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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 4-26-68

FROM : SA JOHN J. GORMAN

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN
(OO:HOUSTON)

Rebutel to SA, HO and SA 4-26-68.

Referenced teletype reflected that JAMES EARL RAY and CHARLES
SWIFT during the period December 15, 16 and 17, 1967 travelled
by auto from SA to Van Horn via IS 10 and from Van Horn to SA
via Hwy. 99. Lead was to contact telephone companies and
determine all long distance calls placed at each public
telephone on IS 10 and Hwy. 99 during above period.

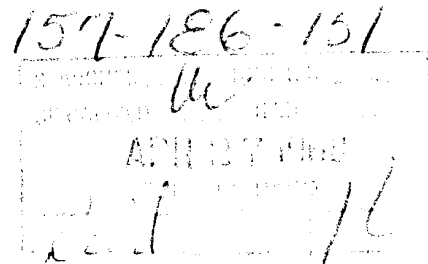
MR. EAR ISCO, Commercial manager, West Texas Telephone Co.,
Pecos, Texas advised 4-26-68 that they provide telephone
service for Sierra Blanca, Van Horn and Valentine, Texas.
He said there are 13 public telephones in Van Horn, 7 in
Sierra Blanca and 1 in Valentine. He advised their long distance
tickets for the pertinent period for the above public telephones
are in storage but he will have those tickets pulled and copies
made available. He advised he will mail these ~~XXXXXX~~ copies
directly to SA Office, El Paso, Texas.

Mrs. Dorothy Price, Supervisor, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.,
Midland, Texas stated 4-26-68 they have offices in Bertha and
Alpine, Texas. She said the office at Alpine also covers Marathon,
Texas. Mrs. PRICE said each of those offices maintain records
of long distance telephone calls made from public telephones
in those towns during Dec. 15, 16 and 17, 1967.



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Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-
 RE: ✓ MURKIN
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Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

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

1 - Each Continental Office
 2 - Memphis

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Approved: *R. Jensen* Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge



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(Copies to Offices Checked)

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Date April 26, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

For information Retention optional For appropriate action Surep, by _____

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

Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC SAC, El Paso (137-1169) DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA Robert C. Nagel

CI SI R (Prob)
 PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: EP 622-C

Dates of Contact 4/9, 25/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted General ITSP matters		
Lennard Robt Smiraldi - Fugitive (88-4025)		SA Foltz advised
Murkin (157-186)		SA Reid advised
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<p>CI had nothing regarding any new ITSP matters that he has run across at Furr's. CI stated that one Robert Mottern, associated with Modern Home Improvements cashed a XXXX check in the amount of \$43 at Furr's Store number 4. CI stated this person cashed many checks in the El Paso area and was arrested by the EPPD 4/6/68 and was out of jail on the following day with no charges being filed. By the day following his release some 32 checks hit the banks in El Paso. CI stated he understood that this person had cashed checks here in El Paso before. According to the CI, Mottern was traveling in a station wagon, make and model unknown and had something like six children with him.</p> <p>CI stated that if he hears anything about this person he will immediately advise this office.</p> <p>CI viewed photos of James Earl Ray with negative results.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very good	Coverage 87 matters
No change		

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P) DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA PAUL D. SJODAL

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN

Re memo to all Agents 4/30/68.

AT KERMIT, TEXAS

On 5/1/68 it was determined that Kermit telephone number 586-6374 is issued to CLYDE J. KIRK and that Mr. KIRK had this number during December, 1967. Chief of Police MELVIN BARTLEY, Kermit PD, advised that KIRK resides at 625 North Ash St., that Mrs. KIRK is a teacher, and that KIRK has been employed for Texaco at Kermit for about 6 or 7 years. He stated he had contacted KIRK and displayed Wanted Flyer for JAMES EARL RAY, and KIRK advised RAY was not known to him. He said KIRK had placed a phone call about the middle of December from the Van Horn, Texas, area to his home number at Kermit.

AT ODESSA, TEXAS

Odessa telephone number 337-2231 is registered to the Vogue Beauty Shop, 1518 North Texas St.

On 5/1/68 Mrs. KATHLEEN WHITNEY, Owner, Vogue Beauty Shop, advised the Wanted Flyer of JAMES EARLY RAY is not known to her. She said that she had a former boy friend who was working in Van Horn, Texas, in December, 1967, and that this boy friend would occasionally call her from a telephone pay booth and probably called her on or about 12/17/68.

