

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

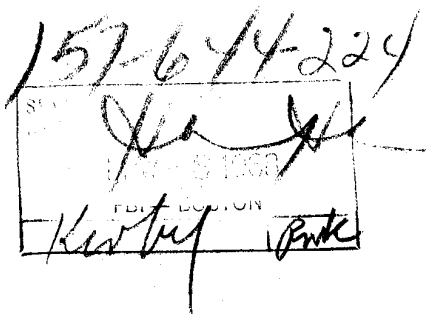
TO : SAC (157-644)
ATT: Supv. B.T. McCabe

FROM : SA *Orlin D. Leuchter*

SUBJECT: *Murkin*

DATE: *4/30/68*

Mr. R. Freeman, owner, Freeman Cleaners, 269 North Ave. Wakefield, Mass. advised that the laundry marks "20R-3" and "02B-6" could not be from his cleaners. according to the code used by Freeman, the 3rd siget would be to designate the branch, in Freeman's case, "W" (wakefield), or "M" (Melrose) or "L" (Lynnfield)



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TO : Supervisor Mr. Cobb
FROM : SA M.J. McDonagh (157-644)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5-8-68

At 7⁰⁰ pm, 5-8-68, SA Hunter HELGESON, Division 6 at Bureau called to advise as follows: JAMES LEWIS, 406 COLUMBUS AVE, BOSTON (a rooming house), who works as a cleaner at the WAR MEMORIAL BLDG, W. NEWTON ST., BOSTON, telephoned Bureau to advise that on 5-8-68, he had seen a man in Boston who looked like and fitted description of James Earl Ray. Lewis works days.

Helgeson suggested Lewis be shown photos and that we send results to Bureau in an airtel with Buccall to Bb. as a reference.

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WERE RELEASED TODAY TO 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 OTTAWA AND MEXICO ADVISED.

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*Pieroni
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McClave advised 5/7/68 pm

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Date: 5/7/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 (OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Albany airtel to Bureau dated 5/1/68.

R. J. HANAVAN, Sales Manager, AMETEK, Inc., South Portland, stated on 5/7/68 that the location of the identified Thermo-Seal Machines cannot be located through AMETEK records, South Portland, on the information set forth in referenced airtel.

He advised that the companies listed on the referenced airtel were believed by him to be located in the New York, Long Island, and New Jersey area and that contact with SAM GIAMIO, Sales Manager, and BILL EISKAMP, Service Manager, of the Pantex-Prosperity Division of AMETEK at 4 Station Square, Rutherford, New Jersey would probably identify the companies and establish their current addresses. HANAVAN stated that Budget Cleaners Company Unit 32368 shipped on 7/27/62 was probably shipped to Budget Cleaners, 45 Avenue B, New York, New York, and that New-Clear Company to which Unit 33495 was shipped was probably shipped to New-Clear Company, 172 Middle Neck Road, Great Neck, Long Island, New York, or the same company at 192-10 Lingen Boulevard, St. Albans, New York.

For information of Newark and New York, Albany in the referenced airtel advised that regarding Thermo-Seal Machines

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Newark
- 2 - New York (info)
- ③ - Boston

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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 names other than Pantex Prosperity on these machines have been destroyed because of age. These records show the following regarding the following Thermo-Seal Machines:

SERIAL #	PANTEX-PROSPERITY ORDER NUMBER	DATE	IDENTITY OF COMPANY FOR WHOM PURCHASED
32068	406	1/8/62	JESS A. HILAND
32307	544	4/12/68	T&C Cleaners, Huntington (no state shown)
32368	688	7/27/62	Budget Cleaners
32440	753	8/15/62	Francine
32449	509	No date	RON HIL Plainview, (no state)
32695	1154	5/3/63	Country Squire Drive-In Cleaners. In addition, the name Meadowlark is also noted.
33495	1106	10/27/68	New-Clear

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 those 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 DOBOS, 301 Fycke Lane, Teaneck, New Jersey, the Textile Marking Machine Company repairman who did the majority of repair work on machines installed by Pantex-Prosperity.

LEADS:

NEWARK DIVISION

AT RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY:

Will contact the identified individuals of the Pantex-Prosperity Division at 4 Station Square, and determine if the company identified any purchases made and their location established. If this information is available, will notify the offices where the companies are located to conduct investigation requested by Memphis airtel to All Continental Offices dated 4/19/68, with respect to the Thermo-Seal Textile Marking Machine Company Units which are listed on page 25 of that serial as being shipped to the Pantex-Prosperity Company, South Portland.

NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK:

Will contact Budget Cleaners, 45 Avenue B, to determine if a Thermo-Seal Textile Marking Machine Unit is located there; and if so, conduct investigation requested in Memphis airtel to All Continental Offices dated 4/19/68.

