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THE INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE MURPHY IN THE CASE
ENTITLED "HALL COOPER BOURLAND; ET AL; OOJ; OO: ME,"
MEMPHIS RECORDS REFLECT CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION RE
MURPHY'S ILLEGAL LIQUOR ACTIVITY IN LEE COUNTY, MISS.
NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE MURPHY'S ACTIVITIES BY
THE MEMPHIS DIVISION SUBSEQUENT TO JACKSON BEING
MADE A DIVISION. ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON,
MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS ADVISED BY AM. ARMED
AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC , NEW ORLEANS, (137-2692) (P)

DATE: 5/19/68

FROM : SA DONALD B. HEEB

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: JAMES E. GIBSON

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Dates of Contact		
4/10/68; 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
ROGER DOUGLAS RILEY	25-23802	
JOHN EARL LAUVE	42-12322	
MURKIN	157-10673	
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
PCI was contacted on the above dates re the above cases and after viewing photographs advised he was not familiar with any of these individuals. He stated that he was familiar with 157-10673 through the newspapers but had no information concerning the present investigation. PCI further advised that he had no information at this time which would be of value to the FBI.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating EXCELLENT	Coverage Fug.-Gen. Crim.
1-137-2692 1-25-23802 42-12322 1-157-10673		

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TO : SAC , NEW ORLEANS (137-3348)(P)

DATE: 5/10/68

FROM : SA DONALD B. HEEB

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: WAYNE CHARLES LANDWERLIN

Dates of Contact 4/24/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		157-10673
JOHN EARL LAUVE		42-12322
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
PCI was contacted on the above date and shown photographs of the subjects in the above listed cases. PCI advised that he was not familiar with either of these subjects and that he did not recognize the photograph of either. PCI further stated that he had no information at the present time which would be of value to the FBI.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD	Coverage 25-42
1-137-3348 1-157-10673 1-42-12322		157-10673-945 SEARCHED.....INDEXED..... SERIALIZED.....FILED..... MAY 10 1968 FBI - NEW ORLEANS Callender

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (137-3361)(P)

DATE: 5/10/68

FROM : SA DONALD B. HEEB

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. SONGY, aka

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

☐

Dates of Contact 4/10/68; 4/25/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
ROGER DOUGLAS RILEY	25-23802	
HOHN EARL LAUVE	42-12322	
MURKIN	157-10673	
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
On the above dates PCI was contacted re the above cases and advised that he did not recognize the photograph of the subjects in above listed cases nor was he familiar with any of the subjects. PCI further advised that he had no information at this time which would be of value to the FBI.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD	Coverage 25-42
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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (137-3362)(P)

DATE: 5/10/68

FROM : SA DONALD B. HEEB

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: JIMMIE REED BARNARD

☐

Dates of Contact		
4/10/68; 4/25/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
ROGER DOUGLAS RILEY	25-23802	
JOHN EARL LAUVE	42-12322	
MURKIN	157-10673	
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
PCI was contacted on the above dates re the above cases and was shown photographs of the subjects of those cases. After viewing the photographs PCI stated that he was not familiar with any of these individuals nor did he recognize any of the photographs. PCI advised that he had no information at this time that would be of value to the FBI.		
☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD	Coverage 25-42
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TO: KANSAS CITY (44-760)
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL, FIVE/TWO/LAST. RE: CARLOS LEE BILLINGS
NORRIS CAMERDELLE, OWNER AND MANAGER, CANAL BANK INN,
WESTWEGO, LA., ADVISED THAT SOMETIME DURING THE SPRING OF
NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE "SONNY" BILLINGS AND AN UNKNOWN WHITE
COMPANION RENTED APT. SIX AT THREE ONE FIVE LAUROSSINI,
WESTWEGO, FROM HIM. HE ADVISED BILLINGS AND COMPANION
STAYED IN APT. ABOUT THREE MOS., THEN LEFT THE NEW ORLEANS
AREA, RETURNED FOR A SHORT TIME, AND THEN LEFT FOR APPROXI-
MATELY A YEAR. BILLINGS RETURNED APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO.

