

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

6/26/68

SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Memphis airtel to Seattle, 5/16/68.

On June 13, 1968, Mr. JOHN V. CLARK, Corporate Manager, Security Section, The Boeing Company, 7755 E. Marginal Way S., Seattle, Washington, referred SA CHARLES N. GIESE to Mr. CHESTER ALFRED DAHL, Boeing Supervisor in Organization 6-7900, who has a Secret Clearance. DAHL resides at 23024-99th W., Edmonds, Washington and according to CLARK he had information pertaining to a remark made by Mr. JOHN FREDERICK GRACE, a Boeing chemist in Organization 6-3020, who also has a Secret Clearance and who lives at 1009 Tenth Place S., Edmonds, Washington.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE DAHL FAMILY WHO WERE INTERVIEWED REQUESTED THAT THEIR IDENTITIES REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

Seattle Indices are negative concerning the DAHL family members and the GRACE family members.

On June 14, 1968, DAHL was interviewed at work; and he advised his daughter, [REDACTED], is a friend of DEBBIE GRACE, who is the daughter of GRACE above. The summation of Mr. DAHL's information was that [REDACTED] learned from DEBBIE GRACE that three days prior to the KING assassination, GRACE had remarked that KING would be shot. Further, GRACE has attended many John Birch meetings "and others", types unknown. GRACE reportedly has a violent temper.

On June 14, 1968, [REDACTED], who is 17, was interviewed at her home in the presence of her mother. DEBBIE DAHL related the substance of the information outlined above and added that GRACE is "violently" anti-Communist.

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On June 25, 1968, GRACE was interviewed at work by SA GIESE who prefaced the interview by stating merely that it had been reported to the Seattle FBI Office that GRACE purportedly had advanced information that KING would be shot.

GRACE stated that it was his feeling that since KING had been so much in the public eye and since some people were opposed to what he had been doing, he would not have been surprised if KING were shot. GRACE stated that he may have passed this remark to someone but he could not recall to whom or when. He said that he most certainly did not have any foreknowledge that KING would be shot although he was not surprised that it did happen for the reason stated above; but he deplored the shooting. GRACE said he most certainly did not have anything to do with the shooting itself, and he remarked that he has heard other persons remark that they would not be surprised if KING were shot in the connotation noted above.

The Seattle Division is forwarding this for the information of the Bureau and the Memphis Division but does not contemplate any further action in this specific instance.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-371)

DATE: 7/3/68

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: CHESTER WILLIAM MARTINSON

Re memorandum 4/29/68 prepared by PETER JAMES WEBB (44-371-211).

Mr. RICHARD CHAPIN, attorney in Bellevue, telephone GL 4-8189, called and advised that MARTINSON, his client, had complained that he was interviewed by SA FREDERICK J. McFAUL, of the FBI, in the presence of other people and within their hearing was told that he was identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

I told Mr. CHAPIN that I would check on this matter and let him know. I talked to SA McFAUL. He advised that he did interview MARTINSON, his sole purpose being to determine MARTINSON's whereabouts during the pertinent period of this case. He did not advise MARTINSON in the presence of others that he thought MARTINSON was identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

I called Mr. CHAPIN back on 7/2/68, and advised him it had been reported to us that MARTINSON may be identical with RAY, which was typical of many similar reports we received during the time we were seeking RAY's whereabouts; that our sole purpose in talking to MARTINSON was to determine his whereabouts during the pertinent period in this case. At no time did we directly or indirectly imply that we believed MARTINSON was identical with RAY.

He expressed his appreciation for our thoughtfulness in letting him know.

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MURKIN

COST DATA  
SEATTLE DIVISION FOR MONTH OF 6/68

1. Number of Regular Man Hours:

Agents

Clerical

25

4

Overtime Hours

2

0

2. Total Mileage - Bureau Cars - 50

3. Unusual or Out of Ordinary Cost - 0

4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case During  
Month of June - 10

2 - Memphis

2 - Seattle

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6/25/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)  
RE: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: ME

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau 6/18/68.

On 6/25/68, MARY BASS, 410 West Colorado, Groesbeck, Texas, wife of LLOYD CENE BASS, SR., states the last address she has for her husband is care of Arnold Meat Company, 4308 Commerce, Dallas, Texas. BASS is supposed to be living with BILL (LNU), Dallas, Texas whom she knows nothing about. She expects a telephone call from BASS this weekend which is 6/29-30/68, and is to advise him to contact the Dallas FBI Office. She will obtain his address and furnish to FBI. She states BASS was, to her knowledge, still employed in the bonding of meat with Arnold Meat Company.

On 6/25/68, HARRY COX, Dimestone County Sheriff's Office, Groesbeck, Texas, stated he has known LLOYD CENE BASS, SR., for about 30 years. He stated BASS' wife, MARY, and children live at 410 West Colorado, Groesbeck, Texas. However, BASS lives and works in Dallas and is thought to run a meat company in Dallas.

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*[Signature]*

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LEADS

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS Will attempt to locate LLOYD  
GENE BASS, SR., thought to be living with a man named BILL  
(LEW) in Dallas.

