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TO: SAC, LOUISVILLE
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-
RE: MURKIN

Reference St. Louis teletype to Bureau, 5/20/68.

For information of Louisville and Omaha Divisions, which did not receive referenced teletype, the St. Louis Division advised as follows on 5/20/68:

IVAN DALE UNDERWOOD, former inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on 5/20/68 advised he was not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY while UNDERWOOD was incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary. On basis of name and photograph, UNDERWOOD believes RAY is identical with an individual who worked with RALPH RENFRO for a short period during the late 1950's at Joplin, Missouri. RENFRO carried on a furnace and heating business and would "finger" residence and business establishments in Joplin area. On pretext of free inspection of premises, RENFRO would gain entrance to case establishment for possible robbery or burglary, or if the owner was gullible, he would attempt to sell a new heating unit. As of 18 months ago, RENFRO was working at an independent oil company service station on 20th Street in Joplin, Missouri, and hung out at Elmer's Bar, Main Street, also at Joplin.

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UNDERWOOD claims he knew RAY only through their mutual association with RENFRO.

UNDERWOOD described RENFRO as a white male, age 42.

UNDERWOOD wishes his identity be concealed as the source of the above information.

In an effort to locate and interview RALPH RENFRO to determine if he had in the past employed JAMES EARL RAY or had any knowledge as to his whereabouts, the following investigation was conducted by SAs JOSEPH W. JACKSON and LAWRENCE R. NOLAN:

AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI

On 5/21/68 a review of Polk's City Directory for Joplin, Missouri, 1956-1967 editions, failed to reveal any information regarding RALPH RENFRO.

On 5/21/68 a review of the current combined telephone directory for Joplin, Carl Junction, Cartersville, and Webb City, Missouri, area failed to reveal a telephone listed to RALPH RENFRO.

On 5/21/68 IRENE CLARK, Clerk, Records and Identification Bureau, Police Department; CLENNIS EUGENE COPELAND, Chief Deputy Sheriff, and RACHEL BRAXTON, Credit Bureau, all advised records of their respective offices contained no reference to RALPH RENFRO and that they had never known anyone by that name as a resident of Joplin, Missouri.

On 5/21/68 the following individuals all stated they did not know RALPH RENFRO as either a present or former resident of Joplin, Missouri:

EARL FORTNER, Records and Identification Officer, Police Department;

WALTER H. FLENNER, Captain of Detectives, Police Department;

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HAROLD ABBEN, Detective, Police Department;

W. T. NAYLOR, Dispatcher, Police Department;

OLEN J. DANIELS, Detective, Police Department;

JOHN EUBANKS, Lieutenant, Police Department.

On 5/21/68 JAMES H. RENTFRO, Branch Manager, Lairmore's Armored Car Service, advised while he did not know RALPH RENTFRO it seemed to him RALPH RENTFRO about two years ago had briefly been employed at the Consumers Service Station, Inc., 2002 Main Street, Joplin. RENTFRO stated while he had never met RALPH RENTFRO, that he, JAMES H. RENTFRO, recalled having been asked by his brother-in-law, HAL N. STEPHENS, Manager, Consumers Service Station, Inc., if he was any kin to RALPH RENTFRO, an attendant at the station, and that he, JAMES H. RENTFRO, had replied that he had never heard of and was no kin to anyone named RALPH RENTFRO. In this regard, RENTFRO said he had never met RALPH RENTFRO and had no idea as to his present location.

On 5/21/68 Patrolman WILLIAM R. STEPHENS, Police Department, advised an individual named RENTFRO had briefly worked for HAL N. STEPHENS, his father, at the Consumers Service Station, Inc., 2002 Main; however, Patrolman STEPHENS related he had never met RENTFRO and had no information as to the latter named individual's whereabouts. He also advised he was of the opinion HAL N. STEPHENS had discharged RENTFRO nearly two years ago, possibly for drinking on the job.

