

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ANCHORAGE (137-585)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA JAMES H. FRAZIER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: ALLEN W. ROSE

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Dates of Contact 4/25/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
P. B. WEAVER - FUG.; ITSMV		26-1156
J. L. FULLER - FUG.; AABD		115-39
N. P. MARTIN; AFA		93-213
W.R. and GLADYS BERESTOFF; AFA		93-214
MURKIN		157-37
J. DEVANEY; FUDE		42-1677
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE 26-1156; 115-39; 91-370; 100-2445; 91-400; 174-23; 88-2097; 88-1888 (R.S. directed to case agents)		
☐ POSITIVE		
☐ STATISTIC		
FILES (cont.)		
G. B. WILLIAMS; TOP TEN		91-370
TEN DAYS OF PROTEST		100-2445
R. B. DE PUGH; ER - CONSP.		91-400
SOBOM		174-23
G. E. WELLS; TOP TEN		88-2097
H. C. JOHNSON; TOP TEN		88-1888
RACIAL MATTERS		157-0
UNSUB; ONAN GENERATOR; CGR		52-2225
REMARKS:		
It is noted 30 days has elapsed since informant was last contacted and this was due to the fact there were no road trips into informant's territory since he was last contacted.		
☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating VERY GOOD	Coverage SAME
1 - 137-585 1 - 93-213 1 - 93-214 1 - 42-1677 1 - 52-2225 1 - SA CLARK	① - 157-37 1 - 157-0 JHF:bff (8) <i>hbf</i>	SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED MAY 1 1968 FBI - ANCHORAGE <i>[Signature]</i>

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RE: 93-213

Informant advised Subject is employed as a crew member aboard the fishing vessel "Northern Queen." Informant advised he was unaware of any assets of Subject.

RE: 93-214

Informant stated he is acquainted with WILLIAM and GLADYS BERESTOFF. They both reside in Kodiak where WILLIAM BERESTOFF is unemployed and where GLADYS BERESTOFF works at the Kodiak Commercial Company.

Informant stated they operated the fishing vessel "Dorothea Louise" from 1964 to 1967 when they lost the vessel for failure to make payments on their SBA and Bureau of Commercial Fisheries loans.

Informant advised that in 1967, GLADYS and WILLIAM BERESTOFF were divorced and as a result of that divorce, GLADYS received the car that they owned as well as a trailer and possibly some land which they were buying or owned and on which the trailer is located.

Informant stated that WILLIAM BERESTOFF who recently returned from a hospital in Anchorage is unemployed to his knowledge. Informant advised he was unaware of any assets for WILLIAM BERESTOFF and unaware of any assets for GLADYS BERESTOFF with the exception of the possible assets he noted above.

RE: 157-37

Informant was alerted to the fugitive status of JAMES EARL RAY who was unknown to him by name, description and photograph. Informant advised he will be alert to Subject and will report any pertinent information.

RE: 42-1677

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Informant advised that Subject is unknown by name, description and photograph. Informant advised he knows of a MAX DEVANEY who is a crab fisherman operating out of Homer and Kodiak, Alaska. Informant stated he will be alert to MAX DEVANEY and to the Subject whose fugitive status was brought to his attention, and he stated he would notify the FBI of any information coming to his attention concerning the Subject.

RE: 157-0

Informant was unaware of any race riot potential or mob violence potential on the part of any minority groups or any other individuals in Kodiak.

RE: 52-2225

Informant advised he has not seen or heard from GARY DONALDSON since last contacted about him. Informant advised that from unrecalled sources he learned that DONALDSON who had been in Fairbanks and Anchorage, Alaska, departed the State of Alaska in the latter part of 1967. Informant advised he believes DONALDSON's family resides somewhere in the Pacific Northwest possibly Montana or Idaho. Informant knew of no one who was acquainted with Subject's family.

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TO : SAC , ANCHORAGE (137-601)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA JAMES H. FRAZIER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

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SUBJECT: ROBERT M. HATCHER

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AN 137-601

RE: 157-0

Informant was unaware of any potential for race riot or mob violence in Kodiak. Informant stated he is alert to this and will report any pertinent information.

RE: 157-37

Informant was alerted to the fugitive status of JAMES EARL RAY who was unknown to him by name, description and photograph. Informant will be alert to Subject and will report any pertinent information.

RE: 42-1677

Informant advised Subject was unknown by name, description and photograph. Informant stated that he knows MAX DEVANEY who is a commercial fisherman operating out of Homer and Kodiak, Alaska. Informant advised he will be alert to DEVANEY's presence in Kodiak and will be alert to DEVANEY's son, Subject, whose fugitive status was brought to his attention, and informant stated he would immediately notify the FBI of any information he received concerning the Subject.

RE: 93-214

Informant advised that he is aware that WILLIAM and GLADYS BERESTOFF currently reside in Kodiak where WILLIAM is unemployed and where GLADYS is employed at the Kodiak Commercial Company.

Informant stated that both owned a fishing vessel, which in 1967, was seized and sold by the U. S. Government.

Informant advised he was unaware of any assets of either BERESTOFF.

AN 137-601

RE: 52-0 and 70-0

Informant advised that in connection with his employment on the U. S. Naval Station, Kodiak, no information of any Thefts of Government Property or any other crimes committed on the U. S. Naval Reservation have come to his attention. Informant stated he will be alert to these matters and will report any pertinent information.

Post Office Box 560
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
May 1, 1968

Dear Sir:

Attached is material concerning James Earl Ray with aliases who is wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for violations of Civil Rights - Conspiracy and Interstate Flight - Armed Robbery, and who has been placed on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Your cooperation concerning this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


JAMES P. MARTIN
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures 2

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SITKA SENTINEL, JESSEN'S WEEKLY, JUNEAU ALASKA EMPIRE,
ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS, ANCHORAGE DAILY TIMES,
FAIRBANKS DAILY NEWS-MINER

① - Anchorage (157-37)

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, ANCHORAGE (157-37) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany 4/19/68.

