

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

SCHNAARS

Name Mr. & Mrs. Albert Schnaars
Address 399-8th Ave. Seattle
City Seattle State WA
Representing _____
Make of Car Buick License No. HB State WA

Date	No. in Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid in Advance
12-26-67	2	103	18	99	18.99	18.99

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Make of Car _____ License No. _____ State _____

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-07-67	3	106	28.00	1.10	29.10	-
			V&B.T.			

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

EASTON

Name Mr & Mrs David Easton & daughter
Address 4 Linden Lane
City Longmont State CO
Representing Agua Electrica
Make of Car Coyote License No. 855163 State La

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid in Advance
12-22-67	3	109	77	94	174	226.00

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

STEVE MACASKE

Address 310 WILSON DR

City Alameda State Miss.

Representing

Make of Car _____ License No. _____ State _____

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PICKERING
JONES

Name RONALD B. JONES
Address 1300 PRESIDENTIAL DR.
City COLUMBUS State OHIO
Representing KIPPER HILLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Make of Car FORD License No. G 10568 State OHIO

Date	No. in Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid Advance
12-22-67	2	118	17	44	17.44	

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Frank Halloran *Halloran*
Elmer C. Coney
 Address *1204 1/2 1st St. N.E.*
Washington D.C. State *Fla.*
 Representing _____
 Make of Car _____ License No. _____ State _____

Date	No. in Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid in Advance
12-22-67	✓ 2	12	19	24	1898	

(*MSN*) *MSN*

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr & Mrs G. W. PEEKIN + FAMILY
Address 742 WILLOW LANE
City WILMINGTON, IL 60091 State ILL.
Representing _____
Make of Car CHEVY License No. KV State ILL.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
11-22-67	203	2	14.00	.22	14.22	
12-22-67	314	3	17.60	.94	18.54	
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Name Ludwig F. NACHMAN & wife
Address 8106 Longdon Street
City Philadelphia, Pa. State Penn.
Representing ABC Corp.
Make of Car Olds License No. _____ State _____

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid in Advance
12-22-67	2	211	16.00	.88	16.88	-

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Date	No. in Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-07	2	215	15.00	.83	15.83	
12-22-07	3	216	17.00	.94	17.94	
					33.77	33.77

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Name M. Susan Scott P. F. Folsom
Address 16 Harrison
City Travis City State _____
Representing _____
Make of Car Mustang License No. _____ State Calif.

Date	No. in Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid in Advance
12-22-67	3	220	17	44	17.44	

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

ROBERTS

Name Mr. & Mrs. Gary D. Robert
Address 1226
City Neenah State Wisc. 54951
Representing _____
Make of Car _____ License No. TAX 1 State _____

Date	No. in Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid in Advance
12-22-67	2	224	17	94	17.94	

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Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-61	2	231	18.00	.99	18.99	-
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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name M. & Mrs. M. M. Shapiro
Address 2612 Helen Ave
City Columbus, Ga State Ga
Representing _____
Make of Car _____ License No. _____ State _____

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-28-67	2	233	17.00	.99	18.99	2.00
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/21/68

Mr. DAVID SIMMONS, Security, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised record of toll calls for telephone number 523-8802, which is the pay telephone located at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, for the period December 14, 1967, through December 23, 1967, are not available because such records are kept six months and destroyed.

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Mr. BENJAMIN C. DUKE, Desk Clerk, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, residence 2713 Aberdeen, Kenner, Louisiana, examined the motel work sheet for December 17, 1967, when GALT registered, and observed it is his handwriting of GALT on the work sheet meaning he registered GALT when he came in the motel. The "2" near "GALT" means the room was available for 2 days. Somebody must have had a reservation for the third day.

Mr. DUKE stated from the work sheet it would appear GALT did not specifically ask for Room 126 but was given that room because it was available as a single. Also this was the lowest priced (\$12.00) room available. It is not known, Mr. DUKE stated, but it might be GALT as many singles do ask for the lowest priced room.

Mr. DUKE looked at photos of JAMES EARL RAY also known as ERIC S. GALT without recognition. He stated he could recall absolutely nothing about GALT.

Mr. DUKE stated he had no knowledge of anyone named RAOUL.

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Mr. CHEW WING LEE, owner and operator of Wing Lee Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 830 Chartres Street, French Quarter, New Orleans, Louisiana, looked at photos of JAMES EARL RAY and recognized him as having seen his pictures in newspapers. Mr. LEE advised he recalled reading in the papers that RAY had stayed at one time in the Provincial Motel which is about two blocks down the street. He stated other than that he knows nothing about RAY.

Mr. LEE advised he does laundry and dry cleaning for the Provincial Motel. He stated he does the work according to room number and not by name. He stated he keeps no record of the individual rooms because he gives this record to the motel when he returns the laundry and dry cleaning. At this time he cannot say whether or not he did any work for RAY while RAY was at the Provincial Motel December 17-19, 1967.

