

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA J. EDWARD MADVAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re memorandum SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS dated  
4/24/68. X

The following investigation at McMurray, Pa.,  
was conducted on 4/26/68:

Mrs. WILLIAM E. GIBSON, 139 Lakeview Drive,  
McMurray, advised that her daughter, JACQUELINE GIBSON,  
is employed as an elementary school teacher at the  
Elm Grove School in McMurray, Peters Township, Pa.

JACQUELINE GIBSON, located at the Elm Grove  
School, advised that she had read accounts of the murder  
of MARTIN LUTHER KING in the local press and had observed  
the artist conception sketch which appeared in the press.  
After looking at this sketch she concluded that it  
resembled very strongly a former school teacher of hers  
named JOHN MERRYMAN. She advised that teacher MERRYMAN  
taught her Problems in Democracy when she was a high  
school student and she recalled that he, when he left  
the Peters Township area, maybe now teaching in the  
Pittsburgh area in either Pitt or Carnegie Institute  
of Technology. Miss GIBSON was shown the photographs  
of ERIC STARVO GALT with his eyes closed and with his  
eyes drawn in by an FBI artist and she advised that this  
photograph did not in any way resemble the JOHN MERRYMAN  
she mentioned. She described JOHN MERRYMAN as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	about 29
Height & weight	unknown
Build	Thin
Employment	As a teacher at either Pitt or CIT, Pittsburgh.

JEM:amc  
(1)



5010-108-01

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

44-578-189

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
MAY 3 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

*Curtis*

PG 44-578

She stated definitely that the actual photograph of GALT did not in any way resemble MERRYMAN and had originally contacted the FBI because of her original thought of the similarity between the artist's sketch and MERRYMAN.

X

- 2 -

5/3/68

A I R T E L

AB-TEL

TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA  
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

X  
At about 10:15 p.m., 5/2/68, Mr. CALVIN FLYLER, Bartow, W. Va., telephonically advised SA GEORGE A. PATTERSON that on 4/22/68 two white males in a 1961 or 1962 white Chevrolet Impala bearing Louisiana license, number unknown, purchased gas and tires in the amount of \$42.28 at FLYLER's Gulf Station in Bartow, using Gulf Credit Card # [REDACTED] in the name of S. G. STEINER, address not recalled in Louisiana. One of the men who was wearing cowboy hat and cowboy boots signed the purchase slip with the name, JAMES HAMMONS. He stated he was from Oklahoma and had just arrived in the area to work with a core drilling outfit. FLYLER discovered that HAMMONS left the area immediately after the purchase, and there are no drillers in the area. Also, this credit card had been cancelled about one week prior to 4/22/68.

On 5/2/68, FLYLER read in a newspaper that JAMES EARL RAY had an associate from New Orleans, La., named STEIN and similarities in names, STEIN and STEINER, caused him to conclude that HAMMONS may have been RAY. He could not recall descriptions of the man with HAMMONS, other than he was a white male with a "fat face." FLYLER said he recorded license number of the Chevrolet on the purchase slip, but no longer has record of the number as the slip has been forwarded to Gulf Oil Company Headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa. FLYLER also advised that information that the card had been cancelled came from Gulf headquarters in Houston, Texas.

- X  
2 - Philadelphia  
2 - Memphis  
1 - Houston (Info)  
1 - New Orleans (Info)  
2 - Pittsburgh

GAP/emq  
(8) *emg*  
Searched  
Serialized  
Indexed  
Filed

AB-TEL

*702*  
*Curri* *MC*  
44-578-190

PG 44-578

LEADS

HOUSTON and NEW ORLEANS - INFORMATION

Information copies for Houston and New Orleans in the event investigation may be requested of these offices by Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1. Contact Gulf Oil Corporation and ascertain identity of S. G. STEINER and JAMES HAMMONS; address of STEINER; and why Gulf Credit Card No. [REDACTED] was cancelled.
2. Obtain purchase slip, ascertain license number, and determine to whom license issued.
3. If this investigation does not eliminate possible connection with subject JAMES EARL RAY, investigation should be requested of New Orleans and Houston and purchase slip forwarded to FBI Laboratory for fingerprint examination.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/2/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh  
4/26/68 regarding Mrs. JO ANN CROSS - Complainant.

JO ANN CROSS was interviewed and her letter  
orally acknowledged.

CROSS could furnish no additional information  
to elaborate on the letter which was furnished as enclosures  
to re Bureau airtel and could furnish no information of  
specific value.

Her total information appeared to consist of  
assumptions on her part formed from overhearing parts of  
a conversation of individuals who were discussing the  
recent murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

CROSS was unable to make a positive identification  
of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY with anyone whom she  
observed on the bus as mentioned in her letter.

3 - Bureau (44-38861)  
1 - Pittsburgh  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

REJ:jp  
(6)

44-578-191

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 4 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

*Curcio* *WLC*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA EUGENE C. JONES

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re memo to all agents dated 4/30/68.

X  
On 5/3/68, Det. Lts. JABA SWIGER, Police Department, Clarksburg, W. Va. and WAYNE STUTLER, Police Department, Fairmont, W. Va. were contacted by the writer in connection with any unidentified latents obtained after 4/23/68 and requested that they be compared with the IO on JAMES EARL RAY. None have been obtained since that date by either department but they will check future latents with this IO as a part of their investigation.

X

ecj

(1)

44-578-192

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 7 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

*Curtis* *Mc*



5010-108-01

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/6/68

(ATTN: SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS)

FROM : SA DEAN M. HOWEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re telephone call from SA CURTIS on 4/24/68, concerning check of Georgia licenses by Beckley, W. Va., authorities on 4/9 and 19/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DEAN M. HOWEN at Beckley, W. Va.:

On 4/24/68, VIVIAN RIFFE, radio operator, West Virginia State Police, stated that on 4/9/68, a teletype message was sent at 6:21 PM by Radio Operator GARNET MURPHY for the Beckley Police Department, to State Police, Atlanta, Georgia, to check 1967 Georgia registrations 66J954 and 4-06033 or 40-6033. The same evening Georgia State Police, Atlanta, replied that 1967 Georgia license 66J954 was registered to J. J. THOMPSON, Midland Ave., Winder, Ga., for a 1959 Chevrolet convertible, VIN E59B226920, no stolen report; that there were no registrations under the numbers 4-06033 or 40-6033. This message came in at 10:22 PM and was given to Beckley Police Department, no name recorded.

