

DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

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

**THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS**

Van Blommestein & Birt	David Mitchel
Tim Patterson	Frank Wile
Piet Willers	Max Pop
T. S. Patterson	Francis Gballeit
Blake	Arthur Sherman
Davis	Belcher
de Graaf	Herbert Cox
Mrs. Coetzze	Monsieur Diamant
Christine Granville	Harry Openheimer
Sammy Silberstein	Kutze
Captain van der Westhuisen	Groffelaar
William Percival Radley ("Tony")	Patrick Sullivan
Donald Miles	Leiser Weitman
Henry Orford	John Gundry
Blaize	Willy Rosen
Bernard Nealon	Sillitoe
Harry Morgan	Henry Brasseur
Finkle	Kheir
William N. Witherspoon	Mr. Capper
P. M. R. Willis	Robert Johnson
Ardayast Powanlian	Ernest Oppenheimer

**THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS**

**Lyall**

**Philip Schreiber**

**Amschel Benny Engel**

**M. Lallet**

**M. Mario Pinci**

**Alio Giwa**

**Nathan Ascher Glatt**

**Dr. H. P. Lowe**

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

**Solomon Cukrowicz**

**David Gollansky**

**Alahaju Mustafa Ibrahim**

**Mike Collins**

**R. F. Sheldon**

**Mr. H. Rogers**

**Harras**

**DOCTOR NO**

**John Strangways**

**M**

**Bill Templar**

**Stoker Smith**

**James Molony**

**Dr. Peter Steincrohn**

**Major Boothroyd**

**Quarrel**

**Hugh Foot**

**Mr. Pleydell-Smith**

**Ben Gibbons**

**Josiah Smith**

**John Bryce**

**Waygood Otis**

**Julius No**

**Lemmy**

**FOR YOUR EYES ONLY**

**Rattray**

**Bates**

**Proctor**

**Pyramus**

**Thisbe**

**Havelock**

**Jimmy Farquharson**

**Aschenheim**

**Fayprince**

**Henriques**

**Feddens**

**Major Gonzales**

**von Hammerstein**

**Colonel Johns**

**Haversack**

**Burns Martin**

**Monty**

**Ethan Allen**

**Robin Hood**

**Harvey Millers**

**Godalming**

**Cheltenham**

**Tunbridge Wells**

**Governor**

**Philip Masters**

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

Tattersall

Whitehall

Albergo Colomba D'oro

Signor Kristatos

Ronnie Vallance

Santos

Enrico Colombo

Van Cleef

Mr. Toad

Albergo Daniell

Milton Krest

Mr. Abedana

Professor Hildebrand

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Donovan Grant

"Red" Grant

Krassno Granitsky

"Granit"

Dr. Baumgarten

Colonel Arkday Fotoyev

Lt. Col. Nikolai Godlovsky

General Ivan Aleksandrovitch Serov

Colonel General Grubozaboyschikov

Lt. General Slavin

Lt. General Vozdvishensky

Tokaev

Khoklov

Petrov

Rene Mathis

Drax

Colonel Klebb

Kronsteen

Makharov

Fouche

Professor Deniken

Darko Kerim

Lermontov

Swaine

Adeney

Wilkinson

Kerim Bey

Cecil Beaton

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

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

GOLDFINGER

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

GOLDFINGER

O' Brien  
Weathership Charlie  
Dutch Schuyts  
Napoleon, Hitler

LIVE AND LET DIE

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

THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN

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

## THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN

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

## MOONRAKER

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

ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

Phillippe Bertrand

Boudin

Monet

Ernst Stavro Blofeld

Croupier

Rossi

Andre Mattei

Peckham

Laurence Sterne

Johnson

Goldsmith

Dean Swift

Lord Nelson

Sable Basilish Pursuivant

Gebriider Gumpold-Moosbrugger

Tissot

Tracy

Blauenfelder

Monsieur Maurice

Monsieur Pol

Changeur

Marc - Ange Draco

Jean Gindicelli

Griffon Or

Sir Thomas Bond

Nell Gweynn

Boswell

Reynolds

Garrick

Canning

Lord Bently Royal

Sir Hilary Bray

G. W. Marshall

Sir James Malony

Achmed

Jenny Bray

Mary potts

O'Neill

Maria Stavro Michelopoulos

Captain Boris

Alphonse de Bleuville

D'dsigneys

Professor Auguste Kommer

Conte de Bleuville



ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

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

**THUNDERBALL**

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

**YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE**

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

## THRILLING CITIES

Leonard Russell

Mr. Frere

Hugh Barton

Jack Conder

Dick Hughes

Kadoorie

Richard Mason

Dr. Lobo

Samuel Montague

Len Cosgrove

"Cos"