The following is an estimate as requested per referenced communication:

1.
 - A. Special Agents
Regular hours - - - 85
Overtime hours - - - 4
 - B. Clerical Employees - - 8
2. Total mileage - - - - - 155
3. None
4. 10

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TO : SAC ANCHORAGE (157-37)

FROM : SA JOHN J. LANDERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/3/68

On 4/24/68, the following persons were contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY, aka, and a photograph of RAY was shown to them and they were alerted to his fugitive status. In addition, copy of a Wanted Flyer was left with the manager of the Parsons Hotel, who indicated she would exhibit it to all employees:

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Mrs. D. E. VERENEWURY, Manager, Parsons Hotel

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*Stop appears in AST Bulletin 18
Vol. 10 May 13, 1968 Item 64 re Ray*

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MURKIN

TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WERE RELEASED TODAY
NEWS MEDIA IN WASHINGTON. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE SHOULD
BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN NINETEEN
SIXTY-SEVEN IN MEXICO)." THIS IS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN DARK
GLASSES AND SPORT SHIRT. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD BEAR
CAPTION " JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR
EARLY FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT IN CALIFORNIA)." THIS IS
HEAD SHOT OF RAY IN BUSINESS SUIT WHICH SHOWS MARKED CLEFT IN
CHIN. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE COPIES OF THESE TWO
PHOTOGRAPHS LOCALLY AND YOU SHOULD INSURE THEY RECEIVE WIDE-
SPREAD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ALL MEDIA CONTACTS. FIVE COPIES OF
EACH OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ALL OFFICES.

LEGATS MEXICO AND OTTAWA ADVISE.

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P.O. Box 560
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
May 8, 1968

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the most recent photograph available of James Earl Ray who is wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for violations of Civil Rights - Conspiracy and Interstate Flight - Armed Robbery, and who has been placed on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives. This photograph was taken in late January or early February, 1968, in California.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Your cooperation concerning this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

James F. Martin
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure - One

1 each to: Anchorage Daily News, Anchorage Daily Times,
Jessen's Weekley, and Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

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Date: May 7, 1968

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

To: All SACs and LEGATs

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

The Bureau has designated Memphis as office of origin in this case.

You were previously advised that leads in this Top Ten Fugitive case must be handled within 24 hours. The Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Springfield Offices are to prepare the results of their investigation to date in report form, not as an insert. At such time as the amount of investigation in these field offices does not appear to warrant individual reports, advise the Bureau and office of origin that inserts being prepared in future in lieu of reports, UACB.

All other offices will record the results in appropriate form and transmit 15 copies of each to the office of origin for inclusion in reports submitted by the Memphis Office. Should investigation increase in any such area warranting submission of individual report, do so and advise the Bureau and Memphis.

LEGATs are to submit results of investigation which can be disseminated in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination. Any administrative data which cannot be disseminated is to be set forth in the administrative section of your transmittal communication. Look-alikes and other leads resolved and reported by cablegram or other communication need not be rereported as copies of these communications are being forwarded office of origin by the Bureau for administrative handling of the case.

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TO : SAC, ANCHORAGE (157-37)

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA ADRIAN B. CLARK (P)

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY
TOP TEN FUG

On 5/8/68, the writer and Detective Lt. EARL W. HIBPSHMAN (NA), Anchorage Police Department, interviewed Mr. TED WARD, Ward's Clock Shop, 5th Avenue and B Street, who had previously reported that he suspected one of his customers of being identical with the subject. He identified this individual as CHARLES FRANK WARREN, Parsons Hotel, who first came in the pawnshop on 4/16/68 and was last there on 5/7/68. He has pawned a variety of articles, including a watch, sliderule, tools, and fishing tackle. Numerous of the pawn cards were observed and it was noted that they were signed "WARREN C. FRANK." According to WARD, this individual is a white male American, age 38, 5' 10", 160 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, southern accent, FAA pilot's license number 1486557, Social Security Number [redacted].

All the pawn tickets indicated that FRANK resides at the Parsons Hotel. Additional photographs of subject were shown to WARD and he stated that FRANK closely resembles these photographs. WARD stated FRANK drives a late model dark blue Buick Wildcat.

On the same date, the writer and HIBPSHMAN interviewed DAVID JOHNSON, Desk Clerk, Parsons Hotel, who made available a registration card dated 4/15/68, for WARREN C. FRANK, General Delivery, Anchorage. He checked out on 5/6/68. JOHNSON stated he saw FRANK loading his belongings into a 1966 light colored Oldsmobile parked in the rear of the hotel on the area. He stated FRANK had previously resided at the hotel during 1967, dates unrecalled, and was reportedly employed by FAA or some other Federal Government Agency as an electronics technician.

JOHNSON observed photographs of subject and stated he does not believe this individual is identical with FRANK.

On the same date, records of the Anchorage Police Identification Division, show that WARREN CHARLES FRANK has



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mug number 15236 and a copy of same was obtained. He is described as male white American, born [] 5'10", 165 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, occupation electronics technician. Scars and marks: two-inch scar left side of back of head. Fingerprint classification:

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24 W OII

He was first contacted on 7/10/56 re an abandoned auto of which he was the owner; on 10/5/60, assault and battery - witness; on 11/20/60, accident - complainant; and on 2/3/61 for driving while under the influence of alcohol - fined \$75.00.

Based on the discrepancies in the appearance and Fingerprint Classification of JAMES EARL RAY and WARREN CHARLES FRANK, it is concluded these individuals are not identical.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Anchorage

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA JAMES H. FRAZIER (157-37)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the dates indicated the following persons were contacted at Kodiak, Alaska, and a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was exhibited to them and they were alerted as to RAY's fugitive status. They advised RAY was unknown by name, description and photograph. In addition, Chief RHINES indexed RAY's name and aliases and descriptive data in his file.

