

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC *New Orleans*

DATE: *7/2/68*

FROM : SA *Thomas E. Duford*

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: *NO 1565-C*

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Dates of Contact <i>7/23/68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>James Earl Ray, CR WFRD-R. Hwy 157-10673</i>		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC <i>CI advised after viewing photos of Ray that he did not know anything about the subject.</i>		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Lead</i>	Coverage <i>ITAR WSTA</i>

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Washington, D. C. 20537

**REPORT**

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. 157-10673
FBI FILE NO. 44-38861
LATENT CASE NO. 91075

April 24, 1968

TO: SAC, New Orleans

RE: MURKIN

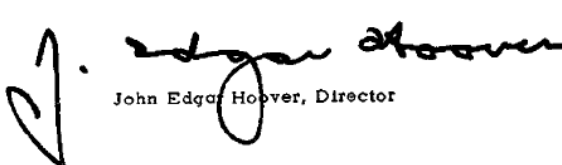
REFERENCE: Teletype 4/17/68
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: New Orleans
SPECIMENS:

No fingerprint record located Identification
Division files for the following listed individuals:

Douglas E. Vicknair
Russell J. Gaubert
Gaetano T. Feltri
Benjamin E. Bertinot of Boutte, Louisiana
James M. Holleman
Benjamin E. Bertinot of Baton Rouge,
Louisiana

2 - Memphis (44-1987)

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Latent fingerprints this case not identical fingerprints of other individuals whose names were listed in referenced teletype.

Laboratory reporting separately.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, Dallas
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtel to Memphis, dated 4/23/68,
no copies to WFO or Dallas.

For the information of Dallas and WFO, referenced
airtel enclosed a copy of the pre-sentence report for
JAMES EARL RAY, dated 4/26/68 from the Western District
of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri.

This pre-sentence report indicated that JAMES
EARL RAY, WALTER TERRY RIFE and an unknown woman companion,
in March, 1955, engaged in passing numerous stolen U. S.
Postal money orders in Missouri, Arkansas, Florida,
Tennessee, and New Orleans, Louisiana.

In March, 1955, exact date unknown, RIFE passed
a U. S. Postal money order, number 557, (last 3 digits only)
at Wright Tailors; that on 3/21/55 RIFE passed U. S. Postal
money order number 558 (last 3 digits only) at Schneiders;
and on 3/16/55, RIFE passed U. S. Postal money order number
559 (last 3 digits only) at Todd's Sportswear Shop. These
three establishments are all located in New Orleans, La.
The first two money orders passed were in the amount of \$75
and the last money order in the amount of \$50.

2-Dallas
2-WFO
1-Memphis (Info)
②-New Orleans
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The money orders were apparently made payable to WILLARD J. MC BRIDE with the purchaser listed as VERNON MC BRIDE.

One money order passed in Kansas City, Missouri contained the full number 742239568 and these first six digits may be the same numbers attributable to the above mentioned money orders for which the last three digits only were furnished.

On 4/24/68 U. S. Postal Inspector, THOMAS E. DAILEY, New Orleans, La., advised that any investigative report prepared by his office concerning the passing of the three money orders in New Orleans would now be located in either Ft. Worth, Texas or Washington, D. C. He stated that he assumed this report would be at the Regional Office in Ft. Worth, Texas, which is located in Room 202 of the main Post Office Building, Ft. Worth.

LEADS:

DALLAS DIVISION

AT FT. WORTH, TEXAS: Will contact Regional Office of Postal Inspectors and attempt to determine if a copy of the investigative report concerning the passing of the three money orders in New Orleans is located at this office, and set out appropriate leads.

WFO

AT WFO, WASHINGTON, D. C.: Contact Headquarters of U. S. Postal Inspectors and attempt to locate investigative report concerning passing of money orders in New Orleans, and set out appropriate leads.

4/24/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, JACKSON

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1361)

MURKIN

(BUFILE 44-38861)

On 4/23/68, Mrs. MAE LEMMON, 1413 West Walnut Ave., Gastonia, N. C., (Protect Identity), advised that she learned from a reliable source that on 2/1/68 MURKIN WALTER LEMMON, 1325 Elm St., Durham, N. C., departed Durham allegedly to go to work on a boat at Pascagoula, Miss. She is not certain if LEMMON did go to work on a boat but she knows that he never has worked on a boat in the past and has never had any gainful employment to amount to anything in recent years. He has been in trouble with law enforcement authorities in the past and less than a year ago shot and killed a white male, name unknown, at Durham, N. C., and as far as she knows, has never been heard for some as of this time. She learned that he returned to Durham about 10 or 12 days ago where he is presently staying. She said that her source wondered why he did not return to his employment which was allegedly on a boat. LEMMON is a relative of her husband, WALTER LEMMON, who resides at 1311 Elm St., Durham, N. C., with his sister, OLD MAE LEMMON. Mrs. LEMMON and her husband are presently separated.

Mrs. LEMMON also advised that she learned from her source that LEMMON always has a large sum of money in his possession, which seems very strange since he had no gainful employment to account for this. She does not know if he is a member of any hate group but that he would be capable of killing MURKIN WALTER LEMMON and might have done so if paid enough. She described LEMMON as follows:

- 1 - Jackson
 - 1 - Memphis (44-1954)
 - 1 - New Orleans
 - 1 - Charlotte
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Race:
Sex:
Date of Birth:
Hair:
Eyes:
Height:
Weight:

White
Male
[REDACTED]
Brown
Blue
5' 9" - 5' 10"
160 - 170

Mrs. BATES went on to say that about six years ago and she believed it to be 1961, a Negro male was murdered at Poplarville, Miss., and thrown into a small river near there. The river separates Mississippi and Louisiana at that point and is near Bogalusa, La. She believes there were six white males who went to a jail at Poplarville, beat and abducted the Negro prisoner from his cell. The Negro had been accused of raping a white woman in the State of Mississippi. She further advised that none of the six whites were ever arrested and she does not know if any of the six were Klansmen. She said that she knows the identity of two of the boys who were involved at the time. One was a white male by the name of WALTER HARRIS, age 23, of Bogalusa, La. She declined to name the other male at that time since he is a friend of one of her daughters who is presently visiting in Bogalusa, La. She said that she would disclose this name after her daughter's return to Canton, N. C.

