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the forthcoming marriage. Mr. and Mrs. RICHTER stated that DON SAMEC is now married to their daughter and lives with her in Portland, Oregon.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was shown to the RICHTERS who stated that they had no information regarding the subject and that if at anytime anything came to their attention, they would notify the FBI immediately.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC TAMPA

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA KHONOWSKI (157-3231)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO: Memphis)

Re - Dallas teletype to Tampa dated
Tel #588-2227 - no listing city directory
Ron Ferguson. Dade City P.D.
Ray Richter. Hwy 52 West. Listed as
of May 1967 & info received from telephone
operator Dade City.

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April 29th '68

Federal Bureau of Investigation;
Dear Sirs;

Hoving lived in Miami when Jacques Massler, husband of Candace Massler was brutally murdered, the story of Martin Luther King's killer rings a bell for some instances, cities like Houston Texas, New Orleans, La. Blonde woman referred to as "Jennie", wealthy, hatred etc. Candace Massler married nephew? Powers, can't recall his first name, they could possibly be tied in some way. Hope this hint can provide some angle of solving the mystery (was his name Jerry Powers?) Sincerely,

Arlene Weikley

(Keep name CONFIDENTIAL)

2809-N. ORANGE BLVD.

KISSIMMEE, FLA 32741

Phone: 847-2993

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
~~Rutland Bldg.~~
Orlando, Fla.

Post Office Box 3301
Tampa, Florida 33601
May 2, 1968

Miss Alene Weekley
2809 No. Orange Boulevard
Kissimmee, Florida 32741

Dear Miss Weekley:

Your letter of April 29, 1968, has been received and I want to thank you for furnishing the information you did.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Santoliana, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge

1 - Addressee
1 - Tampa (157-3231)
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN - COST DATA

Re TP airtel 5/2/68.
Re ME airtel to all offices 4-19-68.

May
Tampa Office cost figures for month of April, 1968 estimated as follows:

1. NUMBER OF MAN HOURS

A. Special Agents

Regular Hours - 1710 Hours

Overtime Hours - 248 Hours

Total Man Hours 1958 Hours

110
20
130

B. Clerical Employees

Regular Hours - 250 Hours

Overtime Hours - 24 Hours

Total Clerical Man Hours - 274 Hours

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OVERALL TOTAL - 2232 Hours

145

2 - Memphis
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2. TOTAL ESTIMATED MILEAGE

A. Bureau Cars - 15,000 Miles

B. Personal Cars - 0

3. ANY UNUSUAL OR OUT OF ORDINARY COSTS - 0

4. PEAK NUMBER OF SAs WORKING ON CASE DURING MONTH - 60

436

0

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TAMPA:

Estimated as follows:

SA Regular Work Hours: 19 Working Days X 30 Agents Working.

= 570 X 3 Hours a Day = 1710 Hours.

SA Overtime Hours: 15% of Total Overtime for 80 Agents.

Clerical and Steno estimated by Chief Clerks.

Mileage: Estimated Total Mileage on Bucars 4-5 - 4-30-68 =
75,000 for 62 cars. 15% spent on MURKIN = 15,000.

Peak Agents: 60 out of compliment of 83.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN

Re Jacksonville airtel to Bureau 4/30/68;
Jacksonville telephone call to Tampa 5/1/68; Tampa
telephone call to Bureau 5/1/68.

Re BAILLY SANDLIN, Orlando, Fla. - Complainant

For the information of the Bureau and interested offices, the following investigation was conducted at Orlando, Florida, by SAs THOMAS J. WILKES and GORDON W. TINDLE. BAILLY SANDLIN, Insurance Adjuster, 1906 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida, telephonically advised SA WILKES on 4/25/68 that at approximately 8:55 a.m., 4/25/68, he drove up in front of his office and noticed a man sitting in a 1967 or 1968 dark blue, 4-door Chevrolet. He stated the only numbers of the Florida tag he could recall were 7W-15 with rest of numbers unknown and he could not recall how many digits were in the tag number. He advised the Chevrolet was parked in the carport at his office. He said the man who resembled JAMES EARL RAY, pointed a snubnosed revolver at him, and said, "You ain't seen me" and drove east on Colonial Drive to the next street (Vern Drive) where he turned right. SANDLIN stated he got into his car and tried to follow the individual but never saw the Chevrolet again.

3-Bureau

1-Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)

1-Memphis (44-1987) (Info)

1-Jacksonville (44-769) (Info)

2-Tampa (157-3231)

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It was noted by SA WILKES during the telephone call from SANDLIN that his voice had been unusually hesitant between words and sentences, however, at the time it was believed to be due to excitement.

J. R. SMITH, Detective Bureau, Orlando, Florida Police Department, was immediately informed of the above by SA JAMES B. HAFLEY.

Upon arriving at 1906 West Colonial Drive, BAILEY SANDLIN was interviewed in person by SAs TINDLE and WILKES. As the interview progressed, it became evident through SANDLIN'S behavior and by his own admission that he was under the influence of liquor. He stated that he was an alcoholic and that during the morning of April 24, 1968, his girlfriend, CHARLOTTE Mc DANIEL had tried to commit suicide in his apartment at 77 East Amelia, Orlando, Florida. SANDLIN asserted he became upset at this and had been drinking beer and Vodka from the morning of April 24, 1968 through the time the agents contacted him in person.

Every effort was made to ascertain if there was any truth in SANDLIN'S statements, however, he continually changed his description of the suspect and varied the sequence of events as well as the times they were alleged to have occurred.

On April 25, 1968, Mrs. ANN WAGNER, 1904 West Colonial Drive, and Mrs. ALFRED PINKACIK, 1918 West Colonial, who are located immediately adjacent to SANDLIN'S office advised that from at least 8:00 a.m. until they were contacted by the agents there had been no other car in SANDLIN'S carport except his Dodge. Both women were positive no Chevrolet, described above, had been in or near SANDLIN'S office that day since at least 8:00 a.m.