SAN ANTONIO

AT GROESBECK, TEXAS Will maintain contact  
with MARY BASS for information to locate her husband, LLOYD  
GENE BASS, SR.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-371)

FROM : EUGENE P. CLARK, SA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/20/68

On this date JOE GARSKE, a card dealer at Carlo's Tavern, Yakima, who resides at 910 East Knob Hill Ave., Yakima, stated that he was formerly a dealer at Tonasket, Washington. While he was in Tonasket in the fall of 1967 he recalled a man coming to his place of business on at least two occasions, who never played cards, and who appeared to be of the fruit worker type. This man talked of having come from some southern state, not recalled by GARSKE, and that his brothers were rather influential people there and possibly in the filling station business.

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Hotel*

GARSKE stated that he never did receive any information as to the name of this individual, but that he probably stayed at the local hotel where the bus station is located, since he had made a statement that his brothers were sending him a bus ticket to come home. He surmised that someone at the hotel might recall the incident and be able to furnish the name of the man. He did not visit with the man very much, however one time the man stated to him that he was going "back home" and kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. When pressed for details, the man would only say, "You can read about it in the newspapers". GARSKE stated that this man bears no resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY. He described him as follows:


Age	45-50
Height	5'11"
Weight	165-170
Accent	Slight southern accent

GARSKE stated that he might not even recognize the man now if he saw him again, but he recalled that at the time the man sounded very sincere in making the statement. Because it was so very unlikely, GARSKE had not reported the incident sooner and stated he was somewhat embarrassed to bring it up at this time.

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LEAD  
AT TONASKET, WASHINGTON

 Steps should be taken at once to see if the persons mentioned by GARSKE can be identified and if so, then that person located and interviewed concerning this matter.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987),  
SAN DIEGO (44-387)(44-394)

FROM RICHMOND 3P

MURKIN. RICHMOND FILE FOUR FOUR DASH SIX FIVE SEVEN.

KENSALT. RICHMOND FILE SIX TWO DASH TWO TWO FOUR EIGHT.

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE ELEVEN LAST.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN INSTANT, CHILTON V. STEWART, CHIEF OF POLICE,  
BIG STONE GAP, VA., ADVISED HE KNOWS GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER  
BUT LETSINGER IS NOT WANTED BY HIS DEPARTMENT.

SAME DATE, SHELBY MULLINS, SHERIFF, WISE CO., VA., ADVISED  
GEORGE LETSINGER OR GEORGE ANDERSON IS NOT WANTED BY HIS DEPART-  
MENT.

SAME DATE, CORA BOLLING, E. FIFTH STREET, BIG STONE GAP,  
VA., FORMER LANDLADY OF LETSINGER, ADVISED HE HAD LEFT HER HOME  
AND BIG STONE GAP IN MID NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. HE ADVISED HER  
PRIOR TO LEAVING THAT HE WAS GOING TO MEXICO AND SHE FOUND OUT  
LATER FROM THERE HE WENT TO MISSOURI. SHE STATED THAT LETSINGER  
HAS TRAVELED THROUGHOUT THE U.S. SINCE SIXTYFOUR. SHE KNEW THIS  
BECAUSE SHE HAD RECEIVED SEVERAL CARDS FROM HIM WHICH HAD BEEN

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- 1 - Richmond (44-657)
- 1 - Richmond (62-2248)

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DESTROYED INDICATING VARIOUS PLACES IN THE U.S. WHICH HE HAD VISITED. SHE ADVISED THAT LETSINGER WAS A PROLIFIC LETTER WRITER IN THAT HE WROTE LETTERS CONSTANTLY, SOME TO PROMINENT PEOPLE IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA AND LETTERS TO FRIENDS AND RELATIVES THROUGHOUT THE U.S. SHE EXHIBITED COPIES OF SEVERAL LETTERS LEFT WITH HER BY LETSINGER WHICH LETSINGER SENT TO OFFICIALS AND A REVIEW OF THESE LETTERS REVEALED THEY WERE A SYMPATHETIC TYPE OF LETTER, NOT THREATENING IN NATURE. SHE ADVISED LETSINGER IS KNOWN TO HER AS GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, AKA BOBBY. SHE STATED THELMA MARRY, EAST FIFTH ST., BIG STONE GAP, VA., AN AUNT OF LETSINGER, MIGHT KNOW THE LOCATION OF LETSINGER. SHE FURTHER ADVISED EARLY IN THE NINETEEN SIXTIES LETSINGER HAD PROBLEMS WITH ONE OF HIS HANDS AND HAD TO HAVE SKIN GRAFTED FROM UNDER HIS ARM WHICH LEFT A SCAR. SHE ADVISED SHE HAD NOT SEEN NOR HEARD FROM LETSINGER IN OVER THREE YEARS TO THE BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE. SHE STATED LETSINGER'S MOTHER, ETTA LEE LETSINGER, OF AVA, MO., HAD ADVISED LETSINGER PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING HER HOME IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR HE WAS Sired BY ONE RAYMOND FURGESON, NOW DECEASED, AND NOT BY THE HUSBAND OF ETTA LETSINGER. SHE ADVISED SHE DID

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NOT KNOW THE NAME OF ETTA LETSINGER'S HUSBAND BUT INDICATED HE WAS DEAD. SHE FURTHER ADVISED AT ONE TIME LETSINGER HAD BEEN AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, SPRINGFIELD, MO., FOR SOME TYPE OF OPERATION. SHE ADVISED DURING SIXTYFOUR, PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING FOR MEXICO, LETSINGER WAS JAILED AT WISE CO., VA., FOR ASSAULT FOR SEVENTEEN DAYS. SHE FURNISHED A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN APRIL, SIXTYFOUR, OF LETSINGER WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT RICHMOND.

