

TELETYPE

PM URGENT 4/25/68 RML

TO DIRECTOR, SAN DIEGO, AND MEMPHIS  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 2P

SEND AIR MAIL

MURKIN.

RE PITTSBURGH TEL TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, AND MEMPHIS, FOUR  
TWENTYSIX, INSTANT.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

FOR INFO SAN DIEGO, RE TELETYPE REFLECTED:

HARRY P. STEWART, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, REPORTED HIS NEPHEW,  
STEWART LINDH, TWO TWO ZERO SIX, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., CLAIMED HE  
AND TWO OTHERS THROUGH NEWSPAPER AD OBTAINED RIDE WITH STOUT. AT  
KANSAS CITY, MO., STOUT DISAPPEARED WITH THEIR EFFECTS. BEFORE STOUT  
DISAPPEARED, HE TOLD THEM HE WAS GOING TO SHOOT KING.

ON FOUR TWENTYSIX, INSTANT, RAYMOND ZACKOVICH, SECRET SERVICE  
AGENT, PITTSBURGH, ADVISED HARRY P. STEWART, FORMER SECRET SERVICE  
AGENT, RETIRED ONE YEAR AGO. STEWART NOW RESIDING AT ROUTE ONE,  
BOX THREE EIGHT EIGHT, SEBASTIAN, FLA.

MIAMI INTERVIEW STEWART FOR ADDITIONAL DATA HE RECEIVED AND  
PRESENT LOCATION OF HIS NEPHEW, STEWART LINDH. SUTEL.

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WA 570 P  
SO 544 P  
ME 545 P

- 1 - Chicago (AM)
  - 1 - San Francisco (AM)
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HARRY P. STEWART, AT ABOVE ADDRESS, SEBASTIAN, FLA., ADVISED ABOVE INCIDENT OCCURED TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO, WHEN NEPHEW STEWARD LINDH WAS HITCH-HIKING FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO VERMONT. STEWART DOES NOT RECALL ANY REFERENCE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING. NEPHEW NOW RESIDING FOUR ZERO ONE ZERO AND ONE-HALF, VAN DYKE, SAN DIEGO, CALIF., AND ATTENDING UNKNOWN COLLEGE IN SAN DIEGO.

SAN DIEGO INTERVIEW LINDH RE DETAILS OF ABOVE.

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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-  
RE: MURKIN  
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Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

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

- 1 - Each Continental Office  
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN

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On 4/11/68 Dr. IRVING HALL, 712 39th Street W., Bradenton, Fla., telephonically advised the Sarasota RA that between the hours of approximately 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. 4/7/68 he and his wife viewed a television program over channel 3, educational television station WEDU-TV, Tampa, Florida. HALL stated the program was a panel-type discussion concerning the study of the march on Washington that was to be lead by Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING in the Spring of 1968. HALL stated a white male who was a member of the panel who was sitting on the floor near a Negro who was standing and who was the moderator made several comments that dealt with KING leading the march. The white male, according to HALL, reportedly made a comment to the effect, "If KING leads the march on Washington the march will be a Negro march and the poor white people will be getting screwed."

HALL stated that upon viewing the artist's conception of the assassin of KING and comparing the description that had been set forth in local newspapers regarding the assassin, he believes the white male on the above television program who made remarks critical of KING's leadership appeared a similar description to the artist's conception of the assassin.

Mr. R. LEROY LASTINGER, General Manager, WEDU-TV, Educational Television Channel 3, 908 South 20th Street, Tampa, on 4/12/68 advised from approximately 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
  - 2 - Birmingham (RM)
  - 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
  - 2 - New York (RM)
  - 2 - Tampa
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Special Agent in Charge

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on 4/7/68 his channel experienced a live interconnection which was broadcast in the Tampa area under the auspices of Public Broadcast Laboratory which program originates from New York City and which the local station would not have any record of on radio or TV tape. He said that all he could say was the FBI would have to contact "AV" WESTIN, Director, Public Broadcast Laboratory, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, and they would have the film. He volunteered the information that he recalled Public Broadcast Laboratory sent a crew along with Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING some time in the past sort of following his career and were closely following any plans to march on Washington. He said he personally had no way of even knowing in what cities or where the panel discussion took place that was broadcast on the night of 4/7/68 through his Channel 3 station.

LEADS:

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Contact "AV" WESTIN, Director, PBL, 342 Madison Avenue, and conduct appropriate investigation.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Tampa airtel to the Bureau dated 4/15/68.

Enclosed for Atlanta is one copy of referenced airtel and two photographs developed from questioned television tape.

"AV" WESTIN, Director, Public Broadcast Laboratory (PBL), 342 Madison Avenue, NYC, on 4/19/68, advised that an assistant would aid the FBI in making available tape on questioned broadcast of 4/7/68. He stated that PBL has had employees following the developments leading up to the "poor people's march on Washington" which was to have been led by Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING in the Spring of 1968. He stated that the questioned portion of the broadcast was produced by GREG SHUKER of PBL.

