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FBI WASH DC

720PM URGENT 4/26/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS. THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

END

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)(P)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA GEORGE H. KEENAN

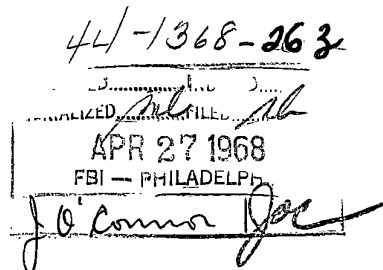
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA PAUL L. BRINTON, 4/24/68.

On 4/24/68 at 1:30 PM FRANCIS DUGGAN telephonically contacted the Harrisburg RA and furnished substantially the same information as is contained in re memo.

At about 1:45 PM the same date the individual he described was located at the Trailways Bus Station, Harrisburg, and determined not to be identical to JAMES EARL RAY through fingerprint elimination. He was a Staff Sergeant in the USAF enroute to Viet Nam on leave.

1 - Philadelphia
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5010-108

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1368)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVARD, JR.
~~MURKIN~~

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memorandum of Clerk DON CARDELLI, 4/19/68

HARRY SMITH, National Hotel, Hummelstown, Pa. advised on 4/24/68 that he did not have any further information about the man who was in his bar at 2:00 AM, 4/19/68. The man came in, had a sandwich and two glasses of beer, and then left. SMITH did not see the man's car and could not recall the names of any of his regular customers who were in the bar at the time. All he knew was that the man was a stranger and he bore a striking resemblance to the photograph of ERIC STARVO GAULT he saw in the paper later during the day of 4/19/68.

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Jo'anna Joe

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Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-
RE: MURKIN
CR

Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

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

- 1 - Each Continental Office
2 - Memphis

GMR/vtp

PH

Handwritten: 44-1368-265

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Handwritten: Jo'Connor jcc

Approved: RG Jensen Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

4/26/68

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Washington Field teletype to Bureau and Philadelphia, dated 4/18/68, regarding check of Bureau of Employee Compensation records at FRC Naval Supply Depot, Mechanicsburg, Pa., on compensation cases X-728831 on ERNEST S. GAULT and X-898778 on JOHN F. WILLARD.

Search of records has been discontinued in view of the identification of JAMES EARL RAY.

It is noted that FBI Identification Record reflects that RAY was in custody in Chicago on 5/6/52, while referenced teletype reflects GAULT had his injury in St. Louis, Mo., on 4/8/52. RAY was in custody at Pontiac, Ill., on 3/1/54, when WILLARD was injured in Massachusetts.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861) (RM)
- 2 - Washington Field (44-703) (RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (170-169)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA LAWRENCE KARL YORK

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED], Potential
Racial Informant-Ghetto

Dates of Contact 4/24/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 44-1368		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE Informant could not provide any information regarding JAMES EARL RAY. [REDACTED] stated that he believes that the national concern over the killing of DR. KING helped to quiet down the Negroes in Phila. and other cities. <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage RACIAL

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[initials]

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Mexicans Quiz Visitor From U.S. In King Inquiry

Mexico City — (AP) — Police in northwest Mexico said today they are questioning Daniel David Kennedy of Baltimore, because, they said, he resembles James Earl Ray, the man wanted on a charge of slaying the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

However, police Lt. Robert Fletcher in Caborca, Sonora, said Kennedy denied any part in the Memphis slaying April 4, and the FBI in Washington said there had been no arrest in the case.

In Baltimore, Mrs. Pearl E. Kennedy said her son, 41, doesn't look like Ray. She said her son was born in Wilmington, Del., in July, 1926, and came to Baltimore with the family "a year or two later."

Lt. Fletcher said he picked up Kennedy last night in a Caborca cafe and that he would be taken to Hermosillo, capital of Sonora.

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

p.1—"The Evening
Bulletin"
— Philadelphia, Pa.

