

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

Jus FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

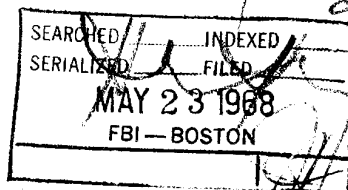
Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

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✓ To: SAC, Boston

✓ From: Director, FBI

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Re Robert Green - complainant.

Reference is made to Bureau phone call to Boston, 4-19-68, regarding information furnished by Robert Green, Dorchester, Massachusetts, concerning an individual he believed to be identical with the subject.

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MA 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.

Enclosure

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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

Tim Patterson

Piet Willers

T. S. Patterson

Blake

Davis

de Graaf

Mrs. Coetzze

Christine Granville

Sammy Silberstein

Captain van der Westhuisen

William Percival Radley ("Tony")

Donald Miles

Henry Orford

Blaize

Bernard Nealon

Harry Morgan

Finkle

William N. Witherspoon

P. M. R. Willis

Ardayast Powanlian

David Mitchel

Frank Wile

Max Pop

Francis Gballeit

Arthur Sherman

Belcher

Herbert Cox

Monsieur Diamant

Harry Openheimer

Kutze

Groffelaar

Patrick Sullivan

Leiser Weitman

John Gundry

Willy Rosen

Sillitoe

Henry Brasseur

Kheir

Mr. Capper

Robert Johnson

Ernest Oppenheimer

THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS

Lyall

Philip Schreiber

Amschel Benny Engel

M. Lallet

M. Mario Pinci

Alio Giwa

Nathan Ascher Glatt

Dr. H. P. Lowe

H. J. Browning (Mr.)

Solomon Cukrowicz

David Gollansky

Alahaju Mustafa Ibrahim

Mike Collins

R. F. Sheldon

Mr. H. Rogers

Harras

DOCTOR NO

John Strangways

M

Bill Templar

Stoker Smith

James Molony

Dr. Peter Steincrohn

Major Boothroyd

Quarrel

Hugh Foot

Mr. Pleydell-Smith

Ben Gibbons

Josiah Smith

John Bryce

Waygood Otis

Julius No

Lemmy

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

Rattray

Bates

Proctor

Pyramus

Thisbe

Havelock

Jimmy Farquharson

Aschenheim

Fayprince

Henriques

Feddens

Major Gonzales

von Hammerstein

Colonel Johns

Haversack

Burns Martin

Monty

Ethan Allen

Robin Hood

Harvey Millers

Godalming

Cheltenham

Tunbridge Wells

Governor

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

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Donovan Grant

"Red" Grant

Krassno Granitsky

"Granit"

Dr. Baumgarten

Colonel Arkday Fotoyev

Lt. Col. Nikolai Godlovsky

General Ivan Aleksandrovitch Serov

Colonel General Grubozaboyschikov

Lt. General Slavin

Lt. General Vozdvishensky

Tokaev

Khoklov

Petrov

Rene Mathis

Drax

Colonel Klebb

Kronsteen

Makharov

Fouche

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
"moo"
Norman Nash
Elbur Frank
Comtesse Metterstein
Rosa Malheur

GOLDFINGER

Blackwell	Homer
Schwab	Philip Scrutton
Santos	Foulks
Johnny Crawford	Hagen
Auric Goldfinger	Bernard Darwin
Mr. Armour	Mr. Scotland
Jill Masterton	Le Touquet
Colonel Smithers	Tilly Masterton
Sassoon	Dr. Foch
Ellerman	Mr. Gold
Lord Cowdray	Helmut M. Springer
Rothschilds, Barings, Hambros	Jed Midnight
Williamson	Billy (The Grinner) Ring
Oppenheimer	Jack Strap
Boris Anrep	Mr. Solo
Hopton Wood	Jim Colossimo
Alfred Blacking	Slappy Hapgood
Farquharson	Giulio
Hawker	Bloody Morgan
Lord Lonsdale	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

Mr. Travis

Mr. Nick Nicholson

Stanley Jones

King Tiger

Sir Alexander Bustamante

Mr. Scramble

Mr. Arosio

Rastafari

Macdonald

Bannister

Percival Sampson

Elster Smith

Justice Morris Cargill

D. Katz

Sudarian

MOONRAKER

Hugo Drax ("Hugger")

Jack Hobbs

Gordon Richards

Basildon (Basil)