On 5/22/68 HAL N. STEPHENS, Manager, Consumers Service Station, Inc., advised he had hired a drifter named RALPH RENTFRO to work as an attendant on 4/2/66, and had fired RENTFRO for drinking on the job on 6/22/66. RENTFRO was not reliable, drank heavily, always drew against his earnings, and has not been seen by STEPHENS since he was

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fired. STEPHENS did recall that at Christmas, 1966, RENFRO had mailed a Christmas card to the service station employees from some western state, possibly Washington; however, STEPHENS said he had thrown the Christmas card away and actually had not paid any attention to the postmark, but had only noted it was some western state.

STEPHENS said he did not know whether RENFRO was married or single, that he had never seen RENFRO in company with any person away from his place of employment, and did not have the slightest idea in what city RENFRO might be living at this time. He could only state that RENFRO had left Joplin nearly two years ago and that RENFRO's present whereabouts are unknown to him.

STEPHENS said RENFRO, Social Security # [REDACTED], had lived at 2124 Adele, telephone MA 4-9279, Joplin, Missouri, and STEPHENS did not know whether RENFRO had been a roomer at that address or had rented the entire house. Also as an employment reference, which had not been verified, RENFRO had listed that he had previously worked as a part-time service station attendant for CURTIS RENFRO, Standard Oil Company Service Station, Lexington, Kentucky.

On 5/22/68 it was determined telephone number MA 4-9279, furnished by RENFRO to HAL N. STEPHENS, was listed to EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, 2124 Adele, Joplin, Missouri.

On 5/22/68 the house at 2124 Adele was found to be vacant.

On 5/22/68 JOHN BOSWELL, 2126 Adele, advised EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, had moved from her home at 2124 Adele to Ames, Iowa, about a year ago, and that he was unable to furnish her residence or employment address at that city. He stated he did not know RALPH RENFRO as a former resident at 2124 Adele, but presumed he had been a roomer at that address prior to the departure of Mrs. WHIPPLE from Joplin.

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On 5/22/68 ELMER COY, owner, Elmer's Place, 903 Main, a tavern catering to "Skid Row" types, advised he recalled RALPH RENFRO as a drifter who had worked briefly at a service station in Joplin and as a former patron. COY said he had not seen RENFRO in Joplin in over a year and did not have the slightest idea where RENFRO might be located at this time.

On 5/22/68 HELEN GLOVER, Cook, Helen's Cafe, 903½ Main, mother-in-law of GEORGE WAYNE DOTY, who was arrested by SA JOSEPH W. JACKSON on 12/28/67 for the armed robbery on 9/29/67 of the Scott Valley Bank, Fort Jones, California, advised she recalled RALPH RENFRO as a customer at the cafe when he had been employed as an attendant in an area service station. Mrs. GLOVER said RENFRO had disappeared from Joplin a year or so ago and that she did not have the slightest idea as to his present location.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 5/22/68 ROBERT BENTLEY, Superintendent of Mails, advised no change of address cards had been filed by either RALPH RENFRO or EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, when they moved from 2124 Adele Street, Joplin, Missouri, and that the present location of these individuals is unknown to him.

LEADS:

LOUISVILLE DIVISION

At Lexington, Kentucky:

1) Will, through CURTIS RENFRO, Standard Oil Company Service Station, endeavor to establish the whereabouts of RALPH RENFRO, whose interview is desired in order to

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determine if RALPH RENFRO did in fact in the past employ JAMES EARL RAY in the furnace and heating business at Joplin, Missouri, and for any information RALPH RENFRO may be able to supply regarding RAY's background and possible whereabouts.

2) Will, in the event investigation establishes CURTIS RENFRO to be unknown at Lexington, submit request to Bureau for approval for a search to be made through records of Baltimore Confidential Source (FD-266) as to RALPH RENFRO, Social Security Number [REDACTED], in an effort to establish RENFRO's current or recent whereabouts.

OMAHA DIVISION

At Ames, Iowa:

1) Will, through established sources of information, locate and interview EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, for the whereabouts of RALPH RENFRO as a possibility exists RENFRO may have corresponded with Mrs. WHIPPLE after RENFRO left Joplin, Missouri.