"Tiger" Saito

Alan Searle

Mr. Fratinelli

Captain James Hamilton

Virgil Peterson

Professor Philip Fox

Colonel Edward Bradley

Ben Goffstein

Ray Russell

Charles Beaumont

Ray Brennan

Joey Glimco

Francis "The Immune" Maritote

Charles "Cherry Nose" Gioe

Richard Hauff

Cosmo Orlando

Carlo "Bananas" Urbaniti

Ripa

Joseph Broge

Gene Gleason

Dan Jacobson

David Barlow

Felix Leiter

Marthe Richard

Antony Terry

Knoeller

"Rickey" Renee

Dr. Julius Raab

Dr. Kriesky

Anton Karas

Colonel Podharsky

Dr. Bircher-Brenner

Frederick Bussy

Pierre Jaccoud

Charles Zumbach

Andre Zumbach

Professor Pittard

Francesco Waldman

Salvatori Funari

OCTOPUSSY, THE DARLING

Major Dexter Smythe

Professor Bengry

Dr. Jimmy Greaves

Luna

Hannes Oberhauser

Gieves

Arundels

Marchesis

Dr. Cahusac

THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS

Corporal Menzies

Tanqueray

Trigger

Captain Paul Sender

Grafin Liselotte Mutzenbacher

Ameryllis

Donskaya

Lomova

THE PROPERTY OF A LADY

Dr. Fanshawe

Faberge

Kenneth Snowman

Peter Wilson

Piotr Malinowski

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

Commander Caractacus Pott

Mimsie Pott

Jeremy (Pott)

Commander Crackpott

Lord Skrumshus

Man Mountain Fink

Soapy Sam

Blood-money Banks

Monsieur Bon-Bon

Jacques

5/8/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

Re Pittsburgh airtel, 5/3/68. To PHILADELPHIA

Enclosed for Oklahoma City is a copy of reairtel.

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

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

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

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

- 2 - Philadelphia
  - 2 - Oklahoma City
  - 2 - New Orleans
  - 1 - Memphis (Info)
  - 1 - Pittsburgh (Info)
  - 1 - Houston
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Antler, Oklahoma. ABSHIER stated that Gulf Oil Corporation is confronted with an extensive credit card ring operating out of Antler, Oklahoma area and one of the persons using the card in this ring is a person named HAMMER. In view of the similarity of the names HAMMER and HAMMONS, both being from Antler, Oklahoma, a stop was placed against HAMMONS' card.

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

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

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

LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT ANTLER, OKLA.

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

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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

**AIR - TEL**

5/13/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: SAC, JACKSONVILLE**  
**FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**  
**CE**  
**(OO: MEMPHIS)**

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CLARENCE BASHAM, Star Route 1, Tornado, W. Va., appeared at the Charleston, W. Va., RA and advised that he was certain that the person responsible for murdering Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was one "RED" (LNU). "RED" (LNU) and (FNU) FOLKS, who might be a conspirator, are both past employees of L & M Cylinders, Jacksonville, Florida. BASHAM claimed that he had met these two individuals while employed by L & M Cylinders in 1966.

He stated that "RED" is a ranking influential lieutenant in the KKK in Florida, and that at one time "RED" had pledged to murder KING. He stated that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY closely resembles "RED". "RED" is allegedly a con-artist and frequently uses disguises.