Tranby Croft

Steffi Esposito

Meyer

Gibbon

Longchamp

Brevett

Canfield

Dangerfield

Max

Porterfield

Grimley

General Bealey

Duff Sutherland

Morphy

Ronnie Vallance

Tallon

Gala Brand

Egon Bartsch

Professor Train

Dr. Walter

Willy Krebs

Marie Laurencin

Leica

Baxter

Professor Bhose

Galatea

Graf Hugo von der
Drache

Kaltenbrunner

Otto Skorzeny

Group Captain Tandy

Peter Trimble

Detective-Inspector
Vivian

ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

Phillippe Bertrand	Jean Gindicelli
Boudin	Griffon Or
Monet	Sir Thomas Bond
Ernst Stavro Blofeld	Nell Gweynn
Croupier	Boswell
Rossi	Reynolds
Andre Mattei	Garrick
Peckham	Canning
Laurence Sterne	Lord Bently Royal
Johnson	Sir Hilary Bray
Goldsmith	G. W. Marshall
Dean Swift	Sir James Malony
Lord Nelson	Achmed
Sable Basilish Pursuivant	Jenny Bray
Gebrüder Gumpold-Moosbrugger	Mary potts
Tissot	O'Neill
Tracy	Maria Stavro Michelopoulos
Blauenfelder	Captain Boris
Monsieur Maurice	Alphonse de Bleuville
Monsieur Pol	D'dsigneys
Changeur	Professor Auguste Kommer
Marc - Ange Draco	Conte de Bleuville

ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

Fritz

Ivan

Bertil Yugo

Sir George Dunbar

George Albert Windsor

Ernst George Blofeld

Shaun Campbell

Herr Graf

Pat Smythe

Simon de Bleuville

Muir

Summerhayes

Mr. Leathers

Marius

Che-Che

Ernst Stefan Blofeld

Mr. Franklin

Sir Ronald Vallance

Mr. Trumper

Toussaint

THE SPY WHO LOVED ME

Mr. Sanguinetti

Jed Phancey

Derek Mallaby

Ben Said

Maurice Smart

Don Shirley

James Grant

Audrey Thompson

Nosy Parker

Hoppy Jones

Bill Kenny

Charlie Fuqua

Harling

Len Holbrook

Frank Donaldson

Bill Donaldson

Kurt Rainer

Trude

Herr Doktor Braunschweig

Pat Moss

Elliott Frey

Millicent

Sluggsy Morant

Sol (Horror) Horowitz

Horst Uhlmann

Lieutenant Morrow

O'Donnell

Captain Stonor

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	Joey Glimco	Frederick Bussy
Mr. Frere	Francis "The Immune" Maritote	
Hugh Barton	Charles "Cherry Nose" Gioe	
Jack Conder	Richard Hauff	Pierre Jaccoud
Dick Hughes	Cosmo Orlando	Charles Zumbach
Kadoorie	Carlo "Bananas" Urbaniti	
Richard Mason	Ripa	Andre Zumbach
Dr. Lobo	Joseph Broge	Professor Pittard
Samuel Montague	Gene Gleason	Francesco Waldman
Len Cosgrove	Dan Jacobson	Salvatori Funari
"Cos"	David Barlow	
"Tiger" Saito	Felix Leiter	
Alan Searle	Marthe Richard	
Mr. Fratinelli	Antony Terry	
Captain James Hamilton	Knoeller	
Virgil Peterson	"Rickey" Renee	
Professor Philip Fox	Dr. Julius Raab	
Colonel Edward Bradley	Dr. Kriesky	
Ben Goffstein	Anton Karas	
Ray Russell	Colonel Podharsky	
Charles Beaumont	Dr. Bircher-Brenner	
Ray Brennan		

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

Grafin 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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 5/20/68

FROM : SAC JAMES L. HANDLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
BS 157-644

For the information of all Agents, suspect JAMES EARL RAY took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968 and prior to his departure from Los Angeles in March, 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment as a bartender.

This should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with the MURKIN case and any other cases in which investigation is conducted in establishments which employ bartenders.

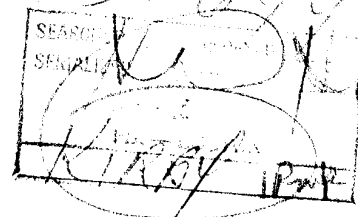
In order to cover the possibility that JAMES EARL RAY may have died since the commission of the crime, the Bureau has instructed that investigation be conducted at State capitals to determine whether RAY is identical with any unidentified corpse located by a local PD or similar agencies during the period from 4/5/68 to the present time.

Established sources at State Police Headquarters in the four states covered by the Boston Office have been contacted concerning this matter with negative results. ||

All Agents should be alert to the possibility that the body of JAMES EARL RAY may have been located and is unidentified. Accordingly, in regular contacts with law enforcement agencies in this case or on other Bureau matters, appropriate inquiries relative to unidentified dead for the period beginning 4/5/68, should be made with particular emphasis given to whether such corpses have been fingerprinted.

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If such be the case, the fingerprints should be compared with those on the Identification Order of RAY in order to effect identification or non-identification.

This should be handled in the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Director's Branding of Doctor In 1964 Enters Into Probe

By JAMES DOYLE

Globe Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON — If there is no break in the investigation of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination, J. Edgar Hoover may be retired along with Lyndon Johnson this year.

He may be anyway.

Partly because of the legendary Hoover's past indiscretions, the heat is very much on at the Federal Bureau of Investigation these days. And the temperature promises to continue rising unless the King case is solved.

Or, until, at the very least, the Feds produce the suspect they have named in separate warrants as first Eric Starvo Galt and then James Earl Ray.

