

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of
Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and
9/8/66

WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636
FBI #4558766

Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO
#29637 and RIFE, Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 24) (AM)
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TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA LESTER G. DAVIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

The Memphis Division has forwarded the following lead concerning captioned case:

In connection with the identification of JAMES EARL RAY as subject, the source of his funds becomes of paramount interest. Memphis, therefore, suggests that RAY may have been involved in some robbery or burglary not within the FBI jurisdiction and may be of interest to local police departments.

Each SRA should contact major law enforcement agencies to determine if they might have latent prints in unsolved armed robberies or burglaries perpetrated by individual fitting RAY's description. If so, Memphis suggests that these latents be forwarded the FBI Identification Division for comparison with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI # 405 942 G.

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TO NEW ORLEANS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1 P

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO ATLANTA, APR. SIXTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT.
RECORDS, GA. STATE PATROL, DRIVERS LICENSE DIV., REFLECT
GA. LICENSE THREE FOUR THREE THREE ONE SEVEN SEVEN ISSUED TO
WILLIAM LLOYD FISHER, APPARENTLY IDENTICAL WITH FISHER IN RETEL.
RECORDS FURTHER REFLECT FISHER ISSUED GA. DRIVERS LICENSE MAY,
'SIXTYSIX, AND FORMERLY POSSESSED CALIF. DRIVERS LICENSE IN
NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. REFERENCED SIXTYEIGHT PLYMOUTH SEDAN
LISTED AS A SIXTYEIGHT DODGE SEDAN REGISTERED TO FISHER.

IN VIEW OF DATE OF ISSUE OF GA. LICENSE AND ACTIVITY NOTED
IN LICENSE FOLDER, FISHER DETERMINED NOT TO BE IDENTICAL WITH
SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY IN INSTANT MATTER.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
(ATTN: SA L. M. SHEARER)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Bureau, under date of 4/22/68, instructed that all border offices covering entry into Mexico and Canada and exit therefrom should insure that appropriate stops are maintained re subject and all names known to be used by him at respective offices of U. S. Immigration and Border Patrol. Further, it must be insured that previous stops placed with any facility should include all names used by the subject.

Sufficient quantities of current wanted flyers and IO's in this matter must be distributed to narcotics investigative agencies in order that their informants may be contacted.

SA SHEARER please handle promptly.

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5:25 PM EST URGENT 4/22/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND NEW ORLEANS, KANSAS CITY,
SPRINGFIELD
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO ABOVE OFFICES, APR. TWENTYONE
SIXTYEIGHT.

