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718 PM 5/3/68 URGENT CEK

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, DENVER, NEWARK,
SEATTLE, AND ST. LOUIS
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

RE BUREAU TEL MAY ONE LAST.

RE FULL COVERAGE OF RELATIVES.

THREE CLOSE RELATIVES OF SUBJECT RESIDE IN QUINCY,
ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

SISTER - MELBA MARIE RYAN, VIRGINIA HOTEL, VIRGINIA
HOTEL TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO TWO THREE ZERO FOUR ZERO THREE.

STEPMOTHER - RUBY CARPENTER, SIX THREE ZERO NORTH
SIXTH STREET, TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO TWO THREE NINE FOUR SIX
FIVE.

AUNT - MRS. FRANK (MABLE) FULLER, TWO SIX ZERO ONE
CHESNUT STREET, TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO TWO TWO SEVEN ONE
FOUR TWO.

MELBA MARIE RYAN LIVES ON STATE WELFARE AND IS A MENTAL
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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, PHOENIX, LAS VEGAS, A
ALBUQUERQUE, EL PASO AND CHICAGO
FROM DENVER 157-203

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IS LISTED TO MRS. ROSA M. NIENHAUS, TWO FIVE THREE SIX RACE ST., DENVER.
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No Censorship Now!

The search for Eric Starvo Galt, or James Earl Ray, or whatever his name may be, accused slayer of Martin Luther King, continues across the nation, and quite likely around the globe.

The continuing search, which makes Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark's early prediction of imminent capture look as bad as former Secretary of Defense McNamara's 1966 forecast of early victory in Vietnam, and the attendant news stories must make the American Bar Association and the censorship-eager Reardon Committee turn back flips.

After all as the chase goes on more and more background comes out on Galt (or what's his name) and more and more material is piled up to indicate that he indeed shot the Negro civil rights leader.

At first the Federal Bureau of Investigation apparently tried to hew to the Reardon Committee's rules of keeping everything secret. But as the hot hunt became cold potatoes, the FBI changed its tactics and turned to the news media in an effort to speed the capture of Galt.

It unveiled a photo of Galt or Ray, escaped Missouri convict. The bureau also trotted out a description of the man, and his past as far as the FBI could piece it together.

Perhaps the FBI intentions at first were good, for no doubt it and the State of Tennessee fear any conviction will be overturned in the ramifications and technicalities of court mumbo-jumbo. But since their first efforts withered, the press was called in so the entire nation could join the search.

Of course we know how it will turn out.

If Galt is found, and goes to trial, his defense attorneys will claim undue publicity denies him a fair trial, that newspaper stories so poisoned the air that he can't get an impartial jury, that he must get a change of venue (possibly to lower Siberia), and that he really isn't guilty because his great-grandfather was a slave owner and private in the Confederate army and that this feeling of guilt warped the man's mind.

The lawyers will whack the press for the publicity and accuse it of denying the suspect a fair trial, and if he is convicted over these objections, no doubt the Supreme Court will gnash its teeth at the press and order a new trial because of the publicity.

Martin Luther King's killer may eventually be convicted, but before it is over the news media will be flayed, and the ABA Reardon Committee will see therein more

arguments for censorship and control of the press.

Forgotten will be the news medias' co-operation in the search for the slayer and its efforts to knock down rumor and fear in the face of violence and terror.

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

4 THE DAILY SENTINEL
GRAND JUNCTION,
COLORADO

Date: 4-30-68
Edition: Daily
Author:
Editor: Preston Walker
Title:

MURKIN

Character: CR

or

Classification:

Submitting Office:

☐ Being Investigated

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER(157-203)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA ROBERT E. DE NIER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SA RICHARD L. CAMPBELL dated 4/19/68 at Denver concerning individual on Continental Bus getting off at Del Norte, Colo. on 4/15/68 who resembled subject.

On 4/22/68 negative attempts were made to contact manager of bus station at Del Norte, Colo.

On 4/23/68 MARGARET BERWICK, Manager, Continental Bus Station (Creede Lines) Del Norte, Colo., was interviewed and advised she had seen no one resembling subject get off bus at Del Norte, Colo. She stated she had received pictures of subject and has been alert ~~to~~ in this respect. She specifically recalled day in question. She advised that a Navajo Indian working for a local farmer was the only one who got off of the bus who could have originated at Farmington or Durango. He in no way resembled the subject, but was carrying a small bag. He stayed in the depot until the farmer JACK SLADE, came after him. He is about 40, 5'8", over forty years old, black hair, swarthy complexion and has a very thin face. She advised that HAROLD FRANDZEN of Durango, Colo. was driving the early bus that day and JOHN HITTI was driving the late bus, however the late bus would not have connected with the Farmington passengers.