There is no indication that the F.B.I.'s police work has been inferior in the case. On the contrary, the agency has violated all its own rules to prove otherwise.

Men at the top of the F.B.I. have been visiting with favored reporters and showering them with details of what evidence is at hand, what methods were used to pinpoint Ray as the suspect, and what leads have been chased down without results.

This has caused some consternation among the field agents, who have been trained by Hoover and his aides to treat the press with a polite but rather stony silence until a case is solved.

But this is not just another case for J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I. Director Hoover put his personal hostilities toward Dr. King on the record in 1964 by calling the civil rights leader, who had just won the Nobel Peace Prize, "the most notorious liar in the country."

And it is an open secret in Washington that the F.B.I. had a dossier on King that was shown to wire service reporters who cover the Justice Department, as well as to others who could be trusted.

The F.B.I. file contained unevaluated testimony, such as the alleged transcript of tape recordings from bugged motel rooms, that were designed to place King in a bad light and show that he was not the great man he was considered in the civil rights movement and across much of America.

Thus the F.B.I. found itself with a credibility gap of major proportions when it tried to convince its critics that it really was concerned in the aftermath of Dr. King's assassination.

Charles Morgan Jr., an Atlanta attorney who heads the Southern region of the American Civil Liberties Union, called for Director Hoover to remove himself from the King investigation because of his remarks in 1964.

TRADITIONAL TENSIONS

And as the traditional tensions between the civil rights movement and the F.B.I. were worsening in the wake of the King assassination, tensions were building within the Justice Department as well.

Hoover's relationship with his boss, the Attorney General, has long been the source of sardonic humor within the Justice Department.

There is the story that shortly after his appointment to head the Justice Department under Eisenhower, William P. Rodgers was stopped by a building guard at the entrance.

"I'm the new Attorney General," he said.

"If you were J. Edgar Hoover himself I couldn't let you in without a pass," the guard replied.

With the exception of Robert Kennedy, when his brother was President, no Attorney General has succeeded in forcing Hoover to be responsive to his wishes. Instead the 73-year-old director goes over or around his immediate boss and reports directly to the President in Congress.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark has maintained fairly good relations with the FBI. He is less bothered than some predecessors by the autonomous fiefdom, and has cooperated rather than competed for the power to rule it.

Thus some agents were dismayed when Clark, within 24 hours of the King assassination, told a Memphis news conference:

"The investigation so far gives rise to my very strong hopes that the solution can be quickly found.

"We've had some good breaks. We have put all available resources of the FBI into the case."

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

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Editor: Thomas Winship
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~~It~~ it appeared that Clark was both commandeering the investigation and embarrassing the investigators by promising quick results.

But if FBI agents were embarrassed and pained, nobody was moreso than Ramsey Clark. For he was reading to the press a statement written for him by one of the highest authorities in the FBI. That it turned out to be blindly over optimistic is a source of irritation for all concerned.

It is unclear just why the FBI was so anxious to forecast victory in the King case. One obvious possibility is the embarrassing history of the relationship between King and Hoover, between agents and civil rights leaders.

Another theory is that President Johnson directed Hoover to do whatever possible to calm the residents of the nations tense ghettos, which erupted shortly before, and after Clark's statement.

In any case, Hoover and his top aides did think they would be able to wrap the case up quickly, based on the leads in their possession that night.

They had a name and a basic description of the suspect and his car. They had a rifle with latent fingerprints from it and from the telescopic sight on it. They had a pair of binoculars with more fingerprints. And ~~from~~ a sample of the suspect's handwriting.

~~The name was John Willard~~ which the suspect signed when he checked into the flophouse across from Room 306 in the Lorraine Motel, where Dr. King had checked in a few hours earlier.

It is clear the FBI thought John Willard was a psychotic, a racist who had committed a crime of passion. Before long they would match the fingerprints, locate the store that sold the rifle to the man who owned the fingerprints, and go and collect John Willard from some backwater in the South.

They knew John Willard was probably an alias, but that would be a small problem.

It soon became obvious that whatever his motives, the killer had not acted spontaneously, out of passion.

Before long there were four names in the case, all used by the lone killer, according to the FBI.

John Willard signed the register at the flop house.

Harvey Lowmyer purchased the Remington 30.06 Gamemaster allegedly used in the assassination.

Eric Starvo Galt purchased the getaway car and apparently stalked Dr. King ~~from Atlanta~~ to Memphis in the white Mustang.

And all three of these ~~men~~ the FBI is certain, are James Earl Ray, a two-bit thief who was a three-time loser on the run from the law for breaking out of Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City on Apr. 23, 1967.

PLENTY OF MONEY

Why does a penny-ante thief turn assassin? Where did he get the sums of cash, perhaps \$5000, that he spent in the months after his escape on dancing lessons, a bartender's course, a \$2000 car, camera equipment and an expensive, highly accurate and powerful game-hunting weapon that retails for \$140 and is a far cry from the crude, surplus mail order weapon allegedly used by Lee Harvey Oswald to assassinate John F. Kennedy?