LETSINGER IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES TO FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, BLACK HAIR, INTELLIGENT SPEAKER, BOTH WALK AND TALK WERE VERY "SISSY" IN MANNER ALONG LINES OF A HOMOSEXUAL.

SAN DIEGO - ADVISE IF ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION DESIRED AT BIG STONE GAP, VA.

RICHMOND WILL CONTACT LETSINGER'S AUNT, THELMA MARRY, EAST FIFTH ST., BIG STONE GAP, VA., FOR FURTHER INFO RE LETSINGER. WILL ALSO CONTACT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, NORTON, VA., FOR ANY PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFO RE LETSINGER.

MAIL COPY FURNISHED SEATTLE.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-3942)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CO-MEMPHIS

Re Chicago airtel to Memphis, 6/11/68; Seattle teletype to Dallas, 6/12/68; Memphis teletype to Bureau, 6/12/68; Dallas teletype to Bureau, 6/13/68; and Bureau teletype to Dallas, 6/14/68, copies of which are enclosed for San Antonio.

Investigation at GENE BASS' last known employment, Arnold Meat Company, 4008 Commerce, Dallas, on 6/17/68 revealed that he is no longer employed by that company. He was believed to be working for Kroger's in their meat warehouse in Irving, Texas.

MISS KAY BREWER, Personnel Clerk, and BILL MC CLENDON, Foreman, Kroger's Meat Plant, advised on 6/17/68, they could locate no employment record for GENE BASS and do not know or recall him.

The last arrest record for BASS, when he was arrested by the Dallas PD on 2/18/68 for shoplifting, shows his residence as 410 W. Colorado, Grimsbeck, Texas.

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LEAD:

SAN ANTONIO

AT GROESBECK, TEXAS. Locate and interview GARY BAKER  
per Bureau instructions.

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Date: 6/17/68

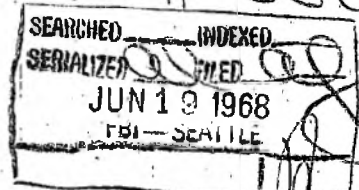
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)  
(44-394)MURKIN  
OO: MemphisKENSALT  
OO: Los Angeles

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER for appropriate dissemination. Enclosed for each office receiving this communication are two copies each of the same letterhead memo.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (Enc.2)
- 2 - Los Angeles (Enc.2)
- 2 - Richmond (Enc.2)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

San Diego, California  
June 17, 1968

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

On June 11, 1968, Mr. JOSEPH FORROR, Assistant Postmaster, Main Post Office, San Diego, California, advised as follows:

Found on the incoming mail belt was a piece of paper not in an envelope written in green ink which was addressed to "Post Office Post Master". This note reads as follows:

"If the F.B.I. wants Ray's buddy go to 124 Broadway Metropole Hotel Room 117. He may be under the name Geore Letsinger or George Anderson. He knows about Kennedy and also King's death's. He may have part in King's death. I know he was in Tenn. before and after King was killed. I know Letsinger is wanted in Seattle. Also in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, by the F.B.I."

On June 12, 1968, information was received from the Seattle Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, that one GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, FBI Number 584 742 F, born [redacted], at Macomb, Missouri, was arrested at Jacksonville, Florida, on April 11, 1968, charged with grand larceny having stolen \$550 to \$60 from a restaurant in Seattle, Washington, for which he was employed.

LETSINGER was returned to Seattle, Washington, and on the basis of the charge against him, received a three-year deferred sentence, six months in the county jail and ordered to make restitution.

LETSINGER appealed this sentence and was placed on bond, however, departed the State of Washington and a bench warrant was subsequently issued by the Superior Court, Seattle, Washington.

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

Information was also furnished that authorities at Seattle, Washington, desired his apprehension and would extradite LETSINGER to Seattle, Washington. Based on this information, the San Diego Police Department arrested GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER at Room 117, Metropole Hotel, 124 Broadway, San Diego, California, on June 12, 1968. At time of arrest, LETSINGER admitted his identity and the fact that he knew he was wanted by the State of Washington.

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at San Diego, California, on June 13, 1968, at which time he advised as follows:

LETSINGER advised that in 1963 he went to England and visited the Russian Embassy, Grosvenor Square, London, England, for the purpose of renouncing his United States citizenship.

He was arrested while in England by New Scotland Yard, based upon a check which he had deposited in a bank prior to his departure to England and later determined it was a fraudulent check.

LETSINGER was asked why he desired to renounce his citizenship, to which he replied the country is no longer a country for the white people and is eventually being taken over by the "niggers."

LETSINGER exhibited a strong anti-Negro sentiment and stated that at one time he had been a member of a clan-type organization at Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

LETSINGER was questioned as to his association with JAMES EARL RAY and whether he had any knowledge concerning the assassinations of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and President JOHN F. KENNEDY. LETSINGER merely replied "I do not wish to talk about these subjects."

LETSINGER did say, however, that if Senator TED KENNEDY and Vice President HUBERT H. HUMPHREY continue to seek the Presidency of the United States, they will be assassinated. LETSINGER did not desire to elaborate regarding this information.



GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

LETSINGER admitted previous mental history, having been confined during 1961 for a short period of time at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Missouri.

Handprinting was obtained from LETSINGER and was compared with the note received by the U. S. Post Office, San Diego, California, and because of a close resemblance of these, LETSINGER was asked if he, in fact, had written the note himself.

He categorically denied having written this note.

The following is a description and background concerning LETSINGER as obtained during interview:

Name	GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER
Alias	George Anderson
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	[redacted], at Macomb, Missouri
Height	5'5½"
Weight	165 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Tattoo	"Gladys" "1900", both on right shoulder.
Mother	ETTA LEE LETSINGER nee Collett, Ava, Missouri
Father	GEORGE WILBUR LETSINGER, deceased
Sister	Mrs. TROY STAMPER Route 1 Ava, Missouri
Marital Status	Single
Education	High school, third year

On June 14, 1968, Sergeant JOHN KENNEDY, Fugitive Detail, San Diego Police Department, San Diego, California, advised that he had just received word from the Seattle,

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

Washington, authorities that they decided they did not want to extradite the subject to Seattle, Washington, however, the warrant for his arrest is still outstanding and should he return to the State of Washington, would be arrested on this warrant.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

June 14, 1968

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TO SAC DALLAS (44-2649)  
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861)

MURKIN.

UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE TO THE CONTRARY, DALLAS WILL  
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW GENE BASS CONCERNING INFORMATION FURNISHED  
BY ANONYMOUS CALLER. AIRMAIL COPIES SENT TO MEMPHIS, SEATTLE  
AND CHICAGO.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MEMPHIS  
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

RE BUFFALO TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU THIS DATE.

ROBERT JOHNSTONE, REPORTER, "TORONTO STAR," TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BUFFALO OFFICE THIS DATE INQUIRING AS TO ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING FUGITIVES WALTER PATRICK PEYSON AND ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH BEING IN CANADA. HE STATED INQUIRY MADE ON BASIS OF STATEMENT ALLEGEDLY MADE BY U. S. ATTORNEY IN MISSOURI CLAIMING INDICATIONS WERE THAT FUGITIVES WERE IN CANADA.

NO INFORMATION IN THIS CONNECTION WAS GIVEN TO JOHNSTONE.

DURING THIS TELEPHONE CALL, JOHNSTONE ADVISED THAT "TORONTO STAR" EXPECTS TO RELEASE WITHIN THE NEXT TWENTY FOUR HOURS DETAILED STORY ESTABLISHING ASSOCIATION BETWEEN JAMES EARL RAY AND MINUTEMAN ORGANIZATION. ACCORDING TO JOHNSTONE THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT FOR PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS TO A MONTH

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DURING EXPO SIXTY SEVEN RAY LIVED WITHIN ONE BLOCK OF ONE  
KNOWN MEMBER OF MINUTEMAN ORGANIZATION IN MONTREAL, CANADA.

THIS MINUTEMAN, WHOSE IDENTITY JOHNSTONE <sup>WAS</sup> ~~NOT~~ NOT DISCLOSE  
PRESENTLY BEING INTERVIEWED BY "TORONTO STAR" REPORTER IN UN-  
DISCLOSED CITY IN THE U. S. TO WHICH HE RETURNED AFTER HIS  
STAY IN MONTREAL.

THIS INTERVIEW BEING CONDUCTED FOR PURPOSE OF SUBSTANTIATING  
RAY'S ASSOCIATION WITH THIS UNKNOWN MINUTEMAN AND IS BEING  
CONDUCTED IN PRESENCE OF MINUTEMAN'S ATTORNEY, WHO IS ALLOWING  
CLIENT TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS IMMEDIATELY AND INSTRUCTING  
HIM NOT TO ANSWER OTHER QUESTIONS UNTIL ATTORNEY HAS HAD  
OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER THEM. *IDENTITY OF ATTORNEY*  
*NOT DISCLOSED.*

BUFFALO IN NO POSITION TO EVALUATE RELIABILITY OF  
JOHNSTONE BUT ABOVE INFORMATION AS FURNISHED BY HIM HAS BEEN  
GIVEN BY BUFFALO TO RCMP, TORONTO. *AM COPY SEATTLE.*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

FROM : SA THOMAS B. WALTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/14/68

On 5/27/68 Mrs. MAXINE ANDREN, Spokane Credit Bureau, Spokane, Washington advised SA THOMAS B. WALTON that their records show that one BESSIE L. RAY who formerly lived at W. 2420 Maxwell, Spokane, had reportedly gone to Juneau, Alaska in April, 1963. She had no address for her in Juneau and no later information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) and SAN DIEGO (44-387) (44-394)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

44-371 MURKIN AND KENSALT. 87-62

RE SAN DIEGO TEL JUNE ELEVEN LAST CONCERNING GEORE LETSINGER  
OR GEORGE ANDERSON.

NO IDENTIFIABLE INFO LOCATED IN ME FILES RE LETSINGER  
OR ANDERSON.

SAN DIEGO INTERVIEW LETSINGER, UACB.

AM COPIES FURNISHED LOS ANGELES, SEATTLE, AND RICHMOND.

