oklahoma City and was subsequently interviewed furnishing the following information:

ROBERT DALE PORTER, temporarily residing at Hudson Hotel, Oklahoma City, stated that he had been in the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Mo. from June or July, 1961 through 9/1/62 and again from 3/2/64 until his

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release on 12/8/67. PORTER stated that upon his release from MSP, that he had gone to Waverly, Iowa to live at the residence of his mother, CLARA PORTER, 103-1/2 E. Bremer, Waverly.

PORTER stated that he left Waverly in the latter part of February, 1968 and the following is approximately his itinerary.

Waterloo, Iowa - where he remained approximately 2 days.

Des Moines, Iowa - remaining 3 to 4 days.

Cheyenne, Wy. - remaining 3 days.

Pocahontas, Iowa - over night with uncle HANS NIELSON.

Humble, Iowa - over night with uncle HANS PORTER.

Aplington, Iowa - over night where he contacted his brother-in-law's mother and brother, LOUELLA and MELVIN ACKER.

Iowa City, Iowa - remaining approx. one week. While there he pawned a man's black face ring at the Hock-Eye Pawn Shop for \$7 on 3/11/68. PORTER resided he believes at the Berkley Hotel, where the bus station is located and left town on 3/11/68.

Storm Lake, Iowa - remaining approx. 2 days.

Red Oak, Iowa - over night. Porter resided at the hotel across the street from the Police Dept.

PORTER then hitchhiked to Barstow, Calif. leaving approx. 10 AM, one day and arriving in Barstow early the next evening. This ride was with a mechanic from Marshal Town, Iowa. That same date, PORTER hitched a ride to Visalia, Calif. with a girlfriend employed at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nev., arriving Visalia that evening. PORTER stayed at Visalia approximately one week and visited with his daughter, VICTORIA RAY PORTER. He stated VICTORIA is residing with a JOSIE ACOSTA PORTER who is living with a CHUCK (LNU). JOSIE, PORTER's ex-wife, resides at 124 N.W. 1st, Visalia.

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PORTER then spent two or three days hitchhiking to Nevada where he stayed over night.

Las Vegas, Nev. - where PORTER stayed at the McDonald Hotel, approximately 3 nights.

Salt Lake City - remaining 2 nights.

Laramie, Wy. - remaining one night.

Denver, Colo. - where PORTER visited with a BETTY LOU LUCAS, 3626 Perry Street.

PORTER hitchhiked from Denver to Colorado Springs, Colo. with a PHILLIP E. MEHL, 432 W. Bijou, where he remained for 2 or 3 days.

Albuquerque, N.M. - PORTER resided at Albuquerque for 2 to 3 days and contacted a ROSE SINKEY, who formerly resided in Waverly, Iowa.

Las Cruces, N.M. - PORTER spent approx. 2 days traveling from Las Cruces to Van Horn, Texas where he resided at the only hotel in town over night.

Fort Worth, Texas - PORTER resided for approximately 2 days at a cheap motel located near the bus depot.

Durant, Oklahoma - residing over night.

McAlester, Oklahoma - PORTER resided with a couple that live behind a cab stand for two days.

Canadian, Oklahoma - residing one day, while there PORTER helped an individual paint 55-gallon oil drums for use on his boat dock.

PORTER then went to Miami, Oklahoma where he resided one night at the St. James Hotel.

PORTER traveled by bus from Miami, Oklahoma to Carthage, Missouri stopping for approx. one hour in Joplin, Mo. While in Joplin, PORTER attempted to contact a ROGER ZINN, a former convict but stated he was unable to do so. PORTER stated that he recalls while waiting in the bus depot that he heard of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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While in Carthage, PORTER contacted a BETTY ELLIOTT, 901 Fulton St., while attempting to contact a girl he had known in 1947.

PORTER traveled to Warsaw, Mo. staying overnight. While in Warsaw, he contacted a JACK LANPHERE by telephone and stated he wanted to see LANPHERE, that he wanted to borrow money from him. LANPHERE advised that he was unable to get into town because of his parole status.

PORTER traveled to Columbia, Mo. where he was a sleeper at the Police Dept. and the next day contacted an uncle, MARION MURRAY, 102 Thistledown Dr., Columbia.

PORTER then traveled to California, Mo. and attempted to locate a LEWIS BARGEON who had been in the MSP Maximum Security with PORTER. He was unable to contact him but stayed overnight at California, Mo.

PORTER then traveled to Maysville, Mo. where he resided at the Lincoln Hotel overnight and contacted Sheriff O. L. Maddox.

St. Joseph, Mo. - PORTER checked in at a small hotel but met a person, name unrecalled, in a bar and they then went to Kansas City, Mo. by car and stayed at the Gladstone Hotel. PORTER met with a MIKE COX at a bar on 9th St. in downtown, Kansas City, Mo. While with MIKE COX, he and COX drove on a Sunday to St. Louis, Mo. attempting to contact a LAWRENCE MOBLEY, a former convict described as a large Negro male. They were unable to contact MOBLEY. They contacted a Mrs. RICHARD PESEK, a sister-in-law of BETTY REITTER, the mother of a illegitimate son of PORTER by the name of THOMAS DALE REITTER.

COX and PORTER returned to Kansas City that evening which he believes was a Sunday.

PORTER then traveled from Kansas City to Oklahoma City hitching a ride with two young boys from Peculiar, Mo. PORTER stated he believes that this was on 4/19/68. PORTER resided with a CARMEN RAMAGE, 1642 N.W. 12th, Oklahoma City until approx. 4/23/68 when he left hitching a ride with a Naval Lieutenant to Long Beach, Calif.

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PORTER stayed one day in Los Angeles at the bus depot and left Los Angeles on Friday.

