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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

4-24-68 355 BLM

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967 (operating motor vehicle without permission of owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D & DW") (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.			

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER 405 942 G, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race: White

Sex: Male

Height: 70 inches

Weight: 174 pounds

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Blue

Date and Place of Birth: March 10, 1928; Illinois.

Scars & Marks: dimpled chin, small scar center forehead, scar 3 inch
palm right hand

Address: (in 1966) State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri.

Occupation: Laborer

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	WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS Alias: James Walton WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS			
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-1)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA Richard S. Clark

SUBJECT: MURKIN
TRANSPORTES DEL NORTE

Following information received 11 AM 4/29/68 by telephone from SA MILLER, Monterrey, by way of summary:

The bus drivers have been located and interviewed and can furnish no information of pertinence. They cannot recall the described person getting off at San Luis Potosi and could not identify subject's photographs.

Reportedly there is a form showing which passengers got off where and they are hoping to locate this form today.

Regarding the passengers getting off at San Luis Potosi MEX 33 could not locate them. He found a ALVINO REE ROSALES but determined this individual is from Matuhuala. Upon interview determined that this is a mine worker who has not been out of the area in years.

Source has returned to Monterrey.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, also known as
Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard, James McBride, James
Walton, W. C. Herron and James
O'Conner

FUGITIVE

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location.

Ray has been the subject of a massive and intensive search since the brutal gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. One rifle bullet, believed fired from the window of a nearby rooming house, felled the victim.

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An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division, succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery, based on a Federal warrant issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri. He had been confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in March, 1960, with a 20-year sentence following conviction for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In September, 1966, while serving the sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri. He was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary since April 23, 1967.

Ray, who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

He served in the Army between February, 1946, and December, 1948, received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest and was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928. He is approximately 5'10" inches tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.

To: ~~XAX~~ LEGAT, Mexico City

FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION
FUGITIVE PUBLICITY

Enclosed is material on JAMES EARL RAY,
I.O. #4182, who was added to the list of "Ten Most Wanted
Fugitives," Saturday, p.m., April 20, 1968.

You should furnish this material to your
established outlets in accordance with previous arrangements.

In the event the fugitive is captured or process
dismissed, it will be your responsibility to notify the recipients
of the material to preclude publicizing the individual after he
has been removed from a fugitive status.

Proposed transmittal form card:

Attached is material on JAMES EARL RAY
who was added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most
Wanted Fugitives," Saturday, p.m., April 20, 1968.

Enclosures

Memoranda	1
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Photographs, glossy 7x10	1
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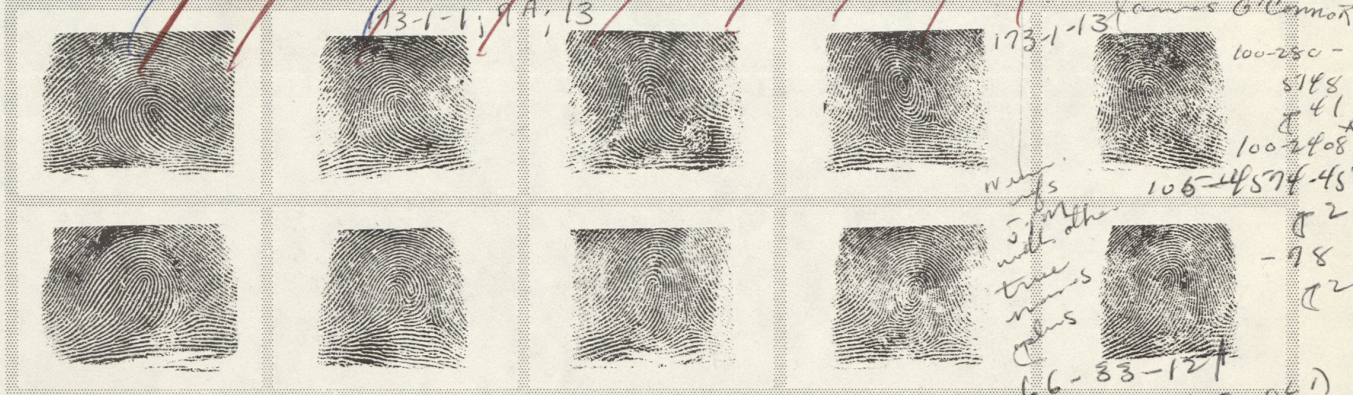
**CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY**