She further advised that HARRIS has had psychiatric treatment as a result of being bothered by the murder in which he participated. He admitted taking part in this murder and named the other boy whom she knew, but declined to identify at this time. She said that she learned from a very reliable source that HARRIS had participated in this murder and HARRIS admitted the murder to this source. She further advised that she never heard that any of these individuals were arrested for the murder or tried for same.

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It should be noted that Mrs. LEWIS is obviously referring to the murder involving one MACK CHARLES PAKER which occurred 4/25/68.

About eight or nine months ago, the white male, whom she declined to identify at that time, made a statement before a group of people at a club near Bogalusa, La., that KING, referring to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was on their list next. She declined to relate where she learned this information but stated she would give further details when her daughters return from Bogalusa, La.

Mrs. LEWIS said that her daughters, VICKIE LEWIS, age 18, and MARSHIA GAIL LEWIS, age 16, have been residing at 244 Montgomery St., Bogalusa, La., since 1/68 and VICKIE is employed at J. C. Henry & Co., and GAIL at the Anne Restaurant, both in Bogalusa. They are allegedly returning to Gastonia, N. C., about Saturday, 4/27/68, but she declined that they not be contacted directly until such time as she had an opportunity to ascertain their feelings toward divulging any information that might have come across while residing at Bogalusa, La.

Mrs. LEWIS also stated that her husband's brother-in-law, LAWRENCE MORAN, who lives near the river at Bogalusa is a member of the KKK. MORAN's wife is BARBARA MORAN, who resides at 1025 Brent St., Bogalusa, La.

MARY LEWIS is described as follows:

Race:
Sex:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Height:
Weight:
Build:
Eyes:
Hair:

White
Female
[REDACTED]
Murray, N. C.
5' 5"
115
Slender
Blue
Black

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Daughters:

TRISHA DENNIS, Age 13

Son:

Age 14,

Son:

Age 4,

Marital Status:

Residing at home
Separated

Two copies of this communication are being designated for all offices and no leads are being set forth. This information is being furnished for whatever purpose it may serve to the receiving offices and in addition, it is being furnished in view of the fact that ~~REDACTED~~ ~~REDACTED~~ was considered a suspect by Mrs. DENNIS in captioned matter.

Mrs. DENNIS will be contacted at a subsequent date in the near future in order to ascertain what information she has obtained from her daughters regarding the racial education in the Bogalusa, LA., area.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA LONDON M. HOWARD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: ASAC memo to SAC dated 4/19/68

On 4/24/68 the writer caused a search to be made at the driver's license division, La. Department of Revenue, at Baton Rouge. The reason for this search was to locate, and review all applications for Louisiana driver's license in the names of:

JAMES MC BRIDE
JAMES WALSON
W. C. HEBRON
JAMES O'CONNOR

All applications in the above names were pulled, regardless of middle names and DOBs, and were separately reviewed and eliminated, on the basis of physical description, as being identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

It should be noted that searches of this type have already been conducted on the following names.

JAMES EARL RAY
ERIC STARVO GALT
HARVEY LOWMYER
JOHN WILLARD

The results of these previous searches have already been reported.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

At 8:00 p.m., CST, WILLIAM NOLAN, Supervisor of Los Angeles Office, at his request was telephonically contacted at the Los Angeles Office, at which time he advised that MARIA MARTIN, cousin of CHARLES STEIN, had forwarded another package to New Orleans on St. Valentine's Day which contained some records and clothing for her daughter; that this stuff was given to RAY (GALT) to drop off at the residence of her mother, Mrs. LORRAINE CALLAWAY, 609 Bartholomew (telephone WH 9-5150); that MARTIN recalls that GALT was in touch with someone in the Chef Menteur Highway - Jackson Barracks area.

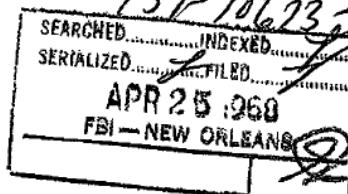
NOLAN stated that MARIA MARTIN had made a call to New Orleans on 4/24/68 and determined that the clothing had been delivered to her aunt, THERESEE STONE, and that both THERESEE STONE and her mother were at 609 Bartholomew Street at the time NOLAN was contacting the New Orleans Office.

SA WERTMAN was in the office and was requested to contact SA CARNEY and conduct the necessary interview. NOLAN was instructed to submit a teletype with complete information.

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

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-3118)

FROM : SA Charles W. Draper

SUBJECT: George Matthew Wiltshire

DATE: 4-24-68

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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Dates of Contact 4-24-68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		157-10673
Rogers Joshua (Harold George Randolph)		87-14946
Jack Floyd Adams		26-38119
Clyde Leon Richards		26-34911
Shaman D. Sawaya aka "Suki"		42-11992
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
PCI advised photos of individuals in captioned cases (with exception of 42-11992) were unfamiliar to him.		
PCI advised group with whom "Suki" runs is not "gay" to his knowledge. He advised he knows of no girlfriends group as "Suki" may have. He advised phone # for Bobby Port is 482-6660 & the number for Knickmeyer is 482-7729. He advised "Suki" could be staying with a Gang (LNU) who lives on Gentilly, near City Park & an individual known as Billy Hunter (Phonetic) who lives off of Broad near Dillard University. Would continue to develop info re "Suki". PCI had no info re furs, jewelry for sale & no info re possible racial violence.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage 42's, 26's, Fug
42-11992 - assigned Hunkle.		

