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two thirds of the way back in the bus on the left side as one walks to the rear. Mrs. KIRKPATRICK stated that about one hour en route from Tulsa to Dallas this individual made the remark in a loud manner so that the other bus passengers could hear, "I killed one man. I am wanted in 48 states, but they will never catch me. I'll tell you about MARTIN LUTHER KING. There are 20 of us in on that. We are in law enforcement and who would suspect us?" This individual stated "I am going back to old L.A." He also discussed presidential history.

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK stated this individual left the bus at Dallas and boarded a Greyhound bus at Dallas at about 11:10 p.m., 5/22/68. Mrs. KIRKPATRICK knew no other individuals on the bus from Tulsa to Dallas. She stated that the photograph on the Wanted Flyer on JAMES EARL RAY was definitely not identical with the individual on the bus.

Leads were set out for the Dallas and Los Angeles Offices in the above-mentioned teletype.

In regard to STAYNER DUGAN, mentioned on Page 29, a lead was set out for the Dallas Office in this matter.

In regard to the 1966 Oldsmobile 98, mentioned on Page 31, the Atlanta and Savannah Offices conducted investigation in this matter.

In regard to J. R. KELLER, mentioned on Page 34, the Phoenix Office requested investigation by the El Paso Office in this matter.

In regard to ROBERT DALE PORTER, mentioned on Page 35, the Oklahoma City Office requested investigation by the El Paso Office in this matter.

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In regard to FRANK BRICKLEY, mentioned on Page 36, the Knoxville Office requested investigation by the El Paso Office in this matter.

In regard to the man who resembled ERIC STARVO GALT, mentioned on Page 38, a lead was set out for the Albuquerque Office in this matter.

In regard to LON R. HJMMEL, mentioned on Page 41, the Phoenix Office requested investigation by the El Paso Office in this matter.

In regard to ERIC RAY, aka., EARL RAY, mentioned on Page 43, the Richmond and Knoxville Offices conducted investigation in this matter.

In regard to CARL RAY, mentioned on Page 50, the Los Angeles Office instituted investigation in this matter.

In regard to WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, mentioned on Page 51, the San Diego Office instituted investigation in this matter.

On 5/3/68, Deputy Sheriff ROBERT PHELPS, Reeves County Sheriff's Office, Pecos, Texas, advised SA RICHARD H. PICKEN that he had checked at the United States Post Office in Pecos and none of the employees had any recollection of receiving any mail bearing the names of C. RAY, CARL RAY, Mrs. C. RAY, or Mrs. CARL RAY. (See Page 50).

Leads regarding information contained in the body of this report were previously set out by teletype or airtel and are not being restated at this time.

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LEADS

EL PASO DIVISION

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Will continue efforts to locate and apprehend
subject JAMES EARL RAY.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM

Re San Antonio airtel to Director, dated 5/20/68.

Re long distance telephone calls from public telephones on Highway 90 and Interstate 10, 12/15-17/67.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau and San Antonio is one copy each of an investigative insert. Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of the above mentioned investigative insert.

On 5/27/68, a review of the records of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company indicated that telephone number 517-867-3781 is non-existent. The exchange 517-867 would be in Twining, Michigan, and the phone numbers at that location start at the number 5,000.

Telephone number 616-236-5598 is a non-published number listed to CHARLES F. DENT, Pullman, Michigan.

The above information was furnished by CSDE 931-C.

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2 - Memphis (Enc. 15) (44-1987) (RM)
① - San Antonio (Enc. 1) (44-1242) (RM)
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The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS L. BRANNICK on May 29, 1968:

Mrs. CHARLES F. DENT, 835 South 58th Street, Pullman, Michigan, advised she has had Pullman, Michigan, telephone number 616-236-5598 since prior to December, 1967. She said the party named WATKINS who reportedly received a call at that telephone on December 17, 1967, was undoubtedly SONETTA WATKINS who lives across the street; has no telephone, but frequently receives telephone calls at the DENT residence.

ROSALEE WATKINS, 830 South 58th Street, Pullman, Michigan, advised her daughter, SONETTA WATKINS FISCHER, had a boyfriend, ROGER JACK, who is in the Air Force in Texas and undoubtedly it was this individual who called SONETTA at the DENT residence in December, 1967. Mrs. WATKINS advised she did not know suspect RAY or have any information regarding captioned case.

SONETTA WATKINS FISCHER, interviewed at High-Q Company, Fennville, Michigan, home address 830 South 58th Street, Pullman, Michigan, advised she had received a telephone call on or about December 17, 1967, at the telephone of her neighbor, CHARLES DENT, in Pullman, which call was from her boyfriend, ROGER JACK who was then stationed in the United States Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas. She said this was purely a personal call; that she did not know suspect RAY or have any information concerning the captioned case.