BASHAM stated that information as to the whereabouts of "RED" and FOLKS could be obtained from the owners at L & M Cylinders. He also suggested contacting one PAUL BAILEY, allegedly a high-ranking KKK member in Jacksonville, for pertinent information in this matter.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Pittsburgh

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LEAD

JACKSONVILLE

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

Will contact owners of L & M Cylinders to determine identities of "RED" and FOLKS and ascertain whether or not identical with JAMES EARL RAY.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL RESIDENT AGENTS DATE: 5/10/68

*[Handwritten signature]*  
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau airtel to all SAC's, dated 5/7/68.

Referenced Bureau airtel instructs all investigation be reported to Memphis in insert form.

All investigation completed which has not yet been reported should be prepared in insert form with 17 copies.

All resident agents who have not completed requested investigation should do so immediately, with results in dictation by 5/17/68. Results should bear appropriate heading such as Laundry Check - Dance Schools Vehicle Check - Suspects, etc.

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1-Each Resident Agent  
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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Martin Luther King's Slayer

## May Himself Have Been Killed

**THE ELUSIVENESS** of James Earl Ray, publicly alleged to have been the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, has caused agents for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to theorize that he may have been murdered by the very people who hired him.

This assumes that he was, indeed, a hired killer. The FBI and the entire U. S. intelligence apparatus, including the military and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), previously thought this was not the case. They originally believed—they even hoped—that the killer was a lone wolf who murdered the Nobel Peace Prize winner in a rage of berserk racism.

**WHILE RELUCTANT** to drop the original theory—because of the explosive repercussions which might result from proof that the killer had been hired by white racists, black nationalists or foreign agents—no clues have been overlooked that pointed in another direction.

The FBI alone has had as many as 2,000 agents working on the case at one time. Every lead has been patiently tracked down. No man-

hunt in the nation's history has been pursued with such infinite attention to details that might reveal useful evidence.

**FOR EXAMPLE**, Ray is known to have made several trips to New Orleans and to certain foreign countries. He is known to have had plenty of money. Even the prostitutes he visited on these journeys have been tracked down and interviewed.

The current FBI theory is reported to be based on the belief that the fugitive could not get food, drink and protection for so long a time. Consequently he must be dead.

**WHO KILLED** him? Presumably the people who hired him. A prepayment on the "contract" would account for the large sum of money Ray carried. But when he came back to claim the balance due him, he was considered too great a risk to be allowed to live.

It's pure theory but so is everything else in connection with Dr. King's slaying except the fingerprints and ballistics data upon which the case against Ray is erected.

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

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The Herald-Advertiser

Huntington, W. Va.

Date: 5/12/68

Edition: Sunday

Author:

Editor: George Clark

Title: Murkin

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(Editorial)

Character:

or

Classification: 44-578

Submitting Office: Pittsburgh

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## DECODED COPY

☒ Radio☐ Teletype

U R G E N T 5/14/68

TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

FROM: DIRECTOR

MURKIN

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SUBJECT SPENT A CONSIDERABLE SUM OF MONEY FROM APRIL 23, 1967 TO APRIL 4, 1968, AND THE SOURCE OF HIS MONEY HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, HIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES AND BANK BURGLARIES IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE WITNESSES ARE AVAILABLE. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE REQUESTING OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TO WITNESSES IN THEIR UNSOLVED ROBBERIES.

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Curley [initials]

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

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5/14/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2336)**  
**FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated 4/26/68.

On 5/9/68, STEPHEN IVAN STOLLER was located and interviewed at Williamson, W. Va. STOLLER said he was in attendance at a meeting at the Paschal's Motel in Atlanta, Ga., on 3/14/68. He is unable to recall the names and descriptions of any other people present. He does recall being introduced to two white males in the lobby of the motel by CARL BRADEN of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). He does not recall the names of either of these persons.

The following is a description of STOLLER as obtained from observation and interview:

Name	STEPHEN IVAN STOLLER
Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	
POB	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Height	5'9"
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Brown, long
Eyes	Hazel

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② - Pittsburgh

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Parents:

DANIEL and ROSE STOLLER

120 Dogwood Road,

Roslyn, N. Y.

Residence

Mulberry Street,

Williamson, W. Va.

Receives mail

c/o Mingo County Equal

Opportunity Committee (EOC)

Williamson, W. Va.

