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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS,  
SPRINGFIELD, KANSAS CITY, AND NEW ORLEANS  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(3P)

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REMYTEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

DR. MARK O. FREEMAN, PH.D., CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST,  
INTERVIEWED TONIGHT. HE PRODUCED APPOINTMENT BOOK NOTING  
SIX APPOINTMENTS FOR ONE JAMES E. RAY, COVERING PERIOD OF  
NOVEMBER TWENTY-SEVEN THROUGH DECEMBER FOURTEEN LAST. HE  
ALSO HAD LISTING FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION ON DECEMBER  
EIGHTEEN LAST, WHICH WAS CROSSED THROUGH: AND HE EXPLAINED  
THAT RAY HAD TELEPHONICALLY CALLED TO CANCEL THAT VISIT,  
INDICATING HE HAD HEARD FROM HIS BROTHER AND LATTER HAD  
OBTAINED JOB FOR HIM IN MERCHANT MARINE IN NEW ORLEANS.

DR. ALSO HAD LEAF FROM HIS CONSULTATION NOTEBOOK,  
WHICH HE SAID HE MADE ENTRIES IN ON OCCASION OF RAY'S FIRST  
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Mr. Sullivan  
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VISIT IN NOVEMBER. NOTATIONS IN THIS INDICATED PATIENT'S NAME TO BE JAMES, E. RAY, ADDRESS ONE FIRE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANO, LOS ANGELES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR SIX NINE EIGHT ZERO NINE SIX. DATE OF BIRTH GIVEN AS MARCH TEN NINETEEN TWENTY EIGHT. SAID HE WAS FROM EAST ST. LOUIS.

RAY WAS SEEKING PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP IN NATURE OF SELF-HYPNOSIS TO GAIN CONFIDENCE, OVERCOME SHYNESS, LEARN TO RELAX, SLEEP BETTER, AND BE ABLE TO TALK TO PEOPLE. WAS SHY, INTROVERTED, AND WITHDRAWN, BUT NOT PSYCHOTIC OR FLAGUED WITH NEUROSES. DURING SECOND OR THIRD VISIT, DR. ASKED RAY IF HE HAD ANY DEEP SEATED SECRETS HE WANTED TO GET OFF HIS CHEST, TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF PATIENT HAD ANY CRIMINAL BACKGROUND OR SEXUAL PROBLEMS OR ABERATIONS. RAY ANSWERED NEGATIVELY.

RAY HAD VERY LITTLE TO CONTRIBUTE ABOUT FAMILY BACKGROUND. MOST VISITS LIMITED TO DR. PLACING RAY IN HYPNOTIC STATE AND TALKING WITH HIM TO REASSURE HIM AND HELP HIM GAIN SOCIAL CONFIDENCE.

DR. STATES CURRENT PHOTOS OF ERIC GALT EXCELLENT LIKENESS TO PATIENT RAY. BELIEVES RAY WAS REFERRED BY WILSHIRE

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FROM OMAHA (44-310)

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (2PP.)

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RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO SPRINGFIELD DATED APRIL NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT; TELEPHONE CALL FROM BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS RA TO ST. LOUIS DIVISION AT TEN FIFTEEN PM, APRIL NINETEEN NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ASAC

44-561

DATE: 4-19-68

FROM : SA LARRY W. GREEN

SUBJECT: *Murkin*  
WALTER T. RIFE

The following correspondents were shown in WALTER T. RIFE's correspondence file #31326 at Menard Prison, Menard, Illinois:

Frequent letters to his wife, JAN RIFE, 1508 North Autumn, Peoria, Illinois (prostitute)

Mother-in-law - Mrs. FRANK (JULIA) OWEN, 1508 North Autumn Lane, Peoria, Illinois

Other Miscellaneous Correspondence:

U. S. Disciplinary Barrack  
Ft. Leavenworth, Ky.

GEORGE GINOS  
Hillsboro, Ill., 6-19-64

LEON SUTHERLAND, First National Bank Bldg., Peoria, Ill., 7-7-64

HAROLD MASON, 527 South Adams, Peoria, Ill., 7-13-65.

Peoria County Bar Association, Box 209, Peoria, Ill., 7-17-64.

CECIL MC CRACKEN, Greenville, Illinois, Circuit Court Clerk, 12-10-64.

Bond County State's Attorney, 12-15-64.

JAMES BAILEY (re job), Pekin, Ill., R. R. #2, 11-3-65.

JOHN F. GRADY, 9 North County St., Waukegan, Ill., 4-25-66.

LAST ADDRESS: (5-19-66) paroled to FRANK OWENS, "1508 Peoria" (assumed 1508 North Autumn)

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BROTHER:

FRED RIFE  
Lanark, Ill.