4/23/68 Chief of Police JACK L. RHINES, Kodiak Police Department

4/24/68 KENNETH DUBBER, Alaska State Troopers

4/24/68 LARRY FREEMAN, Manager, Kodiak Inn

4/24/68 RONALD BALL, Shelikof Lodge

4/25/68 WILLIAM LAMME, Postal Inspector, U.S. Post Office

4/24/68 LAURENCE ANDERSON, Harbor Master

4/24/68 ARCHIE ZEHE, Dispatcher, Kodiak Airway Inn

4/24/68 MICHAEL FITZGERALD, Owner, Kodiak Hotel

On 4/25/68 CHARLES PEMBERTON, Senior Agent, Western Airlines, Kodiak, advised that the practice of dispatching manifests to his station identifying passengers on all flights was discontinued in September 1967. Consequently he knew of no way of identifying any passenger on the April 12, 1968, flights to Kodiak. A Wanted Flyer of RAY was left with PEMBERTON who advised he would bring it to the attention of personnel of Western Airlines and he stated that he would report any pertinent information developed. He personally stated RAY was unknown by name, description and photograph and he recalls no passengers since April 12, 1968, who bear any resemblance to RAY.



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On 4/25/68 Mrs. GLADYS VINBURG, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, advised that on 4/13/68 the following three persons purchased non-resident hunting and fishing license:

DON H. O'CONNOR
160 S. Cody Lane
Pleasant Hill, California
(purchased license 104130)
He is described as male, 53, 5'8",
200 lbs, alburn hair

JEANNE M. O'CONNOR
160 S. Cody Lane
Pleasant Hill, California
(purchased license 104131)
She is described as female, 45, 5'4",
160 lbs., brown hair, green eyes

FRANK JESS RHODES
341 Boyd Road
Pleasant Hill, California
(purchased license 104132)
He is described as male, 52, 5'11",
200 lbs., black hair, hazel eyes.

VINBURG advised that all three were going hunting and were to be guided by NICK NEKEFEROFF of Kodiak. She advised NEKEFEROFF camps on Kodiak Island, but his hunting clients are unknown. She stated that to the best of her recollection the above three individuals were not identical to subject.

On 4/25/68 a review was made of the non-resident hunting and fishing license sold by SUTLIFF AND SONS, INC., of Kodiak. This review reflected the following information:

On 4/12/68 non-resident hunting and fishing license were sold to the following people:

J. S. REINHART
904 Long Post
Albuquerque, New Mexico
(who purchased license 037051)
He is described as male, 55, 5'8",
150 lbs., black hair, brown eyes

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LOUIS H. STUMBERG
832 Eventide
San Antonio, Texas
(who purchased license 037052)
He is described as male, 43, 6'2½",
175 lbs., blond hair, blue eyes

HENRY E. STUMBERG
433 Devine Road
San Antonio, Texas
(who purchased license 037053)
He is described as male, 47, 6',
175 lbs., black hair, blue eyes

GEORGE VAIL;CONT (illegible)
Behm Co., Rye, New York
(who purchased license 037054)
He is described as male, 51, 6'2",
195 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes

On 4/15/68 SAMUEL CASSARA, 31 Highview Drive,
Rochester, New York, purchased license 037070. He is
described as male, 48, 5'9", 155 lbs., gray hair, hazel eyes.

On 4/15/68 WALTER GOLLINICK, 3629 N. Whipple,
Chicago, Illinois, purchased license 037071. He is
described as male, 53, 5'4", 145 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes.

The records reflect that REINHART, the STUMBERG's
and VAIL were being guided on their hunting trips by
PARK MUNSEY and that CASSARA and GOLLINICK were being guided
by the firm of PINNELL and TOLLIFSON.

Inquiry disclosed that the manager of the sporting
goods department at SUTLIFF AND SONS, INC., was on a jury panel
and not available.

On 4/25/68 ROBERTA LOCKMAN, Bookkeeper, Kodiak
Commercial Company, advised that on 4/12/68 and 15/68, no
non-resident hunting licenses were sold. On 4/13/68 two
license were sold.

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LOWELL CAMPBELL
855 Scott Road
Smith Creek, Michigan
(purchased license 065523)
He is described as male, 37, 5'10",
brown hair, brown eyes

STEVE MC INTYRE
1934 Lapeer Road
Port Huron, Michigan
(purchased license 065524)
He is described as male, 40, 5'11",
175 lbs., gray hair, blue eyes.

LOCKMAN advised the above people did not buy any non-resident bear tags as they had none in stock and consequently the guides for the above two persons are unknown. She advised she sold these license and the individuals to her recollection are not identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

On 4/25/68 Mrs. GLADYS VINBURG, supra, advised she could locate no record of the purchase of bear tags for CAMPBELL and MC INTYRE, supra.

She advised that PARK MUNSEY and PINNELL and TOLLIFSON were presently out guiding bear hunters on Kodiak Island and their exact whereabouts is unknown.

Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases JAMES EARL RAY		Address of subject		Character of case UFAP - ROBBERY	
Complainant EDGAR F. CURTIS		Complainant's address and telephone number 611 L Street 272-8160		Complaint received ☒ Personal ☐ Telephonic Date 5/10/68 Time 3 p.m.	
Subject's Description	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female	Height	Hair	Build
	Age	Weight	Eyes	Complexion	Birth date and Birthplace
	Scars, marks or other data				

Facts of complaint

A little over three weeks ago, Complainant was in the vicinity of a construction site operated by Manson - Osberg, four miles south of Healy near where the road deadends. As he arrived at the site one morning when the temperature had been down to zero, he observed a late model blue Mercury automobile in the area with no plates. About an hour later a man came up out of the canyon dressed in entertainer type clothing, a pin stripe coat, no hat, no gloves, string tie and wearing horned rimmed glasses. He estimated the individual to be in his early 30's having a swarthy complexion and a one or two day growth of beard.

Later the car had Ohio license plates on it and a State Trooper came out, talked to the individual and apparently went to get gasoline for his car.

Complainant advised he had read Life magazine article; and, although he did not talk to this individual or observe him real closely, it was his feeling that he resembled the 1959 photograph of RAY shown in Life magazine.

*SA Powell - Felt's RA advised
5-13-68.*

Powell

Action Recommended

Contact State Troopers and attempt to determine identity of suspect.
☒ **ASAC VERN F. LOETTERLE:bff**
(Agent)

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Date: **May 8, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)**To: All SACS and LEGATS****From: Director, FBI (44-38861)****MURKIN****OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)**

In connection with the captioned case there has been speculation that James Earl Ray concocted the alias of Eric Starvo Galt by combining the names of characters from books by Ian Fleming and from a book "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand. This speculation is based on the fact that in the James Bond books by Ian Fleming there is a character named Ernst Stavro Blofield and in "Atlas Shrugged" there is a character named John Galt, as well as one named Eric Starnes. Ernst Stavro Blofield is a formidable person, John Galt is a "social drop out" and Eric Starnes is described in the book as a "whiner" from a low-class family.