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On April 25, 1968, Mrs. MARGARET TAYLOR, widow of Deputy Sheriff PHILIP TAYLOR, 1113 Santa Anita, advised agents she is the secretary to SANBLIN and that she had received a call from him that morning. She stated he sounded very unusual and she wondered if he had been drinking. She asserted that SANBLIN had previously told her he was an alcoholic and was active in alcoholic anonymous. He has also told her that when he drinks, he has hallucinations thinking he has achieved great success. Mrs. TAYLOR further stated that SANBLIN told her during his phone call that morning that when he arrived at his office he had been accosted by a man in a car in the carport of his office who stuck a gun in his face. According to SANBLIN, this had caused him to be upset.

Mrs. TAYLOR also declared that she talked with the landlord and occupants of the other half of the building, in which SANBLIN'S office is located and Mrs. WILLIAM MURKELL, 1904 West Colonial Drive had advised her that she had arrived at the office at the same time as SANBLIN and there was no car in the carport at that time. During the afternoon of April 25, 1968, RONALD E. KRIGLER, Kiegler and Associates, Insurance Adjusters, Deland, Florida, telephonically advised SA WILKES he was SANBLIN'S employer. He stated he had gone to SANBLIN'S office a short time previous that same day, in answer to a phone call from Mrs. TAYLOR where he found SANBLIN passed out due to drunkenness. He stated he closed the office, took SANBLIN home and put him to bed.

JAMES FULLER, Detective Sergeant, Orlando PD was apprised of the above.

About mid-morning, April 25, 1968, BAILEY SANBLIN, 1906 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida, telephonically advised SA ROBERT C. BALL at the Orlando Resident Agency that he had previously telephoned the Orlando Residence Agency on the same morning and he had been contacted by two agents whose names he could not recall. He related he was recontacting the resident agency since the individual whom he had talked with the previous time had telephoned him and threatened him.

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SA BALL contacted the Orlando PD and was met at 1906 West Colonial Drive by Sergeant STRAUB of the Orlando PD and during a short conversation with SANDLIN he stated he was fearful of his life since the previous described individual had threatened to return to his office and to kill him.

During the conversation with SANDLIN it was obvious to SA BALL that SANDLIN had been drinking and such opinion was confirmed by Sergeant STRAUB. SANDLIN was shown the identification order for JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the individual depicted thereon resembled the individual who had threatened him earlier that same day. Due to the obvious intoxicated condition of SANDLIN, no further attempt was made to interview him.

Due to the above set forth facts, no further action has been taken.

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Airtel

To: SACs, Jacksonville
Tampa

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Bailey Mann Sandlin - complainant, 77 East
Amelia Street, Orlando, Florida.

Re Bureau telephone calls to Jacksonville and
Tampa 5-1-68.

Although the license number of the automobile
Sandlin referred to was allegedly partially recorded as
7W15, Jacksonville should attempt to determine through
state records whether 7W15 could be a complete number;
and if so, set out appropriate leads.

file up
you will be getting lead on this lead 5/7/68
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TO LINDA, 5/7/68

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of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN
CRDate: May 1, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-561772 JK
D-561773 JK
D-561774 JK

Specimens received 4/27/68, from FBI, Tampa

K208 Four sheets of ruled paper each containing samples
of laundry tapes obtained from four Thermo-Seal
machines located at Oak Park Cleaners, Tampa, Florida

Specimen received 4/29/68, from FBI, San Francisco

K209 Three pieces of white cloth containing sample of
laundry tapes obtained from Economy Cleaners, San Carlos,
California (three different Thermo-Seal machines)

Specimen received 4/28/68, from FBI, San Francisco

K210 Four pieces of cloth containing a total of sixteen
laundry tapes obtained from Deluxe Laundry,
Oakland, California

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned laundry tapes appearing on Q97 and Q99 were not prepared by the machine with serial number 30942 (a portion of K210) or the machine with serial number 32667 (a portion of K209). Differences were noted between the questioned laundry tags and the other known specimens but the lack of significant differences precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

The submitted items described above have been retained.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
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Examination requested by: Tampa, San Francisco

Reference: 4/26/68, Airtels

Examination requested: Document

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1 - San Francisco (173-65) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Tampa (157-3231) Enclosure (Lab report)

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of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561857 JK
D-561858 JK
D-561817 JK

Specimens received 4/29/68, from FBI, Jacksonville

K212 Piece of cloth containing fourteen samples of laundry
tape obtained from Tillman Laundry and Cleaners,
Jacksonville, Florida

Specimen received 4/29/68, from FBI, Charlotte

K213 Eight sample laundry tapes obtained from two
Thermo-Seal machines located at Canton Laundry,
Canton, North Carolina

Specimen received 4/29/68, from FBI, Tampa

K214 Three sample laundry tapes obtained from Winter Park
Laundry, Winter Park, Florida

Result of examination:

Differences were noted between the laundry tags represented by K212, K213 and K214 when compared with the laundry tags appearing on Q97 and Q99, but the lack of significant characteristics precluded a definite determination regarding these specimens.

K212, K213 and K214 have been retained.

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Date: May 1, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: Tampa, Charlotte,
Jacksonville

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Lab. No. D-561857 JK
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Reference: Airtels, 4/26/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

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- 1 - Tampa (157-3231) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Charlotte (44-1365) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Jacksonville (44-769) Enclosure (Lab report)

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
RE: MURKIN

ReDLtal 4/30/68.

Re: Telephone Calls by Subject En Route
Los Angeles to New Orleans

Houston telephone number 583-2884 registered to CURTIS JONES, a Negro, 5323 Highway 148, Baytown, Texas. JONES advised today that his son-in-law and daughter called him from Uvalde during this period while returning to Army camp.