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Memorandum

TO : SAC New Orleans

FROM : SA Terry M. Scott

SUBJECT: Roy Gallotte

DATE: 4/23/68

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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Dates of Contact 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
Murkin		157-10673
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC P.C. I was shown photos with neg. results		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage 82's, 26's
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC New Orleans

FROM : SA Terry M. Scott

SUBJECT: Barney T. Stout

DATE: 4/23/68

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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Dates of Contact 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
Murkin	157-10673	
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC P.C.I. was shown photos with neg. results.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage 87's, 26's
Same		

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① 157-10673

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Memorandum

TO : SAC SAC, New Orleans

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA William T. Brooks

☐ Cl ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: *Morris Louque*



Dates of Contact	4/23/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>Murkin</i> 157-10673		
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>excellent</i>	Coverage <i>civil rights</i>
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-3384)

FROM : SA Charles W. Drager

SUBJECT: Arthur Jacobs, aka
Take

DATE: 4-24-68

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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Dates of Contact 4-23-68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		157-10673
Clyde Leon Richards		26-34911
Tack F. Lloyd Adams		26-38119
Purpose and results of contact		
☐ NEGATIVE ☒ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
PCI advised photographs of individuals in above captioned cases are completely unfamiliar to him.		
PCI advised he has received no information regarding the sale of any furs taken in local burglaries, sale of any type of weapons or any information concerning any possible racial problem in the area.		
☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage 425, 26's, Fugitives

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-3367)

FROM : SA Charles W. Draper

SUBJECT: Lester Hansch

DATE: 4-24-68

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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Dates of Contact

4-24-68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

Jack F. Lloyd Adams

26-38119

Clyde Leon Richards

26-34911

Murkin

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Rogers Tashua (Harold George Randolph)

87-14946

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☐ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

Checks made available re 87-15320

were returned.

☐ Informant certified that he has
furnished all information obtained
by him since last contact.

Rating Good

Coverage 112's, 86's, 87's, Fug.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA DONALD L. HUGHES

☐ CI

☐ SI

☒ PCI

☐ PSI

SUBJECT: GEORGE SOLOMON, SR.

Dates of Contact 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <u>MURKIN</u>		157-10673
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE PCI viewed photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and said he does not know this individual but will be alert to his appearance.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage As before
Personal Data		

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cc 157-10673

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (137-3267)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA STANLEY C. LOS, JR.

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: FRED M. PROBST

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Dates of Contact	
4/23/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
MURKIN	157-10673
Purpose and results of contact	
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC	
PCI was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE. He stated that these men were unknown to him either by name, aliases or picture. He saw RAY's picture in the paper, and PCI added that he would contact the FBI if he were to receive any information concerning these men.	
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD
Coverage	

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Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (137-3268) DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA STANLEY C. LOS, JR.

SUBJECT: CAROL ANN MALLETT

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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Dates of Contact 4/23/68		
Titles and File # on which contacted		
MURKIN	157-10673	
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
PCI was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE. She advised that both of these men were unfamiliar to her. She remembered seeing RAY's picture in the local papers, but she had not seen him at any other time. PCI stated she would contact the FBI immediately if she were to receive any information concerning these men.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD	Coverage
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-3278)

FROM : SA Charles W. Draper

SUBJECT: Joseph Villoy

DATE: 4-24-68

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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Dates of Contact 4-24-68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
Murkin	157-10673.	
Rogers Joshua (Harold George Randolph)	87-17946.	
Clyde Leon Richards	26-34911	
Tack Floyd Adams	26-38117.	
Purpose and results of contact		
☐ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
PCI advised photos of above individuals unfamiliar. He advised photo of Eula Elaine Adams (step-daughter of Tack Floyd Adams) resembles an individual seen in his place. He stated he would develop additional info. re this matter. PCI advised he had no information re sale of any guns, jewelry or furs.		
☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage 26's, 42's, 87, Fugitive
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Memorandum

TO : SAC New Orleans

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA Terry M. Scott

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: Judith Sprain

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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Dates of Contact

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Titles and File #s on which contacted

Murkin

157-10673

Purpose and results of contact

- ☒ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

PCI was shown photos with
neg. results.

☒ Informant certified that he has
furnished all information obtained
by him since last contact.

Rating

Good

Coverage

31/5

Same

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Memorandum

TO : SAC New Orleans

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA Terry M. Scott

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: Lucita Ward

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Dates of Contact 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
Minkin		157-10673
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC P.C.I. was shown photos with neg. results.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage General Criminal
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **NEW ORLEANS (137-3222)**

DATE: **4/23/68**

FROM : SA **STANLEY C. LOS, JR.**

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: **THOMAS MAKINSON CAMPBELL**

Dates of Contact 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 157-10673		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC PCI was shown the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE. PCI advised that these persons were not known to him. He added that he had seen the picture of RAY in the newspapers, and that if he should see him, he would contact the FBI immediately.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD	Coverage

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (137-3237) DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA STANLEY C. LOS, JR.

SUBJECT: SIDNEY SIZELER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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Dates of Contact 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <u>MURKIN</u> <u>157-10673</u>		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC PCI was shown pictures of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE. PCI advised that RAY and RIFE were not known to him either by photo or name. PCI added that he had seen the pictures of RAY in the newspapers and he knew that the FBI was looking for him. He said that he would contact this office if he were to receive any information concerning either of these men.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD	Coverage
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Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (137-3239) DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA STANLEY C. LOS, JR.