On 4/19/68, PBL made available two film excerpts from the broadcast of 4/7/68 which shows two white males in

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2- Atlanta (Encls. 3)  
1- Memphis (INFO)  
1- New York

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background of photograph, either of which could represent the person referred to by Dr. IRVING HALL, of Bradenton, Florida. It is further noted, however, that others in the room made similar remarks about the "poor white people getting screwed" if KING led the march.

It is noted that one individual, which according to the tape was located in the area of, or next to, the Negro moderator, who was MOSMA WILLIAMS, seemed to be pulling at his left ear lobe as depicted in the enclosed excerpt from the film.

GREG SHUKER, Producer, PBL, stated he was in the room during the filming of this sequence of events and identified the location as Paschal's Hotel, located on Hunter Street, Atlanta, Georgia. He stated he personally recalls most of the participants in the discussion other than the man with his hand up to his ear. He stated that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Headquarters (SCLC) in Atlanta is believed to have a list of all persons attending this discussion. He stated that the events took place on 3/14/68 and that BILL RUTHERFORD, Executive Director, and TOM OPPENBERG, Public Relations, SCLC, Office # (404)-522-1420, possibly could furnish names of all persons in the room. RUTHERFORD's home number was given as 523-3381 and that of OPPENBERG, who is Director of the March as 522-1425.

SHUKER stated that other groups and races of people were meeting at the time in the same hotel in connection with the upcoming march, but indicated that the group in question was basically white and that MOSMA WILLIAMS came in late only to answer their questions and to convince them that KING would lead and speak for all the poor people, regardless of race, in the March on Washington.

SHUKER is in the process of preparing a copy of the entire tape for the FBI which is to be made available to the NYO possibly today, 4/22/68.

It has been requested by FBI that above excerpts from the tape as well as the other material to be made

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available, be used solely by the FBI for their investigative purposes. The film is still being used by PBL and no publication otherwise should be made.

Atlanta, through appropriate officials of SCLC, obtain list of persons in attendance of white group discussion at Paschal's Hotel on or about 3/14/68 in order to identify persons appearing in attached photographs and further tie in with individuals referred to by Dr. IRVINGTON HALL in referenced communication.

NYO will obtain complete tape from PBL.



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Date: 4/26/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Tampa airtel to Director, 4/15/68 and New York airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

Enclosed herewith for each receiving office are:

One copy each of referenced airtels;  
One copy each of two photographs referred to in referenced airtels.

On 4/26/68, TOM HOUCK, Program Department, SCLC, Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Ga., advised that he was in charge of the programming of the Poor Peoples March Meeting which was held at Paschal's Restaurant in Atlanta on 3/14/68.

HOUCK furnished a list of all the white persons in attendance at this meeting, and went through the list stating he could identify everyone except the following individuals:

DOUGLAS YOUNGBLOOD BLAKES  
4441 North Clifton  
Chicago, Illinois

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2 - Chicago (Enc. 4)  
② - Pittsburgh (Enc. 4)  
2 - Louisville (Enc. 4)  
2 - Atlanta  
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JAMES D. BOYLE  
907 Spring Road  
Charleston, W.Va.

DAVE JOHNSON  
551 West Belmont  
Chicago, Ill.  
(HOUCK is not certain whether this individual  
is white or Negro)

JOHN W. LEWIS  
Station "H" 11006  
Louisville, Ky.  
Mountain Cadre Organizing

STEVE STOLLER  
Apalachian Volunteers, Inc.,  
Williamson, West Virginia

A.V. 235-2718

HOUCK advised that the photographs were taken  
in a conference room at Paschal's Restaurant, but that  
the group at the conference was assembled as a result of  
a sign posted in the lobby of Paschal's Motel announcing  
that a white caucus would be held in this particular room.

HOUCK said he did not recognize the individual  
in the photographs with his hand to his ear, and that this  
individual would have to be one of the above-listed persons  
or someone who simply walked in as a result of seeing the  
sign, and in this case he would not be registered on the  
program lists which HOUCK supplied.

LEADS:

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

AT 44-2386

Contact DOUGLAS YOUNGBLOOD BLAKES and DAVE JOHNSON to determine if identical with individual in photograph and if so determine if identical with suspect RAY.

LOUISVILLE

AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

Contact JOHN W. LEWIS to determine if identical with individual in photograph and if so determine if identical with suspect RAY.

PITTSBURGH

AT CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Contact JAMES D. BOYLE to determine if identical with individual in photograph, and if so determine if identical with suspect RAY.

AT WILLIAMSON, WEST VIRGINIA

Contact STEVE STROLLER to determine if identical with individual in photograph and if so determine if identical with suspect RAY.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

FROM : SA LINNEY L. CONNOLLY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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OO - MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/29/68

Mr. VERLE HARPER, Grandview Avenue, Elkins, W. Va., telephonically contacted SA LINNEY L. CONNOLLY, JR., on the evening of 4/22/68, and advised that an individual had very recently contacted HUGH CURRENCE, real estate dealer, at Elkins, relative to purchasing property and that the individual bore a strong resemblance to the photograph of ERIC STARVO GAULT that has been prominently displayed in leading newspapers.

