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	#7	Left	Index		Double	Loop Wh	orl		Inner	Tracing
	#8	Left	Middle		Ulnar L	oop			Ridge	Count 13
	#9	Left	Ring		Central	Pocket	Loop	Whorl	Inner	Tracing
31	#10	Left	Little	4	Ulnar L	oop			Ridge	Count 16

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It is suggested the Bureau may desire to suggest that other field offices circulate similar information to their agents which has been done in Tampa.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 5-14-68

FROM:

SA HUBERT J. O'HARA

SUBJECT:

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Re: Miami tel to BU & Tampa 5-14-68

1 on 5-14-68Mr. R.A. FLEMING, owner FLEMING's Super Market E. Geneva Ave.. Sanford, Fla. advised that while getting a haircut at GARFIELD's Barber Shop, known as The Gator Barber Shop, he observed an individual who closely resembled the person whose picture he saw in the Sanford paper on 5-13-68. FLEMING said this person drove up to the barber shop in a Yellow Cab and he overheard the person say he was a former cab driver in New York City. He said the person is not a native of Sanford.

FLEMING said that this person had his hair cut by a barber who is tall and wears dark-rim glasses.

HAROLD SANDVILL, barber, Gator barbershop advised that he recalls cutting the hair of a Yellow Cab driver around noon SANDVILL was shown photos of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that this person is definately not the person whose hair he cut on 5-13-68. He stated he does not believe he has ever seen RAY.

On 5-14-68 JEWELL CARL dispatcher, Yellow Cab Co., Sanford. Fla., advised that the only driver working for her company who is not a native of Sanford is one DALLAS THOMPSON. She said THOMPSON.

are no. He check and from 6pm 4-4.

Manual M On 5-14-68 CHARLES COLLIER, owner, Yellow Cab Co., advised that the photos of RAY are not identical with THOMPSON or any other of his employees. He checked his records and advised they 100 W 157-3231-429A SERIALIZED SERIALIZED NDEXED indicate THOMPSON worked from 6pm 4-4-68 until 6am 4-5-68.

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TO

SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4-29-68

FROM:

SA ROBERT C. BALL

157-3231-430

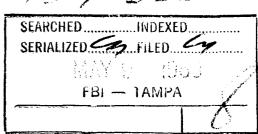
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Re I. O. # 4182 issued 4-20-68 entitled JAMES EARL RAY.

Above I. O. sets forth the fingerprint classification for RAY as 16 M 9 U 000 12. M 4 W 101

Writer has examined the above I. O. and determined the following is an interpretation of the fingerprint patterns and the ridge counts and or whorl tracings, (the ridge counts are close to the probable actual counts in Bureau files).

FINGER	PATTERN TYPE	RIDGE COUNT OR WHORL TRACING			
#1 Right Thumb #2 Right Index #3 Right Middle #4 Right Ring	Ulnar Loop Ulnar Loop Ulnar Loop Central Pocket Loop Whorl	Ridge Count 16 Ridge Count 13 Ridge Count 11 Outer Tracing			
#5 Right Little	Ulnar Loop	Ridge Count 12			
#6 Left Thumb #7 Left Index #8 Left Middle #9 Left Ring	Ulnar Loop Double Loop Whorl Ulnar Loop Central Pocket Loop Whorl	Ridge Count 12 Inner Tracing Ridge Count 13 Inner Tracing			
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However, it should be further noted any examination of the fingers of a suspect will result in a reverse visual image of the impression.

It is suggested the above be grought to the attention of all agents. 157-3231- 430

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FROM DIRECTOR

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Memorandum

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SAC, Tampa

DATE: April 29, 1968

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Director, FBI

SUBJECT:

JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE

I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;

INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 250.

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.