P. END.

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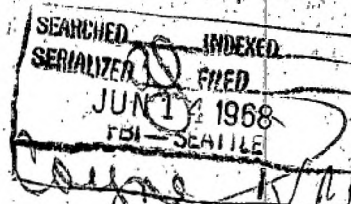
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FBI

Date: 6-12-68

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

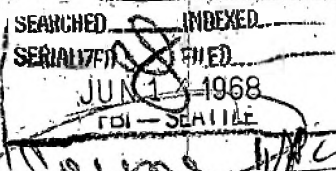
MURKIN

In view of subject's apprehension, any office having outstanding leads or requests for circularization in any publication of any kind should cancel outstanding request now.

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1 All Continental Offices  
1 Memphis

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Special Agent in Charge

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6/11/68

ROUTING SLIP TO ALL FIELD OFFICES

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

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka -  
FUGITIVE  
CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY

OO: MEMPHIS

Re report of SA JOE C. HESTER 6/5/68 at Memphis.

Page 17, paragraph 4, line 6 - 12/17/67, should  
be 12/7/67.

Please correct your copies.

SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

TOR:tjm

*Corrected*  
*see serial 363*

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*Blair*  
*Mandle,*  
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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Diego teletype dated 6/11/68.

Seattle files reflect investigation conducted at request of Detective JOHN DERMODY, Bunco Detail, Seattle PD, who on April 7, 1966, advised that GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, Seattle PD No. 62308, had allegedly taken between \$550 and \$600 in money from Dag's Restaurant, 3111 Rainier Avenue South, and had flown to Florida where he is alleged to have come from. LETSINGER was described as follows:

DOB	
POB	Macomb, Missouri
Height	5'5"
Weight	169 pounds
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Peculiarities	Roman nose
Scars & Marks	Tattoo "GLADYS 1900" on right shoulder

Seattle files further reflect that no UFAP process was issued inasmuch as GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was arrested at Jacksonville, Florida, on April 11, 1966, and was returned

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to Seattle after waiving extradition.

Seattle Police Department records showed that LETSINGER gave the address of 133 East Church St., Jacksonville, Florida, was a cook by occupation, attended high school presumably at Ava, Missouri, where a relative, Mrs. TROY STANPER, lived at Rt. 2, Ava, Missouri. It is also noted that he has FBI No. 584742F and his Ident Record shows that he was first arrested on March 1, 1965, by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis C-3 Branch, New Scotland Yard, London SWL England, as GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, No. 18123, and charged with obtaining credit by means of fraud following which he was fined \$75.

His other arrests related to the aforementioned Seattle charges. The records of the Seattle Police Department reflect that following his return to Seattle, he was given a three-year deferred sentence, served six months in the County Jail and appealed this sentence on July 28, 1966. He was also required to make restitution of \$1,100.

The records of the Superior Court, King County, reflect that a warrant was issued under number B/W 44334 on June 15, 1967, at which time bail of \$3,000 was set and that on September 15, 1967, another warrant was issued for his arrest, which warrant is outstanding.

King County Deputy Prosecutor ROBERT DIXON advised SA DEAN C. ROLSTON on June 12, 1968, that he would extradite GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER on the above charge. King County Prosecutor's Office will forward warrant if necessary to San Diego and desires report if warrant executed. AUSA CLARK BROWN telephonically advised of above facts.

A check of the records of the Washington State Parole Board reflected that a case had been pending against GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER based on a bench warrant issued September 1, 1967; however, the file was closed inasmuch as LETSINGER's whereabouts is unknown.

The name GEORGE ANDERSON has been checked against the Seattle Indices, Seattle Credit Bureau, Seattle Police Department and King County Sheriff's Office; however, it is impossible to identify any particular GEORGE ANDERSON in view of the many such names listed and the fact that there is no identifying data concerning him.

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The above information has been telephonically furnished to the San Diego Office to SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN on June 12, 1968, by SA DEAN C. ROLSTON.

There is being forwarded to the San Diego Office three copies of the Seattle Police Department arrest record, one copy of FBI Identification Record under number 584742F and a photograph of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER.

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TO : SAC, DALLAS

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

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RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO MEMPHIS JUNE ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT AND  
MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SEATTLE AND DALLAS JUNE TWELVE,  
SIXTYEIGHT.

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ORIGIN. THEY ARE KAYO STANNARD, SEFILE EIGHTYEIGHT DASH SIX  
FOUR FIVE ZERO, BUFILE EIGHTYEIGHT DASH FOUR ONE NINE ZERO TWO,  
DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN [REDACTED]  
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, FIVE EIGHT AND ONE HALF, ONE HUNDRED  
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ELDRIDGE BRESHEARS, WMA, FIVE TEN, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFOUR,  
BROWN GRAY HAIR, BLUE EYES, BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FBI NUMBER SIX THREE FIVE SEVEN ONE SEVEN, SEFILE  
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FROM SEATTLE (44-371)

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), SEATTLE AND DALLAS  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) (2P)

MURKIN.

SUMMARY TELETYPE.

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO MEMPHIS, DALLAS, SEATTLE AND MOBILE  
JUNE ELEVEN LAST REGARDING ANONYMOUS CALLER WHO CLAIMED TO BE  
ESCAPEE FROM WASHINGTON STATE PRISON, WALLA WALLA, WASH.,  
AND WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS BY  
GENE BASS, DALLAS, TEXAS, FOR THE JOB THAT WAS DONE BY  
JAMES EARL RAY.