In view of the above and in order that Agents handling this investigation can be alert to the possibility of Ray's utilizing an alias based on characters in Fleming's books, there is set out as an attachment to this airtel a list of various characters in those books for your assistance.

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CHARACTERS IN BOOKS

BY IAN FLEMING

CASINO ROYALE

James Bond	Smyert Shpionam	Monsieur Sixte
de Villorin	Goytchev	Lord Danvers
Duclos	Garrad-Jones	Carmel Delane
Dasilva	Petchora	Signor Tomelli
Clements	Donovan	Rene Mathis
Caffery	Harthrop-Vane	Monsieur Versoix
Fawcett	Ventnor	Adolph Gettler
Herr Nummer	Mace	Herr Gettler
Herr Ziffer	Savarin	
Smersh	Mathis	
Deauville	Charles Dasilva	
Le Touquet	Kingston	
Zographos	Monsieur Muntz	
Cypher	Trouville	
Alsace Lorraine	Royale	
Strasbourg	Vesper Lynd	
Archivist	Dior	

DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

Galland	Felix Leiter	Sir Reginald Leeper
Sillitoe	Pickapepper	Mr. Swart
Daker	Mauve Decade	Brigadier Rademeyer
Jacoby	Bill Winfrey	Volk
Bronsteen	Kid Tatters	Bernard Nealon
Sefton Delmer	Lame-Brain Pissaro	John Blaize
DeBeers	Belair Stud	Williamson
Ronnie Vallance	Mr. Weiss	Prospector Katze
Rufus B. Saye, wa, Jack Spang	Windy Wint	du Raan
Peter Franks	Boofy Kidd	Mr. Louwrens
Tiffany Case	Ernie Cuneo	Sergeant Cilliers
Sergeant Dankwaerts	Jack Entratter	Andries Coetzze
Sergeant Lobiniere	Bobby Bilbo	Alexander Foote
Mister Grunspan	Mr. Lucian	Desmond
Willy Behrens	Frasso	Percy Sillitoe
George Feyer	McGonigle	Ernest Oppenheimer
Michael Tree, wa, Shady Tree	Captain Hook	J. A. Brink
Seraffimo Spang	B. Kitteridge	Claasens
W. Winter	Mr. Rothblatt	Bill Syer
Mike Hammer	<u>THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS</u>	Fuchs
Rocky	Ian Fleming	LeBeers

THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS

Van Blommestein & Birt	David Mitchel
Tim Patterson	Frank Wile
Piet Willers	Max Pop
T. S. Patterson	Francis Gballeit
Blake	Arthur Sherman
Davis	Belcher
de Graaf	Herbert Cox
Mrs. Coetzze	Monsieur Diamant
Christine Granville	Harry Openheimer
Sammy Silberstein	Kutze
Captain van der Westhuisen	Groffelaar
William Percival Radley ("Tony")	Patrick Sullivan
Donald Miles	Leiser Weitman
Henry Orford	John Gundry
Blaize	Willy Rosen
Bernard Nealon	Sillitoe
Harry Morgan	Henry Brasseur
Finkle	Kheir
William N. Witherspoon	Mr. Capper
P. M. R. Willis	Robert Johnson
Ardayast Powanlian	Ernest Oppenheimer

THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS

Lyall	Stoker Smith	Havelock
Philip Schreiber	James Molony	Jimmy Farquharson
Amschel Benny Engel	Dr. Peter Steincrohn	Aschenheim
M. Lallet	Major Boothroyd	Fayprince
M. Mario Pinci	Quarrel	Henriques
Alio Giwa	Hugh Foot	Feddens
Nathan Ascher Glatt	Mr. Pleydell-Smith	Major Gonzales
Dr. H. P. Lowe	Ben Gibbons	von Hammerstein
H. J. Browning (Mr.)	Josiah Smith	Colonel Johns
Solomon Cukrowicz	John Bryce	Haversack
David Gollansky	Waygood Otis	Burns Martin
Alahaju Mustafa Ibrahim	Julius No	Monty
Mike Collins	Lemmy	Ethan Allen
R. F. Sheldon		Robin Hood
Mr. H. Rogers	<u>FOR YOUR EYES ONLY</u>	Harvey Millers
Harras	Rattray	Godalming
<u>DOCTOR NO</u>	Bates	Cheltenham
John Strangways	Proctor	Tunbridge Wells
M	Pyramus	Governor
Bill Templar	Thisbe	Philip Masters

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

Tattersall

Whitehall

Albergo Colomba D'oro

Signor Kristatos

Ronnie Vallance

Santos

Enrico Colombo

Van Cleef

Mr. Toad

Albergo Daniell

Milton Krest

Mr. Abedana

Professor Hildebrand

General Ivan Aleksandrovitch Serov

Colonel General Grubozaboyschikov

Lt. General Slavin

Lt. General Vozdvishensky

Tokaev

Khoklov

Petrov

Rene Mathis

Drax

Colonel Klebb

Kronsteen

Makharov

Fouche

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Donovan Grant

"Red" Grant

Krassno Granitsky

"Granit"

Dr. Baumgarten

Colonel Arkday Fotoyev

Lt. Col. Nikolai Godlovsky

Professor Deniken

Darko Kerim

Lermontov

Swaine

Adeney

Wilkinson

Kerim Bey

Cecil Beaton

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Croesus
David Somerset
Bianco
Major Dansey
Gyllius
Vavra
Krilencu
Zora
Vida
Boris Kerim
Melchior Benz
Kurt Goldfarb
Stefan Trempo

Lin Norman Nash
Albour Frank
Comtesse Metterstein
Rosa Ma'heur

GOLDFINGER

Blackwell
Schwab
Santos
Johnny Crawford
Auric Goldfinger
Mr. Armour
Jill Masterton
Colonel Smithers
Sassoon
Ellerman
Lord Cowdray
Rothschilds, Barings, Jed Midnight
Hambros