ON APR. TWENTYONE, LAST, SHERIFF G. T. MAULDIN, (NA),
DALTON, GEORGIA, ADVISED, RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS CURRENTLY SERVING
LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER, ADVISED EARLIER HE SERVED TIME ON
THREE OCCASIONS WITH JAMES RAY. MAULDIN STATED CURTIS' INFO
PROBABLY RELIABLE. CURTIS INTERVIEWED WHITFIELD COUNTY JAIL,
APR. TWENTYONE, LAST, ADVISED FIRST ACQUAINTED RAY IN MARCH
FIFTYFIVE, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WHERE
RAY INCARCERATED ON POST OFFICE BURGLARY CHARGE JUST SUBSEQUENT
TO RELEASE FROM PRISON IN MENARD, ILLINOIS. CURTIS, AT TIME
UNDER ARREST FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND BANK ROBBERY. DURING THIS
PERIOD, CURTIS AND RAY CELL MATES FOR SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS. RAY
HAD FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED), WHO VISITED HIM IN JACKSON
PRISON. FRIEND HAD BEEN CELL MATE OF RAY WHEN RAY AT MENARD,
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ILLINOIS. THIS MAN KEPT RAY IN SPENDING MONEY WHILE RAY IN PRISON AND WOULD HARBOR RAY. RAY HAD ANOTHER CLOSE FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED) OF ITALIAN DESCENT, APPARENTLY "A BIG MAN" IN SYNDICATE. THIS ITALIAN HAD APPARENTLY OPERATED WITH RAY IN PAST AND ENGAGED WITH RAY IN HANDLING STOLEN POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS. AFTER SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS AS CELL MATES, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, RAY SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS ON POST OFFICE BURGLARY CHARGES, TRANSFERRED TO LEAVENWORTH FEDERAL PENITENTIARY. TWO WEEKS LATER, CURTIS RECEIVED SIXTEEN YEARS SENTENCE FOR BANK ROBBERY AND SENT TO LEAVENWORTH. WHILE CONFINED LEAVENWORTH DURING THIS PERIOD, RAY SPOKE OF NO GIRL FRIEND AND CORRESPONDED WITH NONE. RAY MENTIONED HE "OPERATED" FREQUENTLY OUT OF QUINCY, ILLINOIS, WHICH MEANT "ENGAGED IN BURGLARY AND PAYROLL JOBS." WHILE HE AND RAY WERE INCARCERATED, THEY ENGAGED IN CROOKED POKER GAMES AND TOOK FELLOW PRISONERS FOR MONEY. RAY GOOD POKER PLAYER AND EXCELLENT CARD HANDLER. RAY MENTIONED UNDER WORLD AND HOODLUM CONNECTIONS (NAMES UNRECALLED) IN CHICAGO, DETROIT, TAMPA, AND TIJUANA, MEXICO AREAS. SERVING SEVEN TO EIGHT MONTHS WITH RAY AT LEAVENWORTH, CURTIS TRANSFERRED U.S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GA. CURTIS SERVED U.S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, AND IN JUNE, SIXTYTWO, SENT BACK MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, TO SERVE

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ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGES. WHILE IN STATE PENITENTIARY JEFFERSON, MISSOURI, AGAIN INCARCERATED WITH RAY. ON OCCASIONS IN SAME CELL TOGETHER IN "B" HALL AND "C" HALL. SERVED TOGETHER FROM SIXTYTWO TO SIXTYSIX. WHILE IN "B" AND "C" HALLS, THEY WERE TOGETHER IN THREE-MAN CELL, WITH THIRD INDIVIDUAL (WHOM CURTIS STATED COULD VERIFY FOLLOWING FACTS, BUT WHOM CURTIS REFUSED TO IDENTIFY).

DURING THIS INCARCERATION PERIOD, PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATED AND WORD CAME FROM OUTSIDE THIS PROBABLY CONSPIRACY, AND KENNEDY HAD "BOUNTY" ON HIS HEAD. CURTIS, UNABLE TO GIVE FURTHER DETAILS ON "BOUNTY". HE STATED IN SIXTYTHREE TO SIXTYFOUR, DR. KING'S MOVEMENTS BECAME TOPIC OF CONVERSATIONS AT STATE PENITENTIARY AND WORD GOT AROUND TO PRISONERS THAT "KK OF THE SOUTH" WHO APPARENTLY WENT TO BUSINESSMEN HAD RAISED ABOUT MILLION DOLLARS FOR "BOUNTY" ON KING'S HEAD. CURTIS, UNABLE TO GIVE FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OR INFORMATION OF KK OF SOUTH. FROM 'SIXTYTWO TO 'SIXTYSIX BEFORE CURTIS RELEASE, RAY MENTIONED A DOZEN TIMES "HAD HE KNOWN ABOUT A BOUNTY ON JOHN F. KENNEDY'S HEAD AND HAD HE BEEN OUT, HE WOULD HAVE COLLECTED IT". RAY STATED A DOZEN TIMES THAT "IF HE GOT OUT IN TIME AND IF KING WAS STILL ALIVE, HE WOULD LIKE TO GET THE BOUNTY ON KING". RAY NEVER MENTIONED WHOM HE WOULD CONTACT TO GET BOUNTY BUT ADVISED

