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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, END PAGE TWO

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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB MARCH TEN, TWENTY-EIGHT OR TWENTY-NINE, AT DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, END PAGE THREE

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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;
EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT
ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,
M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, OOO OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE
OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO
ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,
SN ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY
FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL
DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL
DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.

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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB APRIL NINETEEN,
TWENTY-FOUR, FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.
LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY
WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN
SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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END

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FBI

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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2-Kansas City
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FBI NEW YORK

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE IO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE SIXTY-SEVEN.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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

RE: MURKIN
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Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

- all contact RAS
notified 4/30/68
Bmk*
- 1 - Each Continental Office
 - 2 - Memphis

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FBI MINNAPLS

357 PM 5-1-68 URGENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

BOSTON (157-644)

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 1P

MURKIN

RE: DONALD STOUT - SUSPECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR

RE BOSTON TEL TODAY.

MR. WILLIAM MC KINSTRY, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL CAR RENTAL
COMPANY, ADVISED HE COULD LOCATE NO RECORD FOR DONALD STOUT
AS EITHER A PRESENT OR PAST EMPLOYEE OF NATIONAL CAR RENTAL
COMPANY.

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TO : ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM: BOSTON (157-644)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST CONCERNING OUTDOOR
TELEPHONE PAY STATION LOCATED KIRKPATRICK PHARMACY, ATLANTA.

ARTHUR S. LITTLE, MANAGER, KEARSARGE TELEPHONE CO.,
NEW LONDON, N. H., ADVISED THIS DATE TELEPHONE NO. AREA CODE
SIX ZERO THREE - FIVE TWO SIX - EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT ONE, NEW
LONDON, N. H., IS PAY TELEPHONE LOCATED IN BURPEE HALL,
A DORMITORY AT COLBY JUNIOR COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, NEW LONDON,
WHICH IS ATTENDED BY YOUNG GIRLS FROM WELL-TO-DO FAMILIES.
PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
BOSTON TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION UNTIL ADVISED BY ATLANTA.

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MINNEAPOLIS

FROM: BOSTON (157-644)

MURKIN

RE DONALD STOUT - SUSPECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

ROBERT MC HUGH, CITY MANAGER, NATIONAL CAR RENTAL CO.,
LOGAN AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MASS., ADVISED NO RECORD STOUT'S
EMPLOYMENT HIS OFFICE. MC HUGH SUGGESTED MAIN OFFICE, NATIONAL
CAR RENTAL, BE CONTACTED CONCERNING PAST AND POSSIBLE RECENT
EMPLOYMENT STOUT BY NATIONAL CAR RENTAL CO.

MINNEAPOLIS AT MAIN OFFICE, NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, FIVE
THOUSAND NORMANDALE RD., MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, CONTACT
PERSONNEL DEPT. TO DETERMINE WHETHER STOUT PRESENTLY EMPLOYED
AND OBTAIN BACKGROUND INFO WHICH WILL AID IN LOCATING STOUT.

EMPLOYEES, NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, LOGAN AIRPORT, CANNOT
RECALL STOUT AS FELLOW EMPLOYEE. PHOTO JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED
THIS DATE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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FBI SANDIEGO

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TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND SAN FRANCISCO
FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387 4P

MURKIN

RE DONALD STOUT - SUSPECT CO-CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, BOSTON, CHICAGO,
MIAMI, MEMPHIS AND SAN DIEGO APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST; MIAMI
TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SAN DIEGO AND MEMPHIS APRIL TWENTY SIX
LAST.

STEWART LINDH INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST ADVISED
AS FOLLOWS:

ON OCTOBER TWO SIXTY SIX, AND AD APPEARED IN THE CLASSIFIED
SECTION SAN FRANCISCO CRONICLE FOR PERSONS TO SHARE A RIDE TO
NEW YORK AND BOSTON, NAME OF DONALD STOUT AND AN OAKLAND,
CALIFORNIA, ADDRESS GIVEN.

LINDH, ALONG WITH TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS RICHARD ALLEN,
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*Handled by
Boston to Dir. Memphis
& Memphis 5/1/68*

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AN ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTSMAN FROM NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, AND JEFFERY COHN FROM FARMINGDALE, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK, A STUDENT ATTENDING GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, D. C., ANSWERED AD AND ALL THREE MET STOUT AT SEVENTH AND MARKET STREETS, SAN FRANCISCO FOR TRIP TO NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

STOUT ALLEGEDLY EMPLOYEE NATIONAL CAR RENTAL COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO OR OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS RETURNING A SIXTY SIX CHEVROLET IMPALA BEARING LICENSE PLATE PSJ NINE ZERO SEVEN TO BOSTON, MASS.