CAMERDELLE ADVISED NEITHER BILLINGS NOR HIS COMPANION
WERE KNOWN TO HIM BEFORE THEY ARRIVED AND RENTED AN APT. FROM

1 - BUREAU (44-38861) (AM)
1 - MEMPHIS (44-1987) (AM)
① - NEW ORLEANS

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HIM. HE ADVISED BILLINGS WAS DRIVING A MAROON VEHICLE, MAKE AND MODEL UNRECALLED.

BILLINGS' COMPANION, NAME UNRECALLED, WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, SHORTER THAN BILLINGS AND FAIRLY GOOD LOOKING. HE DESCRIBED BILLINGS' COMPANION AS A TROUBLEMAKER WHO WAS PRONE TO VIOLENCE WHEN DRINKING.

HE DESCRIBED BILLINGS AND HIS COMPANION AS "DRIFTERS" AND STATED THE REASON HE RECALLS BILLINGS IS THAT BILLINGS GAVE HIM A ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLAR WORTHLESS CHECK, DRAWN ON THE GUARANTY BANK AND TRUST CO. OF WESTWEGO, WHICH WAS RETURNED TO HIM MARKED "NO ACCOUNT."

CAMERDELLE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD SEARCH HIS RENTAL RECORDS AND ATTEMPT TO FIND THE BOGUS CHECK GIVEN TO HIM BY BILLINGS IN ORDER TO PINPOINT THE EXACT DATE OF ~~THEIR~~ ^{his} STAY IN WESTWEGO.

CAMERDELLE STATED HE KNEW NOTHING CONCERNING A STOLEN MACHINE GUN AND DID NOT CONSIDER HIMSELF TO BE A FRIEND OF

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EITHER BILLINGS OR HIS COMPANION. HE STATED HE RECALLED BILLINGS TELLING HIM THAT HE WAS FROM EITHER NORTH OR SOUTH CAROLINA, BUT HE COULD RECALL NOTHING ELSE ABOUT BILLINGS OR HIS COMPANION OR ANY FRIENDS THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD WHILE RESIDING IN THE NEW ORLEANS AREA.

KANSAS CITY AT SPRINGFIELD, MO. WILL REINTERVIEW CARLOS LEE BILLINGS RE THE DISCREPANCIES IN THE INFORMATION HE FURNISHED ON FOUR/TWENTY-SIX/LAST AND THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM CAMERDELLE.

NEW ORLEANS AT WESTWEGO, LA. WILL RECONTACT CAMERDELLE ON FIVE/FOURTEEN/NEXT RE EXACT DATES OF BILLINGS STAY AND THE BOGUS CHECK.

AM COPIES TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(157-10673)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA JOHN W. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following, contacted as noted, ~~was~~ unable to identify subject's photo, or to furnish any information in this matter:

NO 1506-C 4/23/68
NO 1528-C 4/26/68
PCI CHARLES SPRADLEY 4/23/68

cc:

1-137-3323
1-137-2771
1-137-2968

JWS:jws



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI; ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND ATLANTA
 FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE MAY, TWELVE, LAST, NINE FORTYFIVE
 P.M.

JOHN PAUL VELANTI -

JAMES W. BROWN

MYRTIS DYER, CREDIT BUREAU SHREVEPORT, LA., ADVISED ON MAY,
 THIRTEEN, INSTANT SHE HAS NO RECORD FOR BETTYE VELANTI OR BETTYE
 PITTARD, PETERSEN, OR PRITCHARD.

FRANK WATSON, ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, SHREVEPORT, LA., AD-
 VISED ON MAY THIRTEEN, INSTANT, HE HAS NO RECORD FOR BETTYE VELANTI
PITTARD, PETERSEN, OR PRITCHARD, AND DOES NOT RECALL THIS PER-
 SON AS A MEMBER OR FORMER MEMBER OF THE A.A. IN SHREVEPORT.