All of the above individuals are Negroes who expressed great interest in the apprehension of the murderer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and no one had any pertinent information.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

DATE: 5/29/68

FROM : SA DEAN W. LLOYD

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

The following subscribers were contacted by SA Dean W. Lloyd, exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and were unable to furnish any information of value:

On 5/28/68:

Major William Greer 609 Exchange, Universal City (658-2384)
Mrs. Fabian Bon 504 (formerly 508) Aero, Universal City (658-2556)
Pedro Arreola 401 W. Wright, Universal City (658-3474)
Willie Robert Sweeten Rt 1 Box 8 Cibola, Texas (658-4060)
Mrs. Edward K. Lucky, 322 E. Byrd, Universal City (658-5264)
Major H.W. Pangle 426 E. Langley, Universal City (658-6548)
Ophelia Mendez, Klein St., Marion (458-2293) (telephone listed to Maria Campos who has not been at this address for 8 months)
Bruno Zunker, Rt 1 Box 80, Adkins, Texas (458-2417)
Ben de la Santos, Rt 2 Box 128, Marion, Texas (458-2447)
Elmer Charles Loeff, Jr. Buck Community Box 126, Marion (458-2762)

On 5/29/68:

Mrs. Arthur Castellanos, 711½ Exchange, Schertz, Texas (658-4078)
Randolph AFB Information # 652-1110
Randolph AFB Security Police, Main Gate 652-3428
Mrs. Ernest P. Tyler 1003 F DD St. Randolph AFB 652-5481
3511th Organizational Maintenance Squadron, Randolph AFB Bldg 581 652-5511
T/Sgt Tommy Burnham Rt 1 Box 210 Van Army, Texas 622-3226
Mrs. Paul T. Koehler 1788 Dillon (Rt 9 Box 215 L) San Antonio) located at Madonna, Texas 622-3263
Dayton G. Mayo Rt 1 Box 132A Atascosa, Texas 622-3522
Pete O. Jorgenson Von Army, Texas 622-3555 (Located next to E's bar) behind

I was unable to locate anyone at the home of subscriber V. Frost, Highway 81 South, House 1639 Van Army, Texas, telephone 622-3242. This lead should be reassigned in view of my AL commencing today. The house is on the west side of Highway 81 S approximately 1.7 miles south of Farm road 9173 which is south of Von Army.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P) DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : SA KENNETH M. MILLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Rememo SAC, 5/23/68.

The following persons advised they were subscribers to the telephone numbers listed in December, 1967. They further stated that they had no knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY and could not identify his picture as being familiar to them.

Mrs. JOHN R. PARKER
134 E. Morningview
333-8696

Mrs. DAVID K. DIRCK
1007 Utopia
333-9139

LINDA MC DONALD
395 Dorie
337-4376

JAMES LONG, Manager,
Dennie's Restaurant
98 N. E. Loop Expressway
341-4811

Mrs. RODOLFO GONZALEZ
411 Dawnview
#342-7309

MODESTA IDROGO
147 Abshire
#434-3272 - This individual advised she was not the subscriber to this number in 12/67.

Mrs. LEON ROSS
214 Sathbridge,
#342-5020 - This individual advised she was not subscriber to this number in 12/67.

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AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. Will ascertain from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company who were subscribers to phone nos. 342-5020 and 434-3272 in December, 1967.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)
RE: MURKIN
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Re Memphis airtel to Albany 4/19/68 and San Antonio telcall to Memphis 6/4/68.

Set forth as follows are estimated costs incurred by the San Antonio Office during May, 1968, relating to captioned matter.

1. (a). 1202 hours regular time
93 hours VOT
1295 total Special Agent
(b). 297 hours regular time
0 hours VOT
297 total clerical time
2. 5,000 miles
3. None
4. 46 Agents

This confirms that information furnished telephonically this date.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

FROM : SA GEORGE GEDDIS III

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 6/4/68

Re memo of SAC J. MYERS COLE dated 5/23/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA GEORGE GEDDIS III.

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

The following persons were contacted in reference to phone calls received from pay telephone booths located along Route 90 on the dates 12/15-16-17/67. All of the individuals indicated they were subscribers of the following telephone numbers on the instant dates. All were exhibited Wanted Flyer No. 442A which contains photos, aliases, and complete description of JAMES EARL RAY. None was able to make an identification of the subject.

Phone No.

