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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (3 PP)

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE MAY SIXTEEN LAST AND CHICAGO TELETYPE
MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.FOR INFO SAN FRANCISCO, BLACKIE DE CORE ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATE
OF RAY. DE CORE SERVED TIME MENARD PRISON, CHESTER, ILLINOIS.

MENARD PRISON RECORDS REFLECT ^{5/17} ANDREW WILSON DE CORE, AKA
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM : SA JAMES R. ROGERS - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

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FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

Re Cincinnati teletype, 5/15/68.

For the information of Indianapolis and Springfield,
the contents of referenced teletype is set out:

Mrs. JOHN VANCE, 514 Ryan Avenue, Columbus, Ohio,
received a letter from her sister, Mrs. R. H. PERKINS, 2262
Market Street, San Francisco. Mrs. VANCE contacted Columbus
Resident Agency because the letter contained the following:

"Before I forget PUBY, did you know
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Mrs. M. R. PERKINS, 2262 Market Street, San Fran-
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She advised that she knows nothing about the RAY family and

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JAMES EARL RAY except the fact that they could be the RAY family that lived across the street from her grandmother. She advised it was only after reading about the KING murder in the newspapers and reading the name RAY that she associated the name and Quincy, Illinois.

She advised that the following people from Quincy live in San Francisco:

GOLDIE CLARK, 244 Circular Avenue,
South San Francisco, California
telephone number JU6-7941,
an employee of the Pacific Telephone Co.

RAYMOND HALL, 1512 Shrader Street,
San Francisco, California
telephone number LO6-9463.

She advised a JAMES HALL was from Quincy, Illinois and was now residing at 1711 Shawnee Road, Indianapolis, Ind. She advised JAMES HALL was about RAY's age and grew up in the same neighborhood.

She advised that DIRICK (DITTY) FRANKS also known as HALL, resided at 615 Jefferson, Quincy, Illinois, and was the former husband of GOLDIE CLARK. She advised that GOLDIE CLARK at one time operated a house of prostitution in Quincy.

She advised that her father, LAFAYETTE DILTS, exact address unknown, Quincy, Illinois, might know the RAY family because at one time he was a bootlegger in Quincy and it was reported that the RAY family was engaged in bootlegging activities.

GOLDIE CLARK, 244 Circular Avenue, South San Francisco, on 5/15/68, advised that she has been away from Quincy, Illinois for several years. She stated she never knew the RAY or RAYNES family in Quincy. She advised that she did not know JAMES EARL RAY and does not know his present whereabouts. She advised that she vaguely recalled having heard of an EARL RAY. She advised that she could not furnish

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any information regarding JAMES EARL RAY and/or his present whereabouts.

Mrs. RAYMOND HALL, 1512 Shrader, San Francisco, on 5/15/68, advised that she and her husband were both from Quincy, Illinois but have been away from Quincy for over 25 years. She advised that they have read newspaper accounts of JAMES EARL RAY's involvement in the KING case, but advised that neither of them know JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that she has no idea of his present whereabouts.

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INDIANAPOLIS

AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Will contact JAMES HALL, 1711 Shawnee Road, for any information he might have regarding the background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD

AT QUINCY, ILL. Will contact DIRICK (DITTY) FRANKS, aka HALL, 615 Jefferson, for any information regarding the background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

(2) Will contact LAFAYETTE DILTS, exact address unknown, possibly 300 block of Elm or Vine, for any information regarding background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY. (Mrs. PERKINS suggested that the Chief of Police would know her father's whereabouts.)

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JAMES EARL RAY except the fact that they could be the RAY family that lived across the street from her grandmother. She advised it was only after reading about the KING murder in the newspapers and reading the name RAY that she associated the name and Quincy, Illinois.

She advised that the following people from Quincy live in San Francisco:

GOLDIE CLARK, 244 Circular Avenue,
South San Francisco, California
telephone number JU6-7941,
an employee of the Pacific Telephone Co.