SISTER:

BETTY VOSS  
227 Truman  
Lanark, Ill.

FRIEND:

LINDA NIEDERS  
General Delivery  
Christopher, Ill.

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NOTE: Pictures (3) being mailed from Menard of WALTER TERRY RIFE  
(1 in 1966; 2 in 1964)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : ASAC

DATE: 4-19-68

FROM : SA LARRY W. GREEN

SUBJECT: LONNEI RIFE

Correspondents shown in RIFE's file at Menard Prison are as follows:

ARTHUR A. CONNOR  
Shamrock Avenue  
Quincy, Ill.

VIOLA POWELL  
504 North 5th Street  
Quincy, Illinois

GLENNA ELLIS  
504 North Fifth St.  
Quincy, Ill.

SISTER: (not shown in WALTER RIFE's file)  
ROSE LEE CRAWFORD  
515 $\frac{1}{2}$  Hampshire  
Quincy, Ill.  
BROTHER: VERNON RIFE  
211 South 3rd St.  
FLOYD RIFE  
1616 North 2nd St.

SISTER-IN-LAW: DOUGLAS MARTI  
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FROM : SA RAY HOMESLEY, KANSAS CITY DIVISION

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-19-68

A review of the Kansas City file 88-9449 re JAMES EARL RAY, aka, revealed the following leads in the Springfield, ILLINOIS area:

Brother, FLOYD RIFE, 279 Indian Hills, Quincy, Illinois. *Davis*

A friend of RIFE, KATHERINE DORIS BUSKIRK, 321 South 7th Street, Quincy, Illinois.

Niece of RIFE, DARLENE CRAWFORD, 332 East Locust, Harrisburg, Illinois. *Grace*

JAMES RAY used address of 1439 Cherry, Quincy, Illinois, on Illinois plates 2-385-409 in 1955, on a 1946 Nash sedan, SI file 62-0 June 24, 1955.

Sheriff's office #2640, Edwardsville, Illinois, dated August 30, 1954. *Haines*

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*Hwy. Ill. Grace*  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC SI (44-561)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

This is to record that on this date, inquiry was made to this office by Agent-in-Charge JOHN COYNE, Crime Section, ISP, SI, and he was furnished a copy of the Press Release issued this date re RAY, by SA SCHMITT.

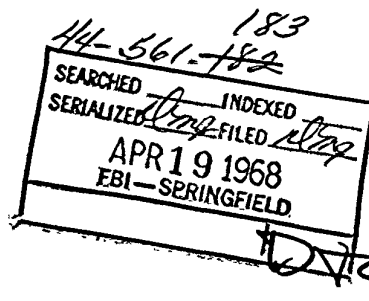
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RE: JAMES EARL RAY

This is to record that on this date, SA FISHER, Peoria RA, furnished the following info from ISP Bulletin #397, dated 7/1/67:

Item #6 referred to RAY, FBI# 306 443A, and contained, among other things, the following fingerprint info:

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Predominant print:  
left index finger

The above info is furnished for the information of the file, and was furnished to SA BACHMAN, Decatur RA, in connection with his lead in Clinton, Ill., this date.

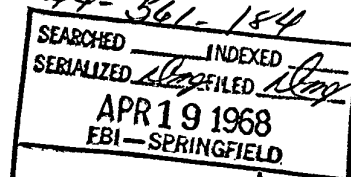
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RE NO Tel this date, and SI Tel to NO and CG this date.

This is to record that on this date, writer telephonically advised NO and CG of results of investigation conducted in SI re JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE (look-alike).

SA's TERRY SCOTT, NO, and RENE DUMAINE, CG, were advised that the above-mentioned info would be furnished in ref'd SI teletype.

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April 19, 1968

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Building  
Springfield, Illinois, 62706

Gentlemen:

At the request of the Honorable Ross V. Randolph,  
Director of the Department of Public Safety, State of Illinois,  
I am herewith enclosing a photograph of our former inmate James  
Earl Ray from our institution files.

James Earl Ray allegedly has been named as the  
assassin of Rev. Martin Luther King.

Very truly yours,

  
Joseph C. Vitek  
WARDEN

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Enclosure

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TO: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1 P)

MURKIN; CR.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO INDIANAPOLIS, APRIL ELEVEN,  
LAST, SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, APRIL TWELVE,  
LAST (AIRMAIL TO INDIANAPOLIS), ~~AND~~ BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL  
TO ALL OFFICES THIS DATE, *AND S1 TEL CALL INSTANT*

RE JAMES EARL RAY:

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(1) *slk*

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*44-561-187*Approved: *C. J. [Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) (MAIL) AND SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P  
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OO KC.

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TO BUREAU, APRIL TWELVE LAST RE MURKIN.