Williamson
Oppenheimer
Boris Anrep
Hopton Wood
Alfred Blacking
Farquharson
Hawker
Lord Lonsdale

Homer
Philip Scrutton
Foulks
Hagen
Bernard Darwin
Mr. Scotland
Le Touquet
Tilly Masterton
Dr. Foch
Mr. Gold
Helmut M. Springer

Billy (The Grinner) Ring
Jack Strap
Mr. Solo
Jim Colossimo
Slappy Hapgood
Giulio
Bloody Morgan
Cortez

GOLDFINGER

O' Brien
Weathership Charlie
Dutch Schuyts
Napoleon, Hitler

LIVE AND LET DIE

Grady
Arthur Fein
Buonaparte Ignace Gallia
Tee-Hee Johnson
Leigh Fermor
Samuel D. Baldwin
Mr. Halloran
Captain Dexter
Zachary Smith
Baron Samedi
Sam Miami
G-G Sumatra
Flannel
Mr. Bryce
Quarrel

THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN

M.
Captain Walker
Major Townsend
Mr. Robson

Sir James Molony
Bill Tanner
Ramon "The Rod" Rodriguez
Enrico Scaramanga
Harold L. Peterson
Oliver Winchester
Beau Desert
Commander Edmund G. Ross
Mark Hazard
Tony Hugill
Mr. Brown
Francisco Scaramanga
Mr. Hendriks
Sam Binion
Leroy Gengerella
Hal Garfinkel

THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN

Louie Paradise	Tranby Croft	Marie Laurencin
Mr. Travis	Steffi Esposito	Leica
Mr. Nick Nicholson	Meyer	Baxter
Stanley Jones	Gibbon	Professor Bhose
King Tiger	Longchamp	Galatea
Sir Alexander Bustamante	Brevett	Graf Hugo von der Drache
Mr. Scramble	Canfield	
Mr. Arosio	Dangerfield	Kaltenbrunner
Rastafari	Max	Otto Skorzeny
Macdonald	Porterfield	Group Captain Tandy
Bannister	Grimley	Peter Trimble
Percival Sampson	General Bealey	Detective-Inspector Vivian
Lister Smith	Duff Sutherland	
Justice Morris Cargill	Morphy	
DeWitt	Ronnie Vallance	
Guderian	Tallon	

MOONRAKER

Hugo Drax ("Hugger")	Egon Bartsch
Jack Hobbs	Professor Train
Gordon Richards	Dr. Walter
Basildon (Basil)	Willy Krebs

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Phillippe Bertrand

Boudin

Monet

Ernst Stavro Blofeld

Croupier

Rossi

Andre Mattei

Peckham

Laurence Sterne

Johnson

Goldsmith

Dean Swift

Lord Nelson

Sable Basilish Pursuivant

Gebriider Gumpold-Moosbrugger

Tissot

Tracy

Blauenfelder

Monsieur Maurice

Monsieur Pol

Changeur

Marc - Ange Draco

Jean Gindicelli

Griffon Or

Sir Thomas Bond

Nell Gweynn

Boswell

Reynolds

Garrick

Canning

Lord Bently Royal

Sir Hilary Bray

G. W. Marshall

Sir James Malony

Achmed

Jenny Bray

Mary potts

O'Neill

Maria Stavro Michelopoulos

Captain Boris

Alphonse de Bleuville

D'dsigneys

Professor Auguste Kommer

Conte de Bleuville

ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

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Ivan	Derek Mallaby	Horst Uhlmann
Bertil Yugo	Ben Said	Lieutenant Morrow
Sir George Dunbar	Maurice Smart	O'Donnell
George Albert Windsor	Don Shirley	Captain Stonor
Ernst George Blofeld	James Grant	
Shaun Campbell	Audrey Thompson	
Herr Graf	Nosy Parker	
Pat Smythe	Hoppy Jones	
Simon de Bleuville	Bill Kenny	
Muir	Charlie Fuqua	
Summerhayes	Harling	
Mr. Leathers	Len Holbrook	
Marius	Frank Donaldson	
Che-Che	Bill Donaldson	
Ernst Stefan Blofeld	Kurt Rainer	
Mr. Franklin	Trude	
Sir Ronald Vallance	Herr Doktor Braunschweig	
Mr. Trumper	Pat Moss	
Toussaint	Elliott Frey	
<u>THE SPY WHO LOVED ME</u>	Millicent	
Mr. Sanguinetti	Sluggsy Morant	

THUNDERBALL

Bircher-Brenner
Kneipp
Preissnitz
Rikli
Schroth
Gossman
Bilz
Joshua Wain
Alan Moyle
Heinkel
Count Lippe
Beresford
Jules
Gregor Karlski
Ernst Stavro Blofeld
Marius Domingue
Pierre Borraud
Giuseppi Petacchi
Fidelio Sciacco
Bruno Bayer
Fonda
Enrico Valli

YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE

Vargas	Tiger Tanaka
Emilio Largo	Trembling Leaf
Kotze	Grey Pearl
Leopoldo Rodriques	Dikko Henderson
Dominetta Vitali	Admiral Ohnishi
Pitman	Porterfield
F. Larkin	Sir James Molony
Roddick	Ernst Stavro Blofeld
Felix Leiter	Richard Lovelace Henderson
Bryce	
Harold Christie	Tracy
Sergeant Molony	Colonel Hamilton
Mr. Snow	Prenderghast
Mr. Player	Bill Tanner
Constable Santos	Jim Saunderson
Emil Traut	Mariko Ichiban
Brigadier Fairchild	Superintendent Ando
Peter Pedersen	Taro Todoroki
Admiral Carlson	Kono
Strelik	Kazama
Petty Officer Fallon	
Dr. Stengel	Doctor Guntram Shatter- hand, aka-Comte de Bleuville

THRILLING CITIES

Leonard Russell

Mr. Frere

Hugh Barton

Jack Conder

Dick Hughes

Kadoorie

Richard Mason

Dr. Lobo

Samuel Montague

Len Cosgrove

"Cos"