Date: 4/25/68

Edition: 2 Star

Author:

Editor: Wm. B. Dickinson

Title:

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office:

☐ Being Investigated ^{PH}

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4/26/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith is one Gilbey's Gin bottle made available by MR. JOHN J. O'DONNELL, 47 North 13th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., on 4/25/68.

On 4/25/68 MR. JOHN J. O'DONNELL, 47 North 13th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., who is employed as a musician at the Cafe LaFitte, 1304 Drury Street, Philadelphia, Pa., appeared at the FBI Office at Philadelphia, where he related the following information:

On the evening of 4/6/68 he had encountered on the street near his home an individual who used the name of BILLY (LNU). O'DONNELL advised BILLY (LNU) was very cold and as a result, O'DONNELL took him to his home where he stayed for the evening and left the following morning.

According to O'DONNELL, BILLY (LNU) resembled the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY which appear in both the Time Magazine issue of 4/26/68, and the U.S. News and World Report issue of 4/29/68 and the pictures appearing on Identification

- 4 - Bureau (44-38861)(Enc. 1)(RM)
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- 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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PH 44-1368

Order #4182 dated 4/20/68.

O'DONNELL advised that BILLY (LNU) told him that he was in Philadelphia to visit some friends with whom he had been in the service, but that when he went into a movie, his wallet was stolen and he did not know how to get in touch with these individuals.

O'DONNELL advised this individual said he had come from the State of Alabama and spoke with a Southern accent. He advised he appeared to be slightly illiterate and a bigot. He advised this BILLY (LNU) made reference to the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and said he believed the individual who did the killing would get a lot of money.

O'DONNELL stated this individual wore a dark blue sportshirt, with long sleeves; dark blue trousers; white sox; and black shoes, without any outer clothing in spite of the cold weather.

O'DONNELL advised that BILLY (LNU) had slightly stooped shoulders, pock marks on the back of his neck and shoulders, but he did not recall any scar on his forehead.

O'DONNELL furnished a gin bottle which he indicated BILLY (LNU) had handled on four or five occasions. He stated that he and BILLY (LNU) were the only ones who had handled this gin bottle and he stated he felt that his and BILLY's fingerprints could be obtained from this bottle to determine definitely if this individual were identical to RAY.

He advised he knew of no additional pertinent information relative to BILLY (LNU) which would be helpful in locating him.

The Identification Division is requested to compare the latent fingerprints developed from the enclosed empty bottle of Gilbey's Gin with the known fingerprints of RAY and advise the Philadelphia Office.

PH 44-1368

The Identification Division is requested to dispose of the above bottle after the examination is completed.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Ray Forecast He'd Kill King, Jail Buddy Says

From Our Wire Services

DALTON, Ga., April 23. — A prison buddy of James Earl Ray said Tuesday that when Ray heard there was a "million-dollar bounty" on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., he had smiled and said, "I'll collect it."

Ray, a 40-year-old fugitive from the Missouri State Prison, is accused by the FBI of assassinating Dr. King in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4.

'ADDICTED TO DOPE'

In the Dalton jail, Raymond Curtis, 40, awaiting appeal on a murder sentence, said he had known Ray in the Kansas City jail, in Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and in the State prison at Jefferson City, Mo.

He described Ray as likeable, addicted to "dope," a "loner" and a man concerned only with money.

On the day President Kennedy was assassinated, Curtis said he, Ray and 150 other prisoners had been in an exercise yard when they heard the news.

He said Ray had remarked: "Well, somebody made a pretty penny on that."

'ASSOCIATION' NOTED

About a week later, Curtis said, he and Ray were in the yard when "a new man just in off the street" told them "the businessmen's association has a million dollar bounty out for Martin Luther King."

Ray smiled, Curtis recalled, and said: "If there's a million dollars out for King, I believe if I ever get out I'll collect it."

There was no evidence that any such bounty existed.