IMMEDIATELY UPON DEPARTING SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, STOUT DISPLAYED A VERY OBSESSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NEGRO AND JEWISH RACES. HE STATED "WE MIGHT AS WELL KILL SOME NIGGERS ON THE WAY". DURING TRIP STOUT INDICATED HE HAD THREE FIFTY SEVEN MAGNUM REVOLVER IN THE TRUNK OF HIS AUTOMOBILE

DURING THE ENTIRE TRIP FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, STOUT CONTINUOUSLY TALKED AGAINST THE NEGRO AND JEWISH RACES MENTIONING THAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND ALL THE OTHER "NIGGERS" SHOULD BE KILLED OR SENT BACK TO AFRICA.

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STOUT LEFT LINDH AND HIS TRAVELING COMPANIONS OFF AT THE YMCA, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AND GIVE THE EXCUSE THAT HE HAD TO DO SOMETHING TO THE AUTOMOBILE DEPARTED, AND NEVER RETURNED.

LINDH IMMEDIATELY LEFT FOR BOSTON, MASS., ARRIVING THERE BEFORE STOUT AND WHEN STOUT ARRIVED AT THE NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, LOGAN AIRPORT, BOSTON, HE, LINDH, HAD STOUT DETAINED HOWEVER, NO CHARGES WERE PLACED AGAINST STOUT.

LINDH ADVISED STOUT CLAIMED MEMBERSHIP IN THE TEAMSTER UNION AND A TELEPHONE CALL BY LINDH TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN, VERIFIED HIS MEMBERSHIP.

LINDH DESCRIBED STOUT AS FOLLOWS: WMA, FIVE FEET SEVEN TO EIGHT INCHES, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY POUNDS, BROWN CURLY HAIR, EYES LIGHT, BUILD STOUT, COMPLEXION RUDDY; CHARACTERISTICS, SOUTHERN ACCENT, LARGE ARMS, CLAIMS TO BE FROM MISSISSIPPI.

PHOTOGRAPH OF DONALD STOUT BEING SENT FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE WILL BE DISPLAYED TO LINDH UPON ARRIVAL.

SAN FRANCISCO ATTEMPT TO VERIFY IF STOUT EMPLOYED NATIONAL
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CAR RENTALS.

BOSTON ALSO ATTEMPT TO VERIFY IF STOUT EMPLOYED NATIONAL
CAR RENTAL.

END

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FBI BOSTON

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SUPV. BERNARD T. MC CABE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)
Bureau 44-38861
Memphis 44-1987
Boston 157-644

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Earl James Ray, W. C. Herron,
Earl James, James McBride,
James O'Conner, James Walton,
James Walyon, Jim,
Eric Starvo Galt

JAMES EARL RAY, Inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, escaped from the Penitentiary on 4/23/67. Investigation indicated RAY concealed himself in a bread box and escaped from a truck making delivery to an auxiliary farm. RAY was serving 20 years on a charge of Armed Robbery - First Degree and for Operating a Vehicle without Owner's Consent. On 7/20/67, a Federal complaint was authorized by AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Mo., which was filed before the USC, Jefferson City, Mo., charging RAY with violation of Title 18, Section 1073, U.S. Code. Warrant was issued.

JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE on 3/7/55, burglarized the U. S. Post Office at Kellerville, Ill., and stole 66 blank U. S. Postal Money Orders which they passed during March, 1955, in numerous states, with the result that both were sentenced in USDC, Kansas City, Mo., on 7/1/55, to USP, Leavenworth, Kansas. Subject RAY has been described as a loner and RIFE apparently is one of his few close associates, suggesting possibility they could have been associates in murder of DR. KING, and investigation also instituted in Kansas City airtel to Springfield 3/11/68 to develop background information regarding RIFE and to locate him for interview.