RAYMOND HALL, 1512 Shrader Street,
San Francisco, California
telephone number LO6-9463.

She advised a JAMES HALL was from Quincy, Illinois and was now residing at 1711 Shawnee Road, Indianapolis, Ind. She advised JAMES HALL was about RAY's age and grew up in the same neighborhood.

She advised that DIRICK (DITTY) FRANKS also known as HALL, resided at 615 Jefferson, Quincy, Illinois, and was the former husband of GOLDIE CLARK. She advised that GOLDIE CLARK at one time operated a house of prostitution in Quincy.

She advised that her father, LAFAYETTE DILTS, exact address unknown, Quincy, Illinois, might know the RAY family because at one time he was a bootlegger in Quincy and it was reported that the RAY family was engaged in bootlegging activities.

GOLDIE CLARK, 244 Circular Avenue, South San Francisco, on 5/15/68, advised that she has been away from Quincy, Illinois for several years. She stated she never knew the RAY or RAYNES family in Quincy. She advised that she did not know JAMES EARL RAY and does not know his present whereabouts. She advised that she vaguely recalled having heard of an EARL RAY. She advised that she could not furnish

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any information regarding JAMES EARL RAY and/or his present whereabouts.

Mrs. RAYMOND HALL, 1512 Shrader, San Francisco, on 5/15/68, advised that she and her husband were both from Quincy, Illinois but have been away from Quincy for over 25 years. She advised that they have read newspaper accounts of JAMES EARL RAY's involvement in the KING case, but advised that neither of them know JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that she has no idea of his present whereabouts.

LEADS

INDIANAPOLIS

AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Will contact JAMES HALL, 1711 Shawnee Road, for any information he might have regarding the background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD

AT QUINCY, ILL. Will contact DIRICK (DITTY) FRANKS, aka HALL, 615 Jefferson, for any information regarding the background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

(2) Will contact LAFAYETTE DILTS, exact address unknown, possibly 300 block of Elm or Vine, for any information regarding background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY. (Mrs. PERKINS suggested that the Chief of Police would know her father's whereabouts.)

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LESLIE L. DENNY
CHIEF OF POLICE

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Latent Fingerprint Section
Washington D.C.

May 3, 1968

RE: James Earl Ray
F.B.I. # 405 942 G.

Dear Sir,

I was requested by our local agent, Glen Burton to send any Latent Prints that we have lifted since April of 1967, in reference to case involving the above named subject. Enclosed are envelopes containing lifts taken, Crime, Date etc. When finished please return to our Department. Any lifts of no value may be destroyed by you if you so desire.

10-21-67	Safe Burglary, Pepsi Cola Bottling Plant, Danville, Ill.	Comp # 2776.
3-21-68	Continental Filling Corp. Burglary. Danville, Ill.	Comp # 4091.
4-17-68	Burglary 444 N. Jackson, Danville, Ill.	Comp # 4345.
4-1-68	Arson, Grand Hotel, Danville, Ill.	Comp # 4192.

Any other latents have been recorded by your Bureau prior to this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Robert R. Patterson
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Identification Officer
Police Department
Danville, Ill.

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Washington, D. C. 20537

**REPORT**

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. **Complaint #2776**
 FBI FILE NO. **32-19965**
 LATENT CASE NO. **92328**

May 17, 1968**REGISTERED**

TO: **Mr. Leslie L. Denny**
Chief of Police
Danville, Illinois 61832

Attention: **Mr. Robert R. Patterson**
Identification Officer

RE: **UNKNOWN SUBJECT;**
PEPSI COLA BOTTLING PLANT
DANVILLE, ILLINOIS
OCTOBER 21, 1967
SAFE BURGLARY

REFERENCE: **Letter May 3, 1968**
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Addressee**
 SPECIMENS: **Three photographs**
One negative
Thirty-five transparent lifts

One latent fingerprint of value was found in the three photographs and the negative submitted in connection with the captioned case.