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Memorandum

DATE: 5/4/68

FROM: SA Henry T. Surget

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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CHARACTERS IN BOOKS

BY IAN FLEMING

CASINO ROYALE

James Bond

de Villorin

Duclos

Dasilva

Clements

Caffery

Fawcett

Herr Nummer

Herr Ziffer

Smersh

Deauville

Le Touquet

Zographos

Cypher

Alsace Lorraine

Strasbourg

Archivist

Smyert Shpionam

Goytchev

Garrad-Jones

Petchora

Donovan

Harthrop-Vane

Ventnor

Mace

Savarin

Mathis

Charles Dasilva

Kingston

Monsieur Muntz

Trouville

Royale

Vesper Lynd

Dior

Monsieur Sixte

Lord Danvers

Carmel Delane

Signor Tomelli

Rene Mathis

Monsieur Versoix

Adolph Gettler

Herr Gettler

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DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

Mike Hammer

Rocky

Felix Leiter Sir Reginald Leeper Galland Sillitoe Pickapepper Mr. Swart Mauve Decade Daker Brigadier Rademeyer Bill Winfrey Jacoby Volk Kid Tatters Bronsteen Bernard Nealon Sefton Delmer Lame-Brain Pissaro John Blaize Belair Stud DeBeers Williamson Ronnie Vallance Mr. Weiss Prospector Katze Windy Wint Rufus B. Saye, wa, du Raan Jack Spang Peter Franks Boofy Kidd Mr. Louwrens Ernie Cuneo Tiffany Case Sergeant Cilliers Sergeant Dankwaerts Jack Entratter Andries Coetzze Sergeant Lobiniere Bobby Bilbo Alexander Foote Mr. Lucian Mister Grunspan Desmond Willy Behrens Frasso Percy Sillitoe McGonigle George Feyer Ernest Oppenheimer Michael Tree, wa, Captain Hook J. A. Brink Shady Tree Seraffimo Spang B. Kitteridge Claasens W. Winter Mr. Rothblatt Bill Syer

Ian Fleming

THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS

Fuchs

LeBeers

THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS

Van Blommestein & Birt

Tim Patterson

Piet Willers

T. S. Patterson

Blake

Davis

de Graaf

Mrs. Coetzze

Christine Granville

Sammy Silberstein

Captain van der Westhuisen

William Percival Radley ("Tony") Patrick Sullivan

Donald Miles

Henry Orford

Blaize

Bernard Nealon

Harry Morgan

Finkle

William N. Witherspoon

P. M. R. Willis

Ardayast Powanlian

David Mitchel

Frank Wile

Max Pop

Francis Gballeit

Arthur Sherman

Belcher

Herbert Cox

Monsieur Diamant

Harry Openheimer

Kutze

Groffelaar

Leiser Weitman

John Gundry

Willy Rosen

Sillitoe

Henry Brasseur

Kheir

Mr. Capper

Robert Johnson

Ernest Oppenheimer

THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS

Bill Templar

Lyall	Stoker Smith	Havelock			
Philip Schreiber	James Molony	Jimmy Farquharson			
Amschel Benny Engel	Dr. Peter Steincrohn	Asche nhe im			
M. Lallet	Major Boothroyd	Fayprince			
M. Mario Pinci	Quarrel	Henriques			
Alio Giwa	Hugh Foot	Feddens			
Nathan Ascher Glatt	Mr. Pleydell-Smith	Major Gonzales			
Dr. H. P. Lowe	Ben Gibbons	von Hammerstein			
H. J. Browning (Mr.)	Josiah Smith	Colonel Johns			
Solomon Cukrowicz	John Bryce	Haversack			
David Gollansky	Waygood Otis	Burns Martin			
Alahaju Mustafa Ibrahim	Julius No	Monty			
Mike Collins	Lemmy	Ethan Allen			
R. F. Sheldon	HAD TAKE BURG AND T	Robin Hood			
Mr. H. Rogers	FOR YOUR EYES ONLY	Harvey Millers			
Harras	Rattray	Godalming			
DOCTOR NO	Bates	Cheltenham			
	Proctor	Tunbridge Wells			
John Strangways	Pyramus	Governor			
17L					

Thisbe

Philip Masters

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

Tattersall

Whitehall

Albergo Colomba D'oro

Signor Kristatos

Ronnie Vallance

Santos

Enrico Colombo

Van Cleef

Mr. Toad

Albergo Daniell

Milton Krest

Mr. Abedana

Professor Hildebrand

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Donovan Grant

"Red" Grant

Krassno Granitsky

"Granit"

