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SA 44-1242

RECALL NOTHING REGARDING THIS POLICY. THIS POLICY DOES NOT INDICATE GALT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ANYONE. CHECK OF LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, NEGATIVE FOR LIFE INSURANCE POLICY UNDER JAMES EARL RAY OR ANY KNOWN ALIASES. ALL INSURANCE AGENTS ADVISED THEY ONLY MAINTAIN RECORDS ON CURRENT POLICIES ON WHICH THEY ARE COLLECTING PREMIUMS AND RECORDS OF ALL EXPIRED POLICIES WOULD BE MAINTAINED IN MEXICO, D.F.

END AND ACK PLS.

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

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CR
 (OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

3 - Bureau	2 - Miami
2 - Baltimore	2 - Mobile
2 - Birmingham	2 - Newark
2 - Charlotte	2 - New Orleans
2 - Chicago	2 - New York City
2 - Cincinnati	2 - Norfolk
2 - Cleveland	2 - Philadelphia
2 - Columbia	2 - Pittsburgh
2 - Houston	2 - Richmond
2 - El Paso	2 - St. Louis
2 - Indianapolis	2 - San Antonio
2 - Jackson	2 - Savannah
2 - Jacksonville	2 - Springfield
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AT 44-2386

All receiving offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for Subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)

FROM : SA JOHN M. KEMMY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

Re Memphis airtel to All Continental Offices dated 4/19/68.

Referenced airtel reflects that the FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in front of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contained Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered but are yellow in color and contain code "20R-3." In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type.

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the 20 in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

Referenced airtel sets forth a lead to all offices to recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code "20R-3."

Review of San Antonio file reflects the following laundries in this Division are utilizing such machines, and this information is set forth in Albany airtel to Bureau dated 4/11/68:

⑥ - San Antonio
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Driskill Laundry,
411 E. 19th Street,
Austin, Texas

Farmer - 1:05 pm 4/23/68 *Law*

Model Laundry,
Brownsville, Texas

Zachry - 1:25 pm. *Wilson advised* 4/23/68 *Law*

Sunshine Laundry and Cleaners,
214 E. Hutchinson,
San Marcos, Texas

Chapoton 1:05 pm 4/23/68 *Law*

Vogue Cleaners,
207 E. Avenue C,
Killeen, Texas

2 Jones 1:40 pm 4/23/68 *Law*

White Star Laundry,
530 San Pedro,
San Antonio, Texas

Porter 1:20 pm 4/23/68 *Law*

Leads concerning these machines were previously handled by SAs JAMES E. FARMER, CLAY ZACHRY or JAMES R. WILSON, TOM CHAPOTON, ED JONES and J. ROBERT PORTER.

It is suggested that leads to recontact these laundries in connection with the request set forth above be assigned the above mentioned Agents.

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FBI OKLA CITY

1129AM URGENT 4/23/68 EPC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38862, MEMPHIS 44-1987, DALLAS AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686 2P

MURKIN. OO - MEMPHIS.

INDIVIDUAL USING NAME RICHARD BURNS, ONE THREE ZERO ZERO
EIGHT E. AVE., FT. WORTH, TEXAS, CLAIMING EMPLOYMENT ELCO CORP.,
NO ADDRESS, REGISTERED QUO VADIS MOTOR HOTEL, PONCA CITY, OKLA.
APRIL NINE LAST, FOUR THIRTYFOUR P.M., INDICATING VEHICLE
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN MODEL, TEXAS LICENSE, FIRST LETTER ILLEGIBLE,
C L DASH SEVEN TWO ONE, ON REGISTRATION CARD, AND SKIPPED BILL
APRIL TEN LAST, AFTER HAVING THREE MEALS FURNISHED TO ROOM.

DESK CLERK AND BELLBOY, WHO DELIVERED TWO MEALS TO ROOM,
STATE THIS INDIVIDUAL STRONGLY RESEMBLED PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED
NEWSPAPER PHOTOS OF SKETCH OF SUBJECT AND SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO OF
GALT. DESK CLERK CHECKED FOR VEHICLE OF BURNS, WHICH WAS
BELIEVED TO BE SIXTYSEVEN FORD THUNDERBIRD, TEXAS LICENSE F D H
FOUR FIVE THREE, WHICH WAS ONLY TEXAS VEHICLE AND ONLY FORD
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THUNDERBIRD PARKED IN THAT AREA OF MOTEL PARKING, AND MADE
PRETEXT CALL TO BURNS' ROOM DURING WHICH HE WAS ADVISED BURNS
DROVE THUNDERBIRD. REGISTRATION CARD AND MEAL TICKETS OBTAINED
FOR FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION.

SAN ANTONIO AT AUSTIN. ASCERTAIN REGISTRATION SIXTYSEVEN
TEXAS F D H FOUR FIVE THREE, AND SET OUT LEAD TO IDENTIFY OR
ELIMINATE BURNS.

DALLAS AT FORT WORTH. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY RICHARD BURNS,
ONE THREE ZERO ZERO EIGHT E. AVE., AND/OR ELCO CORPORATION,
TO IDENTIFY AND/OR ELIMINATE BURNS.

