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*M.B.*  
*W. E. Davis*

~~*W. E. Davis*~~  
(Reading RA)  
*W. Alan Reighley*

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268) (P)  
MURKIN  
RE: ROBERT LEE MOORE  
DON PITTS

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.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

- 2 - Birmingham
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (INFO)
- 1 - Mobile (INFO)
- ① - Philadelphia (44-1368) (INFO)
- 1 - Norfolk

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*W. M. Conner* *JAC*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : SAC PHILADELPHIA (170-242)(P) DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA DELBERT C. TOOHEY

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob) (GHETTO)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ RSUBJECT: RUBEN LOPEZ PEREZ  
RACIAL INFORMANT (GHETTO)☐

Dates of Contact <b>4/25/68 &amp; 5/14/68</b>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <b>MURKIN</b> <b>44-1368</b>		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NEGATIVE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC <p><b>RI(G), was contacted and shown a photo and wanted flyer of JAMES EARL RAY. RI(G) stated he would be alert to any news pertinent to the whereabouts of RAY.</b></p> <p><b>RI(G) ADVISED that he was not aware of any racial unrest or tensions that might develop into trouble in his neighborhood, that of 2547 North Marshall Street, at the present time.</b></p> <p><b>RI(G) was again reminded to call the writer immediately upon knowledge of any unrest or disorder of any kind. RI(G) agreed to do so.</b></p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>Good</b>	Coverage <b>Same</b>

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1 - (170-242)

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC PHILADELPHIA (137-5061)(P) DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA DELBERT C. TOOHEY

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: ROBERT OLSEN  
PCI

☐

Dates of Contact 4/25/68 & 5/14/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		44-1368
THOMAS JOSEPH THORNTON-FUGITIVE ITSMV		26-34248
JULIO COLON, RAFAEL LOPEZ		26-35247
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>PCI Was contacted and shown a photo and wanted flyer of JAMES EARL RAY. PCI stated he would be alert to any news pertinent to the whereabouts of RAY.</p> <p>PCI was shown photos of THOMAS JOSEPH THORNTON and generally advised of his status but was unable to supply information of value.</p> <p>PCI advised that one, ROBERTO DELGATO, 615 W. Diamond St., Phila., Pa., did most of the title work for Puerto Ricans regarding the registration of cars. PCI felt that DELGATO was anything but legitimate in his operation. PCI advised that he would try to learn of a particular vehicle that DELGATO had handled that was "hot".</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Same

1 - (44-1368)  
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TO : SAC PHILADELPHIA (137-4918)(P) DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA DELBERT C. TOOHEY

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☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: JOSEPH J. PARKER  
PCI

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MURKIN		44-1368
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<p>PCI was contacted and shown a photo and wanted flyer of JAMES EARL RAY. PCI stated he would be alert to any news pertinent to the whereabouts of RAY.</p> <p>PCI was shown photos of THOMAS JOSEPH THORNTON inasmuch as THORNTON frequents the west Philadelphia area. THORNTON's mother also lives in west Philadelphia. PCI advised that he would ask around re THORNTON, but PCI had no personal knowledge regarding him.</p> <p>PCI advised that he knew nothing about the Puerto Rican car thieves in Philadelphia. He advised that he had heard that all the Puerto Rican action was on the east side of the river.</p> <p>PCI advised that he is still willing to furnish the FBI with information re criminal activities.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating  Good	Coverage  Same
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1 - (137-4918)



TO: SAC, (157-1214)

FROM: SA HARRY H. PLUMMER  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLY RACIAL VIOLENCE  
MAJOR URBAN AREAS

Date prepared

5/7/68

Date received

4/22/68

Received from (name or symbol number)

PH 481-S (RELIABLE)

Received by

SA HARRY H. PLUMMER

Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

☒ in person ☐ by telephone ☐ by mail ☒ orally ☐ recording device ☐ written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Rough drafted <sup>Date</sup> 4/24/68 by SA HARRY H. PLUMMER  
~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XX~~

Typed on 4/25/68 by BARBARA S. MURPHY  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Authenticated 5/3/68  
by Informant

Date of Report

4/22/68

Date(s) of activity

4/22/68

Brief description of activity or material

Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban  
Areas.

File where original is located if not attached

134-580-SUB A-469

Remarks:

ACTION: None.