Miss RIFFE also stated that on 4/19/69, a teletype message was sent at 12:51 PM by Radio Operator GARNET MURPHY to State Police, Atlanta, Georgia, to check 1967 Georgia license 4D6033. At 10:35 PM, 4/19/68, Georgia State Police, Atlanta, Ga., replied that 1967 Georgia 4-D-6033 is registered to EDWARD H. CUMMINGS, 152 Kessler Drive, Fort Benning, Georgia, on a 1964 Volkswagen, VIN 0570249, no stolen report.

On 4/24/68, Mrs. GARNET MURPHY, Radio Operator, West Virginia State Police, advised that Georgia license check information was requested by Beckley Police Department on 4/9/68 and she did not know the purpose of this data.

Mrs. MURPHY stated that the Georgia license check on 4/9/68 was sent upon the request of the bookkeeper at the West Virginia Turnpike Service Station, an Esso Station, Beckley Exit, as incomplete data had been received for a gasoline credit purchase some time earlier and the data was needed for proper billing.

Sgt. THOMAS DURRETT, Detective Bureau, Beckley Police Department, advised he had no knowledge of any request for Georgia license data on or about 4/9/68.

DMH:  
(1)



5010-108-01

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

44-578-193

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 7 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

Curtis

44-578

Sgt. G. T. STARR, Beckley Police Department, advised he was on duty and in charge the evening of 4/9/68 and he had no knowledge of any Georgia license data requested that date. He said he was at the Police Department at and around 6:00 PM on 4/9/68 and the only other persons there were a new patrolman, in his constant company, and NELSON COOK, clerk, who was answering the telephone calls. Sgt. STARR stated that as a result of numerous unsolved house burglaries, the citizens had been requested to be alert for strange vehicles in their neighborhoods and to notify the Police Department of license numbers observed, and it is possible that some citizen had called in the two Georgia license numbers on 4/9/68. He added that NELSON COOK is lax in keeping a complete log of telephone and radio calls and may have failed to record the data received. He said that COOK was on vacation and unavailable.

On 5/2/68, NELSON COOK, communications clerk, Beckley Police Department, advised that he was working the evening of 4/9/68, but had no knowledge of any Georgia license checks. He said it was possible that some off duty patrolman had requested the license checks from his home.

On 5/3/68, Chief of Police WILLIAM A. TEUBERT, Sgt. G. T. STARR, and Sgt. THOMAS DURRETT, Beckley Police Department, advised they could develop no information to identify anyone from that department who had requested Georgia license checks on 4/9/68.

X

ARMED AND DANGEROUS



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

FROM : SA J. EDWARD MADVAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: Memphis)

DATE: 5/7/68

Rememo of SAC to All Resident Agents, 4/29/68.

X  
On 4/24/68, DARLA KESTNER, teletype room, PSP, and Sergeant LEE CHICINNA, Sergeant in Charge of Traffic Detail, PSP, advised after a review of their records that there had been no automobiles recovered from the State of Georgia since the first of April, 1968.

On 4/24/68, Chief of Police TOM BELLHY, Washington, Pa., Police Department, advised from records that no out-of-state Georgia license tag had been on any vehicle recovered nor had any automobile originating from the State of Georgia been recovered in Washington, Pa.

JEM:ear  
(1)

44-578-194

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
MAY 7 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

*Amis* *MC*



5010-108-02

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

FBI PITTSBGH

FBI PHILA

709PM URGENT 5/7/68 LCC

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.

END

DCY

FBI PITTSBGH

44-578-195

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 7 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

*Curley*

FBI PITTSBGH

FBI TAMPA

840 PM 5-8-68 URGENT ROB  
TO DIRECTOR 44-33361 PITTSBURGH  
FROM TAMPA 157-3231  
MURKIN ✓

ONE C.C. BENNETT, TAMPA FLA TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED TAMPA OFFICE TODAY TO STATE A BAR ACQUAINTANCE OF PAST COUPLE DAYS GREATLY RESEMBLES PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY. THIS UNKNOWN WHITE MALE TOLD BENNETT HE WAS STAYING AT INTERNATIONAL INN, TAMPA AND BENNETT FURNISHED TAMPA OFFICE LICENSE NUMBER OF RENTAL CAR DRIVEN BY UNKNOWN MALE, SAID TO BE TRAVELING WITH TWO OTHER MALES.

INVESTIGATION REVEALS RENTAL CAR TURNED IN FIVE:ZERO THREE PM TODAY AT AVIS RENT-A-CAR AGENCY TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY MAN UNDER N NAME DONALD JAMES MACDONALD, THREE FIVE THREE ONE FLEMING AVE, PITTSBURGH, PA., WHO EXHIBITED PA. DRIVERS LIC # [REDACTED] TEXACO CREDIT CARD # [REDACTED] AND ESSO CREDIT CARD # [REDACTED]

LORETTA BREHM, AVIS EMPLOYEE AT AIRPORT, HANDLED CAR CHECK IN STATES MACDONALD W/M FIVE FT. TEN INCHES, IN MID THIRTIES, WITH  
END PAGE ONE

*Curtis*  
*Smith*  
*4*

44-578-196

SEARCHED <i>h</i>	INDEXED <i>h</i>
SERIALIZED <i>7R</i>	FILED <i>h</i>
MAY 8 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

*Curtis* *W*

PAGE TWO

VERY THICK DARK HAIR, MEDIUM LENGTH, GOOD SUN TAN, PAID CASH FOR CAR RENTAL, WAS WITH TWO OTHER MEN AT TIME OF CHECKOUT, ASSUMED TO BE PREPARING TO TAKE FLIGHT OUT OF TAMPA. CAR RENTED AT ELEVEN THIRTYFOUR AM FIVE-FIVE-SIXTYEIGHT AT AIRPORT ACCORDING TO RECORDS.

INVIEWING PHOTOGRPHS OF RAY, BREHM SAID MACDONALD RESEMBLES PHOTOGRAPH ON EXTREME RIGHT OF THE THREE SHOWN ON IO NUMBER FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO, BUT DOES NOT RESEMBLE PHOTOGRAPH RAY TAKEN TWO-SIXTYEIGHT IN CALIFORNIA, STATES MACDONALD LOOKED YOUNGER THAN THIS PHOTOGRAPH TO BEST OF HER RECOLLECTION.

