

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

FROM : ASAC JOHN M. REED

SUBJECT: "TOP TEN" FUGITIVES

DATE: 5/28/68

In connection with speeches before the Crichton Optimist Club, 5/22/68, and the Kiwanis Club, Fairhope, Ala., 5/21/68, photographs of the "Top Ten" Most Wanted Fugitives were shown to those persons in attendance. The total number at both speeches was approximately 65. Particular emphasis was placed on CLOUSER and JAMES EARL RAY.

1 - 26-16355
1 - 88-6331
1 - 88-6072
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)

DATE: 5/29/68

FROM : SA DOBB

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reburadiogram 5/22/68

On 5/27/68 Copies of I.O. and WF on subject were given to the following persons, representing the charitable institutions in Montgomery where subject might turn for assistance:

FRANK WILLIAMS, Capt., Faith Rescue Mission, 958 Bell St.;

Mrs. ANN COX, Social Worker and Major BENNIE LEWIS, Salvation Army, 308 E. Lawrence St..

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All stated they will be alert for subject.



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Telephone Calls, U. S. Highway 90 and I-10
December 15 - 17, 1967

AT ATMORE, ALABAMA

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ARNOLD C. MERROW:

On May 27, 1968, it was determined that telephone number 368-2394 is issued to W. M. COLEMAN, Nokomis Community, Atmore, Alabama.

On May 28, 1968, W. M. COLEMAN advised that he has had this telephone number for several years. He said that his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. EVERETT E. STACEY live in San Antonio, Texas, STACEY being in the Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base. COLEMAN recalls receiving one or two telephone calls from his daughter and son-in-law during December 1967 and stated that he had received no other calls from the State of Texas.

COLEMAN advised that he has no information concerning JAMES EARL RAY and could not identify photographs of RAY.

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON:

Mobile telephone directory reflects that telephone 471-3762 is issued to FRANK I. CALAMETTI, JR., 1606 Epinet Drive.

On May 28, 1968, Mr. CALAMETTI was located at Continental Motors where he is employed as a mechanic. He advised that he has had this telephone number for some time. He now resides at 1942 Neshota Drive, Apartment 19E, but retained this telephone number on moving.

CALAMETTI advised that his mother-in-law, Mrs. HELEN FINLEY, resides at 7123 Westbriar Street, San Antonio, Texas. She has no telephone but uses pay stations when she calls them. He recalls her phoning his wife, BARBARA, during December 1967. He received no calls from any other person in Texas other than Mrs. FINLEY.

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CALAMETTI could furnish no information concerning RAY and could not identify RAY's photograph.

AT FOLEY, ALABAMA

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ALLISON A. CATLIN:

On May 27, 1968, J. S. LANE, owner and operator, Holiday Curb Store, Foley, Alabama, advised that he has had telephone number 943-5784 for the past year and one-half. He stated he receives numerous calls throughout the South concerning produce but does not recall specifically the call on December 16, 1967, but states he does not know anyone resembling the subject or CHARLES STEIN.

WILBUR WILLIS, Investigator, Foley Police Department, on May 28, 1968, advised LANE is a reputable businessman, operating a curb market and does considerable business in fruit and vegetable purchasing.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

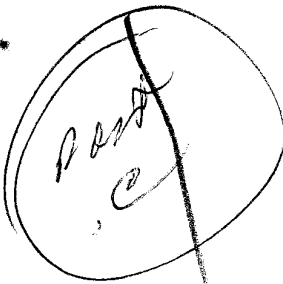
Re: Phone Calls, U. S. Highway 90 and I-10
12/15-17/67

Re San Antonio airtel, 5/21/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 15 copies of insert reflecting investigation concerning three calls to numbers within the Mobile Division.

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2 - Memphis (Encl. 15)
2 - Mobile
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LOMAX POLL AND TRIBUNE

A Monthly Poll of Negro Opinion
A Quarterly Organ of Negro Thought and Opinion

Almena Lomax, Editor-Publisher

1215 S. Tremaine
Los Angeles 90019, Calif.

938 - 8458, area code, 213

May 22, 1968

Mr. Lloyd Johnson
FBI
1340 W. 6th Street
Los Angeles 90017

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In the names I sent you two weeks ago, I overlooked the name of Harvey Sadler, former sheriff of Macon County, Ala.

Mr. Sadler was regarded as the foremost "racist" of Macon County when I was there. Negroes feared him greatly and said he was allied with Governor Wallace in a number of attempts to terrorize them and keep integration out of Macon County, including an aborted attempt to hold a Klan rally in Tuskegee in 1961, the burning of the Chehaw School and the Notasulga School in 1964 and 1963.

Sadler was appointed ^{by Wallace} to fill an interim position as Sheriff in 1965. Before the appointment could be made, people of Macon County were reportedly under instructions from Wallace to "get that nigger out of there", a Negro, James Charity, who had been appointed the first Negro deputy sheriff in Tuskegee, or Macon County, history by former Sheriff Preston Hornsby, who ran for and was elected Probate Judge.