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Date: 4/23/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DALLAS (44-2649) (TELEPHONICALLY), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
AND OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)
FROM: SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN

REOCTEL TODAY CONCERNING SIXTYSEVEN THUNDERBIRD BEARING
TEXAS LICENSE F D H FOUR FIVE THREE.

IT IS BELIEVED INSTANT LICENSE WOULD BE SIXTYEIGHT TEXAS
LICENSE INSTEAD OF SIXTYSEVEN DUE TO FACT VEHICLE BEARING THESE
PLATES WAS OBSERVED AFTER DATE SIXTYEIGHT LICENSE MUST APPEAR
ON VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THIS STATE AND IN VIEW OF FACT TEXAS
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT RECORDS REFLECT THE SIXTYSEVEN PLATE WAS ISSUED
FOR CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILE.

REGISTRATION DATA CONCERNING SIXTYEIGHT LICENSE NOT ON FILE
WITH HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AS YET AS HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED FOR
FILING BY TARRANT COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE. 44-1242-188

DALLAS AT TARRANT COUNTY TAX OFFICE ASCERTAIN REGISTRATION
DATA AND THEREAFTER COVER LEAD SET FORTH FOR SAN ANTONIO IN
RETEL.

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1-San Antonio
1-Dallas (AM)
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Dallas advised by AWDictated to Nancy Collins

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Approved: JMC

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE

FROM : SAC J. MYERS COLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 23, 1968

This will record that on 4/18/68 SA FRANK ROOKS of the Houston Division advised telephonically that a Houston Complaint Clerk had received an anonymous call from the Houston Airport to the effect that a person resembling suspect GALT, wearing a moustache, had been observed getting on Continental Flight 153 leaving Houston at 10:30 A. M., to arrive San Antonio 11:16 A. M. The suspect was observed to be traveling with a Latin-American.

I instructed SAS KEMMY and MOODY to meet this plane and to observe all passengers, looking toward an individual resembling GALT.

This was done and no passenger departing from this plane had any similarity to GALT.

I called Houston back and told them that no individual resembling GALT had gotten off the plane.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE

FROM : SAC J. MYERS COLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 22, 1968

This will record that at 12:10 P. M. today Assistant Legat JOHN FOARD, Mexico City, called and inquired if we could determine the time of day GALT crossed into Mexico on October 7, 1967.

As the file will indicate, a prior check in the Nuevo Laredo, Mexico entry point revealed that he entered Mexico on that date, I checked with SA SLIGHT, who in turn had inquired of a Mexican insurance firm in Nuevo Laredo and found that on October 8, 1967, at 11:00 A. M., GALT purchased automobile insurance for travel into Mexico. While it cannot be certain that he departed Nuevo Laredo at that time, it is highly probable that he entered Nuevo Laredo, Mexico on the 7th, spent the night and proceeded into Mexico the next day.

Mr. FOARD advised he desired this information so that he could better trace Galt's movements and approximate arrival time in Mexico City.

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SAC(44-1242)

April 23, 1968

SA B. E. DEFFENBAUGH, JR.

MURKIN

Re Bureau Tel to All SAC's 4-22-68

The following SI's and PSI's were contacted by the writer on this case on the dates indicated, as per instructions in referenced Tel. Unless noted to the contrary, all contacts were negative:

4-22-68	SA 695-S
4-23-68	SA 848-S
4-23-68	SA 779-PSI
4-23-68	SA 813-PSI

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1-134-363A
1-134-550A
1-134-376A
1-134-562A

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1242)

FROM : SA JOSEPH E. JONES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 23, 1968

On 4/23/68, Mr. John W. Holland, District Director, I&NS, San Antonio was furnished 160 copies each in English and Spanish of Wanted Flyers # 442 and 442A on ERIC STAVRO GALT, AKA.

Mr. Holland said that he would be glad to distribute them to I&NS and Border Patrol personnel at San Antonio, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Laredo, Roma, Hidalgo and Progreso.

It is noted that Brownsville is in the Port Isabel District and copies of the Wanted Flyers for that area should be furnished to RA at Brownsville for distribution to Port Isabel.

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SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9191)

4/18/68

SA JOHN M. KEMMY

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On 4/11/68, the writer exhibited a photograph of BILLY JOE KIRBY to SA 731-R who said he did not recall seeing that person at Muhammad's Mosque of Islam (MMI) meetings in San Antonio. It should be noted that the Air Force has requested that this office exhibit KIRBY's photographs to sources in the MMI. KIRBY is in the Air Force.

SA 731-S was alerted to furnish any information he may have concerning the murderer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SA 731-R was alerted to furnish any information he may have concerning the "poor people's march."

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1-170-34A
1-157-687
1-44-1242
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA J. ROBERT PORTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re my memo 4-22-68

Mr. JIM COLLINS, Manager, Frontier Steak House, Hemisfair grounds, advised that he had a white male by the name of FLOYD RATLIFF working for him in the restaurant.

On 4/22/68 Mr. FLOYD RATLIFF identified himself to BuAgents and made available his Air Force Identification card bearing serial number AF 13164808. RATLIFF is a retired Air Force Master Sgt.

It should be pointed out that RATLIFF did look a little like JAMES EARL RAY and that to the untrained observer he could be mistaken for the same.