INVESTIGATION INTERNATIONAL INN REVEALS NO CHECKOUT OF ANYONE BY NAME MACDONALD ON FIVE-EIGHT-SIXTYEIGHT.

PITTSBURGH DETERMINE IF ONE DONALD JAMES MACDONALD RESIDES THREE FIVE THREE ONE FLEMING AVE, PITTSBURGH AND WHETER OR NOT IDENTICAL RAY.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO BH- 44-1740 AND ME 44-1937

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

WRJ-

FBI PITTSBGH

5/8/68

A I R T E L

**AIR-TEL**

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

ReButelcal Pittsburgh, 5/1/68, and Pittsburgh telcal Bureau, 5/1/68.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN S. HUGHES:

On 5/1/68, it was determined that JOHN KING, RD 2, Hooversville, Pa., was presently confined in the Windber, Pa., Jail on Drunk and Aggravation charges. The individual that KING advised resembled JAMES EARL RAY was determined to be one FRED FOUST, who is a life-long resident of Windber, Pa., area, and is well known to the Windber PD.

In view of KING's intoxication and the fact that FOUST is a long-time resident, no further investigation being conducted with regard to FOUST.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

**AIR-TEL**

3 - Bureau  
1 - Memphis  
2 - Pittsburgh

WLC/eng  
(6) *mg*

Searched.....  
Serialized.....  
Indexed.....  
Filed..... *R*

*775* *Curtis McC*  
44-578-197

# AIR-TEL

5/8/68

AIRTEL

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

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, dated 4/30/68.

On 5/1/68, Mrs. BEATRICE WALTERS, subscriber to telephone #833-0744, was interviewed and advised that on 12/15/67, her mother, LILLIAN LINNERT, had attempted to contact her by telephone from Marathon, Texas. Her mother and father were on vacation at the time. She and her husband were not at home at the time of the call and the babysitter related the information to them. She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she had never seen him before.

On 5/7/68, Mrs. LILLIAN LINNERT was contacted and verified the above information.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau  
2-Dallas (AM)  
2-Memphis (AM)  
2-Pittsburgh

WLC:psa  
(9) *PSA*

*PS* *Curtis* *WC*

Searched  
Serialized  
Indexed  
Filed

*R*

# AIR-TEL

44-578-798

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA J. EDWARD MADVAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re memo all Agents 4/30/68.

X  
On 5/2/68, Trooper EDWARD MORASCZYK, Bureau of Criminal Identification, Pennsylvania State Police, Washington, Pa., was contacted regarding his handling of unidentified latent fingerprints and the maintenance of a latent fingerprint file. Trooper MORACZYK advised that he is the Bureau of Criminal Identification man for the Pennsylvania State Police covering all of Washington County, including other counties, and that whenever he develops a latent fingerprint at the scene of a crime, he retains that latent fingerprint in his own possession until such time as he might be able to identify it with a fingerprint, and added that they proceeded for comparing these latents with any other files, fingerprints, latents or otherwise, is without policy. He said that after a while, these latents become lost, destroyed or thrown away and there is no set pattern for holding them. He advised there is no other agency in the county which maintains latent fingerprint files and any latents developed by any other police department are sent to the Pennsylvania State Police for comparison with known fingerprints and then returned to the department. He said that to compare the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY with any unidentified fingerprints obtained in Washington County would be impossible since these prints are not maintained.

JEM/alb X  
(1)



5010-108-02

44-578-199

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 8 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

*Antis* *W*

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

5/7/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, Houston (44-1509)  
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Pittsburgh airtel, dated 5/3/68, regarding  
Gulf Credit Card [REDACTED] in the name of S. G. STEINER.

Contact at Gulf Oil Corporation, Philadelphia,  
reflects instant credit card handled by Gulf's Houston  
Office.

For the benefit of Pittsburgh, the complainant,  
Mr. CALVIN FLYLER, was probably referring to CHARLES STEIN,  
the West Coast song writer who allegedly made a trip to  
New Orleans with RAY in December, 1967.

It would appear that the complainant's information  
would lack pertinence.

However, since Philadelphia is not aware of the  
details of RAY's relationship with STEIN on their trip to  
New Orleans, it is being left to the determination of  
Houston as to whether the Pittsburgh lead has substance  
and should be handled.

- 2 - Houston (44-1509)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1978)
- 1 - New Orleans (157-10673) (Info)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (44-578) (Info)
- 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

KKS:BSM  
(7)

44-578-200

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 8 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

Curtis



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH ( 44-578)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SEAN J. COHEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

X

On this date , MRS LOVIE GEYER, 1306 -1rd Ave, New Kensington, Pa. , phone 337 4242, a negro, advised that a man resembling ~~JAMES EARL RAY~~ JAMES EARL RAY lived in New Kensington at the Clark Hotel from October to December, 1967. She said that he had a scar on his forehead and his ears stuck out and his nose was shaped like subject. She said that she asked him why he a white man lived with the negroes and that he said he wrote too many bad checks. She said the only thing unlike RAY was that this man had black hair. She said that he worked for a garbage collection firm but it was not New Kensington and that she was unable to identify the firm. The man gave the name JIM DAVIS. The phone book lists Clark's Hotel, 304-8th St. 337 4651.

Mrs GEYER called back and added that subject drank nothing but beer.

(1)

X

44-578-201

SEARCHED _____	INDEXED _____
SERIALIZED _____	FILED _____
MAY 8 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

*Curley* *Wes*

0



5010-108-01

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 5-7-68

FROM : JOHN B. WOODRUFF, SA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

44-578-200

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
MAY 9 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

*Curtis* *W*

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 4/26/68.

On 5/6/68, JAMES D. BOYLE, 907 Spring Street, Charleston, West Va., was interviewed in his office at 2109 Washington Street, Charleston, West Va., where he the Director of the Job Corps of the AFL-CIO Appalachian Council.

It was noted at the outset that Mr. BOYLE did not resemble the photograph furnished with reairtel, nor of JAMES EARL RAY, aka.