Mr. HUGH CURRENCE, Manager, Randolph Real Estate Agency, 216 Randolph Avenue, provided the following information on 4/23/68:

He was contacted at his office by a man named JOHN JOSEPH O'HANLON on or about 4/18/68, relative to property located at 100 Central Street, that has been put up for sale. Mr. CURRENCE advised that O'HANLON bears a facial resemblance to newspaper photographs of ERIC STARVO GAULT, but that he appears to be considerably older than GAULT. He said that O'HANLON was seeking a temporary place to stay as well as permanent real estate, and he, CURRENCE, made arrangements for O'HANLON to stay at the residence of his father on Grandview Avenue at Elkins.

It later developed that O'HANLON's speech and talk would sometimes be irrational and disconnected, and his father became uneasy in O'HANLON's presence. HUGH CURRENCE informed O'HANLON that he would have to find another place to live and O'HANLON departed his father's residence on the evening of 4/22/68.

Mr. CURRENCE described O'HANLON as a white male, approximately 40 - 50 years of age, 5'7", 165-170 lbs.

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JOHN E. BUSCH, JR., Attorney, Hippedrome Building, Elkins, W. Va., advised on 4/23/68, that he is an attorney for HUGH CURRENCE and he telephonically contacted the Veterans Administration Hospital at Huntington, W. Va., in behalf of CURRENCE relative to JOHN JOSEPH O'HANLON. He spoke to a Mr. HAMBLIN and was informed that O'HANLON was refused a loan in August or September, 1967, on grounds that he was "medically incompetent." Mr. BUSCH said he was referred to the Regional Veterans Administration Hospital in New York City for further information. BUSCH said he observed O'HANLON in CURRENCE's office and that O'HANLON does bear a facial resemblance to GAULT. He said, however, that O'HANLON appears to be considerably older than GAULT.

Mrs. BONNIE MARSTILLER, Secretary, Cromwell Insurance Agency, Fifth Avenue, Elkins, provided the following information on 4/23/68:

JOHN JOSEPH O'HANLON has been in contact with DORSEY FREY, real estate agent, concerning the purchase of property in Elkins. Mr. FREY is presently out of town. Mrs. MARSTILLER is completely familiar with the O'HANLON case and has talked to him on several occasions.

She advised that O'HANLON does bear a facial resemblance to newspaper photographs of ERIC GAULT, but that she does not believe them to be one and the same individual. O'HANLON left with her office some personal papers showing a relationship with the Veterans Administration and she displayed a letter from the Regional Office, VA Hospital, 252 7th Avenue, New York, N.Y., dated 3/4/67, addressed to JOHN J. O'HANLON, 939 Onderdonk Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., VAC #21728520, which letter stated that O'HANLON was being awarded \$240 monthly beginning October 1, 1966. The letter also referred to previous payments to his account which had been discontinued.

Mrs. MARSTILLER stated that O'HANLON had been in her office the last year in an effort to buy real estate and her office subsequently received a post card from him postmarked Miami, Fla., 10/25/67, showing his return address

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as c/o R. MC GRAW, JR., M.D., 1803 Granada Boulevard,  
Coral Gables, Fla.

As SA CONNOLLY was preparing to leave Mrs. MARSTILLER's office, Mrs. MARSTILLER identified a man who was walking past the office as JOHN JOSEPH O'HANLON. O'HANLON was observed to go to the General Delivery window in the Elkins Post Office, where he apparently inquired as to mail. Close observation of O'HANLON at this time reflected him to be a white male, age approximately 50 - 55 years, height about 5'7", weight approximately 190 lbs., gray eyes, black hair, streaked with gray, paunchy build.

This observation of O'HANLON, as well as information provided by BONNIE MARSTILLER, reflects that he is not identical with ERIC STARVO GAULT.

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4/29/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) -P-  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Pittsburgh teletype to Bureau dated  
4/18/68.

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Records from the Bureau of Public Debt,  
Parkersburg, W. Va., reviewed and reveal that a computer  
check of the names E. S. GALT and H. LOWMEYER or  
LOWMYER were negative with regard to individuals of  
that name purchasing U. S. savings bonds. The name  
E. S. GAULT appears 97 times, which indicates that  
97 bonds bearing that name are on record as having  
been purchased.

