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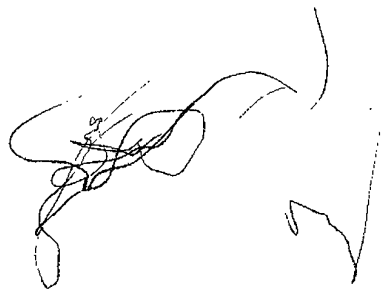
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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYTWO INSTANT.

REVIEW OF UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND BANK BURGLARY MATTERS,
NEW ORLEANS DIVISION, REFLECTS NO UNSOLVED CASE IN THESE
CATEGORIES SINCE APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN, DATE OF
SUBJECT RAY'S ESCAPE, IN WHICH THERE ARE LATENT FINGERPRINTS
SUITABLE FOR COMPARISON.

MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, NEW ORLEANS DIVISION,
BEING CONTACTED FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ANY LATENT PRINTS
IN UNSOLVED ARMED ROBBERY OR BURGLARY CASES. POSITIVE RESULTS
WILL BE FURNISHED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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TO: KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
AND LOS ANGELES.

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)

MURKIN

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

RE SCOTT NORDAL (LOOK ALIKE). THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL THIS DATE:

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES RECORDS, SACRAMENTO, CONTAINED
NO REOCRD OF A DRIVERS LICENSE FOR SCOTT NORDAL. THE CALIFORNIA
DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER G TWO THREE FOUR SEVEN THREE TWO ONE
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CHECKED AND ALSO FOUND TO BE NON-EXISTENT.

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Date 4-14

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject Willie O'Neal

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject ~~At~~ Colvina Olvera

Aliases

Address _____ Birth Date _____ Birthplace _____ Race _____ Sex Male Female

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject Colvina Alonzo Alonzo

Aliases

Address Birth Date Birthplace Race Sex
 Male
 Female

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Subject Rita Stern

Aliases

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject *Charles J. Stein*

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

Male

Female

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject Marie Martin aka Marie Desjardins

Aliases

Address _____ Birth Date _____ Birthplace _____ Race _____ Sex Male Female

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<u>66-1217-81?</u>	<u>139-147?</u>		
<u>100-0-9760</u>	<u>?</u>		
<u>Marie Windham Martin</u>			
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA EDWARD J. CARNEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

WILLIAM HARMAN telephonically contacted the writer instant date to advise that he is a practicing attorney in New Orleans with an address of 4532 South Tonti, telephone #822-3771. HARMAN said that he had earlier conversed with SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH and that he was now contacting this office since he, as the attorney who handles some legal details in connection with Mrs. LOUELLA M. LUTZ, owner of the Continental Dance Studios, possessed some information from his files concerning LUTZ and her associates. HARMAN advised as follows:

LUTZ, while in New Orleans, resided at Claiborne Towers and since June, 1966, has been residing at 5515 Ash Street, Apartment 7, Los Angeles, California.

Among the individuals who were on the dance instruction staff at Continental while it was in existence in New Orleans in 1964-65 were one DANNY OWENS, who is now believed residing in Texas, and who prior to departing New Orleans, was employed by the Arthur Murray Studio in New Orleans.

JUANITA WELSH, who is now probably married, and whereabouts not known, is probably known to JAMES BAKER, present co-owner of Arthur Murray Dance Studios in New Orleans.

(FNU) PRESTON and GERALD GERKIN are operators of a dance studio in New Orleans at the present time, name unknown, but who were well acquainted with LUTZ and in fact took some of her equipment over when Continental Studios went out of business.

MARTIN MYERS, who was President of the Continental Club, and whose whereabouts are presently unknown, would probably be the best person to have detailed knowledge concerning any individuals employed by Continental during its existence in New Orleans.

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A Mr. (FNU) SNYDER, associated with Dracket and Dracket, an accounting firm located on Veterans Highway, handled bookkeeping accounts for Continental Dance. SNYDER could very well still possess records of Continental which should include time slips of former employees. FRED WESTENBERGER or WESTERBERGER was one of the dance directors at Continental but no information as to his present whereabouts is known.