2) Will, in the event Mrs. WHIPPLE is able to furnish the whereabouts of RALPH RENFRO, set out lead to have RENFRO interviewed to determine if RENFRO did in fact in the past employ JAMES EARL RAY at Joplin, Missouri, and for any information RENFRO may be able to supply regarding RAY's background and possible whereabouts.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL AGENTS

FROM: *[Signature]* SAC, PAUL C. YOUNG

RE: MURKIN

DATE: 5/27/68

Bureau radiogram to all offices 5/22/68 states as follows:

1. RAY is known to stay at "flophouses" and lower class rooming houses. All offices will furnish copy of Identification Order regarding RAY to Salvation Army and other charitable type missions.

2. All offices covering state capitals, if not already done, will at drivers license bureau check all drivers license applications for months of April and May, 1968, concerning all male Caucasians over 30 years of age and under 55 years, in view of fact it is possible subject secured drivers license using another name other than aliases known. As result of reviewing these applications, you should conduct appropriate investigation to determine if any such identical with subject.

3. Bureau letter to all offices 5/20/68 was entitled "MURKIN; PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED." That letter stated as follows:

Each SAC and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

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While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the MURKIN case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

LEADS

All Agents will comply with leads numbered 1 and 3 above.

AT LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, AND DES MOINES, IOWA.
Will, pursuant to lead (2), check state drivers license bureaus and set out any logical leads that may be developed.

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Date: 5/28/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR 44-38861, SAC, DENVER, AND SAC, OKLAHOMA
CITY 44-686.

FROM: SAC, OMAHA 44-310

MURKIN

RE TELCALL FROM JOE KELLY, BUREAU SUPERVISOR, CIVIL RIGHTS
DIVISION, TO OKLAHOMA CITY, MAY THREE LAST; OKLAHOMA CITY TEL
TO BUREAU, MAY FOUR LAST; AND OKLAHOMA CITY AIRTEL TO BUREAU,
MAY TWO FOUR LAST.

FOR INFO OF DENVER OFFICE, INTERVIEW WITH CARMEN RAMAGE
INDICATED ROBERT DALE PORTER, ASSOCIATE OF RAY AT MISSOURI
STATE PENITENTIARY, TOLD HER THAT EX GUARD HAD OBTAINED UNIFORM
USED BY RAY IN ESCAPE; AND INTERVIEW WITH PORTER NAMED EX GUARD
JOHN STOUT AS PERSON SUPPLYING AMPHETAMINES TO RAY IN MISSOURI
STATE PENITENTIARY. KELLY REQUESTED IMMEDIATE DETERMINATION
BE MADE WHETHER ABOVE-MENTIONED GUARDS IDENTICAL AND IF NOT
EFFORTS BE MADE TO IDENTIFY UNKNOWN GUARD AND RESULTS
FURNISHED BUREAU.

CARMEN RAMAGE ADVISED OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE PORTER DID
NOT MENTION NAME OF EX GUARD AND DID NOT MENTION EX GUARD

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SUPPLYING AMPHETAMINES TO RAY OR OTHER INMATES. EFFORTS TO
LOCATE PORTER NEGATIVE AT WAVERLY, IOWA.

ON INSTANT DATE JAMES LEEMON, BREMER COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE, WAVERLY, IOWA, ADVISED HE WAS IN RECEIPT OF
COMMUNICATION FROM SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIDAN, WYOMING
INDICATING THAT ROBERT DALE PORTER IN CUSTODY AT SHERIDAN
AND BEING HELD UNDER A CHARGE OF GRAND LARCENY.

DENVER AT SHERIDAN, WYOMING, WILL INTERVIEW PORTER TO
DETERMINE IDENTITY OF ABOVE-MENTIONED GUARDS.

AIR MAIL COPY OF MEMPHIS.

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FBI KAN CITY

619PM URGENT 5-29-68 ENT
TO OMAHA AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN.

REOMTEL MAY TWO THREE LAST; MEMPHIS TEL TODAY.