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CRIMINAL ELEMENTS KNEW HOW TO CONTACT SUCH PEOPLE. ABOVE STATEMENTS BY RAY OVERHEARD BY THIRD CELL MATE MENTIONED ABOVE. RAY HAD FRIEND IN NEW ORLEANS (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN), COIN (PHONETIC) SPELLED LIKE "QUARTER OR DIME", WHO APPARENTLY A FENCE, WELL CONNECTED WITH HOODLUM ELEMENTS AND WHO IN 'FIFTYFIVE WAS FIFTYFIVE OR SIXTYFIVE YEARS OLD, WHOM WOULD HARBOR RAY. CURTIS KNEW NO CLOSE FRIENDS OF ASSOCIATES OF RAY. RAY ALLEGEDLY THRU PRISON GRAPE VINE HAD WIFE, BUT NEVER MENTIONED BY RAY; HOWEVER, FEW PRISONERS MENTION FAMILY CONNECTIONS. RAY ALSO MENTIONED GAMBLING IN LOS ANGELES. RAY WAS "HIGH LIVER" WHEN OUTSIDE AND WOULD ASSOCIATE WITH PROSTITUTES, TAKING ONE FROM TOWN TO TOWN. RAY WITH REGARD TO KING'S KILLING INDICATED HE WOULD MAKE ALL RULES AND WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY DEMAND BOUNTY MONEY BE PUT IN BANK. RAY MENTIONED THREE FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHICH HE HAD READ ABOUT, WHICH CURTIS ASSUMED RAY WOULD GO TO IF OUT OF UNITED STATES. THESE ARE NEW ZEALAND, BRAZIL, AND SWITZERLAND. CURTIS OF OPINION, NOT OVER THREE PEOPLE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN ACTUAL ASSASSINATION. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WELL PLANNED WITH DIVERSIONARY MEASURES AND SECOND INDIVIDUAL, NOT RAY, WOULD HAVE DRIVEN GETAWAY CAR TO ATLANTA AS DIVERSIONARY MEASURE. CURTIS WILL NOT TESTIFY, AS HE FEARS FOR HIS LIFE, IF INFO GETS OUT. HE DEMANDED IDENTITY BE PROTECTED. IN SPITE OF ABOVE, SHERIFF MAULDIN ADVISED CURTIS HAS ALSO GIVE ABOVE INFO PRIOR TO INTERVIEW BY FBI TO LLOYD GULLEDGE, REPORTER, DALTON NEWS

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CITIZEN NEWSPAPER, DALTON, GEORGIA. MAULDIN NOT PRESENT DURING THIS INTERVIEW AND DOES NOT KNOW WHAT INFO CURTIS GAVE GULLEDGE. MAULDIN STATED CURTIS THREE TO FOUR DAYS AGO RECEIVED LETTER WITH RETURN ADDRESS, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. CURTIS KNOWS NO SPECIFIC RACIAL HATREDS BY RAY, WHO IS MEAN IF CROSSED, BUT NOT AGGRESSIVE INDIVIDUAL. HE SAID IF RAY RETURNED TO ATLANTA AFTER ASSASSINATION, IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN TO COLLECT BOUNTY.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI. (1) DETERMINE THIRD CELL MATE WITH RAY AND CURTIS IN "B" AND "C" HALLS, BETWEEN 'SIXTYTWO TO 'SIXTYSIX (INDIVIDUAL ALLEGED TO BE AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY), VERIFY CURTIS' STORY. (2) THRU POLICE AND INFORMANT CONTACTS IDENTIFY ITALIAN WHO WAS "A BIG MAN" IN SYNDICATE BETWEEN KANSAS CITY AND CHICAGO AND WHO STOLE POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS FOR SUBJECT RAY. (3) DEVELOP INFO FROM INMATES AND OTHER SOURCES RE RAY'S ALLEGED WIFE. (4) DEVELOP INFO RE PRISON GOSSIP RE "MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY ON KING'S HEAD".

NEW ORLEANS AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.,) DEVELOP INFO RE COIN (PHONETIC).

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD PRISON, MENARD, ILL. IDENTIFY RAY'S FORMER CELL MATE IN MENARD STATE PRISON.