Charity was 'persuaded' to become the first Negro policeman in Tuskegee. Subsequently, Negroes elected a Negro sheriff.

I asked Sadler if he were a member of the Klan and he denied it. That was in 1965. He wouldn't say if he were a member of the White Citizens Council, or not.

I suppose he has gone back to tending his grocery, which depends on Negro trade, on the Auburn Highway in Tuskegee.

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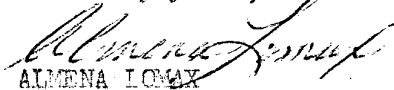
I thought you might like to know that many Alabama Negroes feel that the King assassination was plotted by the Wallace forces to provoke Negroes to riot to further Wallace's political ambitions. Negroes feel that he is insane with political ambition.

They also feel that Rev. Abernathy is in danger, or the Poor March in danger of being burned out or stampeded to provoke bloody nationwide rioting, also to further Wallace's ambitions.

They feel that Galt or Ray made his contact here, rather, picked up his initial money here, that he was recruited through his brother in the prison, that the "bounty" story was circulated in a Missouri prison to draw attention away from the South.

I just thought I would pass this scuttlebutt along. If you ever release anything, I hope you won't forget that I'm in the newspaper business.

Sincerely yours,


ALMENA LOMAX

F B I

Date: 5/27/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

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

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 5/14/68, which referred to Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX, complainant.

Referenced Los Angeles airtel set out leads for Mobile and other offices to consider interviewing Caucasian subscribers to the "Tuskegee Tribune", formerly published by Mrs. LOMAX.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Mobile are one copy each of a subsequent letter from Mrs. LOMAX, dated 5/22/68, wherein Mrs. LOMAX named one more individual she believes might possibly have knowledge of the assassination of KING.

The attention of the Bureau and Mobile is directed to the last paragraph of Mrs. LOMAX's letter wherein she expressed an interest in any news releases in the case, since she is in the newspaper business.

There are no references known identical to HARVEY SADLER in the indices of the Los Angeles Office.

No further action is contemplated by the Los Angeles Office in this matter.

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AT TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing former Sheriff HARVEY SADLER, for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM

DATE: 5/14/68

MP
FROM : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

On 5/13/68, Mrs. MOSELLE DROLLINGER, 12300 East Nevada Avenue, Aurora, Colorado, advised that the following information was furnished to her third-hand. She does not want her identity disclosed to any of her relatives, including her husband.

She attended her mother's funeral at Phil Campbell, Alabama, and recently returned to Denver. She said her sister-in-law, MABEL WHITTEN BROWN, from Akron, Ohio (DROLLINGER refused address), and DROLLINGER's brother, DEWEY BROWN, were at the funeral. DEWEY received this information from MABEL. MABEL has a first cousin named HOWARD SIDE, who is supposed to have a criminal record. SIDE left many years ago, location unknown, but returned to Alabama shortly after KING's death, and is currently residing with MABEL's uncle, WALTER WHITTEN, and cousin ODELL WHITTEN at Hackelburg, Marion County, Alabama. WALTER is in the business of cutting pulpwood while ODELL and SIDE go into the woods to cut the timber. ODELL is supposed to have told MABEL that SIDE is very suspicious of anyone who comes to the house and usually hides behind the door with a gun. She said that SIDE is in his late 40's, but is supposed to look like the sketch made of KING's assassin.

Since it is established that JAMES EARL RAY is the subject of this investigation, this information is being furnished Birmingham in the event it is later learned that a conspiracy may be involved and SIDE could logically be considered a suspect.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: ME

ReDNlet to Birmingham, 5/14/68.

Enclosed for Mobile is one Xerox copy of relet.

Mr. WALTER WHITTEN, Rural Route, Hackleburg, Alabama, who resides near the Antioch Church on Highway 237, advised as follows on 5/21/68:

HOWARD SIDE has never resided at WHITTEN's home; however, he said HOWARD's brother, LLOYD SIDE, a nephew, came to WHITTEN's home on 4/14/68, stating he had come there from Foley, Alabama, where he had been living on a part-time basis with his brother, HOWARD SIDE, who receives his mail at Box 166, Foley, Alabama.

WHITTEN stated that this was the first time SIDE has been to his home or in this area since SIDE's mother and WHITTEN's sister died many years ago. SIDE's father is PURVIE SIDE, age about 80 years, who is said to reside at an unidentified hotel or rooming house somewhere in Jasper, Alabama. WHITTEN advised that LLOYD SIDE stated he had a daughter, BONNIE WHITE, who was employed in an unknown capacity by the Birmingham Police Department. WHITTEN reported that his nephew, LLOYD SIDE, departed from WHITTEN's home on 5/11/68, and did not state where he intended to go. He pointed out that LLOYD had been married; however, he was presently not living with his family and WHITTEN did not know where other members of LLOYD SIDE's family might be located. WHITTEN stated LLOYD SIDE may have been arrested in the past for offenses such as public drunkenness; however, he said he knew of no major difficulty in which SIDE had ever been connected and had no reason to believe that SIDE had ever spent time in a penitentiary.