Houston telephone 227-6991 registered to GEORGE W. DUNKIN, owner and operator Public Trailer Rentals, 3101 North Main. Mr. DUNKIN advised he could not recall instant telephone call but stated he had never seen subject RAY and he was not identifiable with anyone contacting his company by either himself or his wife, who assists him in operating the company. Mrs. DUNKIN confirmed the above.

3 - Bureau
1 - Dallas (info)
1 - Memphis (info)
1 - San Antonio (info)
1 - Tampa (info)
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638PM URGENT 5/2/68 GJM

TO BIRMINGHAM 44-174P TAMPA Q57-3231 MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM DIRECTOR 44-3881 1P

MURKIN.

REBHTEL MAY ONE LAST AND TPTEL MAY ONE LAST RE
CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

BIRMINGHAM< REINTERVIEW SPARKS CONCERNING INFORMATION
HE FURNISHED IN VIE- OF FACT HE IS UNKNOWN TO L. B. DEMAY.
BHTEL OF APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST STATES SPARKS SAW JOHNSON
IN TAMPA THREE DAYS PREVIOUS TO APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST
AND THAT HE FIRST SAW JOHNSON IN TAMPA ON APRIL EIGHT LAST,
AND OVSERVED HIM DAILY UNTIL HE, SPARKS LEFT TAMPA. CONSIDER
FURNISHING TAMPA WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF SPARKS AND HIS WIFG TO
ASSIST TAMPA IN IDENTIFYING THEM.

TAMPA< RECONTACT PERSONNEL OF RAYAL AMERICAN SHOWS AND
HAVE THEIR RECORDS THOROUGHLY RECHECKED FOR ANY INFORMATION
RELATING TO SPARKS OR JOHNSON. FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED BY
SPARKS, IT IS APPARENT IF HE WAS NOT IN FACT EMPLOYED BY
ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS< HE IS AT LEAST AWARE OF THE IDENTITY OF
"HOT SHOT" WHO TAMPA HAS IDENTIFIED AS L. B. DEMAY.

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CORRECTIO LINE 11 GORXXX WORD 5 IS ROYAL

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Handwritten notes:
#4 advised R
Labadie advised at 7:44 P
Burgott advised at 7:18 P
JP lead

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Tampa (157-3231)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SPC Millard J. Roberts, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN.

At 8:00 PM, this date, Mr. BEN SANDERS, 1541 Bay Point Drive, Sarasota, Fla., telephone no. 958-4919, telephonically contacted this office and furnished the following information.

Mr. SANDERS advised that his wife, Mrs. BETTY JEAN SANDERS, nee RHEA, was looking through the May 3rd issue of LIFE magazine, and happen to see the picture of JAMES EARL RAY on page 20-21. Mrs. SANDERS stated that it was a school picture and that she was in the picture. She advised that she was teaching school in Ewing, Mo. during 1938 when the picture was supposedly taken. She stated that she was in the back row of the picture and on the extreme left. Mr. SANDERS advised that his wife doesn't recall anything about RAY, however thought the information might be of interest to this agency.

Mr. SANDERS advised that if not at the above address he could be contacted at his place of business, 318 John Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, telephone number 388-3376.

SAC Santoiana advised at 8:15 PM

Supervisor Belanger advised at 8:30 PM, instructed writer to contact SA Montegar and have him interview Mrs. SANDERS 5/3/68.

SA MONTEGAR advised of above.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 TAMPA 157-3231 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, MAY ONE, LAST, AND TAMPA TEL, MAY ONE, LAST,
REGARDING CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

JAMES AND LINDA SPARKS, BIRMINGHAM, REINTERVIEWED, AND
JAMES SPARKS REITERATED THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED AT ROYAL AMERICAN
SHOWS DURING THE SUMMER AND WINTER MONTHS FOR APPROXIMATELY
FIVE YEARS. HE ADVISED THAT HE WAS KNOWN ON THE FAIRGROUNDS AS
"CHEROKEE" AND THAT TED AND JOE PATTERSON, WHO WORKED IN THE SHOW
COOKHOUSE, WOULD REMEMBER HIM. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS IDENTIFI-
CATION CARD MANIFEST NO. FIFTEEN, WHICH EXPIRES JUNE THIRTY,
SEVENTY, AND THAT HE HAS RECEIVED W-TWO FORMS FROM ROYAL AMERICAN
SHOWS UNDER HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. SPARKS FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE PERSONALLY
COOKED MEALS FOR "HOTSHOT", WHOM TAMPA HAS IDENTIFIED AS L.B.
DEMAI.

BOTH SPARKS AND HIS WIFE REITERATED PHOTO OF RAY RESEMBLES
MAN KNOWN TO THEM AS CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

PHOTOS OF SPARKS AND WIFE FOLLOW AMSD FOR ASSISTANCE TAMPA.

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*Burgette adv.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
 FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

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RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPES MAY ONE AND THREE, LAST
 TO BUREAU, TAMPA AND MEMPHIS, AND BUREAU TELETYPE
 TO BIRMINGHAM, TAMPA AND MEMPHIS, MAY TWO, LAST.

~~L. B. DEMAY~~
~~REDACTED~~ O. J. WEISS, CONCESSIONS
 SECRETARY, HYMIE JACOBSON, CONCESSIONS SECRETARY,
 HARRY STEPHENS, INDEPENDENT OPERATOR OF CONCESSIONS,
 DON PIERSON, INDIVIDUAL MANNING CONCESSIONS, RICHARD
 FERLICH, INDIVIDUAL OPERATOR, LEAD GALLERIES, GUY
 GARDNER, SECRETARY - TREASURER AND BUSINESS
 MANAGER, AND JACK FLYNN, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
 OF CONCESSIONS, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, TAMPA,
 FLA., ADVISED THEY WERE NOT ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES
 "CHEROKEE" AND LINDA SPARKS. GUY GARDNER, SECRETARY