Mr. (FNU) KATYER, Whitney Bank, Main Branch, handled the Continental Bank Account and could possibly furnish pertinent information.

Further information concerning Continental could probably be obtained by checking the Mortgage Office in Orleans Parish in the year 1964 or checking the Corporate Charter in the State Offices at Baton Rouge.

HARMAN subsequently called back to advise that the proper incorporated name of Continental is the Continental Dance Club Studio, Inc., and that this concern was incorporated on 2/26/64 with the incorporators listed as MARLIN CARL MYERS, LOUELLA M. LUTZ, and WILLIAM LANPHERE.

The above information should be reviewed in connection with results of extensive investigation being conducted this date in connection with former employees of Continental and where appropriate leads will be set forth.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The Bureau has instructed that leads in captioned matter must be covered within 24 hours and all leads developed must be set forth by telephone or teletype.

The Bureau has further instructed that all criminal informants and appropriate racial and security informants be contacted.

Therefore, each agent who receives a copy of this memo and has a criminal informant assigned to him, must immediately contact these sources and exhibit a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as well as a photograph of WALTER TERRY RIFE, a close associate of RAY. The results of each contact, whether positive or negative, must be received and agents handling security and racial informants should contact appropriate individuals in this field and submit the results.

The following is a summary of background data in regards to JAMES EARL RAY:

RAY escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, 4/23/67, by concealing himself in a breadbox which was aboard a truck making a delivery for an auxiliary farm. RAY was serving a 20-year sentence on a first degree charge of armed robbery.

On 7/20/67, a Federal complaint authorized by AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WDMO, Kansas City, Mo., was filed before USC, Jefferson City, Mo., charging RAY with violation of Title 18, Section 1073, USC. A warrant was issued.

Investigation to locate RAY has been conducted by the Chicago, Springfield, St. Louis and Kansas City offices.

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WALTER TERRY RIFE has been a close associate of RAY's in the past and assisted RAY in the burglary of a U. S. Post Office in 1955 at Kellerville, Ill., and as a result both RAY and RIFE were sentenced to Leavenworth Prison on 7/1/55.

The Bureau points out that there is a possibility that RIFE, because of being a close associate of RAY, could have been involved in the murder, and the Bureau is attempting to locate RIFE in connection with captioned case.

JAMES EARL RAY is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	[REDACTED]
POB	Decatur, Quincey or Alton, Ill.
Height	5'10"
Weight	174
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Medium
Occupation	Laborer and Baker
Scars & Marks	Small scar center of forehead; Scar palm of right hand
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The following is a description of WALTER TERRY RIFE:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	44
DOB	[REDACTED]
Height	5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	161
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue-Grey
FBI No.	4558766

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY**

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

MURKIN

RE SCOTT NORDAL (LOOKALIKE)

Enclosed herewith for the Laboratory are registration cards for the Candlelight Inn, 4801 Airline Highway, Metairie, La., numbers 8267, 8486, 8584, 8824, 8926, 9370, 9471, 9679, 9746, and 9800. Also enclosed for the laboratory is a registration card, number 6834, from the Chalmette Hotel, 808 Carondelet Street.

The following information was developed based on a report of a lookalike following publication of photograph of JAMES SCOTT NORDAL, white male, resided 623 Royal Street, New Orleans, La., from 4/1 through 4/17/68, but maid states he was absent from his room most of the time.

NORDAL was employed as a waiter at the Court of Two Sisters Restaurant, 613 Royal Street, from 3/24 until 4/13/68, with absences on 4/4 and possibly on other dates. NORDAL furnished background information to the Court of Two Sisters Restaurant which included a California drivers license and a list of all schools which he attended in California along with his mother's address in Los Angeles, California.

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NORDAL placed a second lock on his room and permitted no one access to this room while he was absent. NORDAL had a large quantity of clothing and luggage and on one occasion the maid saw a large quantity of currency in a pack in the bed that contained a \$100 bill on the top.