None of these questions has been answered, although the FBI has meticulously traced the movements and the actions of Eric Starvo Galt, James Earl Ray from the moment he turned up in Birmingham Ala. Six months after the prison break and rented a safety deposit box at a bank there.

They have pictures of him, witnesses who rode in his car with him, a Mexican girl who slept with him, and a trail that leads from Canada to Mexico across several states.

They even have a theory about the pseudonym Eric Starvo Galt. One analyst suggested it might be the combination of two fictional characters, John Galt, the elusive character of Ayn Rand's novel, "Atlas Shrugged," a rather deep speculation of the future decline of America; the Ernst Stavro Blofeld, the villain of three James Bond novels, including "Thunderball" of cinema fame.

What the FBI cannot show is any progress in the past few weeks. Since the identity and background of Galt-Ray was established, there has been nothing.

Meanwhile agents who have infiltrated the black radical movement report discussions of "avenging" the death of Dr. King as Summer nears.

And the same kind of conspiracy theory that poisoned the well of American politics after the Kennedy assassination is building in the present case.

NOT KNOWN KILLER

Critics point to the fact that James Earl Ray was poor all his life, and not a very successful thief by his record of imprisonments. Yet Eric Starvo Galt was well-heeled and well-dressed, a big spender whose car had in it a map of Atlanta with the home and the church of Dr. King circled on it.

James Earl Ray would never be described as a professional killer. This would be his first known murder. Yet he allegedly checked



J. EDGAR HOOVER
... under pressure

into a flop house, locked himself in a public bathroom for half an hour (refusing to answer when another boarder, Willie Anchutz, knocked), and squared off a single round that killed his prey.

And as he trotted down the hall toward the exit, Willie Anchutz remarked, "That sounded like a shot."

And this calm killer answered, "It was a shot." Then he escaped and within 24 hours had dropped so completely out of sight that the FBI admits to no knowledge of his whereabouts.

Pressure is building. Both the New York Times and the Los Angeles Times have edi-



E. S. GAULT
... said

torialized against the FBI's handling of the case. The London Times said that "more and more Americans are becoming convinced that the crime which set the United States ablaze will remain a mystery forever ... there has been little or no criticism of the FBI's failure to apprehend the assassin for so many days, and possibly — who knows — giving him time to prepare to take another victim."

J. Edgar Hoover is very much at the center of this pressure. When John F. Kennedy was elected President, Hoover was such a household god in this country that he was one of the first men to be publicly re-



DR. M. L. KING
... cause of dilemma?

tained in the administration.

Today few observers here question that he would be one of the first men dropped if Robert Kennedy was elected.

Eugene McCarthy has publicly called for the 73-year-old director's dismissal and declared that his agency should be made "an instrument of government instead of an independent operation."

The other candidates are less unfriendly to the revered director who has run the agency for 44 years. But a household god he is no longer, and a lack of success with this big case could bring him down.

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Date: **May 21, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
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To: All SACs
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

[Signature]
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and dangerous.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Boston 157-6444

FROM : S. A. James V. Gibbons

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/14/68

The photograph of James Earl Ray
was reviewed by two witnesses of the
following insured bank robberies
but identification was not made.

Unsub (2), Canal National Bank
Portland Me. Scarborough P. Ray
Branch Scarborough Me. 7-1-67

Unsub (1) Canal National Bank
Portland Me. Scarborough P. Ray
Branch Scarborough Me. 7-27-67

The witnesses who reviewed the photo
on 5/14/68 are

Ben Graves, Teller
Mary Graves, Teller
Margaret Cressy, Teller



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1 Boston 157-6444
1 Boston 91-2831
1 Boston 91-2850

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

5-27-68

SAC (157-644) ATTN: SA KIRBY

SA Wm H CARPENTER

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re: Supr Mc CABES memo 5-21-68 to RAs

The following Medical Examiners were contacted and
none had any unidentified bodies on their records

Barnstable County Mass (Cape Cod)

ROBERT THROPE^{MD} Main St, Hyannis Mass (5-27-68)

DANIEL HEIBERT^{MD} Commercial St, Provincetown, Mass (5-27-68)

Dukes County, Mass (Martha's Vineyard Island)

ROBERT W. NEVIN^{MD} N. Summer St, Edgartown, Mass. 5/27/68

NANTUCKET COUNTY (Nantucket Island) ~~status~~

ERNEST H. MENGES^{MD}, 37 Center St, Nantucket. 5-27-68



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The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS J. LARDNER:

On May 17, 1968, Miss HELEN GALLAGHER, Clerk, Office of MAX WINOGRAD, Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company Building, Providence, Rhode Island, advised that she took part in the bankruptcy proceedings involving the Pantex Manufacturing Corporation of Central Falls, Rhode Island, that took place from approximately September 24, 1962, to January 15, 1963. She advised that Mr. MAX WINOGRAD, Attorney, was appointed trustee by the court in regard to this bankruptcy.