See Serial 204

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☒ Radio☐ Teletype

4-23-68 URGENT

TO ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

REMEAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL 19 LAST FURNISHING BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES, OR ARMED ROBBERIES (POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURING AFTER APRIL 23, 1967. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION,

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS BEING SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

TOP 315P JWE-CEB
If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

FROM : SA CLIFFORD H. ANDERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

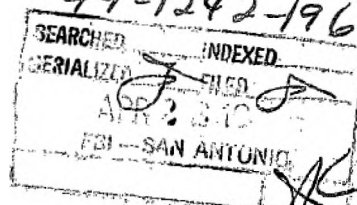
Re memo to all agents number 100.

In response to referenced memo, the canvass of the following PCI's, inquiring as to any possible knowledge concerning MURKIN, with negative results:

██████████, 137-1868

██████████, 137-1867

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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(Priority)TO: PHOENIX
FROM: SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN

REPXTEL CAL YESTERDAY.

DRIVER RECORDS, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AUSTIN,
TEXAS, FAILED TO REFLECT RECORD TEXAS DRIVERS LICENSE BEING
ISSUED LON R. HUMMEL.

ANY FURTHER LEADS BEING LEFT TO DISCRESSION PHOENIX OFFICE.

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DAW/dawNOTE: Foregoing received through Mrs.
JO BARTON, Texas DPS, Austin, TexasSerialized
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Approved: [Signature] Sent 10:23 M Per CO
Special Agent in Charge

The following teletype was received telephonically from SA M. C. CLEMENTS at Dallas by Steno KAREN HOWARD at 9:30 a.m., 4/24/68:

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

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

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

On 4/21/68 B. J. GRIFFIN, 1106 N.W. Dallas Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, advised Dallas Office he had observed individual possibly identical to JAMES EARL RAY in Grand Prairie, Texas. On 4/21/68 he saw this person enter 1963 blue Chevrolet, 1968 Texas license 858, with first three letters possibly GZG. Individual described as white male, 5'8", 170 lbs., dark complexion, dark curly hair.

Telephonic contact with License Records Section, DPS, Austin, Texas, determined above license has been assigned to Bexar Co., has not yet been reported to Austin as having been issued. GRIFFIN interviewed; shown photos and indicates possibly identical, but individual too far away to see clearly. Investigation, neighborhood, to locate negative.

San Antonio contact the Bexar Co. Tax Assessor's Office and determine registration information for instant license. Thereafter attempt to contact owner for possible elimination as being identical to RAY.

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The following teletype was received telephonically from SA M. C. CLEMENTS at Dallas by Steno KAREN HOWARD at 9:30 a.m., 4/24/68:

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OO: MEMPHIS

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MCC:kfh

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Date: 4/24/68

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(Priority)TO: DALLAS (44-2649)
FROM: SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN

REURTEL TODAY CONCERNING SIXTYEIGHT TEXAS LICENSE G Z G
EIGHT FIVE EIGHT.

REGISTRATION DATA FOR LICENSE ISSUED IN BEXAR COUNTY
NOT ON FILE WITH BEXAR COUNTY TAX OFFICE AS YET. EMPLOYEES
THAT OFFICE ESTIMATE ONE WEEK BEFORE INSTANT LICENSE CAN
BE CHECKED.

SAN ANTONIO WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH TAX OFFICE
FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS LICENSE.

END

1-San Antonio
1-Dallas (AM) (CONFIRMATORY)

Dictated to James Brunerat Dallas, by David A. Wall

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Approved: Mc

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC San Antonio (137-1503)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA Edwin^B. Jones☒ CI☐ SI☐ PCI☐ PSI

SUBJECT: SA 786C

Dates of Contact		
4/18/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
91-2518- Unsub Ft Hood Fed Credit Union		
42-15347- Ramon Fuentes-Fude		
42-15403- Herbert G. Bryan- Fude		
42-15496- Victor A. Eldridge-Fude		
157-310 - Racial Disturbance, Major Areas		
44-1242- Murkin		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	Re 91-2518- Source unable to furnish any additional information. Stated he had been on lookout for acetylene tank of description of one recovered but has not been able to find out anything about it.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
Re 42- Cases- "egative- Subjects all unknow to source.		
Above cases assigned to the writer.		
re 157-310- Source advised that he has not been out actually inquiring about this matter, but does over hear a lot in his place of business and does enter into discussion. Stated from his observation of general conditions in the Killeen area, he did not expect any difficulty in the area. He advised that the majority of the negroes in the area are military or dependents or civilian employees, thus does not expect any type of difficulty.		
44-1242- Has never heard of Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmeyer or John Willard, other than what he has heard in news media.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Good	42, 52, 70

Personal Data

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 1-157-310
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Kenny

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC San Antonio 137-1398

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA Edwin B. Jones

☐ CI
☒ XX☐ SI☐ PCI☐ PSI

SUBJECT: SA 752- C

Dates of Contact

4/18/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

91-2518- Unsub, Ft. Hood, Fed Credit Union
 42-15347- Ramon Ruentes - Fude
 42-15303- Herbert Bryan - Fude
 42-15496- Victor A. Eldridge - Fude
 157-310- Racial Conditions, Major Urban Areas
 44-1242- Turkin

Purpose and results of contact

☒ NEGATIVE Re 91-2518- Source unable to furnish any additional
☒ POSITIVE information concerning this matter. Stated he has been
 on the lookout for info re the acetylene tank recovered but
 has not been able to come up with any info.