SEATTLE SHOULD OBTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING ALL PERSONS  
WHO ESCAPED DURING FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AND FURNISH  
SAME TO DALLAS, WHO SHOULD THEN INTERVIEW GENE BASS FOR ANY  
INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION.

OFFICES RECEIVING THIS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE "FAT MAN" ABOUT  
WHOM THERE HAS BEEN MUCH RECENT PUBLICITY HAS BEEN POSITIVELY  
IDENTIFIED AND ELIMINATED. NCAP HAS REQUESTED NO REPEAT NO INFO  
RE IDENTIFICATION OF "FAT MAN" BE MADE PUBLIC. IN SPITE OF THE  
FACT THAT CHICAGO'S ANONYMOUS CALLER IS DEFINITELY NOT THE FAT  
MAN, INVESTIGATION MUST BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER  
BASS MENTIONED BY HIM MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN INSTANT CASE.

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*Ben. G. Coyne*  
*Wm. K.*

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BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION, THE MEMPHIS DIVISION HAS REQUESTED ALL OFFICES HAVING OUTSTANDING LEADS OR REQUESTS FOR CIRCULARIZATION IN ANY PUBLICATION OF ANY KIND TO CANCEL.

INFORMATION HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN FURNISHED TO BUREAU ADVISING RALPH M. CARPENTER, YORK ARMS EMPLOYEE, IS PATIENT IN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL. DR. MAX WEST, WHO IS PHYSICIAN IN ATTENDANCE ON FLOOR WHERE CARPENTER CONFINED, DID STATE THAT IN HIS OPINION CARPENTER IS COMPETENT WHEN HE IS NOT INVOLVED IN HIS CURRENT DISORDER (MANIC DEPRESSIVE). DR. WEST SAID IN HIS OPINION CARPENTER'S PRESENT CONDITION SHOULD HAVE NO BEARING ON HIS PREVIOUS IDENTIFICATION OR INFORMATION FURNISHED RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ALTHOUGH ATTORNEYS MIGHT TRY TO MAKE SOMETHING OF IT.

AIRMAIL COPY TO CHICAGO . P.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
cc Chicago tel 6/11/68.

On 6/11/68, 12:02 a.m., an anonymous male telephonically contacted SA EARLIE L. WALDRUP and claimed to be an escapee from Washington State Prison, Walla Walla, Washington. He advised that he is aware that JAMES EARL RAY is under arrest and there has been some publicity about a "fat" man who supposedly met RAY on several occasions. The caller advised that he is the "fat" man referred to in the papers and stated that he is en route to Washington State by car to turn himself in to authorities. He advised that he escaped in February, 1967.

Caller further advised that, following his escape, he went to Dallas, Texas, where he met an individual by the name of GENE BASS, owner of a meat packing company in Dallas. Caller claimed that BASS gave him \$1600 to do the job that was done by JAMES EARL RAY; he accepted the money, then contacted RAY on several occasions to give him money which he had obtained from BASS. He delivered money to RAY at Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham, Alabama, and Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Caller advised that BASS is not the sole supplier of money for assassination, but there are numerous people involved, primarily at Montgomery, Alabama. He claimed that

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he can furnish names of individuals involved, but preferred not to give them over the phone. He stated that he feels certain that RAY will talk and he wants to avoid having to run from authorities. He stated that he will be available for interview, upon his return to Washington State. He indicated that he preferred to serve Federal time in prison, was invited to come to the office and stated that he would arrive shortly.

Caller has not appeared at Chicago Office as of 9:00 a.m., 6/11/68. During the call, he indicated that he was in the Chicago area and apparently was calling from a pay phone since the operator cut in advising that his initial time had been used up. He then stated that the \$1600 paid to him by BASS was in postal money orders. He would furnish no further information other than set forth above, but again stated that he would come to the Chicago Office this date.

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4-37 PM URGENT 6-11-68 ATJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
(56-156) SEATTLE (44-371) AND RICHMOND  
FROM SAN DIEGO 2P

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MR. JOSEPH FERRER, ASSISTANT POSTMASTER, MAIN POST OFFICE,  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS JUNE ELEVEN INSTANT:

FOUND ON THE INCOMING MAIL BELT WAS A PIECE OF PAPER NOT  
IN AN ENVELOPE IN GREEN INK ADDRESSED TO POST OFFICE, ATTENTION  
POSTMASTER, WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS:

"IF THE FBI WANTS RAY'S BUDDY GO TO ONE TWO FOUR BROADWAY  
METROPOLE HOTEL, NUMBER ONE ONE SEVEN. HE MAY BE UNDER THE  
NAME 'GEORE' LETSINGER OR GEORGE ANDERSON. *+merrys* HE KNOWS ABOUT  
KENNEDY AND ALSO KING'S DEATHS. HE MAY HAVE PART IN KING'S DEATH.  
I KNOW HE WAS IN TENNESSEE BEFORE AND AFTER KING WAS KILLED.

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*Robert [signature]*

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I KNOW LETSINGER IS WANTED IN SEATTLE. ALSO IN BIT STONE GAP,  
VIRGINIA, BY THE FBI."