During a search of NORDAL's room a key to the Candlelight Inn, 4801 Airline Highway, Metairie, La., was found. This key was for Room 219. A map was also found in this room that bore several cryptic notations.

The Los Angeles Division has advised the New Orleans Division telephonically that all background information furnished by NORDAL at the Court of Two Sisters has been checked and has proved to be false. The records of the Candlelight Inn Motel were checked and registration cards for Room 219 were obtained for all individuals not known to be regular customers at this motel. Further investigation in New Orleans disclosed that SCOTT NORDAL stayed at the Chalmette Hotel, 808 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, La., from 3/22 - 3/23/68.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the handwriting on all of the enclosed registration cards with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, and WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI #455-876-6.

The Laboratory is also requested to attempt to determine through handwriting analysis if the individual registering as SCOTT NORDAL at the Chalmette Hotel signed any of the enclosed registration cards from the Candlelight Inn Motel.

All enclosed registration cards are also to be checked for any latent fingerprints of value which might be found. It is known that these registration cards have been handled by numerous individuals acting within the scope of their employment at their respective hotel or motel.

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For the information of the Laboratory, the known handwriting of the individual using the name SCOTT NORDAL appears on the top half of the registration slip from the Chalmette Hotel and all writing on the bottom half and reverse side of this card was written by the night clerk at this hotel.

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DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: FBI LAB)

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

Re: SCOTT NORDAL (LOOKALIKE)

The following items are being submitted under separate cover:

1) Copy of application blank dated 3/24/68 for individual known as SCOTT NORDAL for employment.

2) One piece white paper approximately 2 by 4.

Item 1 was obtained from the Court of Two Sisters, New Orleans, where NORDAL worked as a waiter through 4/13/68 and picked up his final pay check on 4/15/68.

Item number 2 was obtained from the room he occupied at 623 Royal St. until 4/17/68.

The Bureau is requested to examine both specimens for latent fingerprints and to conduct handwriting comparisons. Any evidence developed should be compared with the fingerprints and handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI number 455 8766. Advise Memphis and New Orleans of results.

The Court of Two Sisters have requested that item 1 be returned to them when comparison complete.

3 - Bureau (RM) (AMSD)
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1 - Memphis (Info)

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DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LAB

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10623)

MURKIN

RE: SCOTT NORDAL (LOOKALIKE)

Transmitted under separate cover is one package containing the contents from an ash tray. This tray was found in the room located at 623 Royal St., New Orleans which was occupied by a man known as SCOTT NORDAL until 4/17/68.

The Bureau is requested to compare this specimen with any appropriate physical evidence submitted in the captioned matter.

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DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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MURKIN

Re: SCOTT NORDAL (LOOKALIKE)

The following items are being transmitted under separate cover:

- 1) Pieces of shirt box (blue outside)
- 2) One piece shirt board
- 3) Paper back book "The Green Felt Jungle"
- 4) Empty carton of DeWitt's pills
- 5) Matchbook cover from the Court of Two Sisters
- 6) Clear glass ash tray
- 7) One can Miss Clairol
- 8) Road map City of New Orleans

All of the above items were found in a room occupied by one SCOTT NORDALL at 623 Royal St., New Orleans, until 4/17/68. These items should be examined for latent fingerprints and any specific information developed should be compared with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI #455 8766.

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3 - Bureau
(1 - Package) (RM) (AMSD)

1 - Memphis (Info)

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7:05PM URGENT 4-22-68 DPK
TO NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO APRIL
NINETEEN LAST, RE SCOTT NORDAL (LOOK ALIKE).

MRS. MARY WOLFE, SECRETARY TO DEAN OF STUDENTS, UNIVERSITY
OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES (UCLA) ADVISED APRIL TWENTY TWO
INSTANT, SEARCH OF FILES OF REGISTRARS OFFICE FAILED TO REVEAL
ANY INFO INDICATING SCOTT NORDAL EVER STUDENT AT UCLA.