JOE MONROE BEANS DOES NOT MEET DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT ACCORDING
TO WITNESSES INTERVIEWED AT LITWIN CONSTRUCTION CO., AND BLUE HAVEN
MOTEL, EL DORADO, KS., TODAY. BEANS NOT IN EL DORADO AND HIS
WHEREABOUTS MAY BE ASCERTAINED THROUGH HIS WIFE, WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY
BEEN INTERVIEWED BY OMAHA.

LEADS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BEANS THROUGH HIS WIFE BEING
LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF MEMPHIS. -P-

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) and
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FROM: DENVER (157-203) 3P

MURKIN

RE OMAHA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DENVER AND OKLAHOMA CITY DATED
MAY TWENTY-EIGHT, LAST.

ROBERT DALE PORTER, WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT SHERIDAN COUNTY JAIL,
SHERIDAN, WYOMING. ADVISES WAS IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY
WITH RAY ON TWO OCCASIONS, FROM JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY-ONE TO
SEPTEMBER OF NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO AND FROM MARCH TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY-
FOUR UNTIL RAY'S ESCAPE IN APRIL OF NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN.

HE STATED THAT EX-GUARD JOHN STOUT SUPPLIED AMPHETAMINES FOR
MANY OF THE CONVICTS AND THAT HE, PORTER, RAN A DELIVERY SERVICE
FOR STOUT. HE STATED STOUT WAS FIRED IN ABOUT MARCH OR APRIL OF
NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN.

PORTER SAID THE RUMOR AT TIME OF RAY'S ESCAPE WAS THAT HE
WALKED OUT THE FRONT GATE. HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT KNOW IF THIS WAS

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SUPPOSEDLY IN A GUARD'S UNIFORM OR CIVILIAN CLOTHES. HE DOUBTS VERY SERIOUSLY IF STOUT COULD HAVE PROVIDED A UNIFORM FOR RAY AS STOUT WAS A GUARD AT THE HONOR FARM AND RAY WAS CONFINED IN PRISON PROPER. HE HAS NO IDEA WHO MIGHT HAVE SUPPLIED A UNIFORM FOR RAY BUT POINTED OUT THE PRISON LAUNDRY CONTAINS MANY UNIFORMS AND SUITS AND IS STAFFED ENTIRELY BY CONVICTS. HE SAID IT WOULD, THEREFORE, BE NO PROBLEM FOR A CONVICT TO OBTAIN A UNIFORM OR SUIT OF CLOTHES FROM THIS LAUNDRY. PORTER STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT FEEL STOUT PROVIDED ANY ASSISTANCE IN RAY'S ACTUAL ESCAPE, THAT HE FELT CERTAIN RAY WOULD HAVE CONTACTED STOUT FOR ASSISTANCE AFTER LEAVING THE PRISON.

PORTER STATED THAT TWO FORMER CIVILIAN KITCHEN WORKERS AT THE MISSOURI STATE PEN ALSO RAN AMPHETAMINES FOR THE CONVICTS AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE BEEN WELL KNOWN BY RAY. THEY ARE FIRST NAME UNKNOWN WHITE, A NEGRO, AND FIRST NAME UNKNOWN SHEPPARD.

PORTER CONTINUED THAT RAY WAS A VERY QUIET MAN, DID NOT ASSOCIATE WITH MANY INDIVIDUALS, AND THAT UNDOUBTEDLY HIS BEST FRIEND AT THE MISSOURI STATE PEN WAS NEIL AEBY. PORTER BELIEVES AEBY HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PEN BUT IS CURRENTLY

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IN THE COLE COUNTY JAIL AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, FIGHTING
EXTRADITION TO TEXAS.

KANSAS CITY, AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT
TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOHN STOUT, FNU WHITE, FNU SHEPPARD, AND
NEIL AEBY.

FD THREE ZERO TWO FOLLOWS.

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AIRMAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS, OKLAHOMA CITY AND OMAHA.

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Date: MAY 31, 1968

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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TO: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

FROM: OMAHA (44-310)

MURKIN OO:MEMPHIS BUFILE: 44-38861

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO LOUISVILLE DATED MAY TWENTY-FOUR, LAST.