The purchasers of these 97 bonds were  
determined to be the following six individuals:

1. Mrs. KLOISE S. GAULT  
6278 Tourraine Avenue  
Newark, California,  
former address 24806 Broadmore Avenue,  
Hayward, California
2. EDWARD S. GAULT  
9141 Grant Park Drive  
Afton, Missouri

3-Bureau  
1-Memphis (44-1987)  
1-Chicago (44-1114)  
2-Pittsburgh  
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3. EDWARD S. GAULT  
4 West Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, Maryland
4. Dr. EDWIN SARTAIN GAULT  
11 North Kirklyn Avenue  
Upper Darby, Pa.
5. EDGAR S. GAULT  
932 Beach Avenue  
LaGrange Park, Illinois
6. Miss ELIZABETH SARA GAULT  
972 East Square Lake Road  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

The name J. WILLARD was also searched and approximately 1000 savings bonds had been purchased by individuals with that name.

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No leads are being set out to interview any of the individuals listed above or the holders of the savings bonds in the name of J. WILLARD, UACOO.

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TO DIRECTOR AND TAMPA  
FROM PITTSBURGH (44-578)

MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE TAMPA TEL BUREAU, FOUR TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

SUSPECT RICHARD RUSSELL BALL.

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INVESTIGATION PARKERSBURG, W.VA., FOUR TWENTYSEVEN LAST,  
DISCLOSED RESIDENCE LOCATED AT FOUR EIGHT ZERO ONE FIRST AVE.,  
VACANT AT THIE TIME.

NO CURRENT RECORD CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES LOCATED  
IDENTIFIABLE WITH RICHARD RUSSELL BALL.

INVESTIGATION AT POST OFFICE, PARKERSBURG, FOUR TWENTYNINE,  
INSTANT, DISCLOSED CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR BALL DATED AUGUST  
FOURTEEN SIXTYFOUR, GIVING NEW ADDRESS OF THREE FOUR SIX ZERO  
DORREEN DRIVE, LAKE LAND, FLA.

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TAMPA AT LAKE LAND, FLA., ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW  
BALL RE INFO SET OUT IN RETEL.

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

MURKIN

ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE IO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE SIXTY-SEVEN.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Pittsburgh

DATE: April 29, 1968

*JRM* : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY  
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM  
NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 500.

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL RESIDENT AGENTS  
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/29/68

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau, dated 4/25/68.

For the information of all resident agents, JAMES EARL RAY, aka, was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in Atlanta airtel dated 4/22/68 to check cars recovered in their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

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

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

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 4/26/68, HENRY BREWER, JR., 627 College Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., came to the Pittsburgh FBI Office and advised that at approximately 9:35 a.m., he observed an individual who resembled JAMES EARL RAY leaving Emil's Restaurant on Liberty Avenue. He advised that he had known RAY when RAY was in Leavenworth Penitentiary and was fairly certain the individual he saw was RAY. He admitted that he was presently taking psychiatric treatments in Pittsburgh.

BREWER, the writer, ASAC THOMAS H. FARROW, and SAs RUSSELL M. GWYNNE and NILE A. DUKE, JR., went to Emil's Restaurant; however, the bartender, JOSEPH HOLLICK, was unable to identify a photograph of RAY as having been in the restaurant approximately 30 minutes prior. The Greyhound Bus Station, the Trailways Bus Station, Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Jerry's Bar, and the Roma Hotel, all located near Emil's Restaurant, were checked with negative results.

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FBI DALLAS

1203PM URGENT 4-30-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), DETROIT (44-989) AND PITTSBURGH  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

MURKIN.

RE TELEPHONES CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES  
TO NEW ORLEANS.

FOR INFO OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TEL, ON ABOVE TRIP SUBJECT  
RAY ALLEDGEDLY MADE SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS FROM PUBLIC COIN  
TELEPHONES WHILE IN TEXAS. A CHECK OF TOLL CALLS MADE FROM COIN  
PHONES ALONG ROUTE FOR DEC. FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN LAST  
ARE BEING MADE AND FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO DATE. EACH  
OFFICE SHOULD ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NO.  
LISTED AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY BY INTERVIEW OF THIS INDIVIDUAL WHOM  
INSTANT CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM. IF RAY MADE CALL, OBTAIN ALL  
AVAILABLE INFO CONCERNING HIM.

DETROIT DIVISION.

CALL MADE FROM COIN PHONE AT MARATHON, TEXAS: DEC. SIXTEEN  
LAST, TEN THIRTYSIX AM, SEVEN SEVEN SIX - FIVE NINE FIVE ZERO,  
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ROSEVILLE, MICHIGAN.

PITTSBURGH DIVISION.

CALL MADE FROM COIN PHONE AT MARATHON, TEXAS: DEC. FIFTEEN  
LAST, SEVEN TEN PM, EIGHT THREE THREE - ZERO SEVEN FOUR FOUR,  
BETHEL PARK, PENNSYLVANIA.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA LINNEY L. CONNOLLY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

The following persons were contacted on 4/21/68  
and unsuccessful efforts to identify or locate CHARLIE  
MOATS:

At Phillip, W. Va.