RECORDS LINCOLN GRAMMAR SCHOOL, COMPTON, CALIF., AND PARAMOUNT
HIGH SCHOOL, PRESENTLY STORED IN WAREHOUSE. ATTEMPTS BEING
MADE TO LOCATE. NEW ORLEANS WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULTS.

INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES FOUR TWENTY SIXTY EIGHT HAS
DETERMINED NO PINE STREET OR AVENUE LOS ANGELES AREA. NO TELEPHONE
LISTING FOR MRS. ANN NORDAL IN LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN AREA.

LOS ANGELES UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY COVE RESTAURANT, SAN GABRIEL,
CALIF. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

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RE: ~~SCOTT NORDAL~~ (LOOKALIKE)

INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS ON APRIL NINETEEN AND APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST REVEALS JAMES EARL RAY LOOKALIKE, SCOTT NORDAL, WORKED COURT OF TWO SISTERS RESTAURANT IN NEW ORLEANS FRENCH QUARTER UNTIL APRIL THIRTEEN LAST WITH ABSENCE ON APRIL FOUR LAST AND POSSIBLY OTHER DATES. BACKGROUND INFORMATION FURNISHED BY NORDAL ON EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION REFLECTING LOS ANGELES BACKGROUND PROVED TO BE ENTIRELY FALSE BY LOS ANGELES DIVISION. INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS TO DATE REVEALS ONE SCOTT NORDAL REGISTERED AT CHALMETTE HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, FROM MARCH TWENTYTWO TO MARCH TWENTYTHREE LAST. AT THIS TIME, NORDAL FURNISHED STREET ADDRESS AS ONE EIGHT THREE SIX NINETEENTH, WASHINGTON, D. C. SECTION OF CITY AND WHETHER STREET OR AVENUE NOT SPECIFIED.

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**WFO - CONDUCT IMMEDIATE PERTINENT INFORMATION TO
DETERMINE IF INFORMATION CAN BE DEVELOPED RELATIVE TO
SCOTT NORDAL, LOOKALIKE, AND SUTEL.**

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
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RE MEMPHIS TELETYPES TO DIRECTOR APRIL EIGHTEEN AND APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT; MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO NEW ORLEANS APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT; AND MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS APRIL TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT.

VINCENT LIBERTO, ANTHONY LIBERTO, AND MRS. EMMA LIBERTO LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. ~~THE~~ Vincent and Anthony ~~STATE~~ HAD NO TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH BROTHER FRANK IN MEMPHIS PRIOR ^{IN} TO ~~APRIL FOUR~~, SIXTYEIGHT. MRS. LIBERTO CONTACTED SON FRANK IN MEMPHIS COUPLE OF DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION PURELY OUT OF CONCERN FOR THE FAMILY THERE. NONE OF THE LIBERTO BROTHERS RESIDING IN NEW ORLEANS IN THE PRODUCE BUSINESS. ANTHONY IS RETIRED DIABETIC FORMERLY WORKING FOR VIKING TRUCK LINES; VINCENT PRESENTLY A TRUCKER WITH VIKING; SALVATORE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED WITH WEST BROTHERS TRUCKING. MRS. LIBERTO STATES SON FRANK STOPPED TO VISIT LAST FRIDAY AFTER A TRIP TO HAMMOND, LA., AREA TO BUY STRAWBERRIES. ALL FAMILY MEMBERS INTERVIEWED

- 1 - Birmingham (AM)
- 1 - Atlanta (AM)
- 1 - New Orleans (157-10673)

Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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STATE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSASSINATION EXCEPT FROM READING AND WATCHING NEWS MEDIA. VINCENT ADVISED AFTER VIEWING PHOTO OF RAY HAD SEEN IN NEWSPAPER AND TV BUT NO OTHER KNOWLEDGE. MRS. LIBERTO AND ANTHONY VIEWED PHOTOGRAPH AND STATED LOOKED FAMILIAR BUT COULD NOT IDENTIFY IT. SALVATORE LIBERTO UNAVAILABLE TO DATE AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED EARLY AM APRIL TWENTYTHREE, NEXT. THREE ZERO TWO'S FOLLOW.