532-1101 Mrs. W. F. HINGST, 207 Carol Ann, advised that she does not recall a telephone call to her number on 12/16/67 which might have been made from Route 90.

532-2536 Mrs. LORENE ROSSMAN, 1046 E. Drexel, advised that she does not specifically recall a phone call that might have been made from a pay phone booth along Route 90 on 12/17/67. She said that her husband has an oil field located near Seguin and that it is not uncommon for him to call her.

532-4568 Mr. CHARLEY GREGG, 501 Hammond, was unable to remember anything concerning a phone call that might have been made from Route 90 on 12/15/67.

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533-1134

JANETTE KILLOUGH, 343 Ada, advised that she does not specifically remember a phone call on 12/15/67 but indicated that her husband travels and calls her every night. He probably was en route to Uvalde since he travels U.S. 90 quite often.

533-5714

Mr. ROBERT and Mr. JOSEPH PLANTO, owners of Planto Furniture Mfg. Co., 307 Indiana, indicated that this phone is the furniture company business phone and while they do not remember a specific phone call on 12/16/67 it is not uncommon for drivers to call in to the office from Route 90.

533-7721

FELIX J. BURG, 1017 Highland, indicated that he does not recall a telephone call that might have been made from Route 90 on 12/16/67. He did mention, however, that four or five months ago he had a phone call charged to his home phone which indicated that a long-distance call had been made to somewhere in Louisiana. He has since discarded the bill and was unable to furnish the exact phone number that was called and could not remember exactly when the charge was incurred. He believed that it could have been in Dec. and appeared on his Jan. bill. He said that he personally appeared at the telephone company and the charge was deleted from his account.

534-1456

Mrs. FERN R. SCRUGGS, 310 Gibbs-Sprawl Road, Converse, Texas, indicated that she was the subscriber of telephone number 534-1456 on 12/17/67. She was unable to recall the specific telephone call that might have been made from a pay phone booth along Route 90, but she indicated that she has a sister that lives in Del Rio which is located on Route 90, and she also has friends that live in Houston. She speculated that during one of their trips to visit her someone may have called her from a pay booth along Route 90.

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AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. Will contact Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. re instant charge to the phone of FELIX J. BURG (above). Determine from telephone company on which bill a charge incurred on 12/15-16-17/67 would have appeared. Determine whether instant charge to Louisiana occurred on 12/15-16-17/67 and, if so, set out appropriate leads for La.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P) DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA CORNELIUS W. SHEA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference San Antonio memo of SA JOHN J. BATLEY, JR., 5/10/68.

On 5/17/68, Mr. ARTHUR B. CRAY, 439 Overhill, civilian employee, MDI WV, Kelly AFB, Texas (WA 5-3478), advised that he recalled receiving a phone call at 443-5497, his personal phone approximately the middle of December, 1967. He stated this phone call was made by his sister and her husband who had been en route to California and were stopping off either at Marathon or Marfa, Texas, and had been snowed in as a result of a storm which hit the area. He stated he does not know anyone in the south or southwestern area of Texas who would call his home phone.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : SA(A) PHILLIP A. GREB

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: SA KEMMY memo to file, 5/22/68 (Serial 469).

A copy of JAMES EARL RAY's IO was made available to the following charitable type missions:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Person</u>
5/29/68	The Salvation Army 226 Nolan Street, S.A.	Maj. LEWIS STILLEY AGNES WHITEHEAD
5/29/68	Catholic Welfare Bureau 2903 W. Salinas, S.A.	DOLORES OJEDA, Recept.
5/29/68	Goodwill Industries 3822 Pleasanton	ELAYNE D. MURRAY, Mgr.
5/29/68	St. Vincent De Paul Soc. 2307 San Fernando	RANDALL PERKINS, Mgr. (Has no transients)
6/ ³ / ₄ /68	The Salvation Army 1324 S. Flores	Capt. BERTRAND NORMAN
6/ ³ / ₄ /68	Traveler's Aid Soc. Three America's Life Bldg.	MARGARET BRANDT, Dir.

All persons agreed to cooperate in this matter and would notify this office immediately if they should observe anyone resembling RAY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1242) Attn: SA Kemmy

FROM : SA Fred T. Lee, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/31/68

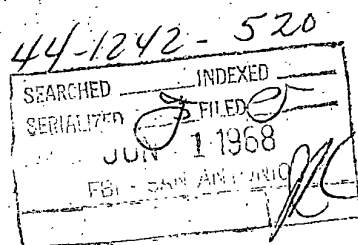
Re memo SA Kemmy dtd 5/22/68.

