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FROM : SA GEORGE H. KEENAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memorandum of ALBERT L. PIERCE, 4/20/68.

On 4/23/68, DAVID FRAME, 313 James Road, Carlisle, Pa., an employee of General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Harrisburg, Pa., advised SA ROBERT F. SAVARD, JR., that on Saturday night, 4/19/68, at about 9:30 p.m., he and his wife were at Willows Tavern, Carlisle, Pa., at which time they observed a man who resembled the photograph he had seen that date in the newspaper, the individual being ERIC STARVO GALT. This was the first and only time that FRAME had ever seen this person in the tavern and has not been back to that tavern since that time. He appeared to be in his late 30s, about 6' in height, average build, brown hair, no noticeable scars or marks. He was clean and appeared to be well-dressed in a sport shirt and slacks. Neither FRAME or his wife mentioned the similarity to anyone else in the bar and they have not discussed it with anyone else. The man was by himself and did not appear to carry on any conversation with anyone else.

On 4/26/68, Mrs. LYNETTE A. FRAME, wife of DAVID FRAME, advised SA GEORGE H. KEENAN that she was with her husband on the evening of 4/19/68 at Willows Tavern, Old York Road, Carlisle, Pa. at about 9:30 p.m. when they both noticed a man sitting at the bar who appeared to be very similar in appearance to the right hand photograph of four photos of ERIC STARVO GALT, which appeared in the local papers that day, the photograph being the one in which the eyes were drawn. Neither she nor her husband had ever seen this man in the tavern before. They both attend this tavern on a regular basis and have been in there since that time and have not seen this man again. They did not mention their recognition to anyone else in the bar nor to anyone other than the FBI.

She described the individual as being a white male, 37 - 39 years of age, 5'11", average build, broad shoulders,

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brown hair, balding in front and wavy, odd shaped face. being slightly square in appearance, The individual smoked cigarettes, drank beer and ate a pizza while there. He was by himself, did not carry on any conversation with anyone else in the bar including the bartender. He appeared to be clean and was dressed in a blue plaid sport shirt, trousers of an unrecalled color, no coat and no hat. He sat at the bar the whole time and from the way he moved his hands, he seemed to her to be slightly effeminate. She added that apparently no one else in the bar recognized the man as did she and her husband because she has not heard any conversation on this point. She was unable to recall the identity of anyone else in the bar at that time.

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FROM : CC Robert C. Kearney

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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EARL stated that this individual inquired about a bartending job at the club and indicated that he had worked as a bartender in Wayne about a year ago and that he had recently worked at golf clubs in both Georgia and Atlanta. He also indicated he may travel back down South, via Chicago if he could not get a job in this area.

EARL advised that this individual was driving a Rambler, year unknown, green bottom and white top, bearing Pennsylvania license plates 5M2-358.

EARL stated that this individual resembled the picture of GALT that has appeared in the paper except that he would be a few pounds heavier and he had a slight turn in his nose. He said that his hair was brownish, cut short and he had a cowlick.

EARL also indicated that this individual talked with a slight Southern accent but he appeared to be trying to hide this accent whenever possible.

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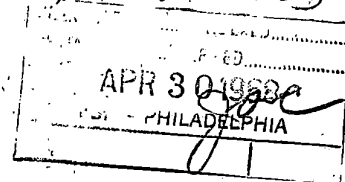
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FROM : SA NED W. HERSMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of R.E. KEARNEY 4/19/68.

License SM2-358 is registered to FRANK MITCHELL, 2927 N. Fairhill, Phila., Pa and according to PHPD Auto Records Clerk, GLORIA RICHARDSON, no stolen report exists.

On 4/22/68 it was determined that FRANK MITCHELL, 2927 N. Fairhill is a negro male, driving a Chrysler.

It appears the source gave a wrong license plate and on 4/22/68 could add no further information. No further action recommended.
On MITCHELL, credit, criminal, voters negative.

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FROM : JOSEPH MICHAEL AMICI
CLERK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

AT 8:45 PM, 4-30-68, MR. JOHN WINKLE, 1917 B ALSACE ROAD, READING, PA., TELEPHONE 372-1029, ADVISED THIS OFFICE THAT WHILE HE WAS DRIVING TO READING, ON 4-19-68, HE PICKED UP A HITCHHIKER, JUST OUTSIDE LIMERIK, PA., WHICH IS JUST OUTSIDE THE POTTSTOWN BYPASS, RT. #422. THE MAN STATED THAT HE WAS GOING TO PITTSBURGH, PA., AND SAID HE CAME UP FROM FLORIDA AND HAD BEEN BUMMING AROUND FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS.

MR. WINKLE DESCRIBED THE MAN AS BEING 35-40 YEARS, DARK HAIR, 175 LBS., HAD A BEARD, BLACK SHOES, GREY PANTS AND SHIRT, SLEEVELESS BLUE THERMAL VEST, CURLY HAIR, SMALL NOSE.

