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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268) (P)

MURKIN

RE: ROBERT LEE MOORE

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Re Norfolk teletype to Mobile 5/10/68; Norfolk teletype to Philadelphia, 5/13/68; and Birmingham teletype to Norfolk 5/13/68.

In referenced Norfolk teletype 5/13/68 it was noted that MOORE was located and interviewed at Virginia Beach, Virginia, and eliminated as suspect in instant matter. Above for information of Birmingham who did not receive copy of Norfolk teletype 5/13/68.

Due to this, PITTS not being interviewed by Norfolk.

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SAC, (157-1214)

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Remarks:

ACTION: None.

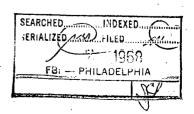
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania April 22, 1968

Source, on this occasion, was shown copies of photos of JAMES EARL RAY (44-1368 - MURKIN) and re-alerted concerning this matter. He was unable to furnish any pertinent information in this regard at this time.

Source advised, from contacts with friends, neighbors, and association with members of the Negro community throughout the Greater Philadelphia area, he considers the present period following the assassination of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., to be a period of "watch and wait." He stated, however, his impression is that "Philadelphia will get theirs" (riot outbreak), perhaps about June, 1968, probably largely due to resentment toward Police Commissioner RIZZO and the Philadelphia Police Department.

Source said he had no facts on which he based this opinion; that it is his over-all impression from sounding community attitude. He did add that he heard some weapons accumulated among the Negro community have been produced by returning discharged GI's or are being produced through connections with presently enlisted GI's.

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Hunt For King Assassin Becomes Bungling Mess

ATLANTA, Ga. - The investigation of the Dr. Martin Luther King assassination has been almost entirely an FBI affair, a fact that could brove somewhat embarrassing to the bureau if its No.1 suspect, James Earl Ray, isn't apprehended - alive.

The trail of Ray, who went by the name of Eric Starvo Galt, ended in Atlanta, where his white Mustang was found abandoned April 11, seven days after Dr. King was killed by a sniper in Memphis, Tenn.

SEEN LEAVING CAR

There has been no trace of him since early on the morning of April 5-22 to 14 hours after the shooting --when a man believed to be him was seen leaving the car in an Atlanta public housing project.

The FBI has labeled Ray "armed and extremely dangerous," and there is growing concern here that if the elusive ex-convict ever is located he will be shot by his captors.

This could mean the motive for the slaying would never be known and that the country would be wracked with rumors and doubts about the killing, much as it has been about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, whose accused slayer, Lee Harvey Oswald, was fatally shot by Jack Ruby.

The Atlanta Journal, in its lead editorial Saturday declared: "We regard it as imperative that James Earl Ray.
... be taken into custody alive and closely protected thereafter. If this is the killer, every possible step must be taken to see that he is not silenced before he talks."

The Journal said that "the country can be done great harm if the truth is not established" and added that it questioned the wisdom of labeling Ray "armed and extremely dangerous."

In four cities where the investigation has been concentrated.-Memphis, Birmingham, Ala., Atlanta and Los Angeles--local police have been practically shunted aside by the FBI.

In Birmingham, a detective lieutenant who tried to talk to the clerk who sold Ray a rifle was called off the case after the clerk balked and the FBI complained to a police official that it did not want the witness questioned.

The FBI investigation has been handled at the highest levels, with its only two press releases on the case coming out of Washington and quoting 'Attorney General Ramsey Clark and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

The releases have given no indication why more wide spread local police efforts have not been encouraged in a case that primarily concerns a State offense - murder

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NORFOLK

FROM

BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN.

RE NORFOLK TEL TO MOBILE, AND MOBILE TEL TO BIRMINGHAM. BOTH MAY TEN, LAST.