Area covered by the Del Rio RA does not have any "flop houses," and there are no Salvation Army, or similar type charitable institutions. Most charity is handled by the various law enforcement heads.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO(44-1242)

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SA LEOPOLDO E. ARMIJO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE Memphis teletype to San Antonio 5/29/68.

AT LAREDO, TEXAS

On 5/30/68, the following individuals advised that their records reflect no information that subject under his true name or aliases ever had a safety deposit box with their respective organizations:

Mrs. CONSUELO TREVINO, LAREDO NATIONAL BANK

MISS ZULEMA GARCIA, UNION BANK

MISS ELVA ORTIZ, BANK OF COMMERCE

They further advised that their check specifically covered the period of October 1 thru December 1, 1967.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 5-31-68

FROM : T. G. McWilliams, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE SAC MEMO TO SENIOR R/AS 5-15-68.

On 5-20-68 the photos of subject were furnished to
TV station KWTX at Waco, Texas.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, San Antonio (44-1242)

DATE: 5/29/68

FROM : SA Edwin B. Jones

SUBJECT: MURKIN- Cost Data

The following number of hours have been utilized by
SA Jones in connection with instant case.

Regular Hours- 38
Overtime Hours- 4

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, San Antonio (44-1242)

FROM : SA Joseph W. Venkus

SUBJECT: Murkin-Cost Data

DATE: 5/29/68

The following time has been spent by SA Venkus on instant case.

Regular time- 23 hours.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

FROM : SA LEON ELLIOT FISH

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 5/31/68

Re U.S. Govt. memorandum to each SA Agent dated 5/23/68.

The following investigation was conducted in Luling, Texas; Fentress, Texas; and Manor, Texas, on 5/28/68 by SA FISH:

The following individuals were contacted and interviewed regarding any long-distance telephone calls made to their numbers and residences from a public telephone in the SA Division, on 12/15-17/67. All of the individuals stated they were not able to positively identify the caller at that past date.

All were shown a wanted flyer of JAMES EARL RAY and were questioned regarding any knowledge they might have of him. All gave negative information:

- (1) Mrs. CLARA WADE
115 West Austin Street
Luling, Texas, 875-5675
- (2) Mrs. WILLIAM R. HOKE
106 Bellaire Street
Luling, Texas, 875-2528
- (3) Mr. W. C. MILLER
Hill Top Inn
Hwy 80 South, Luling, Texas, 875-2317
- (4) CARSON BENEDICT, Luling State Park
Golf Shop, South Magnolia Blvd.,
Luling, Texas, 875-2612

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- (5) Mrs. EDDIE HENSLEY, Hwy 80
Fentress, Texas, 488-2693
- (6) Mrs. CRESENCIA GONZALES
Fentress, Texas, 488-2648
- (7) Mrs. CLARENCE PLUMBER
Manor, Texas, 272-5455
- (8) Mrs. WILLIAM BRYAN BUTLER
Manor, Texas, 272-5234

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)
ATTN: SA JOHN M. KEMMY

FROM : SA GEORGE KEEFER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: ME

DATE: 5/27/68

ReBurad to all field divisions, 5/14/68.

Review of unsolved 91 cases did not reveal any case in which it could be considered appropriate to display photograph of subject to witnesses.

On 5/10/68, copies of WF #442A were furnished to Lt. JOE DI STEFANO, Robbery Detail, SAPD, with the suggestion that JAMES EARL RAY be considered a suspect in any unsolved armed robbery occurring after 4/23/67.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (137-1826)

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA THOMAS G. CRASFORD

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SUBJECT: SA 804 C

Dates of Contact 5/3/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted See below (current top 10 fugitives)	
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC <p>Source was contacted in his strategic position at one of the more important hotels in the San Antonio area to have him review the pictures and identifying descriptions of the current top 10 fugitives.</p> <p>Source studied these descriptions and photographs and advised that none were known to him.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very good
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1-88-5448 (MERRON) 1-88-5271 (PARIS)
1-88-5526 (WELLS) 1-88-4648 (JOHNSON)
1-88-5159 (CARLIARDI) 1-26-22356 (CLOUSER)

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1-88-5003 (EPSTEIN)
1-44-1242 (RAY)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC COLE(44-1242)

FROM : SA B. E. DEFFENBAUGH, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: May 27, 1968

Re your memo dated 5-23-68 which is serial 472 in the file, which sets forth various numbers to be checked out regarding Long Distance Telephone calls.