PORTER arrived Oklahoma City Saturday night 4/27/68 where he stayed with a LLOYD HISE, 2728 N.W. 39th.

On 4/28/68, PORTER drove HISE and his pickup truck to Ft. Smith, Ark. and hitchhiked back arriving approx. 1 PM.

PORTER stated that while incarcerated in the MSP, that JAMES EARL RAY known to him as JIMMY RAY was involved in selling amphetamines to his fellow inmates. He stated that a JOHN STOUT, an ex-guard in the MSP was his source of these amphetamines. PORTER stated that STOUT and RAY were very good friends.

PORTER stated that RAY was extremely quiet, was a person who did not take much from anyone. He stated that to his knowledge RAY has taken amphetamines but had never taken any hard narcotics.

He further stated that whenever RAY was pushed around that he would retaliate fiercely. PORTER stated that on two previous occasions RAY had attempted to escape from the MSP - once by going over the wall and once when he hid in a ventilator shaft and subsequently broke his elbow. PORTER stated that RAY had never mentioned to him where he was from or where he would go when he got out of prison.

He further stated that RAY had never indicated that he disliked Negroes and to PORTER's knowledge was even associated with several while in the penitentiary. PORTER stated that he was leaving Oklahoma City on 4/29/68 and was hitchhiking to the home of his mother in Waverly where he would obtain work as a construction worker.

PORTER is described as follows:

Name	ROBERT DALE PORTER
DPOB	12/16/28, Clarinda, Iowa
Height	6'
Weight	175
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray. in a crew cut
Social Security No.	
Scars and marks	Tattoos - "BETO" back of right hand

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	"Sufrendo Es Mi Destino" back of right hand; "Mom" and "Dad" left outer forearm; Air Force wings with "AAF" above on left bicep; 6" scar outer, upper right arm; 4 to 5" tattoo removal scar right outer forearm with letter "P" over scar; $\frac{1}{2}$ " vertical scar left upper lip.
Glasses:	Wears prescription dark glasses, tinted green.
Military:	U. S. Navy 1943 to 12-29-43; Army Air Force 12-19-45 to 8-21-46; U. S. Air Force, 7-19-47 to 1948
Arrest record:	1948 burglary, Arizona; 1949 Statutory Rape, Iowa; 1952 Escape, Iowa; 1958 Checks, Texas, Terminal Island, California; 1961 Checks, Missouri; 1962 Checks, Iowa; 1964 Armed Robbery, Missouri
Sister:	Mrs. THOMAS DeGROOT, 1608 East Street Cedar Falls, Iowa.

LEADS:

EL PASO DIVISION

At Van Horn, Texas

Will attempt to ascertain date or dates PORTER resided at hotel in Van Horn, Texas. It is noted PORTER states he believes he was in Joplin, Missouri at the time of KING's murder, however, his presence 4-12-68 in Warsaw, Missouri has been verified. It would therefore appear from a review of PORTER's itinerary that he was possibly in Van Horn, Texas at the time of KING's murder. In the event it is ascertained by El Paso that PORTER was not in Van Horn, Texas at time of KING's murder, then El Paso should set out appropriate leads, from the itinerary furnished by PORTER, in order to establish his whereabouts on 4-4-68.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Jefferson City, Missouri

Will attempt to locate and interview JOHN STOUT for any information re subject RAY.

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1256PM URGENT 5/4/68 EPC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, OMAHA 44-310, AND KANSAS CITY 44-760
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

RE OKLAHOMA CITY AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR FOUR THIRTY LAST AND
TELEPHONE CALL FROM JOE KELLY, BUREAU SUPERVISOR, CIVIL RIGHTS
DIVISION, TO OKLAHOMA CITY FIVE THREE LAST.

REAIRTEL (PAGE TWO) REFLECTED INTERVIEW WITH CARMEN RAMAGE
INDICATED ROBERT DALE PORTER TOLD HER THAT EX-GUARD HAD OBTAINED
UNIFORM USED BY RAY IN ESCAPE; AND INTERVIEW WITH PORTER
(PAGE SIX) NAMED EX-GUARD JOHN STOUT AS PERSON SUPPLYING
AMPHETAMINES TO RAY IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. KELLY
REQUESTED IMMEDIATE DETERMINATION MADE WHETHER ABOVE
MENTIONED GUARDS IDENTICAL, AND IF NOT, EFFORTS BE MADE TO IDENTIFY
UNKNOWN GUARD, AND RESULTS FURNISHED BUREAU BY RETURN AIRTEL.

CARMEN RAMAGE ADVISED THIS DATE PORTER DID NOT MENTION
NAME OF EX-GUARD, AND DID NOT MENTION EX-GUARD SUPPLYING
AMPHETAMINES TO RAY OR OTHER INMATES. INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE
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PORTER THROUGH PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED SOURCES NEGATIVE TO DATE. REAIRTEL REFLECTS PORTER RETURNING TO HOME OF MOTHER, WAVERLY, IOWA, TO OBTAIN WORK AS CONSTRUCTION WORKER. INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE PORTER CONTINUING OKLAHOMA CITY.

OMAHA AT WAVERLY, IOWA, WILL CONTACT PORTER'S MOTHER AND DETERMINE LOCATION OF PORTER. WILL THEREAFTER INTERVIEW TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT GUARDS ARE IDENTICAL.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, WILL WHEN INTERVIEWING JOHN STOUT, DETERMINE IF HE ALSO SUPPLIED UNIFORM USED BY RAY DURING ESCAPE.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TO OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686

FROM OMAHA 44-310

MURKIN. 00: MEMPHIS

RE OKLAHOMA CITY TEL INSTANT.

COP, WAVERLY, IA. AND PORTERS SISTER CONTACTED THIS DATE AND
NO INFORMATION RE WHEREABOUTS. NO INFO RECEIVED BY FAMILY FROM
OR ABOUT PORTER SINCE FOUR TWENTYNINE LAST.