AT GREAT NECK AND ST. ALBANS, NEW YORK:

Will contact New Clear Companies to determine if a Thermo-Seal Textile Marking Machine Unit is located there; and if so, conduct investigation requested in Memphis airtel to All Continental Offices dated 4/19/68.

BOSTON DIVISION

AT PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND:

Will contact Miss GALLAGHER or MANNIE OLIVER at the office of MAX WINOGRAD, Referee in Bankruptcy, and Trustee for the AMETEK Corporation, Hospital Trust Building, Providence, Rhode Island, and determine if they are able to furnish any information from a review of the records through which the whereabouts of Thermo-Seal, Textile Marking Machine Company Units

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bear Serial Numbers 32146, 32151, 31992, 31430, 31437, 31331, and 31656. If so, will locate the whereabouts of these machines and conduct the investigation requested in Memphis airtel to All Continental Offices dated 4/19/68.

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F B I

Date: 5-6-68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re: Milwaukee airtel to Miami, 4-20-68.
Miami airtel to Memphis, 4-29-68.

Referenced Milwaukee airtel furnished information received from an individual in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who advised that on 3-28-68, while at the Sun Castle Motel, Pompano Beach, Florida, an establishment operated by a former FBI agent, he and his wife chanced to deal with a bellboy in the motel who apparently left the motel shortly after 3-28-68, and traveled to Tennessee to accept work as an electrician in an unknown city in Tennessee at a salary of \$500.00 a week. The individual providing the information believed the salary sounded absurd and after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, both he and his wife felt the bellboy resembles RAY's description and photograph.

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Referenced Miami airtel set forth results of initial contacts at the Sun Castle Motel wherein it was noted that EARL B. SHIELDS was employed there through 4-1-68. SHIELDS furnished Social Security No. [redacted] and a permanent address of 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass. Boston was requested to conduct investigation at this address to eliminate SHIELDS as the subject in this matter.

On 4-30-68, HERB BLONSTROM, Assistant Manager, Sun Castle Motel, 1380 South Ocean Boulevard, advised he had located an application for EARL B. SHIELDS of Randolph, Mass., Social Security No. [redacted]. The application showed SHIELDS' previous employment as Plaza East, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and previous residence at 1325 N. E. 5th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

On 5-1-68, MARY BACHMAN, 1333 N. E. 5th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, advised her records show that EARL SHIELDS resided in an apartment building managed by her for approximately a two-week period. She recalled SHIELDS and his roommate, DAVID WATTIER. WATTIER rented the room 3-16-68, and rent was paid through 4-6-68. After WATTIER moved in, BACHMAN met SHIELDS who informed her that he was staying with WATTIER. WATTIER is believed to have left on 3-30-68, and Mrs. BACHMAN cannot recall specifically which dates after WATTIER departed that SHIELDS remained. She believes SHIELDS stayed another day or two but the exact length of time is unknown.

When WATTIER left he was driving a dark blue automobile, make unknown, and believed to have Florida license plates. WATTIER indicated he was from Minneapolis and was en route Indiana. While at her residence, both WATTIER and SHIELDS drove in WATTIER's auto and were believed to be employed in the same motel.

Mrs. BACHMAN and her husband, ALBERT J. BACHMAN, viewed photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and expressed the opinion that SHIELDS and GALT are not identical. Mrs.

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BACHMAN described SHIELDS as 5' 10" and heavy set.

On 5-2-68, Mrs. IRA M. WOLFE, Personnel Office, Plaza East Condominium, 4300 North Ocean, Fort Lauderdale, made available her records which contained the following:

EARL B. SHIELDS, Social Security No. [REDACTED], of 1313 N. W. 14th Court, Fort Lauderdale, was employed at instant condominium as an outside guard from 3/5-15/68. He listed his date of birth as [REDACTED], height, 5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; weight, 170; brown hair, blue eyes, and marital status as divorced. SHIELDS listed previous employment at Dunworth Electric, Fort Lauderdale; Hotel Kenmore, Boston, Mass., as doorman; Yankee Fisherman, Boston, Mass., as bartender; and 1280 Beacon Street, Brooklyn, New York, as bartender. He indicated in case of emergency JOSEPHINE BUTLER, 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass., should be contacted.

DAVID H. WATTIER, Social Security [REDACTED], who furnished his address as 1325 N. E. 5th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, was employed at Plaza East Condominium at approximately the same time as SHIELDS, having apparently begun employment 2-13-68. WATTIER listed his DOB as [REDACTED], 6', 170 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. He indicated he was from Randolph, Nebraska. He listed previous employment as December, 1967, Dunworth Electric.

On 5-2-68, JOE BLEIER, Head Doorman, Plaza East, advised both SHIELDS and WATTIER worked under his supervision. Both individuals reportedly resided together and definitely came to and departed work in WATTIER's 1966 Chevelle Super Sport, light blue in color.

