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DENIES BEING ACQUAINTED WITH RAY WHILE BOTH WERE AT MAP.

A&D. P.

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PLSCORR LINES THREE AND FOUR FIRST PARA FIRST PG

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LADT SUBMITTED TO BUREAU COM;PLETE PENITENTIARY FILE RE JAMES EARL
RAY. INCLUDING IN THIS PENITENTIARY FILE WERE PERTINENT DENTAL

OK

THANK YOU

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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 ^{EARL}~~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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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987) (PLAINTEXT)
FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (P) 2P

MURKIN

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ON MAY EIGHT LAST BODY OF UNKNOWN DECEASED FOUND PARTIALLY BURIED
IN GRAVE NEAR MAHANOEY CITY, PA. BODY CLOTHED ONLY IN SHORTS AND
UNDERSHIRT; POWDER, BELIVED LIME, IN GRAVE. EXAMINING PATHOLOGIST
FOUND THREE BULLETS IN CHEST CAVITY. BODY IN ADVANCED STATE OF DECAY,
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OF NORTHERN ITALY OR CENTRAL EUROPE. TEETH IN UPPER JAW MISSING OR
DISLODGED BUT THOSE IN LOWER JAW INTACT AND CONTAIN SEVERAL FILLINGS.
LOWER JAW IN POSSESSION OF PSP, READING, PA, WHO ARE RETAINING.

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ON THIS DATE PSP, READING, REQUESTED, AT SUGGESTION FBI PHILA, THAT TEETH BE COMPARED WITH DENTAL RECORD OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA-FUGITIVE, IO NO. FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO. IF DENTAL RECORD OF RAY IS AVAILABLE OR CAN BE OBTAINED FROM PRISON OR OTHER RECORDS, MEMPHIS REQUESTED FURNISH PHILA WITH RECORDS, INCLUDING AVAILABILITY OF X-RAYS AND NAMES OF DENTISTS SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO HAVE DENTIST COMPARE WITH TEETH IN LOWER JAW OF UNKNOWN DECEASED.

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Date: 5/20/68

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)(P)

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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Per [Signature]

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COMPARE WITH TEETH IN LOWER JAW OF UNKNOWN DECEASED.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA JOHN G. DEVINE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA JAMES L. O'CONNOR dated 4/30/68.

Trooper Lamar Green, BCI, Pennsylvania State Police, Mansfield, Pa. advised 5/3/68, that he will search latent prints on file at that troop headquarters to establish if any could be identical to those of JAMES EARL RAY.

Trooper Joseph Perechinsky, BCI, Pennsylvania State Police, Towanda, Pa. advised 5/3/68, that a search of latent prints maintained by that troop headquarters disclosed that none are identical with those of JAMES EARL RAY.

Trooper Carl Aciukewicz, BCI, Pennsylvania State Police, Coudersport, Pa. advised 5/6/68, that while the troop headquarters does maintain any unidentified latent prints on a normal basis, they do not have any on file at that time.

Trooper Green, BCI, Mansfield, Pa. subsequently advised on 5/17/68, that a complete search of latent prints on file at that station, do not include any which are identical with those of JAMES EARL RAY.

All other law enforcement agencies contacted in the territory covered by the Wellsboro RA, do not maintain any latent fingerprints in connection with matters under their jurisdiction, but depend upon the Pennsylvania State Police to handle these matters.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHILADELPHIA(44-1368)

DATE: 5/20/68

FROM : SA KENNETH K. SMYTHE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This date, ROBERT BENKOVICH, Apartment E154 Devon - Stratford Apartments, Devon, Pa., telephonically contacted the writer. He advised that he was employed as a Bibliographic Searcher at the Franklin Institute Laboratories.

BENKOVICH stated that he had been doing dream study research under hypnosis with his wife, REGINA BENKOVICH. He stated that during one of these sessions he had asked his wife where JAMES EARL RAY was. She responded that he was in Atlantic City, N.J., but that he was soon leaving for the state of Washington.

She also divulged that RAY was not the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and that he had a witness to prove this if he were ever apprehended. The real killer is in Europe.

REGINA BENKOVICH has no personal knowledge of RAY, but has only divulged the above through dream studies.

The alleged killer had had a brother killed in a civil rights demonstration, and that was the motive for his killing KING.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1368)

DATE: May 17, 1968

FROM : SA JAMES CHARLES HAEBEL

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

At Phoenixville, Pa.