- 1) Sergeant D. L. TALBOTT  
West Virginia State Police
- 2) Trooper T. W. RECTOR  
West Virginia State Police
- 3) Patrolman EARL PITZER  
Phillip Police Department
- 4) JOHN STEMPLE, Manager  
Stemple-Foreman Funeral Home
- 5) JAMES LYNN MOATS  
317 Columbia Avenue
- 6) HUBERT MOATS  
Mansfield Addition
- 7) DENNIS POOLE  
Mansfield Addition

At Moatsville, W. Va.

- 1) Mrs. D. C. KINES  
Assistant Postmaster

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- 2) DONALD SEMMELMAN  
Barbour County Deputy Sheriff
- 3) Mrs. WILLIS (ELLEN) MOATS
- 4) Mrs. CARL (PAULINE SHEETS) MOATS

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)

FROM : SA JAMES E. MIRE

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/30/68

~~CLARENCE BASHAM~~ Star Route 1, Tornado, W. Va., phone 727-7669, appeared at the Charleston, W. Va., RA on 4/26/68, and advised SA MIRE he was certain of the person responsible for murdering Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BASHAM said he had been a long-time associate of one "RED" LNU, and FNU FOLKS, who are both past employees of L & M Cylinders, Jacksonville, Florida. BASHAM claimed he met the above two individuals while he was employed with L & M Cylinders in 1966.

He remarked "RED" is presently a ranking influential lieutenant in the KKK in Florida, and at one time "RED" pledged to murder KING. He said that he is positive the FBI photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and/or ERIC STARVO GALT is the "RED" LNU, he knew in Jacksonville. He said "RED" is an excellent con artist and one who uses numerous disguises.

BASHAM stated information leading to the whereabouts of "RED" and FOLKS could probably be obtained from appropriate officials at L & M Cylinders, Jacksonville. He suggested also contacting a ~~PAUL BAILEY~~, a high-ranking KKK member, Jacksonville, for pertinent information concerning this matter.

It should be noted that an inquiry regarding CLARENCE BASHAM was made to the Jacksonville Office at an earlier date, and a reply is known to the Pittsburgh files. BASHAM, at a prior date, visited the Charleston RA and requested he be designated an informant. He claimed that he had rendered invaluable service to the FBI, Jacksonville.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA EUGENE C. JONES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Cleveland teletype to the Bureau and other offices dated 4/20/68.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer and SA R. STEPHEN THOMPSON in order to locate and identify CHARLES MOATS, mentioned in retel. The following is to reflect only the persons who were contacted on 4/20/68:

EDWARD GRAY, Lake Central Airlines, Bridgeport, W. Va.  
CARROLL RAY, Lake Central Airlines, Bridgeport  
COLIN LEASE, Lake Central Airlines, Bridgeport  
RICHARD WEAVER, Lake Central Airlines, Bridgeport  
KENNETH HENLINE, White Top Taxi Driver and Hertz Rental Car Agent, Clarksburg, W. Va.  
WILLIAM WILSON, President, Wilson Motor Company, Clarksburg  
Mrs. FRANK ZELLER, Vice President, Odelson Motor Company, Bridgeport  
Virginia Hodges, Secretary, Odelson Motor Company, Clarksburg, W. Va.  
ROBERT CROSS, Manager, Avis Rent-A-Car Agency, Clarksburg, W. Va.

SA's JONES and THOMPSON located one CHARLES MOATS, Rollesburg, W. Va., who was identified as being 22 years of age and did not fit the description in retel. An interview of MOATS and his parents indicated that he had never been outside of the State of West Virginia.

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The following investigation in this case was conducted by SA JONES on 4/21/68. These are the persons contacted with negative results in connection with locating the correct CHARLES MOATS:

Detective Sergeant GAYLORD LANHAM, Police Department,  
Clarksburg, W. Va.  
Corporal BILL OSBORN, West Virginia State Police,  
Shinnston, W. Va.  
Deputy Sheriff MATT MINARD, Harrison County Sheriff's  
Office, Clarksburg, W. Va.  
SAM SELARIO, Owner, Terrace Motel, Clarksburg  
Mrs. PAUL HALL, Owner, Colonial Motel, Clarksburg  
JAMES CUTRIGHT, Desk Clerk, Evans Hotel, Clarksburg  
O. G. HARRIS, Manager, Goff Hotel, Clarksburg  
Miss LOU WIMER, Desk Clerk, Stonewall Jackson  
Hotel, Clarksburg  
D. BRUCE HANKEY, Ticket Agent, Clarksburg Bus Terminal  
GLENN A. KIMBLE, Ticket Agent, Clarksburg Bus  
Terminal  
JAMES COMER, Ticket Agent, B & O Railroad, Clarksburg

On 4/22/68, SA JONES conducted the following investigation in Clarksburg, W. Va., and was assisted in investigation in Buckhannon, W. Va., and Weston, W. Va., by SA LINNEY L. CONNOLLY:

The following persons were contacted:

DON KITTLE, Used Car Manager, Wilson Motor Company,  
Clarksburg, W. Va.  
CHARLES GREEN, Ford Rental Service, Wilson Motor  
Company, Clarksburg  
RICHARD MC DONALD, Driver, United Taxi Company,  
Clarksburg  
Sergeant ROBERT GOOTS, PD, Clarksburg, W. Va.  
WANDA RICHARDSON, Dispatcher, White Top Taxi  
Company, Clarksburg  
Mrs. BETTY FITTRO, Credit Bureau, Clarksburg,

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DAVID WRIGHT, Manager, Commercial Credit Corporation,  
Clarksburg  
JERRY ALLEN COCHRAN, Owner, Cochran Motor Company,  
Buckhannon, W. Va.  
MRS. MABEL WILLIAMS, Weston, W. Va.

