

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA JOHN E. MC DANIELS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/23/68, the following were contacted and each advised that they had no information re JAMES EARL RAY, aka. Each was shown photos of RAY and each advised that RAY was unknown to them.

NO 1494-C
PCI PHILLIP GABREIL
PCI SYLVIA TOTH
PCI ALBERT MANSHARDT
PCI ANNE KURGAN
PCI GENEVA SELLERS

2 - 157-10673
1 - 137-2872
1 - 137-2687
1 - 137-2753
1 - 137-3261
1 - 137-3296
1 - 137-3368



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652PM URGENT 5/2/68 GJM

TO KANSAS CITY BIRMINGHAM NEW ORLEANS MEMPHIS
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO BH, ME, KC, SI, AND SL, MAY TWO, INSTANT,
AND BHTL TO NO, NO CC OTHER OFFICES, MAY TWO INSTANT.

KANSAS CITY, AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, SHOULD
ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY JOHNNY VALENTI WHO WAS REPORTEDLY
INCARCERATED THERE AT THE SAME TIME AS SUBJECT RAY. SET
OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO HAVE VALENTI INTERVIEWED WHEN
WHEREABOUTS LOCATED. NEW ORLEANS, HOLD IN ABEYANCE
INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE VALENTI PENDING INFORMATION DEVELOPED
BY KANSAS CITY.

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702PM URGENT 5/2/68 WPK

TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH AND
SPRINGFIELD.

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

MURKIN

IT IS NOTED THAT SUBJECT APPARENTLY WAS NEAT IN HIS
DRESS AND REGULARLY UTILIZED LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING
SERVICES.

THE ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON, MEMPHIS, MOBILE AND
SAVANNAH OFFICES SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO CIRCULARIZING
IO'S AND/OR WANTED FLYERS TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY
CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN YOUR HEADQUARTERS CITY AND
OTHER LOGICAL POINTS IN YOUR TERRITORY. IN THE OTHER
OFFICES THIS CIRCULARIZATION MAY BE LIMITED TO SUCH
ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE LARGER CITIES AT THIS TIME. IT IS
SUGGESTED THAT THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED IN THE LOWER
CLASS ROOMING HOUSE AREAS BE CONTACTED FIRST. IN ADDITION
PERSONAL CONTACT FOR PURPOSE OF SHOWING SLICK PHOTOGRAPHS
OF SUBJECT SHOULD BE UTILIZED WHERE JUSTIFIED.

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MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY FURNISH EACH OFFICE SUFFICIENT
BACKGROUND REGARDING LAUNDRY MARKINGS AND ANY OTHER
PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE LAUNDRY ASPECTS OF THIS CASE.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (137-3303)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA ALBERT B. MILLER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: CLARENCE (NMN) WASHINGTON
PCI

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Dates of Contact 4/29/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 157-10673		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC RE: 157-10673 On 4/29/68, PCI looked at photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka., without recognition. PCI stated he has been following the investigation very closely as reported by the press and is constantly on the alert for information which might bring about the apprehension of RAY. PCI advised that if information of any possible value be developed, he will immediately furnish it. In connection with ROBERT LEE BOYD case (NO file 44-3500) assigned to SA A. B. MILLER, PCI was instructed to discontinue efforts to locate LEMORN HAYNES inasmuch as HAYNES has been located and interviewed.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very good	Coverage General intell. and Negro matters.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM : SA TERRY M. SCOTT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/7/68

The following described vehicle was located abandoned in Liberty Parking Service Parking Lot, 231 S. Villere St., on 4/23/68. Vehicle reported stolen 4/9/68 from Perry, Georgia:

1968 Oldsmobile 4-door 98 Luxury Sedan, bearing 1968 Georgia license 19A308, VIN 386698M311780

Communication from Atlanta advised vehicle owned by DORTA JOHNNY GALLIMORE, Perry, Georgia. Vehicle at time of theft registered approximately 1,400 miles and at time of recovery indicated 6,777 miles.

Mr. CLAIBORNE WEBB, Parking Attendant, Liberty Parking Service, 231 S. Villere St., described the driver of instant 1968 Oldsmobile as being a lone w/m, in his late 30's, 6', slender build, gray hair, style not recalled, wearing a brown shirt and dark trousers and not wearing glasses or a hat.

The following day, on 5/3/68, Mr. WEBB was exhibited a group of photos of which contained photos of JAMES EARL RAY, which he positively eliminated as the driver of instant 1968 Oldsmobile.