Re 42- Cases- Negative- Subjects unknown to source. All cases
 assigned to writer.

157-310- Source advised that he has not actually been out seeking
 info in this matter, but does overhear a lot in his store and does
 engage in conversation with customers. From what he has heard does
 not expect any difficulty in the Killeen area.

44-1242- Names of Eric Starvo Galt, Arvey Lowmeyer and John Willard
 unknown to him other than what he was read in news media.

No excessive sale of small hand guns or rifles noted by source.

☐ Informant certified that he has
☒ furnished all information obtained
 by him since last contact.

Rating

Good

Coverage

42-52-70

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 1-137-1398
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 1-157-310
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC San Antonio (137-1773)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA Edwin B. Jones

☐ CI ☐ SI

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: Maurice Hamilton

Dates of Contact		
4/18/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
91-2518- Unsub Ft Hood Fed Credit Union		
42-15347- Ramon Fuentes Fude		
42-15403- Herbert Bryan- Fude		
42-15496- Victor A. Bidridge- Fude		
157-310- Racial Conditions, Major Urban Areas		
44-1242- Nurkin.		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE 91-2518- Neg- Source has been unable to turn up any information regarding this matter. Did advise that Johnnie Wells was no longer in Killeen Area, that Wells had been arrested in Louisiana and was under 30,000.00 Bond Did not know charge at time of arrest or who he was with.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
Re 42- Cases- Subjects unknown to source. All 42 cases assigned to writer.		
157-310- Source advised that since he runs the only negro motel and club in Killeen area, he is very close to this subject. Stated that from his observation of the conditions in the Killeen area, he would not expect any difficulty, unless some outside agitators came in to stir up trouble. e stated that mainly, the people in Killeen are military or dependents or civilian employees of Ft Hood and thus are not interested and have no interest. He stated that he definitely did not expect any idffiucly along this line.		
44-1242- Could furnish no information along this line.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating 42-52-79-	Coverage Good

Personal Data

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1-91-2518

1-44-1242

1-157-310

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-1242)

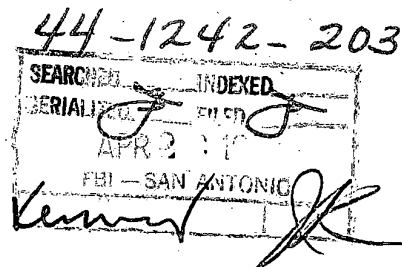
DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA J. ROBERT PORTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Reference Memphis airtel to all Continental Offices dated 4/23/68.

On 4/23/68, SA 787-C was contacted re-subject and given a flyer (Wanted) of JAMES EARL RAY, aka. He stated he would post the flyer in a conspicuous location and personally be aware and alert to the possibility of RAY appearing in the area.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA J. ROBERT PORTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/22/68 at 6:50 am, an unidentified male telephonically advised this office that a man fitting the description of the picture taken of JAMES EARL RAY, AKA, in 1966, was presently employed at the Frontier Steak House, Hemisfair. He advised that the man arrived a few days after Hemisfair opened and that he talked of leaving in a "couple weeks" for the Philipines. He described the man as being courteous and quiet and a "traveler". ~~The~~ He further advised that the man works from 12:00 until 9:00 pm.

The above is submitted for information.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, San Antonio (44-1242)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : Richard L. Bonnet

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This office was contacted telephonically this date at approximately 5:30 P.M. by a Mr. Dunnigan of the Phoenix Office. Mr. Dunnigan informed writer that a woman in Phoenix that owned a motel had seen a man that resembled James Earl Ray. This was checked out and the person in question was a Lon R. Hummel of 5939 Falcon Street, El Paso, Texas. This same man was driving a white Ford bearing licence C L B 94. Mr. Dunnigan requested that we check and ascertain the status with regard to this man's drivers license. As time hindered check Mr. Dunnigan agreed to a call tomorrow and writer indicated that the information would be obtained for him tomorrow 4/24/68 and he would be contacted as to the results by telephone.

The above is submitted for information.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)

RE: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Dallas airtel to San Antonio 4/22/68, copy of which is enclosed for Memphis.

Investigation, McAllen, Texas, 4/23/68, determined REX BENTON BLEDSOE, wife BARBARA, and three children have resided at 137 E. Quince since 7/15/65; previously resided Weslaco and Alamo, Texas.

BLEDSOE, WMA, born Charleston, Texas, [redacted] 5'7", 160 lbs., brown hair, hazel-brown eyes, has several arrests at McAllen PD and Hidalgo Co. SO at Edinburg, Texas, in 1950, 1960, 1962, and 1963 re traffic violations, disturbing the peace, and drunk. Never photographed or fingerprinted.

BLEDSOE, formerly employed as used car salesman, has been employed as electrician for Rowe Electric Co., McAllen, Texas, past five to six years.

On 4/23/68 Mr. BILL ROWE, Rowe Electric Co., McAllen, advised that BLEDSOE made trip past weekend to Dallas, Texas, to trade 1960 Cadillac, 1968 Texas JGJ-886, for another Cadillac. ROWE stated BLEDSOE has not missed day of work in past several months.