END.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M. Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI NEW ORLS

FBI ATLANTA

10:31 PM URGENT 4-22-68 JWE

TO NEW ORLEANS.

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE SETTING FORTH INFO RECEIVED FROM LEONARD GUZZINO, PATTERSON, LOUISIANA. TAG NUMBER SET FORTH ERRONEOUS AS GEORGIA TAGS HAVE ONLY ONE LETTER IN NUMBERED SEQUENCE. RECHECK WITH SOURCE AND ADVISE IF HE CAN BE MORE SPECIFIC.

END.

OLP

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*Lynn advised
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673) x

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA Stephen M. Callender

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 22, 1968, an individual who identified himself as ANTHONY BRUNO, 5880 Old Gentilly Highway, telephone 241-2466 telephonically provided the following information.

He stated that on this date he had read in the New Orleans newspapers an article alleging a conspiracy in captioned matter in which it was alleged that there was to be a pay off of \$5,000.00.

He recalled that on 4/17/68 he was in the Trailways Bus station on Tulane Ave. in New Orleans at about 8:30 PM. He was waiting in line to obtain a money order and that in front of him was a white male he described as giving the appearance of a hippie. This unknown white male was observed to pull out \$5,000.00 from his pocket and proceed to obtain \$5,000 in money orders. BRUNO could only described this person as a white, male about 30 years of age, 6', 175, dark brown hair dressed in levi's. He said that this individual did not appear to bear any resemblance to the photos of JAMES EARL RAY he has observed in the newspapers however he was furnishing the above info to this office in view of the alleged pay off of money mentioned above and that he felt that it was unusual for a hippie type person to have the large amount of money.

LEAD:

At New Orleans.

Will at the Trailways bus station located on Tulane Ave. determined the identity of the person who purchased the \$5,000 money orders at about 8:30 PM on 4/17/68.

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO-MEMPHIS

On 4/19/68, an anonymous caller advised the Dallas Office she saw an individual resembling ERIC STARVO GALT driving a late model Chevrolet, light tan, four door, on 4/12/68. The auto stopped and parked at the A & A Liquor Store, Industrial at Hampton, Dallas, and the individual entered the liquor store.

The auto was bearing 1968 Louisiana license 25 E 930.

LEADS

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Determine possessor of automobile with above license and whether identical with subject of this case.

2-New Orleans
2-Dallas
SDA:nc
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Lead card
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CR
 (OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

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AT 44-2386

All receiving offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for Subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

For information of all Agents, subject JAMES EARL RAY was last known to be in the Atlanta area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

All Agents are requested to check car recoveries within their respective territory of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

ARMED & DANGEROUS.

② - 157-10673
1 - Each Agent

JTS:sam
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-;0673) (P)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR LELAND CRAIG RUDROW

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DANNY GREEN, of the States Item, called to say he had been conducting investigation on behalf of the newspaper concerning ERIC GALT. He said this morning he talked to JOSIE MAPLE, 221 North Prier, a maid at the Cornstalk at 915 Royal. GREEN said MAPLE told him GALT was in town last night and that she had seen him at Walgreens at the corner of Canal and Claiborne between 7 and 8 PM. GALT was supposedly wearing a white shirt and blue trousers and was seen near the perfume check-out counter. GREEN said MAPLE told him the check-out girl there also noticed GALT. He said further MAPLE was afraid to call the Police for fear she would get into trouble.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Route to SA CALLENDER for evaluation.

② - New Orleans

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE HARVEY LOWMYER

Reference is made to WFO airtel to the Director,
4/19/68, captioned as above.

This airtel set forth a lead for the New Orleans
Division at Harahan, Louisiana, to interview Mrs. J. WILLIAM
"BILL" ~~MADE~~, inasmuch as her maiden name was LOWMYER (phonetic).
Inasmuch as the subject in captioned case has been identified,
this lead is not being covered.

2-Memphis
2-New Orleans
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Airtel

To: SAC's, San Antonio (44-1242)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re San Antonio teletype 4-19-68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Herman Peter Kackemaster, born [redacted], in Weehawken, New Jersey, who may or may not be the same as the Herman Peter Kackemaster described in referenced teletype. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Kackemaster.