1 - 157-1214 (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS)  
1 - 44-1368 (MURKIN)  
1 - 134-580 (PH 481-S)

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*AED*

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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.

*Star*

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

## 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 prove 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--12 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.

### EDITORIAL APPEAL

The Atlanta Journal, in its lead editorial Saturday de-

clared: "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 widespread local police efforts have not been encouraged in a case that primarily concerns a State offense--murder.

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

p. 6--"Scoop U.S.A."  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Date: 5/11/68  
Edition: Vol. 9, No. 18  
Author:  
Editor: Richard Sonny  
Title: Driver

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☐ Being Investigated

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PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO 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

1 - Memphis (AM)  
1 - Philadelphia (AM)  
LKS:jbt  
(3)

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SW

*J. E. Conner*

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STATED HE ISSUED THIS LICENSE TO PITTS AND MAILED TAG TO 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.

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AIR MAIL COPIES MEMPHIS AND PHILADELPHIA.

5/13/68

AIRTEL

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.

2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

KKS/gmm

(3) *gmm*

*BK*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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1 - Each SRA  
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5-16-68  
Trooper Tom Jenkins, BCI  
PSP Bethlehem Pa advised his  
Troop headquarters does not keep  
any unidentified latent FP file. He  
said any latents discovered are put in  
the case file itself and  
there is no way of  
knowing which cases  
unidentified latents  
unless a review of  
each file is made.  
T.F. HANNIGAN

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*at Reading  
This lead previously  
covered - see my memo  
5/3/68 + 5/8/68.  
Reggie*

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*Cpl Paul KLECKNER  
PSP Wyoming  
Cpl Rexin Comm  
PSP Wyoming  
5/15/68 ADVISED  
NOT MAINTAINED*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1368)(P)

FROM : SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/17/68

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REITZ stated that JOHN RILEY is the Modern Transfer Company Philadelphia Terminal Manager with phone #GA 6-7750.

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The above information was telephonically furnished to SA SMYTHE by SA HANNIGAN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

SAC (44-1368)(P)

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Type in plaintext or code)Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)

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2-Columbia  
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2-Memphis (44-1987)  
2-Albany  
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*Assign lead to  
Brayley*

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LEADS

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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AL 44-493

COLUMBIA

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

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PHILADELPHIA

AT HAVERTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

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AT HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

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MEMPHIS

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ALBANY

AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

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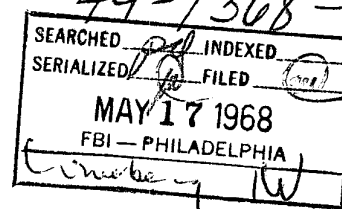
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FBI PHILA

FBI MEMPHIS

637 PM URGENT 5/20/68 TSJ

TO DIRECTOR AND PHILADELPHIA

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

RE PHILADELPHIA TEL MAY TWENTY.

DENTAL RECORDS OF RAY NOT AVAILABLE AT MEMPHIS . X-RAYS  
ARE ALSO NOT AVAILABLE. KANSAS CITY BY AIRTEL DATED MAY SEVENTEEN  
LAST SUBMITTED TO BUREAU COMPLETE PENITENTIARY FILE RE JAMES ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ **EARL**  
**RAY. INCLUDED IN THIS PENITENTIARY FILE WERE PERTINENT DENTAL**  
CHARTS. BUREAU REQUESTED FORWARD DENTAL CHARTS TH PHILADELPHIA.

KANSAS CITY ADVISED THAT ON MAY TWENTY X-RAYS SECURED  
FROM PRISON WERE SUBMITTED BY AIRTEL TO BUREAU. THESE ARE X-RAYS  
OF MOUTH AND JAW OF JAMES EARL RAY WHICH DO SHOW THE TEETH.  
THESE SUBMITTED AS ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU THIS DATE. BUREAU  
REQUEST FORWARD SAME TO PHILADELPHIA OFFICE. SINCE POSSIBILITY  
EXISTS THAT THESE DENTAL CHARTS AS WELL AS X-RAYS MAY BECOME OF  
ADDITIONAL USE AS CASE PROGRESSES, BUREAU SHOULD CONSIDER POSSI-  
BILITY OF MAKING ADDITIONAL COPIES FOR USE IN THIS MATTER.  
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