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SPRINGFIELD AT QUINCY, ILL. CONTACT INFORMANTS AND SOURCES TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE SUBJECT.

DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, AND TAMPA CONTACT LOGICAL INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT KNOWN TO HOODLUM ELEMENTS.

SAN DIEGO NOTE SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY VISITED TIJUANA IN PAST.

AM COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO AND TAMPA.

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10-45 PM URGENT 4/19/68 VLB

TO: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574) IP

MURKIN

REURTEL APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT.

RE: SCOTT NORDAL.

PER BUTEL TO ALL SAC'S TODAY RAY WAS IN PRISON IN MISSOURI
MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY TO APRIL TWENTY THREE, SIXTY SEVEN.
LEADS IN RE TEL NOT BEING COVERED.

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TO : LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS, APRIL NINETEEN,
LAST.

RE: SCOTT NORDAL.

INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS REFLECTED NORDAL MADE
STATEMENTS HE WAS EMPLOYED AND RESIDED IN CALIFORNIA AS
SET FORTH IN NEW ORLEANS TEL, APRIL NINETEEN, LAST. THIS
INFO NOT VERIFIED AT NEW ORLEANS.

LOS ANGELES IS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AS
SET FORTH IN NEW ORLEANS TEL.

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TO : LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL TWENTY,
INSTANT.RE: ~~SCOTT NORDAL~~PERIOD INVOLVED IN INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS IS
MARCH TWENTY-FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, TO APRIL THIRTEEN,
SIXTY-EIGHT, NOT SIXTY-SEVEN.

LOS ANGELES CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AS REQUESTED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis) 157-106738

Re Investigation Continental Dance Studios

Records of the Miami Police Department, the Dade County Department of Public Safety, the Miami Police Department, Miami Municipal Court, and the Credit Bureau of Greater Miami, were reviewed on 4/18/68, with reference to WILLIAM LAMPHERE. These records contain no information identifiable with WILLIAM LAMPHERE.

All dance studios in the greater Miami area were contacted with reference to LAMPHERE and all advised he is unknown to them. Polk's City Directories for the greater Miami area from 1959 to 1968, and telephone directories for the same period checked and contained no information regarding WILLIAM LAMPHERE. Voter registration, motor vehicle and tax records reviewed and were found to be negative concerning WILLIAM LAMPHERE.

UACB, no further investigation being conducted in the Miami area in efforts to locate WILLIAM LAMPHERE.

SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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- 2 - Los Angeles
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- 2 - Memphis (44-1978)
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA JERRY W. BRENTS

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
LOOK ALIKE

At 9:30 A.M., 4/20/68, Mr. THOMAS KAISER telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office and advised that he was currently at 527 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and that he had just observed an individual walking down Canal Street who he thought very closely resembled JAMES EARL RAY, whose picture he had seen in the Times-Picayune morning edition. KAISER stated that this individual was wearing a blue checked shirt with dark trousers and white socks and that his left ear protruded out from his head more than his right ear. KAISER stated that if he should see this individual again, he would recontact the office and advise as to his location.

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SA STANLEY C. LOS, JR.

MURKIN;
JAMES EARL RAY - LOOK ALIKE

In response to the telephone call of THOMAS KAISER, 8409 Apple Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, this Agent went to meet him at 527 Canal Street.

KAISER provided the following information:

About 9:30 A.M., KAISER saw a man who looked like RAY walk past 527 Canal Street, toward the River. This man went to Decatur Street, then turned around and passed KAISER again as he walked back toward Rampart Street.

KAISER described this man as a White male; mid 30's; five feet, nine or ten inches tall; slim build; dark hair; left ear stuck out more than right; and a sharp nose. He also had four to six long scars running up and down on his forehead, from the middle to over his right eye. He was wearing a blue and white plaid shirt with the tail out, dark slacks, white socks and black shoes.

This Agent cruised the area from 10:00 to 10:50 A.M. with negative results.