MR. WINKLE STATED THAT THE MAN NAMED SEVERAL TOWNS AROUND THE PITTSBURGH AREA AND HE TALKED ABOUT HOW PENNA. WAS THE MOST PRETTY STATE THAT HE HAD BEEN THROUGH. HE TALKED ABOUT HIS TRIP FROM FLORIDA AND STATED THAT IT TOOK HIM ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO GET HERE FROM THERE. MR. WINKLE SAID THAT HE CHECKED HIS CALENDAR AND THIS WOULD MAKE TWO WEEKS ABOUT THE SAME TIME THAT MARTIN KING WAS ASSASSINATED. HE STATED THAT THE HITCHHIKER SAID THAT HE WALKED THROUGH BALTIMORE WHILE THE ROOTS WERE GOING ON THERE. MR. WINKLE STATED THAT THE MAN TALKED ABOUT HOW HE WAS TRAVELING AROUND AND THAT HE HAD NOT EATEN ANYTHING FOR A WHILE SO MR. WINKLE STOPPED AND BOUGHT THE MAN A SANDWICH. THE HITCHHIKER STATED THAT HE WOULD STAY IN A MISSION IN READING, PA., THE NIGHT OF 4-19-68 AND KEPT ON TALKING ABOUT HOW HE USED TO BE A TRUCK DRIVER.

MR. WINKLE STATED THAT HE LEFT THE MAN OFF AT THE INTERSECTION OF 6th AND PENN STREETS, READING, PA., AT 3:30 PM, 4-19-68.

MR. WINKLE STATED THAT A FEW DAYS LATER HE SAW A PICTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY ON THE TELEVISION AND THAT HE WAS POSITIVE THAT THIS WAS THE MAN THAT HE HAD PICKED UP ON THE 19th OF APRIL.

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TO : DIRECTOR (44-38861)
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FROM: BOSTON (157-644)

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RE BUREAU PHONE CALL TO BOSTON THIS DATE CONCERNING
PROSTITUTE NAMED MONA WHO WAS WITH INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING
SUBJECT RAY AT BRUNSWICK, MAINE, APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST.

CHIEF FRED GOULD, FAIRFIELD, MAINE, PD ADVISED NO
PROSTITUTES NAMED MONA OR ANSWERING DESCRIPTION OF MONA THAT
CITY.

CHIEF PAUL HOYLE, FT. FAIRFIELD, MAINE, PD ADVISED
NEITHER HE NOR ANY OFFICERS OF HIS DEPT. KNOW OF ANY PROSTITUTE
THAT CITY USING NAME, MONA, OR SIMILAR NAMES. NO PROSTITUTED
ANSWERING DESCRIPTION OF MONA NOR TO BE ACTIVE AT FT. FAIRFIELD.

INVESTIGATION FOUR MOTELS LOCATED BRUNSWICK, MAINE,
REVEALED ONLY ONE CONSTRUCTED OF RED BRICK, NAMELY, BOWDOIN
HOTEL, ONE FIFTEEN MAIN ST. THIS IS APARTMENT HOTEL WITH ONE

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ROOM FOR TRANSIENTS. THIS IS ROOM NO. ONE WHICH WAS OCCUPIED BY MR. AND MRS. CHESNEY, PHILADELPHIA, PA., NIGHT OF APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST. APARTMENT SEVEN, BOWDOIN HOTEL, OCCUPIED BY ELDERLY MALE WHO RESIDES THERE ALONE.

EMPLOYEES VIEWED PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL EMPLOYEES WHO OBSERVED CHESNEY ADVISED HE BEARS NO RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT RAY.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE AND SINCE NO RESIDENCE ADDRESS GIVEN BY CHESNEY, NO INVESTIGATION REQUESTED PHILADELPHIA. MAIL COPY FURNISHED PHILADELPHIA.

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RD # 4 - DOVER, PA.

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FROM : IC BRIAN F. MC LAUGHLIN

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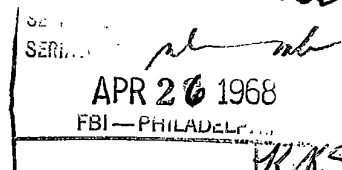
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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau and all Continental
Offices, 4/25/68.

On 4/26/68 IC's BRIAN F. MC LAUGHLIN and EDWARD A.
SHIELDS reviewed all ITSMV cases of automobiles recovered
in the Philadelphia Division subsequent to 3/23/68 and
determined that none of these vehicles were stolen in the
states of Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida or Mississippi.

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The following investigation was conducted by I C Brian F. McLaughlin:

On 4/24/68 Mr. HECTOR SQUILLACIOTTI, Special Service Representative, Veterans Administration Center, 5000 Wissahickon Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., made available National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) policy #N19 868 336 pertaining to JAMES EARL RAY and the following information was obtained:

JAMES EARL RAY made application for a \$10,000 term NSLI policy on 2/21/46 at Fort Sheridan, Ill., listing his date of birth as 3/10/28 at Alton, Ill., and his beneficiary as his mother LUCILLE MARY RAY, 538 E. Broadway, Alton, Ill.

RAY entered on duty in the military service on 2/19/46 under serial number [REDACTED]. His monthly insurance premiums were made to the VA by allotment from his military pay and amounted to \$6.40.

His monthly allotments were discontinued to the VA on 3/31/47 at his own request and his NSLI policy lapsed on 5/21/47.

On 7/25/50 the VA sent RAY a 1948 Special Dividend which amounted to \$82.50. His address at that time was 215 Oak St., Quincy, Ill. This is the last contact the VA had with JAMES EARL RAY and his file has been in a closed status since that time.

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