On 5/3/68 Capt. BYRON HAWTHORNE, Identification Officer, Odessa PD, advised that he had compared unidentified latent fingerprints at his department with known fingerprints and classification of JAMES EARL RAY, without effecting identification.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO

DATE: ~~5/6/68~~
5/7/68

FROM : SA HAROLD H. BOYCE

SUBJECT: ~~MURKIN~~

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY ENROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

The records of the Mountain States Telephone Co., El Paso, reflect the following: assigned El Paso telephone 533-7262 is ~~is/XXXXX~~ assigned to Alfredo Robledo, 809 Hills. Non Published with service since Sept. 1966;

El Paso telephone 778-8261 is assigned to J.M. Chaves, 5914 Griems. Unlisted with service since Sept. 1967;

El Paso telephone 598-2335 is assigned to Leo Palomino, 303 Wenda Way. Unlisted with service since 1962.

This is to advise the following were interviewed by SA Harold H. Boyce, May 6, 1968 at which time they were exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. None of these individuals were able to identify RAY'S photograph as anyone they knew or had ever seen and pointed out they had never been in telephonic contact with him in December, 1967:

Alfredo Robledo, 809 Hills, El Paso, employee of Guarantee Shoe Co., El Paso, Texas, telephone number 533-7262.

Jose M. Chaves, 5914 Griems, El Paso telephone 778-8261, employed El Paso Public Schools as Physical Education Teacher.

Leo Palomino, 303 Wenda Way, El Paso telephone 598-2335, employed as yard switchman, Phelps-Dodge Smelter & Refining Co..

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA RALPH W. E. DECKER

SUBJECT: *MURKIN*

Mrs. DOROTHY SALTER SIMPSON, 212 W. Schuster, Apt. 20, El Paso, Texas, phone 532-9146 stated she received a phone call from either one of two family friends in Houston, Texas, on December 16, 1967. This call was made from a phone booth. She was not sure, but stated the call was from one of the two following gentlemen: MR. ~~ALEXANDER~~ W. O. STRINGFELLOW or MR. MILTON CROSS. She stated that she has known these people for the past 20 years and neither one of them is identical to JAMES E. RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)
ATTN: SA REID

FROM : SA ROBERT R. FOLTZ

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN

DATE: 5/8/68

Re lead #29, telephone number 772-2741, listed
to Safeway Stores Division Office, 6500 Montana.

On 5/6/68, Mrs. Pamela Fannon, receptionist at the
above company, advised that no one resembling James Earl
Ray is employed by the company or calls on the company.
Mrs. Fannon was furnished a WF on Ray and stated she would
post same where it would be observed by all employees.

Re leads #30 and 31, telephone number 533-5467,
listed to Safeway Stores Trucking Dept., 1831 Mills.

On 5/6/68, Gilbert Everett, Office Manager at the above
department, advised that no one resembling Ray is employed
at that company and that he has never seen Ray before.
Everett was furnished a copy of the WF on Ray and stated he
would post it where it would be observed by all employees.

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Date: 5/6/68

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TO: SAC, EL PASO
 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re telephone calls by subject RAY en route from Los Angeles to New Orleans, Louisiana.

On 12/17/67, at 9:18 PM, call made from pay phone at Marfa, Texas, to telephone number 949-8896, San Angelo, Texas.

This San Angelo telephone number assigned from September, 1967 to 2/21/68 to J. C. HARRIS, 3755 Arden Road, San Angelo, Texas.

Investigation 5/3/68, at San Angelo indicates that JOHNNY C. HARRIS, formerly of 3755 Arden Road, now living at unknown address in Marfa, Texas, and employed by Carter Lumber Company, Marfa.

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AT MARFA, TEXAS. Interview HARRIS re above long distance telephone call to determine if he knows subject RAY or if he received telephone call on 12/17/67 from RAY.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M
 Special Agent in Charge

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MEMPHIS

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

The telephone calls by subject on 4/18/68 from Los Angeles to New Orleans, Louisiana.

On 4/18/68, at 4:18 P.M., call was received from Los Angeles, Texas, to telephone number 44-1987, San Antonio, Texas.

