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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD St. Louis Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/16/59	suspicion of robbery stealing & fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #00416	3/17/60	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)

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The following is a description of the subject,
obtained from sources set out elsewhere in this report:

Name:	JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth:	Alton, Illinois
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	163 - 174 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Social Security No.:	[REDACTED]
Army Serial Number:	[REDACTED]
FBI Number:	405 942 G

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10678)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re New Orleans airtel 5/31/68, setting forth information from EUGENE SMITH HANSFIELD.

ROBERT PARKER, Payroll Officer, Penrod Drilling Company, 3333 First National Bank Building, Dallas, Texas, advised SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOWAY on 6/4/68, he can locate no employment record, past or present, for EUGENE SMITH HANSFIELD. He stated he maintains employment records of all employees of this company no matter where they are employed. He advised there is a possibility that HANSFIELD may have been employed by a sub-contracting company or a company furnishing some service to Penrod Drilling Company, in which case he would have no record of him.

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TO ALL SACS
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED AT LONDON,
ENGLAND, JUNE EIGHT INSTANT. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE
AND REMOVE ALL STOPS.
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 6/10/68

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

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Re Memphis airtel to Jackson, 4/18/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are eight (8) copies of an insert reflecting results of investigation conducted in this matter at Clarksdale, Miss., regarding KEN SINGFIELD.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will contact DILL TIDWELL, who operates a new restaurant, name unknown, located at the old Anderton's Acre Restaurant, Highway 51, Memphis, and exhibit photos of JAMES EARL RAY to determine if RAY is identical with KEN SINGFIELD, as TIDWELL is acquainted with SINGFIELD.

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CCO-marked for Sandeford

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES W. SAMMON at Clarksdale, Mississippi:

From a review of the Clarksdale City Directory and Telephone Directory, there is no BILL TIDWELL or KEN SINGFIELD listed in those directories. There is no HOWARD JOHNSON Motel in Clarksdale.

The City Directory reflects a WILLIAM TIDWELL, a route salesman for the Ritchie Bottling Works, Clarksdale, Mississippi, with no residence shown.

On May 31, 1968, KATHERINE HINMAN, Clerk, Credit Bureau, Clarksdale, Mississippi, advised that she could locate no credit reference to a KEN SINGFIELD. Mrs. HINMAN said the only BILL TIDWELL in their files is one who is employed for the Ritchie Bottling Company, Clarksdale. Mrs. HINMAN said that TIDWELL is an itinerant preacher who presently operates the Independent Baptist Tabernacle in Clarksdale.

On May 31, 1968, W. V. "BILL" TIDWELL, residing 614 West Circle Drive, Clarksdale, Mississippi, advised that he is employed as a truck salesman for the Ritchey Bottling Company, Clarksdale.

TIDWELL advised that KEN SINGFIELD and PAUL NORMAN of Memphis, Tennessee, are unknown to him. TIDWELL said that a number of years ago another BILL TIDWELL operated the Holiday Inn in Clarksdale but left Clarksdale for Memphis where he was last known to be employed for the Holiday Inn in Memphis.

On June 3, 1968, RAY HARRINGTON, Manager, Holiday Inn, Clarksdale, Mississippi, advised that BILL TIDWELL was the manager of the Admiral Benbow Restaurant, which was the restaurant for that Holiday Inn in 1954. HARRINGTON

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said that BILL TIDWELL now operates a new restaurant, name unknown, which is located at the old Anderton's Acre Restaurant, Highway 51, Memphis, Tennessee.

HARRINGTON said that KEN SINGFIELD was never employed for the Holiday Inn in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

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Jackson

ROUTING SLIP TO ALL FIELD OFFICES

FROM: *RW* SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka -
FUGITIVE
CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY

OO: MEMPHIS

Re report of SA JOE C. HESTER 6/5/68 at Memphis.

Page 17, paragraph 4, line 6 - 12/17/67, should
be 12/7/67.

Please correct your copies.

SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

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

In view of subject's apprehension, any office having outstanding leads or requests for circularization in any publication of any kind should cancel outstanding request now.

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- 2 Albany
- 1 All Continental Offices
- 1 Memphis

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Date 5-22-68

RE: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

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: ReBulet 5-20-68.

In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has underwritten the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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Date: 6/12/68

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TO: MEMPHIS
FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)
MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL CALL TO JACKSON INSTANT DATE.

GRADY STEPHENS FAMILY, JONESTOWN, MISS. ADVISED INSTANT
LAST HEARD FROM GRADY STEPHENS' BROTHER, CHARLES QUITMAN
STEPHENS, APRIL SEVEN LAST WHEN HE TELEPHONED THEM FROM
MEMPHIS TO ADVISE HE WAS IN THE ROOMING HOUSE FROM WHICH
THE ASSASSINS KILLED KING. CHARLES STEPHENS ADVISED HE HAD
THE ROOM NEXT DOOR TO THE ASSASSIN AND SAW HIM GOING IN AND
OUT.

STEPHENS' FAMILY IN JONESTOWN ADVISED CHARLES STEPHENS
IS DRIFTER, MARRIED SEVERAL TIMES AND RECEIVES MONTHLY
VA DISABILITY CHECK SOMEWHERE IN MEMPHIS. STEPHENS' FAMILY
IN JONESTOWN HAVE NO IDEA OF PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF CHARLES
STEPHENS.

STEPHENS' FAMILY KNOW OF NO FRIENDS OF CHARLES STEPHENS
IN MEMPHIS OR ELSEWHERE.

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CHARLES STEPHENS HAS BROTHER, LOUIS STEPHENS,
RESIDING OUT FROM COMO, MISS., NO TELEPHONE; HAS SISTER,
ANNIE BELLE WOLF, AKA., MRS. ESTEEN WOLF, RESIDING OUT FROM
SENATOBIA, MISS. CLOSE TO INDEPENDENCE, MISS., NO TELEPHONE;
HAS BROTHER, VESTER STEPHENS, MEMPHIS, ADDRESS UNKNOWN,
LAST KNOWN TO BE EMPLOYED SALVATION ARMY, MEMPHIS.

GRADY STEPHENS FAMILY NOT AWARE OF VA NUMBER OF CHARLES
STEPHENS.

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS, IF NOT ALREADY HANDLED LOCATE
AND INTERVIEW VESTER STEPHENS.

JACKSON AT COMO AND SENATOBIA, MISS. LOCATE AND
INTERVIEW LOUIS STEPHENS AND MRS. ESTEEN WOLF FOR WHEREABOUTS
OF BROTHER, CHARLES STEPHENS. END.

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Special Agent in Charge

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1114 PM URGENT 6-12-68 JWD

TO MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)
MURKIN

JWD

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*JAC Memphis
advised JNO 11:30 pm 6/12
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ME has located
Charles Stephens*

PAGE TWO

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OF BROTHER, CHARLES STEPHENS.
END

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FBI MEMPHIS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

JWA
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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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
P. O. Box 1450
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
June 14, 1968

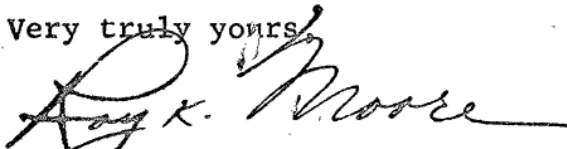
RE: JAMES EARL RAY
IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. 4182

Dear Sir:

James Earl Ray, Identification Order No. 4182, who was being sought by the FBI as one of its "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives," was taken into custody by authorities of Scotland Yard, London, England, June 8, 1968.


Therefore, any material previously furnished you regarding this individual should be canceled.

Very truly yours,


ROY K. MOORE,
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (66-26)

SUBJECT: OFFICE MEMORANDUM (68-24)

DATE: 6/18/68

CRIMDEL

SA THOMAS FITZ PATRICK is responsible for item re Crimdel to be submitted to the Bureau no later than 6/25/68, WITHOUT FAIL.

JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. - FUGITIVE
 I.O.# 4182
 TOP TEN FUGITIVE
 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (DECEASED) - VICTIM
 Jackson File 157-9586

Discontinue. Subject RAY apprehended by officials of Scotland Yard, London, England, 6/8/68.

JOHNNY RAY SMITH, Aka. - FUGITIVE
 I.O.# 4197; ET AL
 ITSMV - ITSP
 TOP TEN FUGITIVE
 OO: JACKSONVILLE
 Jackson File 26-4474

SMITH designated as next replacement on Ten Most Wanted Fugitive List with effective date set for PM, 6/20/68. Should apprehension of SMITH appear imminent, notify SAC or ASAC by most expeditious means. For information SMITH had several gun fights with police officers in past in attempting to avoid arrest.
CONSIDER EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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DENNY LLOYD SIMONS, Aka. - FUGITIVE
I.O.# 4190
UFAP - B AND E, ARMED ROBBERY
OO: NEWARK
Jackson File 88-1631

Discontinue. Subject apprehended Detroit, Michigan,
6/13/68.

GEORGE MICHAEL GENTILE, Aka. - FUGITIVE
I.O.# 4155; ET AL;
MARVIN HOWARD LITTLE - VICTIM
ITAR - EXTORTION
OO: CHICAGO
Jackson File 166-403

GENTILE being added to Ten Most Wanted Fugitive list
PM, 6/18/68. Should GENTILE's apprehension appear imminent,
notify SAC or ASAC by most expeditious means. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

INTERROGATION OF SUBJECTS -
INTERROGATION ADVICE OF RIGHTS FORM
FD-395

H. M. Ray, U. S. Attorney, Northern District of
Mississippi, advised on 6/17/68, that several instances have
arisen in the recent past in the Fifth Circuit wherein the
Advice of Rights Form has come under scrutiny. He advised he
believes it is preferable to have the Advice of Rights Form
introduced into evidence at the time an Agent is testifying.
That way the form will be already a matter of record in the
event the case is appealed. This is being brought to your
attention and should be considered by Agents in the Northern
District of Mississippi in any court testimony.

The opinion of the U. S. Attorney in the Southern
District is being sought.

FD-401 (RACIAL INFORMANT
PROGRESS LETTER)

Agents should take advantage of the use of FD-401 and insure that they are brief and concise as possible in the submission of our quarterly letters. Set forth for your guidance are some observations recently received from the Bureau concerning one of our quarterly letters:

"The information set forth under 'II. Membership' could have been set forth more succinctly. You could have stated 'no change, no meetings of Unit 1, WKKKKOM, Jones County, Mississippi, have been held since Summer of 1967. Efforts being made to reorganize three units in county.'

"Concerning amounts paid for services and expenses, it was only necessary to state no payments made during this period.

"Concerning number of activities and persons on whom coverage was provided, you should have listed the number of persons affiliated with the Klan with whom the informant was in contact and a brief summary describing activities of these individuals.

"It is noted that on page one of referenced FD-401 there is a block concerning informant's stability and reliability. Unless the informant is not considered stable or reliable, it is not necessary to repeat this information under 'Miscellaneous.' The same holds true for the block captioned 'All necessary action taken on information furnished.' If the positive block is checked, it is not necessary to repeat this information under 'Miscellaneous.'

"As to the summary of information furnished by the informant, a review of your summary reveals that it could have been more concise. In the future when summarizing the informant's information, highlight the more important information he furnished and briefly summarize his other activities.

"The purpose in authorizing use of Form FD-401 was to streamline the progress report and do away with extraneous repetitive statements."

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INFORMANT REPORTS (FD-306)
Jackson File 170-00

A tendency has been noted of Agents dictating informant reports to word these reports so that anyone could readily identify the informant. This tendency is contrary to Bureau instructions and must be corrected immediately to avoid compromising informants.

It is suggested that these informant reports be written in the third person so that when the report is read, it appears that a third person is reporting on the informant as well as the other individuals mentioned in the report.

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