KAISER saw RAY's picture in one of the local newspapers.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA REED W. JENSEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE ERIC STARVOOGALT

At approximately 8:00 p. m., 4/21/68, Mr. JOHN P. MULVEHILL, Room 802, Maison Blanche Building, New Orleans, La., who is a practicing attorney in New Orleans and a personal acquaintance of SA REED W. JENSEN telephoned SA JENSEN advising that he had just called his answering service (529-2647) and there was a message for him to call a E. GAULT at the Audubon Hotel, New Orleans, La.

Mr. MULVEHILL stated he does not know anyone by the name of GAULT but in view of the current FBI investigation regarding the subject he felt it was possibly some friend leaving this message with his answering service as a "joke". He stated he has not returned this call. He also advised that he has primarily a civil practice and knowing the location of the Audubon hotel he felt it was very unlikely that any individual frequenting this hotel would have business with him.

At approximately 8:30 p. m., 4/21/68, DON WALL, night manager, Audubon Hotel, 1225 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, and also the bartender at the Bambino Lounge, which is connected to the Audubon Hotel, was exhibited a photograph of the subject and he stated this individual has never been at the hotel or bar to his knowledge. Mr. WALL also checked the subject's name and known aliases with his hotel register and there was no one by that name registered. He stated he knows every guest at the hotel personally as there are only 10 registered quest and they are all on a weekly or monthly rate.

While agent was at the Audubon hotel he observed no one in the hotel or the Bambino Lounge resembling the subject.

② New Orleans

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM : SA ROGER A. BOMBARDIER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Re teletype to the Bureau to all Offices, 4/8/68,
pertaining to laundries to be covered.

The following laundries were contacted in an effort to identify any laundries using the code and tags made by a Thermo Seal marking machine identifiable with those found on underwear at the scene of the shooting:

~~ROGER EYMARD, Offshore Laundry, Galliano, La.~~

~~S. ST. GERMAIN, Tideland Cleaners and Laundry,
2622 S. Bayou Dr., Golden Meadow, La.~~

~~FRANCES FERNE, Manager, Thibodaux Laundry,
1503 Canal, Thibodaux, La.~~

~~ADOLPH TOUPS, Ideal Cleaners, 1025 Richfield
Rd., Thibodaux, La.~~

~~Mrs. NAQUIN, One Hour Martinizing, Canal Blvd.,
Thibodaux, La.~~

~~RAOUL BOURGEOIS, Raoul's Cleaners, Raceland, La.~~

~~U. J. HIMEL, U.J. Cleaners, Labadieville, La.~~

~~JIM HAZLETT, Manager, White Star Cleaners,
98 W. Park, Houma, La.~~

~~E. R. RICHARD, Owner, White Star Cleaners,
Houma, La.~~

~~VINCENT DAGATE, Nu Royal Laundry, 1111 Barrow St.,
Houma, La.~~



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NOEL RODDY, Manager, The Launderiese, 500 Canal,
Thibodaux, La.

JIMMY DRITHU, Golden Crest Cleaners, 2400 E. Main,
Houma, La.

Manager, St. Pierre, A and A Cleaners, 107
Patterson, Houma, La.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM T. BROOKS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by
SA William T. Brooks:

Mrs. Nettie Hudson, 8800 Tanglewild St., New Orleans, La. was interviewed at her place of employment at room 1122, Whitney Building, 228 St. Charles, New Orleans.

She advised that she took dancing lessons at the Continental Dance Club Studio, Inc. from about 10/64 to about 10/65.

She advised that she had seen the story about ERIC STARVO GALT in the newspaper and that the photos of GALT were unfamiliar to her. She does not remember anyone by the name GALT taking lessons at the dance club.

She has not kept track of the instructors at the club, but that she did get a Christmas card from one at Christmas, 1966. His name is CHARLIE HART, and the last she heard from him, he was working at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Chicago.

The only other students she remembers are:

Mrs. Margaret Jones
2622 David Drive, Metairie, La.