THIS DATE AMBROSE MELLON, TWO ONE EIGHT SEVENTH STREET, AMES, IOWA, ADVISED THAT EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE RESIDES WITH HIM AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS BUT THAT SHE IS CURRENTLY IN JOPLIN, MISSOURI, TO ATTEND HER ILL MOTHER, MRS. ETTA MC GINNES, WHO RESIDES AT TWO ZERO EIGHT NORTH MC COY, JOPLIN, MISSOURI. WHIPPLE MAY BE STAYING AT HER ~~FORMER~~ RESIDENCE TWO ONE TWO FOUR DALE, JOPLIN, MISSOURI.

HE HAS HEARD WHIPPLE MENTION RENFRO BUT KNOWS NO INFORMATION REGARDING RENFRO OR ASSOCIATES. *Carroll*

KANSAS CITY AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI, WILL INTERVIEW EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE AKA MRS. FLOYD WHIPPLE, FOR WHEREABOUTS OF RALPH RENFRO AND SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE RENFRO INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF RENFRO DID, IN THE PAST, EMPLOY JAMES EARL RAY AT JOPLIN AND FOR INFORMATION REGARDING BACKGROUND AND WHEREABOUTS OF RAY. AIR MAIL COPIES TO LOUISVILLE AND MEMPHIS. ~~Armed and Dangerous~~

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TO OMAHA

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO OMAHA, MAY TWENTY NINE, LAST.

OMAHA WILL RE-INTERVIEW THE WIFE OF JOE MONROE
BEANS RE LOCATION OF BEANS AND THEREAFTER SET FORTH
LEAD TO HAVE BEANS INTERVIEWED AND COMPLETELY ELIMINATED.

KANSAS CITY ADVISED AM. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee, sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Top Ten" list to insure widespread dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to speed his location.

Ray has been intensively sought since the murder of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices were posted, determined that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias of Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen. Ray, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful flight to avoid confinement for robbery. His long criminal record also includes convictions for burglary and forging U.S. Postal Money Orders.

A white American, born in Alton, Illinois, on March 10, 1928, Ray is 5'10" tall, weighs 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably. Known as a "loner" and "drifter," Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

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

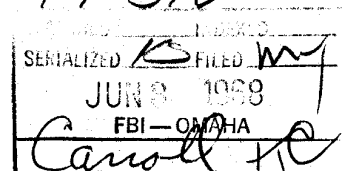
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<u>Atlanta, Georgia Division</u>			
RJS	Columbia, S. C.	364-00188-E	Bullard
The Register	Delray Beach, Fla.	364-00839-E	Marquette
Enterprises of America	Pinellas Park, Fla.	364-01459-E	"
His and Her Club	Savannah, Ga.	364-03123-E	Capps
ABC Publications	Hollywood, Fla.	364-03126-E	Marquette
Jean Marie	Orlando, Fla.	364-03137-E	"
Rebel Florida	Orlando, Fla.	364-41602-E	Richie
Kay Manor	Miami, Fla.	364-48750-E	Marquette
<u>Fort Worth, Texas Division</u>			
Sterling Action Club	Corpus Christi, Tx.	364-39986-E	Marsh
F and T	Fort Worth, Tx.	364-40081-E	"
?	Fort Worth, Tx.	364-40330-E	"
Horizons Correspondence Club	Dallas, Tx.	364-40389-E	"
<u>Boston, Massachusetts Division</u>			
Nutmeg Press	Grosvenor Dale, Ct.	364-23774-E	Allain
Kitten Club	North Adams, Mass.	364-30737-E	"
Action Relationships	Boston, Mass.	364-42967-E	"
Arthur A. Swanson	Boston, Mass.	364-43051-E	"
Jane Weton	Boston, Mass.	364-43137-E	"