On 4/23/68 HITTI was contacted at Del Norte, Colo. and he did not recall seeing anyone resembling the subject on the date in question (4/15) or on any other date. He advised the photos of the subject were posted at the bus depot. On 4/23/68 HAROLD FRANDZEN advised he was the driver of



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of the bus which had the Farmington New Mexico Passengers on 4/15/68. However, he advised that he has no recollection of anyone resembling the subject on his bus and recalls no one resembling him talking to him upon departing from the bus at Del Norte, Colo. He advised he is aware of the subject and has seen his photos, but has seen no one like him to his knowledge.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER(157-203)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA ROBERT E. DE NIER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(records)

The following sources were contacted in regard to this matter by the writer with negative results on 4/9/68 concerning HARVEY LOWMYER (LOWMYER):

AL KLINE, Dispatcher, CSP, Alamosa, Colo.
Lt. ROBERT SPANGLER, " " "
Patr. NORMAN PARTSCH, " " "
Patr. CHARLES LENNON, " " "
Patr. GENE REEDER, " Dove Creek, Colo.
LT. FRANK TOMSIC, " , Durango, Colo.
Dispatcher, John Antic " " "
Sheriff BEN PHILLIPS, Alamosa, Colo., Alamosa, County
Sheriff HARRY LARSON, Creede, Colo., Mineral Co.
Sheriff TOM WATSON, Montezuma County, Cortez, Colo.
Sheriff BOB WOHNSON, Dolores County, Dove Creek, Colo.
Sheriff AMOS ABEYTA, Conejos Co., Conejos, Colo.
Sheriff ELIAZAR MAESTAS, Costilla Co., San Luis, Colo.
" ~~WALTER~~ WALTER CONRAD, La Plata Co., Durango, Colo.
" NORMAN OTTAWAY, Archuleta Co., Pagosa Springs, Colo.
Sheriff ~~WALTER~~ ROBERT ROBRAN, Rio Grande Co., Del Norte, Colo.
Chief of Police Charles Aragon, Pagosa Springs, Colo.
Alamosa County Clerk JAMES TROGDON, Alamosa, Colo.
Archuleta Co. Clerk FELIMA GARDNER, Pagosa Springs
Conejos Co. Clerk, Conejos, Colo. Reginald GARCIA
Costilla Co., ALFONSO GARCIA JR., San Luis, Colo.
Dolores Co., ~~CLOE ROGERS~~ ~~CLOE ROGERS~~ JIM GREEN, Dove Creek
La Plata Co., LENA TUCKER, Durango, Colo.
Montezuma Co., CHARLES HERNDON, Co. Clerk, Cortez
Mineral Co. Clerk CLOE ROGERS, Creede
Rio Grande Co. Clerk HAROLD MC DONALD, Del Norte, Colo.
Mrs. G. F. GUZMAN, Alamosa Credit Bureau, Alamosa, Colo.
M.A. MONEY, Credit Bureau of Durango, Inc., Durango
Credit Bureau Inc., Monte Vista, Colo., GORDON HARRIS
Credit Bureau of Cortez, Cortez, Colo., MEL SARPY
AL LEHNICK, Colo. License Bureau (Operator's licenses) Alamosa
SAM CRAWLEY, " " " " " Monte Vista
N.R. PANNEL " " " " " Durango
CHARLES BYRD, " " " " " Cortez
Telephone and city directories covering the various communities of the Durango RA were checked with negative results



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On 4/10/68 the credit and law enforcement agencies contacted on 4/9/68 were again~~s~~ contacted concerning ERIC STARVO GALT with negative results as were the various directories covering the area.

JACK OBBERRICK, Vice President Alamosa National Bank was contacted 4/10 concerning an account by subject aka, with negative results.

On 4/15/68 direcotries were checked concerning possible dancing schools in the area and none could be located or identified.

On 4/15/68 the following banks were checked with negative results:

Burns National, Durango, STANLEY ALLAN, Cashier
ROBERT SAWYER, First National, Durango
E.W. SORENSEN, Citizens Bank, Pagosa Springs

On 4/16/68 JAMES CRISP, Fisrt National Bank, Alamosa, Colo.