Mr. BOYLE advised that he had attended a meeting in Atlanta, Ga., in March 1968, as a representative of his Council. This meeting was one to plan for the Poor Peoples March on Washington, D.C. He was shown the photograph in question and he stated that he did not recognize this picture as anyone he had ever seen and he does not recall it as being anyone who attended the Atlanta meeting. He stated he does not remember of anyone being at the meeting who was not supposed to be there and who was not in sympathy with the program under discussion. He said, however, that there may have been someone who slipped in who was against the program and who was in there to find out what was going on.

Mr. BOYLE was questioned regarding any knowledge he had concerning the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and he said he did not, although this has worried him a great deal, that such a thing could happen in our country. He said if he did learn of anything that would be of assistance in this case he would call the FBI.



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

5010-108-01

F B I

Date: May 7, 1968

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

To: All SACs and LEGATs  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

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

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

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

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

44-578-203

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 9 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

Curtis

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

# AIR-TEL

5/9/68

AIRTEL

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

*X* Re Tampa teletype to Bureau dated 5/8/68.

LOOK ALIKE - DONALD JAMES MAC DONALD

*X* On 5/9/68, DONALD JAMES MAC DONALD, 2531 Fleming Street, was interviewed and advised he left Pittsburgh on 5/5/68, via United Airlines enroute to Tampa, Fla., to attend the American Hospital Association meeting at the International Inn. While there, he stayed at the Sokal Motel. He was accompanied by THOMAS JENNINGS and THOMAS GENTILE from Pittsburgh. He departed Tampa on 5/8/68, via Delta Airlines enroute to Atlanta, where he made connections with United Airlines for Pittsburgh.

MAC DONALD is the Director of the Health Center, Hospital Service Corporation, 304 Jumonville Street, Pittsburgh. MAC DONALD was eliminated as being identical with RAY through personal observation.

*X* ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau  
1-Memphis (44-1987)  
1-Tampa (157-3231)  
2-Pittsburgh

WLC/djk  
(7)

*we*  
**AIR-TEL** *Curtis We*

Search  
Serialized  
Indexed  
Filed

44-578-204

PG 44-578

GRH:lc

1

The following investigation was conducted at New Castle, Pa., by SA OLIVER H. HUNTER, III:

On April 30, 1968, Trooper WILLIAM BALL, Pennsylvania State Police, New Castle, advised that that department arrested one PETER GILBERT HIMES, also known as RICHARD H. HUNTLEY, at the request of the Hagerstown, Md., Police Department, on their warrant charging forgery and false pretense (illegal use of a credit card). Trooper BALL stated that one of the turnkeys at the Lawrence County Jail, New Castle, where the subject was incarcerated, noted that his facial, although, not physically, make up resembled JAMES EARL RAY.

Immediately thereafter HIMES was interviewed by SA OLIVER H. HUNTER, III, at the Lawrence County Jail, and a slight resemblance to RAY's facial make up was noted with the exception of the unusual left ear of RAY. Comparison prints of HIMES were taken by SA HUNTER, and comparison with the inked prints on IO #4182 (JAMES EARL RAY) confirmed that HIMES is not identical with RAY. HIMES denied being identical with RAY, and regarding his whereabouts on March 29 - 30, 1968, as well as April 4, 1968, he stated that he was in the vicinity of Southern Mississippi and Louisiana, and noted that this could be verified by checking the Gulf Oil receipts that he had with him at the time of his arrest, inasmuch as he had been using a stolen Gulf Oil Credit Card out of Hagerstown, Md., for which he was wanted in that community.

HIMES denied any actual knowledge of the murder and it was noted that he expressed strong opposition to be taken back to Hagerstown, where he apparently stole a credit card from an individual who had befriended and employed him there. He mentioned that it was his desire on several occasions to be prosecuted by the FBI, but it was pointed out to him that no known crimes had been committed by him within the jurisdiction of this Bureau.

44-578-205

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 9 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	
Curtis	llc

PG 44-578

OHM:lc

2

On May 1, 1968, Trooper BALL contacted SA HUNTER and stated that HIMES requested to see him, and had information regarding the murder of Reverend KING.

SA HUNTER immediately proceeded to the Lawrence County Jail to interview HIMES and upon arrival there, HIMES advised the following:

On March 29 or 30, 1968, (he could not be positive of the exact date) he was in Jackson, Mississippi (not Memphis, Tenn.) standing in what he described as a third rate hotel directly across a motel where Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING and two associates were standing on a second floor balcony during late afternoon. He walked across the street to the base of the motel and looked up at Reverend KING, almost immediately KING, who was standing between two other Negro males, turned around and was shot in the back by rifle held by an individual in the aforementioned third class rooming house. He was aware that the murder was going to take place. During the confusion, he was certain to walk across the street so as not to create suspicion, and walked to a near-by service station where a late model white Ford Thunderbird drove up and as previously arranged, he stepped into the car. The car was driven by an individual whom he recognized as JAMES EARL RAY and recalled that he was wearing a full dress tuxedo with a black bow tie and a dress shirt. In the rear seat was a Negro male who identified himself as JIMMY JOHNSON, who said that he was from Mississippi. According to HIMES, JOHNSON, who had a rifle with him, had actually shot KING. He noted that it was a U. S. Army M-1 type. He stressed the point that it was JOHNSON, not RAY, who shot KING.

As each point was brought forward, it was noted that HIMES continually referred to the incident taking place at Jackson, Miss., (not Memphis).

As he hurriedly left the area, several Negroes fired weapons at the T-Bird as they made their getaway, with the result that there were several bullet holes therein.

PG 44-578

CHH:lc

3

JOHNSON headed south towards Mississippi, and left RAY off somewhere enroute in his full dress attire. HINES also recalled that RAY's left ear was padded with "plastic gum" so as to give the appearance that it stands out in a noticeable condition, whereas he has a normal left ear. JOHNSON and HINES continued on in the aforementioned T-Bird, and proceeded to an unrecalled town in the State of Mississippi, where they picked up an individual whose name was "First Name Unknown" HUSBAND, a chicken rancher. They then proceeded to New Orleans, La., where they left the bullet-holed T-Bird in front of the main gate at the only race track in New Orleans.