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OC 44-686  
ME 44-1987  
RJH/cdw

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

At Antlers, Oklahoma

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

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

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Re Houston airtel to Philadelphia 5/8/68.

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

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

Investigation was conducted to eliminate JAMES W. HAMMONS, holder of Gulf Credit Card # [REDACTED] as being identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

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

- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 25)
- 1 - New Orleans (Info) (Enc. 1)
- ① - Pittsburgh (44-578) (Info) (Enc. 1) *ack*
- 2 - Oklahoma City

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)

MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Atlanta and Pittsburgh dated 4/25/68.

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Investigation at Everett, Pa., disclosed that THOMAS S. SMOUSE of RD #1, Everett, is a gasoline attendant at the Esso Service Station on the westbound lane of the Pennsylvania Turnpike near Bedford, Pa.

SMOUSE was contacted at his place of employment by SA JOHN S. HUGHES on 5/7/68, when his letter to the Bureau was orally acknowledged.

SMOUSE stated that at approximately 2:00 AM on 4/21/68, a man came into his service station and asked if he could sleep in his vehicle for approximately one-half hour. The man explained that he had to be in Chicago, Ill., on Sunday, 4/22/68, and that he did not desire to sleep too long. SMOUSE stated that the man went into the rest room in the gasoline station and then returned and made the comment to SMOUSE that he felt that he was much too tired to sleep for only one-half hour and decided that it would be better if SMOUSE would awake him at approximately 5:00 AM.

SMOUSE stated that he permitted the man to sleep in the car until 5:00 AM and then attempted to arouse him. At this point, two young Pennsylvania State Police officers came into the service station and SMOUSE explained the problem to them. He stated that they laughingly blew the siren on the State Police vehicle frightening the man badly. He stated they did not question him even though he, SMOUSE, noted to these officers that the man in his opinion looked very much like the man who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SMOUSE advised that he was suspicious of the man because of his haggard looking condition and because of his dirty dress and, therefore, took the license number of the vehicle, a blue Mustang, which he described as having Georgia license

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1-Atlanta (Info)

2-Pittsburgh

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3D20121, and some sort of an Army sticker on the bumper which had the number 6231.

SMOUSE advised that shortly after the State Police blew the siren, the man departed in a westerly direction in the above-described vehicle.

SMOUSE described the man as follows:

Age	30 - 35
Build	Muscular
Height	5'8"
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Dark
Accent	Either a southern or southwestern accent
Appearance	Generally giving appearance of Mexican extraction

SMOUSE was shown all available photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, when he stated that, in reviewing all the photographs, he ~~could~~ that the man who was in his service station was identical with the subject.

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FBI PITTSBGH

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TO DIRECTOR (44-37761)

NEW YORK

FROM PITTSBURGH (44-573)3P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED MAY NINE SIXTYEIGHT  
AND SAVANNAH TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED MAY TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT.

ALIAS JOHN WILLARD.

FOR INFORMATION NEW YORK ATLANTA ADVISED RECORDS OF  
DOWNTOWNER MOTOR INN, ATLANTA, REFLECT JOHN O. WILLARD  
WITHEROW ROAD, SEWICKLEY, PA., REPRESENTING W. W. NORTON AND  
COMPANY, INC., WAS REGISTERED IN THE MOTEL IN ROOM FOUR ONE ONE  
ON APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN LAST. WILLARD, WHO IS ONLY PERSON BY  
THAT NAME REGISTERED IN MOTEL FROM MARCH SIXTYEIGHT, UNTIL  
APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT, WAS DRIVING CHEVROLET BEARING NEW YORK  
LICENSE THREE EIGHT THREE TWO - W X.

ON MAY TWELVE LAST, SAVANNAH ADVISED 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  
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LAST ON DAL FLIGHT NUMBER 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 ROAD, SEWICKLEY, PA., REPRESENTING W. W. NORTON, COMPANY, DRIVING CHEVROLET CAR NEW YORK 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 SAME BACKGROUND INFORMATION, WITH A BARRY L. REAL, SEVEN ONE ZERO N. W. FOURTEENTH AVENUE, GAINSVILLE, FLORIDA, ON MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST AND OUT ON MARCH THIRTYONE LAST.