On 4/18/68 GEORGE KENADY, Sgt., CSP, Durango, Colo.

On 4/19/68, WESLEY DUNLAP, Pres. Fisrt Nat'l, Cortez, Colo.

On 4/19/68, LINDA PETERSON, Citizens State Bank, Cortez, Colo.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

RE: CARL RAY, ALLEGEDLY OF PECOS, TEXAS

On May 3, 1968, Supervisor BILL NOLAN, Los Angeles Office, telephonically advised as follows by FTS:

On this date, an individual who generally resembled subject RAY tried to turn in two Frontier Airlines tickets at the United Airlines Counter, Los Angeles, California, for a ticket to Hawaii. When the ticket agent took his credit card and the tickets to look them over, the individual walked away.

The items left with the ticket agent were a Frontier Airlines Air Travel Credit Card # [REDACTED], issued April 26, 1968, to CARL RAY of the Ray Land and Cattle Company, Route 4, Box 868, Pecos, Texas, and two Frontier Airlines tickets purchased May 1, 1968 at Denver, Colorado, one to C. RAY and one to Mrs. C. RAY, for passage between Las Vegas, Nevada, and St. Louis, Missouri.

On May 3, 1968, SA RICHARD H. PICKEN telephonically advised Supervisor BILL NOLAN of the Los Angeles Office the following information by FTS:

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info.)
- ~~2~~ - Denver
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - El Paso

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Investigation at Pecos, Texas, disclosed no such post office box as 868 and disclosed that there are no rural routes out of Pecos. Investigation also disclosed that the U.S. Post Office at Pecos, Texas, has no recollection of receiving any mail bearing the names C. RAY or CARL RAY or Mrs. C. RAY or Mrs. CARL RAY. Credit and criminal checks at Pecos, Texas, were negative concerning CARL RAY or the Ray Land and Cattle Company. Local Sheriff's Office, Pecos, Texas, checked telephone book and city directory for Pecos and small towns surrounding Pecos without locating any record for a CARL RAY, C. RAY, or Ray Land and Cattle Company.

Supervisor NOLAN advised SA PICKEN by FTS that he would contact the Denver Office and furnish information developed at Pecos, Texas, to the Denver Office.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau for latent fingerprint examinations with those of JAMES EARL RAY and for handwriting comparison with samples previously furnished in this matter are the following items:

(1) Frontier Airlines, 30 Day Temporary Air Travel Credit Card No. [REDACTED] dated 4/26/68 and issued to Mr. CARL RAY, Ray Land and Cattle Company, Route 4, Box 868, Pecos, Texas.

(2) One Frontier Airlines, Incorporated passenger ticket dated 5/1/68 issued to Mr. C. RAY, ticket number 1 028 201829753 6.

(3) Frontier Airlines, Incorporated ticket dated 5/1/68 issued to Mrs. C. RAY, ticket number 1 028 201829754 0.

These enclosures were furnished by JOAN KEPP, United Airlines Ticket Agent, Los Angeles International Airport, to SA HOWARD A. PAULSEY. She was the only airline personnel who handled the enclosures. Enclosures are to be returned to Los Angeles for return to United Airlines, Los Angeles.

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This date, KEPP furnished the following information to SA HOWARD A. PAULSEY:

Individual attempted to exchange enclosed tickets for a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii and used enclosed Frontier Airlines Credit Card. KEPP took the tickets and the credit card and told the individual she would have to check the credit card. Individual had previously asked KEPP if he could use two Frontier Airlines tickets, enclosed, as credit toward ticket to Honolulu.

Individual identified himself as Mr. RAY. KEPP and two United Airlines employees who viewed Mr. RAY furnished the following description:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6 feet
Weight	185 pounds
Age	35 - 40 years
Hair	Dark or golden blond
Eyes	Greenish-blue

Other investigation, Los Angeles International Airport, this date, negative to locate person using enclosed credit card. Photos JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to United Airlines employees and they advised photos somewhat similar to RAY but could make no positive identification.

Inquiry at El Paso, Texas reflects credit card is apparently fictitious.

Denver, Las Vegas and Albuquerque Divisions all attempting to identify holder of credit card and purchaser of Frontier Airlines tickets.