Dr. Baumgarten

Colonel Arkday Fotoyev

Lt. Col. Nikolai Godlovsky

General Ivan Aleksandrovitch Serov

Colonel General Grubozaboyschikov

Lt. General Slavin

Lt. General Vozdvishensky

Tokaev

Khoklov

Petrov

Rene Mathis

Drax

Colonel Klebb

Kronsteen

Makharov

Fouche

Professor Deniken

Darko Kerim

Lermontov

Swaine

Adeney

Wilkinson

Kerim Bey

Cecil Beaton

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

GOLDFINGER

Croesus

Blackwell

Homer

David Somerset

Schwab

Philip Scrutton

Bianco

Santos

Foulks

Major Dansey

Johnny Crawford

Hagen

Gyllius

Auric Goldfinger

Mr. Scotland

Bernard Darwin

Vavra

Mr. Armour

Le Touquet

Krilencu

Jill Masterton

Colonel Smithers

Tilly Masterton

Vida

Zora

Sassoon

Dr. Foch

Boris Kerim

Ellerman

Mr. Gold

Melchior Benz

Lord Cowdray

Helmut M. Springer

Kurt Goldfarb

Hambros

Rothschilds, Barings, Jed Midnight

Stefan Trempo

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Williamson

Billy (The Grinner)Ring

Captain Norman Nash

Oppenheimer

Jack Strap

"ilbur Frank

Boris Anrep

Mr. Solo

Comtesse Metterstein

Hopton Wood

Jim Colossimo

Rosa Malheur

Alfred Blacking

Slappy Hapgood

Farquharson

Giulio

Hawker

Bloody Morgan

Lord Lonsdale

Cortez

GOLDFINGER

O' Brien

Weathership Charlie

Dutch Schuyts

Napoleon, Hitler

LIVE AND LET DIE

Grady

Arthur Fein

Buonaparte Ignace Gallia

Tee-Hee Johnson

Leigh Fermor

Samuel D. Baldwin

Mr. Halloran

Captain Dexter

Zachary Smith

Baron Samedi

Sam Miami

G-G Sumatra

Flannel

Mr. Bryce

Quarrel

THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN

M.

Captain Walker

Major Townsend

Mr. Robson

Sir James Molony

Bill Tanner

Ramon "The Rod" Rodriguez

Enrico Scaramanga

Harold L. Peterson

Oliver Winchester

Beau Desert

Commander Edmund G. Ross

Mark Hazard

Tony Hugill

Mr. Brown

Francisco Scaramanga

Mr. Hendriks

Sam Binion

Leroy Gengerella

Hal Garfinkel

THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN

Louie Paradise

Mr. Travis

Mr. Nick Nicholson

Stanley Jones

King Tiger

Sir Alexander Bustamante

Mr. Scramble

Mr. Arosio

Rastafari

Macdonald

Bannister

Percival Sampson

Lister Smith

Justile Morris Cargill

Donatz

Guderian

MOONRAKER

Hugo Drax ("Hugger")

Jack Hobbs

Gordon Richards

Basildon (Basil)