On May 27, 1968, the date this lead was received by the writer, the following investigation was conducted and the identity of the numbers assigned to me is as follows:

- 221-2141 This is the Information Desk at Brook General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
- 221-4325-This is the Commandants Office, Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, which number is used by all officers reporting for duty at the School.
- 221-4377-This is the Night Supervisor's Phone, Material Facilities Division, Storage Section K, Building 4202, Kannex, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, which phone is used for ordering various items of equipment.
- 222-8484--This is the Texas Employment Commission Switchboard, which has offices at 307 Guilbeau, 406 South Main, 330 Dwyer, 601 East Commerce, 400 South Main, all in San Antonio, Texas
- 222-8621 This is the Switchboard at General Motors Acceptance Corp., 425 Soledad
- 222-08873 This is listed to Noria Murrleymack, 202 Jerusalem, who was interviewed today by writer. She does not recall receiving telephone call on December 15, 1967, but indicated that she does receive many long distance calls. She could not recall who might have called her at this time. She knows nothing about JAMES EARL RAY OR ERIC STARVO GALT.
- 223-0559--This is a payphone at Winchester Bar, 326 South Frio, owned by Mrs. Magdalena Aguilar. SA JAMES GARCIA spoke to her. She states that this phone is located by the door and anybody can use it. She does not recall a phone call

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being received long distance on 12-16-67, but there are many phone calls received on this number. She states that JAMES EARL RAY AND ERIC STARVO GALT is unknown to her.

223-0656---This number has been disconnected, and it is not listed in the criss-cross. SA GREB has a lead to check this number out at the Telephone Company.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

FROM : SA CHARLES ANDREW ORSI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 6/3/68

Re memo to file from SAC J. MYERS COLE, 5/23/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
CHARLES ANDREW ORSI:

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

On 5/27/68, Mrs. DOROTHY ERICKSON, United Services Automobile Association, (USAA), 4119 Broadway, advised any phone calls made from along Highway 90 or 10 from a 512 exchange on 12/15/67, would be impossible to trace for USAA receives hundreds of phone calls everyday.

On 5/27/68, Mr. JAMES K. HAILE, 407 Abiso, advised he or his wife does not recall receiving a telephone call on 12/16/67 from Highway 90 or 10 in the 512 exchange. He was exhibited a photograph of subject and stated he did not know him.

On 5/27/68, Mr. TIM D. WORD, 2314 Camelback, advised he does not specifically recall receiving a long-distance phone call on 12/16/67 or 12/17/67 from Highway 10 or 90. He was exhibited a photograph of subject and said he did not know him. WORD said he was in the road contracting business and receives many telephone calls per day.

On 5/28/68, Mr. DONALD HUTCHINSON, Terrace Beauty Salon, 4119 Fredericksburg Road, advised he does not recall receiving a telephone call from Highway 90 or 10 on 12/16/67. He said he has many customers from Lackland AFB and instant Air Force Base is adjacent to Highway 90. He was exhibited a photograph of subject and said he does not know him.

On 5/28/68, Mrs. ADA PENSHORN, 1119 Conway, advised her telephone number is 824-8669. She stated Mr. ALVIN C. STEWART used to reside at her residence, but he moved prior to December, 1967.

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On 5/28/68, Mrs. LOTTIE MITCHELL (protect identity), clerk, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., advised that 826-8331 was disconnected during April, 1968. She stated there would be no way to determine who had that number during December 1967, if the San Antonio Criss-Cross Directory does not indicate it.

Mr. ALVIN C. STEWART, employee, Kelly AFB, advised he once had telephone number 826-8331, but it was changed sometime during the summer of 1967.

On 5/28/68, Mrs. JESSIE I. NEWTON, New England Apartments, Marose Avenue, advised she did not recall receiving any long-distance phone calls at her former telephone number which was 732-7401 on 12/16 or 17/67. She was exhibited a photograph of subject and she stated she did not know him. She further advised she could not recall receiving any unusual phone calls during December, 1967.

On 5/28/68, LOTTIE MITCHELL, supra, advised that 824-3109 was a nonworking telephone number and there would be no method by which to determine the owner of instant phone during December, 1967.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, San Antonio (44-1242)

FROM : SC Ernest G. Locker, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/2/68

At approximately 4:07 P. M. this date Frank W. Jones, owner, Jones' Enco Service Station, 103 S. W. W. White Road, San Antonio, Texas, ED 3-6831, telephonically contacted this office. He advised that a white male had come into his service station at 1:00 P. M., carrying two bags, and it appeared that this man had been hitchhiking. The man left his two bags in the station, stated that he was going to hitchhike to his mothers; that he would get a car at his mothers, and return for the bags. Jones advised that he did not see the man, but that his assistant manager, Van Bacey had seen the man. Jones then put Van Bacey on the line. Bacey advised that he had seen pictures of James Earl Ray in the newspaper and that this man looked like the pictures. Bacey advised that this man has not as yet returned to the station for his bags.