SARA BELL, PROBATE CLERK, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ALA., ADVISED SIXTY EIGHT ALA. LICENSE FIVE NINE - FOUR ZERO SIX FIVE ISSUED TO DON PITTS, ASHVILLE, ALA., FOR SIXTY OLDSMOBILE, FOUR-DOOR, EIGHTY EIGHT, MOTOR NO. ZERO SIX SEVEN M FOUR TWO FIVE ONE ONE, AND PURCHASED MARCH NINE, LAST, AT ASHVILLE, ALA. PITTS OR ROBERT L. MOORE UNKNOWN TO BELL. INVESTIGATION AT ASHVILLE. ALA., REVEALED LICENSE ISSUED BY SHIRLEY SATTERFIELD. TAX ASSES-SOR, ST. CLAIR CO., ALA. SATTERFIELD ADVISED HE IS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH DONALD E. PITTS, AND THAT PITTS HAD TELEPHONI-CALLY CONTACTED HIM ON MARCH NINE, LAST, REQUESTING THAT A SIXTY EIGHT ALA. LICENSE BE ISSUED TO PITTS FOR A SIXTY OLDSMO-BILE HE HAD PURCHASED FROM ROBERT L. MOORE. SATTERFIELD

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UNRECALLED ADDRESS IN VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. SATTERFIELD ADVISED
THAT PITTS HAD FORMERLY RESIDED IN ODENVILLE, ALA. VICINITY
AND HAD MOVED TO VIRGINIA BEACH APPROXIMATELY SIX TO EIGHT
MONTHS AGO. PITTS DESCRIBED WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY FIVE FT.
NINE, BLOND CURLY HAIR, BLUE EYES, EARLY THIRTIES, AND THOUGHT
TO BE CONSTRUCTION WORKER. SATTEEFIELD PROVIDED NAME MRS.
GARLAND FORTSON, ODENVILLE, ALA., AS INDIVIDUAL WHO COULD
POSSIBLY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

MRS. FORTSON ADVISED SHE WAS CLOSE FRIEND OF MRS. HELEN PITTS, FORMER WIFE OF DON PITTS AND THAT PITTS AND HIS EX-WIFE BOTH CURRENTLY RESIDE IN VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. FORTSON PROVIDED FORMER ADDRESS OF PITTS AS TWO NINE ZERO FIVE SHORE AVE., VIRGINIA BEACH, BUT STATED SHE THOUGHT PITTS HAD SINCE MOVED. PITTS' EX-WIFE, HELEN (MARRIED NAME UNKNOWN), CURRENTLY RESIDES ONE NINE ZERO ONE ATLANTIC AVE., VIRGINIA BEACH. PITTS EMPLOYED IN ALUMINUM SIDING BUSINESS AND FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH KIM CONKLIN (PH) IN THIS BUSINESS.

NORFOLK IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PITTS.

BH 44-1740 PAGE THREE

AIR MAIL COPIES MEMPHIS AND PHILADERPHIA.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO:

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM:

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype to Philadelphia 5/1/68 concerning passengers on AAL Flight #338 from Dallas to Philadelphia, 4/6/68.

RE: COREY C. GAREY

GAREY was located and interviewed on May 10, 1968, by SA JAMES J. FINLEY. GAREY advised his business records reflected he had been on instant flight.

GAREY is a cattle broker and spends most of his time travelling.

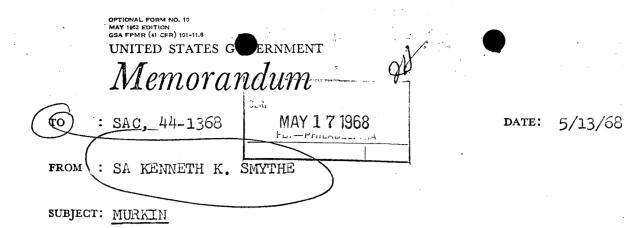
Photographs of RAY were exhibited to GAREY and he could recall no one on instant flight resembling the subject.

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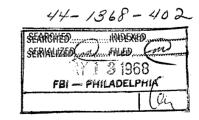
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ARE ALSO NOT AVAILABLE. KANSAS CITY BY AIRTEL DATED MAY SEVENTEEN

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LAST SUBMITTED TO BUREAU COMPLETE PENITENTIARY FILE RE JAMES EXXXXXXXXX

RAY. INCLUDED IN THIS PENITENTIARY FILE WERE PERTINENT DENTAL

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