X  
INVESTIGATION AT SEWICKLEY, PA., ON MAY TEN TO MAY TWELVE LAST, DEVELOPS ONE LOUIS WILLARD, JR., RESIDING ON WITHEROW ROAD. ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT NEGATIVE. CREDIT CHECK REFLECTS JOHN O. WILLARD, WITHEROW ROAD, EMPLOYED BY W. W. NORTON AND U. CO., INC., FIVE FIVE FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, AS A COLLEGE TRAVELER.

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NEW YORK, AT W. W. NORTON AND W. CO., INC., DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY. IF UNABLE TO ELIMINATE DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AND SET OUT LEADS TO INTERVIEW.

PITTSBURGH, AT SEWICKLEY, PA., WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE LOUIS WILLARD, JR.

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AIRMAIL COPIES SENT MEMPHIS, SAVANNAH AND ATLANTA. P

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GJY

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FBI NEW YORK

F B I

Date: May 9, 1968

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

To: All SACS  
LEGATS, Mexico City  
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Armed and Dangerous.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM T. DOUGHERTY

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re all RA memos dated 4/29 and 30/68.

Look ALIKE

On 4/24/68, Chief of Police FRED ARBOGAST, Point Marion Police Department, Point Marion, Pa., telephonically advised that one MARTHA PRICE, 9 Main Street, Point Marion, Pa., tentatively identified the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with an individual who was presently renting a room at her home in Point Marion, Pa. He added that he had received information from PRICE that this individual registered as RUSSELL GRIFFIN during the evening hours of 4/23/68. He further related that this individual was allegedly employed at the new Fort Martin Power Plant in Fort Martin, W. Va. He added that this individual was also driving a Ford truck, white in color, bearing Louisiana license 191-124.

On 4/24/68, RUSSELL GRIFFIN was interviewed at his present place of employment, Fort Martin Power Plant, Fort Martin, W. Va., which is located a few miles outside of Point Marion, Pa. GRIFFIN produced a Louisiana driver's license, dated 2/6/67, in the name of RUSSELL L. GRIFFIN, address 122 Fairview Drive, Bastrop, La. GRIFFIN further related that he was born on [redacted] at Princeton, Ind. GRIFFIN related that he was presently employed as an electrician at Fort Martin Power Plant, and that he was temporarily residing in a room at 9 Main Street in Point Marion, Pa. PII

GRIFFIN advised that he left the state of Louisiana during the latter part of 3/68, and on the last Saturday in March, 1968, he drove through Memphis, Tenn. He said that he did not stop in Memphis, and that for the past three weeks, he had been working in Toledo, Ohio.

The following description of GRIFFIN was obtained through observation and interview:

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6'1"
Weight	175 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Scars and marks	Scar on base of skull
Social Security No.	<input type="text"/>

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GRIFFIN was then fingerprinted, and his fingerprints were compared with those of JAMES EARL RAY, IO #4182, and it was determined that GRIFFIN was not identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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LICENSE CHECK

On 4/30/68, the below listed individuals advised that a review of the records of their respective agencies failed to disclose the recovery of any stolen cars from the state of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68:

Chief of Police JAMES MAHONEY, Uniontown  
Police Department, Uniontown, Pa.

Trooper HARRY EWING, Pennsylvania State  
Police, Uniontown, Pa.

Detective NICK STASIA, Connellsville Police  
Department, Connellsville, Pa.

Corporal JOSEPH SOUDERS, Pennsylvania State  
Police, Waynesburg, Pa.

~~LICENSE~~ FINGERPRINTS

On 5/6/68, the below listed individuals were contacted, and they advised that their respective departments do not have any unidentified latent fingerprints on file that were obtained after 4/23/67:

Detective LAWRENCE BLAIR, Uniontown Police  
Department, Uniontown, Pa.

Trooper RICHARD KARA, Pennsylvania State  
Police, Uniontown, Pa.

Detective NICK STASIA, Connellsville Police  
Department, Connellsville, Pa.

Sergeant ROBERT DUGAN, Pennsylvania State  
Police, Waynesburg, Pa.