1 - TAMPA

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TREASURER AND BUSINESS MANAGER, UNABLE TO LOCATE EMPLOYMENT RECORD DURING PAST TWO YEARS FOR JAMES OR LINDA SPARKS OR CHARLES RAY JOHNSON. TED AND JOE PATTERSON UNKNOWN BY ABOVE EMPLOYEES. TED AND JOE WILLIAMS WHO OPERATE COOK HOUSE, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, DEPARTED TAMPA TWO WEEKS AGO AND WILL REJOIN SHOW AT DAVENPORT, IOWA, JUNE ONE, NEXT.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{DEMAY} STATED NO ONE FITTING SPARKS' DESCRIPTION AT ANY TIME PREPARED HIS MEALS SINCE HE TAKES MEALS AT COOK HOUSE WITH OTHER EMPLOYEES. ALSO STATED NO EMPLOYEE SLEEPS IN RAILROAD CARS WHILE IN WINTER QUARTERS, TAMPA, FLA.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{DEMAY} ADVISED MANIFEST CARDS ISSUED ANNUALLY AND EXPIRE SAME YEAR. ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS MANIFEST NUMBER FIFTEEN, ISSUED FOR NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, ISSUED TO ROOSEVELT GUNNARSON. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{DEMAY}, GUY GARDNER, JOE BROWN, TIMEKEEPER AND FOREMAN, ANGELO HAMILTON, LABORER AND JAMES

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ALLEN JOHNSON, LABORER, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, UNABLE
TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SPARKS OR HIS WIFE AS
ANYONE ASSOCIATED WITH SHOWS AT ANY TIME.

ALL OF THE ABOVE EMPLOYEES, ROYAL AMERICAN
SHOWS, OBSERVED SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND COULD RECALL
NO ONE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SHOW AT ANY TIME RESEMBLING
~~THE~~ SUBJECT.

BIRMINGHAM WILL ^{RE-}INTERVIEW JAMES SPARKS CONCERNING
ALLEGED MANIFEST CARD, EXPIRING NINETEEN SEVENTY,
TO CLARIFY INFORMATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AM FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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348PM URGENT 5-6-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR, AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM TAMPA (157-3231) 3P

MURKIN, CR, OO MEMPHIS

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPES MAY ONE AND THREE, LAST
TO BUREAU, TAMPA AND MEMPHIS, AND BUREAU TELETYPE
TO BIRMINGHAM, TAMPA AND MEMPHIS, MAY TWO, LAST.

L. B. DEMAY, O. J. WEISS, CONCESSIONS SECRETARY,
HYMIE JACOBSON, CONCESSIONS SECRETARY, HARRY STEPHENS,
INDEPENDENT OPERATOR OF CONCESSIONS, DDN PIERSON,
INDIVIDUAL MANNING CONCESSIONS, RICHARD FERLICH, INDIVIDUAL
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"CHEROKEE" AND LINDA SPARKS. GUY GARDNER, SECRETARY-
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ALLEN JOHNSON, LABORER, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SPARKS OR HIS WIFE AS ANYONE ASSOCIATED WITH SHOWS AT ANY TIME.

ALL OF THE ABOVE EMPLOYEES, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, OBSERVED SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND COULD RECALL NO ONE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SHOW AT ANY TIME RESEMBLING SUBJECT.

BIRMINGHAM WILL RE-INTERVIEW JAMES SPARKS CONCERNING ALLEGED MANIFEST CARD, EXPIRING NINETEEN SEVENTY, TO CLARIFY INFORMATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 157-3231

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA Henry F. Bengett

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re: Birmingham teletype to Bu, TP & Memphis 5/3/68.

TP 24C advised as follows concerning information furnished by Sparks in referenced communication:

1. Knows of no one using the name "Cherokee".

2. There is not a Ted and Joe Patterson with the Royal American Show working in the Cook house. There is a Ted and Joe Williams who work in the Cook house. They have been away two weeks and will rejoin the show in Davenport, Iowa June 1, 1968.

3. Manifest Cards are issued Annually and expire at end of one year.

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There has not been any Manifest
Cards issued expiring 1970.

4. TP24 C stated meals are obtained
at Cook house. No one has at any
time "personally" Cooked for him.

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Date: 5/3/68

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS

REBUTEL, MAY TWO LAST, TO BIRMINGHAM AND TAMPA.

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BIRMINGHAM REINTERVIEW SPARKS. OBTAIN DETAILS CONCERNING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS. ALSO OBTAIN

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**PHOTOGRAPH OF SPARKS IN ORDER THAT SAME MAY BE EXHIBITED
TO EMPLOYEES ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, TAMPA, FLA.**

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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

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Date: 5/3/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CR

ReButel 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

Set forth by field division are telephone calls made from the Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. Recipient offices will determine from the subscriber, or person receiving call, the identity of caller. If caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Denver
- 2 - Louisville
- 2 - Miami
- 2 - New York City
- 2 - Norfolk
- 2 - Omaha
- 2 - Philadelphia
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- 2 - Seattle
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>DENVER:</u>			
12/16/67	835-9495 (Beaumont, Texas)	303-636-1773	Colorado Springs, Colo.
<u>LOUISVILLE:</u>			
12/17/67	835-9074 (Beaumont, Texas)	502-798-9309	Ft. Campbell, Ky.
<u>MEMPHIS:</u>			
12/16/67	468-9078 (Houston, Texas)	615-293-4542	Cornersville, Tenn.
12/16/67	468-9078 (Houston, Texas)	615-293-4542	Cornersville, Tenn.
12/15/67	468-9081 (Houston, Texas)	615-293-4542	Cornersville, Tenn.
12/15/67	468-9081 (Houston, Texas)	615-293-4542	Cornersville, Tenn.
<u>MIAMI:</u>			
12/15/67	769-9108 (Vidor, Texas)	813-657-3181	Immokalee, Fla.
<u>NEW YORK CITY:</u>			
12/15/67	673-9289 (Houston, Texas)	212-748-7417	Brooklyn
12/15/67	673-9236 (Houston, Texas)	212-254-2288	New York City
<u>NORFOLK:</u>			
12/16/67	452-9260 (Houston, Texas)	703-722-7921	Hampton, Va.