This call was to telephone number 44-1987, San Antonio, Texas, to 44-1987, San Antonio, Texas, from Los Angeles, Texas.

Investigation 44-1987, San Antonio, Texas, in connection with JAMES EARL RAY, known to 44-1987, San Antonio, Texas, and assigned to 44-1987, San Antonio, Texas, Company, Texas.

LEADS

44-1987

AT 4:18 P.M., 4/18/68, call was received from Los Angeles, Texas, to telephone number 44-1987, San Antonio, Texas, from Los Angeles, Texas.

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TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

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Re: TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Re El Paso airtel to Director 4/30/68.

Telephone Call 12/15/67 to Britton, Oklahoma, Phone
Number 843 3887

Above telephone number is listed to Market Produce Distributors, 801 W. Wilshire, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a Division of Allied Supermarkets, Inc.

On 5/2/68 DUANE SAXON, Manager, Produce Division, Allied Supermarkets, Inc., advised SA J. A. GRIMBS there are no records available which would specifically identify the receipt of a phone call to this company on 12/15/67 from the Pecos, Texas, area. He advised that truck drivers hauling produce for the company will generally call the produce division one or two days before arriving and he would assume that the call from the Pecos area was from a truck driver. He advised that a check of his records revealed the company received a load of tomatoes from the Nogales, Arizona, area on 12/14/67. The records indicate the load was a split load, where part of the load was delivered to Dallas, Texas. From these circumstances, Mr. SAXON feels certain the telephone call would have been a check call from the trucker advising the company of the expected date of arrival of the load of tomatoes in Oklahoma City.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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Telephone call 12/17/67 to Ponca City, Oklahoma,
Phone Number 762 3996

The following investigation was conducted by SA JACK
H. BALES.

At Ponca City, Oklahoma

It was determined that telephone number 405-762-3996
is listed to EARL FISHER, present address 425 D South Palm,
Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. EARL FISHER, 425 D South Palm, on 5/2/68
advised they have had that number for over a year, and that the
photographs and description of Subject are totally unfamiliar to
them. They are a retired farmer and wife, and at first advised
they could recall no telephone call from Southwest Texas received
in December, 1967. After discussion, they recalled that in
December, 1967, their daughter MELBA and her husband JIM WHEELER
were staying with them in Ponca City and that JIM had been driving
a construction job dump truck in Southwest Texas near El Paso
for JACK MC CUNE, who owns two such trucks used on contract work.
WHEELER had returned to Ponca City, and had been called shortly
before Christmas, 1967, by MC CUNE from somewhere in Southwest
Texas to tell him his pay check was being mailed to him, and
possibly to be asked by MC CUNE to return to work for him.
MC CUNE, who had previously been working around Ponca City, also
had a check coming to him in care of the FISHER's address, an
thought, which he wanted forwarded.

Mr. and Mrs. FISHER advised MELBA and JIM are presently
residing at P. O. Box 207, Lockwood, Missouri, but that JIM
WHEELER is now driving an over-the-road truck for Tri-State
Trucking Company, Joplin, Missouri, and the last they heard a
few days ago, he was in Portland, Oregon, en route from there
to New Jersey.

They are unable to recall the exact location in
Southwest Texas where MC CUNE was, and possibly still is, located,
as JIM WHEELER stayed there with MC CUNE only a few days after
helping him move his trucks there, since MC CUNE and his wife
both drank heavily and WHEELER figured MC CUNE would be unable to
hold a contract very long. Mr. and Mrs. FISHER advised MC CUNE
is about 50 years of age, bald headed, was originally from
Fairfax, Oklahoma, and has a married sister, name unknown, living
in Ponca City.

SA [Name] advised that [Name] is a [Nationality] male, born [Date of Birth] in [City], [State], [Country].

The following information was obtained by SA [Name]:

Personal History

[Name] was born [Date of Birth] at [City], [State], [Country]. He is a [Nationality] male, [Age] years old, [Marital Status], [Occupation].

[Name] advised that he has been in the United States since [Date of Arrival]. He is currently residing at [Address]. He has been employed by [Company Name] since [Date of Employment]. He is a [Nationality] male, [Age] years old, [Marital Status], [Occupation].