"Tiger" Saito

Alan Searle

Mr. Fratinelli

Captain James Hamilton

Virgil Peterson

Professor Philip Fox

Colonel Edward Bradley

Ben Goffstein

Ray Russell

Charles Beaumont

Ray Brennan

Joey Glimco

Francis "The Immune" Maritote

Charles "Cherry Nose" Gioe

Richard Hauff

Cosmo Orlando

Carlo "Bananas" Urbaniti

Ripa

Joseph Broge

Gene Gleason

Dan Jacobson

David Barlow

Felix Leiter

Marthe Richard

Antony Terry

Knoeller

"Rickey" Renee

Dr. Julius Raab

Dr. Kriesky

Anton Karas

Colonel Podharsky

Dr. Bircher-Brenner

Frederick Bussy

Pierre Jaccoud

Charles Zumbach

Andre Zumbach

Professor Pittard

Francesco Waldman

Salvatori Funari

OCTOPUSSY, THE DARLING

Major Dexter Smythe

Professor Bengry

Dr. Jimmy Greaves

Luna

Hannes Oberhauser

Gieves

Arundels

Marchesis

Dr. Cahusac

THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS

Corporal Menzies

Tanqueray

Trigger

Captain Paul Sender

Graf in Liselotte Mutzenbacher

Ameryllis

Donskaya

Lomova

THE PROPERTY OF A LADY

Dr. Fanshawe

Faberge

Kenneth Snowman

Peter Wilson

Piotr Malinowski

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

Commander Caractacus Pott

Mimsie Pott

Jeremy (Pott)

Commander Crackpott

Lord Skrumshus

Man Mountain Fink

Soapy Sam

Blood-money Banks

Monsieur Bon-Bon

Jacques

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URGENT 5-13-68 RNK
TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861)

MURKIN

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SUBJECT SPENT A CONSIDERABLE
SUM OF MONEY FROM APRIL TWENTY-THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN TO
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY-EIGHT, AND THE SOURCE OF HIS MONEY
HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, HIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED
TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES AND
BANK BURGLARIES IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE WITNESSES ARE
AVAILABLE. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE REQUESTING
OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TO
WITNESSES IN THEIR UNSOLVED ROBBERIES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

ACK JAC

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*SA Powell advised
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☐ Boston	☐ Las Vegas	☐ Portland	☐ Bonn
☐ Buffalo	☐ Little Rock	☐ Richmond	☐ Buenos Aires
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Date May 13, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

☒ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed for assistance of each office in connection with any laundry checks being made are photographs of laundry marks placed on shirt and bed linen for James Earl Ray while using the name of Eric Starvo Galt in the Los Angeles area.

Enc. *(Signature)*
Bufile (44-38861)
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Date: May 9, 1968

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(Priority)

To: All SACS
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

In order to cover the possibility that subject may have died since commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted and they advised that no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested that each state may maintain such a record in their Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency.

There is no known Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information; and it is possible that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would only be maintained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities, or the like.

Each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if such records are maintained, and if so, should check records for the period from 4-5-68, to date, for any information which might possibly identify subject Ray with unidentified deceased person over that period.

If there is no central record repository maintained in the various states or nationally in the case of Mexico and Canada, you should, in connection with your contacts with law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, make appropriate inquiries relative to

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unidentified dead for the period beginning 4-5-68; and if fingerprints on such dead are maintained, they should be compared with those on the Identification Order on Ray in order to effect identification or nonidentification. This should be handled in the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines.

The Identification Division has placed an appropriate stop on unidentified deceased inquiries it may receive. If feasible, appropriate offices and Legats, Mexico City and Ottawa should place similar stops with appropriate state, local or national agencies in your territories.

Armed and Dangerous.

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Date: **May 10, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
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To: All SACS
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI

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For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968, and prior to his departing Los Angeles, in March of 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

This should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and Dangerous.

ASAC *✓*
CLARK *AK*
COCHRAN *AK*
FRAZIER *AK*
HEAD *AK*
LANPERS *AK*
MOEN *AK*

WATKINS *RW*
HARRIS *AK*
POWELL *AK*
SMITH *AK*
MAYER *AK*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ANCHORAGE (157-37) (P)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA ROBERT M. POWELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re FD-71 by ASAC VERN F. LOETTERLE dated 5/10/68.

On 5/13/68, Trooper ARTHUR TROTT, Alaska State Troopers, Nenana, Alaska, advised as follows:

On 4/12/68 at Healy, Alaska, he had occasion to talk with a man driving a 1964 Mercury with 1968 Ohio license plates LU 489, license plate identification number 087323116. This individual identified himself as ALFRED EUGENE BENNETT, JR., residence 6078 Ravine Drive, Parma, Ohio. Registration for the vehicle was in BENNETT's name. He also had Ohio operators license number E836490. The Ohio registration had been issued April 2, 1968, and listed vehicle serial number as 4W58H523334.

BENNETT advised he had run out of gas and that before leaving the vehicle to obtain fuel he had removed the keys and license plates from his vehicle to prevent theft of the car.

BENNETT advised he left Ohio the previous Saturday and checked into Alaska through Tok and arrived in Fairbanks on 4/11/68. He had \$2 in Canadian money and a 30-06 Remington rifle in the vehicle.

BENNETT advised that he was a linotype operator having last been employed by the Union Gospel Press, Cleveland, Ohio.

BENNETT in no way resembled Subject RAY. He furnished the following physical description of BENNETT:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Nationality:	American

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RMP:bff
(2) *bff*



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Date of birth:	
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	170 lbs.
Hair:	Black with gray - thick
Eyes:	Brown

TROTT recalled having seen BENNETT in Nenana
at about 6:00 p.m. on 4/11/68.

Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases JAMES EARL RAY			Address of subject		Character of case Civil Rights - Conspiracy	
Complainant BEN LEE			Complainant's address and telephone number Port William Radio telephone call Number KWJ45, Port William (through ACS)		Complaint received ☐ Personal ☐ Telephonic Date 5/16/68 Time 10:15 a.m.	
Subject's Description	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

Complainant contacted Anchorage Office by radio telephone. Transmission garbled but complainant advised of reading recent Life magazine article on Subject and recalled seeing individual on 4/29/68 whom he believed resembled photograph in Life magazine. This individual, who was wearing a hat and not observed too closely by complainant, came through Port William on a seal hunting trip and was to return in ten days, but had not returned to date. Complainant indicated he was suspicious of this individual at the time. Complainant had no information as to suspect's current whereabouts.