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Date: 5/3/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

DATE: May 3, 1968

FROM : SA DONALD L. SIEFERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/3/68 SA Donald L. Siefers contacted the following
Hotels to determine if a Carl Ray was or had been at the hotel with
negative results:

Abbott Hotel 1011 19th St.
Adams Hotel 535 18th St.
Ahwahnee Hotel and Lodge 8500 East Colfax Ave.
Airport Inn Writers 6090 Smith Road
Alamo Hotel 1411 17th St.
Albany Hotel 17th at Stout
Antlers Hotel 1440 Washington
Argonaut Hotel 233 E. Colfax Ave.
Aristocrat Motor Hotel 4855 W. Colfax
Athens Hotel 1320 Stout
Auditorium Hotel 14th at Stout
Aurora Hotel 11255 East Colfax Ave.

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS MEMPHIS & LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

RE LA TEL# MAY FOUR INSTANT.

RETEL DIRECTED CHICAGO TO CHECK UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT FROM DENVER TO LAS VEGAS OR LOS ANGELES FOR FIVE ONE AND TWO SIXTY EIGHT FOR CARL RAY.

UAL RECORDS UNAVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY NEXT. NO MANIFESTS MAINTAINED BY UAL. TICKET STUBS MAINTAINED AS PERMANENT RECORDS. WHEN TICKETS ARRIVE CHICAGO THEY GO THROUGH DATA PROCESSING AND MIGHT BE UNAVAILABLE UNTIL LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK. RECORDS WILL BE REVIEWED AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

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AIR MAIL COPIES TO ALBUQUERQUE, DENVER, EL PASO AND LAS VEGAS.

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1023PM URGENT 5-4-68 JRW

TO: DENVER

FROM ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) P

MURKIN

AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT FORTYFIVE PM, MAY FOUR INSTANT, MRS. BENNY ROMERO, JEFFERSON AVE. LIQUOR STORE, SANTA FE, N.M., REPORTED THAT A MALE INDIVIDUAL CLOSELY RESEMBLING PHOTO OF RAY, WHICH APPEARED IN CURRENT ISSUE OF TIME MAGAZINE, STOPPED AT HER STORE BETWEEN TWELVE THIRTY AND ONE PM FIVE - THREE LAST. THIS MAN WAS DRIVING A NEW OLIVE GREEN MUSTANG WITH UNIDENTIFIABLE LICENSE PLATE AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SECOND MALE. MRS ROMERO STATED THAT BOTH OF THESE MEN HAD NOTICEABLE SOUTHERN ACCENTS AND WERE IN AN OBVIOUS HURRY.

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INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING RAY STATED TO SECOND MAN 'THIS WAS THEIR LAST STOP BEFORE REACHING COLORADO'. BOTH MALE OCCUPANTS OF VEHICLE WERE WEARING LEVIS AND PLAID SHIRTS AND NO HATS. NUMBER TWO MALE DESCRIBED AS SLIGHTLY YOUNGER THAN ONE RESEMBLING RAY, BUT SAME HEIGHT.

MRS. ROMERO EXPLAINED SHE PONDERED REPORTING MATTER OVERNIGHT AND DECIDED LATE PM OF MAY FOUR INSTANT TO CALL FBI AQ.

ALTHOUGH LICENSE PLATE ON VEHICLE NOT ^{Identified} NOTICED BY MRS. ROMERO, SHE STATED DEFINITELY NOT NEW MEXICO PLATE. HOWEVER, SHE DID NOT NOTICE COLOR OF LICENSE PLATE. MRS ROMERO POSITIVE IN HER STATEMENT THAT FIRST MALE BORE CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO RAY INCLUDING THE BLUE EYES.

THE FOREGOING IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CORRECTION LINE EIGHTEEN WORD SEVEN SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED// IDENTIFIED INSTEAD OF NOTICED.

END.

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FBI 'Still Looking Hard' For King's Elusive Killer

WASHINGTON, May 3—(UPI)—A month after a sniper killed Dr. Martin Luther King, the FBI was "still looking hard" Friday for the man it says did it—an ex-convict who spent nearly a year establishing a false identity.

There were no indications of any imminent break in the search for James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, although the manhunt for him had focused at times around the world.

Officials said there were no indications that Ray had left the country despite a rash of reports from Mexico, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong and West Germany. The officials pointed out international travel requires identification papers that can easily be checked.