CHARLES MOATS was located at the Dixie Hotel Weston, W. Va., and through interview and observation, it was determined that he was not identical with the subject in this case. He did provide information, however, establishing that he is the person who was referred to in retel, and that he did depart from Cleveland, Ohio, on 4/18/68, via Northwest Airlines, to Washington, D. C., and then to Clarksburg, W. Va. by Lake Central Airlines, arriving at 3:12 p.m., on 4/18/68. He took a White Top Taxicab from the airport to the Clarksburg Bus Terminal, and thereafter boarded a Greyhound Bus on the same evening arriving in Weston, W. Va. He advised that he had been staying at the Dixie Hotel, however, on this date, 4/22/68, he had been in Buckhannon, W. Va., visiting a friend and attempting to buy an automobile. He had just returned to Weston, and was visiting with his girlfriend who is the daughter of MABEL WILLIAMS. MOATS made available identification indicating that he was born on [redacted], [redacted], at Braxton County, W. Va., and that from March 11, 1968, to April 18, 1968, he had been employed as an oiler on the Ore Boat "Middletown" owned by the Columbia Transportation Company, Cleveland, and he stated that during this period of time he was on board this boat making runs in the Great Lakes vicinity. He also furnished a U. S. Coast Guard pass reflecting that his name is CHARLES WILLIAM MOATS, JR., which also carried his photograph. MOATS advised that he had served a hitch in the U. S. Navy and had received an honorable discharge in June 1966. The following descriptive information was obtained from MOATS or from observation:

Name: CHARLES WILLIAM MOATS, JR.  
Sex: Male  
Race: Caucasian

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Born: [REDACTED], Braxton County, W. Va. PII  
Height: 6' 1"  
Weight: 180 pounds  
Hair: Dark brown  
Eyes: Gray  
Build: Slender  
Scars & Marks: Two parallel 3" scars slanting  
across forehead to the right  
one inch above the eye  
Tattoos: a rose with "Mom and  
Dad" on left upper arm;  
Eagle on right upper arm  
Marital Status: Single  
Military  
Service: U. S. Navy (honorable discharge  
June, 1966)  
NSN 527-12-60  
Social Security  
ty Number: [REDACTED] PII  
Merchant  
Marine Number: Z1230528  
Relatives: Parents - Father -  
CHARLES WILLIAM MOATS, SR.  
Box 28, Heaters, W. Va.  
Mother - MAUD ELIZABETH GIBSON  
MOATS, same address

MOATS carried a current Ohio Driver's License  
#E868624, issued February, 1968, showing his address as  
19654 Drake Road, Strongsville, Ohio, which he states  
is the address of a friend, CHARLES ROBINSON.

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Date: 5/1/68

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

To: SAC's, Pittsburgh (44-578)  
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Pittsburgh airtel 4/26/68, naming Morris Skaggs  
for comparison with latent impressions this case.

✕  
Latent fingerprints previously reported this case  
are not identical with the fingerprints of Morris Skaggs, Beaver County  
Jail #133, FBI #204664F. No palm prints Identification Division  
files for Skaggs.  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

FROM : SUPERVISOR FRANK E. ALLISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

DATE: 5/2/68

At 7:05 PM one FNU PELFREY telephonically contacted the writer from Huntington, W. Va., and advised that he had seen the individual being sought by the FBI in connection with the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated he had seen this person's picture on TV for the past two weeks and that he observed him in Easy Bill's Tavern, 14th Street West, Huntington, W. Va., approximately 20 minutes prior to calling. PELFREY was reluctant to furnish information as to where he could be located but agreed to meet with an agent. He stated he would recontact the FBI Office in 30 minutes in order to learn where he could meet an FBI Agent. PELFREY advised that he had never seen this particular individual before and that he looked the same as the pictures shown on TV except that he now had a black beard.

It was determined that all agents assigned to the Huntington RA were in Williamson, W. Va. Officer DON BOLLING of the Huntington Police Department was contacted and advised that there is a "BOOTS" PELFREY in Huntington, who is a trouble maker and loud mouth and he stated that since there may be some basis for PELFREY's call, he would send a car to the area of Easy Bill's Tavern in an effort to observe anyone resembling the fugitive RAY.