FAMILY WILL ADVISE IF PORTER ARRIVES WAVERLY OR CONTACTS THEM.

AIRMAIL COPY TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReButel 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

Set forth by field division are telephone calls made from the Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. Recipient offices will determine from the subscriber, or person receiving call, the identity of caller. If caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Denver
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- 2 - New York City
- 2 - Norfolk
- 2 - Omaha
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>DENVER:</u>			
12/16/67	835-9495 (Beaumont, Texas)	303-636-1773	Colorado Springs, Colo.
<u>LOUISVILLE:</u>			
12/17/67	835-9074 (Beaumont, Texas)	502-798-9309	Ft. Campbell, Ky.
<u>MEMPHIS:</u>			
12/16/67	468-9078 (Houston, Texas)	615-293-4542	Cornersville, Tenn.
12/16/67	468-9078 (Houston, Texas)	615-293-4542	Cornersville, Tenn.
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12/15/67	468-9081 (Houston, Texas)	615-293-4542	Cornersville, Tenn.
<u>MIAMI:</u>			
12/15/67	769-9108 (Vidor, Texas)	813-657-3181	Immokalee, Fla.
<u>NEW YORK CITY:</u>			
12/15/67	673-9289 (Houston, Texas)	212-748-7417	Brooklyn
12/15/67	673-9236 (Houston, Texas)	212-254-2288	New York City
<u>NORFOLK:</u>			
12/16/67	452-9260 (Houston, Texas)	703-722-7921	Hampton, Va.

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<u>OMAHA:</u>			
12/15/67	835-9546 (Beaumont, Texas)	712-375-4191	Pierson, Iowa
<u>PHILADELPHIA:</u>			
12/17/67	835-9318 (Beaumont, Texas)	717-637-8759	Hanover, Pa.
12/12/67	835-8273 (Beaumont, Texas)	215-433-9403	Allentown, Pa.
<u>SACRAMENTO:</u>			
12/15/67	468-9850 (Houston, Texas)	209-464-8050	Stockton, Calif.
<u>SEATTLE:</u>			
12/15/67	468-9868 (Houston, Texas)	206-622-4911	Seattle, Wash.
<u>SPRINGFIELD:</u>			
12/16/67	835-9435 (Beaumont, Texas)	309-452-4852	Normal, Ill.
12/15/67	835-9419 (Beaumont, Texas)	217-528-2815	Springfield, Ill.
12/17/67	835-8273 (Beaumont, Texas)	618-932-2403	West Frankfort, Ill.
<u>ST. LOUIS:</u>			
12/16/67	682-9361 (Houston, Texas)	314-664-3747	St. Louis, Mo.
<u>TAMPA:</u>			
12/17/67	769-9103 (Vidor, Texas)	813-229-1414	Tampa, Fla.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA (44-310)

DATE: 5/4/68

FROM : SA EDWIN W. FLINT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City teletype to Director and Omaha 4/23/68.

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The following investigation at Waverly, Iowa was conducted on 4/24/68 by SAs EDWIN W. FLINT & RICHARD M. HAVENS.

Deputy Sheriff WILLIAM WESTENDORF, Bremer County SO, advised ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI #4590482, St. Louis, Mo. PD #56229, is described as white, male, born 12/16/28 at Clarinda, Iowa, 5'11", 170#, brown hair, blue eyes, tattoos: "MOM & DAD" on left forearm; "BOB Loves WINNIE" on right forearm; "CHERYLE" on right bicep; "AAF" insignia on left upper arm. This SO's file shows no inquiry about PORTER, or data on him, since 1961. WESTENDORF said he last saw PORTER in Waverly several weeks ago, and has no information on his present location.

Chief of Police CLARENCE WICKHAM, Waverly PD, said ROBERT DALE PORTER left Waverly during the last week in February, 1968, or first week in March, 1968. He took a watch and ring belonging to his mother, and she has contacted WICKHAM about the theft by her son. WICKHAM said he wrote to the Oklahoma City, Okla. PD about PORTER, as a MRS. ~~XXXX~~ CARMEN RAMAGE, PORTER's girlfriend, sent him money to Waverly to use in travelling to Okla. City. By letter dated 3/4/68, Det. A.S. JOHNSON, Okla. City PD advised the Waverly PD that MRS. RAMAGE had not seen PORTER since sending him the money, and he had not contacted her. WICKHAM said there is no local warrant out for PORTER, and he is not wanted by any other law enforcement agency, to his knowledge.

WICKHAM said PORTER's parents are MR. & MRS. HAROLD PORTER, 103½ East Bremer, Waverly, which is on the main business street of this city, and located one block from the Police Station. His father is in a local nursing home, is not able to be interviewed, and his mother works as a cleaning woman at local motels. He has two sisters, MRS. BETTY SPURBECK, 103½ East Bremer, who works with the mother, and MRS. NINABEL (WILLARD) ACKER, 422 - 4th Street SW, Waverly; he has no brothers. ROBERT DALE PORTER has served time in the Missouri State Penitentiary, and the Iowa State Penitentiary, but has no arrests at Waverly, Iowa PD since 1955.

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JIM ARENS, Cashier, First National Bank, Waverly advised that ROBERT DALE PORTER has written checks on the printed & personal check blanks of his parents. He said a check of FNB records show no such forged checks received by this bank since ~~3/12/68~~ 3/12/68, and added the parents had closed their account at this bank on 12/18/67. He said ROBERT DALE PORTER has never had an account at FNB, and said no inquiries about him have been received in April, 1968, except from the FBI.

ROGER L. HESSE, operator, Credit Bureau of Bremer County, Waverly advised his agency's files contain no information on ROBERT DALE PORTER, nor can he recall any inquiry about this person in the past several months.