CC: 66-161
BTM:maj

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BS 157-644

Following is a description of JAMES EARL RAY, as
furnished by the FBI Identification Division under FBI Number
306443A:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	[redacted] or 29
POB:	Decatur, Quincy or Alton, Ill.
Height:	Approximately 5'10"
Weight:	174 lbs. (in Sept., 1966)
Complexion:	Ruddy
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Build:	Medium
Occupation:	Laborer and Baker
Scars and Marks:	Small scar on center of forehead, scar in palm of right hand.
Addresses:	St. Louis, Mo, March, 1960. 2015 Park, St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 1959 Quincy, Ill., July 1955, Mar. 1955 and April 1950; Hotel Quincy, Quincy, Ill., Mar. 1955 Victor Hotel, Quincy, Ill. Mar. 1955 853 West Fullerton, Chicago, Ill., May 1952; 805 Alby St., Alton, Ill., July 1951
Fingerprint	16 M 9 U 000 12 Ref. 9
Classification:	M 4 W IOI 12
NCIC FPC:	16131100121211121117
Military Record:	JAMES EARL RAY, SN [redacted], enlisted U. S. Army, Feb. 1946 at East St. Louis, Ill., and served on active duty until 12/23/48, at which time given general discharge as PFC at Camp Kilmer, N.J., by reason of ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service. Records also indicate he received treatment for gonorrhea and syphilis while a member of the military.

BS 157-644

Following is a description of WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI
Number 4558766, as obtained from files of USP, Leavenworth:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	44
DOB:	
Height:	5'9½"
Weight:	161 lbs.
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue Gray

Subject RAY has been convicted of Robbery with Deadly
Weapon, has been confined in State Hospital, Fulton, Mo., in 1966
and SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

New Bedford, Mass.
4/29/68

To SAC Alt Super Bureau MP Case (157-644)
From SA John E. Keady

Re: Murkin.

On 4/29/68 SA Richard Sylvia, Identification Officer, New Bedford, Mass. P.D. and SA Theodore Keady, Identification Officer, Fall River, Mass. P.D. advised that no file is maintained of unidentified latent prints in their respective police agencies.

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KNOXVILLE

FROM: BOSTON (157-644)

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT FRANK G. NILES.

RE RICHMOND TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

ON MAY ONE INSTANT, POSTMASTER EVERETT DEAL, ELLSWORTH FALLS, MAINE, ADVISED FRANK H. NILES RECEIVED MAIL AT P.O. BOX ONE ONE SEVEN, ELLSWORTH FALLS, MAINE, ^{IN PAST THREE WEEKS} BUT THIS MAIL IMMEDIATELY READDRESSED BY FRANK SMITH, MEMBER OF ANP PRESENTLY RESIDING ELLSWORTH FALLS. FORWARDING ADDRESS PLACED ON MAIL BY SMITH REFLECTS NILES CAN BE REACHED CARE OF ED LEWIS, FIVE FIVE ZERO NINE PINELAWN, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

KNOXVILLE ENDEAVOR TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF NILES AND DETERMINE HIS ACTIVITIES DURING PAST FEW MONTHS.

CONSIDER POSSIBILITY HE COULD BE CO-CONSPIRATOR INSTANT CASE.

~~ARMED AND DANGEROUS~~
KNOXVILLE NOTE THAT IN MARCH SIXTY FOUR, FRANK G. NILES INQUIRED AS TO WHERE HE COULD OBTAIN SNIPER RIFLE AND ALSO COMMENTED HE WOULD KILL KING IF IT WOULD PREVENT INTEGRATION. FRANK G. NILES, BELIEVED IDENTICAL FRANK H. NILES, FORMER ANP MEMBER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-644)

DATE: April 30, 1968

FROM : SA SAMUEL T. ROEDEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Butel to all SACS, 4/29/68.

On 4/30/68, Lieutenant ROGER BEAUDOIN, BCI, New Hampshire State Police, Concord, N.H., advised that his Agency does not maintain a file of unidentified latent fingerprints and he does not know of any police department in the State which maintains such a file.

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FBI BOSTON

FBI SANDIEGO

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 BOSTON, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND SAN FRANCISCO
FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387

MURKIN.

RE DONALD STOUT, SUSPECT, CO - CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, BOSTON, CHICAGO,
MEMPHIS, AND SAN FRANCISCO APRIL THIRTIETH LAST.

STEWART LINDH TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED INSTANT DATE
THAT DATES FURNISHED BY HIM OF OCTOBER FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY
SIX SHOULD HAVE BEEN SEPTEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY
SIX, AND CLASSIFIED AD APPEARED IN SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE
SEPTEMBER TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX.

SAN FRANCISCO AND BOSTON CONDUCT REQUESTED INVESTIGATION
IN REFERENCED TELETYPE WITH ABOVE DATES.

SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE FURNISHING PHOTO
DONALD STOUT FOR DISPLAYING TO STEWART LINDH.