Major MILTON GEORGE MC GAUHEY, 119 Camp Council Road advised on 5/13/68 that the only additional information regarding the individual who he observed on 5/3/68 at the Valley Forge General Hospital (VFGH) and who he thought had a resemblance to RAY came from a conversation he had with this man. He added that the man mentioned to him that he had been in the United States Air Force for 19 years and that he had achieved a pay grade of E-7. He added that when he last saw this individual the man asked directions to the Non-Commissioned Officers Club at the VFGH. He concluded that he has not seen this man before or since the incident. MC GAUHEY explained that he himself, was retired from the military and thought this individual he saw was also probably a retired military person but thought he should report the incident anyhow.

DR. DOUGLAS REITSMA, civilian doctor under contract to the VFGH advised that he does not keep an appointment book and that he sees all of the patients at the Out Patient Department at the VFGH and that prior to their appearance at his office at VFGH they are checked by the duty Non-Commissioned Officer to see if they have identification ~~xxx~~ cards which entitle them to the medical service he performs. He added that he does not specifically recall who he saw on 5/3/68, but that he did remember the patients were ones which he has seen several times in the past and that they were all military dependants or retired military persons or they could not have gotten in to see him. He examined a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that he could not recall anyone who had been in to see him during the month of May who would even resemble in any way this photograph.

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TO ALL SACS (PLAINTEXT)
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

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, SIXTY-EIGHT, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTY-FIVE 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.

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Covered in I.O.
& Wanted Flyer
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LEAD

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date also.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

JS
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (170-221)

DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA C. VICTOR ANDERSON, JR.

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
R (PROBATIONARY) (GHETTO)

SUBJECT: JOHN TUCKER, JR.

Dates of Contact 4/30/68, 5/10/68, and 5/15/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		44-1368
GENERAL RACIAL SITUATION		157-1214
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE On 4/30/68, informant was shown the picture and <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE wanted flyer of JAMES EARL RAY, and was furnished <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC with his description. He was further alerted to look for cars bearing Georgia, Tennessee, or Mississippi license plates, driven by a person fitting RAY's description.		
Information also advised at this time that in his mind the general racial situation was calm as far as he could ascertain. He had not heard of any stock piling of weapons nor did he know of any individuals who were trying to start conditions which might lead to a riot.		
On 5/10/68 and 5/15/68, informant was contacted re the racial situation at which time he stated that the above information was still in effect.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage 44-1368-418
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
Attention: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed is a letter and envelope addressed to Rev. HAL LLOYD, United Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Pa., dated 4/17/68, bearing the return address of Cloud 13, Pueblo, N. Korea, signed ERIC S. GALT, and bearing the postmark of Mansfield, Ohio, p.m. 4/23/68.

Mr. SHERMAN A. HARMON, who resides 134 West Upsal Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and who is employed with the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, 54th and Haverford Avenue, Philadelphia, made available the above letter and envelope about which he advised as follows:

On Easter Sunday, 4/14/68 Rev. HAL B. LLOYD, Pastor, Germantown Presbyterian Community Church, Green and Tulpehocken Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., made a sermon which was televised to several states. Since that time LLOYD has received numerous letters in response to his sermon, some of which were complimentary and some of which were uncomplimentary. These letters concern the present conditions of the Negroes in this country.

HARMON was reviewing some of these letters for LLOYD and noticed that one of the letters was signed ERIC S. GALT.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)(RM) (Encl. 2)
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The FBI Lab is requested to compare the signature on the enclosed envelope and letter with the known handwriting and signature of JAMES EARL RAY.

The Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed letter and envelope for any identifiable latents. If any identifiable latents are developed, the Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to compare the latents with RAY's known fingerprints and also to search the latent prints through appropriate sections of the Single Fingerprint Files.

The Identification Division is requested to return the enclosed letter and envelope to the Philadelphia Office.

Information copies of this letter being furnished to Cleveland and Memphis Offices.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1368)

FROM : SA James Charles Haebel

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: May 21, 1968

HAEBEL: The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES CHARLES
At West Chester, ⁴Penna.