She advised that the sale of the company's assets took place on April 22 and April 23, 1963. She advised that the Ametek Company, Incorporated of South Portland, Maine, purchased all assets of the Pantex Company. She advised that she has no information relative to the whereabouts of a number of Thermo-Seal Textile Marking Machine Units bearing Serial Numbers 32146, 32151, 31992, 31430, 31437, 31331 or 31656. She advised that it would appear to her that Ametek would have a record of the whereabouts of these machines inasmuch as they purchased all of them that were in the possession of the Pantex Company.

She suggested that possibly Mr. MANUEL OLIVER of Eastern Van Lines in Tiverton, Rhode Island, may possibly be able to furnish further information in regard to the missing items.

On May 17, 1968, Mr. MANUEL OLIVER, Assistant Comptroller, Eastern Van Lines, Tiverton, Rhode Island, advised that upon liquidation of the assets of the Pantex Manufacturing Corporation he was at that time the Chief Accountant for the company. He stated that upon the closing of the concern he worked for Ametek Company, Incorporated of South Portland, Maine, as their Chief Accountant. He stated that in regard to the sale of the assets of the Pantex Manufacturing Company, all of them, including the good will of the company, was purchased by Ametek during the sale on April 22 and 23, 1963.

*Lead previously covered
at Ametek Co. Inc.
So. Portland, Me.*

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He stated that the records of Ametek Company, Incorporated in South Portland, Maine, would have a list of all the merchandise they purchased from the company. He stated that this included all of the assets of Pantex, their inventory, their furniture and good will. He stated that he would have no information in regard to the whereabouts of the Thermo-Seal Marking Machines, Serial Numbers 32146, 32151, 31992, 31430, 31437, 31331 or 31656.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (Attn McCabe)

DATE: 5-27-68

FROM : SA M.J. McDONAGH (157-644)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5-27-68, MRS CATHERINE A. ROWE, Winter Street, Lincoln, Mass, home phone 259-8794, business address, Travelling Kitty, 7 Thoreau Road, Concord, Mass, tel no. 369-5360, telephonically contacted office. She said she rented a house the other day to a man who resembles pictures of ERIC GALT. She also advised that FBI Agents had contacted her 2 weeks ago and showed her pictures of GALT, because she had seen a man in Mexico who resembled GALT. She was advised that an agent would recontact her.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA RONALD S. HADINGER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This memo is intended to advise that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY has been displayed to witnesses of the following Boston bank robbery cases:

Boston File 91-2948
Boston File 91-3016
Boston File 91-3064

Inasmuch as the subjects in two of these bank robberies were masked, no identification is possible and the subject in Boston File 91-2948 has been identified as GEORGE KUBITSKY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-644)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SUPV. B. T. MC CABE

SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓

The Bureau has advised that inasmuch as JAMES EARL RAY is known to stay at flophouses and lower class rooming houses, copy of the Identification Order regarding RAY should be furnished to Salvation Army and other charitable type missions.

Following is a list of such missions in the Boston area:

Boston Seaman's Friend Society, - SA E. J. BICKFORD
287 Hanover St., Boston;

Calvary Mission, - SA E. E. BROWN
325 Columbus Ave., Boston;

Grace & Hope Mission, - SA T. M. CASEY
104 Hemenway St., Boston;

International Volunteer Relief Center, - SA O. A. EZELL
225 Cabot St., Roxbury;

Mariners House, - SA C. D. FARMER
11 North Square, Boston;

St. Francis Refuge, - SA E. FLANAGAN
470 Albany St., Boston;

Salvation Army - SA T. GARVEY
Men's Rehabilitation Center,
61 Brookline Ave., Boston.

Volunteers of America, Inc. - SA K. I. HANSEN
1234 Washington St., Boston.

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Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS (157-644)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SAC JAMES L. HANDLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

By radiogram dated 5/22/68, the Bureau advised that inasmuch as JAMES EARL 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.

Each Senior Resident Agent should insure that the above-mentioned institutions in his respective territory are contacted and that a memorandum is submitted reporting results of such contacts to the attention of SA RICHARD M. KIRBY of the Security Squad.

Each Agent in Headquarters City who has occasion to contact such institutions described above should also submit a memorandum notifying SA KIRBY of results.

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CC: ALL AGENTS

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-644)

DATE: 4-19-68

FROM : Bill Griffin security patrol

SUBJECT: MURKIN, CR

Dick Bates night supervisor of Division 6 of the Bureau contacted this office instant date stating he received a telephone call approximately 2:50 a.m. from Robert Green, 50 Bradshaw St., Dorchester, Mass., Telephone No. 286-1575 who works as a taxi driver for ITCA Cab Co. Dorchester Mass. Mr. Green stated that he picked up a person described as Galt with a girl, April 16 last, in front of Boston City Hospital, and proceeded to let them off at a package store off of Comm Ave. and Mass. Ave. Green noticed person limped while getting into taxi and on leaving, and also had a southern accent with a fake Irish accent.

Girl companion described as 5' 120-125 lbs and dark hair.