Deputy Sheriff REMO BERTUGLI, Greene County  
Sheriff's Office, Waynesburg, Pa.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 5-16-68

FROM : JOHN B. WOODRUFF, SA

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

On 4/16/68, the following persons were contacted at Charleston, West Va., for any information regarding the subject in this case and they were alerted for any future information regarding him, all with negative results:

ANDRE VAN DAMME, American Academy of the Dance

JAMES LUCAS, Lucas Studio of Ballroom Dancing

NAT DANO, Dano School of the Dance

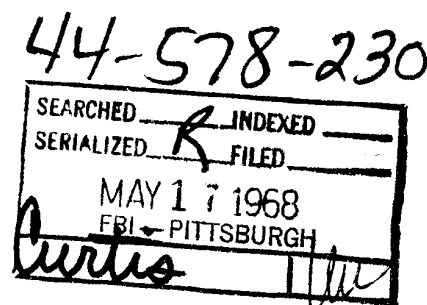
ALMA BRITT, Britt Dance Studio

CAROLYN HURT, Carolyn's School of the Dance

MARY LOU CREEL, Mary Lou's Dancing School



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA ROBERT J. CARROLL

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 4/30/68, at approximately 7 p.m., an individual who identified himself as JAMES PELFREY, 517 Evans Street, Huntington, W. Va., telephonically advised he had just seen a man resembling JAMES EARL RAY at the Old Town Tavern on 14th Street West, Huntington, W. Va. PELFREY stated the man was at least 6'4" in height and had a heavy beard. He could furnish no other descriptive data. He stated he would wait at Lewis' Grocery, 14th Street West, Huntington, W. Va., to be interviewed. It is noted PELFREY was difficult to understand and sounded inebriated. He also stated he had already alerted other FBI Agents to the man's location. He was unable to advise who the other Agents were or their location.

Telephonic contact with the Pittsburgh Office revealed that a man identifying himself as PELFREY had called a short time previously with essentially the same information except that he claimed the man resembling RAY was at Easy Bill's Tavern.

Desk Sergeant DON BOLLING, Huntington Police Department, was immediately contacted regarding the above. He stated JAMES PELFREY is a habitual drunkard and trouble-maker in the community. He also stated PELFREY has never furnished reliable information to the police, but is more inclined to deliberately mislead officers in investigations. He also advised the locations described by PELFREY are the worst areas of town. He stated he would immediately dispatch two detectives to the location and attempt to locate the individual described by PELFREY and also interview PELFREY if he could be located. He stated his department had an ample supply of wanted posters concerning JAMES EARL RAY and he would instruct the detectives to distribute these during their investigation.

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Later in the same evening, Desk Sergeant BOLLING advised the detectives had finished their inquiries on 14th Street West concerning RAY and had determined no one matching RAY's description had been in the area. He also stated the detectives were unable to locate PELFREY for interview. He advised there was some indication the incident was a deliberate hoax.

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM T. DOUGHERTY

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re All Agents memo, dated 4/18/68.

## INFORMANTS

Informants listed below were contacted on the dates indicated re captioned matter with negative results.

- 1) PG 698-C-TE , date 5/2/68.
- 2) PG 561-PC , date 5/2/68.
- 3) PCI JAMES WILLIAM LINCOLN, date 5/2/68.
- 4) PCI CHARLES CLARK , date 5/2/68.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 5/18/68

FROM : JOHN B. WOODRUFF, SA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

~~X~~  
On 5/17/68. Special Agent BUSTER WILLIAMS, U.S. Secret Service, Charleston, West Va., advised that Patrolman BEN BLACK, PD, Charleston, was trying to get ahold of the FBI as a local barber had cut a man's hair and he believed the man was the one wanted for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Patrolman BLACK and TOM GREENE, a local salesman, were located on Summers Street, Charleston, West Va., and it was determined that a short time before, EVERETT EPLIN, a local barber at 618 Virginia Street, believed he had cut the hair of the man wanted for the KING murder. He had followed the man outside his barber shop and when he saw TOM GREENE he asked GREENE to follow the man and find out where he went and report same to the Police. GREENE followed the man and he and a woman, believed to be the man's wife, got into a 1967 or 1968 cream colored Dodge with Florida license 1192795 or 1192759. They drove east on Virginia Street in Charleston and disappeared. GREENE said he did not get a close look at the man and could not identify him.