Action Recommended **Recommend personal contact with complainant to ascertain exactly what and who he may have seen.**

ASAC VERN F. LOETTERLE:bff
(Agent)

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Column of the Day

The Search for Ray: Intense, Painstaking

By DREW PEARSON and JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — The FBI's failure to apprehend the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King has led to reports that J. Edgar Hoover is not interested in catching the murderer. The reports are based partly on the fact that Hoover and King were not on good terms, Hoover having publicly branded King as "the most notorious liar in the world."

We have checked into the operations of the FBI in this respect and are convinced that it is conducting perhaps the most painstaking, exhaustive manhunt ever before undertaken in the United States. Its G-men have checked every bar ever patronized by James Earl Ray, every flophouse he ever stopped at, every cantina in Mexico he ever visited. It has collected an amazing array of evidence, all linking Ray with the murder.

That he has not been found may be due, first, to the possibility that he himself was murdered by those who hired him to kill King; or, second, that he is hiding in some remote Mexican village.

If he has money — and apparently he had — Ray might be able to live in a distant part of Mexico indefinitely. The Mexico City police are efficient and co-operative, but police in the remote areas are not. In some villages few Mexicans can read or write, and radio news of the outside world does not penetrate.

WHAT THE FBI has established about King's assassin was that he was a professional killer who had studied the suspense writing of Ian Fleming and Ayn Rand. His pseudonym, Eric Starvo Galt, for instance, was taken from both authors.

Yet, while a student of crime he was also a bungler. For he left behind the murder rifle with his fingerprints on it and, wrapped around the rifle, a bedspread which contained strands of his hair. He also left behind a blue zipper bag containing a brush with hair matching those on the bedspread.



JAMES EARL RAY

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Anchorage News

Date: 5/16/68
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All the evidence we have been able to gather points to the probability that Ray was hired to kill Dr. King. He broke out of the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, after boasting to fellow prisoners that he intended to make a big "score" on the outside. He remarked to one inmate that he might try to collect a rumored \$1 million bounty that supposedly had been offered by a "businessmen's group" for the death of Dr. King.

Four months later, on Aug. 30, 1967, he opened a safe deposit box in the Birmingham Trust National Bank and suddenly began passing out crisp \$20 bills like a big spender. He paid \$499 for dancing instruction, then quit after only a few lessons. He spent \$395 for mail-order photographic equipment that he didn't know how to operate.

HE SHELLED out money for a bartending course, but showed no interest in working behind any bar. He also took a course in lock-picking from a correspondence school in Michigan. His white Mustang cost \$1,995, which he paid in cash. He drove it from Mexico to Montreal, from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Occasionally he slipped \$20 to bar girls and prostitutes. In Mexico he lived with a prostitute in small towns like Jalisco and Puerto Vallarta where prices were cheap. Once he posed in sun glasses for a picture with his Mexican prostitute.

In Los Angeles, he advertised in the hippie newspaper that he would like to meet "a passionate married woman." He also paid \$1 to the Swinger's Club for the names and addresses of five girls.

All told, Ray spent an estimated \$10,000 in seven months. Yet he never held a job, and committed no crimes following his escape from the Missouri penitentiary that the FBI has discovered. Previously he had been in-

volved in a long list of filling station and other robberies. But after his escape he became a loner; in some respects he became another Lee Harvey Oswald. Meanwhile, he sought to establish a new identity as Eric Starvo Galt.

It seems likely that Ray planned the murder of Dr. King for several months. He finally purchased the Remington rifle in Birmingham on March 30, then moved to a boarding house in Atlanta. In his room, agents found a map of Atlanta with four locations circled.

They were Dr. King's residence, his headquarters at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Ray's boarding house and the spot where he abandoned his Mustang after the murder. In the middle of the map was also a clear thumbprint from Ray's right thumb.

EVIDENTLY Ray changed his mind about waylaying King in Atlanta and followed him to Memphis instead. After all the elaborate planning and the careful creation of a new identity, Ray left behind in Memphis the murder rifle, binoculars and a bag full of toilet articles.

If white extremists put up the blood money it was probably not the Ku Klux Klan or the Minute Men, for they are an impatient lot who would not have waited several months for Ray to get results.

Black extremists have also not been ruled out. They might have sought to get rid of King in order to remove the prophet of non-violence.

Note: Ray was the product of a broken home. He was the eldest of eight children. His father deserted Ray's mother, and various people adopted the children.

When the FBI approached the father, they discovered that the elder Ray had not seen his son for 17 years. "I would be the last one he would come to for help," the father said.

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TO MEMPHIS \PLAINTEXT\

MEMPHIS VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAN JUAN \157-61\ 1P

MURKIN\ CR.

S/SGT. EDWARD WIENCLAW\ RAMEY AIR FORCE BASE\ PUERTO RICO\, ADVISED ON MAY THIRTEEN LAST THAT DURING ONE NINE SIX TWO\ HE DATED A GIRL IN SPOKANE\ WASHINGTON\ NAMED BESS RAY. HE STATED HE LATER LEARNED SHE WAS MARRIED AND HER HUSBAND WAS SERVING TIME IN PRISON FOR ARMED ROBBERY. HE STATED SHE LIVED ON MAXWELL STREET WITH HER MOTHER.

WIENCLAW STATED HE LATER LEARNED THAT BESS RAY HAD MOVED AND WAS RECENTLY LIVING IN JUNEAU\ ALASKA. WIENCLAW FURNISHED ABOVE INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN APPREHENSION OF JAMES EARL RAY. WIENCLAW STATED HE COULD NOT FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL INFO SINCE HE DID NOT KNOW NAME OF BESS RAY,S HUSBAND\ HER MOTHER,S NAME OR HER ADDRESS.

NO LEADS BEING SET OUT SINCE THIS OFFICE HAS NO INFO REGARDING MARITAL STATUS OF SUBJECT RAY\ LEADS BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION OF OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for Seattle and Anchorage are 2 copies each of San Juan teletype to Memphis 5/15/68.