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TO DETERMINE IF ACQUAINTED WITH RAY AND RIFE AND IF IN POSSESSION  
INFORMATION RE CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

SUTEL.

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cc: Bureau (44-38861) (AM)  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA DELMAR L. CAIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/15/68 the following investigation was made by SA DELMAR L. CAIN:

The following persons were contacted and each advised that he had no record of a JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER or ERIC STARVO GALT:

LEO BIAN, Bian School of Dance Arts, 207 West Clark, Champaign, Illinois;

BERT TUMMELSON, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 318 1/2 North Hickory, Champaign, Illinois;

SANDRA MENZIA, DuBrisk Dancing Academy, 130 1/2 East Sangamon, Rantoul, Illinois;

FOSTER LAMPERT, 117 1/2 West Church, Champaign, Illinois.

On 4/15/68 MICHAEL CURTIS, Sheriff, Coles County Sheriff's Office, Charleston, Illinois, advised that he had no personal knowledge of any dance studios in Charleston or Mattoon, Illinois. He made a search of the current Charleston and Mattoon city directories and telephone directories without finding a listing for any dance studio.

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SA DELMAR L. CAIN

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On 4/15/68 the following investigation was made by SA DELMAR L. CAIN:

The following persons were contacted and each advised that he had no record of a JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER or ERIC STARVO GALT:

LEO BIAN, Bian School of Dance Arts, 207 West Clark, Champaign, Illinois;

BERT TUMMELSON, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 318 1/2 North Hickory, Champaign, Illinois;

SANDRA MENZIA, DuBrisk Dancing Academy, 130 1/2 East Sangamon, Rantoul, Illinois;

FOSTER LAMPERT, 117 1/2 West Church, Champaign, Illinois.

On 4/15/68 MICHAEL CURTIS, Sheriff, Coles County Sheriff's Office, Charleston, Illinois, advised that he had no personal knowledge of any dance studios in Charleston or Mattoon, Illinois. He made a search of the current Charleston and Mattoon city directories and telephone directories without finding a listing for any dance studio.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

OO: MEMPHIS

Re SI teletype to Bureau dated 4/12/68;  
WFO teletype to Bureau dated 4/17/68.

This is to confirm telephone conversation between the writer and SA JOHN F. SHANLEY, New York Division, on 4/18/68, re information furnished by one KENNETH NEWBLE, concerning unidentified seaman known as RICHARD GALT. SHANLEY advised that contacts with PAUL KERR, Secretary, Seafarers International Union (SIU), New York City, New York, reflected no one with surname GALT on the voyage NEWBLE as mentioned in Springfield teletype to the Bureau dated 4/12/68. KERR further advised that the only person on the voyage with the first name RICHARD was one RICHARD SANTAMOUR. KERR further stated that the ship involved "Signed On" on 12/7/61 and "Signed Off" on 2/10/62, at one of the following Texas ports: (Exact port unknown):

HOUSTON  
GALVESTON  
PORT ARTHUR.

KERR further advised that an exhaustive search of SIU files revealed no RICHARD GALT or any person with surname GALT. KERR further advised SHANLEY that should the matter be pursued any more, he, KERR, would have to have NEWBLE'S termination papers.

This information was furnished by the writer to SA QUENTIN P. STINSON, Peoria, Illinois RA, Peoria, Illinois, and it was furnished for his information and use in reinterviewing NEWBLE.

SA SHANLEY advised that the New York Division would submit a written communication confirming the above information.



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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN *44-561*  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

ReNYairtel to Bureau, 4/17/68 and NY telephone call to Springfield 4/18/68.

Re RICHARD GALT.

PAUL KERR, Secretary-Treasurer, SIU, NYC, advised that he has determined that the crew of the S.S. HUDSON signed on 12/7/61 and signed off 2/10/62. The location of signing off was one of three: Houston, Galveston or Port Arthur, all Texas. He has determined through his records that there was no one named GALT aboard and, further, the only crew member with the first name of RICHARD was RICHARD SANTAMOUR, Social Security Number [REDACTED].

KERR stated that if KENNETH NEWBLE is reinterviewed for further information he should be asked to furnish copies of his, NEWBLE's, termination papers for the particular voyage about which he is furnishing information. KERR stated that such papers will facilitate any further search of SIU's records.

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1- Memphis  
1- Mobile  
1- Springfield  
1- Washington Field  
1- New York

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427PM URGENT 4/20/68 JLS

TO MOBILE (44- ), MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEW ORLEANS (157-10678)

AND SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 3P

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO NEW ORLEANS AND CHICAGO APRIL  
NINETEEN LAST, RE JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE (LOOK-ALIKE).

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MOBILE ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HILLBURN AND DETERMINE ANY  
INFORMATION RE MONTAGNE AND WHITE CORVAIR IN AN EFFORT TO  
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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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