MRS. CLARA PORTER & MRS. BETTY SPURBECK, 103½ E. Bremer, Waverly were interviewed at the Cedar Lawn Motel, West Bremer, Waverly. They stated ROBERT DALE PORTER arrived in Waverly, Iowa on 12/8/67 or 12/9/67, following his release from the Missouri State Penitentiary, where he was serving a term for robbery. He left Waverly, Iowa on 2/26 or 2/27/68, has no automobile, and has no contact with his family in Waverly since that time. MRS. ~~RAMAGE~~ RAMAGE had called PORTER at Waverly the night before he left, and PORTER did not tell his family he intended to leave, or his destination. He has written forged checks on his parents' account, Waverly, at Des Moines, Iowa and North Platte, Nebraska, but they have no knowledge of his other activities or locations since 2/27/68. He has no close contacts in Waverly, Iowa, had no visitors from outside this city while he was at home, no telephone contacts, to their knowledge, from former associates in the Missouri of Iowa Penitentiaries.

PORTER has a daughter, ~~██████████~~, who is about 10 or 11 years of age, now located somewhere in California; this is a daughter by his first wife. ~~██████████~~'s location is unknown. His last known wife, MARY PORTER, married ROBERT DALE PORTER just before he entered the Missouri State Penitentiary; she was in Waverly to see him, in the last week prior to his disappearance. She left Waverly after he did, and was not reconciled with him. She is a waitress, and was to return to Kansas City, Mo., no address for her now available. PORTER's mother and sister have no idea where he may now be, nor could they suggest any other persons who he might contact, other than those listed above. They said he has spent most of his years, when not in prison, in Missouri; this period referred to is the last ten to fifteen years. They do not expect to hear from him, due to his taking property from his mother, and his past criminal activities.

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TO: CHICAGO
FROM: OMAHA (44-310) (P)
MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS RE EARL EVERETT RAY (DECEASED).

SPRINGFIELD REQUESTED OMAHA REVIEW EMPLOYMENT FILE ON EARL EVERETT RAY, SUBJECT'S UNCLE, AT CB&Q RAILROAD, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, INASMUCH AS SUBJECT'S UNCLE, WHEN WORKING FOR CB&Q IN GALESBURG, ILLINOIS, FOR THIRTEEN DAYS IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR, LISTED FORMER EMPLOYMENT FROM APRIL, NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR TO JUNE, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR, WITH SUNSET AMUSEMENT COMPANY, EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI, AND CB&Q RAILROAD, OMAHA.

CB&Q, OMAHA, STATED SUBJECT'S UNCLE'S FILE IS AT EMPLOYMENT MANAGER'S OFFICE, HEADQUARTERS BUILDING OF CB&Q, FIVE FOUR SEVEN JACKSON STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. CHICAGO REVIEW THAT FILE FOR ANY INFORMATION OF LEAD VALUE REGARDING SUBJECT.

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MEMO, SAC:

RE: MURKIN

Re Butel 4/29/68 re contacts with law enforcement agencies which maintain unidentified latent fingerprints. The Bureau stated such latents, in cases from 4/23/67 to the present date, should be compared with the prints of JAMES EARL RAY. This was put in a Memo to All Agents 4/30/68. were requested to conduct the above

The following agencies/~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
fingerprint comparison:

Lt. CHARLES BLANKENSHIP, Omaha PD, per SA THOMAS W. CARROLL;
Nebr. State Patrol, Lincoln, Nebr., per SA HARMON J. OGREN;
Lt. WAYNE DAWSON, Des Moines, Iowa PD, per SA DALE W. MORITZ;
Dep. Sheriff JOHN HACKLEY, Polk County, Des Moines, per SA MORITZ;
Supervisor LEONARD MURRAY (NA), BCI, Des Moines, per SA MORITZ.

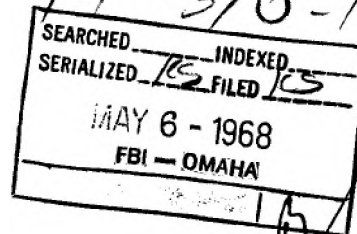
The last three named agencies stated no unidentified latents were filed by those agencies, per SA MORITZ.

Above is for information.

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SA THOMAS W. CARROLL



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FBI PHOENIX

149PM URGENT 5-7-68 LEG

TO DIRECTOR (AIRMAIL) AND OMAHA
FROM PHOENIX (44-371) (2P)

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

NEWARK BY TELETYPE MAY SIX LAST ADVISED THAT MR. AUSTIN
VOLDRIDGE, FOUR FIVE ZERO KINGS HIGHWAY, MIDDLETON, NEW JERSEY,
CONTACTED THE NEWARK OFFICE STATING THAT ON HIS WAY TO WORK
ON MAY ONE LAST HE HAD SEEN A MAN WHO WAS THE "SPITTING IMAGE"
OF JAMES EARL RAY DRIVING A LATE MODEL WHITE CHEVROLET BEARING
ARIZONA LICENSE EITHER JPA FOUR ZERO ONE OR JPA FOUR ZERO NINE
AND THAT THE RIGHT FRONT FENDER OF THIS VEHICLE WAS CRUSHED
NEAR THE HEADLIGHT.

JPA FOUR ZERO ONE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED. THE LAST REGISTERED
OWNER IN ARIZONA OF LICENSE JPA FOUR ZERO NINE IS FOR FIFTYFIVE
FORD FOUR DOOR SEDAN IN NAME RICHARD S. SNYDER FORMERLY OF
TUCSON, WHO FILED WITH POST OFFICE FORWARDING ADDRESS AUGUST
FOURTEEN SIXTYSEVEN OF GENERAL DELIVERY, CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA,
ZIP SIX NINE ZERO TWO TWO.