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McCabe advised 5/1/68

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501PM URGENT 5/1/68 NJM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BOSTON, AND CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 2P

MURKIN

RE DONALD STOUT - SUSPECT. CO-CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO SAN FRANCISCO AND ABOVE OFFICES, APRIL
THIRTY LAST.

JAMES HEALY, CHARTER MANAGER, NATIONAL CAR RENTALS SYSTEM, SEVEN
THREE FIVE HARRISON STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, WHICH RENTS AUTOMOBILES AND
OPERATES BUSES IN SAN FRANCISCO AND OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, APRIL THIRTY
LAST ADVISED NO RECORD FOR DONALD STOUT OR DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT IN
FILES. ADVISED ROBERT E. STOUT, BORN
PLACE NOT INDICATED; EMPLOYED THEIR COMPANY AS BUS DRIVER MAY NINE NINE-
TEEN SIXTY THREE AND STILL EMPLOYED.

PHOTOGRAPH OF DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT NOT IDENTICAL TO PRESENT
EMPLOYEE ROBERT E. STOUT, ACCORDING TO HEALY. HOWEVER
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DEFINITELY RESOLVE AS NON IDENT
TO DONALD STOUT. MARGARET REED, PAYROLL CLERK, ABOVE COMPANY, ADVISED
THIS DATE UNABLE LOCATE ANY RECORD FOR DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT OR
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DONALD STOUT AND NO RECORD ONE NINE SIX SIX CHEVROLET IMPALA BEARING LICENSE PLATE P S J NINE ZERO SEVEN. STATED WOULD BE UNUSUAL FOR THEM TO HAVE AUTOMOBILE DRIVEN FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO BOSTON OR NEW YORK. NO NEWSPAPER ADD LOCATED IN "SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE" ISSUES OF OCTOBER ONE DASH THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX.

CURT KRAFT, MANAGER, ADVERTISING AND ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT, SAN FRANCISCO NEWSPAPER PRINTING INCORPORATED, WHICH PRINTS "SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE", ADVISED THIS DATE THAT BILLING RECORDS FROM SEPTEMBER SIX NINETEEN SIXTY SIX THROUGH NOVEMBER TWO EIGHT NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, CONTAINED NO REFERENCE TO DONALD STOUT OR DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, WHICH WOULD INDICATE STOUT WAS NOT BILLED FOR ANY ADD PLACED BY HIM.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

END

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-644)
Attn. SUPERVISOR BERNARD T. MC CABE

FROM : SA RAYMOND G. ROSS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

On April 30, 1968 WILLIAM LANDER, Identification Officer, Bangor, Maine Police Department advised that unidentified latent fingerprints developed by the Bangor, Maine Police Department in connection with unsolved criminal violations in the Bangor, Maine area since April 23, 1967 were compared with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results.



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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Milwaukee airtel to Miami, 4/20/68.

For the information of Boston, information was received from Mr. DANIEL S. KELLY, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who advised that on 3/28/68, while at the Sun Castle Motel, 1380 S. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach, Fla., an establishment operated by former FBI Agent, they chanced to deal with a bellboy of the motel who apparently left the motel shortly after 3/28/68, to travel to Tennessee to accept work as an electrician in an unknown city in Tennessee, at a salary of \$500 per week. KELLY thought the salary sounded absurd, and later viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, both he and his wife felt the bellboy resembled RAY's description and photograph.

On 4/29/68, HERB BLONSTROM, Assistant Manager Sun Castle Motel, 1380 S. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach, Fla. was contacted re information contained in referenced airtel. BLONSTROM advised that based on this data, the

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individual referred to would probably be EARL B. SHIELDS of 15 Almond Dr., Randolph, Mass., Social Security Number [REDACTED] SHIELDS was employed from 3/28/68 to 4/1/68, as a bellboy. Talking to SHIELDS, BLONSTROM learned that he was divorced and was contemplating re-marriage. He reportedly had several children. He seems to recall SHIELDS mentioned sometime about going to Tennessee, but the name of the city is unknown.

BLONSTROM was unable to locate the employment application for SHIELDS and admitted his records were extremely disorganized. His motel has highly transient help and in fact the supervisor for SHIELDS at the time has since departed. BLONSTROM viewed a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and said he did not believe this photograph was identical to SHIELDS. He indicated SHIELDS has more hollow cheeks and a wider nose, although the hairline and eyes are similar. BLONSTROM is continuing efforts to locate SHIELDS' application and to identify individuals at the motel who would have known SHIELDS.