If RAY had personally brought any work in to be done, RAY would have been asked what laundry mark he wanted. If no specific request was made by RAY the clothing would be marked in black indelible ink by number such as "123" or "545" or something like that. This would be written directly on any garment except a suit coat on which a tag would be placed.

If the bell boy from Provincial Motel would have brought in anything from RAY in Room 126, it would have been marked "RM 126".

Mr. LEE stated December, 1967, is a long time ago and he would not know whether or not he ever did any work for RAY under the name RAY or any other name.

Mr. LEE stated he never heard of the name RAOUL.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SAN DIEGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 12/10/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/6/68
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SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN
Date: December 10, 1968

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Title:

JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM

Character:

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Synopsis:

Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, 5231 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, California; Mrs. JUNE LARSON and Mr. VIRGIL L. LARSON, 5646 Taft Avenue, La Jolla, California, all advised they arrived Provincial Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, evening of December 19, 1967, and could furnish no information regarding subject. Photographs displayed to them with negative results. They also advised name of RAUL unknown. No telephone calls made by Mrs. LOUISE LARSON or Mrs. JUNE LARSON. Several telephone calls made by Mr. VIRGIL LARSON from public telephone at hotel.

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DETAILS:

Information was received from the New Orleans Office of the FBI that the following persons had registered on December 19, 1967, at the Provincial Hotel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana:

Mrs. LOUISE LARSON
5231 La Jolla Boulevard
La Jolla, California;

Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON
5646 Taft Avenue
La Jolla, California

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Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, 5231 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, California, advised SA ARTHUR W. O'BRIEN as follows December 6, 1968:

Just prior to Christmas, 1967, Mrs. LOUISE LARSON traveled to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. VINNIE L. LARSON, 5626 Tart Avenue, La Jolla, California.

They left Los Angeles and flew directly to New Orleans, Louisiana, where they registered at the Provincial Hotel, New Orleans, during the evening hours. According to Mrs. LARSON, they stayed at the Provincial Hotel for approximately a week then proceeded to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. STEWART SCHERER, daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. VINNIE L. LARSON.

It is Mrs. LARSON's recollection that they had reservations in advance for their room at the Provincial Hotel. Mrs. LARSON also advised that the room in which she stayed had a spiral staircase leading to a second bedroom directly above the room where she stayed. Her son and daughter-in-law were in a room several doors from her room but later moved into a room outside.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to Mrs. LARSON and she advised that she has no recollection of having seen anyone resembling JAMES EARL RAY while she stayed at the Provincial Hotel.

The name MAGUI has no significance to Mrs. LARSON.

Mrs. LARSON also advised that she personally did not make any telephone calls while staying at the Provincial Hotel.

Mrs. JUNE LARSON, 5626 Tart Avenue, La Jolla, California, advised SA O'BRIEN as follows December 6, 1968:

Mrs. LARSON displayed a 1967 calendar in which a notation was made on the date, December 19, 1967, indicating

the departure of her husband, herself and her mother-in-law for New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. LARSON advised that the purpose of the trip of her husband, herself and her mother-in-law was to spend Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Since she, Mrs. LARSON, had never visited New Orleans, they decided to make a stopover and spend about a week visiting the area.

According to Mrs. LARSON, they arrived at New Orleans, Louisiana, after dark and took a taxi directly to the Provincial Hotel.

Mrs. LARSON recalls that her mother-in-law stayed in a room having a spiral staircase leading to a bedroom directly above the one she occupied.

She and her husband first occupied a room but removed from her mother-in-law and later moved into a room number to the east being occupied by her mother-in-law.

They departed New Orleans for Fort Lauderdale on December 24, 1967.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to Mrs. LARSON and she advised that none of the photographs were familiar to her and she could recall no one staying at the Provincial Hotel who resembled the subject.

She also advised the name RAYNE had no significance to her.

Mrs. LARSON advised that she personally made no telephone calls either local or long distance while at the Provincial Hotel.

She advised that her husband is an operator of the telephone company and while on a trip occasionally makes

telephone calls to his office. She advised it is possible her husband may also have made a telephone call to her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. STEWART STEER, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, telephone 201-464-4721.

Mrs. LARSON advised that her husband always makes his calls from public telephones rather than making a call from the room.

Mr. VINNIE L. LARSON, 5646 Tart Avenue, La Jolla, California, advised SA O'BRIEN as follows December 6, 1968:

Mr. LARSON, referring to a 1967 calendar at his office, noted that on December 19, 1967, a notation in pencil indicated that he, his wife and his mother departed San Diego aboard National Airlines for New Orleans.

Mr. LARSON advised that they arrived after dark on December 19, 1968, and took a taxi directly to the Provincial Motel, New Orleans.

Mr. LARSON also advised that the purpose of the trip was to spend Christmas with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. STEWART STEER at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. They decided to stop over at New Orleans and spend a week visiting the area since his wife had never seen New Orleans.

His mother, Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, occupied a room having a spiral staircase leading to a bedroom directly above the one being occupied by her.