The vehicle was thoroughly checked for evidence for fingerprints of which some were located and obtained. Investigation re the theft of this vehicle continuing.

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TO : SAC (157-10673) (P)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/7/68

Rerep SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 4/29/68 at New Orleans.

Extensive investigation was conducted at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, where the subject stayed on 12/17-19/67 in room 126 under the name ERIC S. GALT. A review of rerep reveals that the following employees of the Provincial Motel Cafe, who would have been working during the period of 12/17-19/67, were not interviewed:

EVELYN REVERTIGA, owner

YVONNE RILEY, waitress

BEVERLY WILLIAMS, waitress

GLORIA YOUNG, waitress

LEAD:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LA. Will locate and interview above persons and exhibit various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY to ascertains if these employees recall RAY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : JOSEPH L. COLEMAN
Complaint Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/7/68

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau, 5/1/68 (Serial # 822).

At 12:10 p.m., 5/7/68, RAYMOND HENRY STARNES telephonically contacted the New Orleans FBI Office. He advised his father, HENRY STARNES, Baton Rouge, La., had just informed him telephonically that the FBI in Baton Rouge had on the morning of 5/7/68, contacted HENRY STARNES regarding the present whereabouts of RAYMOND HENRY STARNES. STARNES stated the purpose of his call is to find out why the FBI is interested in him and to let the FBI know his present whereabouts in the event the FBI is looking for him. He said he does not know why the FBI might be interested in talking with him.

STARNES furnished his residence address as Apartment F, King David Apartments, 2816 David Drive, Metairie, La., Tel. # 888-9092. He said his business address is Suite 120, Courtland Plaza, 3900 Veterans Highway, Jefferson Parish, La., Tel. # 888-7640. STARNES stated he also has a telephone in his automobile, Number 367-2741 Unit 459.

New Orleans indices does not show recent reference to STARNES.

Check with SRA LITCHFIELD, Baton Rouge, determined that STARNES is being sought by FBI for interview in connection with captioned case.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509) (P)
MURKINS

ReNOTel 5/2/68.

Re: Call made from coin telephone,
Alpine, Texas, on December 16, 1967,
to 938-5638, Greenwood, Louisiana.

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs DAVID W. HEDGECOCK and THOMAS A. STEPHEN-HASSARD on
5/3/68, at Baytown, Texas:

EDWARD L. HUNSUCKER, 1901 Florida Street, advised
that he may have made a long distance telephone call from
a telephone booth on Interstate Highway 10 in East Texas
on 12/16/68. He explained that during mid-December, 1967,
his nephew, A.L. HAMMETT, Greenwood, Louisiana, was seriously
ill, and therefore, he, HUNSUCKER, made several long
distance calls to the HAMMETT residence.

HUNSUCKER advised that he is a truck driver and
travels throughout the country, often making telephone

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calls from roadside telephone booths. He advised that JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him by name, alias, and photograph.

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FBI ST LOUIS

11:50AM URGENT 5-7-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS, MEMPHIS, LITTLE ROCK,
NEW ORLEANS, CHARLOTTE

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3P

MURKIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL MAY SIX LAST AND ST. LOUIS AIRTEL TO
BUREAU, SPRINGFIELD, AND MEMPHIS, APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST.

RE: RUSSELL LEE MARTIN AND CARL BENTON DRAKE.

CARL BENTON DRAKE, SELF-EMPLOYED CONTRACTOR, INTERVIEWED
BY ST. LOUIS APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST. STATED ACQUAINTED WITH RAY AS
FELLOW INMATE MSP NINETEEN SIXTY OR SIXTYONE UNTIL DRAKE
RELEASED SIXTYFIVE. MAIN ASSOCIATION WAS WALKING TOGETHER IN
PRISON YARD. DRAKE FEELS HE WAS AS CLOSE A FRIEND TO RAY AS ANY
OTHER PRISONER. RAY WAS LONER, CLOSE MOUTHED, KEPT OWN COUNCIL,
NEVER DISCUSSED PRISON ESCAPE PLANS. HAD FEW FRIENDS, BUT MIXED
WELL WITH OTHER INMATES, BOTH BLACK AND WHITE. NEVER DISPLAYED
PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE OR RACIST SENTIMENTS. NEVER INVOLVED
IN RACIAL DIFFICULTY AT PRISON.