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night shift
Comm. Mass.
Cab Driver*

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TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

MAY 22, 1968

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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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, 1968, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER 55 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. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

Boston Leads assgd in memo 5/31

5/31/68

AIRTEL

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New Orleans airtel to Boston dated 5/18/68.

FREDERICK W. OTTERSON, a member of the USAF, presently on leave enroute to an overseas assignment, and his wife, were interviewed separately at Washington, NH on 5/28/68 and advised that they formerly resided at Alexandria, La., and had a party line telephone, and their telephone number was 442-2087. Neither could recall anything about a telephone call from San Antonio, Texas, in December, 1967, nor did they know anyone to their knowledge at the Shamrock Service Station in San Antonio. OTTERSON advised that he has a brother, GEORGE MICHAEL OTTERSON, who is assigned to Security Service, OSI, Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, who is a Bulgarian language expert. He is the only known friend or relative in San Antonio area but he does not recall receiving any telephone calls from him in December, 1967.

OTTERSON is leaving NH area 5/30/68 and driving to West Coast for overseas assignment.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS (157-644)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SAC JAMES L. HANDLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Subject JAMES EARL RAY has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A prostitute in Mexico furnished a photograph of subject RAY in which he was wearing sunglasses. Twenty (20) copies of this photograph are being retained on the Desk of the Security Supervisor.

All Agents in their daily contacts with Informants, officers on Vice Squads and prostitutes, in covering leads in connection with the MURKIN case and other cases, should bear in mind that copies of this photograph are available. It should be noted that this photograph of RAY has appeared in the daily press in this area. However, Agents who, during their day's work, plan to contact officers of Vice Squads or prostitutes, should avail themselves of copies of the above-described photograph which are maintained on the Desk of the Security Supervisor.

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OPEN CORRESPONDENCE CLUB INVESTIGATIONS - MAY - 1968

<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>Atlanta, Georgia Division</u>			
RJS	Columbia, S. C.	364-00188-E	Bullard
The Register	Delray Beach, Fla.	364-00839-E	Marquette
Enterprises of America	Pinellas Park, Fla.	364-01459-E	"
His and Her Club	Savannah, Ga.	364-03123-E	Capps
ABC Publications	Hollywood, Fla.	364-03126-E	Marquette
Jean Marie	Orlando, Fla.	364-03137-E	"
Rebel Florida	Orlando, Fla.	364-41602-E	Richie
Kay Manor	Miami, Fla.	364-48750-E	Marquette
<u>Fort Worth, Texas Division</u>			
Sterling Action Club	Corpus Christi, Tx.	364-39986-E	Marsh
F and T	Fort Worth, Tx.	364-40081-E	"
?	Fort Worth, Tx.	364-40330-E	"
Horizons Correspondence Club	Dallas, Tx.	364-40389-E	"
<u>Boston, Massachusetts Division</u>			
Nutmeg Press	Grosvenor Dale, Ct.	364-23774-E	Allain
Kitten Club	North Adams, Mass.	364-30737-E	"
Action Relationships	Boston, Mass.	364-42967-E	"
Arthur A. Swanson	Boston, Mass.	364-43051-E	"
Jane Weton	Boston, Mass.	364-43137-E	"

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OPEN CORRESPONDENCE CLUB INVESTIGATIONS (Continued)

<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>Chicago, Illinois Division</u>			
Carlton Enterprises	Chicago, Ill.	364-01633-E	Hinckley
Social Exchange Publishing	" "	364-01637-E	"
Arnold J. Madiol	Grand Haven, Mich.	364-43568-E	Potts
Martin's	Detroit, Mich.	364-43569-E	"
Random House	Warren, Mich.	364-48063-E	Hinckley
<u>Cincinnati, Ohio Division</u>			
Swinger's Travel & Vacation Club	Fort Wayne, Ind.	364-27059-E	Herzog
Vigo Villa	Terre Haute, Ind.	364-28234-E	Herzog
<u>Kansas City, Missouri Division</u>			
Swinging Set	Kansas City, Mo.	364-11096-E	Fay
Club Lolita	Kansas City, Mo.	364-38211-E	Fay
<u>New York, New York Division</u>			
Ram Enterprises	New York, NY	364-32101-E	Miller
Pace Setter Corp.	Brooklyn, NY	364-32705-E	Miller
Black Book	New York, NY	364-32822-E	Dolan

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE CLUB INVESTIGATIONS (Continued)

<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Division</u>			
Mixer	Trenton, NJ	364-00460-E	Similes
Select Club	Camden, NJ	364-22100-E	Ferguson
Frenchy	Chinchilla, Pa.	364-44883-E	Similes
Swinger's Life	Enola, Pa.	364-45329-E	Ferguson
The In Crowd	Philadelphia, Pa.	364-45370-E	"
Club Ecstasy	York, Pa.	364-45500-E	"
Stonehill Studios	Berkeley Heights, NJ	364-48312-E	Kallies
<u>Saint Louis, Missouri Division</u>			
R J S	Davenport, Iowa	364-46385-E	Wensman
Ron Williams	Saint Louis, Mo.	364-46572-E	"
<u>Saint Paul, Minnesota Division</u>			
The Group	Wayzata, Minn.	364-39222-E	Gosnell
Action	St. Paul, Minn.	364-47443-E	Gosnell
<u>San Francisco, California Division</u>			
A to Z Club	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-21863-E	Poindexter
Ad Reply Service	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-38729-E	"
The Group	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-38802-E	Vanden Bosch