Mrs. Evelyn Markel
2730 Mythra, Gentilly

Mrs. Dorothy Gertes
address unknown, New Orleans

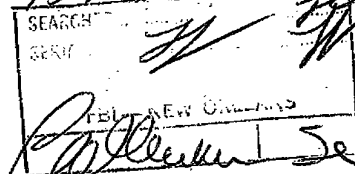
She advised that she has a few pictures of the instructors at home, and she will be glad to allow the FBI to make copies of them if necessary.

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TO: ATLANTA

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

MR. LEONARD GUZZINO, OWNER OF LEONARD'S TAVERN, PATTERSON, LA., ADVISED THAT ON DATE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S FUNERAL, AN INDIVIDUAL WATCHED THE ENTIRE FUNERAL ON TELEVISION AT HIS BAR. THIS INDIVIDUAL APPEARED VERY INTERESTED IN THE FUNERAL BUT HARDLY SPOKE DURING THE ENTIRE TIME. THIS INDIVIDUAL IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE SEVENTYFIVE LBS., HAIR BLONDE, LONG AND THIN, RUDDY COMPLEXION, PROTRUDING TEETH, DRIVING ABOUT A SIXTYFIVE OLDS BLUE-GREEN COLOR, GA. LICENSE THREE J A TWO SEVEN SEVEN, YEAR NOT KNOWN.

MR. GUZZINO SAID INDIVIDUAL APPEARED TO BE TRAVELING THROUGH AND THIS INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLES PHOTO OF RAY WHICH HE SAW IN NEWSPAPER, APRIL TWENTY LAST BUT DOES NOT RESEMBLE PHOTO OF GALT WHICH HE ALSO SAW ON TELEVISION AND IN NEWSPAPER.

ATLANTA DETERMINE IDENTITY OF OWNER OF INSTANT CAR AND IF IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA ROGER A. BOMBARDIER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of JOSEPH L. COLEMAN, Complaint Clerk,
4/18/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROGER A. BOMBARDIER at Des Allemands, La.:

On 4/18/68, Trooper WALTON H. DILL, Troop M,
Advised that Lt. STANLEY BERNARD, on 4/11/68, requested a
registration check on 1968 N. Carolina license YM6355.
This license plate was determined to have been issued to
JOHN D. CORWELL, Rt. 3, Box 135, Jacksonville, N.C.; for
a 1964 Ford, two-door, and had not been reported stolen.

AT GOLDEN MEADOW, LOUISIANA

On 4/18/68, FREDDIE WILLIAMS, 2613 N. Bayou Ave.,
was contacted and advised that on 4/8/68, two white men
stayed at a rental apartment in the rear of his residence
until 4/11/68. He advised that one of these individuals
described as a w/m, age 35, 160 lbs., 5'11", brown hair,
and dark complexion, resembled subject RAY. He was accompanied
by another w/m, age 25, 5'8", 140 lbs., who was light
complexioned.

WILLIAMS stated that the names of these two
individuals were unknown but that they rented a ~~post office~~
office box in Golden Meadow and departed on 4/11/68, working
on a boat, name unknown, destined for Port Isabel, Texas.

PRESTON REBSTACH, Clerk, Golden Meadow Post Office,
advised that on 4/9/68, JON D. CORWELL rented Post Office
Box 7044 and did not look like subject RAY.

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Efforts were made to locate CORWELL in Golden Meadow and the adjoining towns with negative results.

Marshal NOLAN PLAISANCE, Golden Meadow, La., was apprised of the Fugitive status of RAY.

The Charlotte Division, on 4/22/68, advised that CORWELL was a former PCI and did not resemble subject RAY. In view of this, no further investigation being conducted to locate CORWELL.