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OFTEN MENTIONED INABILITY TO COMPLETE SENTENCE, BUT NEVER MENTIONED ESCAPE PLANS OR OUTSIDE CONTACTS. ONLY VISITOR WAS BROTHER, JOHN RAY. MENTIONED HE HAD SERVED TIME IN MENARD PRISON, THAT ANOTHER BROTHER WAS KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT, BUT OTHERWISE DID NOT DISCUSS BACKGROUND.

RAY NOT ADDICTED TO DRUGS, BUT NEARLY ALL INMATES USED ANY DRUGS AVAILABLE.

TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING DRAKE'S RELEASE HE VISITED JOHN RAY AT SUBJECT'S REQUEST. CONVERSATION CONCERNED SUBJECT'S WELFARE AT PRISON.

DRAKE UNAWARE OF SUBJECT'S ESCAPE UNTIL RECENT PUBLICITY. REGARDS SUBJECT AS SMALL TIME ROBBER MENTALLY INCAPABLE OF PLANNING ASSASSINATION WITHOUT INTELLIGENT OUTSIDE GUIDANCE. BELIEVES SUBJECT CAPABLE OF BEING HIRED FOR KILLING AND WOULD NOT BE ALONE IN MATTER. BELIEVES WHOEVER HIRED SUBJECT HAS DISPOSED OF HIM, AS WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO HIDE WITH HEAT ON AND REWARDS ADVERTISED.

DRAKE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH FBI IN ANY MANNER POSSIBLE SHOULD ANY INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT COME
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TO HIS ATTENTION.

DRAKE APPEARED FRANK, STRAIGHT FORWARD AND SINCERELY
WILLING TO FULLY COOPERATE.

UACB REQUEST WILL BE MADE FOR DRAKE'S TOLL CALLS FROM
APRIL FOURTH, AND FOLLOW UP INTERVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED TODAY
TO LEARN IF ANY NEW INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS
HAVE COME TO HIS ATTENTION. MARTIN WILL NOT BE MENTIONED.

LITTLE ROCK IS REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT RESOLUTION OF RELIABILITY,
MENTAL CAPACITY, AND REPUTATION FOR VERACITY OF PCI RUSSELL
LEE MARTIN.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1:12PM URGENT 5-7-68 NLC

TO LOS ANGELES

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY THREE, LAST, AND
NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY FOUR, LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS
ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

ON MAY THREE, LAST RECORDS MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE CO.,
PHOENIX, ARIZONA, REFLECT ONLY NEW ORLEANS CALL FROM PHONE
BOOTH IN RE EL PASO TELETYPE FOR DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND
SEVENTEEN, WAS CALLED ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN, MADE
FROM SEVEN SEVEN TWO ZERO SIX FOUR SIX IN ELPASO TO TWO EIGHT
TWO SEVEN FIVE NINE ONE, NEW ORLEANS.

ON MAY FOUR AND MAY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, ARNOLD AND ISABELLE
THOMAS, NEGROES, THREE FIVE TWO THREE HAMBURG ST., NEW ORLEANS,
WHO HAVE TELEPHONE TWO EIGHT TWO- SEVEN FIVE NINE ONE LISTED
TO THEM WERE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING CALL FROM ELPASO, TEXAS,

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ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. THOMAS AND WIFE COULD NOT RECALL ABOVE PHONE CALL, BUT STATED PERHAPS THEIR SON, ARNOLD THOMAS, JR. HAD MADE PHONE CALL, THOMAS, JR., RESIDES ONE FIVE ZERO EAST ONE ONE PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

LOS ANGELES LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR. DETERMINE IF HE MADE PHONE CALL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN.

AIRMAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, PHOENIX AND EL PASO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI LOS ANG.

FBI NEW ORLS

FBI MIAMI

FBI WASH DC

723710PM URGENT 5/7/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WERE RELEASED TODAY TO NEWS MEDIA IN WASHINGTON. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN IN MEXICO)." THIS IS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN DARK GLASSES AND SPORT SHIRT. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT IN CALIFORNIA)." THIS IS HEAD SHOT OF RAY IN BUSINESS SUIT WHICH SHOWS MARKED CLEFT IN CHIN. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE COPIES OF THESE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS LOCALLY AND YOU SHOULD INSURE THEY RECEIVE WIDE-SPREAD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ALL MEDIA CONTACTS. FIVE COPIES OF EACH OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ALL OFFICES. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)(P)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/8/68

44-38861

Predication

In the investigation of captioned matter New Orleans has been attempting to identify an alleged fence by the name of COIN (ph), with negative results.