OMAHA AT CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
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RICHARD S. SNYDER AND DETERMINE IF HE MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH
SUBJECT RAY AND IF HE NO LONGER HAS THIS LICENSE PLATE,
ASCERTAIN DISPOSITION OF SAME.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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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)." THIS 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.

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TO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: OMAHA (44-310)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE PHOENIX TEL MAY SEVEN LAST.

RICHARD S. SNYDER RECEIVED MAIL THROUGH GENERAL DELIVERY, CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA, FOR SHORT WHILE IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND DEPARTED WITHOUT LEAVING FORWARDING ADDRESS. EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF SNYDER NEGATIVE. ALL MAIL TO SNYDER WAS RETURNED TO SENDER AFTER HIS DEPARTURE. SNYDER NOT BELIEVED IDENTICAL TO RAY PER CAMBRIDGE POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-310)

DATE: May 6, 1968

FROM : SA Robert D. Kinsey

SUBJECT: MURKIN#

This is to record the following investigation conducted by writer:

On 4/11/68 it was determined from PAUL MOLE, owner, Ideal Laundry, Scottsbluff, Nebr., that he does not use the laundry mark in question. He also said he does not recognize such a laundry mark as likely local in origin. MOLE noted that TOM SPENCE, owner, The Wash Tub, Terrytown, Nebr., in addition to operating a laundry of his own supplies the laundries at Kimball, Alliance and Chadron, Nebr., these being the only general laundries in the Scottsbluff RA territory.

On 4/11/68 SPENCE stated he does not recognize the questioned laundry mark as coming from this entire general area. He said the Thermo Seal marking machine is quite expensive and no laundry in the pshandle of Nebr. used this machine.

All of the names used by LAY in this case have been checked through the following sources on dates indicated:

The Credit Bureau, Scottsbluff, 4/11 and 15/68; also 4/10/68.
The Credit Bur. of Box Butte Co., Alliance, Nebr., 4/11, 18/68
The Credit Bureau of Gordon, Gordon, Nebr., 4/11, 18/68
The Kimball County Cred. Bur., Kimball, Nebr., 4/16/68; also 4/10/68
The Cred. Bur. of Cheyenne Co., Sidney, Nebr., 4/16/68; also 4/9/68.

County Clerks in following counties contacted on dates indicated and their voter registration records checked with negative results for same names:

Cheyenne County, Sidney, Nebr., 4/10 and 16/68.
Kimball County, Kimball, Nebr., 4/10 and 16/68.
Scotts Bluff Co., Gering, Nebr., 4/10 and 17/68.
Box Butte Co., Alliance, Nebr., 4/11 and 19/68.
Sheridan Co., Rushville, Nebr., 4/11 and 18/68.
Dawes Co., Chadron, Nebr., 4/12 and 19/68.
Sioux Co., Harrison, Nebr., 4/12 and 19/68.
Banner Co., Harrisburg, Nebr., 4/13/68.
Deuel Co., Chappell, Nebr., 4/16/68.
Garden Co., Oshkosh, Nebr., 4/16/68.
Morrill Co., Bridgeport, Nebr., 4/18/68.

Law enforcement agencies as follows contacted negatively on dates indicated:

SO and PD, Sidney, Nebr., 4/9 and 16/68.
SO and PD, Kimball, Nebr., 4/10 and 16/68.
SO and PD, Gering, Nebr., 4/10, 12 and 17/68.
PD and MSP, Scottsbluff, Nebr., 4/10, 12 and 19/68.
PD and SO, Alliance, Nebr., 4/11 and 18/68.
SO, Rushville, Nebr., 4/11 and 19/68.
PD, Gordon, Nebr., 4/11 and 19/68.
PD and SO, Chadron, 4/12 and 19/68.
SO and PD, Harrison, Nebr., 4/12 and 19/68.
SO, Oshkosh, 4/16/68.
SO, Chappell, 4/16/68.
SO, Bridgeport, 4/18/68.



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In addition to the above City Directories for Alliance, Chadron, Sidney and Scottsbluff, Nebraska, the only cities in this RA territory were checked for the names used by subject with negative results.

Also all these names were checked against all the telephone directories in this RA territory with negative results. It is in particular noted that no LOWMYER, LOWMYER OR GALT names were included in any of the credit bureau, police records, city and telephone directories.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA 44-310

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SPC IRA J. STEVENS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JERRY M. WARNER, 2220 Chanticler, Grand Island, Nebr., phone 384-7257, telephonically contacted this office this date and advised he had been in the Court House in Loup City, Nebr. and when he returned home he saw a picture of RAY in the newspaper and he saw a man in the Court House applying for a drivers license who had a striking resemblance with RAY. Mr. WARNER suggested that the clerk at the court house be contacted to find out who this man was.

Mr. WARNER was advised we would have someone contact him and he was thanked for calling.

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Loup City
joe*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA (44-310)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA L. JOSEPH HERSLEY

SUBJECT: **MURKIN**

Re Springfield teletype to the Bureau, 4/24/68 and re memo of SA C. JAMES CHRISTY to SAC on 4/30/68.

On 5/6/68 Mr. U. M. MC COY, Personnel Clerk, CB & Q Railroad General Headquarters, Ottumwa, Iowa advised records of that office are negative concerning JAMES GERALD RAY, also known as JERRY RAYNES.

Mr. MC COY advised that the Ottumwa, Iowa office usually maintains personnel records for only two or three years and then they are sent to the main CB & Q office at 547 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

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Date: May 7, 1968

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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.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC OMAHA (44-310)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA GEORGE CASTLEMAN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memorandum of SA CASSIUS RATHBUN dated 4/20/68

On April 23, 24, 25, and 26, SA ANDREW WILLIAMS attempted to locate and interview BENJAMIN McCHURCH at his place of business and home 1216 North 7th Street, Clinton, Iowa. On 5/3/68, SA BEN NIX attempted to locate and interview McCHURCH with negative results.