San Antonio discontinuing re BLEDSOE.

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F.B.I. Says 'Galt' Is an Escaped Convict



Photos issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation are said to depict James Earl Ray, at left in 1966, center in 1960 and right in 1968, under the name of Eric Starvo Galt.

By FRED P. GRAHAM

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, April 19—The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced today that an escaped convict named James Earl Ray was the man being sought under the alias of Eric Starvo Galt for the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The bureau pictured Ray as a trouble-prone "drifter" with a long record of erratic and violent behavior.

Galt's true identity was discovered after latent fingerprints uncovered in the King investigation were compared with the prints of more than 53,000 persons listed as wanted by the bureau.

Attorney General Ramsey Clark and J. Edgar Hoover, the director of the bureau, said in a joint announcement that Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967. Ray, a 40-year-old native of Illinois, had served seven years

of a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and car theft in St. Louis.

The bureau released front and side "mug" photographs of Ray that were taken by Missouri prison officials in 1960. They bear a close resemblance to pictures of Galt taken in 1968, that the bureau released Wednesday.

Ray had close-cropped hair and a leaner face than the Galt

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photo shows, but the protruding left ear, which the bureau emphasized in its initial description of Galt, appears to be the same in both photographs.

The F.B.I. announced Ray's identity after an around-the-clock check of fingerprint records.

Fingerprints can be matched quickly by an elaborate classification and filing system when the full 10 prints of the unknown person are available, on a card that identifies the finger and hand represented by each print.

But when only a few prints are available and it is not known which fingers or thumbs made them, they can be checked only by comparing each latent print with all 10 prints on the card of each wanted person.

Ray was said to have used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Connor during his criminal career. When the F.B.I. filed formal charges against Galt on Wednesday, it gave two other aliases, John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer.

The identification of Galt as the escaped convict explains some of the circumstances that led to speculation Galt might have established a false identity in contemplating the assassinating of Dr. King.

Galt first appeared, according to F.B.I. statements, on Aug. 30, 1967, when he purchased a white Mustang car in Birmingham, Ala. Despite efforts to check back on Galt's earlier activities, no trace of him before the fall of last year was disclosed.

On Wednesday, a fugitive warrant was obtained by the bureau accusing Galt of having conspired with a person "whom he alleged to be his brother" to injure Dr. King and violate his civil rights.

Dr. King was killed by a sniper on April 4, as the civil rights leader stood on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. The Tennessee authorities have sworn out an arrest warrant charging Galt with murder.

Bureau spokesmen declined to say whether Ray had a brother or to comment on reports that the bureau had the "brother" in custody.

No New Warrant Planned

Special to The New York Times

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 19 — The F.B.I. does not plan to issue a new warrant for the arrest of Ray.

Joseph H. Gamble, the agent in charge of the Birmingham office, said that because Galt was an alias used by Ray, the warrant issued on Wednesday was legally sufficient.

A source said that the bureau thought that Galt's "alleged brother" probably was not a relative. Galt had reportedly told a gun store clerk in Birmingham that he and his brother planned to go hunting with a rifle he was purchasing.

The .30-06 caliber Remington rifle was found on a Memphis street on April 4, near the site of Dr. King's murder.

HOW MANY GALT? WITNESSES DIFFER

Three Earlier Descriptions of Suspect Vary Widely

By MARTIN WALDRON

Special to The New York Times

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 19—The descriptions given the police and the F.B.I. of the assassin of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. have varied so widely it appears that as many as four men may have been under suspicion.

A source in the Justice Department said that credible witnesses in Memphis and in Birmingham who saw Eric Starvo Galt, now identified as James Earl Ray, the accused murderer of Dr. King, seemed to be describing different men.

This "observers' believe" is why the Federal Bureau of Investigation changed its view and decided that death of the civil rights leader may have resulted from a conspiracy.

Shortly after the murder, Attorney General Ramsey Clark said that there was no evidence of a conspiracy.

Before the bulletin on Ray, there were at least three separate descriptions from witnesses who had known a Galt in the last six months.

Galt had been described as follows:

•A long-nosed man in his 20's who was seen in a Memphis rooming house from which the shot was fired that killed Dr. King April 4.

•A 30-year-old quiet-spoken man who talked about the weather at a Birmingham rooming house last fall.

•A 36-year-old "avid dancer" who bought a rifle in Birmingham and who took dancing lessons in New Orleans at the time James Earl Ray was imprisoned in Missouri.

Ray Is Described

James Earl Ray, a five-time convict, was described by the F.B.I. as being 40 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 163 to 174 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair. He has a scar in the center of his forehead and on the palm of his right hand.

The witnesses who saw a Galt at a Memphis rooming house the day Dr. King was slain said that he was 5 feet 11 inches or 6 feet tall, slender, 165 pounds, with sandy hair. The highest estimate of his age was 32 years, the lowest, 26. He was said to have a long pointed nose and a Southern accent.

At a Birmingham rooming house where a Galt lived for six weeks last fall, he was described as being 5 feet 10 inches tall, 175 pounds, with brown hair and a slightly Southern accent. He was described as being about 30 years old.