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AT FOLEY, ALABAMA:

After review of enclosed letter, consider
interview of HOWARD SIDE.

BIRMINGHAM:

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

Consider contact with LLOYD SIDE's reported
daughter, BONNIE WHITE, in the event interview is
considered appropriate.

Mobile, Alabama
5/28/68

MEMO ALL AGENTS:

RE: MURKIN

The Bureau has called attention to information that JAMES EARL RAY is known to consort with prostitutes and street bums, and it was suggested that this information be borne in mind in daily contacts with informants, officers of Vice Squads and prostitutes in the coverage of their leads connected with this and other cases.

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W. M. ALEXANDER, SAC

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-2627)
ATTN: SA Boston

DATE: 5/29/68

FROM : SA DAN O. STEPHENS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo SAC 5/23/68

Through the cooperation of Capt. T. L. PAYNE, Driver's License Division, Ala. Dept. of Public Safety, Montgomery, Ala., the records pertaining to all new driver's licenses issued since 4/1/68 were reviewed by SA B. TIM MC COY on 5/27-28/68 and copies of the IBM cards for all new license holders falling within guidelines set out in referenced memo were obtained.

The IBM card reflects description and current address of the licensee. The application for a license will contain additional identifying data re licensee such as employment, state where previous license held, and signature of licensee.

It is estimated that all licenses issued between 4/1/68 and 5/15/68 have been reviewed, and, as a result, ~~approximately 500~~ copies of IBM cards for approximately license holders were obtained.

In view of large number license's involved, no effort was made to obtain ~~zerox~~ copies of the applications.

It is estimated that approximately 6,000 new licenses, covering remainder of May 1968, will be received at that office during next three weeks, and that all will not be received until last week of June 1968.

Through the cooperation of Mrs. GAYNOR TURNER, IBM Section, copies of all new licenses received, which fall within suggested descriptive guidelines, will be made when they are received; thus, eliminating the manual search of these records by a Bureau agent at some later date. Arrangements were made by ~~XXXX~~ SA MC COY with Mrs TURNER wherein she will notify Montgomery RA when the last licenses, issued during this period, are received.

Upon notification by Mrs. TURNER of the foregoing, additional IBM cards obtained, will be forwarded. ~~EX~~



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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)
RE: MURKIN — 157-2627
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Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 5/22/68.

RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG was recontacted 5/29/68, at Dockter's Pet Center, Fairmount Shopping Center, Syracuse, N.Y., and he identified the photograph of LESTER EDWARD RACKETT, FBI #027170A as being the individual he met at the bar in the vicinity of the Clark Hotel on 4/17/68. He stated that he recalled this individual had a southern accent and made some comment about being from Tennessee.

In view of this identification no further investigation being conducted regarding this aspect of case.

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2-Memphis (44-1987)
1-Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
1-Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
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Date: 5/31/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, MOBILE
 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN - 157-2627

EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD, Barnes Lane, Buras, La., advised SA. L. M. SHEARER, JR., on May 28, 1968, that he has been working in offshore drilling for Penrod Drilling Co., and to the best of his recollection he heard of the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING while on a rig in the Gulf of Mexico.

He advised that since the date of the killing, he has had occasion to talk with several individuals whom he considers members of one Klan or another, and there is no indication from these conversations that the killing was a Klan action.

MANSFIELD was shown IO 4182 of JAMES EARL RAY, and he said he had observed an individual who somewhat resembled RAY in a tavern at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in the period shortly after 1/17/68. This individual who resembles the photograph of RAY appeared to be friend of a dark-haired barmaid, name possibly NELL, who worked in tavern behind Johnny's Place at Broad Street, and Greensboro Avenue. The dark-haired barmaid has a sister, a redhead, who works at Pat's Bar, 9th Street and 22nd.

MANSFIELD said he could not say that this individual is identical with RAY; however, the resemblance is enough that the individual could be RAY.

- ② - Mobile
- 2 - Dallas
- 2 - Birmingham
- 1 - Jackson (157-9586) (INFO)
- 2 - New Orleans
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MANSFIELD requested that his identity not be revealed as the source of the information if it is to be checked out.

By way of background information concerning MANSFIELD, he advised that he is known to several FBI offices, that he was formerly Grand Dragon of United Klans of America at Houston, Texas, and quit in 1961. He said he is well acquainted with BOBBY SHELTON of the UKA, and that his brother BILLY WAYNE MANSFIELD, was secretary of the UKA subsequent to the death of ALVIN SYKES in South Carolina.