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<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
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Carlton Enterprises	Chicago, Ill.	364-01633-E	Hinckley
Social Exchange Publishing	" "	364-01637-E	"
Arnold J. Madiol	Grand Haven, Mich.	364-43568-E	Potts
Martin's	Detroit, Mich.	364-43569-E	"
Random House	Warren, Mich.	364-48063-E	Hinckley
<u>Cincinnati, Ohio Division</u>			
Swinger's Travel & Vacation Club	Fort Wayne, Ind.	364-27059-E	Herzog
Vigo Villa	Terre Haute, Ind.	364-28234-E	Herzog
<u>Kansas City, Missouri Division</u>			
Swinging Set	Kansas City, Mo.	364-11096-E	Fay
Club Lolita	Kansas City, Mo.	364-38211-E	Fay
<u>New York, New York Division</u>			
Ram Enterprises	New York, NY	364-32101-E	Miller
Pace Setter Corp.	Brooklyn, NY	364-32705-E	Miller
Black Book	New York, NY	364-32822-E	Dolan

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<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Division</u>			
Mixer	Trenton, NJ	364-00460-E	Similes
Select Club	Camden, NJ	364-22100-E	Ferguson
Frenchy	Chinchilla, Pa.	364-44883-E	Similes
Swinger's Life	Enola, Pa.	364-45329-E	Ferguson
The In Crowd	Philadelphia, Pa.	364-45370-E	"
Club Ecstasy	York, Pa.	364-45500-E	"
Stonehill Studios	Berkeley Heights, NJ	364-48312-E	Kallies
<u>Saint Louis, Missouri Division</u>			
R J S	Davenport, Iowa	364-46385-E	Wensman
Ron Williams	Saint Louis, Mo.	364-46572-E	"
<u>Saint Paul, Minnesota Division</u>			
The Group	Wayzata, Minn.	364-39222-E	Gosnell
Action	St. Paul, Minn.	364-47443-E	Gosnell
<u>San Francisco, California Division</u>			
A to Z Club	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-21863-E	Poindexter
Ad Reply Service	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-38729-E	"
The Group	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-38802-E	Vanden Bosch

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<u>San Francisco, California Division (Continued)</u>			
The National Close Up	North Hollywood, Cal.	364-38870-E	Poindexter
Jan	Reno, Nevada	364-38993-E	Lawrence
Reynolds Machinery	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-39006-E	Poindexter
Tape Club	" " "	364-41205-E	"
Swinging Sam Young	Ontario, Cal.	364-41386-E	"
Swingers Club	Santa Monica, Cal.	364-41403-E	"
United World Publications	San Diego, Cal.	364-41409-E	"
Sincerely Yours Club	La Puente, Cal.	364-44006-E	"
Phi Pi Epsilon	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-44144-E	"
Modern Enterprises	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-44296-E	"
Japan International	Newport Beach, Cal.	364-44297-E	"
Remco	Las Vegas, Nevada	364-44337-E	"
Blue Star	Reno, Nevada	364-44412-E	Vanden Bosch
James L. Hubbel	Strathmore, Cal.	364-44539-E	" "
The Local Swinger	Downey, Cal.	364-44606-E	Poindexter
Donald Fickes	Norwalk, Cal.	364-44660-E	"
Sir, Inc.	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-44661-E	"
Le Group	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-44686-E	"
Roberta Perkins	Santa Rosa, Cal.	364-44696-E	Vanden Bosch
Kinsey Club	San Diego, Cal.	364-44745-E	Poindexter

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE CLUB INVESTIGATIONS (Continued)

<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>Washington, D. C. Division</u>			
Richard Stanley	Charleston, W. Va.	364-28406-E	Bradley
David C. Bohner	Washington, D. C.	364-28571-E	Bradley
Mr. and Mrs. E. King	Hagerstown, Md.	364-29026-E	Bennett

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReAttel to Bu dated 5/23/68 requesting WFO obtain from Postal Inspector, WDC, a list of all obscene pen-pal clubs in the United States presently under investigation by the Post Office Department.