Both BLEIER and Mrs. WOLFE viewed photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT and both stated in their opinion SHIELDS is not identical with GALT. SHIELDS was a trouble-maker and caused employee discontent over low wages and left after an argument with the management.

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LEAD

BOSTON

AT RANDOLPH, MASSACHUSETTS

If not previously done, contact JOSEPHINE BUTLER, 15 Almond Drive, and develop information to eliminate SHIELDS as a suspect in this case. Advise Miami if SHIELDS located or sufficient identifying data obtained to eliminate SHIELDS so that additional inquiries Miami need not be made.

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TO : SAC (157-644)
Attention: SA FRANCIS T. LEONARD

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SUPV. BERNARD T. MC CABE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re investigation concerning DONALD STOUT,
possible co-conspirator.

DONALD STOUT has been identified as a "car jockey" employed by National Car Rentals and other car rental agencies on an informal basis during 1966 and 1967, driving cars across the country for such agencies. STOUT, who was described as a white male, 5'8", 210 lbs., with dark hair, with a wave in the front, and a pronounced southern accent, allegedly transported two college students from Oakland, California, to Kansas City, Missouri, in Sept., 1966. He "ditched" the students in Kansas City and took off with their clothing and other personal property in the car he was delivering. The car was eventually delivered ^{by stout} to National Car Rentals, Logan Airport, East Boston, Mass., in Sept., 1966 and one of the students who had been "ditched" had contacted National Car Rentals and the Massachusetts State Police, Logan Airport, in an effort to retrieve his stolen property.

Trooper HARDIN (PH), Massachusetts State Police, was contacted by the college student regarding the alleged theft of his personal property by STOUT. HARDIN subsequently interviewed STOUT without placing him under arrest.

LEAD:

At Logan Airport, East Boston:

Will display attached photograph of STOUT to employees, National Car Rental Agency, and other logical car rental agencies to determine STOUT's current whereabouts.

Will display photograph of STOUT to Trooper HARDIN, Massachusetts State Police, in an effort to determine whether he has any additional information concerning STOUT.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call to Boston, 5/8/68,
advising of telephone call to Bureau (SA HUNTER HELGESON)
from JAMES LEWIS, Boston, regarding lookalike.

JAMES LEWIS, War Memorial Auditorium, Prudential
Center, Boylston St., Boston, Mass., was interviewed on
5/9/68, concerning the individual he had seen on 5/8/68,
in the vicinity of the War Memorial Auditorium. At this
time, most recent photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited
to LEWIS who was of the opinion that they did not resemble
very closely the individual he had seen. Dissimilarities
between RAY and the person seen by LEWIS include color of
hair and height.

LEWIS could furnish no information as to the
identity of this person and stated that he disappeared into
the pedestrian traffic on Boylston St., which is a busy
Boston downtown street. LEWIS stated he would be on the
alert for a reappearance of this person and in that event
he would attempt to obtain more specific information concerning
him.

No further investigation in this matter is
contemplated by Boston, UAC.

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TO : SAC, BOSTON (157-644)
(Attn: SA RICHARD M. KIRBY)

DATE: 5/10/68

FROM : SA(A) DAVIS D. GILLIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

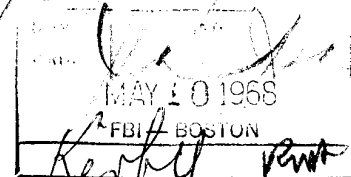
Re Memo of Supervisor BERNARD T. MC CABE
4/26/68.

ALFONSE CHIULLI, President, Pomps One Hour
Cleansers, Inc., 163 Main St., Stoneham, Mass.,
made available two samples each of his Thermo Seal
Laundry Marking Machine's laundry mark "O2B-6" and
"2OR-3." He advised neither of these were his
laundry marks since he used other combinations.
It was noted that these tapes were white.

Specimens attached. *not necessary to submit
to FBI since letter - number combinations
and red or pink tape not used.*

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call to Boston, 4/19/68, and Bureau airtel to Boston, 5/9/68.

On 4/19/68, ROBERT GREEN, 50 Bradshaw St., Dorchester, Mass., advised that on the evening of 4/16/68, at approximately 9:10 pm, he picked up a person, whom he believed fit the description of ERIC STARVO GALT with a girl companion in his taxicab. He stated that he picked up these two individuals across the street from the Boston City Hospital and was told by the man to take them to Beacon St., to the best of his recollection, to the 300 or 400 block. As they were proceeding to that destination, when they reached the corner of Commonwealth Ave., and Massachusetts Ave., Boston, the man told GREEN to let them off there, stating that he planned to pickup something at the liquor store, across the street.