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<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>San Francisco, California Division (Continued)</u>			
The National Close Up	North Hollywood, Cal.	364-38870-E	Poindexter
Jan	Reno, Nevada	364-38993-E	Lawrence
Reynolds Machinery	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-39006-E	Poindexter
Tape Club	" " "	364-41205-E	"
Swinging Sam Young	Ontario, Cal.	364-41386-E	"
Swingers Club	Santa Monica, Cal.	364-41403-E	"
United World Publications	San Diego, Cal.	364-41409-E	"
Sincerely Yours Club	La Puente, Cal.	364-44006-E	"
Phi Pi Epsilon	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-44144-E	"
Modern Enterprises	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-44296-E	"
Japan International	Newport Beach, Cal.	364-44297-E	"
Remco	Las Vegas, Nevada	364-44337-E	"
Blue Star	Reno, Nevada	364-44412-E	Vanden Bosch
James L. Hubbel	Strathmore, Cal.	364-44539-E	" "
The Local Swinger	Downey, Cal.	364-44606-E	Poindexter
Donald Fickes	Norwalk, Cal.	364-44660-E	"
Sir, Inc.	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-44661-E	"
Le Group	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-44686-E	"
Roberta Perkins	Santa Rosa, Cal.	364-44696-E	Vanden Bosch
Kinsey Club	San Diego, Cal.	364-44745-E	Poindexter

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<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>Washington, D. C. Division</u>			
Richard Stanley	Charleston, W. Va.	364-28406-E	Bradley
David C. Bohner	Washington, D. C.	364-28571-E	Bradley
Mr. and Mrs. E. King	Hagerstown, Md.	364-29026-E	Bennett

5/31/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReAttel to Bu dated 5/23/68 requesting WFO obtain from Postal Inspector, WDC, a list of all obscene pen-pal clubs in the United States presently under investigation by the Post Office Department.

- 3- Bureau (Encl. 2)
- 2- Atlanta (44-2386) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Baltimore (44-669) (Encl. 2)
- ②- Boston (Encl. 2)
- 2- Chicago (44-1114) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Cincinnati (157-1893) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Columbia (Encl. 2)
- 2- Dallas (44-2649) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Detroit (44-989) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Houston (44-1509) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Indianapolis (Encl. 2)
- 2- Kansas City (44-760) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Las Vegas (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Los Angeles (44-1574) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Miami (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Memphis (44-1987) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Minneapolis (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Newark (44-854) (Encl. 2)
- 2- New Haven (157-818) (Encl. 2)
- 2- New York City (44-1609) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Omaha (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Philadelphia (44-1368) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Pittsburgh (44-578) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Sacramento (100-427) (Encl. 2) (AM)

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AIRTEL

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-644)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68.

The following are estimated MURKIN cost data
for the Boston Division for the period 5/1 @ 31/68:

1. Number of Man Hours

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
Special Agents	245 ¹⁶⁰	48 ⁰	293 ¹⁶⁰
Clerical	72 ⁸	0 ⁰	72 ⁸

2. Mileage: 1450 300

3. No unusual or out-of-ordinary costs 0

4. Peak number of Agents - 24 5

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-644)
(ATTN: SA KIRBY)

FROM : SA John H. Kinnear

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/3/68.

On 5/22/68, the writer furnished copies of the United Files on James Earl Ray to the offices of Education Army listed below:

1. Brigadier Alfred Darvey, Education Army, 7 Winthrop St., Augusta, Maine.
2. Major Blanche Chaverry, Education Army, 225 Main St., Waterville, Maine.

(Reference: SAC memo to all Agents 5/23/68.)

cc: 1- (157-644)

[Signature]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-644)

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SUPV. BERNARD T. MC CABE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: OBSCENE PEN-PAL CLUBS

By airtel dated 5/31/68 to the Director, WFO advised that all offices having obscene pen-pal clubs in the U. S. presently under investigation by the Post Office Department will conduct appropriate investigation to determine if subject JAMES EARL RAY is a member or has ever corresponded with that club.

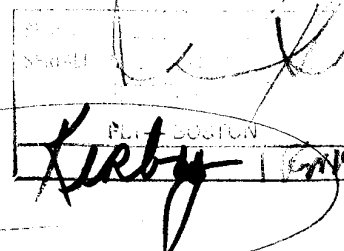
Discretion should be used with list furnished and source of agency furnishing list should not be disclosed.