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<u>OMAHA:</u>			
12/15/67	835-9546 (Beaumont, Texas)	712-375-4191	Pierson, Iowa
<u>PHILADELPHIA:</u>			
12/17/67	835-9318 (Beaumont, Texas)	717-637-8759	Hanover, Pa.
12/12/67	835-8273 (Beaumont, Texas)	215-433-9403	Allentown, Pa.
<u>SACRAMENTO:</u>			
12/15/67	468-9850 (Houston, Texas)	209-464-8050	Stockton, Calif.
<u>SEATTLE:</u>			
12/15/67	468-9868 (Houston, Texas)	206-622-4911	Seattle, Wash.
<u>SPRINGFIELD:</u>			
12/16/67	835-9435 (Beaumont, Texas)	309-452-4852	Normal, Ill.
12/15/67	835-9419 (Beaumont, Texas)	217-528-2815	Springfield, Ill.
12/17/67	835-8273 (Beaumont, Texas)	618-932-2403	West Frankfort, Ill.
<u>ST. LOUIS:</u>			
12/16/67	682-9361 (Houston, Texas)	314-664-3747	St. Louis, Mo.
<u>TAMPA:</u>			
12/17/67	769-9103 (Vidor, Texas)	813-229-1414	Tampa, Fla.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN
(OO:ME)

Mrs. BETTY JEAN SANDERS, 1541 Bay Point Road, Sarasota, Fla. on 5-3-68 advised while reviewing the 5-3-68 issue of Life magazine concerning the article on subject RAY she noticed her photograph in the group picture on page 20.

She is in the fourth row, first on the left. She remembers this being taken during her first teaching assignment at Ewing, Mo. when she was 19 years of age. She only taught at Ewing from September, 1937 to May, 1938 and only taught part of the third grade, and did not remember the subject or anything about him, and could not remember anyone else in the photograph that might be connected with him.

She stated her maiden name which was the name she used in 1937, was BETTY JEAN KNEA. She was furnishing this information in the event she was being sought for interview in this case.

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COMPANY "B"

Capt.
JACK BARBER

Lt.
HAROLD B. PRINCE
GENE C. SENTI
JOHN SZULY

M/Sgt.

Kelly, Paul R.

S/Sgt.

Baxter, Jesse
Bird, Joseph
Evans, Lawrence
Lucas, Russell
Manis, T. J.
Moore, Breatin
Owens, William
Simmons, Walter
Suich, Frank
Williams, Walter
Young, Milton

Sgt.

Beecroft, John R.
Cummings, Alvan
Johnson, Arthur
Mallos, John H.
Oelschlager, Herman
Rhodes, Ernest
Saar, Martin A.
Sienicki, Harry T.
Solar, Edward
Spehling, Ewald
Wise, Earl J.

Tec 4

Austin, Joe N.
Burkett, Ralph
Damiani, Dante
Good, Duff
Miller, Wayne Y.
Melton, William H.
Ryan, Reginald
Wilson, Thomas

Cpl.

Berger, Ralph
Brostrom, Edward
Catterson, Orville
Corey, Robert A.
Coro, Linwood
French, Allen J.
Nonnemacher, Robert
Okuda, Mutsuo
Popko, Henry
Queen, Gordon T.
Rasmus, Victor
Riley, Roscoe
Samaniego, Joaquin
Sbano, Joseph
Threath, Zame
Wallack, Raymond H.

Tec 5

Center, Leslie
Davis, T. P.

Donlevy, Alfred J.

Donnell, Robert D.

Douglas, David

Encinas, David N.

Gant, Leo G.

Gates, Billy M.

McKinnley, Robert F.

Oliverson, Gordon D.

Parks, Gordon E.

Spurlin, Onnie D.

Thiebaud, Charles V.

Thomas, Eugene K.

Tyndall, Ernest K.

West, Eldridge V.

Young, John W.

Pfc.

Arthur, David L.
Barrett, Arthur L.
Befus, Harold E.
Casillas, Joe A.
Clark, Tellus J.
Clifford, Herbert D.
Conley, Harold W.
Cox, Henry C.
Culbertson, John L.
Dunning, Exum
Dunkel, Raymond H.
Davis, Harold B.
Davis, Thomas W.
Eftikides, Simeon E.
Fox, Robert F.
Franklin, Alton M.
Galaska, Frank A.
Hannagan, Wilbur
Harjo, Daniel J.
Hash, Jennings S.
Hamilton, J. C.
Horne, David L.
House, Fox O.
Huszar, Joseph
James, William J.
Joyner, Raymond S.
Kiley, Robert L.
Killian, James E.
Klunk, Elmer
Kovonski, Julius F.
Lillie, Neal W.
Lizardi, Roberto
Maddox, Eugene E.
Malone, James W.
Mangan, Howard E.
Martinez, Theodore R.
Mattison, Kenneth C.
McFarland, Marion
Mezzell, Charles A.
Montgomery, Wilbur I.
Morrow, Leonard
O'Brien, Dennis
Peters, Wilmont

Pierce, Wayne K.

Ray, Jackie R.

Ray, James E.

Rhodon, Jerrel R.

Robinson, Clarence L.

Sakanoi, Makoto

Delgado, Paul J.

Drias, Delbert W.

Sams, Culford

Shreve, Neal H.

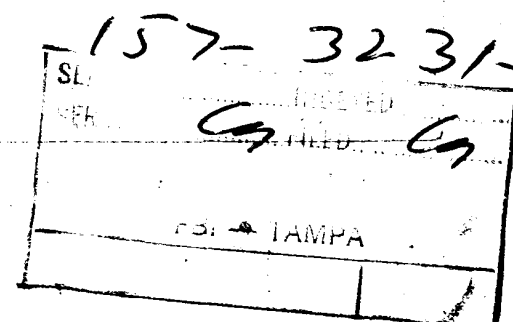
Stajger, Joseph W.