The first F.B.I. description of Galt, which came principally from a gun dealer in Birmingham, from whom a Galt bought a rifle, and a gun dealer in Memphis, from whom he bought a pair of binoculars, was not precise.

The description, which was released Wednesday night, said that Galt was between 5 feet 8 inches and 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighed 160 to 175 pounds, was of medium build, and had brown hair and blue eyes.

A 'Rural' Accent

His birth date was given as July 20, 1931, a date that the bureau apparently got from an application that a Galt had made for an Alabama driver's license. The bureau said that Galt's voice had a "rural" accent.

Newsman showed copies of a picture released Wednesday of Galt to the people who had seen him in Birmingham and in Memphis.

Almost every witness said that the picture did not resemble Galt.

Two developments have tended to bolster the speculation that more than one man used the name Eric Starvo Galt.

On March 1, 1968, an Eric Galt telephoned the Alabama Highway Patrol to ask for a duplicate copy of the driver's license he got in September of 1967. The copy was mailed to a Birmingham address and a bill for 25 cents that was enclosed with the duplicate was returned to Montgomery on March 6 with the 25 cents.

The F.B.I. had said that Galt had been in California during this time.

In its bulletin describing Galt as an avid dancer, the F.B.I. said that he had taken dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965.

Today's bulletin said that Galt, under the name James Earl Ray, had been in prison in Missouri from 1960 until he escaped in April, 1967.

No Mention of Brother

It did not mention Galt's "alleged brother," who the F.B.I. had said entered into a conspiracy with Galt in Birmingham on March 29, 1968, to deprive Dr. King of his civil rights.

Statements by officials of the Justice Department have indicated confusion within the F.B.I.

The day after the assassination, Attorney General Ramsey Clark said that there was no conspiracy to kill Dr. King. He repeated this assertion three days after the slaying and again the following day.

Last Wednesday, the F.B.I. charged that Galt had "conspired" with an "alleged brother" to violate Dr. King's civil rights by injuring him.

On several occasions, the bureau has been reported as knowing the identity of the killer

and being close to arresting him. On April 7, for instance, Mr. Clark said that the killer was "on the run" many miles from Memphis with F.B.I. agents close behind him.

When the bureau acknowledged publicly for the first time that it was seeking a man named Eric Starvo Galt, it apparently did not know Galt's real name.

ABC to Show Picture Of Wanted Man on TV

A photograph of the man wanted by the F.B.I. in connection with the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be shown in color on "The FBI" program on ABC-TV from 8 to 9 P.M. tomorrow.

The original photograph is being shown at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the network announced. It said that as the picture was shown an actor on the program would ask the public to notify the F.B.I. if anyone has seen the man, identified as James Earl Ray.

Suspect Described as a Drifter Who Was Failure at Everything

Constantly in Trouble, Often Because of Drunkenness, Ray Left Trail of Violence

James Earl Ray, the man suspected of killing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was described yesterday as a drunken drifter, prone to theivery and violence, a failure at everything.

Ray was born March 10, 1928, in Alton, Ill., a manufacturing town of 53,000 persons along the Mississippi River 20 miles north of St. Louis.

His father, James Ray, was born in Carthage, Ill., and worked mainly as a laborer. His mother, the former Lucie Maher, was born in Alton. Both parents are dead.

Records of Madison County show that James Earl Ray was one of several Rays, believed to be either brothers or other relatives, who constantly caused trouble.

Oldest of 3 Brothers

The oldest of three brothers, he grew up in Alton and Quincy, Ill., and left school in the 10th grade.

"I just didn't want to go any more," Ray told a probation officer in Los Angeles years later.

According to the probation report, Ray began a life of drifting that took him first to Hartford, Ill., where he went to work at the International Shoe Company for 77 cents an hour. He was laid off in December of 1945 and several months later joined the Army.

Ray served for more than two years, mostly in Germany, as an infantryman and military policeman. He was given a general discharge in December, 1948, because of "ineptness and lack of adaptability to military service."

While in service he spent three months at hard labor for drunkenness and resisting arrest.

Losses His Job

Ray was no more able to adapt to civilian life. After five months, he took a job operating a rubber mold in the Dryden Rubber Company in Chicago for \$45 a week but soon lost it.

A 1947 Mercury he had bought in St. Louis was repossessed and a bank account in Alton of more than \$1,000 was used up by June of 1949.

Ray then moved on to Los Angeles, and on Oct. 4, 1949, Ray, then 21 years old, was surprised in the office of Forum Cafe by the assistant manager. A typewriter had been placed on the fire escape.

He dashed away, but in trying to elude a parking attendant, he dropped his identification. Several days later he was seen in the same area by the cafe manager and arrested.

He was convicted on one count of second-degree burglary and sentenced to eight months in the County Jail, but the term was suspended on the condition that Ray spend at least 90 days in jail and stay away from alcohol.

'I Had Some Beers'

He told a probation officer that he had not entered the

Forum Cafe to commit a crime. He said he knew nothing about the typewriter or about why he had been arrested.

Asked why he had entered the building he said:

"I guess I had some beers or something."

Ray told the officer that several times in Illinois he had tried to enter houses after drinking too much, but never knew what he was doing.

Ray then returned to Chicago, where he worked as a laborer at a publishing company. On May 6, 1952, he entered a taxi and after several blocks put a gun against the driver's head and fled with \$11.