Investigation has determined that JAMES EARL RAY and CHARLES STEIN left Los Angeles, Calif., on 12/15/67 and arrived in New Orleans on 12/17/67. STEIN has indicated that en route, somewhere in Texas, RAY made one or two long distance telephone calls from coin phones and also indicated he was going to contact either architectural or contracting firm.

Check of City Directories revealed there is a Coyne Construction and Engineering Company, 201 Richard, Gretna, La., telephone 367-4624.

The telephone directory lists DAVID M. COYNE, 3266 Athis, telephone 282-0267; JOHN E. COYNE, 735 Rupp, Gretna, telephone 366-3895; LYNN EDWARD COYNE, Robert, Gretna, telephone 362-4413; PHILIP G. COYNE, 900 Richard, Gretna, telephone 366-6563.

SA DECKER is requested to review any toll calls for the above numbers from 12/15 through 17/67 and again from 3/17-24/68.

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Date: 5/7/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Rerep SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 4/29/68 at New Orleans.

Memphis and Atlanta can refer to pages 19 through 24 of rerep, which sets forth a list of all guests who were registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, La., between 12/17 and 19/67.

2 - Memphis
3 - Atlanta (44-2386)
2 - Baltimore
3 - Buffalo
3 - Chicago
2 - Cincinnati
2 - Detroit
2 - Houston
2 - Jacksonville
2 - Miami
2 - Minneapolis
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2 - New York
2 - Oklahoma City
3 - Pittsburgh
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Other Offices receiving copies of this airtel were not furnished rerep and so the following background information is being set forth to assist these Offices in conducting the requested investigation:

Investigation has determined that the subject, using the name of ERIC GALT, left Los Angeles, Calif., on 12/15/67, driving his Mustang automobile, in the company of CHARLES J. STEIN, of Los Angeles. STEIN had formerly been a resident of New Orleans and the alleged purpose of this trip was for STEIN to pick up two children of his sister's who were residing in New Orleans and return them to California. According to STEIN, they arrived in New Orleans on 12/17/67 and left New Orleans on 12/19/67. STEIN stayed with relatives and investigation has determined that subject registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, on 12/17/67 as ERIC S. GALT and was assigned room 126. The registration card indicated GALT's automobile to be a Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993 and his address as 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Ala. The subject, as GALT, stayed at the motel until 12/19/67 when he checked out.

Interviews of motel employees in regards to the subject have been negative in that they cannot recall him.

There is set forth under a caption for each Office the identity or identities of persons staying at the Provincial Motel from 12/17 through 19/67. The identities of these persons were obtained from the motel registration cards as well as other information which is set forth under the name. The date listed under each name is the date the individual or individuals stayed at the motel. Each Office should locate and interview these individuals for any knowledge or contact they may have had with the subject. Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, which have been furnished to all Offices, should be displayed to these individuals to ascertain if they recall RAY.

In order to assist Memphis, the Office of Origin in this matter, each Office should set forth the results of this investigation in report form with copies of the reports designated for the Bureau and Memphis.

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In the preparation of these reports, it is suggested that an appropriate predication for this part of the investigation be utilized in the details prior to reporting the results of contacts with these individuals. As an example, the following information might be used for this predication:

Information was Received from the New Orleans Office of the FBI that (insert name and address of person) had registered on (insert date) at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Of course, if any pertinent information is developed as a result of these contacts, this information should be brought to the attention of the Bureau and Memphis by the most expeditious means.

Each Office is reminded that previous Bureau instructions are that leads in captioned matter should be covered within 24 hours.

ATLANTA

RAY EASTERWOOD
139 Briar Lane, Atlanta, Ga.
Room 219
One in Party
12/18/67

E. D. ELLIOTT
1610 Southland Circle, N.W.,
Atlanta, Ga.
Room 202
One in party
12/19/67

N. R. HINEC
1610 Southland Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia
One in party
12/19/67

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Mr. and Mrs. R. C. MATTHEWS, JR.
2126 Mobry Road, Northeast
Atlanta, Ga. 30316
Car - Pontiac, Georgia license 2511476
Room 214
Two in party
12/19/67

BALTIMORE

Mr. and Mrs. Waldorf Plitcher
10820 Georgia Avenue
Wheaton, Maryland
Car - Chevrolet, Maryland license AE 2099
Room 225
Two in party
12/18/67

BUFFALO

Mr. and Mrs. CUTTEN J. CARLSON
200 Collinworth Drive
Rochester, New York
Room 222
Two in party
12/17/67