MRS. ALBERT A. ALLEN, 7 Caswallen Drive advised on 5/21/68 that a 1959 Rambler, Station Wagon, Black, 1968 Pennsylvania License 7D4-618 is presently owned by her son, MELVYN R. ALLEN, who is presently enrolled as a student at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. She added that during April 1968 her son got several parking tickets on this car in Syracuse and the Syracuse Police Department impounded the car. She added that subsequent to this action by the police department the car was released to MELVYN on the condition that he would pay the parking tickets. She stated that MELVYN went to Syracuse recovered the car and that the car is presently being utilized by her husband, ALBERT A. ALLEN, to commute to his place of employment in West Chester, Penna. She added that MELVYN returned to school in Syracuse in his father's Volkswagon and he left the 1959 Rambler in West Chester as he had been having motor trouble with the car and did not think it capable of making a long trip.



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Via **Airtel** _____

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To: All SACs
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and dangerous.

*AD Agent memo
attached w/ photo
5/24/68
H.K.S.*

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Date: **May 21, 1968**

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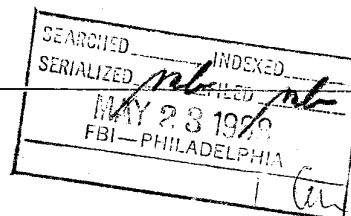
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

FROM : John M. Verespy

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/24/68

On 5/24/68, at 1:15 am, MR. JOHN BEALE, Div. #6, Bureau, telephonically advised writer that a package containing identification material on JAMES EARL RAY would be placed aboard EAL Flight 424 departing Dulles Airport, Washington, D. C. 5:45 am, and arriving at Philadelphia International Airport 6:34 am.

Plane arrived 7:54 am. Received package from Captain Hite, EAL, Flight 424. jmv.

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Capt Hite
EAL Flight 424

May 22, 1968

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference Director airtel to JE, 5/7/68;
Philadelphia airtel to Director, 5/9/68.

Re E. RAYMOND, R.D. 2, Coudersport, Pa., Complainant.
Information copies furnished Philadelphia and Memphis
due to their interest in this matter.

On 5/13/68, JOYCE HARRINGTON, Post Office Clerk,
Oklawaha, Florida Post Office, advised that there is no
listing at that post office for a J. FERGUSON, or JOHN FERRELL.
She advised that JOHN FERRELL, formerly resided at Route 1,
Box 98, Little Lake Weir and now receives his mail through
Route 1, Box 259, Forest Lake Park, Oklawaha, Florida. Also
receiving mail at Route 1, Box 259 are the WILLIAMS and JESSIE
FERRELL.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were furnished to Mrs.
HARRINGTON and she advised she did not recognize anyone as
being identical to RAY.

Negative attempts were made on 5/15 and 5/17/68 to
contact anyone at Route 1, Box 259, Oklawaha, Florida, a remote
cabin settlement in a wooded area.

On 5/20/68, Mrs. BETTY WILLIAMS, Route 1, Box 259,
advised that she is a neighbor and close personal friend of
JOHN FERRELL and that they have been residents in that location
for the past six years.

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She advised that FERRELL permanently moved to the Oklawaha area from Miami, Florida, and that he currently works for the Scotty Craft Boat Company, Miami Beach, Florida. She advised that he is on a sea going trip to Oceanside, Maryland presently and will return during the last week in May, 1968. Mrs. WILLIAMS advised that she knew of no other JOHN FERRELL in the Oklawaha area and that JOHN FERRELL, her neighbor, is a man of some fifty-one years, who is not outspoken in racial matters or politics. She was furnished photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that they were not familiar to her at all and that no one fitting the description of RAY has visited FERRELL'S cabin to her knowledge.

LEAD:

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION:

AT OKLAWAHA, FLORIDA:

Will interview JOHN FERRELL, Route 1, Box 259, upon his return from Oceanside, Md.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/23/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

RE: MURKIN
(CC: ME)

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau and interested offices, 5/20/68; CV airtel to Bureau, 4/29/68, and MM airtel to Bureau, 4/11/68.

LETTER BEARING RETURN ADDRESS.
CLOUD 13, PUEBLO, NORTH KOREA,
SIGNED ERIC S. GALT, POSTMARKED
MANSFIELD, OHIO, 4/23/68

In Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68, a letter and envelope were enclosed that had been addressed to Rev. HAL LLOYD, United Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Pa., dated 4/17/68, bearing the return address of Cloud 13, Pueblo, North Korea, signed ERIC S. GALT, bearing the postmark of Mansfield, Ohio, 4/23/68.