MRS. VERLIN FINCHER, KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RR, SHREVEPORT,
 ADVISED ON MAY, THIRTEEN, INSTANT THAT RR IS ALSO KNOWN LOCALLY
 AS THE LA. AND ARKANSAS RR. SHE STATED BETTYE VELANTI, PITTARD,
 PETERSEN, OR PRITCHARD IS NOT EMPLOYED BY THAT RR AND SHE DOES

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NOT RECALL HER AS A FORMER EMPLOYEE. MRS. FINCHER SAID EMPLOYMENT RECORDS ARE LOCATED AT KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN OFFICES, KANSAS CITY, MO., AND SHE HAD THESE RECORDS CHECKED TELEPHONICALLY ON MAY THIRTEEN, INSTANT, AND RECORDS REVEALED FOLLOWING:

BETTYE PITTARD WAS EMPLOYED AS KEY PUNCH OPERATOR AT SHREVEPORT, LA., FROM OCTOBER SIXTEEN, FIFTYSEVEN, TO MAY, SEVENTEEN, FIFTYNINE, WHEN SHE FAILED TO REPORT FOR WORK AND WAS TERMINATED. THERE IS NO INFORMATION IN THE FILE TO SHOW HER PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. BETTYE PITTARD'S MAIDEN NAME WAS BURNETTE AND SHE WAS BORN AT ATLANTA, GA, AND ATTENDED COMMERCIAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, ATLANTA UNTIL ABOUT FIFTYONE. SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS A KEY PUNCH OPERATOR FOR SOUTHERN RR, ATLANTA, UNTIL ABOUT FIFTYSEVEN. HER FATHER IS SHOWN AS GROVER W. BURNETTE, NO STREET ADDRESS SHOWN, ATLANTA. REFERENCES LISTED BY HER WERE MRS. DELORAS GORMAN, ONE ONE TWO THREE STEWART AVE., SOUTHWEST AND MRS. BARBRA WILSON, EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN BOULEVARD NORTHEAST, BOTH ATLANTA. FORMER EMPLOYERS OF PITTARD LISTED AS COURTS AND CO.,

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IN FIFTYFOUR, ATLANTA, GENERAL DEPOT, CONLEY, GA., IN FIFTYTHREE,
GENERAL FOODS CORP., ATLANTA, FIFTYTWO, AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
ATLANTA, FIFTYONE.

ATLANTA AT ATLANTA, GA., WILL THROUGH FORMER EMPLOYER,
REFERENCES AND FATHER, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BETTYE PITTARD
RE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SUBJECT RAY AND JOHN PAUL VELANTI AS
SET FORTH IN RE TELETYPE AND IN ST. LOUIS TELETYPE MAY ELEVEN,
LAST, FOUR EIGHTEEN P.M. AM COPY TO MEMPHIS

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re: JOE BAILEY MUSGROVE

Re Houston airtel to Bureau 5/7/68 and WFO airtel
to Bureau 5/2/68.

On 5/9/68 Mr. DONALD J. HYDEN, Supervisor, Personnel Department, McDermott International, Inc., 615 de Montluzin Building, New Orleans, La., advised that JOE BAILEY MUSGROVE has been employed with McDermott International as a pipeline welder since 10/9/67 under a one year contract to be served in Nigeria. Mr. HYDEN further stated that Mr. MUSGROVE departed for Nigeria in 1967 and is due to return at the termination of his contract in October, 1968.

A review of the personnel file of JOE BAILEY MUSGROVE revealed the following identifying and background information:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	Seminole County, Okla.
Height	5' 9"
Weight	155 pounds
Eyes	Blue

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Albuquerque (44-715)(Info)
- 1 - Houston (44-1509)(Info)
- 1 - WFO (44-703)(Info)
- ② - New Orleans

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Hair	Brown
Marital Status	Married to BETTY LUE RAMSEY MUSGROVE Box 1002 Farmington, New Mexico
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Previous Employment	Fouty D. Bursun Farmington, New Mexico, 1954-67

Mr. HYDEN advised that Mr. MUSGROVE can be located through the Overseas Office, care of McDermott Overseas, Inc., Post Office Box 2841, Lagos, Nigeria. He further stated that it is very possible Mr. MUSGROVE may have resided at the Bristol Hotel, Lagos, Nigeria, during his days off or for any vacation.

BuAgent viewed a photograph of MUSGROVE which appeared on his application for employment and this picture does not appear to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
(ATTN: SA CALLENDER)

FROM : SA DAVID V. BUCKLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/13/68

Re SA CALLENDER's memo to the SAC, 5/7/68.