Fourteen latent fingerprints of value appear on nine of the thirteen lifts submitted in connection with the Continental Filling Corporation burglary, your Complaint #4091, latent case #92329.

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- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (with copy of incoming)**
- ① - Springfield (44-561) (with copy of incoming)**

[Signature]
 John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Mr. Leslie L. Denny

May 17, 1968

Thirteen latent fingerprints of value were found on ten of the eleven lifts submitted in connection with the burglary at 444 North Jackson, your Complaint #4345, latent case #92330.

Four latent fingerprints of value were found on four of the eleven lifts submitted in connection with the Grand Hotel arson case, your Complaint #4192, latent case #92331. No other latent impressions of value found on the submitted lifts.

These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

The three submitted photographs, as well as photographs of the latent fingerprints of value appearing on the lifts, are being retained in our files where they will be available for any additional comparisons you may desire.

The negative, the lifts, four identifying envelopes, and your mailing wrapper are enclosed.

A copy of this report is being forwarded to our Springfield Division.

Enclosures (41)

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Date: 5/17/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND SACS, CHICAGO (44-1114)
AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (5 PGS.)
MURKIN. CR.

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE DATED MAY SIXTEEN LAST,
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RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

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1 - Springfield (44-561)

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1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)

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FOLLOWING APB COVERING STATE OF CALIFORNIA TRANSMITTED:

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FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) P 1P

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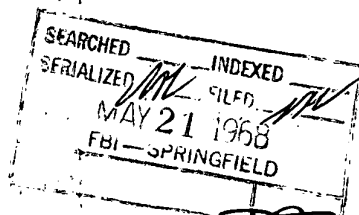
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-561)

DATE: 5-21-68

FROM : SPC DAVID J. KAPP

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approx. 6:35 PM, 5-21-68, DAVID BLACKMAN, 949 E. Pells, Paxton, Illinois, telephone 379-2244, telephonically advised as follows:

He came across article regarding JAMES EARL RAY in the local paper this evening and recalled seeing an individual who he thought might have been RAY, between 5:10 & 5:15 A.M., this date. This individual was walking along Route 45, one mile North of Rantoul, Illinois, at the time indicated above. Individual appeared ragged looking, was wearing dark coat (long), had on white shirt.

Mr. BLACKMAN stated he was furnishing this information for whatever it might be worth in locating JAMES EARL RAY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 16, 1968

Miss F. [REDACTED], age twelve, 533 West Forrest Hill Avenue, Peoria, Illinois, viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942G. She advised that she could not identify the photographs of RAY as any person she had observed while vacationing in New Orleans, Louisiana, during December, 1967.

Miss CONEY advised she vacationed at New Orleans, Louisiana, between December 17-24, 1967, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT A. CONEY, Peoria, Illinois. The family was registered guests at the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, during that period of time. At times during the above visit, she recalled seeing a white sports model automobile that was parked in the archway area of the above motel in the loading and unloading area. She recalled the automobile was parked in the archway area of the motel on three or maybe four occasions and that she had walked around the automobile to cross the archway area to the restaurant portion of the motel. She could not accurately describe the make or model of the automobile and could not accurately describe the adults associated with the automobile. She stated she did recall there were two small children accompanying the adults. She was of the opinion that the children were girls under ten years of age. She advised she did not observe these individuals in any other portion of the motel area.

On 5/15/68 at Peoria, Illinois File # SI 44-561 -559
by SA QUENTIN P. STINSON/smr Date dictated 5/15/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 16, 1968

Magistrate ROBERT A. CONEY, Room 402, County Building, Peoria, Illinois, a former United States Commissioner of the Southern District of Illinois, advised he, his wife, and daughter, [REDACTED] age twelve, vacationed in New Orleans, Louisiana, during December, 1967, and were registered guests of the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, for an eight-day period between December 17 and December 24, 1967. He stated they ate breakfast at the motel dining room but otherwise spent the remainder of the days sight-seeing in New Orleans, Louisiana. He selected the motel, which he described as a very sedate and quiet place, at the suggestion of the Chicago Motor Club, Peoria, Illinois.