Curtis said he never had figured out what the "new man" meant by the "businessmen's association." He said he couldn't remember who the man was.

INTERVIEWED BY FBI

Authorities in Jefferson City confirmed that Curtis and Ray had been in prison at the same time.

Authorities in Dalton said the FBI had interviewed Curtis on Sunday and again Monday night. It refused comment.

Curtis said Ray had told him he always carried a gun. "He was always interested in money," Curtis said, but never mentioned racial matters.

He said Ray had told him that if he ever wanted to kill someone, he would buy a gun under a false name, and have everything ready for an escape. "He used to talk a lot about escaping to New Zealand, Brazil and Argentina," Curtis said.

Curtis was convicted of shotgunning a man in the holdup of a poker game here last year.

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

p.20—"The Philadelphia Inquirer"
Philadelphia, Pa.

Date: 4/24/68

Edition: Final

Author:

Editor: Walter H. Annenberg

Title:

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: PH

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O'Connor JOC

Dear Sir,

I am writing in regard to some events that might and I believe have a great deal to do with the Martin Luther King murder.

I had to go to my mother's funeral on Saturday night April 6.

I saw 5 men at Harrisburg Bus Terminal. I can only remember two enough to describe. One was sorta heavy with D. Brown Hair, Brown eyes had a Roman nose his hair line was same as papers show. Other was 6' or more slim light Blond or reddish hair he was starting to get bladed.

When I noticed them in the terminal they sat in the coffee shop. The first one with the nose acted kinda nervous or impatient.

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He combed his hair while looking in a glass door. He also had a briefcase that looked brand new. They all wore suits.

On the bus that went to Pittsburgh that night. They talked all the way. I listen since they sat right behind me & my children. When we started out one sold coffee tea & milk anyone cause they had just come from the airport. While passing the capital one remarked that was the third time past. ^{Wonder who they were} ~~They~~ One man did most of the talking. He asked the other man about how things went & Arkansas. Then he wanted to know how he made up the name Stars and where he got it from. They talked about their wives & home. One talked about being divorced for so many years.

Then there talk about Calif.
thing they were going to get
started in the back of the men
behind me. Also they talked
about Newark, N.J. and something
that was going to be taken care
of and said something to describe
the homes and people there. Then
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and might have not taken it
right. They were still talk when
we got to Pittsburgh. They got off
said something about they ^{didn't} have
to travel for a couple of weeks. They
would see each other in November.

There was talk about their wives
& home. One talked of being
divorced for so many years. I
heard something about a car red &
white a convertible that he paid
cash for was at home. Then
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that one of the guys was going to
^{I think they call him} take care of. Also about Newark,
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understand all the talk on the

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Sincerely

Mrs. Jo Ann Cross
436 1/2 E. Chestnut St.
Lancaster, Pa.

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Lancaster, Pa.

4-26-68

Airtel

To: SACs, Philadelphia
Pittsburgh

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Mrs. Jo Ann Cross - Complainant.

There are enclosed two copies each for Philadelphia and Pittsburgh and one copy for Memphis of a letter from Mrs. Jo Ann Cross, 436½ East Chestnut Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, which was postmarked April 24, 1968.

Philadelphia should immediately interview Mrs. Cross and exhibit to her photographs of James Earl Ray in an effort to determine whether any of the persons she observed on the bus to Pittsburgh is identical with the subject. At time of interview, orally acknowledge receipt of her letter.