Mr. and Mrs. VINTON P. OSTRANCHER
126 Meadow Lane
Buffalo, New York
Car - Cadillac, New York license TP 3035
Room 207
Two in party
12/19/67

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. JONES, JR.
Houston, Texas

NO 157-10673

CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. WENDELL H. WAYNE
P. O. Box 975, Evanston, Ill.
Car - Pontiac, Illinois license 85299
Room 215
12/18/67

EMIL F. MEIER
2514 Pioneer Road
Evanston, Ill.
Car - Buick, Illinois license BX 1449
Room 211
Two in party
12/19/67

CINCINNATI

GERSON POLASKY
123 North McNichen
Cincinnati, Ohio
12/18/67

DETROIT

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. PINKER
2261 Rolling Green Road
Saginaw, Michigan
Car - Oldsmobile - Michigan license LP 5907
Room 118
Two in party
12/18/67 - 12/23/67

HOUSTON

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. JONES, JR.
213 Hutcheson, Houston, Texas
License - Texas MYN 249
Room 106
Two in party
12/19/67

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JACKSONVILLE

G. L. POSTLETHWAIT
General Delivery, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Car - Dodge, California license VF 451
Room 214
Two in party
12/18/67

MIAMI

W. H. RUNGLER (?)
2899 Columns Avenue, Miami, Fla.
Car - Cadillac, Florida license 1WW11380
12/18/67

MINNEAPOLIS

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. KNUTH
514 Ebony, Duluth, Minn.
Room 112
Two in party
12/17/67

MOBILE

Mrs. HENRY J. SHERRILL
301 Woodland Avenue
Mobile, Alabama
Room 117
Two in party
12/17/67

Lt. Col. WILLIAM P. FISHER
610 A Seventh Street
Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
Car - Pontiac, Alabama license 3-2541
Room 108
Two in party
12/19/67

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NEW YORK

Dr. and Mrs. DAVID L. ROSNER
87 Soundview Drive
Port Jefferson, New York
Car - Oldsmobile - New York license
Room 101
Two in party
12/18/67

OKLAHOMA CITY

Mr. and Mrs. MIKE EPPLES
1231 South Owasso
Tulsa, Oklahoma
License - Oklahoma D8762
Room 231
Two in party
12/18/67

PITTSBURGH

GORDON WELLMAN
132 Forest Court
Irwin, Pennsylvania
Room 110
12/19/67

AUSTIN L. CONWAY
328 Highland Pines Drive
Pittsburgh 37, Pennsylvania
Room 102
One in party
12/19/67

SAN DIEGO

STEVE FULLER
4077 Hamilton Street, San Diego, Calif.
Car - Volkswagen, California license VOD 912
Room 109, two in party, 12/18/67

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SPRINGFIELD

ROBERT A. CONEY, Judge
311 Fayette Street
Peoria, Illinois
Car - Buick, Illinois license 3281
Room 212
Three in party
12/17/67

NEW ORLEANS

JOE PARISH
Belle Chasse, Louisiana
Room 108
12/18/68

A. A. CASBARIAN
716 Governor Nichols
New Orleans, Louisiana
Car - Jaguar, Louisiana license 29B986
Room 205
Two in party
12/19/67.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: May 7, 1968

FROM : SA ELMER B. LITCHFIELD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE SERIAL 822

MR. HENRY STARNES, 2250 Cederdale, Baton Rouge, La. advised on 5/7/68 that RAYMOND STARNES is his son and that he can be reached at New Orleans, La. through radio telephone New Orleans operator 367 2741 unit 459.

Chief of Police ALVIN CORLEY, Doham Springs, La. advised on May 7, 1968, that he had learned that RAYMOND STARNES had telephone number 888 7640 in New Orleans.

New Orleans re serial 822 page 3 last para. should interview STARNES for any information re allegation that there were several business men in ~~THE~~ the area of Baton Rouge, who were taking up a collection to have Martin Luther King assassinated.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)
MURKIN

Re New Orleans airtel to Knoxville dated 5/1/68.

DAVIDSON TEXADA LANDERS, a divinity student at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, interviewed 5/3/68 and eliminated as suspect. LANDERS at time of interview in possession of 1965 Mustang, Louisiana license GL 794 which he stated was given to his wife by her father just prior to her marriage to LANDERS in December, 1966.