In CV airtel to Bureau, 4/29/68, CV advised that the individual who wrote the note "Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING will be dead by 4/14/68", which had first been brought to the attention of the Bureau by MM airtel dated 4/11/68, was identified as GEORGE CHARLES GRAY, DOB 3/3/49, 514 Ohio St., Ashland, Ohio.

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2-Memphis (44-1987)
1-Philadelphia (info)
2-Cleveland

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It is suggested that since Ashland, Ohio, is in rather close proximity to Mansfield, Ohio, the location where the above described letter was mailed, that a comparison of the contents of the letter and the note enclosed with MM airtel to Bureau, 4/11/68, be made to determine if GEORGE CHARLES GRAY might possibly be the writer of the letter and envelope enclosed in Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68.

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Date: **May 23, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680521090 JK**

Specimens received

5/21/68

- Q347 Envelope postmarked "Mansfield, Ohio APR 23 1968 PM" bearing typewritten address "Rev. Hal Lloyd United Presbyterian Church Germantown, Pa."**
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Result of examination:

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Q347 and Q348 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 23, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
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OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination requested by: **Philadelphia**

Reference: **Airtel 5/20/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Phila. (44-1368)

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA GEORGE C. BRIGHT *GB*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re. Albany airtel to Atlanta dated 5/13/68.

Under date of 5/23/68 Det. Sgt. JOHN SCANLIN, Haverford Township Police Department, Haverfown, Pa. advised the files of his office contained no record identifiable with NICHOLAS H. ALEX 509 Harriet Lane, Havertown, Pa. There was no record of 1956 Chevrolet, Pa. license 4E6698, which is registered to ALEX as having been reported stolen.

After unsuccessful efforts to contact NICHOLAS H. ALEX 509 Harriet Lane on 5/22,23/68, M.s. JOHN ALEX, mother of NICHOLAS H. ALEX advised the above car is registered to her son, who is presently attending Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y. She stated she received a letter from Police Department, Syracuse, N. Y. advising car was found abandoned. She further advised her son had been sick for two weeks and that is the reason he was not driving his car. He is now in possession of his car.



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Identity Sought For Body Found In Lime Grave

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and state police have joined with Schuylkill County authorities in an attempt to identify a bullet-riddled body found in a shallow grave about 20 miles north of Pottsville on May 7.

Three 38 caliber bullets were found in the remains after an autopsy and the victim's right cheekbone had been fractured and some of his upper teeth knocked out. Authorities said it appeared to have been a gangland killing.

The body was so badly decomposed that little more than a skeleton remained. Investigators said dental records would be about the only means of identification.

Originally they believed that the body had been in the grave at least a year. Then it appeared that lime had been poured over it to hasten its disintegration.

The body was found near Route 339 two miles north of Mahanoy City by two state forestry workers.

The FBI here said there was no evidence to link the body with James Earl Ray, 40, being sought in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A spokesman said the chance of the body being that of Ray is about "one in 200 million."

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Upstate Gun Victim**Body Probed for King Slaying Link**By **GEORGE INGRAM**
Of The Inquirer Staff

MAHANAY CITY, Pa., May 23.—The discovery of the body of a murdered man in a shallow, hurriedly-dug grave in the Schuylkill county pinelands has led to an investigation into the possibility that the victim is ~~James Earl Ray, the accused~~

slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Joe D. Jamieson, agent in charge of the Philadelphia office of the FBI, is among authorities who have cast considerable doubt that the murdered man is Ray. But the investigation, initiated by Schuylkill county officials, is continuing, it was disclosed Thursday.

The body was found in the Buck Mountain area of the county, 2½ miles north of Mahanoy City. It was in a grave dug among scrub pine about 600 feet west of Route 339.

The body was discovered by two State Forestry Service employees on May 8, but it was only in the past few days that local

investigators began to note some similarities between the facial characteristics and those of Ray.

Charts were set up and facial measurements were taken. Local investigators decided there was sufficient reason to call in Hugh C. Norton, of the FBI in Schuylkill county.

Jamieson said there was no reason to believe that the skeleton and other remains were those of Ray, who authorities say shot and killed Dr. King on April 4 in Memphis, Tenn.

Schuylkill County District Attorney Richard Russell said he believed it was more likely the body was that of a victim of a gangland slaying, an angle he said also was being probed by the FBI.

Dr. Wilton Krogman, of Philadelphia, an expert "bone detective," said he took "a dim view" of the possibility that the remains were those of Ray, but like Jamieson he was awaiting what he called the "clincher"—a foolproof dental comparison. He was called in on the case by State police.