Saturday supervisor Keefer advised.

SA Crum advised.

The above is submitted for information.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : Complaint Clerk
DAVID A. WALL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype to San Antonio 4/24/68 concerning 1968 Texas license GZG 858.

Continued efforts have been made since the receipt of the referenced lead to ascertain the registration data for this license from the Bexar County Tax Collector's Office, San Antonio. These have met with negative results due to the fact such information is still in the process of being placed on file.

Contact is being maintained and as soon as this information is available it will be reported to Case Agent for appropriate handling.

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TO: SAC, DALLAS
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)
RE: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau 5/21/68.

Investigation Waco, Texas, disclosed records of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company reflect the following phone numbers were listed to the following subscribers on 12/15/67.

817-753-3090 BEVERLY THURMAN, Collins Hall,
Room 146, Baylor University,
Waco, Texas, (now disconnected)

817-754-8205 RON WILLIS, 1427 S. 8th, Apt. 6,
Waco, Texas, Baylor University
student (now disconnected)

Both above phone numbers are now disconnected and the subscribers were students attending Baylor University. Both have returned to their permanent homes from Baylor University and university records list their home addresses as follows:

BEVERLY THURMAN, Route 9, Box 215C, San Antonio, Texas, 78211

RON WILLIS, 713 Newberry, Richardson, Texas, 75080

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AT RICHARDSON, TEXAS Will contact RON WILLIS, 713 Newberry, Richardson, conducting investigation requested in reairtel.

SAN ANTONIO

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS Will contact BEVERLY THURMAN, Route 9, Box 215C, conducting investigation requested in reairtel.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : THE FILE (44-1242)

DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : SAC COLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBureau radiogram dated 5/21/68, which, among other things, instructs that offices covering State Capitols check at drivers license bureaus all drivers license applications for months of April and May 1968 concerning all male caucasians over 30 years of age and under 55 years, in view of the fact that it is possible subject secured driver's license using another name other than alias known. This instruction went on to say that as a result of reviewing these applications, Field Offices should conduct appropriate investigation to determine if any such individual identical with subject.

In prior communications to the Bureau and in telephonic conversations it has been pointed out that obtaining a list of the type prescribed would be extremely difficult, however, today the Texas Department of Public Safety furnished a list of some 4700 names who applied for licenses during the month of April. A cursory check of this list reveals that approximately 1000 of these individuals reside in the San Antonio Division, and to comply with reBuRadiogram, it would be necessary for this office to check out at least 1000 persons and the other offices in Texas the balance of the 4700.

Today I talked with Section Chief McGOWAN, Civil Rights Section at the Bureau, to advise that during the current year the State of Texas has required a proof of birth for all applicants applying for license. This requires a birth certificate, an insurance certificate in excess of five years, a religious certificate or appropriate educational records as confirmation.

I suggested to Mr. McGOWAN that since confirmation of birth is required in Texas, I felt that it would be desirable to limit this check for a span of less than 25 years as prescribed in reBuRadiogram to two to three years on each side of subject's known date of birth.

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He instructed that we withhold covering this lead for the present as current developments in this case indicate highly promising leads which are being pursued, and that no further action need be taken on this lead until we hear from him. I told him that the leads for the other Texas offices have not as yet been distributed, and he requested that we hold these up until further notice.

I told him I would do this.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299) (P)

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Re Bureau airtel to all offices, 5/7/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies each of the following inserts:

1. Investigation re Suspect DANIEL EUGENE PARMA, 2915 Grim Ave., Waco, Texas.

2. Investigation in S. C. concerning unidentified deceased persons since 4/15/68.

3. Investigation Columbia, West Columbia and Wagener, S. C., re information furnished by CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Ill., on 4/26/68. (2 inserts and 1 FD 302) NO.

4. Administrative pages re contacts with informants by the Columbia Division.

Enclosed for New Orleans and Tampa Offices is 1 copy each of investigative insert concerning investigation in S. C. re information furnished by CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Ill., on 4/26/68. (2 inserts and 1 FD 302)

- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encls-90)
- 1 - New Orleans (Encl-3) (Info)
- ② - San Antonio (Encl-1)
- 1 - Tampa (Encl-3) (Info)
- 2 - Columbia

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Enclosed for San Antonio is copy of insert re
investigation re Suspect DANIEL EUGENE PARMA, 2915 Grim Ave.,
Waco, Texas.