The FBI has a full dossier on Ray, including a full set of fingerprints, a detailed physical description from his terms in various prisons and an amazing assortment of personal habits.

There is growing belief in some official circles in Washington that Ray acted alone in as-

sassinating Dr. King in Memphis, although the original FBI warrant for his arrest was based on a conspiracy charge.

Ray already is wanted on a Federal fugitive warrant for escaping the Missouri State Penitentiary April 23, 1967.

Records show that while at Leavenworth in 1957 and during his term in Missouri Prison, Ray turned down offers of transfers to minimum custody sections because the honor camp dormitories were integrated.

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

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DENVER, COLORADO

Date: 5-4-68
Edition: Home Final
Author: (UPI)
Editor: Jack Foster
Title:

MURKIN
Character: CR

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: May 6, 1968

FROM : SA RICHARD L. Campbell

SUBJECT: MIRKIN

On 5/3/68 the hotels in the current telephone directory yellow pages from "W" thru "Z" were contacted and advised there was no "RAY" presently registered there or in recent days.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC 157-203

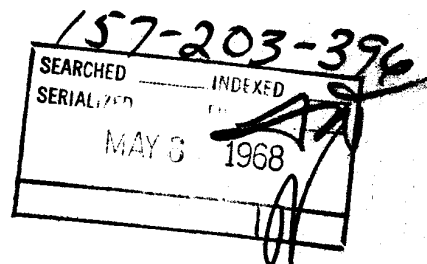
DATE: 5-6-68

FROM : SA ROBERT JAMES NELSON

SUBJECT: MURKING

On 5/3/68 SA STEVE CHENOWETH and the writer telephonically contacted all of the hotel-motels listed in the Yellow Pages which were under the H's. None of the individuals contacted at these establishments could locate a CARL RAY presently at these hotels or anyone by that name having registered on or after 4/30/68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : ASAC MORLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to Bureau routing slip 5/3/68, which attached thereto five copies of a photograph taken of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric S. Galt, in the Fall of 1967.

That photograph was reproduced in the Denver Division with one copy of it being forwarded to each Agent in this Division so he could keep it with previous RAY data in the event of additional leads in this case. *

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER 157-203

DATE: ~~April~~ May 6, 1968

FROM : SA LYNN K. ENYART

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On ~~April~~ May 3, 1968, the following hotels and motels in the Denver area were telephonically contacted and it was determined that Carl Ray was not presently a guest nor had he been a guest in the recent past.

International Airport Inn, 6690 Smith Rd., Denver
Irvington Hotel, 10 W. Irvington Pl., Denver
Jefferson Hotel, 1529 Champa St., Denver
Imperial Downtown Motel, 1728 Sherman St., Denver
Iron Horse Motel, 17115 W. 44th, Golden
Joratz Motel, 1800 24th, Boulder
Joy Motor Motel, 5524 Federal Blvd, Denver

The desk clerk at the Imperial Downtown Motel advised there was an employee of the motel by the name of Carl Ray, who was due to come on at about 8:00 p.m.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : MACLIN F. MORRISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/3/68 the following motels were contacted and it was determined that CARL RAY is not a present guest nor has this person been a guest in the past 2-3 days:

Gallpp-In, 5095 S. Sante Fe Drive
Glacier View Motel, 2830 Arapahoe, Boulder
Glen-D-Le Motel, 8800 Highway 85
Golden Buff Motor Lodge, 1725 28th, Boulder
Golden Hours Motel, 11030 W. Colfax
Golden Motel, 24th & Ford, Golden
Green Pine Motel, 11700 West Colfax

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TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA DONALD J. SEBESTA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

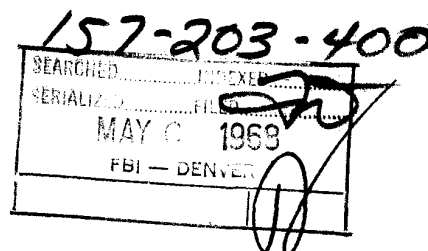
The following investigation was conducted by SA'S Thomas H. Wiseman and Donald J. Sebesta on 5/3/68. Telephonic contacts were made with the following listed hotels to ascertain if Carl Ray, Ray Land and Cattle Co., Pecos, Texas was presently registered or had been registered within the week preceeding 5/3/68. All contacts were negative in this regard.