Local authorities considered significant the discovery of a car, a Mustang, at the bottom of a 45-foot strip mine pond, recalling that the killer of Dr. King escaped in a white Mustang.

However, after the assassination of the Negro civil rights leader, a white Mustang registered in one of Ray's assumed names was found abandoned in

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Atlanta, Ga., and was impounded by the FBI.

Skin divers employed to trace the Mustang discovered in Schuylkill county were not sure the car was white and had to abandon attempts to remove it from the water.

The pond is on the St. Clair Port Carbon rd., between communities by the same names and about 18 miles from the spot where the body was found. It is in East Norwegian town ship.

The body was in a grave 24 inches deep, 15 inches wide and about 40 inches long, according to State Police Sgt. John R. Dalinsky. Clad only in shorts and T-shirt, the body was on its left chest cavity, one behind the ear, a third in the brain.

VICTIM BATTERED

Dr. Thomas Patrick Buckley, pathologist at Good Samaritan Hospital, Pottsville, reported after an autopsy that the murder victim had multiple fractures of the cheek and the upper teeth had been knocked out.

Dr. Krogman, a University of Pennsylvania professor and chairman of its department of Physical anthropology, said the victim had been pistol-whipped. He said there was a "superficial facial resemblance" with Ray, a resemblance suggested by a restoration he performed with an "identi-kit."

The anthropologist, who is also director of the Growth Research Center at Children's

Hospital, 1701 Fitzwater st., said the murder victim had had a "very specific" dental work made available by prison authorities where Ray was confined probably would provide the complete answer, he added.

'NORMAL PROCEDURE'

Jamieson said there was nothing that would indicate the remains were those of Ray and added it was "normal procedure" to check out the possibility just is it was with many other body discoveries in other parts of the country.

"If the results of the check turn out to be him, fine, it was a good guess," he said.

Authorities said dental records of Ray would be obtained from veterans' hospitals where he had been a patient and the prisons where he served time. Jamieson would not say when those records would be available, pointing out it came under "a normal administrative procedure."

IDENTITY CLUES

Dr. Krogman said his study indicated the murder victim was white, had dark brown hair, a muscular build, and was between 5 feet, 9 inches, and six feet in height. He was also believed to be between 39 and 44 years of age.

Dr. Krogman said the murder victim found in Schuylkill county — and since buried in a potter's field in Pottsville — weighed 180 to 210 pounds. Ray, who was 40 and 5 feet, 11 inches, weighed between 160 and 175 pounds.

The disappearance and subsequent murder of Dr. King's killer has been considered a distinct possibility by investigators who believed he might have been "used" as a tool to commit the assassination.

The mystery body was found by Winfield Morgan, district supervisor of the State Depart-

ment of Forests and Waters.

The anthropologist, who is also an employee, Mitchell Chaplinsky, during a survey of the

Hospital, 1701 Fitzwater st., said They said they were following the murder victim had had a road "that led to nowhere" when Chaplinsky noticed a small excavation he thought to be a groundhog hole and then noticed a bone in the hole about seven inches in length.

The two men dug further and discovered the skeleton. The area was cordoned off by police.

GANG THEORY

District Attorney Russell said Thursday night that establishment of the body as that of Ray was "a million to one shot" and reiterated his belief the body was that of a gangland slaying victim.

"We don't have any local Mafia as such in our area," he said, "but the type of burial and the beating looks like a professional Mafia job."

The medical experts who examined the body were of the opinion it was that of an Italian or central European.

State Police Detective George Durilla of Reading said a shoe made in Italy and fitting the foot of the dead man was found 10 feet from the body, along with a pair of black bifocal glasses.

DUMPING GROUND

One side result of the probe was the discovery by authorities of a dumping ground for stolen cars, and it was believed possible several would be turned up.

When three teenagers were arrested in Elizabeth, N. J., for stealing a car from the Schuylkill Haven Acme Market, they gave information about other thefts and described the Lower Mill Creek mine area as a depository for stolen cars.

Members of the Schuylkill Scuba Diving Club descended in the pond in that area and found a stolen 1957 Chevrolet on the bottom, under 45 feet of water, the Mustang balanced precariously above it.

TOO DANGEROUS

One of the divers, Vincent Lucas, of Minersville, said, it was too dangerous to approach the Mustang in the murky waters. He said the divers planned to renew their efforts in a sunny weather and when the water had cleared.