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RE: Suspect DANIEL EUGENE PARMA, 2915 Grim Avenue, Waco, Texas

The following investigation was conducted at Columbia, South Carolina, on May 16, 1968, by Special Agents MULDROW B. MILLS and ROBERT E. ROBERTSON:

On May 16, 1968, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SCLED) Agent TED OWENS telephonically advised that an individual giving his name as HARRY LOGAN, not further identified, telephonically contacted SCLED a short time previously and advised that he spotted an individual somewhat resembling the newspaper photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. According to LOGAN he followed this individual to the Carolina Motel, Two Notch Road, Columbia, South Carolina, where he entered a room. LOGAN stated that this individual was driving a beige Oldsmobile bearing 1968 Texas license GCW 799.

On May 16, 1968, inquiry at the Carolina Motel disclosed that individual driving above mentioned automobile had given his name as DANIEL PARMA and his address as Waco, Texas. He rented a room at this motel on May 13, 1968, and paid one week in advance.

On May 16, 1968, DANIEL EUGENE PARMA, was interviewed at the Carolina Motel, Columbia, South Carolina, when he was eliminated by fingerprints with JAMES EARL RAY. He voluntarily consented to being fingerprinted and furnished the following information concerning himself. His name is DANIEL EUGENE PARMA and he resides at 2915 Grim Avenue, Waco, Texas, with his mother Mrs. MARGARET H. PARMA. He made available Texas Driver's License #2986637 and Social Security card [redacted] in the name of DANIEL E. PARMA.

He came to Columbia, South Carolina, from Birmingham, Alabama, on May 13, 1968. He is a commercial artist and for the past few days has been arranging an art show to sell his

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paintings which he hauls in a U-Haul rental trailer. He has rented a store at 4423 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina, where he will hold his art show on Saturday, May 18, 1968. The following physical description of PARMA was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	DANIEL EUGENE PARMA
Race	White
Sex	Male
Social Security	[REDACTED]
Military Service	U.S. Navy, June 6, 1951 through November 29, 1954
Height	6'1"
Weight	160
Scars and Marks	Tattoo U.S. Navy right forearm
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Waco, Texas

Subsequently on May 16, 1968, LEON GASQUE, SCLED, advised he had telephonically contacted the Department of Motor Vehicles in Austin, Texas, and determined that 1968 Texas license GCW 799 was issued to DANIEL E. PARMA, 2915 Grim Avenue, Waco, Texas, for a 1967 Oldsmobile Coupe, VIN 338177M197798.

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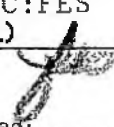
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TEMPLE, CHIEF, DRIVER AND VEHICLE RECORDS, DIV., AND JOEL
TISDALE, CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION AND CRIMINAL RECORDS DIV.,
TEXAS DPS, AUSTIN, TEXAS, TO SEE IF ANY POSSIBLE WAYS COULD
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MITTED FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY,
SIXTYEIGHT, BY MALE CAUCASIANS BETWEEN AGES THIRTY AND FIFTY-
FIVE. CHIEF TEMPLE ADVISED DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU USES THE
SOUNDEX SYSTEM AND DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS HAVE NOT, TO DATE,
BEEN COMPUTERIZED. THE DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU HAS THREE
HUNDRED SUB-STATIONS AROUND THE STATE OF TEXAS THAT SUBMIT
LICENSE APPLICATIONS ON A DAILY BASIS. NEW APPLICANTS MUST
SUBMIT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF BIRTH SUCH AS BIRTH CERTIFICATE,
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MATELY THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND APPLICATIONS OF ALL TYPES ARE RECEIVED MONTHLY INTO THE SOUNDIX SYSTEM AT HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTIN. THERE ARE CURRENTLY SIX AND ONE HALF MILLION APPLICATIONS ON FILE. TO LOCATE THE APPROXIMATE SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND FOR APRIL AND MAY WOULD TAKE MANUAL REVIEW OF EACH SIX AND ONE-HALF MILLION INDIVIDUAL RECORDS. THE DRIVER LICENSE BUREAU STARTED PHOTOGRAPHING LICENSEES JANUARY ONE, LAST. THESE FILM RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED SEPARATELY BY SUB-STATION ON FILM SUBMITTED DAILY. NO EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR VISUAL REVIEW OF FILM NEGATIVES AND ONLY WAY TO REVIEW FILM NEGATIVES WOULD BE TO HAVE FILM COMPANY MAKE THE BUREAU A COPY OF EACH NEGATIVE. DPS PAYS TWENTYFIVE POINT EIGHT CENTS PER COPY. FOR APRIL THEREAWOULD BE APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND NEGATIVES. DPS IS CURRENTLY APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS IN ARREARS IN MAILING OUT LICENSES. FBI AGENTS COULD VIEW THESE LICENSES THAT ARE IN ARREARS AND THEN REVIEW LICENSES ON A CURRENT BASIS AS RECEIVED AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU, AUSTIN. IT WOULD TAKE FOUR AGENTS TO WORK WITH EACH OF THE FOUR DESKS