Records of the Pompano Beach and Ft. Lauderdale Police Departments and Broward County Sheriff's Office are negative regarding SHIELDS.

LEADS

BOSTON

AT RANDOLPH, MASSACHUSETTS

Conduct investigation at 15 Almond Dr., in effort to further identify SHIELDS so that he can be identified or eliminated as the subject in this matter.

MIAMI

AT POMPAHO BEACH, FLORIDA

Maintain contact with the Sun Castle Motel in effort to further identify SHIELDS.

FBI BOSTON

FBI SAN FRAN

537PM URGENT 5-2-68 MS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) BOSTON, CHICAGO (44-1114) MEMPHIS (44-1987)
AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 1P

MURKIN

RE: DONALD STOUT - SUSPECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR

RE SA- FRANCISCO TEL MAY ONE LAST.

ROBERT E. STOUT INTERVIEWED TODAY AND DETERMINED NOT IDENTICAL
TO LAWRENCE D. STOUT, AKA DGNALD STOUT. STATED DONALD STOUT NOT
RELATED AND NOT KNOWN. ADVISED PHOTO FO DONALD STOUT SIMILAR TO
YELLOW CAB COMPANY DRIVER NICKNAME "PANCHO," FORMER EMPLOYEE OF
BARRETT TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, OPERATOR OF CABS BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO
AND SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHO SOLD OUT IN OCTOBER,
SIXTYFOUR.

"PANCHO" DETERMINED TO BE ADOLFO JOSE VALLE, YELLOW CAB
COMPANY EMPLOYEE, BORN [REDACTED] EL SALVADOR. VALLE
INTERVIEWED TODAY AND DETERMINED NOT IDENT TO DONALD STOUT.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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On 4/29/68, the law enforcement agencies listed below were contacted by SA John H. Korrager and were requested to compare any unidentified latent fingerprints obtained since 4/23/68 with the fingerprints of James EARL RAY as they appear on his I.O. # 9182:

1. LT. EMERY R. JORDON, Officer in Charge of the State Bureau of Identification, Maine State Police Headquarters, Augusta, Maine,
2. Chief of Police, E. T. B. SPARROW, Augusta, Maine Police Department
3. Chief of Police, John D. McINTYRE, Waterville, Maine Police Department

On 4/30/68, the police officers identified above were

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recontacted and stated that
the requested investigation had
been done without effecting
any identification.

F B I

Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO : DIRECTOR (44-38861)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: BOSTON (157-644)

MURKIN

RE DONALD STOUT, SUSPECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL MAY ONE LAST.

TROOPER LAWRENCE HARDIN, MSP, LOGAN AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MASS., ADVISED THIS DATE HE RECALLS INTERVIEWING INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NAME MAY HAVE BEEN STOUT DURING SEPT., SIXTY SIX CONCERNING SOME PERSONAL PROPERTY OF ANOTHER PERSON WHICH STOUT ALLEGEDLY STOLE WHILE DRIVING ACROSS COUNTRY. HARDIN UNABLE TO RECALL APPEARANCE OF STOUT.

SAN FRANCISCO FORWARD PHOTO DONALD STOUT ^{FOR} ~~TO~~ DISPLAY TO TROOPER HARDIN AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS LOGAN AIRPORT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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San Francisco 3:12 pm

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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR (44-38861)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: BOSTON (157-644)

MURKIN

REBUTEL APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST WHICH REQUESTED CHECKS
WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED
LATENT FINGERPRINTS.

CHECKS OF IDENTIFICATION BUREAUS FOR MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE,
RHODE ISLAND AND MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE NEGATIVE.

CHECKS IN MAJOR PDS WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT
FINGERPRINTS OBTAINED FROM INVESTIGATIONS OF CRIMES UNDER THEIR
JURISDICTION INDICATE NO FINGERPRINTS RECEIVED SINCE APRIL
TWENTY THREE, SIXTY SEVEN WHICH EVEN CLOSELY RESEMBLE THOSE
OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ALBANY

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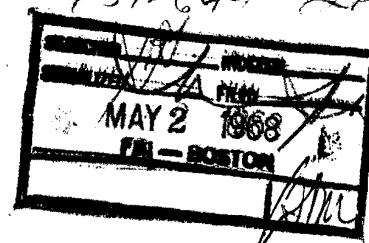
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BOSTON
CINCINNATI, NEW YORK

FROM ALBANY (44-493) 2P

MURKIN.