Dr. King's slayer at first was identified as Eric Starvo Galt. Later, however, that name proved only one of many aliases used by Ray, who was known as a "loner."

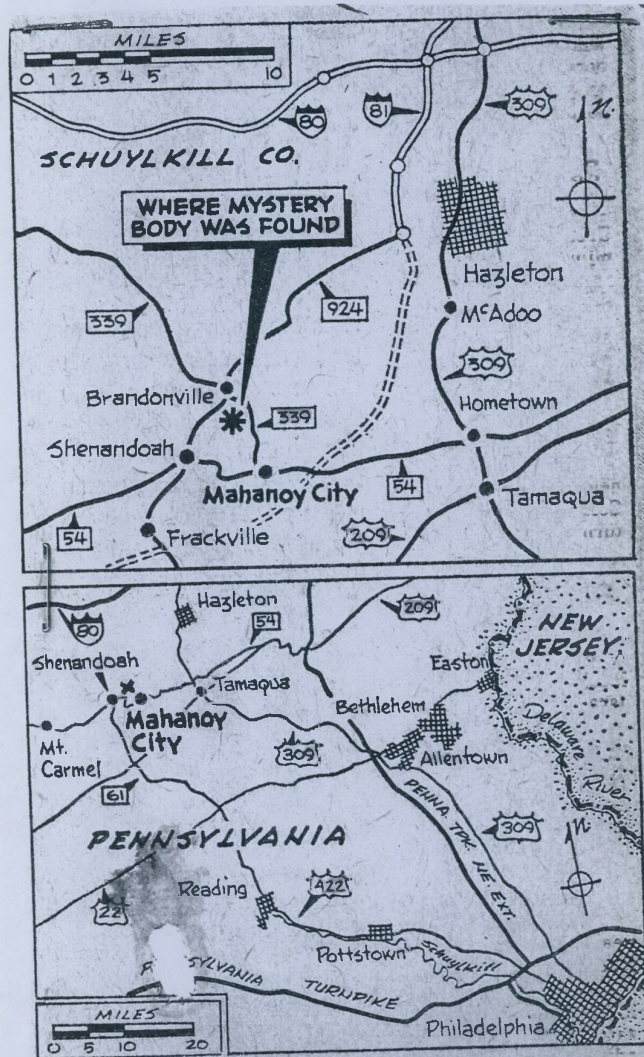
Ray's last known address was a boarding house in Birmingham, Ala. Investigators discovered that less than a year ago he peeled off \$2000 in cash — although listing himself as unemployed — to purchase the white Mustang.

Ray served two years in the Army but was discharged for ineptitude. He was jailed for three months while in the Army for drunkenness and resisting arrest.

He has a criminal record dating back to 1949. In 1960, he was sentenced to 20 years in the Missouri State Penitentiary for armed robbery and car theft and escaped from there on April 23, 1967.



Photos of James Earl Ray, suspect in slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., flank a State police composite drawing of a murder victim found buried near Mahanoy City, Pa. Slim possibility that the body may be that of Ray is being investigated by State and local officials and agents of the FBI.



Map locates place near Mahanoy City where body was found in shallow grave in wooded area.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1368)

DATE: 5/25/68

FROM : SA D. ALAN REIGHLEY III

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call from SA KEN SMYTHE, 5/24/68.

SA SMYTHE advised in re telephone call he had received skull xrays of JAMES EARL RAY which had previously been requested by the Pennsylvania State Police and were to be delivered to the Reading Barracks, Troop L.

First Sgt. WILLIAM HENNINGS, Troop L, Reading, Pa. was notified by writer 5/24/68, that above xrays were in Philadelphia. Sgt. HENNINGS advised Sgt. GEORGE DUREILLA is on leave today and Sgt. DUREILLA is currently conducting the investigation concerning the unidentified body in Schuylkill County. He noted Sgt. DUREILLA had originally requested the xrays. Sgt. HENNINGS checked with Lt. PHILIP CHULICK and thereafter requested the xrays be mailed to Reading.

On 5/25/68, the above mentioned xrays were received by writer and delivered to Lt. CHULICK this same date. A receipt was obtained and is filed in the 1-A envelope. Lt. CHULICK advised he will notify writer when comparisons have been completed in order that xrays might be returned.