MANSFIELD said he is also acquainted with L. E. MATTHEWS, reportedly a Klan member at Jackson, Mississippi, but actual knowledge of his membership is unknown to MANSFIELD.

LEADS:

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS: Contact Penrod Drilling Co., 3333 First National Bank Building, and ascertain dates MANSFIELD was employed with company in offshore operation out of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

MOBILE

AT TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA: Will attempt to identify individual MANSFIELD said resembled subject RAY and who appeared to be friend of barmaid at bar behind Johnny's Place. Protect identity of MANSFIELD as the source of information.

6/4/68

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: ^e MURKIN
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(OO: ME)

Re: Drivers License Check of
Applications for April/May 1968

Re Bureau radio gram, 5/22/68.

On May 22, 1968, SA DAN O. STEPHENS, Montgomery, contacted Mrs. GAYNOR TURNER, head of the IBM Section, Drivers License Division, Alabama Department of Public Safety, who advised that new drivers license applications for Alabama total approximately 10,000 each month. She said that all the April applications will be placed on IBM cards by June 1, 1968, or possibly a little earlier, as the office is currently running three or four weeks behind.

It is noted that referenced radiogram instructed that all drivers license applications be checked for April and May 1968 concerning all male Caucasians over 30 years of age and under 55.

Through the cooperation of Captain T. L. PAYNE, Drivers License Division, Alabama Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama, records of new drivers licenses issued

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since 4/1/68 were reviewed on 5/27-28/68 by SA B. TIM MC COY, and copies of the IBM cards for all applicable new license holders were obtained. Each card reflects a physical description and name and address of the licensee. The applications for license which are available, if necessary, contain additional data such as employment and signature of the licensee.

On the dates in question, it was estimated that the license applications available for review cover the period April 1, 1968, through May 16, 1968. It was stated that the applications for the remaining portion of May would be available later in June 1968.

A total of 205 cards within the Mobile Division territory was furnished concerning new licensees fitting the guideline. A total of 289 cards for licensees residing in the Birmingham Division territory was furnished, and these cards are enclosed herewith for Birmingham.

Mobile is proceeding to check out the 205 individuals in line with instructions in referenced radiogram. It is suggested that Birmingham likewise check out the ones in the Birmingham territory.

Further contact is being maintained with Mrs. TURNER of the Drivers License Division, Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama, and when the cards are available for the new licensees for the latter part of May 1968, these cards will be obtained and those residing in Birmingham territory will be furnished Birmingham.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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(OO: ME)

Re New Orleans airtel to Mobile 5/31/68 with a lead for Mobile at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The Birmingham Office, which received copies of referenced airtel, should handle this investigation as Tuscaloosa is located in the Birmingham territory.

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MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau radiogram, 5/22/68.

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)

MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE: CONTACT WITH "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES
AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS

Re Bureau teletype, 4/24/68.

No "Hippie" rooming houses, as such, are known in the Mobile Div. territory; however, as response to this teletype, Agents contacted tourist and boarding houses in Headquarters City and RA cities and exhibited photographs of subject RAY. No pertinent information was developed as a result of these contacts and these negative contacts are recorded in Mobile file.

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)

MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: CIRCULARIZATION OF LAUNDRIES
AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISH-
MENTS

Reference is made to Bureau teletype, 5/2/68, and
Memphis teletype, 5/3/68, concerning captioned matter.

Laundries and dry cleaning establishments in Head-
quarters City and RA cities of the Mobile Division were con-
tacted by SA's and photographs of subject RAY exhibited to
employees of such establishments. No one contacted was able
to identify RAY as a customer or as anyone known to such per-
sons.

These negative contacts are recorded in Mobile file.

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)

MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: CONTACT WITH COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

Reference is made to Bureau teletype, 4/24/68.

Personal contact with cooperative radio and TV stations and newspapers was had as a result of referenced teletype, and these establishments all pledged wide and frequent publicity to instant case. Complete information, including photographs and description of RAY, has separately been furnished to these news media.

These contacts made are recorded in Mobile file.

2-Memphis
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ADDENDUM: Contact on 4/25/68, was made by SA BOSTON with MAURICE CASTLE, City Editor of the Mobile Press Register.

Contacts on this same date were made by Supv. JOE CONNORS with BOB MORSE, WALA TV, and ART KEENEY, WKRG TV.

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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MURKIN
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Re: STOPS WITH MOBILE MVD AND DLB

Re Bureau teletype, 4/24/68.

Re-contact with the Motor Vehicle Div. and Driver's License Div. on 4/25/68, by SA SPENCER H. ROBB verified that stops previously placed with these Divs. are still outstanding. Close liaison is maintained with these Divisions.

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TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

FROM: DIRECTOR

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MIRKIN*157-2627*

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 EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT UNTIL MAY SIX SIXTYEIGHT UNDER NAMES PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. SUBJECT DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, ON MAY SIX LAST 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 TWO ONE LAST MAY BE DISCONTINUED.