OFFICER NORMAN GADUE, BENNINGTON, VERMONT PD, TODAY ADVISED HE ISSUED SPEEDING TICKET TO ONE JAMES ESTEL RAY AT NINE PM, AUGUST THIRTY SIXTYSEVEN. RAY AT TIME DRIVING SIXTYTWO WHITE CADILLAC CONVERTIBLE BLACK TOP, SIXTYSEVEN TENNESSEE REGISTRATION EW EIGHT ONE THREE TWO. OPERATOR'S LICENSE, NUMBER UNKNOWN, AND STATE UNKNOWN REVEALED RAY'S ADDRESS AS ONE TWO EIGHT BIG PINE ROAD, DAYTON, OHIO. TENNESSEE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE REVEALED ADDRESS AS ROUTE THREE, BOX THREE FOUR NINE, HARRIMAN, TENNESSEE. RAY BELIEVED EMPLOYED BY PETRICCA CONSTRUCTION CO., PITTSFIELD, MASS., OR PRELOAD CONSTRUCTION CO., GARDEN CITY, LONG ISLAND, N.Y. BOTH COMPANIES WORKED ON WATER SUPPLY PROJECT IN BENNINGTON AREA DURING SUMMER OF SIXTYSEVEN. RAY NEVER APPEARED TO ANSWER TO SPEEDING TICKET. INVESTIGATION BY OFFICER GADUE
END PAGE ONE

*T.F. Sullivan advised
5:25 P 5/2/68*



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REVEALED RAY LEFT BENNINGTON, VERMONT, NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER
FOURTEEN SIXTYSEVEN. OFFICER BELIEVES PHOTO OF JAMES EARL
RAY ON WANTED FLYER FOUR FOUR TWO IS VERY SIMILAR AND PROBABLY
IDENTICAL WITH JAMES ESTEL RAY.

MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY CHECK MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS PERTAINING
TO TENNESSEE REGISTRATION AND ADDRESS IN HARRIMAN, TENN.

CINCINNATI CHECK OUT ADDRESS IN DAYTON, OHIO.

BOSTON CONTACT APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL AT PETRICCA CONSTRUCTION CO., PITTSFIELD.

NEW YORK CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION AT PRELOAD CONSTRUCTION CO., IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF JAMES EARL RAY IDENT
WITH SUSPECT THIS CASE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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FBI MEMPHIS

445 PM URGENT 5/2/68 TSJ

TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, ALABAMA, CINCINNATI, AND NEW YORK
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

RE ALBANY TEL FIVE PM. MAY TWO INSTANT.

OFFICER NORMAN GADUE, BENNINGTON, VERMONT PD,
APPARENTLY IN ERROR CONCERNING HIS IDENTIFICATION. INFO
AVAILABLE MEMPHIS DISCLOSES SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY DID COMPLETE
SALE FOR MUSTANG ON AUGUST THIRTY, SIXTYSEVEN, IN BIRMINGHAM.
THEREFORE APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT HE COULD HAVE BEEN IN BENNINGTON.
VT. SAME DATE.

UACB, ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE LEADS.

A&D.

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*T. F. Sullivan advised to
discontinue at 5:50 P 5/2/68 Bm*

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(Attn: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Albany airtels to Bureau, 4/11/68 and
4/12/68.

LAUNDRY MARKS

Enclosed herewith for examination by the FBI Laboratory are samples of laundry marks obtained from Thermo-Seal machines of laundry establishments within the Boston Division, which are described and itemized as follows:

Item #1

Post Exchange Laundry
Newport Naval Base
Newport, Rhode Island -
machines SN 33137
and SN 33138

Item #2

U. S. Naval Exchange Laundry
U. S. Naval Air Station
Quonset Point, Rhode Island -
machines SN 33431
and SN 32496

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38866)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/30/68, Rochester, New Hampshire Police Department advised person resembling JAMES EARL RAY registered hotel in Rochester using name ERNEST A. HEATH.

HEATH interviewed and advised he departed Memphis 4/30/68 to buy antiques in New Hampshire. He furnished identification indicating his date of birth as [redacted] home address 56 Bellhaven Street, Memphis, Tennessee. HEATH's fingerprints compared with RAY's and determined not to be identical.

Above furnished for the information of the Bureau and Memphis.

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1-Memphis (44-1987)
1-Boston
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FBI SANDIEGO

531PM URGENT 5/3/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) BOSTON CHICAGO (44-1114) MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)
FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN

RE DONALD STOUT, SUSPECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, CHICAGO,
MEMPHIS, AND SAN FRANCISCO MAY ONE LAST, AND SAN FRANCISCO
TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND SAN DIEGO
MAY ONE LAST.