Tranby Croft

Steffi Esposito

Meyer

Gibbon

Longchamp

Brevett

Canfield

Dangerfield

Max

Porterfield

Grimley

General Bealey

Duff Sutherland

Morphy

Ronnie Vallance

Tallon

Gala Brand

Egon Bartsch

Professor Train

Dr. Walter

Willy Krebs

Marie Laurencin

Leica

Baxter

Professor Bhose

Galatea

Graf Hugo von der

Drache

Kaltenbrunner

Otto Skorzeny

Group Captain Tandy

Peter Trimble

Detective-Inspector

Vivian

ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

Phillippe Bertrand

Boudin

Monet

Ernst Stavro Blofeld

Croupier

Rossi

Andre Mattei

Peckham

Laurence Sterne

Johnson

Goldsmith

Dean Swift

Lord Nelson

Sable Basilish Pursuivant

Gebriider Gumpold-Moosbrugger

Tissot

Tracy

Blauenfelder

Monsieur Maurice

Monsieur Pol

Changeur

Marc - Ange Draco

Jean Gindicelli

Griffon Or

Sir Thomas Bond

Nell Gweynn

Boswell

Reynolds

Garrick

Canning

Lord Bently Royal

Sir Hilary Bray

G. W. Marshall

Sir James Malony

Achmed

Jenny Bray

Mary potts

O'Neill

Maria Stavro Michelopoulos

Captain Boris

Alphonse de Bleuville

D'dsigneys

Professor Auguste Kommer

Conte de Bleuville

ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

Fritz

Ivan

Bertil Yugo

Sir George Dunbar

George Albert Windsor

Ernst George Blofeld

Shaun Campbell

Herr Graf

Pat Smythe

Simon de Bleuville

Muir

Summerhayes

Mr. Leathers

Marius M

Che-Che

Ernst Stefan Blofeld

Mr. Franklin

Sir Ronald Vallance

Mr. Trumper

Toussaint

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Mr. sanguinetti

Jed Phancey

Derek Mallaby

Sol (Horror) Horowitz

Horst Uhlmann

Captain Stonor

O'Donnell

Lieutenant Morrow

Ben Said

Maurice Smart

Don Shirley

James Grant

Audrey Thompson

Nosy Parker

Hoppy Jones

Bill Kenny

Charlie Fuqua

Harling

Len Holbrook

Frank Donaldson

Bill Donaldson

Kurt Rainer

Trude

Herr Doktor Braunschweig

Pat Moss

Elliott Frey

Millicent

Sluggsy Morant

THUNDERBALL

YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE

Bircher-Brenner Vargas Tiger Tanaka

Kneipp Emilio Largo Trembling Leaf

Preissnitz Kotze Grey Pearl

Rikli Leopoldo Rodriques Dikko Henderson

Schroth Dominetta Vitali Admiral Ohnishi

Gossman Pitman Porterfield

Bilz F. Larkin Sir James Molony

Joshua Wain Roddick Ernst Stavro Blofeld

Alan Moyle Felix Leiter Richard Lovelace

Heinkel Bryce Henderson

Count Lippe Harold Christie Tracy

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Ernst Stavro Blofeld Constable Santos Jim Saunderson

Marius Domingue Emil Traut Mariko Ichiban

Pierre Borraud Brigadier Fairchild Superintendent Ando

Giuseppi Petacchi Peter Pedersen Taro Todoroki

Fidelio Sciacco Admiral Carlson Kono

Bruno Bayer Strelik Kazama

Fonda Petty Officer Fallon

Enrico Valli Dr. Stengel Doctor Guntram Shatterhand, aka-Comte de

Bleuville

THRILLING CITIES

Leonard Russell

Joey Glimco Frederick Bussy

Mr. Frere

Francis "The Immune" Maritote

Hugh Barton

Charles "Cherry Nose" Gioe

Jack Conder

Richard Hauff

Pierre Jaccoud

Dick Hughes

Cosmo Orlando Charles Zumbach

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Carlo "Bananas" Urbaniti

Richard Mason

Ripa

Andre Zumbach

Dr. Lobo

Joseph Broge

Professor Pittard

Samuel Montague

Gene Gleason

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Dan Jacobson

Salvatori Funari

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Felix Leiter

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To:

All SACS and LEGATS

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

157-3237

OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

In connection with the captioned case there has been speculation that James Earl Ray concocted the alias of Eric Starvo Galt by combining the names of characters from books by Ian Fleming and from a book "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand. This speculation is based on the fact that in the James Bond books by Ian Fleming there is a character named Ernst Stavro Blofield and in "Atlas Shrugged" there is a character named John Galt, as well as one named Eric Starnes. Ernst Stavro Blofield is a formidable person, John Galt is a "social drop out" and Eric Starnes is described in the book as a "whiner" from a low-class family.

In view of the above and in order that Agents handling this investigation can be alert to the possibility of Ray's utilizing an alias based on characters in Fleming's books, there is set out as an attachment to this airtel a list of various characters in those books for your assistance.

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FBI Releases 2 More Ray Photos

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Two more photographs of the accused slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. are in circulation, one described as "an extremely good likeness."

The two snapshots of escaped convict James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, were released Tuesday by the FBI.