According to GREEN, the man had a southern drawl and seemed to be feigning an Irish or Scottish accent when he talked. GREEN could not remember any of the conversation carried on between the man and the woman while they were in his taxicab and when questioned closely concerning the original destination of the couple, he stated that he was not at all sure that it was the 300 or 400 block on Beacon Street, but

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that somehow those numbers stick in the back of his mind. GREEN furnished the following description of the man:

Race:	White
Height:	5' 10" - 5' 11"
Weight:	170 pounds
Age:	36
Hair:	Dark, combed straight back
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Medium
Characteristics:	Seemed to walk with a limp
Clothing:	Wearing a dark rain or shine coat, with no hat and no tie - neat appearance.

GREEN could furnish no additional information concerning this individual.

By personal observation of the area around Commonwealth Ave., and Mass. Ave., it was noted that the only liquor store was Fennell and Co., Liquor Store, at 59 Mass. Ave., Boston, Mass.

On 4/19/68, NORMAN GILBERTSON, Fennell and Co., Liquor Store, 59 Mass. Ave., advised that he is the manager of the liquor store and that he was on duty on the night of 4/16/68. He stated that he could not recall a man and a woman coming into that store that evening who fit the description furnished by GREEN. GILBERTSON advised that he has been conducting the management of this liquor store for several years and after seeing photographs of GALT, he advised that he knew of no one in the area who resembles the photos. He stated, however, that he would be on the lookout for anyone resembling GALT and would notify the FBI expeditiously, if anyone came to his attention resembling GALT.

On 4/19/68, CY KASSEL, and GLADYS SPRAGUE, Karmore Pharmacy, 65 Mass. Ave., Boston, Mass., were interviewed for any information concerning the unsub, and his companion with negative results.

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On 4/19/68, Mrs. ANNE BURNS, Clerk, Information Center, Boston City Hospital, 818 Harrison Ave., Boston, Mass., checked hospital records for all individuals who were discharged from the hospital on 4/16/68. She advised that no one was discharged from the hospital on that date under the name ERIC STARVO GALT or any of his aliases.

On 4/19/68, the following individuals were contacted for any information concerning the unsub and his companion with negative results:

WILLIAM ABRAMS, 343 Beacon St., Boston

ABBEY RAINEY, 333 Beacon Street, Boston

BRUCE CARRUTHERS, 334 Beacon St., Boston

THOMAS KEARNEY, 443 Beacon St., Boston

ANDREW BELANGER, 443 Beacon St., Boston

In view of the unspecific nature of complainant's information, and the fact that investigation to identify the suspects, based on complainant's information was unproductive, no additional investigation in this matter is contemplated by Boston, UAC.

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Date: 5/13/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644) ^{-P-} (RUC)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 (OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Miami airtel dated 5/6/68.

The Randolph, Mass., List of Persons by Streets listed the following as residents of 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass:

JAMES BUTTE, 20, at home
 JOSEPHINE, 45, waitress

Personnel, Randolph, Mass. PD, on 5/7/68, advised their records contained no information concerning EARL B. SHIELDS.

Mrs. JOSEPHINE BUTTE, 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass., on 5/8/68, advised that EARL B. SHIELDS was a roomer at her residence for about 3 or 4 months during the Spring of 1967. She said SHIELDS was an electrician and worked somewhere on Cape Cod, place unknown. When he left, she did not know where he went nor did she know his current whereabouts.

She described SHIELDS as follows:

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (info) (RM)
- 1 - Kansas City (info) (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (RM)
- 2 - Miami (RM)
- 1 - Milwaukee (info) (RM)
- 1 - Boston

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White male, about 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds, receding brown hair, blue eyes, 2 inch scar under right side of nose, age about 38.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was exhibited to Mrs. BUTTE and she stated that SHIELDS positively was not RAY and that he did not resemble him.

On 5/10/68, EARL B. SHIELDS telephonically contacted the Boston FBI Office and said that he could be reached at 110 Squantum St., Milton, Mass.

SHIELDS was interviewed on 5/10/68 and advised the following:

He said that he left Pompano Beach, Florida, on 4/2/68 and that he is an electrician. He travelled to Chattanooga, Tennessee, with a fellow worker, EARL HARE, Pompano Beach, Florida, to secure a job with the TVA. He arrived at Chattanooga the same night. Union Hall told him there was no immediate work. He left Chattanooga, Tennessee, on 4/3/68 and went to Hamilton, Ohio, and checked into the Country Club Motel on Route 4 on 4/3/68. He secured work through the Union with Armco Steel Corp., Middletown, Ohio, where he worked for about two weeks.

SHIELDS is staying at the residence of his brother, 110 Squantum Road, Milton, Mass., before departing for New York City, N.Y., to seek employment.