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SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM VAN VRANCKEN, JR.

Dates of Contact 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		157-10673
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
PCI was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE. He stated that both these men were unfamiliar to him. He added that he had seen RAY's picture in the local newspapers, and heard that the FBI was looking for him. PCI advised that he would contact this agent immediately or the FBI if agent not available) if he were to receive any information concerning these men.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD	Coverage
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

Mrs. THERESA STONE resides at 4019 Royal Street, having telephone number 944-8318. At the same residence were located DALE RODRIGUEZ, (daughter-in-law of Mrs. LORRAINE CALLOWAY,) aka DELIA RODRIGUEZ and wife of HERBERT RODRIGUEZ.

THERESA STONE works at the Backstage 500 Bar in the French Quarter as a barmaid.

HERBERT STONE is a carnival worker, presently unemployed.

KENNETH STONE, husband of THERESA STONE, is currently confined at Angola State Pen.

HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, son of LORRAINE CALLOWAY and husband of DALE RODRIGUEZ, is an ex-prize fighter and bar bouncer in the French Quarter, and is presently unemployed.

Above all reside at 4019 Royal Street.

MARIAN de GRASSE resides at 2529 Cambronne Street, New Orleans. (need to determine who she is residing with and telephone number.)

In Los Angeles report of SA LEROY W. SHEETS dated 4/18/68, page 157, an interview with CHARLES J. STEIN, STEIN indicated that during the time in December, 1967, he was in New Orleans, he talked on the telephone to ERIC S. GALT from his sister's residence in New Orleans. His sister's residence at that time was 1429 Burgundy. STEIN identified his sister as MARIA LEE, who has since moved from the Burgundy address to 2001 Clair Avenue, Gretna, La.

Los Angeles teletype 1:35 a.m., 4/25/68, contains a reinterview of MARIE MARTIN on 4/24/68. She advised she believes RAY and STEIN were gone from Los Angeles approximately seven days on their trip to New Orleans in December, 1967.

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RAY came to MARTIN's room in St. Francis Hotel shortly after he graduated from the bartender's school. MARTIN gave RAY a box of phonograph records to deliver to her mother, LORRAINE CALLAWAY, 611 Bartholomew Street. MARTIN stated she learned on 3/25/68 RAY left the box at the residence of her sister THERESA in New Orleans. MARTIN said RAY said he stayed at some friends who lived at or near the Chef Menteur Highway in New Orleans; RAY and STEIN went there to pick up RITA STEIN's children in December, 1967. (Provincial Motel records show RAY stayed at that motel December 17, 18 and 19, 1967).

Los Angeles advised RAY checked out of the St. FRANCIS Hotel 3/17/68, rather than in February.

RITA STEIN furnished the following background info on 3/25/68 to the Los Angeles Office.

Married at 18 in New Orleans to ALBERT DEMEN; to the best of her knowledge still lives in New Orleans. Had twin girls by this marriage. Later married STAN ROSA of New Orleans, used car salesman in business with brother CHARLES STEIN in New Orleans and in Los Angeles. Two boys by this marriage. STEIN stated ROSA died two years ago in Hollywood due to overdose of narcotics.

Neither STEIN nor brother CHARLES STEIN are employed. Receive Social Security payments from deceased husband.

RITA STEIN has no personal knowledge of second trip to New Orleans. MARIA MARTIN told he did make it in March.

[REDACTED] RITA STEIN's eight year old twin girls, questioned about December trip; recalled nothing except RAY used to hum loudly accompanying car radio music, sounding like a train whistle. Stayed in no motels, children ate in car. Remembered they stopped to throw snowballs somewhere in Texas during trip.

Los Angeles teletype of 10:41 p.m., 4/24/68, advised that CHARLES STEIN on reinterview advised there were about six telephone calls all during trip, mostly in Texas area. One call he believed completed was just west of Houston at a service station type establishment, just off Interstate 10 and it was at night.

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STEIN also recalled person whom RAY was to contact in New Orleans was a contractor or engineer whose business was located near Industrial Canal. STEIN said in talking to MARIA MARTIN he learned a better location, that this individual may be located near Chef Menteur Highway and Jackson Barracks area.

According to STEIN, he stated he learned from LOMAX that RAY allegedly dated a white female named JERI.

STEIN further advised LOMAX had learned that RAY made a second trip to New Orleans about Valentine's Day, having picked up clothing from MARIA MARTIN which belonged to MARIA MARTIN's daughter. The daughter was identified by STEIN as MARION EISMAN (ph).

MARIA MARTIN said she gave RAY a box of records and wearing apparel to be delivered care of LORRAINE CALLAWAY, 609 Bartholomew, New Orleans, and that she, MARTIN, telephonically contacted her mother in New Orleans (on the 24th or 25th?), who advised some clothing had arrived in the mother's absence, time not recalled, which were taken from someone sent by MARIA by her sister, THERESA STONE, who was at the mother's home.

She then stated she recalled hearing RAY making reference to someone he knew who was located on Chef Menteur and Jackson Barracks, New Orleans. She had no idea as to whom RAY was referring.

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UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS

Mrs. LORRAINE CALLOWAY, mother of MARIA MARTIN, on 4/24/68 advised she recalled CHARLES STEIN appearing at her house in possibly February, 1968, leaving a box of clothing belonging to MARIAN de GRASSE, 18 year old daughter of MARIA MARTIN.

STEIN was driving a small white car, no further description recalled. Accompanied by white male who did not leave car. STEIN left immediately. CALLOWAY did not observe STEIN's companion.