LANDERS described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Birth:	
Place of Birth:	New Orleans, Louisiana
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	183 lbs.
Eyes:	Blue
Marital Status:	Married
Wife:	CAROL LANDERS
Residence:	University Quadriplex Sewanee, Tennessee
Drivers License:	1968 Louisiana drivers license 130 52 99

- 2 - Memphis (AM)
- ① - New Orleans (Info.) (AM)
- 2 - Knoxville

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, Houston (44-1509)
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Pittsburgh airtel, dated 5/3/68, regarding
Gulf Credit Card 13 12 68 19 52 in the name of S. G. STEINER.

Contact at Gulf Oil Corporation, Philadelphia,
reflects instant credit card handled by Gulf's Houston
Office.

For the benefit of Pittsburgh, the complainant,
Mr. CALVIN PLYLER, was probably referring to CHARLES STEIN,
the West Coast song writer who allegedly made a trip to
New Orleans with RAY in December, 1967.

It would appear that the complainant's information
would lack pertinence.

However, since Philadelphia is not aware of the
details of RAY's relationship with STEIN on their trip to
New Orleans, it is being left to the determination of
Houston as to whether the Pittsburgh lead has substance
and should be handled.

- 2 - Houston (44-1509)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1978)
- 1 - New Orleans (157-10673) (Info)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (44-578) (Info)
- 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA LELAND A. LYNN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re. memo of SA CALLENDER 4/25/68

The following investigation was conducted by SA LELAND A. LYNN at Lafayette, Louisiana:

On 4/29/68, Inspector DONLON RICHEY, Lafayette Police Department advised that most of the so called "hippies" in Lafayette are students at the University of Southwestern University, Lafayette. There are a very few of the so called "hippies" in Lafayette, and the only rooming house where a few may live is a rooming house in the 1000 block of Lafayette Street.

On the same day Mr. and Mrs. O. E. BROUSSARD, 1014 Lafayette Street advised that the rooming house at ~~1016 Lafayette Street~~ is occupied by four or five young men and several young girls. The men have long hair. Both stated the photograph of RAY is not identified with any of the individuals staying at this house.

Two white males, with long hair residing at 1016 Lafayette Street, and who declined to identify themselves advised that the photograph of RAY was not familiar to them nor was it the photograph of any of their associates in Lafayette. One of these individuals indicated that ~~there are~~ at total of four boys and two girls live at this address. They indicated they were either students at the university or recently ~~resigned~~ dropped out.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA THURMAN P. KELLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE memo of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER 5/3/68 and serial 659.

On 5/7/68 Sgt. J. L. HOOD, Identification Officer, Shreveport PD, Shreveport, La., advised that he checked the unidentified latent prints against prints of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results.

On 5/7/68 Capt. J. W. ~~WILKINS~~ WILKINS, Identification Office, Caddo Parish SO, Shreveport, La., advised that he checked the unidentified latent prints against prints of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results.

On 5/7/68 Capt. W. R. THORNTON, Identification Officer, Bossier City PD, Bossier City, La., advise that his office does not retain unidentified latent fingerprints.

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

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Re Little Rock airtel to Memphis, 4/30/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SAS RICHARD L. ECKBERG and EUGENE W. RUIZ:

JIM AUSTIN, Litwin Corp., 520 E. William Street, Wichita, Kansas, advised 5/2/68, his records reflect WILLIAM G. SORRELLS, 1820 West Douglas Street, Wichita, was employed for this company 2/19/68 as design engineer and is presently employed. The records reflect he was born 3/19/21 and has Social Security # [redacted]. The time sheet reflects he worked nine hours in Wichita from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm on 4/4/68. He stated he could locate no record for a BOB NELSON.

WILLIAM G. SORRELLS, 1820 West Douglas Street, Wichita, Kansas, advised 5/2/68, he was working in Wichita for Litwin Corp. on 4/4/68. He stated he is acquainted with ROBERT NELSON who works for Litwin Corp. but who is on the payroll of another company. He stated NELSON is from Birmingham and has worked in Little Rock and Atlanta, however, NELSON has never been in Memphis to his knowledge. SORRELLS stated he drives a white Chevrolet Corvair and it was noted this car had Oklahoma license 2D 3779.

BOB NELSON, Litwin Corp., 520 E. William Street, Wichita, advised 5/2/68, his full name is ROLFE BERNARD NELSON but he is known as ROBERT or BOB. He stated he resides at 2216 Wildwood, Wichita, and has worked at Litwin Corp. in Wichita since August 1967. He stated he drives a white Oldsmobile and he has not been in Memphis for a year or more. He stated he was working in Wichita the day KING was murdered.