The following is a description of SHIELDS:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB	
POB:	Boston, Mass.
Height:	5 feet 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
Weight:	165 pounds
Hair:	Brown, receding
Eyes:	Blue

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Complexion: Dark, tanned
Scars and Marks: 1 inch scar left jaw;
2 inch scar under right
side of nose

Inasmuch as SHIELDS has accounted for his whereabouts on 4/4/68 and is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, no further action is contemplated.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/15/68, ROBERT WELCH, Director, John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts, advised he could locate no record of membership for JAMES EARL RAY or any of his aliases.

WELCH advised that the Society has 450 bookstores in the United States and the suspect could have purchased material at any of said stores without his name being recorded. He stated that they receive thousands of inquiries for material by correspondents and by telephone, and that they do not index the inquirer's name.

WELCH offered his full cooperation in this matter if additional specific leads are referred to him.

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2-Boston (157-644)

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 14, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562361 JK

Specimens received 5/6/68

- K253 Two pieces of cloth containing two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 33137, obtained from Post Exchange Laundry, Newport Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island
- K254 Two pieces of cloth containing two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 33138, obtained from Post Exchange Laundry, Newport Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island
- K255 Two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 33431, obtained from U. S. Naval Exchange Laundry, U. S. Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Rhode Island
- K256 Two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 32296, obtained from U. S. Naval Exchange Laundry, U. S. Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Rhode Island

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the machines used to prepare specimens K253 through K256 were not used to prepare the questioned laundry tags appearing on Q69 and Q70. These known specimens are not adequate for comparison with the "20R-3" designations appearing on the Q97 and Q99 laundry tags.

K253 through K256 have been retained.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 14, 1968

MURKIN
Re: CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-562361 JK

Examination requested by: Boston

Reference: Airtel 5/2/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Memphis teletype 4/25/68 advised to discontinue further efforts to obtain laundry tags with the markings "20R-3;" therefore, no additional investigation should be conducted to secure tags with this marking from K253 through K256.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- ① - Boston (157-644) Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

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**REPORT
of the**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 14, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562100 JK

Specimens received 5/1/68

Twelve samples of laundry tapes obtained from Thermo-Seal machines located in laundries in the Boston, Massachusetts area, further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>LAUNDRY</u>
K240	R32865	Sparkel Cleaners, Brighton
K241	33287	Holly Cleaners, Newton
K242	R32176	C. G. Howes, Newton
K243	R31762	Superior Laundry, Cambridge
K244	R32116	"
K245	R32119	"
K246	R32118	"
K247	33014	Shea's Dry Cleaners, Cambridge
K248	33700	"
K249	R31984	"
K250	R31585	"
K251	34548	Shea's, Brookline

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the laundry tags appearing on Q69 and Q70 were not prepared by any of the machines represented by K240 through K251 and that the tags appearing on Q97 and Q99 were not prepared by the machines used in the preparation of K242 through K246.

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Differences were noted between the laundry tags represented by K240, K241 and K247 through K251 when compared with the laundry tags designated Q97 and Q99, but the lack of significant identifying features precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

K240 through K251 have been retained.



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 14, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-562100 JK

Examination requested by: Boston

Reference: Airtel 4/30/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Boston (157-644) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

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529PM URGENT 5/14/68 GJM

TO BOSTON

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

THE CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN-SOUTHERN AFRICA COUNCIL,
WASHINGTON, D. C., MADE AVAILABLE LETTER DATED TWELVE
TWENTY-EIGHT, SIXTY-SEVEN, FROM SUBJECT AS ERIC S. GALT,
GIVING ADDRESS OF ONE FIVE THREE FIVE N. SERRANO,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN WHICH HE INQUIRED REGARDING
POSSIBLE TRAVEL TO RHODESIA. LETTER IN PART STATED "THE
LOCAL JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY PROVIDED ME WITH YOUR ADDRESS."
IN ADDITION, A JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY PAMPHLET POSSIBLY
BELONGING TO SUBJECT WAS RECOVERED FROM ROOM IN ROOMING
HOUSE IN ATLANTA WHERE HE RESIDED. LOS ANGELES HAS
ADVISED THAT WEST COAST DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY ADVISED NO RECORD OF ERIC S. GALT HAVING
CONTACTED SOCIETY ANY TIME BY MAIL, PHONE OR IN PERSON.

UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE TO CONTRARY, IMMEDIATELY
CHECK AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY TO DETERMINE
IF THEIR RECORDS CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER REGARDING
SUBJECT. ALL NAMES USED BY SUBJECT SHOULD BE CHECKED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

END

JGF

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-644)
Attn. SA DICK KIRBY

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM : SA RAYMOND G. ROSS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call from Supv. BERNARD T. MC CABE 5/14/68

There are no unsolved bank robbery cases in the Bangor, Maine Resident Agency area.

On May 14, 1968 Captain CLIFTON E. SLOANE, NA, Bangor, Maine advised that he knows of no unsolved armed robberies in the Bangor, Maine which area since April 23, 1967 in ~~XXXX~~ a substantial amount of money was stolen.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-644)

FROM : SA CLARENCE R. GIARD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/14/68

Reference: Legat, Mexico AT to Director dated 4/23/68
AT LICOLN, Mass.