At this point, HINES recalled that the aforementioned (First Name Unknown) HUSBAND followed the T-Bird in his, HINES, 1957 Pontiac (in which he was arrested by Pennsylvania State Police at New Castle) and after abandoning the T-Bird, they then left in the 1957 Pontiac, and proceeded through Mississippi, Louisiana, and finally to Tallahassee, Fla., where he left JOHNSON and neighbor out of the car and said good-bye.

A review of the Gulf Oil gasoline receipts found in his wallet by the Pennsylvania State Police disclosed that on March 29, 1968, HINES was in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and Mobile, La., and on the following date in Crowley, La., in the aforementioned 1957 Pontiac.

HINES described himself as a white male, born on [redacted] Denning, Texas 5'7" 134 lbs., brown hair and eyes, Social Security [redacted] and married.

P11  
P11



(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

## Two New Ray Photos Issued

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI issued today two more photographs of James Earl Ray, who is being sought in connection with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

An FBI spokesman said one of the latest photos is "considered to be the best possible likeness of Ray."

So far the FBI now has issued five photos of Ray.

The one the FBI considers the best was taken in late January or early February of this year somewhere in California. It shows Ray wearing a dark checked jacket, striped tie and button-down collar shirt. There is a curtain directly in back of him and a lamp nearby.

The FBI would not say where it obtained the picture, or where precisely it was taken, or by whom.

The other new photo, which the FBI said was taken last November at an undisclosed location in Mexico, shows Ray wearing dark glasses and a light colored shirt open at the collar.

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

Page 19

The Charleston Daily Mail

Charleston, West Va.

Date: 5-7-68  
Edition: Final  
Author:  
Editor: JACK MAURICE  
Title:

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: Pittsburgh

☐ Being Investigated

44-578-206

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
MAY 9 1968	
FBI-PITTSBURGH	

44-578



PG 44-578

FHG:sms

1

The following investigation at Erie, Pa., was conducted by SA FRANK H. GEIERMANN:

THERESA BAXTER, 1523 State Street, Erie, Pa., was contacted on May 2, 1968. She advised that on or about April 16, 1968, she had been in Jamors Restaurant, also located at 1523 State Street, Erie, Pa. She stated that while she was in the restaurant, she noticed an individual sitting at the counter and she advised that when this individual passed her on his way out of the restaurant, she noted that he had extremely clear blue eyes and advised that at the time she felt he resembled a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, which she had observed in the Erie newspaper. She stated that this individual crossed State Street after he left the restaurant, and got into a truck drawing a red flatbed semi-trailer, and proceeded up State Street. She advised that to the best of her recollection, she had never seen this individual prior to that time, and stated that she has not seen him since this incident.

BAXTER was shown a copy of I. O. Number 4182 on JAMES EARL RAY, and stated that while there is some resemblance to the individual she saw in the restaurant, she does not believe that the individual is identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was displayed to MARIE KISCHEL, owner, Jamors Restaurant, as well as MARY MILLIGAN and STELLA DOROSCH, both waitresses at Jamors Restaurant, all of whom advised that the photograph of RAY does not appear familiar to them and that they do not believe RAY has ever been a customer at Jamors Restaurant.

44-578-206A

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 9 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

Curtis

0

PG 44-578

OHH:lc

1

The following police departments were contacted on May 3, 1968, by SA OLIVER H. HUNTER, III, and car recovery records reviewed regarding possible stolen cars from the State of Georgia, subsequent to March 23, 1968; that each representative stated that that department has not recovered any vehicles with Georgia plates recently:

Chief DANIEL F. GROSS  
Sharon, Pa., Police Department

Chief WILLIAM L. CAPUTO  
Farrell, Pa., Police Department

Chief DONALD F. REINHART  
Greenville, Pa., Police Department

Chief JOHN C. WHITMORE  
Hickory, Pa., Police Department

Chief THOMAS WELTON  
Sharpsville, Pa., Police Department

Corporal GEORGE BABICS  
Pennsylvania State Police,  
Mercer, Pa.

Chief RICHARD E. HANNA  
New Castle, Pa., Police Department

Trooper THOMAS J. PETROVICH  
Pennsylvania State Police,  
New Castle, Pa.

In addition, the above advised that they do not maintain unidentified latent fingerprints files and any unidentified prints on file there in connection with local cases were obtained prior to April 23, 1967; therefore, they were unable to assist in this individual project.

44-578-207

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
MAY 9 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

*Curtis* *me*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box Number 1315  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15230

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

May 9, 1968

City Editor

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is one newspaper mat bearing photograph of James Earl Ray and brief description of crime and criminal. Also enclosed are two glossy photographs of Ray. Photograph #1 was taken in 1967 in Mexico. Photograph #2 was taken in late January or early February, 1968, in California.

It would be appreciated if you would include this mat in a future edition of your newspaper. This may result in the location of this most highly sought fugitive.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

IAN D. MacLENNAN  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures: (3)

44-578-208

FBI PITTSBGH

FBI ATLANTA

945PM URGENT 5-9-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, KANSAS CITY, AND PITTSBURGH  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHT LAST; AND BUFFALO TEL TO  
BUREAU MAY EIGHT LAST.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY NINE INSTANT.

EXPANDED SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX CHECK CONTINUING.

ELIMINATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH NAMES SIMILAR TO ALIASES  
OF SUBJECT RAY CONTINUING.

ELIMINATION OF LOOK-ALIKE REPORTS CONTINUING.

CHARLES DUNHAM INTERVIEWED. HAS NO SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE RE  
ASSASSINATION. HOWEVER, SAYS HE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM  
DOUGLAS MERRELL, MANAGER, CATACOMBS, ATLANTA, GA., (HIPPIE CLUB),  
THAT ONE BILLY MACK WISDOM, FBI NO. SEVEN EIGHT SEVEN FIVE ZERO  
SIX D WAS POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION. WISDOM REPORTEDLY  
SERVING TIME IN GA. STATE PENITENTIARY ON RECENT BURGLARY  
CONVICTION. WISDOM'S INCARCERATION IS BEING VERIFIED THROUGH  
GA. STATE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS. WISDOM IDENTICAL WITH WESLEY,  
WELSTON, OR WESTON MENTIONED IN RE BUFFALO TEL.