① - New Orleans

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

SAC GAMBLE, Birmingham, telephonically advised that the dates they can prove RAY was in Birmingham are as follows:

8/26/67 to 10/5/67;
3/29/68 around noon, 1:30 - 1:45 p.m., CST;
3/30/68.

SAC JENSEN, Memphis, said they can prove RAY was at the motel 4/3/68 and checked in at 7:15 p.m., and 4/4/68 until after the shot was fired.

SAC HITT, Atlanta, stated the dates they can prove RAY was there was 3/24/68 when he paid rent; 3/31/68 when he paid rent; 4/5/68 in the a.m. when he abandoned the car and picked up his laundry.

JTS:sam
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Memorandum

TO :SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM :SA JOHN A. PFEIFER

SUBJECT:MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A. PFEIFER.

Review on 4/18/68 of the current telephone books for LaSalle, Catahoula, and Concordia Parishes showed no listing for any type of dancing school.

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. 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. YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

MMW

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4/22/68
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FBI SACTO

10:00 AM URGENT 4/23/68 LG

TO: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM: SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)

MURKIN. CR.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT LOOK ALIKE ON BLACK AND WHITE HARLEY
DAVIDSON SPRINT MOTORCYCLE, WITH LOUISIANA LICENSE PLATE TWO FIVE
ONE ONE.

UNSUB OBSERVED IN STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, ON APRIL TWENTYTWO,
LAST, WITH ABOVE MOTORCYCLE ALLEGEDLY BEARING LOUISIANA LICENSE PLATE
TWO FIVE ONE ONE OR TWO ONE FIVE ONE. UNSUB DRESSED IN WHITE, HAD
PACK ON BACK, AND NOT LOCATED TO DATE.

NEW ORLEANS DETERMINE TO WHOM ABOVE PLATES REGISTERED FOR
ELIMINATION PURPOSES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

END.

MMW

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card
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

SA ROGER KAAS, Atlanta, at 10:35 a.m., 4/23/68,
telephonically advised as follows:

Re telephone call from SA SHEARER requesting whether Atlanta source who identified one "COIN" as associate of subject JAMES EARL RAY in New Orleans, had any additional identifying data which could possibly identify "COIN" with DAN COHEN.

Source was specifically asked whether name could be COHEN and stated "COIN" as in nickles, dimes and quarters. However, phonetic misunderstanding possible as source has minimum education. Source never visited COIN or had any personal contact recalling only statement by RAY that he had good friend COIN in New Orleans described as notorious fence and hoodlum. No mention made of Crescent Cigarette Company.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : ASAC J. T. SYLVESTER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The Bureau has instructed that costs be accumulated for time and expenses expended on the captioned matter. These costs should be accumulated by each employee and submitted promptly at the end of each reporting period.

Attached are appropriate forms which are to be filled out by each Agent and returned to SA(A) DONALD L. HUGHES. For any Agent who spent no time on this case for the period indicated, the form should be returned with appropriate notation.

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UNUSUAL COSTS

(itemize as to type of
expense and cost of each
item shown)

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FBI KAN CITY

1121 AM URGENT 4/23/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, 44-38861, MEMPHIS, SPRINGFIELD, NEW ORLEANS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ETAL, APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.

RE COMMUNICATION MENTIONS UNKNOWN SECOND MAN SERVING AT
LEAVENWORTH PRISON WITH SUBJECT. THIS PERSON PROBABLY IDENTICAL
WITH VERNON ELMO RIFE.

SPRINGFIELD RE-INTERVIEW RIFE CONCERNING THIRD UNKNOWN MAN
AND RELIABILITY OF CURTIS'S STATEMENTS.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ESCAPE PROPENSITIES.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

I telephonically contacted the Jackson Office and talked to Supv. JAMES INGRAM and to ASAC LINBERG, pointing out we had at least nine pipeline construction jobs in Donaldsonville and that their memo said that the complainant viewed several photos including the photo of JAMES EARL RAY who stated the unidentified driver who picked him up is definitely not identical with the photo and bears no resemblance to the photo.