The two photos will be displayed around the country along with three others previously released.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 5/14/68

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TAMPA

FROM: SA JOHN J. GAFFNEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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(OO:ME)

On 5/14/68, Mrs. RUSSELL LEDLOW, SR., 4409 West Alva, Tampa, Fla., telephone 876-6765, appeared at the Tampa Office and advised that on April 6, 1968, she was in travels from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Tampa, Florida. stated that her daughter is a stewardess and that as a result, she obtained a ticket, however, she had to use this on a stand-by basis. She stated she traveled Cincinnati to Atlanta, Ga., and in Atlanta, she and one other person, a male, got on Delta flight #833 which was scheduled to arrive in Tampa at 10:20 p.m. on 4/6/68. She stated that this other stand-by passenger, to her recollection, had no luggage other than he was carrying something which appeared to be either a raincoat or a windbreaker which he had wrapped around something which appeared to be possibly four or five books similar to the year books received through attendance at high school.

She advised when she boarded flight #833, she was directly behind this other person who was on stand by. After ascending the stairs, she entered the plane and started to follow the individual to the right whereupon one of the airline employees stopped them and said there were no seats to the rear and that they would have to go to the front. She stated they turned around and entered a lounge section which is in the front part of the aircraft directly behind the cockpit. She stated the male individual who was the other stand by, took the seat closest to the window and that she sat on the seat next to the aisle on the right-hand side of the plane going forward. She said this seat actually was facing to the rear of the plane, there was a small table between this seat and the next seat, and that there was a Marine in the seat next to the aisle facing them and there was another male in civilian clothes who was seated in the seat next to the window facing them. stated she has no knowledge as to the identity of any of, Mrs. LEDLOW stated that she does recall these persons.

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that the individual who sat next to her at one point opened a newspaper and she recalls reading on the headlines something about MARTIN LUTHER KING being shot. She stated that when he opened the newspaper, he folded the front section back up and was only interested in the inside part of the paper. She stated that during this flight, this individual would speak occasionally to the civilian who was sitting in the seat opposite him next to the window, but that he had no conversation with anyone else. She further stated during the flight she recalls that this individual took something which appeared to be headache tablets. She stated that there were two stewardesses who were seated across the aisle from them, one having dark hair and the other being a blonde.

During the conversation with the fellow across the aisle, she thought she heard the individual next to her say that he was coming from California and left the impression that he was in the military service. She stated that concerning his being in the military service, he did appear as though he might have had some portion of an Army uniform on, but that he did not have a complete uniform and she specifically recalls that he was not wearing a tie. She further stated she does not recall a hat. She stated that what prompted her to think he was in the military was that the other individual across the aisle stated, "If you have to recturn, you might go to MacDill AFB and possibly hop a military ride".

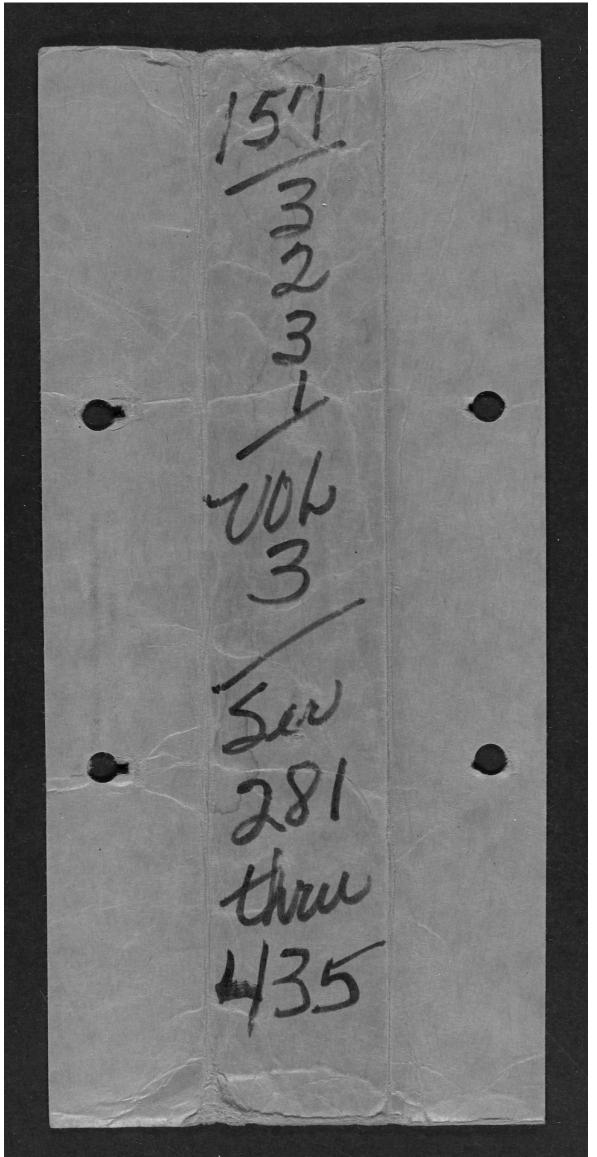
Mrs. LEDLOW stated that after arriving home, she happened to be looking through the newspaper subsequent to this flight and observed one of the initial pictures of JAMES EARL RAY in which he was shown with a short brown haircut, somewhat similar to a crewcut, and that from that picture, she believes that there was a resemblance between that individual and the individual who sat next to her on the plane. She thought there was more of a similarity between that first picture and any of the subsequent pictures which she has seen. She said that when the plane landed at Tampa, she immediately got out of the aircraft, went to a phone booth, and called her husband to come pick her up and she has no knowledge as to where this individual may have gone. She stated at one time she asked him where he was from and he stated only that he lived six miles out of Brandon. stated she has observed all of the recent photographs which have been published concerning RAY, and that her only recollection is that the individual appeared similar to the initial picture put out but that she could not positively say this was the individual.