[Name] advised that he has no other family members in the United States. He has no known contacts with [Name] or [Name].

[Name] advised that he has no other information regarding [Name] or [Name]. He has no other contacts with [Name] or [Name].

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)

MURKIN

TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY KENOUTE
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau dated 4/30/68.

Mr. SAM BRASLEY (Protect Identity), Special Agent,
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, advised as follows on
5/3/68:

Telephone number 714-755-3498 is subscribed to by LOYD
K. FLETCHER, who resides at 326 Camino del Mar, Apartment 137,
Del Mar, California.

Telephone number 714-356-2395 is subscribed to by GENE
JOHNSON, McCabe Road, Holtville, California.

On 5/6/68, Mrs. LOYD K. FLETCHER, 326 Camino del
Mar, advised SA ARNOLD W. O'NEILL that her daughter, Mrs. NELSON,
during the middle of December, 1967 was on a trip back East and
traveled through the State of Texas. She recalls having
received a telephone call from her daughter while enroute back
East from Texas.

She knows of no other telephone calls received by her
from the State of Texas.

Photographs of subject RAY were displayed to Mrs.
FLETCHER and she advised subject is unknown to her.

- 3 - Bureau
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- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - San Diego

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-207) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: MURKIN - SAN DIEGO
RE: MURKIN - SAN DIEGO

Re San Diego letter to Bureau dated 4/20/68.

San Diego office advised that on 4/20/68, Special Agent
John J. [Name] advised that he had been contacted by [Name]
of [Address] who stated that he had information regarding [Name].

San Diego office advised that [Name] was contacted by [Name]
on 4/20/68 and advised that he had information regarding [Name].

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SD 44-387

Mr. EUGENE JOHNSON, McCabe Road, Holtville, California, advised SA WILLIAM E. HORNUNG on 5/3/68 that he is a cattle buyer and feeder in the Holtville, California, area and because of this business receives many telephone calls from the State of Texas from cattle buyers and brokers.

He advised that it was impossible to state any particular date that he received a call from the State of Texas as calls from this area are of a frequent nature.

Photograph of RAY was displayed to Mr. JOHNSON and he advised subject is unknown to him.

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MR. HUGHES, JR., 10000 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, California
 advised that he received a letter from the Los Angeles Office
 dated 10/15/68, regarding the activities of the Los Angeles
 Office and the activities of the Los Angeles Office.

He advised that he is a resident of Los Angeles, California
 and that he is a member of the Los Angeles Office.

The Los Angeles Office is a member of the Los Angeles Office
 and is a member of the Los Angeles Office.

Very truly yours,
 [Signature]



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

202 U.S. Court House
El Paso, Texas 79901
May 8, 1968

Dear Friend:

Representatives of the news media have been most cooperative in publishing information on a Bureau Fugitive, namely James Earl Ray, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James Mc Bride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim".

Enclosed for your additional use are copies of two photographs of Ray, one taken in 1967 in Mexico, and one taken in late January or early February, 1968, in California, as well as a copy of the Wanted Flyer regarding Ray.

We are mindful of the tremendous assistance that the news media can furnish at this time. Your continued interest in publishing information on James Earl Ray, which may very well aid in his apprehension, is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

RAY L. FAISST
Special Agent in Charge

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5-6-68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-
✓MURKIN

RE: ERIC RAY, aka
Earl Ray
Friend of SHELLEY JEAN BALDRIDGE

Re El Paso teletype, 4-26-68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
FREDERICK A. COOK at Saltville, Va., on 4-27-68:

Mr. T. L. HYMAN, U. S. Post Office (PROTECT IDENTITY)
advised there is no listing for anyone by the last name of
BALDRIDGE with his office. Mr. HYMAN checked town and rural
routes as well as general delivery.

Mr. JIM LITTON, owner of the Salina Motel, which is
the only motel or hotel in Saltville, Va., checked his records
covering the period of 4/18-27/68 and could locate no record
for anyone by the name of BALDRIDGE staying at the motel. He
stated the available license numbers do not reflect any numbers
such as 583-511 or 583-515. He stated he works at the motel
everyday and does not recall seeing a rust color white top
Ford at the motel.