The following telephone subscribers have been identified and interviewed; all interviews dictated on 302's.

Indices are negative with the following exception:

LEE EDWARD JONES, a 37 year old Negro male residing 804 Lee Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana. Case files which would be pertinent to this investigation and which may be identical to this individual are as follows:

157-2638-11-p.7

174-77-21-p. 521

100-17114

62-0-14750

Other persons interviewed; MARLAN GRAHAM, LUCY PRUDHOMME, PRESTON WYATT and CLARENCE M. PRICE are negative.

It is requested that a New Orleans SA, assigned to headquarters city review the above noted referenced and determine if they are identical with JONES and whether they are material to captioned investigation.

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TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND NEW ORLEANS 157-10673
FROM MIAMI 44-1854

MURKIN. CR.

RE NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL TO MEMPHIS MAY SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: GUESTS REGISTERED AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL, DEC. SEVENTEEN-NINETEEN,
SIXTYSEVEN, NEW ORLEANS.

ALL ATTEMPTS TO IDENTIFY W. H. RUNGLER IN CREDIT AND CRIMINAL
RECORDS AND VARIOUS DIRECTORIES NEGATIVE. ADDRESS OF TWO EIGHT NINE
NINE COLUMNS AVE. IS A NON-EXISTENT STREET AND ADDRESS.

SUBSCRIBER TO FLA. LICENSE TAG ONE WW-ONE ONE THREE EIGHT ZERO IS
EUGENE G. HOLMAN, FOR A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX LINCOLN CONTINENTAL COUPE.
HOLMAN STATES THIS TAG AND THIS VEHICLE IN HIS POSSESSION IN MIAMI
ON DEC. SEVENTEEN-NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN.

NEW ORLEANS RECHECK PROVINCIAL MOTEL REGISTRATION RECORD FOR W. H.
RUNGLER FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

AM COPY TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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701 Loyola Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana
May 14, 1968

Mr. Louis C. LaCour
United States Attorney
500 St. Louis Street
New Orleans, Louisiana
70116

Attention: Assistant United States Attorney Harry F. Connick

Dear Sir:

In order to assist in determining the location of a Federal fugitive, it would be appreciated if this Office can have the opportunity to review any information obtained as a result of a [REDACTED] available toll records for telephone numbers 367-4624, 282-0267, 366-3895, 362-4413 and 366-6563, from November, 1967, to the current date.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT E. RIGHTMYER
Special Agent in Charge

1 - Addressee
① - New Orleans (157-10673)
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☒ **Radio** URGENT☐ **Teletype**TO ALL SACS
FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN

INVIEW OF FACT THAT SUBJECT SPENT A CONSIDERABLE SUM OF MONEY FROM APRIL 23, 1967 TO APRIL 4, 1968, AND THE SOURCE OF HIS MONEY HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, HIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES AND BANK BURGLARIES IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE WITNESSES ARE AVAILABLE. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE REQUESTING OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TO WITNESSES IN THEIR UNSOLVED ROBBERIES.

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Review reflects only possibilities:
 91-3256 - Victim eliminated.
 91-3544 - Littlefield says victim eliminated.
 91-3559 - Kelley says victim eliminated.
 91-3560 - Victim eliminated.
 91-3618 - Victim & witness eliminated.
 91-3649 - Victim eliminated.
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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 5/10/68

FROM : SA DONALD E. VAN PELT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 5/3/68 and Buairtel dated 4/29/68.

The following investigation was conducted on 5/10/68:

The following individuals, representing their respective agencies were contacted and advised that their offices maintains no unidentified latent fingerprints in connection with matters under their jurisdiction:

AT BEAUREGARD PARISH, LA.

JOSEPH FRITZ, Acting Chief of Police, DeRidder, La.

JOHN LAURANT, Chief Deputy, Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office, DeRidder, La.

AT VERNON PARISH, LA.

LT. GILMER JEANE, LEESVILLE CITY POLICE, LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA.

MALCOLM SMART, Chief Deputy, Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office, Leesville, La.

Capt. P.W. HILTON, La. State Police, Troop H, Leesville, La.