This appears to be December and Los Angeles has not furnished information indicating STEIN drove anywhere but to his mother's residence on Royal Street.

deGRASSE received call from mother on 3/16/68 saying box of clothing would be delivered in a couple of days by a friend she called ERIC. deGRASSE said she got the second box on 3/24/68 from grandmother CALLOWAY.

(on 3/24/68 RAY paid first week's rent in Atlanta rooming house. On 3/17/68 he checked out of the St. Francis Hotel in Los Angeles).

Mrs. DALE RODRIGUEZ advised in New Orleans her husband HERBERT received a telephone call in either February or March from a man advising he was bringing a box of clothing from MIMI in Los Angeles. At 10:30 the same night DALE answered knock on front door and took clothing. Furnished no description.

(MARTIN says sister THERESA accepted clothing at mother's residence for her mother. DALE said she got them. DALE, according to Agents, was reluctant and appeared to be lying).

QUESTION: How did RAY get address of 4019 Royal to deliver clothing.

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NEW ORLEANS leads:

1) Interview HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, THERESA STONE and reinterview DALE RODRIGUEZ for full accounting of alleged phone call received at STONE residence from individual who claimed he had box of clothing to deliver from MIMI and who, according to DALE, did deliver same at about 10:30 that same night.

2) Develop arrest history of KENNETH STONE, currently incarcerated Angola.

3) Contact Weather Bureau to determine rain and wind conditions 3/19 thru 3/24/68 in the City of New Orleans.

4) Reinterview LORRAINE CALLOWAY and reconstruct all information concerning delivery of second box on or about 3/19/68 at 4019 Royal.

5) Reinterview CLOVINA ALONZO, 1907 1/2 Royal St.

6) Review all records at the Provincial Motel. *Covered for March*

7) In connection with interviews of all individuals mentioned herewith, obtain the names and addresses of all relatives of this family.

8) Locate and interview MARIA LEE, 2001 Clair Avenue, Gretna.

9) Locate CHARLES deCARVELHO. deCARVELHO used to reside on Iowa Street in New Orleans, number unknown; currently at sea in Merchant Marines. STEIN said that deCARVELHO during time STEIN was at his mother's residence, 1907 Royal in December, 1967, had visited with STEIN at his mother's kitchen. (page 157, report of SA LEROY W. SHEETS, 4/18/68, Los Angeles, serial 402.)

10) Bureau teletype lead (7:43 p.m., 4/24/68. Conduct appropriate investigation at all hippie rooming houses and similar establishments to obtain any information whatsoever concerning RAY.

11) Obtain from MARIAN deGRASSE the diary she maintained during approximate period of early February until late March.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

SA FRANK KAHL, Los Angeles, advised that MARIE MARTIN, aka MYRIAL TOMASO, MARIE DENNINO, MARIE MARTINELLO, white female, about thirty years of age, stated her residence was raided one time in New Orleans on some kind of narcotics raid; she does not want to talk about narcotics problems at this point. It appears she is involved in the same thing in Los Angeles.

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She stated that around the time RAY graduated from the bartenders school (early part of March, possibly around a holiday - St. Patrick's Day), RAY came up to her room in the hotel, at which time RAY gave her \$20. and they traded TV sets. At this time she apparently knew RAY was going south and asked him to drop off a box of phonograph records at her mother's home, LORRAINE CALLAWAY, 611 Bartholomew Street, New Orleans.

According to MARIE MARTIN, she found out from her mother that her mother was not at home so RAY brought them to her sister THERESA's house.

Re the first trip RAY made there with the STEINS, when they came back MARIE questioned RAY about the trip, what area did he stay in, etc. He stated he stayed with some friends. All she could get was it was near the Chef Menteur Highway, nothing else.

She was also asked about the girl friend, and said she did not know anything about any blonde.

She finally admitted she had a set of barbells that RAY left there on the day he left on the second trip.

She stated she is under treatment by a doctor for "pink eye".

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Memorandum

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

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

Re check of motels, Chef Mentour Highway, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Predication for Investigation

Investigation has determined that JAMES EARL RAY left Los Angeles, Calif., on 3/17/68, and subsequently delivered a package of personal items to an individual at New Orleans. The date of delivery is unknown; however, this person states that delivery was made at about 10:30 P.M. We know that RAY was in Atlanta, Ga., on 3/24/68, and paid a weeks rent on a room.

RAY has mentioned this to persons knowing him in the past in the area of the Chef Mentour Highway. It is conceivable that on this trip RAY could have stayed somewhere in New Orleans, and possibly at one of the motels on the Chef Highway, as it is on the direct route from New Orleans, to Atlanta. There is no reason to believe that if RAY did stay at one of these motel he did not use the name ERIC S. GALT.

LEAD:

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Will contact the motels and lodging places located on the Chef Mentour Highway from the Gentilly Woods Shopping Center East to the intersection of U.S. Highway 11 and U.S. Highway 90. Will personally review these records for any information that GALT may have stayed at one of these places. If a record is located, will conduct appropriate investigation at the motel or lodging place and obtain the registration card.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

JOE SCHMIDT, Security Officer, Southern Bell Telephone Company, telephonically advised that his office had received a call from their Los Angeles office in which the Los Angeles telephone company office advised that the FBI in Los Angeles wanted a check of the toll record information for three months, 1/21/68 to 3/17/68, of tolls to 821-1411, and mentioned the bankruptcy of SAM RECILE. SCHMIDT was requested to determine who this phone belonged to and he advised this was the Times-Picayune States Item.

He stated he intended to take no action concerning this until he heard from this office.