WANTED BY FBI

JAMES EARL RAY

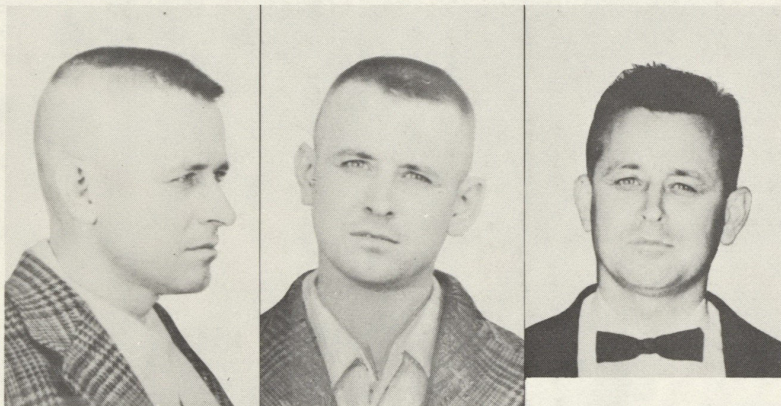
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ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



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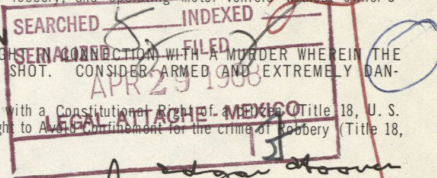
AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5' 10"
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds
BUILD: medium
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

CRIMINAL RECORD

RAY has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.



A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

**IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE.
TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.**

Identification Order 4182
April 20, 1968

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico City (173-1) (P)

FROM : Supervisor JOSEPH G. KELLY, SOG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 29, 1968

Cincinnati PD today advised the Cincinnati Office that one Col. JIM GIBSON telephoned the Cincinnati PD to solicit their assistance in helping him contact HARLAN LESLIE of Cincinnati. This call was made from Mexico City. During the conversation, GIBSON made statement to representative of the Cincinnati PD that assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING could be found in Guatemala. No additional details available.

Cincinnati interviewed HARLAN LESLIE, employed Rosenthal Printing Company, Cincinnati, today. LESLIE stated has no knowledge of captioned case but is acquainted through previous vacation trips to Mexico with MELVILLE EUGENE GIBSON, aka: Jim. Furnished GIBSON's current address as Prado Norte 314, Lomas de Chapultepec, Mexico 10, DF. Described GIBSON as white male, 45 years old, employed by used car dealer, Mexico City, married and divorced, two children: [REDACTED], age 16, and [REDACTED], age 11.

LESLIE had no idea why GIBSON attempting to contact him but noted he, LESLIE, plans to leave for Mexico on three-week vacation commencing May 3, next. At that time LESLIE's address will be in care of Acapulco Motel, Box 269, Acapulco, Mexico, telephone 40-200, Acapulco.

Immediately contact and interview GIBSON for full details re statement re assassin of KING in Guatemala. Advise Bureau by appropriate means of communication results of interview.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN.

RE BUCALL FOUR TWENTY LAST RE LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES.

MARIO CORREO OF SEGUROS LA PROVINCIAL, S.A., NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTYTWO, INSTANT, HIS RECORDS SHOW THAT ERIC STARVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WAS ISSUED AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER FOUR EIGHT ONE FIVE FOUR THREE ON OCTOBER EIGHT, SIXTY-SEVEN AT ELEVEN A.M. POLICY ISSUED FOR THIRTY DAYS AND EXPIRED NOVEMBER SEVEN, LAST. AUTOMOBILE DESCRIBED AS SIXTYSIX FORD, EIGHT CYLINDER, TWO DOOR MUSTANG, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN. LIMITS OF POLICY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS BODILY INJURIES PER PERSON, TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS MAXIMUM; TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS MEDICAL PAYMENTS PER PERSON, TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS MAXIMUM; ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS COLLISION, FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PROPERTY DAMAGE. CORREO ISSUED THIS POLICY BUT STATED DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER HE ISSUES DAILY COULD RECALL NOTHING REGARDING THIS POLICY. THIS POLICY DOES NOT INDICATE GALT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY

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Legat Ferris advised 4/23/68
cc - Long

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
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ANYONE. CHECK OF LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN NUEVO LAREDO,,
MEXICO, NEGATIVE FOR LIFE INSURANCE POLICY UNDER JAMES EARL RAY OR
ANY KNOWN ALIASES. ALL INSURANCE AGENTS ADVISED THEY ONLY MAINTAIN
RECORDS ON CURRENT POLICIES ON WHICH THEY ARE COLLECTING PREMIUMS
AND RECORDS OF ALL EXPIRED POLICIES WOULD BE MAINTAINED IN
MEXICO, D.F.