*Report
Jared*

Several attempts, unsuccessfully, were made to contact Mr. and Mrs. Standish Rowe, residents of Lincoln, Mass. and owners and managers of business establishments at Concord and Hyannis, Massachusetts.

On 5/13/68, Mrs. ROWE advised, when shown ~~acphoc~~ several available photos of Galt, Ray, aka, that she had not seen this individual while she stayed at the HOTEL DEL RIO, Jalisco, Mexico for the period of 11/19-23/67.

She advised that she had been at this Hotel in the company of MR. and MRS. CLYDE GORDON of Connecticut. She stated she had been in communication with Mrs. GORDON, who reported she had also been contacted by the FBI, and that in their discussion of this matter, they had not been able to remember any individual bearing the description of the "Subject", or , anyone who might possibly have been ~~him~~ he.



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BOSTON (157-644)
(Attn: Supr. B. MC CABE)

DATE: 5/14/68

FROM : SA CARL J. EVENSEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/14/68 Chief JAMES NILAND Georgetown, Mass. PD advised he exhibited Wanted Flyers 442 and 442a to Mrs. LAURIETA MELLO 38 East Main St. Georgetown and she said JAMES EARL RAY could not possibly be the man that robbed her at the bank on 3/23/67.

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1 - (91-2745)
CJE/s

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[Signature]

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Date: May 10, 1968

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(Priority)

To: All SACS
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

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.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: GUESTS AT THE
PROVINCIAL MOTEL,
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,
12/17-19/67

Re New Orleans airtel to Memphis, 5/7/68.

Enclosed herewith to Memphis are 15 copies of
an insert reflecting negative information from Dr. DAVID
ROSNER, 602 Main Street, Port Jefferson, NY.

RE: LAUNDRY
TAG LEADS

Re Albany airtel to Bureau, 4/11/68, and Boston
airtel to Bureau, 5/7/68.

For the information of Memphis, Laundry Tag Leads
regarding machines of Textile Marking Machine Co. have been
completed by NYO, with negative results.

Included in this investigation was Budget
Cleaners and Shirt Laundry, 45 Avenue B, NYC, and Nu Clear
Cleaners, Long Beach Boulevard, Long Beach, NY & 192-10 Linden
Boulevard, Queens, NY, both with negative results.

2-Memphis (Encls. 15)
1-New Orleans
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Phone calls

Re Houston airtel to Director, 5/3/68.

On 5/7/68, records of the New England Telephone Company, Boston, Massachusetts, reflected telephone number 617-944-1569 is listed to JAMES BARNES, 15 Nelson Avenue, Reading, Massachusetts.

On 5/7/68, Mrs. JAMES BARNES advised that on or about 12/16/67 she received a telephone call from her son from the vicinity of Houston, Texas. She stated that her son is in military service and called her to tell her that he would be home for the Christmas season. Mrs. BARNES advised she has never at any time received a telephone call from JAMES EARL RAY and that she is well aware of his fugitive status.

On 5/9/68, a review of Providence, Rhode Island telephone directories reflected the telephone listing 723-1085 is subscribed to by the Friendly Tap and Grill, 216 Columbus Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

On 5/9/68, Captain VINCENT KERSCHEN, Detective Division, Pawtucket, Rhode Island Police Department, advised a retired Lieutenant of the Pawtucket Police Department, WILLIAM BRANCHINI, is the owner and operator of the Friendly Tap and Grill and is a man of excellent reputation who is held in high esteem in the community.

3-Bureau
2-Memphis (44-1987)
1-Houston (44-15091) (Info.)
1-Boston
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On 5/9/68, WILLIAM BIANCHINI, owner of Friendly Tap and Grill, 216 Columbus Avenue, Pawtucket, advised he can recall a long distance telephone call in December, 1967, exact date unrecalled, from what he believed to be the city of Houston, Texas, from a cousin, AL DEPASQUALE, who is engaged in the restaurant business in that city. He stated that he is aware of the fugitive status of JAMES EARL RAY and that this individual has never frequented his establishment nor called anyone connected with it, to his knowledge.

NY 44-1609

RE: DANCING SCHOOLS

Re Bureau teletype to all SACS dated 4/15/68.

All dancing schools in the NY Division have been contacted with negative results.

CREW
RE: FLIGHT ~~THREE~~ MEMBERS
OF EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL)
FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OUT
OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, 4/5-6/68

Re Miami teletype to Bureau dated 4/19/68.

NY has contacted the following EAL personnel regarding captioned matter with negative results:

Pilots

E. D. HARTMAN and
DONALD GROSMAN

Stewardesses

LUELLEN LOREHN,
JOAN EVELYN HUEZDA,
DIANE SARRAH TREMBLY and
CAROL ANN SCOTT

RE: CIRCULARIZATION OF
AVIS AND HERTZ CAR
RENTAL AGENCIES

Re Bureau airtel to NY, 5/3/68.