I pointed out we had received a lead in the communication but that in Grenana, Miss., there would probably be only one pipeline, therefore, they should go to Grenada and get the identity of this person at which time we could check them out at Donaldsonville.

JTS:sam
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: WALTER TERRY RIFE

Your attention is directed to memo to all Agents dated 4/22/68.

The Kansas City Office telephonically advised that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed.

Discontinue any investigation concerning RIFE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

① - 157-10673
1 - Each Agent

JTS:sam
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NOTE: Supv. DON HARMON, in the absence of SAC DISSLY, Kansas City, furnished above information at 10:15 a.m., 4/23/68.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

On 4/22/68, Mr. LEANDER "LEE" D'AVY, 348 Idlewild, Jackson, Mississippi, appeared at the Jackson Office of the FBI, and furnished the following information to SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS:

D'AVY advised he is unemployed at the present time, but has previously worked as a cab driver and at numerous odd jobs such as selling fishing worms, acting as a doorman at some bars on Bourbon Street in New Orleans, and a variety of jobs, after receiving a General discharge from the U. S. Army for stealing a Government vehicle.

D'AVY said he was hitchhiking with his ten-year-old son, LEANDER D'AVY, JR., on April 9, 1968, at Brookhaven, Mississippi. He caught a ride in front of the Coca-Cola Plant in Brookhaven, with a man who acted suspicious, and who had the name "Ray" written on the back of the Texas Inspection Sticker on the windshield of his car. D'AVY pointed out this was the day of the funeral of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and after reading in the paper that JAMES EARL RAY was alleged to be the murderer, he believes this man whom he caught a ride with might be involved in the murder of Dr. KING in some way. The unidentified man offering D'AVY and his son a ride from Brookhaven, Miss., to Baton Rouge, Miss., was driving about a 1961 Chevrolet, four door sedan, medium green in color, with current Texas license plates, number not recalled or recorded. The unidentified driver claimed he

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had recently worked on a pipe-line job near Grenada, Mississippi, and was presently enroute to another new pipe-line job in Donaldsonville, Louisiana.

During the trip, D'AVY started to comment about Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and this caused the unidentified driver to become very upset and pound his fists on the steering wheel. D'AVY claimed the driver never gave him any name whatsoever, but he believes his name may have been RAY, since that was the name on the back of the Texas Inspection Sticker on the windshield. He said the Miss. Highway Safety Patrol stopped them just outside of Brookhaven, Miss., on a routine-type driver's license check. The driver exhibited a Texas driver's license to the patrolman. The patrolman also noted that one of the headlights did not work on this car; however, allowed them to continue on without receiving any type of ticket. During the drive to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the unidentified driver gave D'AVY's ten-year-old son a cheap, inexpensive ring which was made in Mexico, and which he took from the glove compartment of the car. D'AVY still has this ring.

D'AVY described the unidentified driver as follows: white male, age 25-35, 5' 9" in height, 180 pounds, blue or green eyes, sandy colored brown hair with a full head of hair combed straight, no glasses, did not smoke, had on no rings, and did not appear to be carrying anything in the way of suitcases or clothes inside the car. He spoke with a normal accent which was not particularly regional. He claimed to be from Orange, Texas, originally, but did not know several people named by D'AVY who are supposedly well-known in Orange, Texas.

D'AVY viewed several photographs, including the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated the unidentified driver who picked him up is definitely not identical with the photographs and bears no resemblance to the photographs.

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D'AVY theorized that as soon as the true identity of the killer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING became known to the public, it was necessary for those who had participated in the murder with RAY, to eliminate RAY in order that he could never identify them. D'AVY claims he has not only theorized about this, but he has dreamed about it also, and felt he should tell the FBI about it.

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS

AT DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA

Will contact pipe-line companies with current activity in the Donaldsonville, Louisiana, area, and attempt to identify and interview unknown individual described above who is allegedly driving about a 1961 Chevrolet, medium green, four door sedan, with Texas license plates, and determine whereabouts of this person during the last week of March, 1968, and the first week of April, 1968.