The following were listed for Boston:

1. Kitten Club, North Adams, Mass.
2. Action Relationships, Boston, Mass.
3. Arthur A. Swanson, Boston, Mass.
4. Jane Weton, Boston, Mass.

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Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Phone calls

ReButel 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

Set forth by field division are telephone calls made from the Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. Recipient offices will determine from the subscriber, or person receiving call, the identity of caller. If caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Atlanta
- 2 - Albuquerque
- 2 - Boston
- 2 - Charlotte
- 2 - Chicago
- 2 - Cincinnati
- 2 - Cleveland
- 2 - Detroit
- 2 - El Paso
- 2 - Jackson
- 2 - Jacksonville
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- 2 - Houston

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Special Agent in Charge

HO 44-1509

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>ATLANTA:</u>			
12/17/67	835-8273 (Beaumont, Texas)	404-876-5551	Atlanta
<u>ALBUQUERQUE:</u>			
12/17/67	682-9177 (Houston, Texas)	505-243-1331	Albuquerque
12/15/67	468-9836 (Houston)	505-864-8204	Belen, N.M.
<u>BOSTON:</u>			
12/16/67	468-9009 (Houston)	617-944-1569	Reading, Mass.
12/16/68	835-9546 (Beaumont, Texas)	401-723-1085	Pawtucket, R. I.
<u>CHARLOTTE:</u>			
12/15/67	673-9255 (Houston)	919-599-9083	Roxboro, N.C.
12/15/67	886-9976 (Orange, Texas)	704-667-4670	Enka, Candler, N. C.
<u>CHICAGO:</u>			
12/15/67	769-9108 (Vidor, Texas)	312-832-4895	Elmhurst, Ill.
12/17/67	835-8273 Beaumont, Texas	309-786-1824	Rock Island, Ill.
<u>CINCINNATI:</u>			
12/17/67	892-9963 (Beaumont, Texas)	513-681-2839	Cincinnati
12/16/67	453-9015 (Houston, Texas)	614-551-2363	Bartlett, Ohio
12/17/67	468-9844 (Houston, Texas)	513-653-6666	Urbana, Ohio

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>CLEVELAND:</u>			
12/17/67	468-9727 (Houston, Texas)	614-389-3058	Marion, Ohio
12/17/67	468-9727 (Houston, Texas)	614-389-3058	Marion, Ohio
12/15/67	682-9317 (Houston, Texas)	216-641-1461	Cleveland
<u>DETROIT:</u>			
12/17/68	673-9872 (Houston, Texas)	616-861-2456	Shelby, Mich.
<u>EL PASO:</u>			
12/16/67	673-9501 (Houston, Texas)	915-532-9146	El Paso
12/16/67	682-9348 (Houston, Texas)	915-362-4789	Odessa, Texas
12/17/67	468-9878 (Houston, Texas)	915-682-3697	Midland, Texas
<u>JACKSON:</u>			
12/15/67	453-9611 (Houston, Texas)	601-582-3734	Hattiesburg, Miss.
12/16/67	453-9015 (Houston, Texas)	601-372-3537	Jackson
12/15/67	453-9611 (Houston, Texas)	601-722-4497	Seminary, Miss.
12/16/67	886-9011 (Orange, Texas)	801-684-6794	McComb, Miss.
12/17/67	468-9731 (Houston, Texas)	601-428-8829	Laurel, Miss.
12/17/67	835-9023 (Beaumont, Texas)	601-625-8547	Forest, Miss.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>JACKSONVILLE:</u>			
12/15/67	673-9050 (Houston, Texas)	904-623-2008	Milton, Fla.
12/15/67	673-9419 (Houston, Texas)	904-675-4970	Jay, Fla.
<u>LAS VEGAS:</u>			
12/17/67	835-9587 (Beaumont, Texas)	702-384-7271	Las Vegas

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Date: May 7, 1968

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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 ALL FIELD DIVISIONS
FROM WASHINGTON

MURKIN

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SUBJECT SPENT A CONSIDERABLE SUM OF MONEY
FROM 4/23/1967 TO 4/4/1968, 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.

decoded by HW

*Bud Rose
Palmer
Evans
Hunt*

*all RAs advised
by phone 5/15/68
copies of photos
previously furnished
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all Hq photo city agents
with unsolved cases
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TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

JUNE 6, 1968

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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MURKIN.

FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF OFFICE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH INVESTIGATION THAT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA FROM APRIL 8, 1968 UNTIL MAY 6, 1968, UNDER NAMES PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. SUBJECT DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, ON MAY 6, LAST AS SNEYD AND IS BELIEVED USING CANADIAN PASSPORT IN THAT NAME. SUBJECT BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS REVIEW OF DRIVER'S LICENSE BUREAU RECORDS AS REQUESTED IN BUREAU RADIOGRAM MAY 21 LAST MAY BE DISCONTINUED.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRANCE INTO U.S. SHOULD PLACE APPROPRIATE STOPS WITH BORDER AND CUSTOM AUTHORITIES UNDER NAME GEORGE SNEYD. NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN SNEYD AND KING ASSASSINATION.

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