PHOTOGRAPH OF LAURENCE D. STOUT TAKEN MARCH SIXTEEN
NINETEEN FIFTY THREE, RENO POLICE DEPARTMENT, RENO, NEVADA,
NUMBER ONE FIVE FOUR NINE FIVE, WAS DISPLAYED TO STEWART
LINDA, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, MAY THREE INSTANT, AND HE ADVISED
PHOTOGRAPH IDENTICAL TO THE DONALD STOUT WHO GAVE HIMSELF AND
TWO OTHERS A RIDE TO KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

LINDA ADVISED SUSPECT STOUT MUCH HEAVIER THAN APPEARS
IN ABOVE PHOTO.

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8:11 PM URGENT 5/3/68 RCK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BOSTON, CHICAGO (44-1114),
MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

MURKIN.

RE: DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT.

RE SAN DIEGO TELS TO BUREAU, APRIL THIRTY,
LAST, AND MAY ONE LAST; SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU, MAY ONE, LAST.

AD PAGES OF THE "SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE" AND THE "SAN
FRANCISCO EXAMINER" WHICH ARE IDENTICAL FOR DATES OF SEPTEMBER
ONE THROUGH FOUR, ONE NINE SIX SIX, WERE REVIEWED. THEY CONTAIN
NO AD BEARING THE NAME DONALD STOUT. TWO ADS APPEARING IN THE PAPER READ
"RIDERS WANTED TO NEW YORK. LATE CAR. LEAVE SEPTEMBER FOUR. SIX TWO SIX
DASH NINE NINE FIVE ONE." AND "RIDER TO NYC. SHARE GAS. LEAVE
SEPTEMBER SIX. THREE EIGHT SEVEN DASH FOUR ONE TWO FIVE." BOTH NUMBERS
ARE IN SAN FRANCISCO, NOT OAKLAND EXCHANGES.

AS INDICATED IN RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL, NO BILLING TO
STOUT FOR SUCH AN AD WAS FOUND IN "SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE"
RECORDS FOR PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER NINE THROUGH NOVEMBER TWO.
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SAN FRANCISCO WILL ESTABLISH THE IDENTITY OF THE
SUBSCRIBERS TO THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS LISTED ABOVE. WILL
DETERMINE IF THESE SUBSCRIBERS COULD BE STOUT.

SUBJECT A&L.

END.

RDS

FBI BOSTON

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, ALBANY (44-493)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Charlotte airtel to Albany dated 4/18/68,
Boston airtel to Bureau dated 4/22/68, and Bureau
teletype to Albany dated 4/26/68.

Above communications of Charlotte and Boston
were not previously answered because Albany desired
direction from the Bureau or Memphis regarding the
extent to which further investigation should be conducted
re laundry marks.

The Bureau by referenced teletype advised
that inasmuch as unequivocal identification has not been
made by the laboratory identifying the laundry machine
responsible for the laundry marks on the tee shirt
and shorts specifically those bearing the code 02B-6,

CC: 3-Bureau
1-Memphis (44-1987)
1-Boston (157-644)
1-Charlotte (44-1365)
2-Albany

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and the possibility still exists that a similar mark could have been produced by any such machine. Albany should continue to handle appropriate leads.

On 5/1/68, Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, advised that with regard to thermo-seal machine SN 33441 purchased by Talley Laundry Machine Company, Greensboro, North Carolina, this was ordered under their number 23850 dated 1/5/63 and billed under invoice number 49638 on 1/11/63. Their records show nothing regarding the laundry to which it was destined but showed that the machine had requisitioned "Johnson".

Regarding Thermo-Seal Machines shipped to Pantex-Prosperity Textile Marking Machine Company, records disclosed nothing regarding the following Thermo-Seal Machines:

Serial Numbers 32146, 32151, 31992, 31430, 31437, 31331, 31656.

Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Company advised that most of these machines were purchased in connection with sales of complete laundry facilities by Pantex-Prosperity and therefore their contract records should show what happened to these machines. Textile Marking Machine records which would show more other than Pantex-Prosperity on these machines have been destroyed because of age. These records show the following regarding the following Thermo-Seal Machines:

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SERIAL #	PANTEX-PROSPERITY ORDER NUMBER	DATE	IDENTITY OF COMPANY FOR WHICH PURCHASED
32068	406	1/8/62	JESS A. HILAND
32307	344	4/12/68 ^{68?}	T&C Cleaners, Huntington, ²⁻¹⁻⁶⁸ (no state shown)
32368	688	7/27/62	Budget Cleaners
32440	753	8/15/62	Freemane ¹⁰⁻¹
32449	509	No date	Ron Hil, ^{NG} Plainview, (no st.)
32695	1154	5/3/63	Country Squire Drive-In Cleaners In addition, the name Meadowlark is also noted.
33495	1106	10/27/68 ^{68?}	New-Clear ^{L I}

Mr. BROTON further advised that these machines may have been installed by Delta Cleaners and Equipment Company, 875 Prospect Avenue, Westbury, Long Island, who installed the majority of the machines for Pantex-Prosperity. He stated however that Delta Cleaners and Equipment Company is believed to be now out of business or in bankruptcy and these records particularly those prior to 1962 may not be available.

Mr. BROTON further suggested that if none of these avenues disclosed the locations of these machines he suggested contact with ANDY BOBOS, 301 Fyke Lane Teaneck, New Jersey, the Textile Marking Machine Company repairman who did the majority of repair work on machines installed by Pantex-Prosperity.

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CHARLOTTE

AT GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Recontact Talley Laundry Machine Corporation and furnish above information for identification of location of Thermo-Seal machine Serial # 33441.

BOSTON

AT SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

1. Recontact Ametec, Inc., and furnish the above information for location of machines set forth,
2. Review records suggested by Mr. BROTON if available regarding machines received in 1959-61 and set forth appropriate leads.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC
: BOSTON (157-644)

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. CRATE JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/1/68

Re Bu tel to Bu, 4/29/68

On 4/29/68.

A manual check of all hotels & motels in the Brunswick, Me. area, disclosed only one hotel to be of a brick structure. The Bowdoin Hotel, 115 Main St., Bowdoin, Me. Mrs. Mirko Ross, desk clerk/waitress, advised the hotel has permanent residents in the rooms except for room #4. On 4/24/68, room #4 was rented to Lynn Chedry of Philadelphia, Pa. The photo of James Earle Ray was exhibited to Ross, and to Joyce Anderson, waitress, and neither could have ever seen Ray before. They were alerted to possibility of Ray's coming to Me. area.

The remaining Brunswick hotels and motels were checked, and the photo of Ray was exhibited to the desk clerks and managers with negative results. They are:

State Hotel, 192-194 Main St.

Siesta Motel, 130 Pleasant St., U.S. #1,

Mainline Motel, 133 Pleasant St., U.S. #1



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TO : SAC (157-644)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. CARPENTER

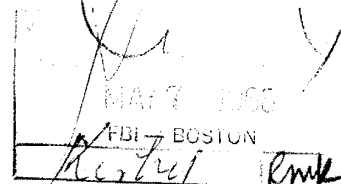
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/30/68, Lieutenant LOUIS CATALDO (NA), Director, Barnstable County Identification Division, Barnstable, Mass., which collects latent fingerprints from unsolved crimes in the Counties of Barnstable, Dukes (Martha's Vineyard Island), Nantucket (Nantucket Island), was contacted and requested to compare any of these latent fingerprints obtained from crimes committed subsequent to 4/23/67 with those of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/2/68, Lt. CATALDO stated the comparison of latent fingerprints on file with his agency had been completed and none of these fingerprints resembled those of subject RAY.

Lt. CATALDO stated his office had no record of any automobiles stolen in the State of Georgia being recovered in the territory covered by his office since the date of 3/23/68.

WHC:maj
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-644)

DATE: 5/7/68

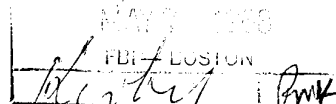
FROM : IC RAYMOND J. RILEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

A check of the records of the Rhode Island State Police concerning automobiles stolen in the State of Georgia and recovered in the State of Rhode Island from the period, 3/23 to date, revealed that there were no cars recovered in the State of Rhode Island which had been previously stolen in the State of Georgia during this period.

The check of records was made by Trooper CLARENCE NADEAU.

RJR:maj
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-644)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA JOHN H. KENOYER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/2/68, Sergeant GALLANT, Maine State Police Headquarters, Augusta, Maine, advised a comparison of fingerprints of subject RAY with those obtained from unsolved crimes in the State of Maine from 4/23/67 to the present was negative.

Sgt. GALLANT made a further check and determined that there are no cars recovered in the State of Maine which had been stolen in the State of Georgia from 3/23/68 to the present time.

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