A passerby gave chase, but Ray seemed to be escaping. Then he ducked into an alley, which proved to be a dead end. He tried to climb a wall but was shot by the police.

Robert J. Everhart, the man who chased Ray, recalled yesterday that Ray had said when he was captured, "What the hell are you getting out of this?"

Ray was sentenced to one to two years and released from the State Reformatory in Pontiac, Ill., on March 12, 1954. He also served time in Joliet, Ill., before next appearing in Kansas City, Mo., where he was convicted in 1955 of cashing forged money orders.

Arrested Again

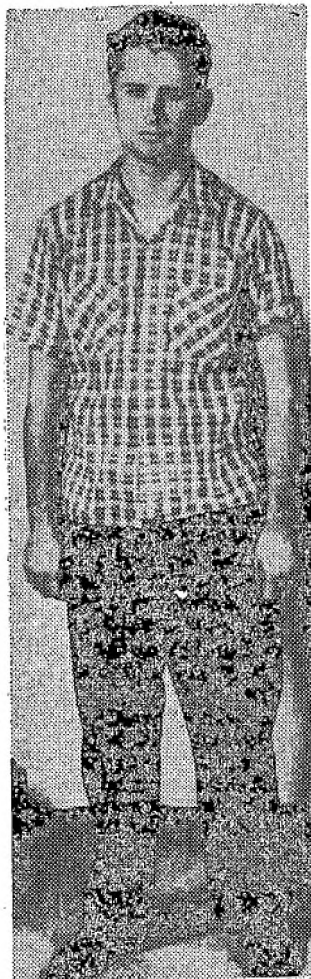
After three more years in prison, Ray moved to St. Louis, where he lived in a dilapidated boarding house in the once fashionable Lafayette Park area. He was arrested in his 10-by-10-foot room in 1959 after a grocery store hold-up.

The armed robbery conviction carried a 20-year sentence. He was also facing charges for robbery and auto theft at the time, and the jury deliberated just 20 minutes.

As he was led away from court Ray tried to escape by jumping into an elevator, but he was recaptured and sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary. Twice he tried to escape, the second time by hiding in a ventilator shaft.

He was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the state hospital in Fulton, Mo., but was back at the penitentiary last year when he finally succeeded in escaping by hiding under a batch of bread.

Ray's travels since his escape are uncertain.



Associated Press
Ray in a 1959 St. Louis po-
lice photo. Later he was
convicted of armed robbery.



James Earl Ray at Missouri
Penitentiary Jan. 4, 1966.

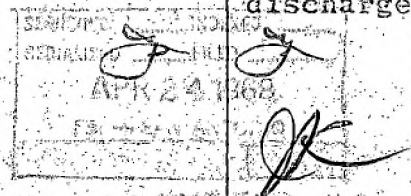
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Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Cs129438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office Forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967 (operating motor vehicle without permission of owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D & DW") (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.</p>			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p> <p>Alias: James Walton</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p>			
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SACC, San Antonio (44-1242)

DATE: 4/23/68.

FROM : SA Edwin B. Jones

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Albany airtel to Bu 4/11/68 and

Re Thermo Seal Tape- Yellow- Ident No. 20-R-3.

Vogue Cleaners: Killeen

On 4/23/68, Mrs Gladys Horsley, Manager, Vogue Cleaners advised that they utilize the Thermo Seal Tape and Ident Maching only for cleaning, not for laundry purposes. She advised that they use the yellow and green tape, and place one tape on the garment and another tab on the customers receipt. She advised that they do not use a combination of letters and numbers on their operation. They use strictly a numbering system. By that she idnicated that they number from 1 to 10,000 and then begin over again. For example, she advised that the series of numbers being utilized on 4/23/68 was 4616. She does not know of any one else in the area utilizing a Thermo Seal machine.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P) DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA JOHN M. KEMMY

SUBJECT: MRKIN
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Rememo of Clerk WILLIAM H. SCHMIDT to SAC,
4/4/68, concerning one MEL DAVIS.

Referenced memo reflects that an individual who identified himself as MEL DAVIS telephoned the office from the Greyhound Bus Station and said he knew who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. This call was received at 11:45 p.m.

Shortly after midnight on the morning of 4/5/68, SAs THOMAS E. MOODY, IV, and the writer conducted investigation at the Greyhound Bus Depot in an effort to locate DAVIS. HUGO SPAETH, Greyhound Ticket Agent, pointed out an individual standing just outside the bus station and said this individual had asked him to call the FBI to investigate. He did not say why he wanted an investigation and he had done this on this evening.

The individual pointed out by SPAETH was interviewed by SAs MOODY and the writer. He advised that his name is MALLETTE DAVIS and he denied telephoning the FBI Office. He appeared to be in a state of intoxication inasmuch as his speech was slurred. He produced an Oregon Driver's License #676901, which reflected that his DOB was [redacted] in Ala. He was described on this driver's license as 5'8", 170 lbs., blond hair, with address of the Broad Hotel, Portland, Oregon. DAVIS said he presently resided at 1933 July Street, Houston, Texas. He said that he was an alcoholic and was en route to an alcoholic ward of the State Hospital in Austin, Texas, for treatment. He said he had no information as to who killed KING.