Denham Hotel,
Denver Hilton Hotel,
Dehver Hotel,
Dewitt Hotel,
Diplomat Motor Hotel,
Dover Hotel,
Downtown Imperial Hotel,
Drake Hotel of NYC,
Drake Hotel,
Drexel Hotel,
Duff Hotel.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: Latent Fingerprint Section
FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the May 3, 1968, edition of LIFE Magazine.

This magazine was furnished to the Denver Office, May 6, 1968, by WILLIAM C. HARRIS, 3260 Ivy Street, Denver, Colorado, who is employed as a Skycap at Stapleton International Airport. HARRIS advised that on the night of April 30, 1968, he observed a man who he now believes to be JAMES EARL RAY, sitting in the TV area of the lobby at Stapleton between 9:40 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. and during this period, this man was reading the enclosed magazine and was observed by HARRIS to tear out some of the pages which he folded and put in his inside coat pocket. This man left the area about 10:30 p.m., leaving the magazine on his seat; HARRIS picked the magazine up and later discovered that the pages containing the article about RAY had been torn out and were missing. HARRIS later read an issue of "Jet" which had a photograph and an article concerning RAY; and at that time, came to the conclusion that the man he saw April 30, 1968, was possibly identical with RAY.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process enclosed magazine for latent prints and any latents developed be compared with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number 405942G.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re Springfield teletype dated 5/3/68.

Re full coverage of relatives.

On 5/3/68, it was determined from a confidential source, Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, that Denver telephone number 333-5486 is listed to the El Patio Motel, 8400 East Colfax Avenue, Denver. It was also ascertained that this motel is approved by the American Automobile Association and that it is a reputable motel.

On 5/4/68, SA EUGENE J. COBLE was advised by Mr. ORACE BRUNER that he and his wife, VIVIAN, are the only desk clerks at the El Patio Motel and that they work a 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. shift. He also stated that they reside at the motel and since the motel doors are locked at 11:00 p.m., they handle any guests who use the night bell or any possible telephone calls during the remainder of the night. He further advised that the number 333-5486 is the listed number for the motel switchboard, which switchboard they handle. He further advised that he and Mrs. BRUNER were on duty on 4/3/68. He also advised that Mr. W. F. MC MURRAY, proprietor of the motel, occasionally assists them on the desk.

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From a check of the motel records, Mr. BRUNER advised that there were only 15 rooms occupied on 4/3/68. He also advised that the motel maintains no record of prepaid incoming long distance telephone calls for guests. A check was made of the collect long distance calls received at the motel from 3/1/68, and there was no record of any such calls being received from Quincy, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. BRUNER advised they do not recall any long distance calls from Quincy, Illinois, being received by motel guests and they also advised they do not recall any guests resembling JAMES EARL RAY.

From a check of the daily room audit for 4/3/68, it was determined that on that date the following individuals were guests at the motel:

Room 1

Registration Card No. 27262
ELMER C. HAYNES, JR.
708 Coggin Avenue
Brownwood, Texas
Representing U. S. Air Force
Registered 3/12/68 and stayed until 4/8/68;

Room 2

Registration Card No. 27335
EMILIO I. VELEZ
Calle 7, G4 Alt. De Flamboyen
Bayamon, Puerto Rico
Representing National Cash Register Company
Registered 3/25/68, still there;

Room 3

Registration Card No. 27417
E. J. O'CONNOR
5280 Jay
Wheat Ridge, Colorado
Chevrolet, Colorado license RJ 2170
Representing Ballard and Company;

Room 4

Registration Card No. 27396
LEROY JOHNSON
Laverkin, Utah
Ford pickup, Utah license
Representing Stanley Aviation;

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Room 5
Registration Card No. 27321
JAMES FAGAN
307 Chestnut Street
Honey Brook, Pennsylvania
Registered 3/24/68, left 5/3/68;

Room 6
Registration Card No. 27415
Mr. and Mrs. DE DUTCHER
Hubbard or Hibbard Drive
Jackson, Michigan
Party of two;

Room 7
Registration Card No. 27412
PATRICIA PACKER
4529 Holdrege Street
Lincoln, Nebraska
Representing Frontier Airlines
Staying two nights;

Room 8
Registration Card No. 27399
J. C. MYERS
1001 Valley View
Minot, North Dakota
License ARR20
Party of two
Registered 4/1/68, stayed for four days;