LEO LARUE, sitting on the ASAC's Desk in Los Angeles in the absence of the SAC and ASAC, was telephonically requested to determine if their office made any such request and to call this office.

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ADDENDUM, ASAC, 4/25/68: Supv. NOLAN, Los Angeles, advised that LOMAX had requested the telephone company in Los Angeles to check SAM J. RECILE, 510 O'Keefe Street, telephone 821-1411, telephone records and in view of the stop placed by Los Angeles FBI with the telephone company, they in turn had called New Orleans requesting this check. I pointed out to NOLAN that this telephone was the number of the Times-Picayune States-Item and that we were not going to tell JOE SCHMIDT not to do this. He agreed.



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I contacted JOE SCHMIDT and advised him of this. He stated before he could deny this request he would have to clear with MURRAY FINCH or the Vice President as it came from another security office of Bell Telephone.

I supplied him confidentially with information of the LOMAX "squeeze" and called NOLAN and told him to have the Security Officer in California advise SCHMIDT what this was all about in reference to the contact with LOMAX.

NOLAN said in the event there was any mix-up, he would be back in touch with us.

ADDENDUM, ASAC, 4/25/68; Supv. NOLAN telephonically contacted the office and said the Security Officer in California was going to call JOE SCHMIDT and explain the situation to him and cancel the request for the check.

JOE SCHMIDT of the telephone company advised that he received a call from the California Security Officer cancelling the request, and at the same time received a "lot of double talk"; that in the event any requests were received from anybody concerning this matter, he would immediately notify the New Orleans Office.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS,
LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO
FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P) 3P

MURKIN

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL REPORTER TOM LUBENOW TODAY ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:
AFTER READING RECENT "NEWSWEEK" ARTICLE FROM LOS ANGELES
RE JERRI PETERSON, W/F, HAIR BLONDE, EYES BLUE, REPORTEDLY
GIRL FRIEND OF JAMES EARL RAY, HE RECEIVED INFO FROM SOURCE
HE REFUSES TO IDENTIFY IN LA, INDICATING A FEMALE, MEETING SAID
DESCRIPTION, LEFT LA ABOUT A WEEK AGO AND REPORTEDLY CHECKED
INTO ROYAL HOTEL, MILWAUKEE, WITH MAN VAGUELY RESEMBLING RAY.
FEMALE REPORTEDLY NAMED DYRELL DENNIS.

DENNIS IMMEDIATELY LOCATED AT TOWNE HOTEL, MILWAUKEE,
AND INTERVIEWED. STATES SHE LEFT LA ALONE VIA GREYHOUND BUS
APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO TO VISIT SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD SON,
CURTIS PAUL, IN MILWAUKEE. STATES PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AT
BEVERLY WILSHIRE HOTEL, WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, LA, AS SWITCHBOARD
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OPERATOR UNDER ABOVE NAME UNTIL MARCH NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENTS, LA TIMES - NINETEEN FIFTY ONE TO FIFTY FOUR; MOTION PICTURE STUDIO, NOW "DESILU" - NINETEEN FORTY FIVE TO FORTY NINE. DENNIS FURNISHED HOME ADDRESS AS ELEVEN FIFTY ONE WILCOX, LOS ANGELES. DENNIS DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY OR ERIC STARVO GALT. STATED INTENDS TO REMAIN IN MILWAUKEE IF CAN OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT. WILL RETURN TO LA OTHERWISE.

DENNIS DESCRIBED AS W/F, FIVE FOOT THREE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED TEN POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, GREEN EYES, DATE OF BIRTH, AT JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN.

DENNIS REGISTERED ALONE AT ROYAL HOTEL, ROOM TWO ZERO EIGHT, FOUR FOURTEEN TO FOUR TWENTY ONE, DURING WHICH PERIOD NARCOTICS OR PROSTITUTION ACTIVITIES SUSPECTED.

DENNIS ADMITS SAN FRANCISCO ARREST NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN AS VAGRANT AND ADDICT AND POSSIBLY ADDITIONAL ARRESTS LA AND SAN FRANCISCO VICINITIES.

BASED UPON PREVIOUS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM LA, IT WOULD APPEAR LUBENOW'S SOURCE IN THIS MATTER IS LOUIS LOMAX, CONTROVERSIAL NEGRO TV PERSONALITY WHOSE PROGRAM WAS RECENTLY TERMINATED AT LA
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AND DENNIS IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH JERRI (LNU), THE MYSTERIOUS BLON
REFERRED TO BY LOMAX IN ARTICLES APPEARING FOUR TWENTYFOUR LAST AT
LA AND NEW ORLEANS.

LA-DETERMINE AND ADVISE IF DENNIS LEGITIMATE PERSON
AND IF PERTINENT TO THIS INVESTIGATION.

SAN FRANCISCO-FURNISH LA WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF DENNIS
FOR POSSIBLE SHOWING TO WITNESSES WHO SAW RAY WITH BLONDE
FEMALE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re identities and locations of rooming houses
in New Orleans area.