- 3- Bureau (Encl. 2)
- 2- Atlanta (44-2386) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Baltimore (44-669) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Boston (Encl. 2)
- 2- Chicago (44-1114) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Cincinnati (157-1893) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Columbia (Encl. 2)
- 2- Dallas (44-2649) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Detroit (44-989) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Houston (44-1509) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Indianapolis (Encl. 2)
- 2- Kansas City (44-760) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Las Vegas (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Los Angeles (44-1574) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Miami (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Memphis (44-1987) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Minneapolis (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Newark (44-854) (Encl. 2)
- 2- New Haven (157-818) (Encl. 2)
- 2- New York City (44-1609) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Omaha (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Philadelphia (44-1368) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Pittsburgh (44-578) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Sacramento (100-427) (Encl. 2) (AM)

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- 2- St. Louis (44-775) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- San Diego (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- San Francisco (173-65) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Savannah (Encl. 2)
- 2- Tampa (157-3231) (Encl. 2) (AM)

Enclosed herewith for each office listed below having leads in their division are two copies each consisting of five pages which contain list of correspondence clubs under Post Office investigation.

Also enclosed for information is one copy each for Bureau, Memphis and Atlanta.

Offices covering Headquarters divisions of Postal inspectors will contact division chiefs for addresses and other identifying information regarding the clubs listed and furnish such information to other FBI field offices for further investigation where appropriate.

All offices having clubs within their division will thereafter conduct appropriate investigation to determine if subject JAMES EARL RAY is a member or has ever corresponded with that club.

Discretion should be used with lists being furnished and source of agency furnishing list should not be disclosed.

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MEMO

SAC, OMAHA(44-310)

5/31/68

SA HARMON J. OGREN

MURKIN

Re memo of 5/27/68, following by SA HARMON J. OGREN:

CHARLES H. SAGE, City Mission and PHYLLIS J. PHILLIPS, Salvation army were furnished an IO of subject .

Editor BILL W. KREIFEL, Lincoln Journal was advised of the \$100,000 reward for the killer of Martin Luther King.

The request to check drivers licenses will not be covered as it is impossible to do so. Nebraska Drivers licenses are filed according to a phonetic code and are not filed by date of purchase or expiration and all licenses for a person are filed in one jacket under his name. Many times drivers licenses do not reach central DMV files for 2 or 3 months and then they remain unfiled at DMV for a month or so. Also under the new laws drivers licenses expire on birthdates which would make one sixth of the total DLs for the state issued during 1968, May and June. Therefore in order to check it would be necessary to physically check each license file in Nebraska.

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TO: SAC, OMAHA

FROM: SA ROBERT P. CAMPBELL (44-310)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/28/68, DONALD F. ASHER, Station Agent, Ozark Airlines, Sioux City, Iowa, was contacted concerning his telephone call to the Omaha Office regarding an individual by the name of JAMES F. RAY that had purchased a ticket the evening of 5/27/68, for a flight to Los Angeles.

Mr. ASHER stated this individual gave his address as 2008 S. Wayland, Sioux Falls, South Dakota and paid for his ticket by check on the Northwest National Bank, Colonial Branch, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, exhibiting a drivers license for identification. The man had been drinking and was somewhat intoxicated, but by flight time he seemed to be alright. Mr. ASHER stated he didn't think much about the man until a call was received by Continental Airlines in Denver, the connecting line to Los Angeles, concerning some incident the man had created by his drinking. Mr. ASHER stated then it hit him that the man that shot KING was a JAMES RAY and this is ~~XXXX~~ what prompted his call.

Mr. ASHER was shown Wanted Flyer 442-A and after viewing the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY he stated the photographs did not resemble the JAMES F. RAY that purchased a ticket from him.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC PAUL C. YOUNG (44-310)

DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : ASAC ROBERT RUSS FRANCK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN, Memphis Office, telephonically advised this date that Assistant Director NICHOLAS CALLAHAN had called him stating that HOSEA WILLIAMS, leader of the Poor Peoples March demonstration in Washington, D. C., had raised allegations concerning FBI investigation of the KING matter. WILLIAMS stated that if the FBI spent as much time investigating the KING matter as they do in investigating the Poor Peoples Marchers, the case would be solved.