Sturgis, Leslie

Zimmerman, Clarence

Pvt.

Adams, Paul K.
Adams, William S.
Bailey, Robert C.
Barrow, Lawrence
Bates, Horace D.
Belair, Eugene C.
Bramder, Frederick
Brown, Robert
Bryan, John M.
Burton, Emerson
Buzbee, T. J.
Chikowski, Theodore S.
Christiansen, Edwin O.
Collins, William E.
Davis, Jack G.
Emig, Norbert P.
Flynn, Patrick E.
Ford, Theodore R.
Hite, Verl M.
Garcia, Cipriane L.
Jock, Leslie J.
Katraska, Paul
Leedy, Elie G.
Lynn, Cash
Maxwell, Gordon
McGill, Carl D.
Mercer, James R.
Miles, Jack J.
Moble, Henry C.
Morphis, Angel
Morrow, Carl L.
Munson, Richard L.
Pecos, Jimmie N.
Pierce, William L.
Ritchie, Calvin T.
Rowe, Earl W.
Robinson, Eugene L. H.
Shearer, Louis E.
StLouis, Milton O.
Turner, Louis C.
Valley, Robert
Walker, William H.
Watson, James C.
White, Isaac N.
Woods, Robert E.



5/2/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO:ME)

On 4/26/68, Colonel ROBERT C. HUTCHINSON, JR., Florida Southern College, ROTC, Lakeland, Florida, telephonically advised he had read article in "The Army Times" concerning JAMES EARL RAY, wherein there was statement to the effect that the solution to RAY's whereabouts may rest with Army. The article went on to relate, RAY's military career, and solicitating information from anyone who might know him.

Colonel HUTCHINSON stated his Sergeant Major, EUGENE E. F. BRITTI was stationed with 16th Infantry Regiment and had roster of personnel which included RAY's name.

Sergeant Major BRITTI was contacted at Florida Southern, whereby he furnished a xeroxed copy of the Company "B" roster, which included RAY's name. BRITTI said RAY was attached to the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, and that the Roster in his, BRITTI's) possession was compiled on 7/7/48.

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BRITTI stated the original 16th Infantry was headquartered in Austria with Battalions spread all over Europe. BRITTI and 13 others were sent from Austria to Frankfurt, Germany to reorganize the 16th. The reorganized group was formed from other units being deactivated or from excess personnel which other units no longer needed.

Sergeant BRITTI said that the Regiment moved from Frankfurt to Grafenwohr, Germany and was actually there, in 7/7/48, when the roster was made up. He said after the roster was made up the group was known as the 7892 Infantry Regiment, although it remained the 16th.

The Sergeant said when RAY was discharged in 12/48, his Battalion was stationed in Furth, Germany at the Monticeth Barracks. He said they were sent there from Grafenwohr in the fall of 1948.

Two copies of roster of Company "B" ^{are} enclosed for Bureau. Two copies each are enclosed for Memphis and Kansas City for possible investigative lead purposes. It is believed that if leads presently outstanding do not produce RAY, the Bureau and OO may desire to have locale of the men on the roster be determined from Army sources and these men contacted.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) and TAMPA
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to JK and TP, 5/2/68; re Halley Mann Sandlin - complainant, 77 East Amelia Street, Orlando, Florida; re Bureau telephone calls to JK and TP, 5/1/68.

MVB, Tallahassee, Florida, advised Florida License 7W-15 registered to JOHN E. CREWS, 1230 Hillcrest Avenue, Orlando, Florida, for use on 1967 Chevrolet Sports Coupe.

Tampa ascertain if registrant could be identifiable with subject.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re TP teletype to Director and JK, 5/2/68, regarding 1967 or 1968 brown Plymouth bearing Florida License 3E-5643, seen by man in Savannah, Georgia, 4/26/68 being driven by man described as resembling subject.

Investigation at Palatka, Florida reflects instant vehicle sold 1/26/68 to HAROLD HAZLETT, 2105 Wenover Drive, Palatka, Florida. HAZLETT has been known to be in Palatka, Florida for past eight years and employed Hudson Pulp and Paper Company. Vehicle has not been out of Palatka, Florida for several months. Vehicle contains same identification number as contained in referenced teletype.

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TO : SAC TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA THEODORE R. SEMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On dates indicated, the following informants were contacted and all advised that they had not become aware of any additional information concerning JAMES EARL RAY, other than what has appeared in local news media. All informants advised will be alert for pertinent information concerning RAY and would advise.

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4/26/68

HOBART M. BALDWIN JR.
PCI
4/26/68

CECIL D. BRANCH
PCI
5/2/68

KERMIT E. BROWN
PCI
5/3/68

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA DAVID A. BRUNDLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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The following investigation conducted on 4/19/68.

MRS. LUCY BARNON, 8268 40th Street North, Pinellas Park, Florida, Manager, Insured Drive A Way Systems, 5606 Park Boulevard, Pinellas Park, Florida, upon view photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, advised that this was not the photograph of any individual who had ever worked for her, or was known to her. She advised that no JAMES RAY had ever worked for her, but one JAMES W. WRAY had. WRAY, a white, male, born [redacted], Shelby, North Carolina, 5'9", 160 lbs., scar at part of hair on left side of head, brown hair, blue eyes, had false teeth, had worked for her off and on for the past five years. He normally was employed as a shoe salesman and last had worked for the Red Cross Shoe Store, Central Ave., St. Petersburg, Florida. He was a very good dresser and well groomed individual. He professed to be some type of Baptist minister, sang country religious songs constantly, and had been discharged from the Military Service for being a homosexual. He had been arrested in St. Petersburg for a homosexual offense. He was an excellent driver for the firm for a long period of time as all he wanted was money for travel and hotel bills. She had discontinued his services several months ago as he no longer was dependable. On Easter Sunday, and the Wednesday thereafter, he had called her from Los Angeles, and could be contacted through MR. WAYNE CAMERON, Insured Drive A Way System, Garden Grove, Los Angeles, California. Upon checking her records she found he had last worked for her one and one-half years ago. She stated GALT's photograph bore some resemblance to WRAY, but she was positive that GALT was not WRAY. She stated in the past, WRAY had used her home address as his own residence but he had never lived with her.