On 5/7/68, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN McCHURCH was interviewed at his place of business, B & J Pizza Kitchen, 2401 Commanche Avenue, Clinton, Iowa. He advised he is the owner of the B & J Pizza Kitchen and resides at 1216 North 7th Street, Clinton.

He stated he could not furnish any additional information than that he had previously furnished on the phone, but related the story again which is as follows:

On 4/10/68 at approximately 11:30 pm, he received a call from a man requesting a pizza be delivered to his motel room. McCHURCH advised the caller, his delivery man was not working, whereupon the caller stated he would come to B & J Pizza Kitchen and pick the pizza up. McCHURCH asked the caller in whose name was the pizza ordered at which the caller stated "Put it under KEN... the last name is too hard to spell".

At approximately 11:45 pm, the man known to him as KEN arrived, and ~~did~~ ordered a beer and later a coke while waiting for the pizza. During the 12:00 o'clock news, there was a picture on the television and story of JAMES EARL RAY. McCHURCH told one of his waitresses there was a picture on television of RAY; whereupon the man known as KEN stated he was an FBI Agent and had been working in Memphis two days prior to MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination. KEN further told McCHURCH that he left Memphis and travelled to Los Angeles, California, on an assignment, and was presently on his way to a new assignment.

McCHURCH stated he asked KEN if he knew TERRY ANDERSON, at which the man appeared to evade the question. McCHURCH stated he went to school with TERRY ANDERSON in Washington, Iowa, and believed anyone affiliated with the FBI particularly an FBI Agent would know who TERRY ANDERSON was. McCHURCH stated that when KEN

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attempted to evade the subject about ANDERSON, he became suspicious of the man.

McCHURCH was shown an FBI wanted flyer of JAMES EARL RAY. After viewing the photos of RAY, he stated he could not be sure the man known to him as KEN looked like any of the photos of RAY. He stated he was more suspicious of KEN, because he appeared to be impersonating an FBI Agent, than he was of KEN looking like RAY. He stated there have been so many different photographs circulated of RAY that no two pictures look the same to him. He stated the man he saw on 4/17/68 appeared to be heavier and more full ~~fa~~ in the face than the photos of RAY.

He stated the only other thing he could recall about the man was he was driving a big white automobile. He stated he only glimpsed at this car and could not describe the year, make, or license number, but the car came from the south west of Clinton.

On 5/7/68, the following advised they are in possession of the FBI wanted flyers and IO's of JAMES EARL RAY as well as all descriptive data from the mass media. Each stated all employees of the respective motels are aware of RAY's photo and description, but as of this date no one has appeared as a guest at their place of business who ever resembled RAY. Each advised in the event anyone resembling RAY appears at one of the motels, the FBI will be notified:

CLAUDE LEASE, Owner, Sterling Motel, 2700 Commanche Rd.
HERB KALTWASSOR, Manager, Holiday Inn, 2730 Commanche Rd.
JOE KOWNACKI, Manager, Frontier Motor Inn 2300 Commanche Rd.

It is noted there are only three motels on the south west side of the B & J Pizza Kitchen and all three were contacted with negative results as noted above.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA C. James Christy

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE. Atlanta Airtel to the Bureau 4/25/68

On 4/30/68, Robert McClurg, Iowa State Radio, Des Moines, Iowa, advised that there was no centralized record maintained by the Iowa Highway Patrol pertaining to cars stolen from other states and recovered in Iowa. He advised that the State Bulletin put out weekly by the Department of Public Safety contains only information concerning cars stolen from Iowa. He advised that to his knowledge there has been no cars recovered in Iowa that were stolen from the state of Georgia since 3/23/68, wherein the subject is unaccounted for. He advised that he felt that the best source for this information would be the state of Georgia authorities.

On 5/8/68, Wayne King, Dispatcher, Iowa State Radio, Des Moines, Iowa, advised that it is his responsibility to review all radio dispatches that go through the Des Moines Office and that he does not recall having any radio traffic involving a stolen car from the state of Georgia recovered in the state of Iowa. He stated that there would be no centralized file that would contain this type information. He stated that the State Bulletin that is put out by the Department of Public Safety contains only information concerning cars stolen from Iowa and nothing about cars recovered in Iowa.



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4:16PM 5-9-68 URGENT BKS

TO OMAHA 44-310

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN.

RE OMAHA TEL TO MEMPHIS MAY EIGHT LAST.

RE: RICHARD S. SNYDER.

ADVISE MEMPHIS THE PRECISE MANNER IN WHICH SNYDER WAS
ELIMINATED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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942PM URGENT 5-9-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS CHICAGO LOSANGELES OMAHA
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

FOR ASSISTANCE OFFICES NOT RECEIVING PREVIOUS INFO, JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, FBI NUMBER ONE THREE FOUR THREE THREE FOUR, LIVED WITH SUBJECTS MOTHER BETWEEN IMPRISONMENTS NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR TO HER DEATH NINETEEN SIXTY ONE. APPEARS CLOSEST PERSON TO FAMILY. CLAIMS TAUGHT SUBJECT BURGLARY AND CASED SEVERAL JOBS TOGETHER FIFTY EIGHT FIFTY NINE.

UNDER DEVELOPMENT AS PCI SINCE INITIAL INTERVIEW THIS CASE. IS SEVENTY YEARS OLD, ON VERGE OF SENILITY, EXTREMELY RAMBLING IN CONVERSATIONS, AND AGENTS EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY KEEPING INTERVIEWS ON PERTINENT TRACK, AS WELL AS SEPARATING FACT FROM CONJECTURE. JERRY RAY HAS DESCRIBED HIM AS KOOK, AND OTHER SOURCES REGARD HIM AS CRAZY OLD MAN WHO TALKS TOO MUCH.