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

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NAME SNEYD IS BEING SOUGHT BY FBI FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT FOR CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

FOR INFORMATION OF BORDER OFFICES, THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON RESIDING IN TORONTO, CANADA, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPARTMENT NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH USED BY SUBJECT IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN EVENT BORDER STOPS DISCLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL NAMED SNEYD IS ENTERING YOUR TERRITORY. COPIES MAILED WFO.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) P

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SA B. TIM MCJOY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 6/4/68, Captain T.L. PAYNE, Alabama Driver's License Bureau, Montgomery, made available IBM cards reflecting a part of the May, 1968, drivers license issued in the state. Of the 6,000 driver's license reviewed, approximately 400 were retained and copies furnished the F.B.I. These 400 met the requirements as set forth by the Bureau. These requirements were as follows:

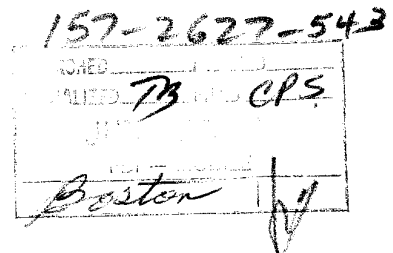
race	white
sex	male
height	5'8-6'1
weight	150-200
age	30 to 55 years

Captain PAYNE advised he would telephonically contact the Montgomery Resident Agency when additional May, 1968, driver's license are received in order that they may be reviewed.

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-2627) (P)

DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : SA Raymond J. Maxwell

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Rebulet to Albany dated May 20, 1968.

On 6/4/68, SA MAXWELL discreetly reminded NATHANIEL FAULK, Editor, Dothan Eagle, Dothan, Ala., of the existence of reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

FAULK was again asked to publicize the photo of JAMES EARL RAY as often as possible.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Dictated <u>Date 4/7/68</u> to SA FRYE Transcribed <u>4/7/68</u> Authenticated by Informant <u>4/7/68</u>		Date of Report 4/7/68 Date(s) of activity 3/27 - 4/7/68
Brief description of activity or material Information developed activity has no occurred by the klan at Selma, Ala. It is rumored that a klan rally would take place at Selma, Ala. UKA has lost influence in Ala. No klan members have traveled out of Selma, Ala.		File where original is located if not attached

Remarks:

- A. Rumor is being circulated of a pending rally at Selma, Ala. of some unit other than UKA or IOUSK.
- B. UKA has lost influence in Ala. Klaverns are still in Prattville and Montgomery, Ala.
- C. Only general discussion has occurred regarding shooting of KING in Memphis, Tenn. No former member of klan has traveled out of state.

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Selma, Ala.

There has been no travel made by any of the former Klan members in Selma out of State Of Alabama in last several months. There is still no activity among Klan members, however, rumors are being circulated that a rally to reorganize may take place in Selma sometime in May 1968. This may be with a different unit than either UKA or IOUSK as former members in Selma do not like UKA because of ROBERT SHELTON, IW, UKA and ROY DEASON of Hieberger, Ala. no longer takes an active interest in the reorganization of the Klan.

The UKA has lost influence in the Alabama area and the only places that still seem to be active and still seem to be sympathetic to ROBERT SHELTON is in the larger cities like Birmingham and Montgomery. Prattville still has an active Klavern and seems to still be with UKA.

There has been only general discussion above the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING in Memphis and most of the former Klansmen in Selma express the idea that it was not Klan type operation. Most of the Klansmen say that "Communists" killed KING to cause racial "problems" among white and colored.

6/4/68

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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 MANSFIELD.

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 MANSFIELD. 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 MANSFIELD 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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REPORTING OFFICE MEMPHIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 6/5/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/4 - 5/31/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, Jim - FUGITIVE IO #4182, WF #442-A; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA JOE C. HESTER	TYPED BY mnr
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY

REFERENCES:

Reports of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 4/17/68 and 4/30/68 at Memphis.

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It should be noted that during interviews with certain of the subject's associates and former prison mates, their stories have varied from time to time. Some of their stories may have varied after this report was prepared. This is recognized but could not be avoided. Any more recent information obtained from them will be set out in subsequent reports.