1 - Memphis

*Conrad - Serial #316
Airtel to Bureau
5/2/68.
K.K.S.*

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Date: **4-26-68**

Transmit the following in _____

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Via **Airtel** _____

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To: SACs, Philadelphia
Pittsburgh

From: Director, FBI

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James

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

(137-4702)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA

C. HEBER SMITH

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT:

PH 825-C-TE

☒ TE

Dates of Contact		
4/25/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
JOHN ALBERT DONMOYER; AR	92-590	
MURKIN	44-1368	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
RE: 92-590		
PH 825-C-TE advised on 4/25/68 that DONMOYER was apparently inactive in illegal activities. Someone remarked about a year ago that DONMOYER was quite ill and that he was having to use a cane to work around. CI reported that DONMOYER, several years ago, was friendly with some of the top racketeers in this area. He apparently, however, has been inactive in recent years because of ill health.		
RE: 44-1368		
CI advised on 4/25/68 that she did not have any information concerning subject EARL RAY. She said she had been following this case closely in the newspapers, and that if she received any information, she would immediately notify the FBI.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating VG	Coverage As furnished
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1 - 92-590
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TO: SAC,

☐ Albany
☐ Albuquerque
☐ Anchorage
☐ Atlanta
☐ Baltimore
☐ Birmingham
☐ Boston
☐ Buffalo
☐ Butte
☐ Charlotte
☐ Chicago
☐ Cincinnati
☐ Cleveland
☐ Columbia
☐ Dallas
☐ Denver
☐ Detroit
☐ El Paso
☐ Honolulu

☐ Houston
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☐ Savannah
☐ Seattle
☐ Springfield

☐ Tampa
☐ Washington Field
☐ Quantico

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☐ Bern
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☐ Hong Kong
☐ London
☐ Manila
☐ Mexico, D.F.
☐ Ottawa
☐ Paris
☐ Rome
☐ Santo Domingo
☐ Tokyo

Date April 26, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO Memphis

Re New York airtel to the Director 4/23/68, and
Oklahoma City tel to the Director, 4/18/68.

On 4/26/68, Mrs. DONOVAN D. (NORMAN A.) WOODSIDE, 309
Elmwood Drive, Edmond, Oklahoma, was reinterviewed and IO 4182
displayed to her. Mrs. WOODSIDE said the individual she saw on
American Airlines Flight 338 from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania, on 4/6/68, very strongly resembled RAY and she
believes him to be identical with RAY. She stated she first
noticed this individual in the Love Field Terminal, American
Airlines, Waiting Area, a few moments prior to boarding this
flight. Mrs. WOODSIDE said she could not locate her ticket
stub, but believes she occupied seat 14-C, an aisle seat on the
left side of the plane, in the tourist section, and that the above
individual occupied the aisle seat one row up on the right.

Mrs. WOODSIDE said this individual did not get off
the plane when it landed at Friendship Airport in Baltimore, Md.,
did not converse with anyone on the plane, and carried no luggage.

- 3 - Bureau
 - 1 - Dallas (Info)
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
 - 2 - New York (44-1609)
 - 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368) (Info)
 - 1 - Oklahoma City
- Winters*

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J. J. Conner

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA E. HUYETT MAGEE

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] (170-152)

☒ RACIAL

Dates of Contact 4/25/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 44-1368		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC PHOTO & DESCRIPTION JAMES EARL RAY DISCUSSED WITH INFORMANT WHO ADVISED WOULD CALL IMMEDIATELY IF HE OBTAINED ANY INFORMATION RE THIS FUGITIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage RACIAL
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[Signature]

QC 44-686

She informed he deplaned at Philadelphia, Pa., and she lost sight of him when her husband met her at the airport. Mrs. WOODSIDE related her husband is employed by RCA International Service Company, Camden, New Jersey, as Area Manager. He is presently on an assignment in the Azores, but at the time was working out of Camden, N. J. Mrs. WOODSIDE said she made the trip to spend Easter with her husband, and returned to Edmond, Oklahoma, on 4/16/68. Mrs. WOODSIDE stated she did not know any of the people on Flight 338.]✓

Mrs. WOODSIDE said she has made so many trips by air that she now spends her time watching other passengers. She noticed that the above individual was visibly nervous, pulled at both of his ears and his nose and would rub the back of his neck, going from one to the other almost in one motion. She also noticed he had bitten his fingernails up to the quick. He spent some time listening to the radio, using the headset in the seat pocket in front of him and often removed these from his ears only to replace them in a few moments. While waiting for the plane to depart Dallas, he nervously directed his gaze out the window as if looking for someone. Mrs. WOODSIDE said at the time she thought he was afraid to fly, which resulted in his nervous manifestations. He appeared so nervous, Mrs. WOODSIDE said, that she thought he might "pass out."