ON INTERVIEW TODAY GAWRON STATED WITHIN DAY OR TWO FOLLOWING RELEASE ON BOND, JUNE TWENTY THIRD TWENTY FOURTH SIXTY SEVEN, HE READ IN CHICAGO TRIBUNE OF BANK ROBBERY OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN SOUTHERN STATE, AND RECALLED BANK HAD BEEN CASED BY SUBJECT AND SELF ON TWO FRIDAYS, BIG PAY ROLL DAYS, FIFTY EIGHT FIFTY NINE, BUT NOT ROBBED DUE TO GAWRON LEG INJURY.

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FEW DAYS AFTER ARTICLE WAS VISITED BY MAN HE REFUSED TO NAME, WHO HE BELIEVED HE HAD INTRODUCED TO RAY IN FIFTY NINE, WHO TOLD HIM HE AND OTHERS HAD ROBBED BANK, DISPLAYED VALISE FULL OF MONEY AND GAVE HIM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS.

GAWRON HAS ADVISED FEW DAYS LATER HE VISITED FAMILY AND CAROL PEPPER, SISTER AND JOHN RAY, BROTHER, TOLD HIM SUBJECT WAS NOT IN MISSOURI. WEEK OR SO LATER THEY SAID SUBJECT IN OMAHA, DOING WELL, HE BELIEVED AS SALESMAN. WEEK OR SO LATER THEY SAID SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES. CLAIMED NO DISCUSSION AS TO HOW THEY KNEW, OR INFO AS TO DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONTACT.

SIX WEEKS AGO WAS VISITED BY SAME MAN WHO INDICATED SUBJECT AND ONE OR MORE OTHERS WERE ACCOMPLICES IN BANK ROBBERY.

GAWRON DECLINED TO GIVE LOCATION OF BANK OR IDENTITY OF MAN AT THIS TIME, SAYING WANTED TO SEE MAN AGAIN AND IDENT ALL ACCOMPLICES, AND BE SURE HIMSELF IN THE CLEAR. PROMISED ADDITIONAL

DETAILS IN FEW DAYS. INTERESTED IN BANK ROBBERY REWARD. WAS PRESSED FOR DETAILS ON PROBABILITY OF IMMEDIATE REWARD BUT DECLINED.

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DURING PRESS FOR DETAILS STATED CITY WHERE BANK LOCATED WAS NOT SMALL, WAS NEAR RIVER WHICH IS STATE LINE, ROBBERS IN ANOTHER STATE FIVE MINUTES AFTER ROBBERY. WAS IN DEEP SOUTH, "LIKE MISSISSIPPI" BUT NOT MISSISSIPPI. LOOT PLUS OR MINUS TWO THOUSAND WAS FIFTY THOUSAND. SIZEABLE AMOUNT IN VAULT MISSED BY ROBBERS. SAID UN NAMED MAN NOT ST. LOUISAN, BUT BELIEVED FROM SOUTH WEST AND HAS SERVED SOME SENTENCE POSSIBLY IN ARKANSAS.

CLAIMED DID NOT MENTION ROBBERY EARLIER AS SUBJECT SOUGHT FOR MURDER AND DID NOT BELIEVE ANYONE INTERESTED IN LESSER CRIME.

JOHN LARRY RAY TODAY EMPHATICALLY DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE, SPECIFICALLY DENIED AND INFO OR STATEMENT THAT SUBJECT IN OMAHA OR LOS ANGELES PRIOR TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS THIS CASE, AND STATED CONVICTION SISTER CAROL AND BROTHER JERRY HAVE SIMILAR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE.

TO ASSIST ST LOUIS IN EVALUATING CREDIBILITY OF GAWRON, BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO EXAMINE REPORTED BANK ROBBERIES IN SOUTHERN STATES JUNE JULY SIXTY SEVEN TO SEE IF CITIES INVOLVED ARE NEAR STATE LINE RIVER AND LOOT IN VICINITY OF FIFTY THOUSAND.
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CHICAGO IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW JUNE TWENTY THIRD TO END
OF JULY ISSUES OF CHICAGO TRIBUNE FOR ACCOUNT OF SUCH ROBBERY.

OMAHA AND LA THROUGH SUCH SOURCES AS MAY BE DEEMED
APPROPRIATE ATTEMPT DETERMINE PRESENCE OF SUBJECT IN THIER
TERRITORIES JUNE AND JULY SIXTY SEVEN.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 5-7-68

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To: SAC's, Omaha (44-310) - Enc. (2)
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Omaha airtel 4-30-68, submitting a white envelope, Q302, and accompanying handwritten message, Q303, for examination.

No latent impressions of value found or developed on Q302 or Q303, which are enclosed to Omaha.

Laboratory reporting separate.

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Date: 5/10/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: OMAHA (44-310)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

RE: OMAHA TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS MAY EIGHT, LAST, AND MEMPHIS
TELETYPE TO OMAHA MAY NINE, LAST.

RE: RICHARD S. SNYDER.

CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA, IS A TOWN OF ONE THOUSAND INHABITANTS,
HAVING A POST OFFICE STAFF OF THE POSTMASTER AND ONE CLERK.
BOTH EMPLOYEES AT ~~THE~~ POST OFFICE WERE EXHIBITED PHOTOGRAPHS
OF RAY AND BOTH STATE SNYDER NOT IDENTICAL TO RAY, AND DID
NOT RESEMBLE RAY IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER. PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY
WERE ALSO EXHIBITED TO OTHER CITIZENS OF CAMBRIDGE WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL AGENTS
FROM: SAC PAUL C. YOUNG
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/11/68

Butel to All Offices 5/7/68, stated two additional photographs of RAY were released that day to news media in Washington. Photograph number one should bear caption "JAMES EARL RAY (photograph taken 1967 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, 1968, in California.)" This is head shot of RAY in business suit which shows marked cleft in chin. Bureau authorized field to reproduce copies of these two photographs. Bureau stated we should insure they receive widespread distribution through all media contacts. Five copies of each of these photographs were previously furnished all field offices. Legats in Ottawa and Mexico were advised.