Appropriate notation should be made on serial 44-1368-1B-2 (4) as to present location of xrays.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-1368

FROM : SA ANDREW P BOSKO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/26/68

On 5/26/68 RICHARD LONG, Division Six, Bureau called and requested to know the status of the dental examination to be conducted on the body found near Pottsville, Pa. LONG stated he wanted the info so that he could put it into a memo that was going up to the AG.

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The information was furnished to SA ALAN D REIGHLEY.

REIGHLEY advised that he was informed by LT. PHILIP CHULICK, TROOP L PSP, Reading, Pa., that they have the dental charts however, the examination has not be conducted. CHULICK stated they expect to conduct the examination early this week and that the examination will take several days.

The above information furnished by LT. CHULICK was telephonically furnished to SA RICHARD LONG, Division Six, on 5/26/68.

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K. Smythe [signature] KAS

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5/25/68

From: SA William C. Murphy II

On 5/25/68. Dr. Irwin L. Simkins, 1737 Chestnut St., Tel. # LO4-4445 telephonically contacted the writer and offered his assistance in helping to identify any bodies through dental comparisons.

He said he would be willing to circulate dental impressions of James Earl Ray to dentists throughout the area, or be of any other ~~sort~~ assistance to us.

He stated that he is the dentist for the State Prison.

Officer index negative.

SA Kenneth N. Smythe notified
10:15 AM. 5/25/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1368)

FROM : SA DENNIS W. CAMPBELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/24/68

re memo of SA KENNETH K. SMYTHE, dated 5/13/68

The following investigation was conducted by SA DENNIS W. CAMPBELL, at Dunmore, Pa.:

On 5/20/68, Trooper Andrew Merenick, Criminal Intelligence Unit, Dunmore PSP, Troop "R" was requested to compare all latent fingerprints under his control to the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, IO 4182 since 4/23/68.

On 5/23/68 Trooper Merenick was recontacted and advised that the results of the above request were negative.



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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

Re New York teletype to Baltimore, etc., 4/30/68,
relative to passengers on American Airlines Flight No. 338,
4/6/68.

All leads at Dallas in this regard have been
resolved either at Dallas or by leads to other offices
except passengers BEN BLEAM, MRS. PAUL S. BAINE and (FNU)
LENLEY.

Reference to directories, office indices, credit
and criminal records have failed to identify these three
persons. It is noted, however, that none of the passengers
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resembling subject. It is not felt that further efforts to
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*no record identifiable
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directories, Police Dept.,
or Credit Bureau.*

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Date: 5/14/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to Director 4/29/68, concerning toll calls from the phone booth at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California and Philadelphia airtel to Bureau dated 5/8/68.

A recheck of the toll records from the phone booth located at the St. Francis Hotel, reveal a telephone call was placed from telephone No. 462-9901, located at the St. Francis Hotel, to telephone No. 215-247-2027. The call began at 7:37 p.m. on 1/3/68 and listed time of call lasted for three minutes and 30 seconds.

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AT LAFAYETTE HILL, PENNSYLVANIA: Will again interview the subscriber of telephone No. 247-2027, with the additional above information to ascertain from whom the telephone call came.

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- 2 - Philadelphia
- 2 - Los Angeles

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Date: 5/14/68

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JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee, sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Top Ten" list to insure widespread dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to speed his location.

Ray has been intensively sought since the murder of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices were posted, determined that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias of Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen. Ray, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful flight to avoid confinement for robbery. His long criminal record also includes convictions for burglary and forging U.S. Postal Money Orders.

A white American, born in Alton, Illinois, on March 10, 1928, Ray is 5'10" tall, weighs 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably. Known as a "loner" and "drifter," Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

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RE: MURKIN

PUBLICATION ON REWARDS OFFERED

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☐ For information ☐ optional ☐ For appropriate action

☐ The enclosed report for information. If used in a report, report to all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA dated _____

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#8 J. J. [signature]

In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has under-written the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 137-2931

DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : SA RICHARD E. LOGAN

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: IVORY LEE JOHNSON

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Dates of Contact 5/8/68; 5/13/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
UNSUBS: John T. Robinson	VIKID	7-763
ARNOLD CLARK; SHELLEY JOHNSON	LMRDA	159-226
MURKIN		44-1368
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE RE 7-763		
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>On 5/8/68, PCI was shown photographs of SALVATORE RISPO and BOBBY MARINO and he stated he did not know them. Informant stated that he believed that one ELMER WATERS of 2427 Nassau Street, and also BILLY VANCE, both members of Local 332 of the International Laborers Union, should be talked to regarding the murder of JOHN T. ROBINSON.</p> <p>RE 44-1368</p> <p>At this time the informant was shown a photo of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he would be on the alert for any information concerning him or his whereabouts.</p> <p>RE 159-226</p> <p>On 5/13/68, PCI advised that at Germantown High School one JOHN T. REDD, steward of Local 332, loaned an unknown man \$95.00 on or about 5/13/68. PCI said REDD's backer is ROY SPEECH, assistant business manager of Local 332.</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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Informant further advised that one EDDIE LEE WHARTON of 2013 Oakwood, would know who borrowed the money from REDD. This money was loaned at a rate of \$.25 on the dollar returned.

PCI advised that JACK OLIPHANT of Local 332 is working for DIC Concrete. He was at 17th and Market Streets on the project there. He is now being moved from job to job in order that he can carry on his money lending activities. PCI said he understands that JACK is being moved by PETE CIOFFIE, a superintendent at the 17th and Market project, who is probably getting a piece of the action. Money here is loaned at the return of \$.25 on the dollar.

PCI identified a man known as "Money Bill" as WILLIAM HALSTEAD, a chronic numbers player, and possible money lender. He is now working at the parking lot near the South Street bridge at 34th Street.

PCI suggested a talk with TOMMY SHANK, a former assistant business manager of Local 332, who was recently fired. He lives at 2621 West Jefferson Street and may be ready to reveal whatever he knows because of having been fired.

PCI stated that ROBERT MILLS, one of the men in on a planned holdup of Local 332 which did not come off, borrowed the car of one RAYMOND KELLOM (phonetic), a laborer, and subsequently ran into a telephone pole breaking it. MILLS told KELLOM he had an old Buick he would sign over to him and that the Local 332 would pay for the pole. This indicated to the PCI that MILLS has a hold on someone in the Local.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS (44-1368) DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SAC JOE D. JAMIESON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Attached is a copy of a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in the Fall of 1967. It was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico.

By airtel dated 5/21/68 the Bureau advised, for the Field's information and investigative assistance, that RAY had been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums."

The Bureau instructed that this information should be borne in mind in the daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

The Bureau also advised by airtel that RAY took a bar tending course in Los Angeles, Calif., during the early part of 1968. Prior to his departure from Los Angeles in March of 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1368) (P)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM EUGENE F. O'NEILL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 4:50 p.m., 5/28/68, WILLIAM A. TURNER, of 776 North 46th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., telephonically contacted the Philadelphia FBI Office. Mr. TURNER volunteered the following information:

On Monday, 5/27/68, TURNER visited the Manahawkin Police Department in Manahawkin, N. J., in an attempt to gain information concerning a recent automobile accident. While speaking with an unidentified police officer, TURNER noticed a "striking" resemblance between this individual and a picture of JAMES EARL RAY, which was hanging on a bulletin board. TURNER said the individual was well built with light brown hair. TURNER could not distinguish any noticeable accent in the police officer's speech.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :SAC (44-1368)

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM :SA FINBARR M. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to Director 5/14/68.

On 5/22/68, Mrs. GEORGE KARIAN, 4132 Kottler Drive, Whitemarsh Township, whose phone number is 247-2027, advised the writer that following the previous contact she and her husband rechecked all their phone numbers outgoing and incoming as best they could and they have no record of any calls from the West Coast on 1/3/68.

She stated that from November 1967 to March 1968 her husband's mother, Mrs. SAMUEL KARIAN, was in the Los Angeles area and several phone calls were made, however, they were all collect. A check of these calls failed to reflect a call on 1/3/68.

Mrs. KARIAN stated she asked her two children, PATRICIA and JANICE if they recalled an incoming phone call on 1/3/68 and they both stated they did not remember any long-distance calls.

Mrs. SAMUEL KARIAN advised that on 1/3/68 she was at a relative's residence, Mr. and Mrs. AJDERIAN, 5913 Carltonway, Hollywood, Calif., and did not make any calls to her son in Pennsylvania during that day. She does recall that she did phone her son both Christmas and New Years but it was a collect call and not from a phone booth.

On 5/23/68, Mrs. GEORGE KARIAN advised that since the contact with his wife the previous day, they had rechecked all their phone calls and did not have any calls other than specific

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