EVERETT EPLIN, barber, 618 Virginia Street, Charleston, West Va., advised he had cut the hair of a man who appeared nervous to him and who in his conversation said he had just come up from Florida.

This man had a wrinkle in the middle of his forehead and a cut scar in his right eyebrow. He was on the short side and somewhat stocky.



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and one of his ears appeared to be different from the other slightly. , There was a woman with him who wore wedding rings and appeared to be the man's wife.

Mr. EPLIN said the man appeared to him to look like the picture he had seen in the localpaper of the KING murderer.

Mr. EPLIN was shown photographs of subject RAY as appearing on the wanted flyer and the I. O. and he said that the man "Did not look like any of those pictures but he looked like the picture in the paper". EPLIN could not pin point which picture that was in the paper or when, but he positively stated that the man did not look like any of the three photos on the flyers.

It should be noted that Mr. EPLIN is a former county constable from several years back and he has been a barber for many years. He is in his seventys and he still is somewhat of a policeman at heart.

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No further action taken since EPLIN could not identify photos of RAY with the man he had seen.



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Date: May 10, 1968

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: All SACS  
LEGATS, Mexico City  
Ottawa

*File*  
From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

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

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

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5/16/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Alias JOHN WILLARD.

Re Pittsburgh teletype to the Bureau dated  
5/16/68.

JOHN E. NEIL, Vice President of W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 55 Fifth Avenue, NYC, advised JOHN O. WILLARD, DOB-5/8/39, was employed by this company as a college traveler on 12/12/66. As such WILLARD calls upon college teachers in an attempt to sell the company's textbooks. WILLARD graduated from Phillips Academy in 1957 and received his MA in Music, History and Literature, in 1966 from the University of Pittsburgh.

WILLARD's itinerary for January - May, 1968, indicates he intended staying at the Downtowner Motel, Atlanta, Georgia, 4/4-15/68 at which time he would be visiting Agnes Scott College, Atlanta University, Morris Brown College, Morehouse College, Clark College, Oglethorpe College and De Kalb College.

New York conducting no further investigation regarding WILLARD.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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① Pittsburgh (INFO)  
1- Savannah (INFO)  
1- Atlanta (INFO)  
1- New York  
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649PM URGENT 5-20-68 WRH

TO DIRECTOR, PITTSBURGH AND MEMPHIS  
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1393)

MURKIN

RE JAMES EARL RAY

CHARLES MEYER, DIVISIONAL CLAIMS MANAGER, EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE CO., THIRTY SIX E. FOURTH STREET, CINCINNATI, ADVISED TODAY HIS WIFE, DOROTHY, RECEIVED LETTER FROM HER MOTHER, MARY GDULA, NO STREET NUMBER OR TELEPHONE, BEVERDALE, PENNSYLVANIA, IN WHICH MOTHER STATED ANN JACOBS, FOUR THREE FOUR ROBB AVENUE, JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, NO TELEPHONE, WHO IS SISTER OF GDULA, HAD PERFORMED SOME DOMESTIC WORK FOR "KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING."

MEYER EXHIBITED LETTER WHICH DID NOT MENTION RAY BY NAME, BUT STATED RAY RECENTLY MOVED TO WITHIN A FEW BLOCKS OF JACOBS A SHORT TIME AGO, HAS A CRIMINAL RECORD, DRIVES A CADILLAC, LIVES WITH A WOMAN, NAME UNKNOWN, AND IS WELL SUPPLIED WITH MONEY. JACOBS APPARENTLY SUGGESTED TO GDULA THAT PERSON BELIEVED TO BE RAY DOES  
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*Curtis & Hughes advised  
5-20-68  
By*

*Assign lead  
J. Hughes  
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CONSIDERABLE DRINKING AND WHILE UNDER INFLUENCE MADE STATEMENTS WHICH CONVINCED JACOBS OF HIS IDENTITY.