LEADS:

All offices will continue to conduct investigation in this matter and will set out all leads which appear to be appropriate.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA JOE C. HESTER
Date: JUNE 5, 1968

Office: MEMPHIS

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Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, escaped Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) 4/23/67, and on 7/20/67 a complaint was filed before USC W. C. SHELEY, Jefferson City, Mo., charging RAY with unlawful flight to avoid confinement in violation of Title 18, USC, Section 1073. On 4/17/68 an authorized complaint was filed against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Title 18, USC, Section 241, charging that he did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States. Complaint was filed before USC, Birmingham, Ala., by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of GALT. Recommended bond is \$50,000. On 5/7/68 Shelby County GJ, Memphis, returned a secret indictment charging JAMES EARL RAY with murder in the first degree. Chronological listing of subject's activities from 4/67 to 4/68 set forth and reflects he resided briefly at Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada. He traveled to Birmingham, Ala., purchased a 1966 Ford Mustang, then traveled to Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, for a brief residence, and then to Los Angeles, Calif. Subject made 2 round trips by automobile from Los Angeles to New Orleans and in 3/68 established residence in Atlanta, Ga. Using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER, a Remington, Model 760, rifle was purchased 3/30/68 Birmingham, Ala. At 6:00 P.M., 4/4/68 Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was shot and killed by a single bullet fired from the bathroom of a nearby rooming house while he was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, Memphis. Same Remington rifle identified above recovered at scene along with other items and personal belongings of the subject. Results of Laboratory examinations of all evidence described herein. Interviews of relatives of JAMES EARL RAY, fellow prisoners, and associates set forth. Subject is described as a loner with no close associates, reportedly on amphetamine, and selling drugs at MSP while incarcerated there. Identification record and description also set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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I. CRIMES COMMITTED FOR WHICH
FEDERAL PROCESS OUTSTANDING

The subject, JAMES EARL RAY, was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri, March 17, 1960, from the St. Louis City Circuit Court to serve a sentence of 20 years after conviction for robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon (2 counts) and for operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. He was given sentences of 20, 7, and 5 years, all to run concurrently.

The subject, who was MSP inmate #00416, was assigned to the Bakery Unit of the Food Service Department. Just prior to the 5:00 P.M. count on April 23, 1967, he was discovered missing and could not be found within the penitentiary. It was not until some 10 days later that prison officials determined that the subject had escaped by being concealed in a large bread box being taken by open truck from the main prison to Renz Farm, a prison farm that lies outside the prison walls and about 5 miles north of the main prison. This method of escape has not been positively verified and remains largely a matter of conjecture.

Federal assistance was requested to locate the subject, and on July 20, 1967, a complaint was filed before U. S. Commissioner W. C. SHELEY at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging the subject with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement following a conviction for robbery first degree, this being in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073.

On April 24, 1968, an amended complaint was filed by SA ROWEN B. AYERS before U. S. Commissioner SHELEY.

At about 6:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet. Investigation disclosed that this shot was fired from the bathroom of a rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house and which had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel. It is 207 feet from the bathroom window to the spot where KING was shot.

It was determined that on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, a man using the name JOHN WILLARD rented Room 5B at 422½ South Main Street, paying one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, other tenants in the rooming house observed the man known as WILLARD fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of 424 South Main Street. Further investigation disclosed that WILLARD fled from the scene in a white Mustang parked a few feet south of 424 South Main Street.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main was a 30-06 Remington, Model 760, rifle, a small plastic suitcase containing numerous toilet articles, undershorts, a T-shirt, binoculars, a newspaper, an after shave lotion bottle, 2 cans of Schlitz beer, and a brown and green bedspread in which all of these items were partially wrapped.

Investigation at motels in the vicinity of Memphis, Tennessee, to identify persons who might be driving a white Mustang automobile disclosed that ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, had spent the night of April 3, 1968, at the Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a Mustang with Alabama license 1-38993. Subsequent investigation at Birmingham, set out in more detail elsewhere in this report, indicated that ERIC STARVO GALT was responsible for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and on April 17, 1968, Assistant U. S. Attorney R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, Alabama, authorized the filing of a complaint against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, charging that GALT did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States, namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. Assistant U. S. Attorney TAYLOR recommended bond be set in the amount of \$50,000.

This complaint was filed by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE before U. S. Commissioner MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, on April 17, 1968, and Mrs. SPRAGUE issued a warrant of arrest for ERIC STARVO GALT.

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On May 7, 1968, a Shelby County Grand Jury, Memphis, Tennessee, returned a secret indictment charging the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, with murder in the first degree. While this indictment has not been made public, the local press is aware of its existence and has commented on it.

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II. CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF KNOWN
ACTIVITIES OF JAMES EARL RAY SINCE
HIS ESCAPE AND LABORATORY EXAMINATION
OF EVIDENCE ATTENDANT THERETO

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4/23/67

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri.

7/18/67

A man using the name ERIC S. GALT signed a lease for an apartment in the Harkay Apartments, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada. The apartment was to rent for \$75 monthly, and one month's rent was to be forfeited in the event the lease was terminated prior to January 18, 1968.

GALT is not known to have made any telephone calls from the telephone in the hall, #532-0094, and interviews have been unproductive with other tenants, nearby stores, garages, parking lots, and other places where GALT might have parked his car.

An employee at the apartment house has reported that during GALT's stay he was visited on one occasion by 2 women, both described as being aged 40 to 42, one woman had black hair, the other had reddish brown hair. They reportedly stayed overnight, one left the following day, and the other stayed for a few days.