ABOVE LETTER WAS UNSIGNED.

BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION  
REGARDING "GEORE" LETSINGER OR GEORGE ANDERSON, PARTICULARLY  
IF WANTED IN SEATTLE OR BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA.

NO ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO INTERVIEW LETSINGER, AKA ANDERSON  
UNTIL RESULTS FROM BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

END

JJD

F B I SEATTLE

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 10, 1968

SAC, Seattle

RE: FUGITIVE PUBLICITY--CANCELLATION

As you know, JAMES EARL RAY, Identification  
Order No. 4182, is no longer being sought by this Bureau.  
Make certain that your publicity outlets are promptly notified  
of the cancellation.

*Linda L. [unclear]  
Done*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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## Excellent Efforts in Suspect's Arrest

The apprehension of the chief suspect in the mysterious murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., should give our people a temporary sense of relief.

More than that, however, the arrest in London of an ex-convict identified as James Earl Ray should bolster the reputation of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The unsolved King case is quite unlike that of the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy whose New York funeral and Arlington burial yesterday have preceded this day of national mourning.

The personal friendship and the common goals of these notables have linked the two in a unique dual tragedy having momentous impact upon the entire nation.

With the suspected assassin of Sen. Kennedy quickly jailed and indicted, there still had been lingering doubts that the killer of Dr. King in Memphis last April would ever be found.

Much yet needs to be done to provide a trial in the proper jurisdiction for the King murder suspect. He is entitled to the presumption of innocence until guilt can be determined, and the maintenance of that presumption is going to be difficult for law-enforcement authorities.

Likewise, the American reputation for justice under the law must be carefully guarded in the handling of the trial of the young Jordan-born suspect, Sirhan B. Sirhan, about whom the evidence in the Los Angeles killing last week is more clear to the American public.

What is most remarkable about the arrest of the King-case suspect is the painstaking work of the FBI; the splendid cooperation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the man's actual apprehension by England's Scotland Yard.

The men in these investigative and law-enforcement agencies of three nations have performed in excellent fashion. Their devotion to duty is worth high praise. They have provided the American public with a new sense of security and a renewed faith and belief that justice can triumph.

This is a most important aspect in the aftermath of two national tragedies amid all the other conflicts and frustrations that now beset our society.

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4 Spokesman-Review  
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# King's Accused Killer Captured

WASHINGTON (AP) — James Earl Ray, a fugitive convict accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was arrested in London Saturday as he was about to fly to Belgium, the FBI announced.

Scotland Yard detectives took Ray into custody at London Airport, ending a two-month manhunt that had spread through the United States, Canada, Mexico and parts of Europe.

The Justice Department announcement of the arrest came while Mrs. Coretta King, widow of the civil rights leader, was attending the New York funeral of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, another victim of an assassin's bullet.

She was told of the arrest as she left St. Patrick's Cathedral but had no public comment.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said Ray was carrying a fully loaded pistol but offered no resistance as he was seized before he could reboard a plane bound from Lisbon, Portugal, to Brussels.

British authorities charged the arrested man with using a false Canadian passport and with carrying a concealed weapon. He is to have a hearing on these charges Monday. Meanwhile he is held without bond under maximum security conditions at London's Cannon Row police station.

It was learned authoritatively that a check of Ray's fingerprints was used in identifying the arrested man as the long-time criminal wanted in King's murder. The arrest was made at 11:15 a.m. London time, 6:15 a.m. EDT.

Ray was wanted on federal charges of conspiracy to deny King his civil rights and on a first-degree murder indictment returned in Memphis, Tenn.

It is expected that extradition will be sought on the more serious charge of murder but the formal application is unlikely to be lodged with London authorities before Monday or Tuesday.

## HAILED ARREST

Memphis officials hailed the

arrest and said Ray will be brought to trial as soon as possible.



JAMES EARL RAY  
Suspect Captured

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It was in Memphis on April 4 that King was killed as he stood on the balcony of a motel talking to friends.

The search for his killer first turned up a suspect identified as Eric Starvo Galt but the FBI later said Galt really is Ray, a 40-year-old escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Ray was using the name Ramon George Sneyd when he was arrested Saturday and was carrying two Canadian passports issued in that name. He had obtained one in Ottawa on April 24 and the other from the Canadian embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, on May 16.

#### NEITHER PRESENT

The announcement of his arrest was made in a statement issued at the Justice Department in the name of Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark and Hoover, neither of whom was present. No questions were permitted at that time.

Among the questions raised

by Ray's extensive travels since the shooting is where he got the money.

He had escaped from prison at Jefferson City about a year before King's murder. An extensive check of his activities during that year showed he rarely worked and had no apparent income but appeared to be well supplied with money.

The Canadian passports, he was carrying when arrested described him as 35, unemployed, born in Toronto and having no fixed address.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who worked closely with the FBI in the hunt for Ray, supplied the tip that focused the search on London. An RCMP spokesman said a check of Canadian passport files, begun soon after the FBI started looking for Ray, finally turned up one with a picture that looked like Ray. It had been issued to Sneyd and was found to be fraudulent.

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## RCMP Check Leads to Ray Arrest

OTTAWA (AP) —A "colossal investigation" by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police led to the arrest in London Saturday of James Earl Ray, wanted for the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an external affairs spokesman here said.