Copies of the above photographs will be made available by Omaha to Resident Agencies upon request.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (44-310)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: Springfield teletype to the Bureau 4/24/68;

It is noted that referenced teletype points out that RAY's father, JAMES GERALD RAY, also known as JERRY RAYNES, worked for the CB&Q Railroad, and also that he at one time resided at Des Moines, Iowa.

On 4/30/68, Mr. WILLIS TUCKER, Sales Representative, CB&Q Railroad, 411 Savings and Loan Building, Des Moines, Iowa, advised that employment records of former employees were not kept in Des Moines, but could be obtained either from the Superintendent's Office, Ottumwa, Iowa, Depot or from the CB&Q Office, 547 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

On 5/6/68, Mr. U. M. MC COY, Personnel Clerk, CB&Q Railroad, Ottumwa, Iowa, advised records of that office are negative concerning JAMES GERALD RAY, also known as JERRY REYNES.

Mr. MC COY advised that the Ottumwa, Iowa, Office usually maintains personnel records for only two or three years and then they are sent to the main CB&Q Office, 547 W Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

On 5/8/68, Mrs. MARILYN BIONDI, Records Clerk, Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department, advised the records of that office are negative regarding JAMES GERALD RAY and JERRY RAYNES.

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On 5/8/68, Mr. JOHN HACKLEY, Records Clerk, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Des Moines, Iowa, advised records of that office are negative regarding JAMES GERALD RAY and JERRY RAYNES.

On 5/8/68, Miss DEBBIE WITMER, Credit Bureau of Des Moines, 515½ Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa, advised records of that office are negative regarding JAMES GERALD RAY and JERRY RAYNES.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will contact CB&Q Railroad Main Office, 547 West Jackson Boulevard, and ascertain whether RAY's father worked for that railroad and if resided Des Moines, Iowa, Ottumwa, Iowa, or any other Iowa address during time employed.

Will set out any resulting leads.

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MEMO

TO: SAC, OMAHA (44-310)

5/10/68

FROM: SA ROBERT P. CAMPBELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReHQAirtel dated 5/3/68.

On 5/10/68, it was determined that phone number 375-4191 in Pierson, Iowa was listed to ~~XXXX~~ MARVIN CHINN STANDARD SERVICE.

MARVIN CHINN, Service Station Owner, Pierson, Iowa, was contacted on 5/10/68, and he advised that his father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. CLIFFORD CONRY, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ were vacationing in Texas during the month of December, 1967, and could have made the call, although he doesn't personally remember the call.

Mr. and Mrs. CLIFFORD CONRY, Pierson, Iowa, advised on 5/10/68, that in the month of December, 1967, they were vacationing at Orange, Texas. They stated they made a few trips to Beaumont, Texas on Interstate 10 prior to Christmas, 1967, and on one of the trips did call their daughter, MRS. MARVIN CHINN, at the number 375-4191, which is the number of the service station as well as the home of the CHINNs'.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-310)

DATE: 5/10/68

FROM : SA HAL N. MELTERHOFF

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 2/25/68 (serial 142).

On 4/29/68, and 5/10/68, Sgt. VERNON VAYRA, Stolen Car Section, Lincoln Police Dept., Lincoln, Neb., and Captain VERNON W. BYLER, Nebraska State Patrol Headquarters, Lincoln, advised respectively that they knew of no cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68 that were recovered in Lincoln, or the State of Nebraska.

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Date: **May 8, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)*JMS* 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.

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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	<u>THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS</u>	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

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Donovan Grant

"Red" Grant

Krassno Granitsky

"Granit"

Dr. Baumgarten

Colonel Arkday Fotoyev

Lt. Col. Nikolai Godlovsky

General Ivan Aleksandrovitch Serov

Colonel General Grubozaboyschikov

Lt. General Slavin

Lt. General Vozdvishensky

Tokaev

Khoklov

Petrov

Rene Mathis

Drax

Colonel Klebb

Kronsteen

Makharov

Fouche

Professor Deniken

Darko Kerim

Lermontov

Swaine

Adeney

Wilkinson

Kerim Bey

Cecil Beaton

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Croesus
David Somerset
Bianco
Major Dansey
Gyllius
Vavra
Krilencu
Zora
Vida
Boris Kerim
Melchior Benz
Kurt Goldfarb
Stefan Trempo
"Trempo"
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 Morris Cargill	Morphy	
De Atz	Ronnie Vallance	
Ludarian	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	Jean Gindicelli
Boudin	Griffon Or
Monet	Sir Thomas Bond
Ernst Stavro Blofeld	Nell Gweynn
Croupier	Boswell
Rossi	Reynolds
Andre Mattei	Garrick
Peckham	Canning
Laurence Sterne	Lord Bently Royal
Johnson	Sir Hilary Bray
Goldsmith	G. W. Marshall
Dean Swift	Sir James Malony
Lord Nelson	Achmed
Sable Basilish Pursuivant	Jenny Bray
Gebriider Gumpold-Moosbrugger	Mary potts
Tissot	O'Neill
Tracy	Maria Stavro Michelopoulos
Blauenfelder	Captain Boris
Monsieur Maurice	Alphonse de Bleuville
Monsieur Pol	D'dsigneys
Changeur	Professor Auguste Kommer
Marc - Ange Draco	Conte de Bleuville