At 7:25 PM, SA CARROLL telephonically contacted the writer from the Huntington RA and advised that he had just received a call from PELFREY at the Huntington RA. CARROLL was requested to contact Officer BOLLING of the Police Department and attempt to resolve the matter.

(ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE: Approximately 25 minutes of time spent by the writer on this matter.)

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA LITNEY L. CONNOLLY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

Re Pittsburgh memo 4/29/68.

✕  
Contacts with police agencies in the Elkins Resident  
Agency territory has not revealed any automobiles reported  
stolen in the State of Georgia.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA EDWARD R. FLEMING, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

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On 4/24/68, records at the Martinsburg and Charles Town, W. Va. Police Departments were checked and no information concerning any car with a Georgia license was found on the various logs and records maintained by these departments.

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Post Office Box 1315  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230  
May 2, 1968

Mr. Edward Crone  
Chief of County Detectives  
Allegheny County Detective Bureau  
Fifth Avenue & Grant Street  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219

Dear Sir:

On April 23, 1967, James Earl Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. His whereabouts were unknown until April 4, 1968, when it was determined he was in Memphis, Tenn. Efforts are being made to determine Ray's whereabouts from April 23, 1967, to the present. Inasmuch as Ray has served time for burglary, larceny, forgery and armed robbery and may have committed similar crimes since his escape, law enforcement agencies across the country are being requested to search their unidentified latent fingerprint files against the fingerprints of Ray (see Identification Order) to attempt to establish his whereabouts during this period.

It would be appreciated if your agency would compare all latent fingerprints obtained by your department since April 23, 1967, to serve this end.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

IAN D. MacLENNAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 1315  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230  
May 2, 1968

Mr. David W. Craig  
Director  
Department of Public Safety  
Public Safety Building  
100 Grant Street  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN

CR

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Tampa teletype to Bureau 4/27/68.  
Pittsburgh teletype to Director and Tampa 4/29/68.

SUSPECT RICHARD RUSSELL BALL

On 4/30/68, BALL, residence 3460 Dorreen Drive, Lakeland, Florida was contacted at his place of employment, CARL R. PROFFITT Company, Swindell Road, Lakeland.

Mr. BALL advised he has been living in Lakeland since 8/64, at which time he went to work for Food Transport Company, as terminal manager. He said he left Food Transport Company on 1/20/67 and was unemployed until 4/67, when he went to work for the Lakeland Transit Lines, as a bus driver.

BALL stated he remained at that employment only until the middle of 10/67 and after a week or two, returned to Parkersburg, West Virginia. Mr. BALL said while there he contacted CARL PROFFITT, an old friend, who owned a trucking company at 528 31st Street, Parkersburg, and arranged to open an office for him in Florida.

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BALL advised he returned to Lakeland in 11/67 and immediately opened an office for PROFFITT. He explained that PROFFITT sends him a schedule every Saturday, listing the destination in Florida, and the time of arrival, of every company truck, for the following week. It is his job to arrange a load, as close to the period of unloading as possible, for the return trip north.

BALL exhibited the weekly dispatch sheet for the week ending 4/6/68. It showed return loads, arranged by him, for 4/4,5,6,7/68

Wanted flyer #442-A concerning JAMES EARL RAY was shown Mr. BALL. He stated that the name in the photograph was unfamiliar to him. He said further that neither the name RAY nor any of the aliases shown on the flyer were names he was acquainted with.

BALL categorically denied having conspired with RAY or anyone else in the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He referred back to previous interview by the FBI concerning an alleged theft by him against KING and stated that he still did not believe he had made the threat, but was too inebriated to recall.

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**AIRTEL**

**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)**  
**RE : MURKIN**  
**(OO: MEMPHIS)**

ReBuairtel 4/25/68, and Atlanta airtel to Savannah dated 4/29/68.

On 5/1/68, contact with CID, Hunter Army Air Field, Ga., disclosed that Company D, 575th Engineer Battalion, formerly at Hunter, had been reallocated to Fort Stewart, Ga., approximately 1½ months ago.

Telephonic contact with the First Sergeant, Company D, 575th Engineer Battalion, Fort Stewart, on 5/1/68, disclosed that WILLIAM SIBERT was currently assigned to that unit; however, had been granted leave for twelve days on 4/18/68 and was to return by Midnight, 4/30/68, but had not returned as of 2:30 p.m., 5/1/68. The First Sergeant pointed out, however, that SIBERT would not be considered AWOL until Midnight, 5/1/68, since he has, automatically, one day's grace in connection with extended leave.

The First Sergeant noted that SIBERT furnished a leave address of 501 Webster Street, Ottawa, Illinois, telephone Area Code 815 433-4462.

The First Sergeant said that he was aware of the fact that SIBERT owned a 1966 Mustang and, to the best of his knowledge, was on duty at Fort Stewart, Ga., on April 4 and 5, 1968; however, without checking the Morning Report Records at Post Headquarters, he could not positively verify

- 3- Bureau
- 1- Atlanta (44-2386) (INFO)
- 1- Memphis (44-1987)
- ①- Pittsburgh (INFO)
- 2- Savannah

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that SIEBERT was on duty.