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As stated above, he denied making the call to the San Antonio FBI Office but indicated that while shooting pool in a nearby poolroom, he overheard an individual he could identify only as a businessman from Los Angeles state that he was glad KING was dead. He said he could furnish no more information.

This is being submitted for record purposes and no action is being recommended.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO(44-1242)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA CHARLES ANDREW ORSI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS-CONSPIRACY
OO: BIRMINGHAM

Re Memphis teletype to all continental offices dated 4/23/68.

On 4/23/68 the following confidential informants were contacted by SA CHARLES ANDREW ORSI and they advised that they possessed no information of value concerning the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY:

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SA 781-C

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA TOM E. CHAPOTON, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau 4/22/68.

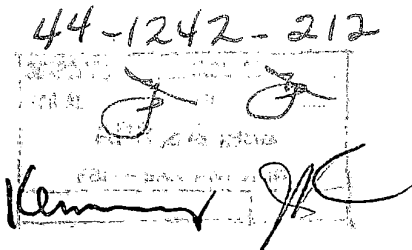
On 4/23/68, GEORGE HETZEL, NCIC Section, and DON OVERSTREET, MO Section, DPS, Austin, advised that no central index is maintained by DPS that will reflect stolen cars recovered in Texas that were reported stolen in the state of Georgia.

HETZEL stated that a normal check on a recovered automobile with an out-of-state license would be with the MVD or State Police of the state of registration. That agency should have records of all stolen vehicles recovered that were registered by that agency.

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA JAMES E. FARMER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo from SA KEMMY 4/23/68.

On 4/23/68, A. W. McCOLLOUGH, Superintendent, Driskill Laundry, 411 E. 19th, Austin, advised that said laundry uses the Thermo-Seal tags of various colors which designate the day of the week. He stated that the designation "20 R-3" was not used by that laundry and that flat and fluff material is not tagged by that laundry.

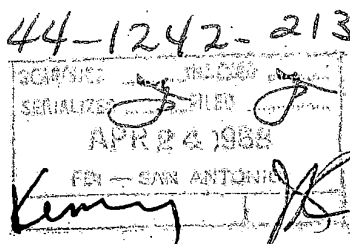
He noted any alphabetical prefix used on their seals would be only on expedit work which is always placed on a white seal with the designation of "30".

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

FROM : SA TOM E. CHAPOTON, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

Re memo from SA KEMMY 4/23/68.

On 4/23/68, BENNY RAMIREZ, Plant Manager, Sunshine Laundry, San Marcos, Texas, advised his laundry uses Thermo-Seal tags for marking purposes. Colors used are red, orange, gray, blue, pink, and yellow.

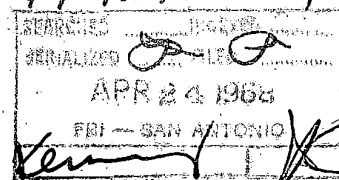
Yellow tags are used for marking clothing from the ranch unit of the Brown School located south of Austin on IS 35. Linens are not marked with Thermo-Seal tags.

The coding "20 R-3" is unfamiliar to him. He stated a "dash" is not used in any of their coding.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SA (137-1762)-P-

FROM : SA *Jerome J. Durio*

SUBJECT: SA 789-C

DATE: 4/24/68

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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Dates of Contact <i>4/23/68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>44-1242 Murkin</i>		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC <i>CI had no info re Murkin or Jas. Earl Ray.</i>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Excellent</i>	Coverage <i>ITS MV</i> <i>44-1242-215</i>

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TO SAN ANTONIO 44-1242
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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REGISTRATION CARD OF THE TREK MOTEL, AUSTIN, TEXAS, FOR ONE
SP FOUR DONALD D. TANNER CONSIDERED A LOOK-ALIKE FOR
SUBJECT RAY.

DIFFERENCES NOTED INDICATE THE REGISTRATION CARD
WAS NOT EXECUTED BY JAMES EARL RAY, THE SUBJECT IN THIS CASE;
HOWEVER, DIFFERENCE STYLES OF HANDWRITING PRECLUDE A
DEFINITE OPINION.

LATENT RESULTS FURNISHED SEPARATELY. COPY BEING
SENT AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS.

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Date: 4-22-68

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To: SAC's, San Antonio (44-1242)
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re San Antonio teletype 4-19-68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Herman Peter Kackenmester, born [redacted] in Weehawken, New Jersey, who may or may not be the same as the Herman Peter Kackenmester described in referenced teletype. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Kackenmester.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC SAN ANTONIO (134-499)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA THOMAS E. MOODY IV

☐ CI ☒ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: SA 739-S

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)

RE: MURKIN
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Re Memphis airtel to all continental offices dated
4/19/68.

On 4/23/68, Mr. FRANK GONZALEZ, White Star Laundry,
San Antonio, advised that the numbering system they use does
not include the use of a dash. He further advised the laundry
no longer uses the Textile Marking Machine.

Enclosed for the Bureau are several samples of
material and type used at the White Star Laundry. The Bureau
may wish to compare these with the stamp and tag in referenced
airtel.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 137-1249

FROM : SA DON R. ROSE

SUBJECT: SA 725-C

DATE: 4/23/68

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
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