MEYER STATED JACOBS IS ON WELFARE ASSISTANCE, AND BOTH JACOBS AND GDULA ARE RELATIVELY UNEDUCATED, BUT NOT GIVEN TO EXAGGERATION AND FOR THAT REASON PLACED SOME CREDENCE IN INFORMATION AND ACCORDINGLY ADVISED FBI.

PITTSBURGH WILL RESOLVE IDENTITY OF ABOVE INDIVIDUAL.

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CAK

FBI PITTSBGH

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**Complaint Form**  
FD-71 (Rev. 7-21-67)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases  <b>MURKIN</b>				Character of case  <b>44-157</b>		
				Complainant  <b>JOHN KING</b>		
				Complaint received  <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <b>5-1-68</b> Time <b>11:30 PM</b>		
Address of subject				Complainant's address and telephone number <b>RRI Hockersville, Pa</b> <b>CBR thru mother Anna King, 798-2629</b>		
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

William Bailey, Div 6, SOG telephonically contacted writer 11:30 PM to advise Complainant had called Bureau & stated a man he believed to be identical "with the man who killed KING" was presently in the Palace Hotel, Wmber, Pa. Bailey stated KING sounded "thick tongue" & had advised he called PSP who indicated there were not going to make any check.

Bailey requested Johnston RA check out complaint & advise Div 6. Telephonically via FTS upon completion of check AM 5-2-68.

SA J.S. Hughes advised.

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Action Recommended

*William L. [Signature]*  
(Agent)

*Curtis [Signature]*

(over)

\*United States Government

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

FROM: SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/21/68

ReBuairtel to all SACs dated 5/9/68.

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

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

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

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- 1 - SA CABLE
- 1 - SA KINNANE
- 1 - SA GEIERMANN
- 1 - SA TRETER
- 1 - SA LAFFEY
- 1 - SA HENDON
- 1 - SA GALLOWAY
- 1 - SA J. HUGHES
- 1 - SA HUNTER
- 1 - SA SMITH
- 1 - SA DOUGHERTY
- 1 - SA MADVAY
- 1 - SA ADAMS
- 1 - SE COLIN

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

It has been determined that the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Charleston, W. Va., maintains the original of all death certificates for all of West Virginia. It has also been determined that Pennsylvania does not follow this system so it will be necessary for receiving Resident Agents to conduct investigation pursuant to Bureau instructions contained in paragraph three of this communication.

LEADS

PITTSBURGH

At Pittsburgh, Pa. (Allegheny County)

1. Will at Bureau of Vital Statistics, check records of unidentified dead from 4/4/68 to present.
2. Will place stop to be advised of any future unidentified dead. (COLIN)

At Charleston, W. Va. (Kanawha County)

Will at Bureau of Vital Statistics, conduct above investigation. (ADAMS)

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AIR - TEL

5/22/68

AIRTEL

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

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau dated 5/9/68.

On 5/20/68, Mrs. ESTHER RAYMOND, Epworth Manner Nursing Home, Tyrone, Pa., advised that she had written no letters to anyone concerning the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., nor did she possess any information on that matter.

She advised that she was originally from Genesee, Pa., and had many relatives with the last name of RAYMOND residing in the vicinity of Coudersport, but she was not aware of any of them who used the first initial of E. She also advised that the Coudersport area was frequented by many migrant Negro workers from Florida.

3-Bureau  
1-Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
2-Pittsburgh

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The following members of the West Virginia State Police advised SA MAX L. GEIMAN that no automobiles from the State of Georgia have been recovered in their respective counties since April 4, 1968:

May 10, 1968	Corporal J. M. DENNIS Pleasants County
May 16, 1968	Trooper C. R. DUNCAN Wood and Wirt County
May 16, 1968	Corporal CARL LAGURSKI Calhoun County
May 16, 1968	Corporal WILLIAM ROBINSON Ritchie County
May 17, 1968	Corporal W. V. BISHOP Jackson County

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☒ Radio☐ Teletype

U R G E N T 5/22/68

TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

FROM: DIRECTOR

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MURKIN

INASMUCH AS RAY IS KNOWN TO STAY AT "FLOPHOUSES" AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS.

ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, 1968, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER 30 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER 55 YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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*Curley* *me*

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