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Date: 4/23/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, WFO, AND LOS ANGELES

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE SCOTT NORDAL (LOOK-ALIKE).

RE NEW ORLEANS LETTERS TO BUREAU, ATTENTION FBI LAB.,
APRIL TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT.

EXAMINATION OF ALL TIME CARDS, COURT OF TWO SISTERS
RESTAURANT, FRENCH QUARTER, NEW ORLEANS, ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE,
SIXTYEIGHT, SHOWS THAT SCOTT NORDAL WORKED FROM TEN THIRTYFIVE
AM TO TEN FIFTYONE PM ON MARCH TWENTYNINE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND ON
MARCH THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, WORKED FROM TEN THIRTYFIVE AM UNTIL
TWELVE ZERO FIVE AM ON APRIL ONE, SIXTYEIGHT. NORDAL DID NOT
WORK ON APRIL THREE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT
WORKED FROM TEN FORTYSIX AM TO TWO THIRTY PM AND FROM FOUR
FORTYFOUR PM TO TEN PM THAT EVENING. NORDAL CALLED IN SICK
DURING THE AM OF APRIL FIVE, AND WORKED ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT,
FROM FOUR THIRTYEIGHT PM TO TEN THIRTY PM.

MANAGEMENT OF COURT OF TWO SISTERS ADVISED NOT POSSIBLE FOR

1-Memphis (AM)
1-New Orleans
TED:sja

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ANYONE TO PUNCH IN FOR NORDAL. EMPLOYEES OF COURT OF TWO SISTERS ADVISED THAT NORDAL'S LEFT EYE WAS CROOKED AND POINTED INWARD AND THAT NORDAL DID NOT CLOSELY RESEMBLE THE PHOTO OF SUSPECT RAY.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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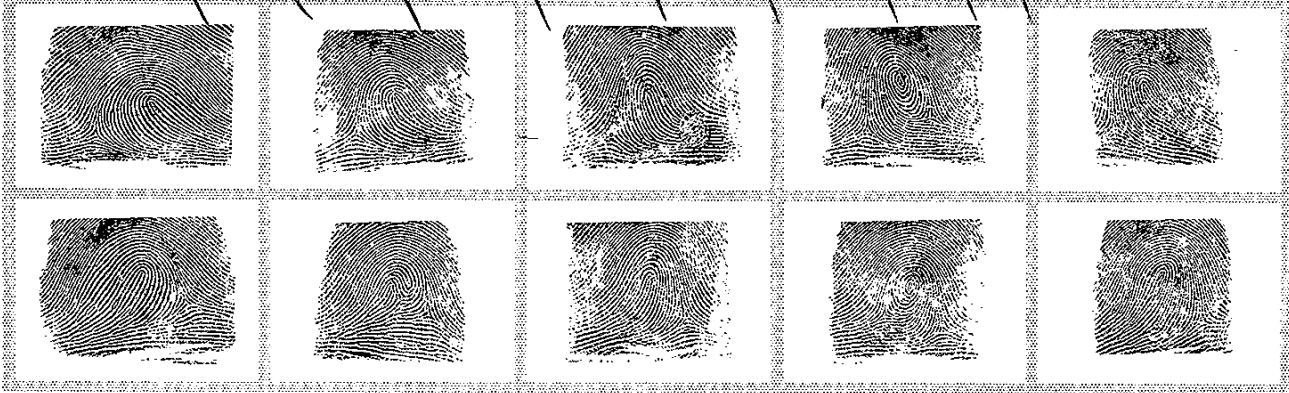
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WANTED BY FBI

JAMES EARL RAY

FBI No. 405,942 G
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ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)

James Ray



DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
 HEIGHT: 5' 10" EYES: blue
 WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds COMPLEXION: medium
 BUILD: medium RACE: white
 HAIR: brown, possibly cut short NATIONALITY: American
 OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer
 SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
 REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiracy to interfere with the Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

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