The records of Vehicle Registration Division, Fort Stewart, Ga., disclose that enlisted men's decal # 6231 had been issued to SIEBERT for use on a 1966 Mustang.

LEAD:

SAVANNAH

AT FORT STEWART, GEORGIA:

Will cause a check to be made of appropriate attendance records, to verify SIEBERT's presence on duty at Fort Stewart, on April 4 and 5, 1968.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE:

ATTENTION SA CURTIS  
FROM : SA GEORGE A. PATTERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO \* MEMPHIS

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Following Police agencies contacted re Georgia car recovery:

4/25/68

WVASP & SO, Lewisburg, W. Va.

PD's Lewisburg, Ronceverte & White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

WVASP & SO, Union, W. Va.

WVASP, PD and SO, Hinton, W. Va.

4/26/68.

WVASP, # SO, & PD, Summersville, W. Va.

WVASP, SO & PD, Richwood, W. Va.

WVASP, PD & SO, Marlinton, W. Va.

all contacts negative.

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Information concerning:

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Information furnished to:

*Chicago Liberty Bell Co. Inc.*

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Special Agent

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# 53,000 Fingerprints Checked To Identify 'Galt'

**MEMPHIS, Ala. (UPI)**

—The FBI has identified an habitual criminal and escapee from the Missouri State Prison as the mysterious Eric Starvo Galt, object of an international manhunt in the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Agents said James Earl Ray, 40, who fled prison 51 weeks ago by hiding in a bread truck, was identified through fingerprints after a 15-day check of the prints of more than 53,000 wanted criminals in FBI files.

The prints, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said in Washington, prove "that Galt and Ray are identical."

Mr. Hoover's announcement came as sources close to the investigation into Dr. King's slaying theorized the name Eric Starvo Galt may have been a code name for the murder of Dr. King at Memphis April 4. The name appears in too many scattered places at about the same time under varying descriptions of its user to be one man, these sources said.

U. S. and Mexican officials were reported to be hunting "unofficially" for Ray in Mexico, where rumors have spread of his presence in the past two weeks.

An FBI alert has been issued in southeast California, near Arizona and Mexico, for a man fitting Ray's description.

The FBI said Ray had assumed such aliases as Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

The man who checked into a rooming house from where Dr. King was shot by a sniper registered as John Willard.

Authorities said Ray, born in Alton, Ill., had a criminal record dating to 1949 and was serving a 20-year, habitual criminal sentence at Jefferson City, Mo., for armed robbery and auto theft when he escaped April 23, 1967. Ray was working in the food service section of the Missouri State Prison and fled by hiding in a bread truck. A year earlier, he had tried to escape by hiding in the prison's ventilation system, but was discovered.

Probation records in Los Angeles, where he served a county jail term for burglary, showed that Ray, eldest of three sons, quit school in Ewing, Mo., in ninth grade.

He spent two years and four months with the Army in Germany as an infantryman and military policeman and received a general discharge in 1948 due to ineptness and a lack of adaptability for military service. He received a three months sentence in the Army for being drunk and breaking arrest.

The FBI said Ray is 5 feet, 10 and weighs about 163 to 174 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair. He has a small scar in the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Pittsburgh Press  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Date: 4/20/68  
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Author: JOHN TROAN  
Editor:  
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Character:  
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Classification:  
Submitting Office: Pittsburgh  
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James Earl Ray—as he looked in 1952, 1959 and 1960 prison photos, and in 1968 FBI photo.

—UPI Telephotos



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MEMORANDUM

*Adm*  
TO: ALL RESIDENT AGENTS

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau teletype to all SAC's dated  
4/29/68.

All resident agents are to contact law enforcement agencies in their territories which maintain unidentified latent fingerprints in connection with matters under their jurisdiction and request that the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, as set forth on the identification order, be compared with those unidentified latents obtained after 4/23/67. This is for the purpose of possibly establishing RAY's past whereabouts and source of funds.

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1-Each Resident Agent  
44-578  
1-SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS

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**AIR-TEL**

**A I R T E L**

**TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)**  
**FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA**

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68.

**COST DATA FOR PITTSBURGH DIVISION FOR MONTH OF APRIL, 1968**

1. Number of man hours spent on case
  - (a) Special Agents - Regular Hours 292 hrs. 29 min.  
Overtime Hours 81 hrs. 4 min.
  - (b) Clerical Employees - Regular Hours 25 hrs. 15 min.  
Overtime Hours -- --
2. Total mileage traveled by Bucars used on case. (estimated) 1,422 miles
3. Unusual or out of ordinary costs None
4. Peak number of Special Agents Working On Case During Month of April, 1968
  - Special Agents 49
  - Clerical Employees 3

2 - Memphis  
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