END PAGE ONE

*CURTIS  
ADVISED  
CAB*

44-578-209

SEARCHED <i>gk</i>	INDEXED
SERIALIZED <i>R</i>	FILED <i>LM</i>
MAY 9 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>WMC</i>

PAGE TWO

MIAMI ADVISED IN RE TEL THAT ONE HERRAN FURNISHED EAL, ATLANTA, CONTACT TELEPHONE NO. FIVE TWO FIVE DASH TWO SEVEN SEVEN ONE AND THAT JOHN WILLARD FURNISHED EAL, ATLANTA, WITH CONTACT POINT DOWNTOWNER, ATLANTA.

*44-578*  
*John Willard*  
\* RECORDS OF DOWNTOWNER MOTOR INN, ATLANTA, REFLECT JOHN O. WILLARD, WITHEROW RD., SEWICKLEY, PA., REPRESENTING W. W. NORTON AND CO., INC., WAS REGISTERED IN THE MOTEL IN ROOM FOUR ONE ONE ON APR. ELEVEN LAST. WILLARD, WHO IS ONLY PERSON BY THAT NAME REGISTERED IN MOTEL FROM MAR. SIXTYEIGHT UNTIL APR. SIXTYEIGHT, WAS DRIVING CHEVROLET BEARING NEW YORK LIC. THREE EIGHT THREE TWO DASH W X. \* PITTSBURGH CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

ATLANTA TELEPHONE NO. FIVE TWO FIVE DASH TWO SEVEN SEVEN ONE IS LISTED TO DOWNTOWN MOTEL, THREE THREE ZERO W. PEACHTREE ST., ATLANTA. RECORDS OF DOWNTOWN MOTEL REFLECT THAT MARVIN W. HERREN, ONE ZERO SIX ZERO SIX, WESTBROOKE DR., SHAWNEE MISSION, KANSAS, REPRESENTING GORDON JOHNSON CO., KANSAS CITY, WAS REGISTERED IN ROOM THREE TWO SIX OF THE MOTEL ON APR. NINE LAST.

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

KANSAS CITY, AT SHAWNEE MISSION, KANSA, AND AT KANSAS CITY.  
CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

SUBJECT RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END

CAK

FBI PITTSBGH

P

FBI PITTSBGH

FBI SAVANNAH

1231PM URGENT 5/12/63 PNR

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/, JACKSONVILLE AND PITTSBURGH  
FROM SAVANNAH /44-1763/ 2P

✓  
MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY TEN LAST, NO COPY TO PITTSBURGH.

FOR INFO PITTSBURGH, ATLANTA ADVISED <sup>\*</sup>EXPANDED AIRLINE CHECK  
REVEALED DELTA AIRLINES RECORDS INDICATE A JOHN WILLARD MADE  
RESERVATION ON EAL APRIL ELEVEN LAST, CHANGED FLIGHT, AND FLEW  
APRIL TEN LAST ON EAL AND RETURNED ATLANTA APRIL FIFTEEN LAST ON  
DAL FLIGHT NO. TWENTY. LEFT CONTACT NUMBERS MIAMI FOUR FOUR  
EIGHT DASH ZERO TWO SEVEN SIX AND SAVANNAH TWO THREE THREE DASH  
FIVE THREE ONE, ROOM FIVE TWO ONE. LATTER NUMBER IS SAVANNAH  
DOWNTOWNER MOTEL. AT WHICH INQUIRY DEVELOPED JOHN O. WILLARD,  
WITHEROW RD., SEWICKLEY, PA., REPRESENTING W. W. NORTON, CO.,  
DRIVING CHEVROLET CAR NY LICENSE THREE EIGHT THREE TWO W X,  
CHECKED INTO ROOM FOUR TWO ONE ON MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST AND OUT  
MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST. CHECKED IN AGAIN INTO ROOM FIVE TWO ONE,  
END PG ONE

CURTIS  
ADVISED  
CAK

24-577-210

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 11 1963	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

CURTIS  
Curtis

PG TWO

SAME BACKGROUND INFO, WITH A PARRY L. BEAL, SEVEN ONE ZERO N. W.  
FOURTEENTH AVE., GAINSVILLE, FLA., ON MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST AND OUT  
ON MARCH THIRTYONE LAST \*

PITTSBURGH RESOLVE IDENTITY OF WILLARD, WHICH IS ALSO ALIASES  
OF SUBJECT RAY. RESET LEAD FOR JACKSONVILLE TO INTERVIEW BEAL AT  
GAINESVILLE, FLA., IF NECESSARY.

MIAMI, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND JACKSONVILLE ADVISED BY MAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CORR....JACKSONVILLE NOT ADVISED BY TELETYPE.

END

RPR

FBI PITTSBGH

P



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA JOHN S. HUGHES

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO - MEMPHIS

## LOOK ALIKE

On the evening of 5/1/68, the writer was contacted by Night Clerk WILLIAM R. JUDD, when JUDD advised that the Bureau had just received a telephone call from JOHN KING, R. D., Hooversville, Pa., who indicated that he was then in the Palace Hotel at Windber, Pa., and that he was drinking next to an individual he was certain was identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

The writer proceeded to Windber, Pa., where with Lt. TOM SNYDER of the Windber PD, KING was found in an extremely intoxicated condition at the Palace Hotel. KING pointed out a local resident, FRED FAUST, as being identical with RAY.

Lt. SNYDER was acquainted with everyone in the Palace Hotel with the exception of KING, and when KING became abusive, he was charged by the local police with being drunk and disorderly.

The above information was relayed to Night Clerk DAVE YINGLING, who indicated he would furnish it telephonically to the Bureau that evening.

## FINGER PRINTS

Sergeant HAROLD BERKEBILE, Police Department, Johnstown, Pa., advised on May 3, 1968, that his department currently has no unidentified latent fingerprints developed during the course of an investigation by his officers, and that he, therefore, cannot compare them with those of JAMES EARL RAY.