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DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA DONALD B. HEEB

MURKIN

SUBJECT:

On this date JOSEPH TRUDELL, 5619 Magazine Street, New Orleans, La., advised the writer that on the morning of April 3 or 4, 1968, between the hours of 10am and 11:30am, while he was in the lobby of the Sheraton Charles Hotel, he noticed an individual, whom he described as a white male, 40 years old, 5'8" to 5'10", 125-135, and wearing a white straw Panama hat, gray suit coat, blue slacks, white shirt and tie, acting very strangely. TRUDELL stated this person seemed to be in a highly nervous state, chain smoking, constantly changing seats, walking around and frequently looking up toward the balcony. TRUDELL also noticed this person, when purchasing a pack of cigarettes, pull out a large roll of money from his pants pocket. When this person left the lobby he did so by himself and walking at a fast pace. TRUDELL did not see this person talk with anyone in the hotel lobby nor did he see the individual leave with anyone nor see where he went once he left the hotel.

TRUDELL does not recall who was on duty when this individual bought the cigarettes, and he did not tell anyone of his observations until PURNEL BARKER, Hotel Chief of Security arrived on duty.

TRUDELL observed two photo's of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated that the individual he observed in the hotel lobby may have been identical, noting that the facial features, as he recalls them, were about the same, but he could not see the person's hair because of the hat which the person did not take off. TRUDELL advised the person he saw was clean shaven and neat, but TRUDELL did not notice if he had one ear more protruding than the other, nor did he recall observing the individual tug at one of his ear lobes in a nervous fashion.

TRUDELL is retired, has no home telephone, and can usually be located in the lobby of the Sheraton Charles Hotel, Common Street. TRUDELL had never seen this individual prior to this one time nor has he seen him since.

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA JAMES D. HILL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re ASAC conference on 4/19/68.

Re ERIC STARVO GALT,
CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIO,
CLERK OF COURT, ROYAL ST.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES D. HILL at New Orleans, La.:

On 4/19/68 Mr. JOSEPH A. GOWAN, 2221 Brainard St.,
New Orleans, La., Staff Law Clerk, Court of Appeals for the
Fifth U.S. Circuit Court, furnished the following information:

Mr. GOWAN advised he was a student at the
Continental Dance Club on Common St. for approximately 18
months during 1964 and 1965. He advised that he was a student
of the club up until October, 1965, at which time the
Continental closed for business.

GOWAN advised he did not recall the name of
ERIC S. GALT as being associated with Continental Dance Club.
When a photograph of GALT was displayed to GOWAN, he advised
that the picture might be somewhat familiar as a former student,
but that he might have this picture confused with one he has
seen in the current newspapers. GOWAN advised that the only
individual that he can recall who might possibly have been
GALT was a man who was a student only a short time, possibly
three or four weeks. GOWAN said he recalls this man due to
a misunderstanding at one of the dance studio parties. GOWAN
claimed that he inadvertently sat on this individual, and that
this individual had reacted in such a manner as to put GOWAN
in fear of bodily attack. GOWAN stated that he had apologized

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profusely to this individual, but that this individual had "scared hell" out of him and the man had exhibited a "very terrifying grimace." GOWAN added that this incident had so terrified him that he had reported it to his teacher, Miss JACKIE COURVILLE.

Mr. GOWAN described the individual involved in the incident as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Unknown
Height	5'10"
Weight	175-180
Hair	Light crew cut
Build	Mesomorphic
General impression	Uneducated Southern working man
Abilities	No dancing ability

GOWAN furnished the following names of individuals who were associated with Continental Dance Studio. He advised that most of the names are not true names, but are stage names:

~~MARLIN MYERS~~, owner, nice young man, lived with female dance instructor JOAN LA VERNE; thought possibly MYERS had been arrested for felony theft charge in reference to lifetime dance subscriptions for old ladies.

~~URBAN GEERKIN~~, aka ~~URBAN GERALD~~, dancing instructor, opened own dance studio, Maison de Danse, 2418 St. Claude Ave.; GEERKIN took two teachers with him when he left organization, Miss CAVALIER and Miss COURVILLE.

~~EVA BOROS~~, now employed Arthur Murray's Dance Studio, New Orleans.