MR. COLLEEN BARNON, 8268 40th Street North, Pinellas Park, Florida, upon viewing photograph of GALT stated this was not anyone he knew and not a photograph of JAMES W. WRAY who had worked for his wife.

MR. BOB BURNS, Clerk, Records and Identification Section, St. Petersburg, Florida Police Department, advised his records contained a file on JAMES W. WRAY, FBI #699 529B, St. Petersburg, Florida PD Number 34143. He was born [redacted], Shelby, North Carolina, 5'9", 160 lbs. brown hair, blue eyes, scar on left side of head, arrested 6/26/64 for indecent exposure. Sister JULIA LONGMALE, and NELLIE S. LONGMALE, North Carolina, brother CHARLES LONG, Long Beach, California. He made available a photograph.



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MRS. LUCY LAMON was recontacted on 4/19/68, and upon viewing photograph of JAMES H. EARL, FBI Number 699 5293 advised this was the man who had worked for her using this name.

For information of case agent above information was set forth in a teletype to Bureau 4/19/68 and was in response to Minneapolis teletype to Bureau, LA P and Tampa 4/19/68.

SUSPECTS: JAMES H. C. ROBERTS AND JAMES EARL RAY.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SPC AL L. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN; CR. (OO:ME)

At 6:40 PM, 5/3/instant, Mr. STANLEY TREPACHKER, 2524 Elyria Ave., S. W., Largo, Fla. telephone 584-3430 telephonically contacted this office and advised as follows:

Approximately 6 PM this date he observed an unidentified male in the TAMPO(ph) Lounge, Indian Rocks Beach, Fla., who, in the opinion of Trepachker, bore some resemblance to photo of JAMES EARL RAY as displayed in the post offices. Trepachker advised that the only point of question was that the individual he observed had tattoos and the photo in the post office did not state in the descriptive data that RAY had tattoos. This office being advised for whatever action it may deem appropriate.

Supervisor Belanger advised and designated SA Rutland to contact Trepachker and eliminate individual he observed as being subject RAY.

Submitted for information.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-3231)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. RUTLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: UNKNOWN SUSPECT
OBSERVED AT MAMBO LOUNGE,
INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, Fla.,
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On 5/3/68, STANLEY TREPACHKO, 2524 Elyria Avenue SW, Largo, Florida, telephonically contacted the Tampa Office and advised that he had observed an individual at the Mambo Lounge, Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, on 5/3/68, who he believed to bear a resemblance to subject. He said that he would not be available for interview on 5/3/68, but could be contacted at his home on the morning of 5/4/68.

On 5/4/68, STANLEY TREPACHKO, 2524 Elyria Avenue SW, Largo, Florida, advised that between 5:30 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. he and his wife were at the Mambo Lounge, Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, and he observed an individual who he believed to resemble the photograph of RAY. He said that this individual was a white, male, age in 30s, 5'11", medium build, and that he observed a tattoo (not recalled) on this persons right forearm. He said that this person also touched his ear on occasions which he recalled being a peculiarity of RAY. He said that this person was alone and sat about midway at the "U" shaped bar; no vehicle was observed; and this person remained for only a few minutes. He said that the photo which it was believed this person resembled was the front view photograph of RAY taken in 1960, appearing on IO and wanted flyer. He said that he is acquainted with the owner of the Mambo Lounge, TONY VON, but cannot recall VON being present, and the only person known that he recalls being present was the barmaid, JOYCE LNU. He said that she should recall this person and would be on duty during the evening hours.

On 5/4/68, TONY VON, owner, Mambo Lounge, Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, advised that he was in the lounge all day on 5/3/68, and believes he observed all patrons during the day. He said that photographs of JAMES EARL RAY are all unfamiliar to him. He said that JOYCE LAWSON was on duty during the hours of 5:30 - 6:00 P.M. and would have served anyone at the bar.



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JOYCE LAWSON, barmaid, Mambo Lounge, Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, advised that she was on duty behind the bar during the hours of 5:30 -6:00 P.M. and would have served any customer during that period. She said that she recalls her activities during the hour 5:30 -6:00 P.M. and that several of the lounge "regulars" were seated at one end. She said that she recalls two males sitting at the other end of the bar and recalls a lone individual sitting about mid-way at the bar which is obviously the person in question. She said that this person ordered one beer and left without finishing the beer. She said that she took this persons order and had occasion to observe him and that she can see no similarity between this person and photographs of RAY. She said that she had also observed photographs of RAY appearing in papers and on TV and feels that if she should see him that it would refresh her recollection and she would have recalled. She said that owner, TONY VON, was in a booth at the time and would not have observed anyone at the bar nor would any other customer as they would have been considerably removed from this individual. She reiterated that she saw no resemblance between this individual and photographs of RAY. She said that this person was a stranger, that she observed no car, and noted nothing unusual about him.

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Has FBI Erred In King Probe?

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — An FBI search of the 1966 white Mustang driven by James Earl Ray, alias Starvo Galt, and the wanted in connection with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., unearthed Green Stamps that were issued as a result of a purchase at a Birmingham, Ala., gas station in mid-February of 1968.

This reporter learned of the Green Stamps while here in San Antonio and was able to confirm the item by telephone. The Birmingham gas station owner said the stamps were issued at his station and he also identified a picture of Ray as that of the man involved in the transaction.

FBI REPORTS consistently place Ray in Los Angeles as a student at dancing and bartending schools at the time of the gas station transaction. However, these reports are boldly challenged by the statement of the Birmingham gas station owner.