Predication for Investigation

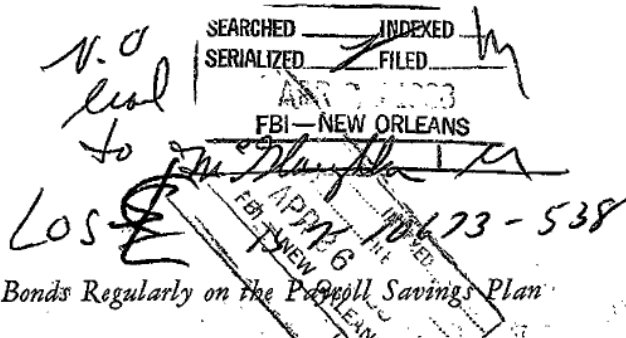
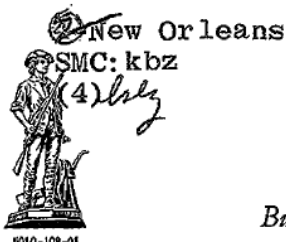
In the past we know that JAMES EARL RAY, the subject in this case, has been in New Orleans, on at least two occasions. The first was December, 1967, when he stayed at the Provincial Motel. The second time was sometime between March 17 - 24, 1968, and the place he may have stayed on this occasion is unknown. RAY's past history has indicated that in the areas he has resided in, he has lived in rooming houses. What we want to attempt to do, is to obtain a list of all rooming houses in the New Orleans area, so that consideration can be given to circulating these rooming houses with IOs and wanted flyers on RAY.

LEAD:

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Will at either the New Orleans City Hall Health Department or at the Fire Marshal's Office, or some other agency, obtain a list of all rooming houses and their addresses, if one is available.

If none are available, attempt to determine where such a list might be obtained.



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

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

Re canvass of barber shops in Louisiana.

Predication for Investigation

Investigation has determined that the subject in this case, JAMES EARL RAY, is fastidious in his appearance about his hair. It is therefore reasonable to assume possibly RAY, on the two occasions that we know he has been in New Orleans in the past, may have visited barber shops. What we want to determine is if there is any central location where we could obtain the names and addresses of all barber shops in the New Orleans area, and also in Louisiana, so that consideration can be given to circulating IOs and wanted flyers on RAY to these shops.

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. (1) Will, at the State Office Building, determine if there is a state agency governing the operation of barber shops and if this agency would have a central listing of all barber shops and if so obtain a copy of this list.

(2) Will, through the local Barber's Union, obtain a list of all barber shops.

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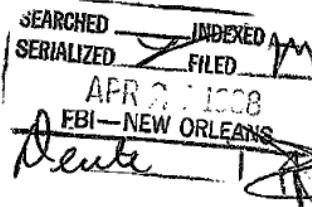
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Capitol
P.O. Box 12*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA JAMES W. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 12:05 p.m., 4/19/68, an anonymous telephone call was received at the Shreveport Resident Agency from an apparent white male, who stated that late in the afternoon of 4/18/68, he was parked on a road eight miles east of Vivian, La., with a companion. Parked next to his vehicle was a white Volkswagen bus with an unidentified Tennessee license and a dealership sticker from a Volkswagen dealer, not identified, in Dalton, Georgia. The caller stated that his companion exhibited to him a photograph on the front page of the Shreveport Times newspaper and told him that one of the two white males sitting in the Volkswagen was identical with ERIC STARVO GALT. The caller stated he observed this white male and he identified him as being GALT.

The caller refused to provide his name or any other information and hung up the telephone during subsequent questioning.

On 4/19/68, the following investigation was conducted by SA RONALD W. BEINNER and SA JAMES W. SMITH:

While conducting investigation immediately south of Vivian, Louisiana, a white Volkswagen bus bearing a Tennessee license plate was observed proceeding south on U. S. Hwy. 71. Agents surveilled this vehicle into downtown Shreveport, Louisiana, and then to Bossier City, Louisiana, where the occupants of the Volkswagen bus stopped at a Gulf Gasoline Station.

Interviewing Agents identified themselves to the occupants and the occupants identified themselves as follows:

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OCCUPANT #1

Name	HERMAN DEAN BASSHAM
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Chattanooga, Tennessee
Hair	Brown, balding
Eyes	Brown
Height	5 feet 5 inches
Weight	140 pounds
Tennessee Driver's License Number	[REDACTED]
Air Force Serial Number	[REDACTED]
Home Address	812 Glenwood Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Employment	Salesman, Olan Mills, Incorporated, Chattanooga, Tennessee

OCCUPANT #2

Name	DUREE D. HUNT, JR.
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Height	6 feet 1 inch
Weight	210 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Complexion	Fair
Home Address	1101 Carter Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Tennessee Driver's License Number	[REDACTED]
Tennessee Hunter's Permit Number	[REDACTED]
Georgia Hunting License Number	[REDACTED]
Employment	Salesman, Olan Mills, Incorporated, Chattanooga, Tennessee

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JWS:pd

HERMAN DEAN BASSHAM advised that on 4/4/68, he was on company business in Alexandria, Virginia, and was staying the night of 4/4/68, at the Highlander Motel, Alexandria, Virginia.

DUREE D. HUNT, JR., advised that on 4/4/68, he was on company business at Morganton, North Carolina, with two other company salesmen, CLYDE and MERCEDES JONES.

The vehicle they were driving was a white, 1964 Volkswagen bus, bearing 1968 Tennessee license JSO 958. The dealership sticker at the rear of the bus was marked Bob Himsil Volkswagen, Incorporated, Dalton, Georgia.

By observation and interview the above two individuals were determined not to be identical to either the photograph or description of ERIC STARVO GALT.

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AIRMAIL

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

Re Jackson airtel to the Director, 4/22/68.

There was contained in this airtel information received from EVERETT GAULT, Rt. 1, Meridian, Miss., on 4/22/68; information that members of his family reside in Louisiana.

Inasmuch as the subject of captioned case has been identified, as JAMES EARL RAY, the persons listed in referenced airtel are not being interviewed.