SAC JENSEN states that Mr. TOLSON has instructed that at 2:30 p.m., Washington time, he wants the May, 1968, cost data figures re the MURKIN case. SAC JENSEN said that we should immediately compile such data and telephonically furnish it to SA GYLFE, Memphis, so that this deadline could be met. I assured him this would be done.

SAC JENSEN further requested that I relay Assistant Director CALLAHAN's instructions to Oklahoma City, St. Louis and Kansas City. I immediately contacted Supervisor J. GRIMES, Oklahoma City; SAC THOMAS J. GEARTY, St. Louis Office; and ASAC MASON G. WORKING, Kansas City Office, and furnished them the above instructions. All stated they would immediately comply and furnish MURKIN cost data to SA GYLFE in Memphis.

I immediately contacted SA CARROLL, who was at Offutt Air Force Base, and instructed him to return to the office and compile the necessary data at once.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (44-310) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68, bearing above caption.

The estimated cost data during May, 1968, in this case for the Omaha Division was as follows:

(1) Man hours spent on case:

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
(a) Special Agents	280	45	325
(b) Clerical Employees	40	0	40

(2) Estimated mileage of Bucars: 1475 miles

(3) Unusual expense - estimated additional telephone expense in Resident Agencies: \$75.00

(4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case: 30

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Above data telephonically furnished SA ANDREW SLOAN, Memphis Office, 12:25 p.m., 6/4/68.

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Date: 6/5/68

Transmit the following in **PLAINTEXT**
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(Priority)

TO: KANSAS CITY
FROM: OMAHA (44-310)
MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE OMAHA TEL TO KANSAS CITY MAY TWENTYTHREE LAST AND
MEMPHIS TEL TO OMAHA JUNE THREE LAST.

RE MEMPHIS TEL REQUESTED JOE MONROE BEANS BE LOCATED AND
INTERVIEWED AND COMPLETELY ELIMINATED. MRS. LA VONNE BEANS,
AMHERST, NEBRASKA, ADVISED HER HUSBAND, JOE M. BEANS, STILL
EMPLOYED SKELLY REFINERY, EL DORADO, KANSAS, AND LIVING AT
BLUE HAVEN MOTEL IN EL DORADO, AND HE WORKS A NIGHT SHIFT.

KANSAS CITY IMMEDIATELY CONTACT BEANS AT BLUE HAVEN
MOTEL IN EL DORADO AND INTERVIEW AS A SUSPECT.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

1 - Memphis (Air Mail) (44-1987)

1 - Omaha

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS
 FROM: DIRECTOR
 MURKIN.

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FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF OFFICE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH INVESTIGATION THAT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA FROM APRIL EIGHT SIXTY DASH EIGHT UNTIL MAY SIX SIXTY DASH EIGHT UNDER NAMES PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. SUBJECT DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, ON MAY SIX LAST AS SNEYD AND IS BELIEVED USING CANADIAN PASSPORT IN THAT NAME. SUBJECT BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS REVIEW OF DRIVER'S LICENSE BUREAU RECORDS AS REQUESTED IN BUREAU RADIOGRAM MAY TWO ONE LAST MAY BE DISCONTINUED.

Cassell advise all agents handling this -
Notified As per M. 6/4/68. TC
 OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRANCE INTO U.S. SHOULD PLACE APPROP-

RIATE STOPS WITH BORDER AND CUSTOM AUTHORITIES UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN SNEYD AND KING ASSASSINATION. YOU MAY ADVISE AUTHORITIES THAT INDIVIDUAL USING NAME SNEYD IS BEING SOUGHT BY FBI FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT FOR CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

FOR INFORMATION OF BORDER OFFICES THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON RESIDING IN TORONTO, CANADA, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPARTMENT NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH USED BY

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

SUBJECT IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN EVENT
BORDER STOPS DISCLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL NAMED SNEYD IS ENTERING YOUR
TERRITORY. COPIES MAILED WFO.

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TOR: 1:53 PM RTB