This is but one of a series of disturbing contradictions and apparent "FBI" distortions of facts discovered during this reporter's four-day retracing of Ray's December, 1967 automobile trip from Los Angeles to New Orleans. Ray made the trip on Dec. 15 with the Hollywood songwriter Charles Stein as a driving companion. Stein is making the drive over the same route with this reporter.

The FBI has been forced to admit that the fingerprints, circulated during the early days of the manhunt were not those of Ray. The blame for this, according to the FBI, must be assumed by the warden of the Missouri State Penitentiary. The warden, the FBI claimed, issued mistaken fingerprints on Ray when the convict escaped from prison in April, 1967. This means two things:

Had Ray been arrested after his escape from prison, he would not have been held by the local arresting officers as a fugitive.

Had Ray been arrested immediately after the slaying of Dr. King the mistaken fingerprints would have confused the investigation and possibly would have led to his release.

THEN THERE are the incredible omissions that have been discovered during this reporter's trip back into the life and activities of Ray. Apparently it never occurred to the FBI to retrace Ray's trip with Stein as this reporter is doing in search of the phone booth from which Ray made his last calls to someone in New Orleans.

Apparently it also did not occur to the FBI to investigate the possibility that Ray was in telephone contact with New Orleans while he was still in Los Angeles. This reporter located the phone booth used by Ray in the lobby of St. Francis Hotel last Wednesday. The walls of the booth

were covered with graffiti. One line read "Down with Mexicans, Niggers, and Martin Luther Coon."

The most fatal oversight was the FBI's failure to uncover the console television set Ray gave to a Hollywood girl friend in return for her portable. The swap occurred around Valentine's Day — Feb. 14 — and Ray told the girl he was leaving town.

A CLEAR reading of this makes it all but certain that Ray took three trips to New Orleans between Dec. 15 and the end of March. There was the trip of Dec. 15, which Stein and I are now retracing, there was a second trip that began on Valentine's Day. Finally there was the trip that began a few days before the end of March, just before the death of Dr. King.

The one unassailable fact is that Ray did make these trips. And that he was in telephone contact with someone in New Orleans. Ray told Stein his contact was an important person, a contractor and builder. The key, then, lies in locating the phone booth along the highway from which these calls were made. Telephone company officials believe they can trace the calls if the booth can be located. The calls were made. We are now in the general area of the station. Our hope is to locate these phone booths before completing the journey.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Is the FBI bungling the investigation of the assassination of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.? It would appear so from this, the fourth in a series by Negro reporter Louis Lomax, now retracing the steps of James Earl Ray on his journeys with Hollywood songwriter Charles Stein from Los Angeles to New Orleans. The FBI has been forced to admit that fingerprints, circulated as those of Ray, were in fact of someone else. This is but one of a series of contradictions and confusions emanating from the federal agency.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **Tampa (137-1705)-36**

DATE: **5/1/68**

FROM : SA **PATRICK T. LAFFEY**

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: **TP 402-C**

Dates of Contact		
4/22 - 4/26/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
92-1 Trafficante		Ambler
162-6 Lazzara		Laffey
92-691 Marcello		Ambler
92-927 Paniello		Ambler
92-714 Lazzara		Laffey
92-145 LoScalzo		Burgh
Purpose and results of contact		
☐ NEGATIVE	162-738 Alonzo	Laffey
☐ POSITIVE	157-3231 Ray	Labadie
☒ STATISTIC		
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Source advised that Trafficante's wife, JOSIE, visited MRS. LAZZARA on two occasions last week. Source advised that he does not know the exact date of the first visit but added that on this first visit MRS. TRAFFICANTE had her daughter, SARAH ANN, with her. Source stated that the second visit of JOSIE was on 4/25/68 and on this		
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1 cc to each above files.		

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occasion she was alone.

Source further advised that SARAH ANN is pregnant and that she is now living in Tampa, while her husband is in Jacksonville preparing to leave the Navy. Source stated that SARAH ANN's husband is a dentist and will be discharged from the Navy in the very near future and plans to set up a dental practice in Tampa, Florida.

Source also advised that AUGIE PANIELLO was at the LAZZARA residence on several occasions and told MRS. LAZZARA that the Beverage Department had taken movies of PRIMO's funeral and had shown these films in Lakeland, Florida.

Source also advised that NINO LOSCALZO, who works for the Marcello Brothers in New Orleans, was in Tampa for several days last week and the purpose of the trip was to visit MRS. LAZZARA.

Source stated that PRIMO died owing a lot of money to people and his wife is now in very bad condition financially as all of PRIMO's insurance policies were used as collateral to borrow money.

On 4/26/68 source advised that several people have advised MRS. LAZZARA to sell the Yellow House Bar and CLYDE PREVATT is one of the persons who has advised this. However, PREVATT stated that he does not want to buy it. Source stated that an individual named CHARBONAIRE (Phonetic) has made overtures to MRS. LAZZARA that he would like to purchase the bar. Source said that PRIMO's Attorney MARK HAYES has advised MRS. LAZZARA to appoint an administrator to the LAZZARA estate and MRS. LAZZARA appointed her brother-in-law FAUSTINO GONZALES, as administrator. Source stated that MRS. LAZZARA's brother TONY ALONZO is now operating the bar.

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Source advised that JOE LAZZARA left for Spain several days ago to meet with his paramour and the LAZZARA

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family is mad at him for leaving no address where he could be located. Source advised that LAZZARA bought a home recently on West Burke and this house is very close to his paramour.

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Source advised that ANGELO LOSCALZO was planning a trip to Italy this summer in connection with an organized trip by the Sons of Italy. Source believes that this trip is about two weeks long and that it will leave Tampa, Florida some time in May. Source advised that to his knowledge LOSCALZO continues to operate the Red Top Bar on Nebraska Avenue and Cass Street.

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Source viewed photographs of KANINSKY, COSIMANO and RAY and advised he could furnish no information concerning these individuals.