Magistrate CONEY observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942G, then stated he could recall nothing relating to this individual.

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Mrs. ROBERT A. CONEY, 533 West Forrest Hill Avenue, Peoria, Illinois, viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942G, and she was questioned regarding her observation while a guest at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres, New Orleans, Louisiana,

She could not identify the above photographs of RAY as any person she had observed while in the New Orleans, Louisiana, area during December, 1967.

She related her observations while a guest at the above motel between December 17-24, 1967. She recalled seeing a white sports automobile parked at the archway area of the motel which she stated was used for loading and unloading purposes only. She first observed this automobile about the time of her arrival at the motel between 3:00 and 5:00 P.M., Sunday, December 17, 1967.

Mrs. CONEY related this white automobile could have been a Mustang model car. She stated the automobile was definitely an American-made car. She recalled the auto because it was parked in the motel archway area on three or maybe four occasions, and she had to walk around the automobile to cross the archway area to the restaurant. She noted this car was a late model car that appeared to be waxed and extremely clean in appearance.

Mrs. CONEY stated her impressions of the activity in the area are vague; however, she associated three males and two females and two small children with the above automobile. She observed the occupants were neatly dressed in sports clothing and the adults appeared to be between thirty and forty years of age.

The two children appeared to be under ten years of age and she believed both to be girls. The women wore light colored slacks. The men and women both were neat in appearance and attractive. She paid particular attention

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to one woman who had her hair wrapped in a peculiar white scarf which came under her chin and tied in the back of her neck.

Mrs. CONEY advised that she had not observed the above individuals in any other area of the motel and that she could not furnish further descriptive information concerning them.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 5/20/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re ~~HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER~~

On 4/8-9/68, the following agencies were contacted in Springfield re LOWMEYER with negative results:

Springfield Credit Bureau

Springfield Police Department

Sangamon County Sheriff's Office

Department of Motor Vehicles and Drivers License
Division, Secretary of States Office

Springfield Telephone Directory

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 5/20/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following were contacted in Sangamon County, Illinois, for any information re GALT, with negative results:

Chatham Community Bank
BILL GLAZE, Assistant Cashier

Farmers State Bank
Buffalo, Illinois
JAMES ZARA, Assistant Cashier

Rochester State Bank
H. E. THURMAN, Teller

Riverton Community Bank
VINCENT ZARA, Assistant Cashier

Williamsville State Bank
RAY SHARPE, Cashier

Bank of Pawnee
EMILY STANDEFER, Teller

American Savings and Loan
Springfield, Illinois
V. J. KERHLIKAR, President

Citizens Savings and Loan
Springfield, Illinois
LOYD LEHENAY, President

First Federal Savings and Loan
Springfield, Illinois
CHESTER MERRITT, Secretary

The following agencies were also checked re GALT with negative results:

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RE: MURKIN

Clerk #

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☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
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Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated 5-16-68,
 a copy of which is enclosed for St. Louis.

On 5-22-68, 5-23-68, and 5-24-68, ORVILLE BURNETT, 615 Jefferson Street, Quincy, Illinois, advised SA ELYON H. DAVIS that DIDRICK CLYDE HALL, aka DIDRICK FRANKS, DITTY HALL, is a relative of his and normally resides at that address. HALL is an alcoholic and has been missing for several days. This is not unusual for HALL as he goes on extended drunks and will be gone from Quincy for several days at a time before returning.

On 5-22-68, and 5-23-68, efforts to locate LAFAYETTE DILTS in Quincy, Illinois, were unsuccessful as his whereabouts are unknown to the Quincy Police Department, Credit Bureau and other sources.

On 5-24-68, SI 1586-C advised that LAFAYETTE DILTS, aka LAFE DILTS, is presently residing at La Grange, Missouri, and either works as a commercial fisherman or operates a fish market in La Grange. DILTS has a girlfriend in La Grange by the name of MAHALA LA MARR.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861) (RM)
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