Room 9
Registration Card No. 27416
Mr. and Mrs. JACK KOWACK (?)
Limon, Colorado
Ford, Colorado license 2J625
Party of two;

Room 10
Registration Card No. 27414
Mr. and Mrs. JOE YURFECK (?)
1440 Tuser (?) Road
Beaver, Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania license 1A4391
Party of two;

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Room 11
Registration Card No. 27413
JIM SCHULTZ
1921 Pontiac Drive
Enid, Oklahoma
1967 Chevrolet, Oklahoma license GA 7973
Party of five;

Room 12
Registration Card No. 27408
WALTER E. EHRHARDT
1609 East 62 N.
Gladstone, Missouri
Mustang, Missouri license ST6-473;

Room 14
Registration Card No. 27397
PAUL CHAMBERS and wife
914 Edger (?) or Edgw (?)
Durango, Colorado
Cadillac, Colorado license PR(?) 4145
Party of two;

Room 20
Registration Card No. 27285
RALPH KNOTT
551 South Fourth Avenue
Ann Arbor, Michigan
GMC, Michigan license 8601DE
Representing National Cash Register;

Room 20
Registration Card No. 27310
JOHN W. MELDRUM
549 Taylor Drive
Canonsburg, Pennsylvania
Representing National Cash Register Company
Registered 2/1/68, still there;

Room 22
Registration Card No.
JOHN W. CHEERS
2201 South Smithville Road
Dayton, Ohio
Representing National Cash Register Company, Dayton
Registered 3/3/68, stayed approximately six weeks;

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Room 26
Unable to locate Registration Card
Mr. WALLEN.

All above guests registered at the motel on 4/3/68, except where otherwise indicated.

Mr. BRUNER advised that the motel had had several men staying there who were attending the National Cash Register Company training school at Denver, Colorado; some of them for rather extended periods. He advised that Mr. VELEZ and Mr. MELDRUM were still residing there, but that Mr. MELDRUM was out of town, having gone back to Pennsylvania to visit his family for a few days. Concerning Mr. WALLEN, for whom the Registration Card could not be located, Mr. BRUNER stated that WALLEN is a frequent guest at the motel and that he operates a motel in Estes Park, Colorado.

Mr. W. F. MC MURRAY, proprietor of the El Patio Motel, advised that he had no recollection of any guests receiving any long distance telephone calls either prepaid or collect from Quincy, Illinois. He was unable to recall any guest resembling the description or photograph of subject.

Mr. EMILIO ISHMAEL VELEZ, who has been at the El Patio Motel since 3/25/68, advised that he will have been employed by the National Cash Register Company, International Division, five years by July, 1968. He is a service engineer with offices at 556 Munoz Rivera, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, home address same as set out above. He stated he has been attending the National Cash Register Company in-service training school in Denver. He advised that he has not received any long distance calls from Quincy, Illinois, that he is not acquainted with anyone in Quincy, Illinois, or vicinity and does not recall any guest at the motel since he has been there who resembles the photograph or description of subject. Mr. VELEZ stated he spends a great deal of his free time in the lobby of the motel and has had an opportunity to observe many of the guests.

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Since the information in possession of this office does not indicate whether the telephone call made from Quincy, Illinois, was actually made by subject's sister, MELBA MARIE RYAN, or from a public phone in the Virginia Hotel, available to anyone, Denver is not in a position to determine whether it would be logical to have all of the above guests located and interviewed. If it appears to Springfield that there might be some relationship or connection between any of these guests and MELBA MARIE RYAN, Springfield should set out appropriate leads.

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From a check of the motel records, Mr. BRUNER advised that there were only 15 rooms occupied on 4/3/68. He also advised that the motel maintains no record of prepaid incoming long distance telephone calls for guests. A check was made of the collect long distance calls received at the motel from 3/1/68, and there was no record of any such calls being received from Quincy, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. BRUNER advised they do not recall any long distance calls from Quincy, Illinois, being received by motel guests and they also advised they do not recall any guests resembling JAMES EARL RAY.