7/24/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C31,600,648, from Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$9 and was made payable to Futura Books, Inc., 4533 Lennox, Inglewood, California.

On July 26, 1967, a Canadian Money Order in the amount of \$9 was received at Futura Books, Inc., Inglewood, California, from ERIC GALT, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada, as payment for three books entitled "Sexual Anatomy," "Unusual Female Sex Practices," and "Sex Feeling in Men and Women." Futura Books is able to state that the ad answered by GALT had appeared in "Men's Real Adventure" magazine. This order was received and mailed on the same date, July 26, 1967.

7/28/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C31,600,868 at Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$17.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

A photostat copy of this money order was examined by the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory reported that the photostat copy of this money order lacks the quality necessary for a satisfactory comparison; however, some differences were noted between the writing appearing on the face of this item when compared with writing appearing on other specimens submitted in this case under the name of ERIC GALT.

ERIC S. GALT, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada, enrolled in the Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, a correspondence school whose records reflect that his first payment was received July 31, 1967, and the last payment was by money order dated March 28, 1968. During the period of his enrollment, GALT showed in addition to the Canadian address the following addresses:

1535 South Serrano
Los Angeles, California

2608 Highland Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

113 14th Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

The enrollment form of Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, dated July 31, 1967, in the name of ERIC S. GALT; the confidential information form of the Locksmithing Institute bearing the signature ERIC S. GALT; and the white envelope postmarked Montreal P.Q., VII, 1967, bearing the return address ERIC S. GALT, 2589 Rue Notre Dame Est., Montreal, Canada, Quebec, and handprinted address "Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, USA 07424" were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

The FBI Laboratory reported that the signature appearing on the confidential information form was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items submitted in this case. It was determined that the handprinting appearing on the enrollment form and white envelope was prepared by the same individual who prepared handprinting on other items submitted attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

8/9/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C35,273,307 from Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$1 payable to E. Z. Formula, Hollywood, California. E. Z. Formula, 6311 Yucca Street, Hollywood, California, is a subsidiary of Barnett and Hersh and concerns only a magazine mail order business selling a single formula for making glass into a 2-way mirror. They maintain no receipt or record of shipment and are therefore unable to further verify receipt of an order from GALT.

8/26/67

Personnel at the Harkay Apartments, Montreal, Canada, are not certain as to the date ERIC S. GALT moved from that address; however, they are in agreement that it was shortly before Labor Day of 1967. Investigation at Birmingham, Alabama, has disclosed that on August 26, 1967, ERIC S. GALT registered in a rooming house known as Economy Rooms at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

8/28/67

ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, rented a safe deposit box #5517 at the Main Office, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT surrendered this box by notification to the bank by undated, handwritten letter wherein he stated he was moving to the state of Louisiana. The record of access to the safe deposit box, contract for box, ledger card for box, and the undated, handwritten letter from GALT were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on these items was prepared by the same individual who prepared the writing in the same name appearing on other items attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

8/29-30/67

ERIC GALT, in answer to an ad appearing in a local newspaper, contacted Mr. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 48th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama, regarding PAISLEY's offer to sell a 1966 white Mustang. On August 30, 1967, GALT met PAISLEY at the First National Bank Building, Birmingham, where GALT paid PAISLEY \$1995 in cash. A bill of sale was prepared indicating the car was sold to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone #323-9487.

9/6/67

Records of the Drivers License Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, Montgomery, revealed that Alabama driver's license #2848947 was issued to ERIC STARVO GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC STARVO GALT appearing on his application for Alabama driver's license was prepared by the same individual who prepared other signatures in the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

9/12/67

ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, enrolled for 5 weekly classes in dance instruction at Continental Dance Club Studios, also known as the Friendship Club, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT attended classes on 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings but did not appear for the fifth class.

9/26/67

In September 1967 the Order Department - Modern Photo Book Store, Division of American Photographic Book Publishing Company, Inc., 166 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York, received a coupon clipped from "Modern Photography Magazine," which coupon requested that Book #633 be sent to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham. Book #633 referred to above is "Focal Encyclopedia of Photography." This department also received a letter dated September 26, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, with the same Birmingham, Alabama, address wherein GALT refers to his order for Book #633 and requested that the book not be sent as he was moving shortly and would send a corrected address later. Officials of the Modern Photo Book Store advised that they have received no further communications from GALT subsequent to the letter dated September 26, 1967.

The FBI Laboratory reported that the handwriting appearing on this coupon and letter was identical with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. The FBI Identification Division advised that one latent fingerprint of value was developed on the coupon and that this latent fingerprint is identical with the left thumb print of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

9/28/67

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank Draft #04012FPS from the Exchange Security Bank, 5 Points South Branch Office, Birmingham, Alabama, dated September 28, 1967, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$337.24.