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FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST, AT EIGHT
THIRTYSEVEN P.M. ~~9:05 PM~~

NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM NEWSPAPER OF APRIL TWENTYFIVE
INSTANT, CARRIES AN ARTICLE IN WHICH LOUIS LOMAX ISSUED A
NEWS DISPATCH ON APRIL TWENTYFIVE INSTANT FROM YUMA, ARIZONA,
IN WHICH IT WAS REPORTED THAT LOMAX IS NOW FOLLOWING RAY'S
TRAIL FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS, WHERE LOMAX SAID RAY
MADE CONTACT WITH A MAN "WHO WAS PROBABLY AN INDUSTRIALIST
AND A BUILDER" SHORTLY BEFORE LAST CHRISTMAS.

THE ARTICLE STATED "DURING THE TRIP RAY MADE SEVERAL
TELEPHONIC EFFORTS TO REACH HIS NEW ORLEANS CONTACT. THE
FIRST THREE EFFORTS RESULTED IN A 'NO ANSWER'. ON THE FOURTH
TRY, RAY GOT AN ANSWER BUT THE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT THE
PARTY HE WISHED TO CONTACT WAS NOT THERE.

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"IT IS FURTHER EVIDENT THAT RAY, DURING THE FOURTH PHONE CALL, MADE A DATE TO CALL HIS CONTACT AT NINE O'CLOCK THE FOLLOWING EVENING. THIS PARTICULAR CALL WAS MADE FROM A PHONE BOOTH NEAR YUMA. AT APPROXIMATELY NINE P.M., DECEMBER SIXTEEN, RAY CONTACTED HIS NEW ORLEANS ALLY, FROM A PHONE BOOTH IN HOUSTON"

PHOENIX, AT YUMA, THROUGH CONTACTS AT PHONE COMPANY, SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO HAVE TOLLS ON ALL POSSIBLE PHONE BOOTHS IN AREA OBTAINED FOR PERIOD OF DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING. AIR MAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

NOTE: Article discussed with C. L. McGowan of the Bureau who suggested leads be set out. Information telephonically furnished to SA COLIN MICHAEL DUNNIGAN. Telephonically furnished to Supv. WILLIAM NOLAN, Los Angeles.

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TO MOBILE (157-2627)

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN.

RE: SUSPECT JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE.

RE MOBILE TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST.

INVESTIGATION MUSIC BOX LOUNGE, ONE NINE THREE SIX CANAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS, REVEALS NO PERSON HAVING NAME JOE LIVED OR WORKED AT MUSIC BOX LOUNGE WITHIN LAST MONTH. MUSIC BOX IS A THIRD RATE SKID ROW TYPE BAR WITH FLOP HOUSE TYPE ROOMS ON SECOND FLOOR. THIS BAR IS CLOSED AS OF TODAY.

MOBILE RECONTACT RAYMOND M. HILBURN FOR COMPLETE DETAILS OF HIS CONTACT WITH MONTAGNE INCLUDING DESCRIPTIVE DATA, HILBURN'S COMMENTS RE MONTAGNE'S RESEMBLANCE TO RAY, WHERE MONTAGNE SAID HE WAS FROM, ETC. SUTEL.

AIR MAIL COPIES MEMPHIS AND JACKSON.

END.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, ATLANTA
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT, RE
INFORMATION FURNISHED BY RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS.

POLICE AND INFORMANT SOURCES UNABLE TO IDENTIFY FENCE
NAMED COIN (PH) IN NEW ORLEANS AREA. SOURCES BELIEVE COIN
POSSIBLY IS DANIEL BERNARD COHEN, AKA DAN, AGE SIXTY, SIX FEET,
TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BROKEN NOSE. COHEN HAS NO CRIMINAL RECORD
BUT FOR YEARS HAS ASSOCIATED WITH CRIMINAL ELEMENT, PARTICULARLY
BURGLARS. POLICE SOURCE SAID COHEN WAS FENCE IN FIFTIES, STATED
COHEN WAS ONCE QUITE WEALTHY, BUT LOST ALL MONEY.

COHEN INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, DOES
NOT RECALL RAY, BUT STATES SOMETHING VAGUELY FAMILIAR ABOUT
RAY IN THAT RAY'S FACIAL FEATURES RESEMBLE MANY INDIVIDUALS.
COHEN SAID PRIOR TO FIFTYSIX COHEN HIRED MANY EX-CONS IN

① New Orleans
1 - Birmingham (AMSD)
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OPERATION OF ~~CRESCENT~~ CIGARETTE COMPANY, A VENDING MACHINE COMPANY. COHEN STATES RECALLS NO ONE IN AREA WHO ASSOCIATED WITH CRIMINAL ELEMENT WITH NAME SIMILAR TO COHEN'S NAME.

COHEN ADVISED REMAINS CLOSE FRIENDS WITH CHARLES ADAM ~~SMITH~~ (FBI NUMBER ONE THREE ONE EIGHT SIX FIVE), WHOM COHEN WILL LOCATE FOR INTERVIEW *by FBI*

SMITH WAS INCARCERATED IN U. S. PENITENTIARY, FT. LEAVENWORTH, KS., FOUR TIMES: THIRTYFIVE; FORTYTHREE FOR TWO YEARS; FORTYSEVEN FOR FOUR YEARS, LAST RECEIVING FOUR YEAR SENTENCE APRIL TWO, SIXTYTWO AT TOPEKA, KS., IN USDC.

~~JAKE~~ LACAZE, INMATE ORLEANS PARISH PRISON, HOLD-UP MAN AND SAFE BURGLAR, ADVISED LACAZE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH COHEN IN FIFTIES, BUT RAY IS UNKNOWN. S~~STATED~~ COHEN WOULD HELP ANYONE, CRIMINAL OR NOT, EXCEPT WHEN BEING SOUGHT BY LAW. LACAZE SAID HE HAS OPERATED IN SOUTHERN LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI AND NAME COIN UNKNOWN AS ASSOCIATES OF CRIMINALS OR FENCE.

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