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MAILING OUT LICENSES AT DRIVER LICENSE BUREAU. THEY MAIL OUT APPROXIMATELY THIRTEEN THOUSAND DAILY. THEY ARE CURRENTLY MAILING OUT LICENSE FOR MAY ONE LAST. CHIEF TEMPLE, WHO HAS BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE IN THE PAST, STATED HE IS DESIROUSE OF DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSIST BUREAU IN THIS MATTER, AND EVEN THOUGH HE HAS AN ACUTE SPACE PROBLEM HE WOULD ENDEAVOR TO MAKE ROOM FOR FOUR AGENTS TO WORK IN DRIVER LICENSE BUREAU SHOULD THE BUREAU DESIRE, OR HE WILL GIVE WANTED FLYERS AND IO CIRCULARS TO EACH EMPLOYEE MAILING OUT LICENSES AND ASK THEM TO BE ALERT FOR ANYONE RESEMBLING RAY. THIS DATE CIRCULARS AND OTHER PHOTOS OF RAY GIVEN CHIEF TEMPLE FOR THIS DISTRIBUTION. CHIEF TEMPLE IS OF OPINION FICTITIOUS LICENSES FOR STATE OF TEXAS UNDER CURRENT POLICIES WOULD BE DIFFICULT IN VIEW OF FACT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF BIRTH, PHOTOGRAPH OF LICENSEE, AND THUMB PRINT ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH APPLICANT.

Further suggestion of Chief Temple being followed
~~BUREAU ADVISE OF FURTHER ACTION IF ANY DESIRED.~~

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-1242)

FROM : SA B. E. DEFFENBAUGH, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: May 29, 1968

Re your memoe 5-23-68(Serial #472) in the file which sets forth several phone numbers for the writer to check out. Reference is also made to me memo of 5-27-68 which sets forth all the results of my investigation with the exception of investigation dealing with phone number 223-0656. It was pointed out that it was ascertained that this number had been disconnected and SA GREB had a lead to ascertain the subscriber to this phone as of 12-16-67.

On May 29, 1968 SA GREB advised that records of the phone company reflect the former subscriber to this phone was the PHILLIP GARDENS NIGHT CLUB, 301 North San Marcos, San Antonio Texas and that the billing on this phone was to ARTURO RAMIREZ, 3251 West Laurel, San Antonio, Texas PE 3-1202.

After numerous attempts to contact MR. RAMIREZ, he was finally located late on May 29, 1968. MR. RAMIREZ related that he formerly managed this Night Club and that the phone was 223-0656. He informed that this was a pay phone. He stated that the Club use to receive many long distance calls, but most of them were for people that would come to the Club and had called somebody and asked them to be called back at that Club number. He related that, since the phone was a public phone, anybody could use it. He cannot now recall at this late date any specific long distance call made to this phone back in December. He would have no idea about any call received at that number at this time and could suggest no one that might recall such a call. He concluded by stating that the name of JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT, were unknown to him, except what he has read in the newspaper regarding the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

FROM : SA, HAROLD H. CROSSETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/28/68

Re memo SAC dated 5/23/68.

On May 28, 1968 it was determined that Mercedes, Texas telephone number 565-2667 is that of TEOLIFO CUELLAR, 601 South Colorado and Weslaco, Texas telephone number 968-5128 is that of FIDENCIO G. MARTINEZ, 413 N. Illinois.

AT MERCEDES, TEXAS

On May 28, 1968 MRS. TEOLIFO CUELLAR, 601 S. Colorado, advised she called her home from Uvalde, Texas on 12/15/67 and talked to her sister who was staying at her home.

AT WESLACO, TEXAS

On May 28, 1968 MR. and MRS. FIDENCIO G. MARTINEZ, 413 N. Illinois, each advised that no telephone call was received at their residence on 12/16/67, and that JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to them, either by name or photograph.

MRS. MARTINEZ stated she received calls from a son in Houston and another son in Grand Forks, North Dakota during December, 1967 but none from the San Antonio, Texas area.

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