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1 - Little Rock
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and he and a friend by the name of SORRELLS, who is also from the South, made kidding remarks about the murder such as "You surely made a fast trip to Memphis and back". He stated that undoubtedly some of their kidding remarks were overheard as neither he nor SORRELLS made a trip to Memphis and had no knowledge of the murder.

JIM AUSTIN, Litwin Corp., 520 E. William Street, Wichita, advised 5/2/68, his office does not keep complete records on personnel who are employed for other companies and working at Litwin Corp. He did, however, had a time sheet which reflected ROLFE B. NELSON was a Senior Engineer and he worked nine hours during the day of 4/4/68.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA THOMAS E. DUHADWAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE WILLIAM D. J. MC BRIDE, aka VERNON MC BRIDE

The above two names were used by subject RAY when he passed three stolen U. S. Postal Money orders in New Orleans in 1953.

Credit and criminal checks were conducted re these names with negative results. The below listed individuals were contacted by IC CHARLES L. MURRY:

B. T. Kayler, Credit Bureau of New Orleans.
Mrs. Alice Doran, Clerk, Identification Bureau, NOPD
PATRICK HARRIGAN, Cadet, Record Room, NOPD



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Memorandum

TO : CALLANDER
~~SAC (157-10673) (2)~~ DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA ~~STEPHEN W. CALLANDER~~ LANCASTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel 4/25/68 (serial 559).

Information has been received from the Atlanta Office that JAMES EARL RAY, subject of this case, was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation has not established a mode of transportation for RAY since this date. Atlanta requests that all Offices review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68 and where the transporter of the vehicle is not otherwise identified or accounted for, RAY should be considered a suspect.

It is requested that all Agents handling ITSMV matters send to SA CALLANDER by routing slip the file number of any UNSUB 26 matter where the vehicle was recovered in Louisiana and reported stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68 to the current date.

All Agents should remain alert in the future for any 26 matter wherein the car was stolen from the State of Georgia.

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA ROGER A. BOMBARDIER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 4/29/68. (serial 659)

On 5/7/68, Deputy DOMAINE, Identification Officer, Terrebonne Parish SO, Houma, La., Chief Deputy GASTON GROS, Assumption Parish SO, Napoleonville, La., and Major NORMAN DIAZ, LaFouche Parish SO, Thibodeaux, La., all advised that their respective agencies did not maintain an unidentified latent fingerprint file in connection with matters under their jurisdiction.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673) (P) DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The background of this particular phase of this investigation is that CHARLES STEIN, of Los Angeles, Calif., has advised he was driven to New Orleans, La., from Los Angeles, Calif., by JAMES EARL RAY. They left Los Angeles on 12/15/67 and arrived New Orleans 12/17/67. They left New Orleans and returned to Los Angeles on 12/19/67.

STEIN advises that while en route to New Orleans and while in the State of Texas, RAY made one or two long distance telephone calls from a pay telephone.

As a result, the Bureau has instructed El Paso, Houston and San Antonio to obtain the long distance telephone calls placed from each public telephone on the route that STEIN and RAY traveled in their Divisions.

As a result, the Houston Division has provided a list of approximately 300 telephone calls made for the period 12/15-17/67 from coin telephones located on Interstate Highway 10 and Route 90 within the Houston Division to Louisiana.

There is attached for each Resident Agent a list of calls from these coin telephones to the area covered by the Agent. The following investigation should be conducted:

- 1) Determine the identity of the subscriber.
- 2) Check Office indices in regards to the subscriber.
- 3) Ascertain locally through normal sources if the subscriber is known to be a member of a klan or hate-type group or may be a sympathizer.

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SEE ASAC SYLVESTER BEFORE HANDLING LEAD. LEAD

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- 4) Interview the subscriber about the calls received and determine, if possible, the identity of the caller.
- 5) Exhibit various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and ascertain from the subscriber if RAY is known.

The results of determining the identity of the subscriber, as well as the interviews and any investigation in this matter should be placed on FD-302, using a mat.

SA KUSCH will handle New Orleans.