From a check of the daily room audit for 4/3/68, it was determined that on that date the following individuals were guests at the motel:

Room 1
Registration Card No. 27262
ELMER C. HAYNES, JR.
708 Coggin Avenue
Brownwood, Texas
Representing U. S. Air Force
Registered 3/12/68 and stayed until 4/8/68;

Room 2
Registration Card No. 27335
EMILIO I. VELEZ
Calle 7, G4 Alt. De Flamboyon
Bayamon, Puerto Rico
Representing National Cash Register Company
Registered 3/25/68, still there;

Room 3
Registration Card No. 27417
E. J. O'CONNOR
5280 Jay
Wheat Ridge, Colorado
Chevrolet, Colorado license RJ 2170
Representing Ballard and Company;

Room 4
Registration Card No. 27396
LEROY JOHNSON
Laverkin, Utah
Ford pickup, Utah license
Representing Stanley Aviation;

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Room 5
Registration Card No. 27321
JAMES FAGAN
307 Chestnut Street
Honey Brook, Pennsylvania
Registered 3/24/68, left 5/3/68;

Room 6
Registration Card No. 27415
Mr. and Mrs. DE DUTCHER
Hubbard or Hibbard Drive
Jackson, Michigan
Party of two;

Room 7
Registration Card No. 27412
PATRICIA PACKER
4529 Holdrege Street
Lincoln, Nebraska
Representing Frontier Airlines
Staying two nights;

Room 8
Registration Card No. 27399
J. C. MYERS
1001 Valley View
Minot, North Dakota
License ABR20
Party of two
Registered 4/1/68, stayed for four days;

Room 9
Registration Card No. 27416
Mr. and Mrs. JACK KOWACK (?)
Limon, Colorado
Ford, Colorado license 2J625
Party of two;

Room 10
Registration Card No. 27414
Mr. and Mrs. JOE YURFECK (?)
1440 Tuser (?) Road
Beaver, Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania license 1A4391
Party of two;

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Room 11
Registration Card No. 27413
JIM SCHULTZ
1921 Pontiac Drive
Enid, Oklahoma
1967 Chevrolet, Oklahoma license GA 7973
Party of five;

Room 12
Registration Card No. 27408
WALTER E. EHRHARDT
1609 East 62 N.
Gladstone, Missouri
Mustang, Missouri license ST6-473;

Room 14
Registration Card No. 27397
PAUL CHAMBERS and wife
914 Edger (?) or Edgw (?)
Durango, Colorado
Cadillac, Colorado license PR(?) 4145
Party of two;

Room 20
Registration Card No. 27285
RALPH KNOTT
551 South Fourth Avenue
Ann Arbor, Michigan
GMC, Michigan license 8601DE
Representing National Cash Register;

Room 20
Registration Card No. 27310
JOHN W. MELDRUM
549 Taylor Drive
Canonsburg, Pennsylvania
Representing National Cash Register Company
Registered 2/1/68, still there;

Room 22
Registration Card No.
JOHN W. CHEERS
2201 South Smithville Road
Dayton, Ohio
Representing National Cash Register Company, Dayton
Registered 3/3/68, stayed approximately six weeks;

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Room 26

Unable to locate Registration Card
Mr. WALLEN.

All above guests registered at the motel on 4/3/68,
except where otherwise indicated.

Mr. BRUNER advised that the motel had had several men staying there who were attending the National Cash Register Company training school at Denver, Colorado; some of them for rather extended periods. He advised that Mr. VELEZ and Mr. MELDRUM were still residing there, but that Mr. MELDRUM was out of town, having gone back to Pennsylvania to visit his family for a few days. Concerning Mr. WALLEN, for whom the Registration Card could not be located, Mr. BRUNER stated that WALLEN is a frequent guest at the motel and that he operates a motel in Estes Park, Colorado.

Mr. W. F. MC MURRAY, proprietor of the El Patio Motel, advised that he had no recollection of any guests receiving any long distance telephone calls either prepaid or collect from Quincy, Illinois. He was unable to recall any guest resembling the description or photograph of subject.

Mr. EMILIO ISHMAEL VELEZ, who has been at the El Patio Motel since 3/25/68, advised that he will have been employed by the National Cash Register Company, International Division, five years by July, 1968. He is a service engineer with offices at 556 Munoz Rivera, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, home address same as set out above. He stated he has been attending the National Cash Register Company in-service training school in Denver. He advised that he has not received any long distance calls from Quincy, Illinois, that he is not acquainted with anyone in Quincy, Illinois, or vicinity and does not recall any guest at the motel since he has been there who resembles the photograph or description of subject. Mr. VELEZ stated he spends a great deal of his free time in the lobby of the motel and has had an opportunity to observe many of the guests.

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