~~TAMMY VAUGHN STRICKLAND~~, married another dance instructor.

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FNU BOUCHON, did not stay long.

CATHY BROWN, took teachers course and instructed.

JOAN LA VERNE, lived with MARLIN MYERS.

JACKIE COURVILLE, now employed as cocktail waitress at Governor House.

CONCHITIA, 20-21 years, Spanish.

FNU KELLY, long natural red-haired girl, voluptuous, wore low-cut gowns, 5'3", pretty face, worked part-time.

JUANITA WALSH, Supervisor, working Arthur Murray's in Cincinnati.

KATHY MICHELLE, took teachers course.

GOWAN furnished the following list of names of students of Continental Dance Studio:

NETTIE LNU, legal secretary for attorneys Milling, Saul, Saunders.

LAWRENCE MOREL and wife, factory owner, 6170 Marshall Foch.

FLOYD "PINKIE" GREENE and wife, attorney, Carondelet Building.

Mr. GOWAN advised that each student generally had a specific instructor, and that if each of the dancing instructors were contacted, the FBI might possibly be able to gain some information re GALT.

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM : SA THOMAS E. DUHADWAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Miss ~~BARBARA RICHARDSON~~, 3437 Napoleon Avenue, advised that she has managed the Macombo Club, Canal St., from 1/31/67 - November, 1967, and from 1/24/68, to the present time.

She advised that she had never heard of the Continental Dance Studios until ~~MARCOS BELOS~~, an instructor at the Macombo Lounge mentioned that he was formerly a dance instructor for the Continental Dance Studio.

After viewing the photograph of ~~JAMES EARL RAY~~, she advised she did not know this individual.

She furnished the following names of current and last employees of the Macombo Lounge that might have some information concerning RAY:

~~BENITO BORGES~~

~~MAGGIE (last name unrecalled)~~

~~BETTY DERVIES~~

~~PAUL CRUZ~~

~~TONY FELOS~~

~~RUBIN GONZALES~~

~~TONY HADDAD~~

~~MARIA FONSECA~~

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FROM : SA JAMES D. HILL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re ASAC conference on 4/19/68.

Re ERIC STARVO GALT,
STRIPPER FNU KELLY,
PAPA JOE'S, BOURBON STREET

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES D. HILL at New Orleans on 4/19/68:

A female employee at Papa Joe's on Bourbon St., who declined to give her name, advised that during 1964 and 1965 she acted as a bookkeeper for Papa Joe's, and in this capacity maintained the payroll records of all personnel employed at Papa Joe's.

She stated that ~~FNU KELLY~~, a voluptuous redhead, was in all probability ~~TINA LOUISE~~, who at various times has used the name of ~~TINA KELLY~~ or ~~TINA MARIE~~. She stated that LOUISE is no longer employed at Papa Joe's, but that she could most probably be contacted through her sister, who is a stripper at the Hotsy Totsy Club. She stated that the sister dances under the name of DONNA.

She further advised that she knew that KELLY had at one time given dance lessons or been employed as a part-time dance instructor.

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TO: JACKSON

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

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RE: MICHAEL WHEAT (LOOKALIKE)

MARGUERITE NIMTZ, NEW ORLEANS, LA., ADVISES THAT SHE IS THE PRINCIPAL OF A LOCAL NEW ORLEANS SCHOOL. RECENTLY SHE WAS CONTACTED IN REGARD TO PURCHASING BOOKS. THE BOOK SALESMAN GAVE HIS NAME AS MICHAEL WHEAT, ONE TWO ZERO S. GRAY AVE., PICAYUNE, MISS., TELEPHONE NO. SEVEN NINE EIGHT DASH FOUR SIX FIVE SEVEN.

NIMTZ STATES THAT WHEAT BEARS A RESEMBLANCE TO JAMES EARL RAY, WHOSE PHOTO SHE HAS OBSERVED IN NEW ORLEANS NEWSPAPERS.

JACKSON AT PICAYUNE, MISS., LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WHEAT IN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE AS RAY.

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