10/2/67

ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, was issued 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 for a 1966 Ford Mustang, VIN 6T07C190647.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT on the application for the Alabama license was prepared by the same individual who prepared other items under the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/3/67

The Superior Bulk Film Company, 442-450 North Wells, Chicago, Illinois, received an order from ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, for one Kodak Super 8 camera, Model M8; one Kodak Dual Projector, Model M95Z; one HPI Combination Splicer; and one 20 foot remote control cable for a total price of \$337.24. A bank draft was received with the order, and on October 3, 1967, a package was mailed to him via parcel post under invoice #179530. Since the Kodak Model M8 camera was not in stock, a Crestline Super 8 camera was substituted.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the handprinting appearing on this Superior Bulk Film Company order blank was prepared by the same individual who prepared other items submitted under the same name and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/5/67

ERIC S. GALT sent a typewritten note dated October 5, 1967, to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, acknowledging receipt of items ordered from them and by which he returned the Crestline Super 8 camera. He indicated the camera ordered by him was a four speed camera while the substituted one was a one film speed camera. GALT indicated he was leaving for Mexico on October 7, 1967, but would later send his Mexican address to that company.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this letter dated October 5, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other items submitted in this case and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/18/67

Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, mailed to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, via parcel post a Kodak Super 8, Model D38, camera, under invoice #179530.

10/19/67

On this date ERIC GALT registered in Room 212 of the Hotel Rio, Morelos 86, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory examined 2 photostat copies of the registration card of the Hotel Rio in the name of ERIC S. GALT and concluded that the questioned writings appearing on the registration card were prepared by the writer of other specimens received in this matter which have been attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

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10/22/67

A typewritten letter dated October 22, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT was addressed to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, indicating that he could not wait for the originally ordered Kodak camera and requesting that his refund be mailed to the Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the typewritten letter dated October 22, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items previously submitted in this case and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

11/6/67

ERIC GALT checked out of the Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

11/7-13/67

ERIC GALT during this period of time was registered in Room 417 of the Hotel Tropicano, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

During most of the period that he was in Puerto Vallarta, GALT associated with a prostitute, IRMA MORALES, true name MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO. She was located and interviewed, and she furnished a photograph of GALT taken in Puerto Vallarta about November 3, 1967. She claims not to have seen GALT nor to have heard from him since November 9, 1967.

11/19/67

On this date ERIC GALT rented Apartment #6 at 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California.

11/20/67

By typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, the Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, was requested to forward GALT's refund for the camera which he did not receive to 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California. GALT indicated in his letter that he would be at the Los Angeles address for 5 months.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on items submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

By letter dated November 30, 1967, mailed to GALT's Los Angeles address, Superior Bulk Film Company advised GALT that his refund check #32338 in the amount of \$142.89 had been remailed to GALT's Mexican address. The canceled refund check had not, as of March 29, 1968, been received by the company.

11/27 - 12/14/67

On this date Dr. MARK O. FREEMAN, Clinical Psychologist, 227 South Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, received a telephone call from JAMES E. RAY, who said he wanted to overcome his shyness, gain social confidence, and to learn self-hypnosis in order that he could relax, sleep, and learn to remember things better. An appointment was made for him that same afternoon at the doctor's office, 9952 Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. He gave his name as JAMES E. RAY and gave his address as 1535 North Serrano, telephone #469-8096. He furnished his date of birth as [REDACTED] RAY had appointments with Dr. FREEMAN on November 27, November 30, December 4, December 6, December 11, and December 14, 1967. RAY canceled an appointment for December 18, 1967, stating he had received information from his brother that the brother had found a job for him as a merchant seaman at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. FREEMAN said that RAY paid in cash \$25 per visit. Dr. FREEMAN found that RAY was shy, introverted, and withdrawn but not psychotic or plagued with any deep-seated neuroses.

12/5/67-2/12/68

ERIC GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, executed an enrollment agreement and contract for dancing instruction with the owner of the National Dance Studio, 2026 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, California.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on an interview card #66429 dated December 5, 1967, of the National Dance Studio was prepared by the writer of this signature appearing on other items previously submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT. The Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the National Dance Studio enrollment agreement and contract dated December 14, 1967, was too distorted for any determination to be made.

Investigation revealed that GALT first appeared at the office of the National Dance Studio on December 5, 1967, at which time he took two lessons and made payments of \$29. GALT appeared at the studio again *on 12/7/67* ~~on December 17, 1967~~, and took two lessons, again on December 12, 1967, and took two lessons, and on December 14, 1967, and took one lesson.

On December 14, 1967, GALT agreed to take a course of dancing of a total of 50 hours in lessons for a total amount of \$499. The course consisted of 25 private hour lessons and 25 party or group technique hour lessons. According to this agreement, GALT was to pay \$100 on account on December 14, 1967, and was to pay \$149 on December 18, 1967, and \$50 per week thereafter until the contract was paid in full. According to the records,