Ray was traveling under the name of Ramon George Sneyd and had two Canadian passports in that name, one issued in Ottawa and the other in the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal.

The RCMP came across a picture that looked like Ray after going through 200,000 to 400,000 passport applications in the files of the Canadian External Affairs Department. They quickly discovered that the application was fraudulent.

Continuing their investigation, they got on the trail of Ray, traced his journeys in Canada and learned that he was heading for Britain and possibly elsewhere in Europe, an RCMP spokesman said. They tipped off the FBI and Scotland Yard.

A person applying for a Canadian passport must have someone, usually a professional man, sign a declaration that he has known him for two years, or else swear an affidavit before a notary public.

The external affairs spokesman said he is not at liberty to say whether Ray had a guarantor on his application or swore an affidavit.

He said Ray's application was submitted by mail "from a point in Canada" and issued from here April 25.

The RCMP search of passport files, begun shortly after the FBI started looking for Ray, "took many days," the external affairs spokesman said. Discovery of the fraudulent application was made "some days ago."

Embarrassed officials here did not know that Ray had picked up a second passport at the embassy in Lisbon May 16, again using the Sneyd identity.

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NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION SEATTLE.

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950AM URGENT 6/11/68 JLS

TO SEATTLE (44-371)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

EARLY THIS MORNING, AN ANONYMOUS MALE CALLER WHO CLAIMED TO BE AN ESCAPEE FROM WASHINGTON STATE PRISON, BALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, CONTACTED CHICAGO OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT HE IS THE "FAT MAN" REFERRED TO IN THE NEWSPAPERS WHO HAD FURNISHED MONEY TO RAY. CLAIMS MONEY FURNISHED BY GENE BASS OWNER OF A MEAT PACKING COMPANY, DALLAS, TEXAS. CLAIMED BASS GAVE HIM SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AND HE THEN CONTACTED RAY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO GIVE HIM MONEY OBTAINED FROM BASS.

CLAIMED CAN FURNISH NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UPON RETURN TO WASHINGTON. CALLER WAS REQUESTED TO COME TO CHICAGO OFFICE BUT HAS NOT YET SHOWN. CLAIMED PRESENTLY RETURNING TO PRISON VIA CAR.

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SEATTLE AT WASHINGTON STATE PRISON. CALLER STATES ESCAPED  
IN FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND  
FURNISH COMPLETE BACKGROUND, DESCRIPTION, ETC. DETAILED AIRTEL BEING  
FURNISHED MEMPHIS, DALLAS AND MOBILE. NO INVESTIGATION  
REQUESTED UNTIL VERIFICATION OF ESCAPE AND IDENTITY.

AM CCS TO DALLAS, MEMPHIS, AND MOBILE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) -P-

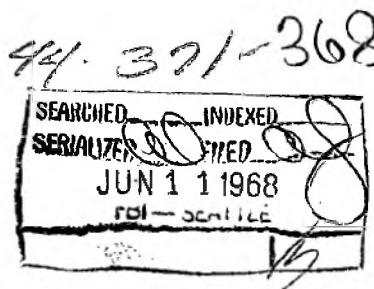
DATE: 6/10/68

FROM :SA WILLIAM T. HAZELWOOD

SUBJECT:MURKIN

On 6/10/68 BOB OLSON, Radio Dispatcher, U. S. Border Patrol, Blaine, Wash., was telephonically requested to remove the stops at the U. S. Border Patrol, U.S. Immigration " Naturalization Service, Canadian Customs, and Canadian Immigration Service, Blaine, Washington, which were placed by the writer on ERIC STRAVO GALT and JAMES EARL RAY in April, 1968. OLSON stated the stops would be removed immediately.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-371)

DATE: 6/11/68

FROM : SA THOMAS B. WALTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA THOMAS B. WALTON:

AT SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

On May 31, 1968, Dr. WILLIAM E. JONES, Spokane  
County Coroner, advised there have been no unidentified  
bodies recovered in Spokane County since April 5, 1968.

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TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 6/7/68

FROM : SA THOMAS B. WALTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 6/7/68 Mr. VINCENT JORDAN, radioman, U. S. Border Patrol, Spokane, Washington was contacted regarding the placing of a stop against the name of RAYMON GEORGE SNEYD. He advised he already had the information relayed to him by his station at Havre, Montana and had placed the stops.

A stop card should be made.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE CITY (44-761)

MURKIN

Re Seattle City Safety summary 6/6/68 and 6/8/68.

Enclosed to the Bureau are two copies of a photograph of JACQUELINE JACKSON and JACQUELINE JACKSON, wife of JAMES JACKSON, a student of the University of Washington, invited to locate her father, JAMES JACKSON, who is a member of the Seattle Police Department, for interview.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED AT LONDON,  
ENGLAND, JUNE EIGHT INSTANT. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE  
AND REMOVE ALL STOPS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka  Eric Starvo Galt,  W. C. Herron,  Harvey Lowmyer,  James McBride,  James O'Conner,  James Walton,  James Walyon,  John Willard,  Jim - FUGITIVE  IO #4182,  WF #442-A;  DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA JOE C. HESTER</b>	TYPED BY <b>mnr</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR - CONSPIRACY;  UFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

## NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY

### REFERENCES:

Reports of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 4/17/68 and 4/30/68 at Memphis.

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