Two thousand IOs of subject JAMES EARL RAY have been delivered to Hertz which is circularizing all of its continental offices (1500 copies) and all of its international offices (500 copies).

Avis has accepted the newspaper mat of subject, RAY, and stated it will appear in the Avis Magazine to be published 5/15/68. This magazine is distributed world-wide to Avis agencies.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
DANGEROUS.

F B I

Date: May 9, 1968

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel _____
(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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Per _____

Ke. w. 100-448888-1000
Rodell - concurred
Landrum - Prov.
Coffin sent SRP and in Mass.
5/21/68
W/C Crawford
for state of Mass.

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Airtel to All SACS and LEGATS, Mexico City and Ottawa
RE: MURKIN

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.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-644)

DATE: 5/20/68

FROM : SA SAMUEL T. ROEDELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: CHECKS CONCERNING UNIDENTIFIED DEAD

On 5/16/68, GLORIA FOURNIER, Secretary, Division of Vital Statistics, New Hampshire Department of Health, which covers the entire State of New Hampshire, Concord, N. H., advised that no unidentified corpses have been recovered in the State of New Hampshire during the period, 4/5/68 to the present.

Major JOHN CONTI, Bureau of Criminal Identification, New Hampshire State Police, Concord, N. H., was contacted concerning the same matter on 5/16/68, and advised that his bureau had no record of any unidentified corpses being recovered during the pertinent period.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-644)

DATE: 5/20/68

FROM : SA JOHN H. KENOYER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: CHECKS CONCERNING UNIDENTIFIED DEAD

Captain J. EDWARD MARKS, Director, Bureau of Criminal Identification, Maine State Police, Augusta, Maine, advised SA JOHN H. KENOYER on 5/16/68, that no unidentified bodies have been located in the State of Maine during the period, 4/5/68 to the present time.

Capt. MARKS stated his records included every morgue in the State of Maine.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-644)

FROM : IC JOHN M. CRAWFORD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/20/68

RE: CHECKS CONCERNING UNIDENTIFIED DEAD

On 5/16/68, personnel at the offices of MICHAEL H. LUONGO, Medical Examiner, Suffolk County (North Mortuary) 784 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, and Medical Examiner RICHARD FORD, Suffolk County (South Mortuary), 784 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, advised they have no unidentified male bodies at this time.

Massachusetts does not maintain a central index for unidentified bodies. Medical Examiners in each county will have to be contacted regarding unidentified bodies.

Officer GERRY SEALY at the Identification Section, Boston PD, Boston, Mass., advised that the procedure to identify unidentified bodies would be for police officers to fingerprint the body and these prints are sent down to the Bureau. If a case arises where it is difficult to get prints because a body has been in water for a long period of time, the hand is cut off and sent to the Bureau.

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from W T Boland

Subject Murkin

On 5/18/68 Mrs June Kincaid
Belfast Rd Camden, Maine
advised that there had
been an individual in Camden
for the past few weeks who
has now left the area who
to her resembled Subject
Ray.

Mrs Kincaid described
this individual as 40-
45 years old, white 5'10"
Brown hair brown eyes.
and he had been employed
by a contractor in the
town named Clarence
Thomas and was residing
at the Taylor Inn in

Camden.

She said when the individual arrived in Camden some 4 weeks ago he was working under a lamp.

Suggest Mrs. Kruger be interviewed. She is employed at the National Fisheries Newspaper in Camden.

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Date: 5/18/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, BOSTON

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

On 12/17/68, a phone call was made from Shamrock Service Station, 5142 S.W. Military Drive near San Antonio, Texas to Alexandria, La., number 442-2087. Investigation at New Orleans shows this number in December, 1967 was listed to FREDERICK W. OTTERSON, USAF, number 11406183 who was stationed at England AFB. In early May he was transferred to Detachment 200, 57 Weather Recon., APO San Francisco, Calif. He took leave enroute and may now be at P. O. Box 36, Washington, N.H.

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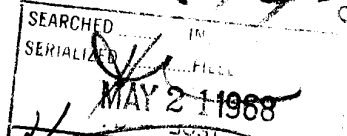
LEADBOSTON

AT WASHINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE Immediately locate and interview OTTERSON pursuant to Bureau instructions in this matter and show him photo of RAY.

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② - Boston
2 - New Orleans
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Handled by AT to New Orleans, 5/31/68
Lead card to



Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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WANTED BY THE FBI

JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee, sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Top Ten" list to insure widespread dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to speed his location.

Ray has been intensively sought since the murder of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices were posted, determined that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias of Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen. Ray, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful flight to avoid confinement for robbery. His long criminal record also includes convictions for burglary and forging U.S. Postal Money Orders.