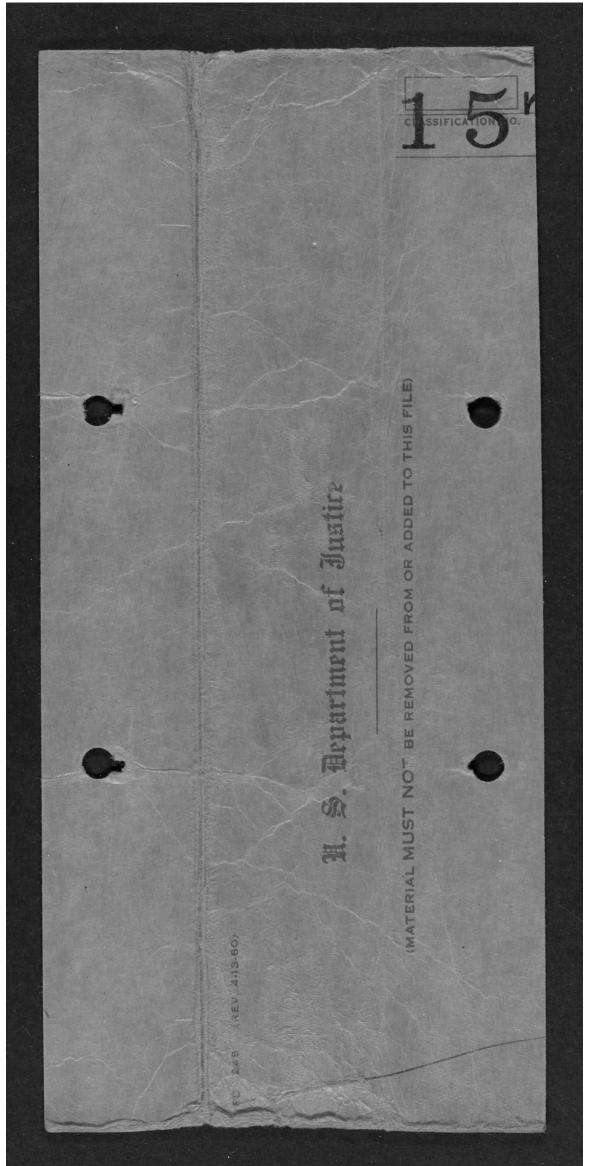
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Mrs. LEDLOW was accompanied to the office by her husband to report the above information at which time he stated that when his wife first mentioned this, she did not deem it important and specifically, she was not positively sure of her observations and that actually, her daughter insisted and talked her into coming to report the information to the FBI. He stated that he did not force the issue himself because it has been a standing joke in the family that his wife is "always seeing someone she believes she recognizes or who appears similar to someone they know".

The above information is being furnished for information and no specific leads are being set forth inasmuch as the writer does not have sufficient knowledge as to the background of this case.

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