## ALIASES

The following investigation was conducted on May 3, 1968:

JSH:mtl  
(2)

44-578-211

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 9 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

*Artis* *W*



5010-108-02

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

ALIASES

Investigation at Cresson, Pa., disclosed that CLIFFORD A. LOMIRE, 100 Beach Street, and WILLIAM D. LOMIRE, 201 Summers Street, are both employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Investigation at Gallitzin, Pa., disclosed that ROBERT LOMIRE of 504 Foster Street, is also employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Sergeant RICHARD ENGLISH, Pennsylvania Railroad Police, Cresson, Pa., advised that a search to be made of the records of the railroad disclosed that all of the LOMIREs were working during the pertinent period. ENGLISH further stated that he is acquainted with them and that they are all related; that they are people of excellent character and reputation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 5/12/68

FROM : SA EDWARD C. WATKINS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RAYMOND SHORT, BAILEYSVILLE, W. VA., phone 304-732-7538, telephonically contacted the Pittsburgh Office instant date and advised that he lives on a rural dirt road in the Baileysville area. On 5/11/68 while driving on this road with his wife they passed a white male, 5'8", 165 lbs. SHORT is a disabled veteran who has lived in the area most of his life. This man was a stranger.

In today's paper SHORT saw a picture of JAMES EARL RAY. The photograph of RAY appeared to be very similiar to the individual he and his wife saw walking along the road.

LEAD

AT BAILEYSVILLE, W. VA.

Will interview RAYMOND SHORT re any further information he might have ~~re~~ concerning the unknown stranger.



ECW-2

*Lead Warden*

44-578-212

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 13 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	

*Antis*

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

F B I

Date: 5/7/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)  
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

Rerep SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 4/29/68 at New Orleans.

Memphis and Atlanta can refer to pages 19 through 24 of rerep, which sets forth a list of all guests who were registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, La., between 12/17 and 19/67.

- 2 - Memphis
- 3 - Atlanta (44-2386)
- 2 - Baltimore
- 3 - Buffalo
- 3 - Chicago
- 2 - Cincinnati
- 2 - Detroit
- 2 - Houston
- 2 - Jacksonville
- 2 - Miami
- 2 - Minneapolis
- 3 - Mobile
- 2 - New York
- 2 - Oklahoma City
- ③ - Pittsburgh
- 2 - San Diego
- 2 - Springfield
- 2 - New Orleans

SMC:epk  
(41)

*Assign lead  
Laffey*

44-578-213

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED <i>wh</i>
MAY 11 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>WMC</i>

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

*W. Dea*

NO 157-10673

Other Offices receiving copies of this airtel were not furnished rerep and so the following background information is being set forth to assist these Offices in conducting the requested investigation:

Investigation has determined that the subject, using the name of ERIC GALT, left Los Angeles, Calif., on 12/15/67, driving his Mustang automobile, in the company of CHARLES J. STEIN, of Los Angeles. STEIN had formerly been a resident of New Orleans and the alleged purpose of this trip was for STEIN to pick up two children of his sister's who were residing in New Orleans and return them to California. According to STEIN, they arrived in New Orleans on 12/17/67 and left New Orleans on 12/19/67. STEIN stayed with relatives and investigation has determined that subject registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, on 12/17/67 as ERIC S. GALT and was assigned room 126. The registration card indicated GALT's automobile to be a Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993 and his address as 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Ala. The subject, as GALT, stayed at the motel until 12/19/67 when he checked out.

Interviews of motel employees in regards to the subject have been negative in that they cannot recall him.

There is set forth under a caption for each Office the identity or identities of persons staying at the Provincial Motel from 12/17 through 19/67. The identities of these persons were obtained from the motel registration cards as well as other information which is set forth under the name. The date listed under each name is the date the individual or individuals stayed at the motel. Each Office should locate and interview these individuals for any knowledge or contact they may have had with the subject. Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, which have been furnished to all Offices, should be displayed to these individuals to ascertain if they recall RAY.

In order to ~~assist~~ Memphis, the Office of Origin in this matter, each Office should set forth the results of this investigation in report form with copies of the reports designated for the Bureau and Memphis.

NO 157-10673

In the preparation of these reports, it is suggested that an appropriate predication for this part of the investigation be utilized in the details prior to reporting the results of contacts with these individuals. As an example, the following information might be used for this predication:

Information was Received from the New Orleans Office of the FBI that (insert name and address of person) had registered on (insert date) at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Of course, if any pertinent information is developed as a result of these contacts, this information should be brought to the attention of the Bureau and Memphis by the most expeditious means.

Each Office is reminded that previous Bureau instructions are that leads in captioned matter should be covered within 24 hours.

ATLANTA

RAY EASTERWOOD  
139 Briar Lane, Atlanta, Ga.  
Room 219  
One in Party  
12/18/67

E. D. ELLIOTT  
1610 Southland Circle, N.W.,  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Room 202  
One in party  
12/19/67

N. R. HINEC  
1610 Southland Avenue  
Atlanta, Georgia  
One in party  
12/19/67

NO 157-10673

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. MATTHEWS, JR.  
2126 Mobry Road, Northeast  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Car - Pontiac, Georgia license 2511476  
Room 214  
Two in party  
12/19/67

BALTIMORE

Mr. and Mrs. Waldorf Plitcher  
10820 Georgia Avenue  
Wheaton, Maryland  
Car - Chevrolet, Maryland license AE 2099  
Room 225  
Two in party  
12/18/67

BUFFALO

Mr. and Mrs. CUTTEN J. CARLSON  
200 Collinworth Drive  
Rochester, New York  
Room 222  
Two in party  
12/17/67

Mr. and Mrs. VINTON P. OSTRANCHER  
126 Meadow Lane  
Buffalo, New York  
Car - Cadillac, New York license TP 3035  
Room 207  
Two in party  
12/19/67

NO 157-10673

CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. WENDELL H. WAYNE  
P. O. Box 975, Evanston, Ill.  
Car - Pontiac, Illinois license 85299  
Room 215  
12/18/67

EMIL F. MEIER  
2514 Pioneer Road  
Evanston, Ill.  
Car - Buick, Illinois license BX 1449  
Room 211  
Two in party  
12/19/67

CINCINNATI

GERSON POLASKY  
123 North McNichen  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
12/18/67

DETROIT

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. PINKER  
2261 Rolling Green Road  
Saginaw, Michigan  
Car - Oldsmobile - Michigan license LP 5907  
Room 118  
Two in party  
12/18/67 - 12/23/67

HOUSTON

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. JONES, JR.  
213 Hutcheson, Houston, Texas  
License - Texas MYN 249  
Room 106  
Two in party  
12/19/67