MORENO VESPINI, Operations Officer, Detachment E. 4th MP Group (CI), Fort Polk, La.

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Memo: SAC (157-10673)

From: SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH

Re: 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. Check Office indices in regards to the subscriber.
2. 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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3. Interview the subscriber about the calls received and determine, if possible, the identity of the caller.
4. Exhibit various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and ascertain from the subscriber if RAY is known.

On 5/13/68, the following information was obtained from the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co., by means of a subpoena. A subpoena was necessary since the below number and identity of the subscriber is non-published:

Tel. # 861-7067 was formerly listed to RICK CONEWAY, 1200 Broadway New Orleans, La between 9/15/67 and 1/25/68. It was disconnected on the latter date. His employment is arts & sciences - Tulane Univ.

~~In view of the fact that the above is a non-published number interviewing agent should be most discreet to protect the telephone company.~~

Put results on mat FD 302 and route to CALLENDER

5/14/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau 5/10/68.

~~Re MYRIAL TOMASO, aka
Marie Martin deGrasse,
Marie Martin
FBI #110 913C~~

Re Los Angeles airtel requested New Orleans to forward to the Bureau photograph of MARIE MARTIN in order that same may be furnished to Legat, Ottawa, Canada, to determine whether MARTIN is identical to one of the two women who visited RAY in Montreal.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four photographs of MARIE MARTIN and enclosed for Los Angeles is one such photograph for the completion of Los Angeles file inasmuch as MARTIN currently resides in Los Angeles.

It is to be noted that the FBI Identification Record for MYRIAL TOMASO, FBI #110 913C, lists various names for this individual which were recorded by various arresting police departments during the period of 10/26/55 through 5/23/67. The names under which this individual has been arrested are as follows:

3 - Bureau (Enc. 4)
1 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1)(44-1574)(Info)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)
2 - New Orleans
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New Orleans PD #78368

MYRALL TOMASO
New Orleans PD #78368

MYRIAL TOMASSO
New Orleans PD #78368

MYRIAL HAYDEN
Port Arthur, Texas PD #A-24 984

MYRIAL HAYDEN, New Orleans
PD #78368

MIMI TOMMASO
New Orleans PD #78368

MIMI HAYDEN
New Orleans PD #78368

MIMI TOMASO
New Orleans PD #78368

MYRIAL C. HAYDEN
Gretna, Louisiana SO #10559

MARIE MARTIN DeGRASSE
Los Angeles, California SO #C-543626

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, DALLAS
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/2/68, MAGGIE LABARRE, RFD, Napoleonville, La., advised that on 4/30/68, two men who identified themselves as HARRY MILLER and CHARLES JONES of 1726 N. Bolten, Jacksonville, Tex., rented two cabins from her.

She advised that HARRY MILLER appeared to fit the description of subject RAY except that he did not have a crew cut. She advised that the two men were driving a blue paneled truck, bearing Texas license, number unknown.

Chief Deputy GASTON GROS, Assumption Parish SO, Napoleonville, La., was contacted and advised that subject RAY's photo was displayed to LABARRE. Chief GROS advised that LABARRE, a very suspicious individual, who is frequently contacting the SO with complaints, told him that MILLER did not resemble either of subject RAY's pictures very much.

On 5/10/68, Chief GROS stated that MILLER and JONES were employed for Associated Pipeline, working throughout various areas of Southern La., and that he had been unable to contact them for a complete description. He stated that two of his deputies had observed MILLER and said that he did not resemble subject RAY. Chief GROS stated that HENRY P. MILLER, aka, "EAST DALLAS" and CHARLES JONES both of 203 Beaumont St., Jacksonville, Tex., terminated their employment with Associated Pipeline on 5/8/68.

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LEAD:

DALLAS

AT JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS: Will at 203 Beaumont St., attempt to locate and obtain complete description of HENRY MILLER to determine if identical with subject RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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5-43P URGENT 5/13/68

TO NEW ORLEANS

FROM: DIRECTOR

MURKIN.

RENOTEL MAY 10, 1968.