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Gentilly

242-5962 - St Paul's Catholic School
Rt 6 - Ref. Monteur Hug.
Conn 9/7/54

947-3471 - George Prieis
2218 Ideal Pl

no credit available

Rumph

943-9109 - Russell Farley
4816 1/2 N. Prieis

Conn - 11/12/64

self - 15 yrs - Carpenter

945-4302

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2216 D'Albadis

billing name - Arthur A. Phelps
South Bell - Traffic

Conn 8/16/60

Gentilly

91-0-837

157-1003

242-5962 - St. Paul's Catholic School

Rt 6 - Ref Menteur

Conn - 9/7/54

Don

947-3471

George Preiss

2718 Ideal Pl

no credit available

943-9109

Russell Farley

4816 1/2 W Preiss

Conn - 11/12/64

self - 5 yrs - Carpenter

945-4302

H. Skoglund

2716 St. Albans

Living name - Althea A. Phelps

South Bell Traffic

Conn 8/16/60

Upton

895-9029

Miss Yvette Spray

3003 Toledano

apt 211

Hammel

Miss Beverly Spray

conn 4/21/66

K + B Spray

St Charles & Map -

studio - inter phone calls

Hotel Dine - Farm

523-7511

Ext 206

Gentilly

242-5962 - St Paul's Catholic School
Rt 6 - Chef Martine Huff.
Conn - 9/7/54

947-3471 - George Prais
2218 Ideal Pl
no credit available

943-9109 - Russell Farley
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Conn - 11/12/64
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945-4302 - Ivan Skoglund
2216 D'Almeida

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242-5962 - St Paul's Catholic School
Rt 6 - Chef Menteur Laf.

Conn - 9/7/54

947-3471 - George Prieis
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943-9109 - Russell Farley

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26-13637 *

26-13590 *

26-10789 *

Conn - 11/12/64

self - 15 yrs - Carpenter

Dur Highway

945-4302

H. Skoglund

2216 S. Alabaster

Billing name - Althea A. Phelps
South Bell - Traffic

Conn 8/16/60

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529-5602 - Total Community Action Inc
1626 Dryden St -
Kusich

Murkin Central

7532 - Daye Drapt
1900 Perdido apt A-98

LSU - med school student
Selphur, La - parents -
Charles
conn - 9/13/65

Marzella

8495 - Nilda De Los Reyes
1410 St Andrew - apt 7

welfare - \$121 a mo.

conn - 2/26/65 -

0001 -

R. A. Gust Seisbuhler

638 Royal apt 303

reg nurse - Charity
4/30/64

Murkin

Central

7532

Joye Drost

1900 Perdido apt A-98

LSU - med school student

Silphur, La - parents -

Charles

conn - 9/13/65

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4/30/64

Westbank

0465 - Alma Stupart ✓
1207 Belleville

67-00-89
100-1577-116

comm - 10/26/61 -

Stuarts Barber shop -
owner - Mrs

Petty

3374 - Lucille Senat
801 Opelousas - apt B

Claudine Farris - 525 - 7721

can 9/9/65

4360 - J A Lyons

6011 E Madison St - Gretna

Brown + Root Remodeled in
Foreman - 3 yrs -

comm. 10/16/60

Westbank

0465 -

Olma Stewart

207 Belleville

comm 10/26/61 -

Stewart Barber shop -
owner - hus

3374 -

Lucille Senat

1801 Opelousas - apt B

Clairborne Tavis - 525 - 7721

can 9/9/65

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4360 -

J. A. Lyons

601 E. Madison St - Gretna

Brown + Root Remoat Air

Farman - 5 pps -

comm 10/16/60

283-1173

Miss Ethel Mitchell
1448 Multon

166-233-155 p125
-1261 p2
-1583 p316
46-1489 *

can 2/28/63

employed - by Mrs John Saxton
5 yrs - VE-5-7029

Hunter

242-8580

Florence Multon

9318 Wayne Blvd

can - 10/20/66

Schwegmann - Ident - 8 yrs
packed

283-1173

Mr. Ethel Mitchell
1448 Milton

Conn 2/28/63

employed - by Mrs. John Saxton
5 yrs - VE-5-7029

242-8580

7. Florence Walton

9318 Hayne Blvd.

Conn - 10/20/66

Boe

Schwegmann - Gent - 8 yrs
packed

Met
1/19/68 - Terminated - 721-2027

Cleo F. Snipes

3009 Huntsville - Kenner -

painter - 1 yr - W. H. Johnson

cann - 4/15/63

Leo Snipes - same address 721-6928 -

888-7744 - 25. Altman G. Hall Jr
5911 Caroline Hwy - Apt 58

cann 5/18/66

Texas Automatic Sprinkler Co -

888-0105 - sys -

pipe fitter -

888-0404 - Richard Rod
1604 David Dr - met.

cann - 2/25/58 .

billed to Mrs Joan L. Rod
same address

SBTGT

acct - sys.

Wentman