NO 157-10673

JACKSONVILLE

G. L. POSTLETHWAIT  
General Delivery, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
Car - Dodge, California license VF 451  
Room 214  
Two in party  
12/18/67

MIAMI

W. H. RUNGLER (?)  
2899 Columns Avenue, Miami, Fla.  
Car - Cadillac, Florida license 1WW11380  
12/18/67

MINNEAPOLIS

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. KNUTH  
514 Ebony, Duluth, Minn.  
Room 112  
Two in party  
12/17/67

MOBILE

Mrs. HENRY J. SHERRILL  
301 Woodland Avenue  
Mobile, Alabama  
Room 117  
Two in party  
12/17/67

Lt. Col. WILLIAM P. FISHER  
610 A Seventh Street  
Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama  
Car - Pontiac, Alabama license 3-2541  
Room 108  
Two in party  
12/19/67

NO 157-10673

NEW YORK

Dr. and Mrs. DAVID L. ROSNER  
87 Soundview Drive  
Port Jefferson, New York  
Car - Oldsmobile - New York license  
Room 101  
Two in party  
12/18/67

OKLAHOMA CITY

Mr. and Mrs. MIKE EPPLES  
1231 South Owasso  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
License - Oklahoma D8762  
Room 231  
Two in party  
12/18/67

PITTSBURGH

GORDON WELLMAN  
132 Forest Court  
Irwin, Pennsylvania  
Room 110  
12/19/67

AUSTIN L. CONWAY  
328 Highland Pines Drive  
Pittsburgh 37, Pennsylvania  
Room 102  
One in party  
12/19/67

SAN DIEGO

STEVE FULLER  
4077 Hamilton Street, San Diego, Calif.  
Car - Volkswagen, California license VOD 912  
Room 109, two in party, 12/18/67

NO 157-10673

SPRINGFIELD

ROBERT A. CONEY, Judge  
311 Fayette Street  
Peoria, Illinois  
Car - Buick, Illinois license 3281  
Room 212  
Three in party  
12/17/67

NEW ORLEANS

JOE PARISH  
Belle Chasse, Louisiana  
Room 108  
12/18/68

A. A. CASBARIAN  
716 Governor Nichols  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
Car - Jaguar, Louisiana license 29B986  
Room 205  
Two in party  
12/19/67.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/10/68

FROM : SA EARL W. GALLOWAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re memo to SAC, dated 4/10/68.

On 5/2/68, Mrs. HERMAN ESTRIGHT, Coalport, Pa., advised that she was acquainted with PATRICK S. LOHMEYER, who is a long-time resident of Coalport, Pa., and a retired teacher at the Coalport Junior High School. She stated that LOHMEYER and her husband were very close friends and met socially nearly every day at either their house or LOHMEYER's. She stated that she could not recall not seeing LOHMEYER every day for the past several months. She concluded that she did not believe LOHMEYER left the county in the past several years, if ever.

On 5/2/68, PATRICK S. LOHMEYER, Main Street, Box 343, Coalport, Pa., advised SA EARL W. GALLOWAY that he has lived in Coalport nearly all his life and had not been out of Clearfield County for over a year.

Visual observation disclosed LOHMEYER to be a grey haired, balding gentleman in his late 60's or early 70's.

EWG:psa  
(2) *PSA*

44-578-214

SEARCHED _____	INDEXED _____
SERIALIZED <i>W</i>	FILED _____
MAY 10 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Mc</i>



5010-108-02

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

5-7-68

Airtel

To: SACs, Philadelphia (Enc. 2)  
Jacksonville (Enc. 2)

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re E. Raymond, R.D. 2, Coudersport, Pennsylvania, -  
complainant.

Enclosed for Philadelphia and Jacksonville are  
two copies of an unsigned letter which was postmarked 5-3-68,  
at Oil City, Pennsylvania. The envelope bore the return  
address of E. Raymond, R.D. 2, Coudersport, Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia should immediately contact Raymond  
to obtain any information he may have relating to this  
case.

Jacksonville, conduct pertinent investigation at  
Ocala, Florida.

One copy of the letter is enclosed for Memphis.

1 - Memphis (Enc.)

44-578-215

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 11 1968	
J. H. Fisher	

LOOK FOR RAY IN OKLAHAWA FLA.  
CR RECORDS FOR ADDRESS S.S. PAYMENTS  
SENT TO JOHN FARRELL, ALIAS JAY FERGUSON,  
M.L.KING JR NEAR OCALA FLA.

FOR IDENTIFICATION  
I HAVE MATCHING  
CORNER.

ANY REWARD IF NOW THERE,  
WILL GO TO CHARITY,  
ANOM.

5/9/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1366)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Buairtel to Philadelphia and Jacksonville dated 5/7/68.

Enclosed for Pittsburgh are a copy of reBuairtel and the enclosure thereto.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN G. DEVINE at Coudersport, Pa.:

On 5/8/68, Mr. HARRY GOLDEN, Post Office, Coudersport, Pa., advised that there was no mail listing for an E. RAYMOND in the Coudersport area.

GOLDEN stated that there was no listing for an E. RAYMOND in the Genese, Pa., directory. He advised that sometimes individuals in the Genese, Pa., area will use a Coudersport RD #2 address.

However, GOLDEN stated that there had been an 80 year-old woman, one ESTHER RAYMOND, who formerly had lived in Genese, Pa., and who used the Coudersport RD #2 address. She was currently living in the Epworth Manor Nursing Home in Tyrone, Pa.

3-Bureau (44-28861) (RM)  
1-Jacksonville (Info) (RM)  
1-Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
②-Pittsburgh (44-578) (Enc.-1) (RM)  
1-Philadelphia (44-1366)  
KKS,bjt

(8)

44-578-216  
W W  
Curtis W



PH 44-1368

LEADS

PITTSBURGH  
AT TYRONE, PA.

1. Will contact ESTHER RAYMOND to obtain any information she might have relating to this case.
2. Will ask RAYMOND if she knows of any other E. RAYMOND who might reside in the Coudersport RD #2 area.



F B I

Date: May 8, 1968

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

Enclosure *hcr*

44-578-217

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED <i>W</i>	FILED
MAY 11 1968	
FBI - PITTSBURGH	
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>MC</i>

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

**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	