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PERTINENT TELEPHONE RECORDS REGARDING COYNE CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING COMPANY, JOHN E. COYNE, LYNN EDWARD COYNE, PHILIP G. COYNE, ALL GRETN, LOUISIANA, AND DAVID M. COYNE OF NEW ORLEANS, LA. THIS REVIEW SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH FULL SECURITY AND BUREAU'S INTEREST FULLY PROTECTED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROSCOE J. HATFIELD:

At Antlers, Oklahoma

On May 13, 1968, EVA HAMMONS, Route 1, mother of JAMES W. HAMMONS, advised her son was in Southeast part of the State a few days ago and did own a 1961 or 1962 white Chevrolet with Louisiana license number unknown. She displayed a Gulf Credit Card [REDACTED] which was issued to her son, JAMES W. HAMMONS. This card had been broken into. She stated she was mailing it back to the Gulf Oil Company. She stated her son was not home at that particular time but would be in the evening.

Sheriff LEE BOYD, Antlers, Oklahoma, advised JAMES W. HAMMONS was born and raised near Antlers, Oklahoma, and had been arrested several times on minor charges. He described HAMMONS as white, male, born [REDACTED] Antlers, Oklahoma, 6'3", 180 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)
MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to Philadelphia 5/8/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are twenty-five (25) copies and for Pittsburgh and New Orleans is one (1) copy of investigative insert conducted at Antlers, Oklahoma, 5/13/68.

Copies are furnished New Orleans and Pittsburgh in view of investigation conducted there.

Investigation was conducted to eliminate JAMES W. HAMMONS, holder of Gulf Credit Card #13 12 68 15 52 as being identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

New Orleans Division should discontinue leads as set forth in referenced communication since JAMES W. HAMMONS has been eliminated as being identical to RAY.

- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 25)
- ① - New Orleans (Info) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (440578) (Info) (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Oklahoma City

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
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In order to cover the possibility that subject may have died since commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted and they advised that no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested that each state may maintain such a record in their Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency.

There is no known Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information; and it is possible that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would only be maintained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities, or the like.

Each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if such records are maintained, and if so, should check records for the period from 4-5-68, to date, for any information which might possibly identify subject Ray with unidentified deceased person over that period.

If there is no central record repository maintained in the various states or nationally in the case of Mexico and Canada, you should, in connection with your contacts with law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, make appropriate inquiries relative to

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unidentified dead for the period beginning 4-5-68; and if fingerprints on such dead are maintained, they should be compared with those on the Identification Order on Ray in order to effect identification or nonidentification. This should be handled in the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines.

The Identification Division has placed an appropriate stop on unidentified deceased inquiries it may receive. If feasible, appropriate offices and Legats, Mexico City and Ottawa should place similar stops with appropriate state, local or national agencies in your territories.

Armed and Dangerous.

5/15/68

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS FIVE FIFTEEN SIXTYEIGHT. GUESTS REGISTERED AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL DECEMBER SEVENTEEN TO NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, NEW ORLEANS.

RE-EXAMINATION OF PROVINCIAL MOTEL REGISTRATION RECORDS REFLECT CORRECT NAME AS W. H. BAUFLE, TWO EIGHT NINE NINE COLLINS AVENUE, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, FLORIDA LICENSE NUMBER ONE W W ONE ONE THREE EIGHT ZERO OR ONE W W ONE ONE THREE EIGHT SIX ON A CADILLAC. LICENSE NUMBER ON REGISTRATION CARD BARELY LEGIBLE.

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To: All SACS
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Ottawa

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From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968, and prior to his departing Los Angeles, in March of 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

This should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and Dangerous.

*To
all
country clubs in
Los Angeles
for info*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673) (PD)

DATE: 5/13/68

FROM : SA EMIL HENRY BECKER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/9/68, Mr WM M. MICHELET, Manager, Southern Bell Tel and Tel. DeRidder, Louisiana, advised that the subscriber to telephone number ~~318, 839-9563~~, Leesville, Louisiana, was BETTYE TOLMAN who had service discontinued on 5/2/68. He advised Mrs TOLMAN moved to Rt. 4, Box 140A, Minden, Louisiana.

It should be noted that the aforementioned person received a telephone 2 calls from a Houston area pay phone on 12/16/67.

New Orleans Division
At Minden, Louisiana

Conduct investigation as previously set forth in this matter.

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