A white American, born in Alton, Illinois, on March 10, 1928, Ray is 5'10" tall, weighs 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably. Known as a "loner" and "drifter," Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

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

28 LYNN SUNDAY POST
Lynn, Mass.

Date: 5/19/68

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title: JAMES EARL RAY, was

Character:

or

Classification: 88-252

Submitting Office: Boston

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : PERSONS LISTED BELOW

DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : SUPV. BERNARD T. MC CABE (157-644)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS
Bufile 44-38861
Memphis file 44-1987

Rebuairtel dated 5/9/68, captioned as above,
Xerox copy of which is attached to this memorandum.

Contacts with Bureaus of Vital Statistics in
the States of Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have
revealed that these States maintain a central index for
unidentified bodies recovered within their boundaries of
the respective states.

Contact with the Department of Public Safety
for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has revealed no
central index for unidentified bodies is maintained by
the Commonwealth.

The Medical Examiners for the Northern and
Southern Mortuaries of Suffolk County have been contacted
and have advised that they do not have any unidentified
male corpses at this time. These Medical Examiners have
also stated that the Medical Examiners in each county will
have to be contacted regarding unidentified bodies.

These contacts must be made with every Medical
Examiner in the respective county and should be made as
directed in referenced Bureau airtel.

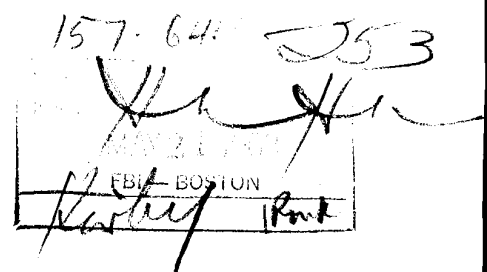
Results of contacts with Medical Examiners should
be prepared in insert form on multilith and forwarded to
SA RICHARD M. KIRBY of the Security Squad.

Enc. (1) (RM)

CC: SRA F. J. PIERONI, Brockton, Mass.
SRA W. H. CARPENTER, Hyannis, Mass.
SRA D. J. SCOTT, Lawrence, Mass.
SRA J. E. KEARY, New Bedford, Mass.
SRA W. F. BRADY, Springfield, Mass.
SRA G. E. HANLON, Worcester, Mass.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-644) Attn Supervisor MC CABE DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA EDWARD J. DUNN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/16/68 Dr JOSEPH CANNON, Director, Rhode Island State Department of Health, State House, Providence, Rhode Island, stated that his office did not maintain a central filing system on unidentified corpses, however, he did not recall any such instances since April, 1968.

Mr RICHARD DI PAOLO, Administrative Assistant to the Chief Medical Examiner, State of Rhode Island advised on 5/16/68 that his office, which does maintain records of unidentified corpses, did not have any record relating to such a corpse within the state of Rhode Island from April, 1968 to the present.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-644)

FROM : SA John H. Kinsayer

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/21/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA John H. Kinsayer on 5/20/68 concerning information furnished telephonically to the Boston Office by Mrs. June Kincaide, Belfast Road, ~~Belfast~~, Maine, that she had recently seen a man in Camden, Maine who resembled James Earl Ray.

Mrs. Kincaide was personally contacted on 5/20/68 and stated that she first saw this man on Main Street in Camden, Maine about 3-4 weeks ago and has ~~not~~ seen him 2-3 other times since. She has since determined that he uses the name of Jack Beatty and was employed for a short time in the paint store of Howard Thomas. He was staying in Taylor Inn until about 2 weeks ago when he suddenly left the area without notification to the ~~Camden~~ Clappers Taylor.

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cc: 1- (157-644)

All available photos of James Earl Ray were shown to Howard Thomas and his wife, Lucy; Clifford Taylor and the local Chief of Police, Albert Smith. All of these persons observed Jack Beatty almost daily for the 2-3 weeks that he was in town and advised that Beatty does not resemble any of the photos of Ray. They generally described Beatty as:

White male, about 30 years old, 5'6", 140 lbs., medium-slender build, light brown or sandy hair, eyes unknown, sun-tanned complexion, walked with a slight limp, very polite and spoke in a low monotonous voice with a slight English accent, spoke of a military disability and believed to somewhat mentally deranged or confused.

By Clifford Taylor, Proprietor
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J. Taylor, Sr., 71 Elm St.,
Camden, Maine, stated that
Beatty left correspondence in his
room indicating that he had
applied for membership in the
"Disabled American Veterans" and
this letter was addressed to John
J. Beatty, c/o Mary Raymond,
646-55th St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Taylor believes that Raymond
is a sister of Beatty.

None of those interviewed
noted any of the characteristics of
Ray in Beatty, such as the
protruding left ear, tugging
at an ear lobe &