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Chief of Police K. K. ADAMS, Saltville, Va. PD, advised the current telephone directory does not reflect anyone by the last name of BALDRIDGE. Chief ADAMS advised the records of his department do not reflect the name of RAY as ever being arrested. He stated the name of BALDRIDGE is not a local name and he does not ever recall hearing this name before.

A check of the parking lots for the Olin Mathieson Chemical Co. did not locate any car fitting the description of the car allegedly operated by BALDRIDGE.

Former Chief of Police CHARLES NORRIS, a lifelong resident of the Saltville, Va. area, advised he has never heard of anyone by the last name of BALDRIDGE ever being in the area.

AT MARION, VA.

On 4-27-68, Mrs. MARY WOLFE, Smyth Co., Va. Credit Bureau, advised SA COOK she has no listing for anyone by the last name of BALDRIDGE.

The current town and telephone directories for the Marion, Saltville and Chilhowie areas did not reflect the name of BALDRIDGE.

AT SALTVILLE, VA.

On 5-6-68, Chief of Police ADAMS advised that he had been unable to locate a woman identifiable with Mrs. BALDRIDGE in Saltville, Va., and that the automobile reportedly in her possession had not been observed in the Saltville, Va. area.

LEADS:

EL PASO

AT FT. BLISS, TEXAS

Will maintain contact with Sgt. BALDRIDGE to determine if he learns whereabouts of his wife, SHELEY JEAN BALDRIDGE, and set forth leads to have her interviewed re subject.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT MAY EN ROUTE
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Re El Paso airtel to Director, dated 4/30/68.

On 5/3/68, Mrs. NEIL L. PETERS, 20175 Buckshire, Southfield, Michigan, advised that their phone number is 313-356-3329. On approximately 12/12/67, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. GLEN YAKES of Detroit, left Detroit by automobile en route to Los Angeles, California. On approximately 12/16/67 or 12/17/67, her parents phoned her from the El Paso, Texas area to advise that they were being detained by a snow storm.

This was the only telephone call Mrs. PETERS could remember receiving from Texas in the past several years and she feels certain that her husband has not received a phone call from Texas without her knowledge.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

FROM : SA DOUGLAS A. DUNNAM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/8/68

The following investigation was conducted by SA DUNNAM on 5/6/68:

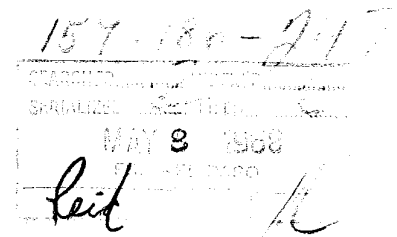
At El Paso, Texas:

Mr. A BURLE JOHNSTON, 3720 North Stanton Street, is the subscriber to telephone number 532-3528. After viewing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, he stated that RAY was definitely not known to him. He further advised that he recalled receiving a telephone call from a business associate in Alpine, Texas, in about December, 1967.

Sergeant CHARLES F. STREUN, 10003 Aero Vista Blvd., advised he is the subscriber to telephone number 566-6114. After viewing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, he advised that RAY was definitely not known to him. He further advised that he has a sister-in-law who attends college in Alpine, Texas, and if he he received any phone calls around the middle of December, 1967, from Alpine, they would have been from his sister-in-law.

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Mr. J. H. LARRY HUBBARD, 8504 Basil Court, advised he is the subscriber to telephone number 778-4963. After viewing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY he advised that RAY was definitely not known to him. He further advised that his daughter's boy friend lives in Alpine, Texas, and if he received any phone calls from Alpine around the middle of December, 1967, then they would probably have been from his daughter's boy friend or a business associate.

FBI

Date: 5/6/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)
RE: MURKIN
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RE CARS STOLEN FROM STATE OF GEORGIA

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau and all offices
4/25/68; San Antonio airtel to Bureau 4/25/68.

The files in the 26 classification of the
San Antonio Division, in which San Antonio is origin and
which were opened between 3/23/68 and 4/4/68, were reviewed
with negative results concerning cars recovered which were
stolen in Georgia.

San Antonio is conducting no further investigation
in this phase of this case.

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
 - 2 - Atlanta (44-2386)(RM)
 - 1 - Dallas (44-2649)(Info)(RM)
 - 1 - El Paso (Info)(RM)
 - 1 - Houston (44-1509)(Info)(RM)
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)
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