Mrs. WOODSIDE described the above individual as follows:

Race	White
Age	35-40
Height	5'10"
Weight	170-180
Hair	Medium brown, worn long with a tendency to have a little wave
Complexion	Medium
Scars and marks	None noted
Peculiarities	Extremely nervous - pulled at both ears, nose and rubbed the back of neck, going from one to the other almost in one motion; bit fingernails up to the quick; nose has slight hump just below eye level which protrudes slightly up and out to both sides of nose.

OC 44-686

Mrs. WOODSIDE requested that her identity be protected and the above information not be attributed to her.

LEADS

NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York, New York

Set out leads to appropriate field offices to contact passengers on American Airlines Flight 338 traveling Tourist Class to determine if above individual identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA E. HUYETT MAGEE

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT:

[REDACTED] 170-151

☒ RACIAL

Dates of Contact 4/25/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 44-1368		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC PHOTO & DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY - FUGITIVE DISCUSSED WITH INFORMANT WHO ADVISED WOULD CALL IMMEDIATELY IF SHE OBTAINED ANY INFORMATION RE THIS FUGITIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage RACIAL
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Date April 29, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

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4/20/68

SA NED W. HERSMAN

MURKIN

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DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA Noah R. Bass

SUBJECT: Murkin

Re: Memos of SA Kenneth Smythe dated 4/15/68 and Supv.
Harzenstein dated 4/22/68

On 4/17/68 Mrs. Esther Curley, Clerk, Pennsbury One Hour Cleaners, 833 W. Trenton Ave., Morrisville, Pa. advised she has been employed by the Pennsbury Cleaners for the past five years. She showed SA Bass a Textile Marking Machine Serial Number 33783 and advised she was the operator of this machine. She advised that it would be impossible for her to make a duplication of the numbers 02B-6 or D2B-6 and these numbers had never been used by the Pennsbury Cleaners. She gave SA Bass samples of tapes from this machine and pointed out that the numbering system they used is the 1st number denotes the lot and this run from 1 to 10 and the 0 is never used by its self. the letter denoted the week and the last number the bundle number. She explained the company goes from A thru Z and then starts over again therefore going through the alphabet twice a year.

She further advised ~~xxxxxxx~~ the name Eric Starvo Galt meant nothing to her and she could not recall any person by that name ever having been a customer. She further advised Pennsbury Cleaners does not laundry underwear and the only items the marking machine is used on is shirts.

Mrs. Curley furnished SA Bass with samples with letters as follows IOB-6 and IOD-6 stating again she could not reproduce the numbers 02B-6 or D2B-6 and that the numeral XXX 0 never would be the first digit in

their numbering system.

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Attached are the two samples obtained from Mrs. Curley. .

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In reference to memo of Supervisor Harzenstein dated 4/22/68.

On 4/23/68 Mrs. Curley was recontacted by SA Bass and she advised their machine could not produce the number 20R-3 and the names Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard and James Earl Ray were not familiar to her and she was sure they were not customers of the Pennsbury One Hour Cleaners now and had not been in the past five years.

It should be noted that reference memo has SA Bass as having checked previously the Betty Brite Cleaners, 5001 Wynnfield Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. SR 33783. This is incorrect since the only cleaners checked by SA Bass was the Pennsbury One Hour Cleaners whose machine is numbered 33783.

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LT Detective Donald Fitch - Easton Pa PD " " " "
AL Vitalos, ident Division, Allentown Pa PD - checked latent unidentified
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