Mr. LARSON advised that he and his wife first occupied a room one removed from his mother and later moved to a room nextdoor to her. They stayed at the Provincial Motel until December 24, 1968, at which time they continued their flight to Fort Lauderdale.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to Mr. LARSON and he advised that none of the photographs were familiar to him and he does not recall anyone resembling the subject at the Provincial Motel.

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The name HACHEL has no significance to Mr. LARSON.

Mr. LARSON advised that he undoubtedly made several telephone calls while he stayed at the Brooklyn Hotel; however, most of these telephone calls were made from his room. He always makes telephone calls from a public telephone in order to save the service charge that the motel or hotel usually charges for placing the call.

He undoubtedly called his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. SCOTT LARSON of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, telephone number 908-464-4731. He probably also called the telephone company where he works, telephone number 734-235-0690.

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

William Bradford Huie, author, has written a second article for "Look" magazine concerning the travels of James Earl Ray since Ray's escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967. The second article appears in November 26, 1968, issue of "Look" (circulated November 12, 1968) and alleges the involvement of an individual by the name of "Raoul" in the King assassination. According to the article, Ray contacted "Raoul" in New Orleans, Louisiana; Selma, Alabama; Birmingham, Alabama, and in a motel across the border in Mexico.

The following is a listing of those motels and a hotel in the respective areas in which Ray was alleged to have registered as a guest using the name Eric S. Galt or John L. Bryns.

New Provincial Motel
New Orleans, Louisiana
December 17, 18, 1967
(New Orleans Division)



Airtel to SAs, Birmingham
Rev Orlando
Mughaia
Whale
San Antonio

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Granada Hotel
Birmingham, Alabama
August 23, 1968
(Birmingham Division)

Flamingo Hotel
Selma, Alabama
March 24, 1968
(Mobile Division)

Each division will obtain a list of the guests registered at the respective hotels and hotel for a period of three days before, during, and three days after the listed period. This list should include, but not be restricted to, name, address, and identification of any vehicle used by the guests. The possibility exists that a common denominator will appear at the above in order that the identity of "Rosal" will be established.

In addition, the article sets forth that Ray stayed at an unnamed motel in Nueva Iruya, Mexico, 10-7-68. Since it is not known how many motels are located in Nueva Iruya, Mexico, the San Antonio Office should conduct the desired investigation only if feasible. Advise the Bureau and Memphis accordingly.

The Memphis Division, upon receipt of this information from the other listed divisions, will completely evaluate this information for possible identification of "Rosal." The name "Rosal" is Spanish for Ralph and it should be considered that this could be either a given name or a surname.

This is to be handled immediately and results furnished to the Bureau promptly.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 12/11/68

Re San Diego airtel to New Orleans dated 12/5/68 enclosing a Xerox copy of Bu airtel to Birmingham, et al, dated 11/14/68, and setting forth that it was apparently misdirected to San Diego.

The copy was sent San Diego as an enclosure to New Orleans report dated 11/27/68 to give San Diego the background of the New Orleans inquiry at the Provincial Motel and the Bureau's interest in the possible certification of "Raoul."

Enclosed to San Diego is one copy of above Buairtel 11/14/68.

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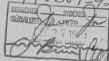
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CRYSTAL DATA
(OO: MEMPHIS)
BUFILE 44-38861

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/18/68, and
Memphis airtel to all SAC's, dated 4/16/68.

Discontinue the weekly submission to the Memphis
Division of the cost data requested in referenced airtel,
since the Bureau has agreed this submission can be discon-
tinued.

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Approved: *R. Jensen* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

DIRECTOR, FBI

2/10/69

SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN

Mrs. ELIA V. MARIN, 555 Club Road, Camilar Trailer Park, Oceanside, California, telephonically contacted the Oceanside Resident Agency on 2/4/69, stating she wished to furnish some information in the strictest confidence. She, MARIN advised she knew that JAMES EARL RAY had been on a boat that went to Catalina Island on March 20, 1967, as she had seen his picture in LIFE Magazine and recognized it as a man she had seen on that boat.

Mrs. MARIN was contacted in person 2/7/69 at which time she related that in March, 1967, she, her son, and a sister-in-law, MARY LOU JONES, 515 Main Avenue, Oceanside, California, had traveled from San Pedro to Catalina Island on the steamship which is advertised as the "Great White Steamship to Catalina." As best she could recall, the date was 3/20/67, which was over a year before KING was killed.

On the way to Catalina Island, she noticed a man wearing a brown suit that looked as if he had slept in it, a bow tie (dark in color), and a brown hat and white shirt. He was tanned as if he had been in the sun.

On the way back from the Catalina Island, she was sitting on the second deck and observed this man walking and weaving and appearing drunk. Several of the people in the area where she was sitting remarked about the man and a young girl remarked that an officer on the ship had told the girl that the man did not get off the ship at Catalina.

During the return voyage, a band was playing and there was dancing. This man approached Mrs. MARIN and remarked that one of them could possibly show the

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