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The following FBI record, NUMBER 543 167 B, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race: White

Sex: male

Height: 5-10

Weight: 200

Hair: black

Eyes: green

Date and Place of Birth: Tupelo, Miss

Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request, FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested.

Scars & Marks: tattoo left forearm bird & word Mamma, pit scr rt side face

Address: in 1968-Tupelo, Mississippi

Occupation: farmer

Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished FBI by fingerprint contributors. Where final disposition is not shown or further explanation of charge is desired, communicate with agency contributing those fingerprints.

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FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

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Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

FROM : *RKM*
Ⓟ SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/15/68

The Bureau has advised that in view of the fact that JAMES EARL RAY spent a considerable sum of money from April 23, 1967, to April 4, 1968, and the source of his money has not been determined, a photograph should be displayed to appropriate witnesses in unsolved bank robberies and bank burglaries in those instances where witnesses are available. Police Departments should be requested to display photograph of RAY to witnesses in their unsolved robberies.

Each Agent responsible for contact with Police Departments and Sheriff's Offices, if not already done, should contact these agencies as set forth above.

Only positive information need be reported. Negative contacts should be furnished to the Case Agent by routing slip.

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Under the New Social Information, section it is indicated that MC MANAMAN writes very often to his mother who lives in Dodge City, Kansas. He has a grown son and daughter living in Dodge City and they occasionally bring his mother to the institution to visit him. He is divorced and his former wife never writes. MC MANAMAN has been writing often to a woman friend, SYBIL EURE who lives in Jackson, Mississippi. MC MANAMAN has received seven visits from SYBIL EURE and four visits from his mother and son.

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To: All SACS
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Ottawa

John
From: Director, FBI

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN

MAY FIVE, LAST, CHARLENE GROCE, CLERK, ARK. STATE REVENUE DEPT., LEWISVILLE, ARK., ADVISED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, IN MAY EIGHT, LAST, ISSUE OF SHREVEPORT, LA., TIMES NEWSPAPER, USING NAME JOHNNY R. SMITH, PURCHASED NON-TITLE SIXTY SEVEN DASH EIGHT ARK. TRAILER LICENSE NUMBER S T THREE NINE FIVE TWO FIVE ON MAY EIGHT LAST, FOR SIXTYTHREE MODEL SHERATON HOUSE-TRAILER, FORTY SIX FEET BY EIGHT FEET.

SMITH SHOWED SIXTYFOUR TENN. TITLE NUMBER ONE ZERO THREE NINE ONE NINE TWO FOUR FOR ABOVE TRAILER. NAME APPEARED AS JOHNNY R. SMITH WITH ADDRESS OF THREE EIGHT ZERO ZERO OR THREE NINE ZERO ZERO BLOCK, LAMAR ST., MEMPHIS. SMITH GAVE PRESENT ADDRESS OF DOGWOOD TRAILER PARK, BLYTHEVILLE, ARK. SMITH ALSO OBTAINED SIXTYSEVEN DASH EIGHT ARK. TRAILER LICENSE NUMBER S T THREE NINE FIVE TWO EIGHT, FOR SMALL TYPE TRAILER.

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SMITH IN ACCOMPANY OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAMES OF MIKE
MACK AND TOM MC NYALLY, WHO ALSO PURCHASED NON-TITLED SIXTYSEVEN
DASH EIGHT ARK. TRAILER LICENSES FOR SMALL TRAILERS NUMBERS S T
THREE NINE FIVE TWO SIX AND S T THREE NINE FIVE TWO SEVEN.

INVESTIGATION, BLYTHEVILLE, ARK., REVEALED MAN KNOWN AS
TOM MC NYALLY LEFT DOGWOOD TRAILER PARK, EARLY MONTH SIXTYEIGHT.
MC NYALLY DESCRIBED AS MIGRANT SPRAY PAINTER, TRAVELING FROM CITY
TO CITY OPERATING LATE MODEL PANEL OR VAN TYPE TRUCK, MAKE AND
MODEL UNKNOWN, WITH SPRAY PAINT EQUIPMENT IN REAR OR CARRIED
ON SMALL TRAILER.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS IN THE TEXARKANA, HOPE,
AND LEWISVILLE, ARK., AREA, NEGATIVE THIS DATE.

SMITH DESCRIBED AS WM, FORTY YEARS, FIVE FOOT ELEVEN, ONE
EIGHT ZERO POUNDS, MEDIUM OR HEAVY BUILD, BUSHY BROWN HAIR,
PROMINENT BUSHY EYEBROWS, PALE BLUE EYES, DEEP SET, VERY NERVOUS,
THREE/EIGHTHS INCH SCAR RIGHT SIDE NOSE, LIMPED ON RIGHT FOOT
SLIGHTLY, WEARING WHITE SHIRT, TAN TROUSERS AND BROWN WORD SHOES,
RED RUDDY COMPLEXION.

MC NYALLY DESCRIBED WM, FORTY TO FORTYFIVE, FIVE FOOT NINE,
ONE FOUR FIVE POUNDS, SMALL BUILD, REDDISH, BLOND, BUSHY HAIR,
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GRAY EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, WEARING TAN SHIRT AND TROUSERS.

BOTH MEN APPEARED TO BE CONSTRUCTION OR OUTDOOR TYPE WORKERS.

MEMPHIS ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SMITH TO SIXTYFOUR TENN. TITLE,
AND ADDRESS ON LAMAR ST.; THRU SMITH ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY MC NYALLY.
CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY BOTH MEN AND FURNISH
RESULTS TO LITTLE ROCK EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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FBI MEMPHISM

5/13/68

AIRTEL

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

ReAirtel to Bureau dated 5/10/68.

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CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILL.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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To: SAC, Jackson

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1130PM URGENT 5-16-68 GEB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), JACKSON, DALLAS
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN

RE: KENNETH RAYE HAYLES

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA PETER J. RYAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis Airtel to Chicago, 5/13/68.

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PLACE OF DEATH:	Hernando, DeSoto County, Miss.
RACE:	White
SEX:	Male
DOB:	[Redacted]
POB:	Alabama
CAUSE OF DEATH:	Natural Causes, (Coronary Thrombosis), at the DeSoto Motel, Hernando, Miss:
USUAL RESIDENCE:	3587 Lamar St., Memphis, Tenn.
OCCUPATION:	Self-employed, salesman
FATHER:	JOSEPH SMITH
MOTHER:	BRIDGETT MCNALLEY (Maiden)
MARITAL STATUS:	Not Married.
BURIAL DATE:	12/17/66
PLACE OF BURIAL:	Calvalry Cemetery, Nashville, Tenn.
FUNERAL HOME:	Memphis Funeral Home, Memphis, Tenn.
INFORMANT:	MISS NELLIE SMITH

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Race: White
Sex: Male
Place of birth: Alabama
Date of birth:
Cause of death: Natural causes (coronary
thrombosis) at the De Soto
Motel, Hernando, Mississippi
Usual residence: 3587 Lamar Street, Memphis,
Tennessee
Occupation: Self-employed salesman
Father: JOSEPH SMITH
Mother: BRIDGETT MC NALLEY (maiden)
Marital status: Not married

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Burial date: 12/17/66
Place of burial: Calvary Cemetery, Nashville, Tenn.
Funeral home: Memphis Funeral Home,
Memphis, Tennessee

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MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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To: **All SACS
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa**

From: **Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)**

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There is no known Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information; and it is possible that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would only be maintained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities, or the like.

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Reference is made to Jackson memorandum dated
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