Seattle should make a reasonable effort to identify BESS RAY, mentioned in the enclosed teletype, and if it is possible to obtain an Anchorage address for her, the Anchorage Office should be requested to interview her to identify her husband and to make certain that he is not the subject, JAMES EARL RAY.

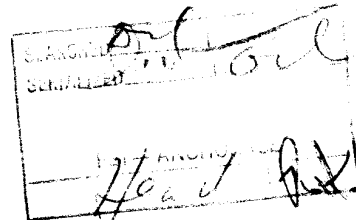
Since we have no reason to believe, in the first place, that the subject ever had a wife, Seattle should not conduct an extensive investigation or waste a large amount of manpower in identifying BESS RAY.

No investigation is requested of Anchorage until such time as Seattle further identifies BESS RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ANCHORAGE (157-37)(P)

FROM : SA RICHARD W. HEAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/20/68

Re Bureau teletype to All SAC's, dated May 13, 1968.

On May 15, 1968, Special Agent ROBERT M. POWELL, Senior Resident Agent, Fairbanks, Alaska, and Special Agent JAMES F. MAYER, Resident Agent, Juneau, Alaska, were apprised of the contents of referenced teletype telephonically.

It will be noted that the only unsolved bank robbery or bank burglary in the Anchorage Division occurred on November 29, 1963.

On May 15, 1968, Lieutenant EARL HIBPSHMAN (NA), Chief, Detective Division, Anchorage Police Department, was contacted and he advised that a review of unsolved robberies in the Anchorage area from April 23, 1967, to April 4, 1968, reveals no armed robberies were committed where large amounts of money were obtained and there are no robbery suspects involved in these unsolved robberies fitting the description of the subject.

On May 17, 1968, Special Agent JAMES F. MAYER contacted Chief of Police PAT WELLINGTON (NA), Juneau Police Department, Juneau, Alaska, at which time a similar review as described above was conducted and it was determined there are no unsolved robberies in the Juneau area of substantial amounts of money which could be attributed to the subject.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ANCHORAGE (157-37)(P)

FROM : SA RICHARD W. HEAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/20/68

Re Complaint of BEN LEE, Port William, Alaska,
contained in Serial 71.

On May 17, 1968, DONALD E. FLYNN was contacted at 10:30 PM, at his residence, Mile 2, East Road, Homer, Alaska, by Special Agent RICHARD W. HEAD, at which time it was determined that Mr. FLYNN had been in the Port William, Alaska, area on April 29, 1968, on a hunting trip.

Mr. FLYNN advised that he is a guide and the hunter with him was EARL WEYDYAHL.

Mr. FLYNN advised that he was utilizing his Boat "The Little Sioux", Alaska Department of Fish and Game No. 5603, on this hunting trip, and he had contacted BEN LEE, the Caretaker at Port William, on or about April 29, 1968. Mr. LEE had been introduced to Mr. WEYDYAHL at this time and it was made known to Mr. LEE that they were hunting for bear in the area.

Mr. FLYNN advised that tentative arrangements had been made with LEE for them to return to Port William in the event they got a bear, at which time Mr. LEE, who fancies himself to be a good photographer, had volunteered to make pictures of the bear, Mr. WEYDYAHL, and Mr. FLYNN.

Mr. FLYNN advised, however, that several days after departing Port William, a foot of snow fell and it was his observation that the snow in the area would drive the bears back to hibernation, and for this reason, FLYNN stated he moved South as quickly as possible and did not return to Port William as was tentatively planned.

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Mr. FLYNN stated that Mr. WEYDYAHL returned to Killdeer, North Dakota, somewhat over a week ago, and that he had corresponded with Mr. WEYDYAHL for approximately two years in arranging this hunt. Mr. FLYNN advised that on May 5, 1968, while on the hunt, Mr. WEYDYAHL celebrated his 51st birthday. He further described Mr. WEYDYAHL as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5' 9" or 10"
Weight:	165 lbs.
Hair:	Sandy-gray, curly
Occupation:	President of the Bank of Killdeer, North Dakota

In addition, Mr. FLYNN stated that GEORGE RIDDEN, a Fisherman at Kasilof, Alaska, who is approximately 35 years of age, is from the Killdeer, North Dakota, area, and has known Mr. EARL WEYDYAHL all of his, RIDDEN's, life.

It is noted that GEORGE RIDDEN is a personal acquaintance of Special Agent RICHARD W. HEAD, as is DONALD E. FLYNN.

On the evening of May 17, 1968, while en route to Homer, Alaska, from Anchorage, Alaska, via WESTERN AIRLINES, the May 3, 1968, issue of Life Magazine was reviewed by Special Agent HEAD concerning the feature article regarding JAMES EARL RAY and it is to be noted that the only identifiable photograph of JAMES EARL RAY contained in the article is a stand-up photograph taken in 1959.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Anchorage

FROM : ASAC VERN F. LOETTERLE (157-37)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/21/68

At approximately 4:30 p.m., 5/17/68 BEN LEE again contacted the writer by radio-telephone from Port Williams, Alaska.

LEE advised he had been contacted by a news reported named TOM BROWN who gave his telephone number as 272-8561. BROWN according to LEE was inquiring concerning information LEE had reportedly furnished to the FBI concerning an individual possibly identical with JAMES EARL RAY. LEE advised he had furnished BROWN with no information whatsoever.

LEE was advised that this office had been attempting to make personal contact with him but weather conditions had not permitted this. LEE was advised also that Chief RHINES of Kodiak would possibly be in touch with him after the weather cleared. LEE then offered to furnish the identity of the individual despite lack of security of communication by radio-telephone. He reiterated the date he saw suspect as April 29, 1968, the name of the boat as "Little Sue" from Homer, Alaska, and the guide as DON FLYNN.

Immediate efforts were made to locate FLYNN through sources in the Homer area and SA RICHARD W. HEAD was dispatched to Homer for the purpose of interviewing FLYNN and positively identifying his client of April 29, 1968.

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TO ALL SACS (PLAINTEXT)
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

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MURKIN

INASMUCH AS RAY IS KNOWN TO STAY AT "FLOPHOUSES" AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS.

ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTY-EIGHT, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTY-FIVE YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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