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Date 4/23/68

RE: **MURKIN**

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks: **Re McGowan to Ferris phone call 4/23/68.**

Enc.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : All Investigative Employees

DATE: April 22, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
RELEASE DATE: SATURDAY P.M., APRIL 20, 1968

THE CRIMES: Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 23, 1967, while serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission. He subsequently allegedly conspired, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, to violate the civil rights of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel on April 4, 1968.

THE CRIMINAL: A 40-year-old white native of Illinois, who is known as a "loner" and "drifter" and has taken elaborate steps to establish a false identity, Ray has an extensive criminal record, including convictions for burglary, robbery and forging U. S. Postal Money Orders. Outstanding characteristics include a straight narrow nose, straight and even teeth, a noticeably protruding left ear and a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe. He has taken dancing lessons, attended bartending school, enrolled in a correspondence course in locksmithing and traveled widely in a 1966 Mustang recovered in Atlanta, Georgia, a week after Dr. King's murder. Ray likes western and country music, drinks vodka and beer and has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

PROCESS: A Federal warrant issued at Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 20, 1967, charges Ray with unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement for robbery. Another Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, as Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen.

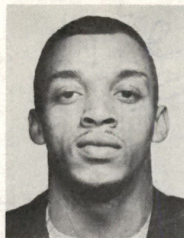
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES": Ray is a special addition to the list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." The list as of Saturday p. m., April 20, 1968, was:

John William Clouser	I. O. #3837	Charles Lee Herron	I. O. #4163
Howard Callens Johnson	I. O. #4039	George Edward Wells	I. O. #4175
George Benjamin Williams	I. O. #4072	David Evans	I. O. #4177
Gordon Dale Ervin	I. O. #4087	Franklin Allen Paris	I. O. #4178
Carmen Raymond Gagliardi	I. O. #4101	David Stuart Neff	I. O. #4179
	James Earl Ray	I. O. #4182	

THEY ARE ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS. If you receive any information, give it at once to your SAC or appropriate supervisor.
PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ALL FUGITIVES ON THE LIST ARE ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

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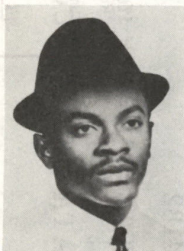


DAVID EVANS, also known as:
"Fee Wee."
N; born 10-11-44; 5'7-5'8"; 140-150 lbs;
med bld; blk hair; brn eyes; lt comp;
occ - lab, upholsterer. Wanted by FBI
for BANK ROBBERY and UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary, Larceny,
and Receiving Stolen Goods).
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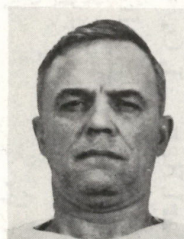


CHARLES LEE HERRON, also known as:
Lee Jones.
N; born 4-21-37 (?); 5'7"-5'8"; 145-
150 lbs; sldr bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
dk comp; occ - clerk. Wanted by FBI
for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECU-
TION (Murder; Assault with Intent to
Commit Murder).
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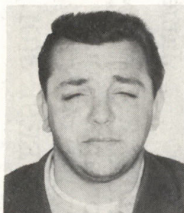


GEORGE EDWARD WELLS, also known as:
George W. Cox, Lloyd Kuczmarski.
W; born 5-14-16; 5'8"; 165-175 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, gr; brn eyes; med
comp; occ - maintenance worker, painter.
Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Armed Robbery);
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
PROPERTY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4175
FBI#-1 467 173
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1967

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CARMEN RAYMOND GAGLIARDI, also known as: 17 M 29 W IOM
Carmelo Raimondo Gagliardi (true name), I 32 W OOI 20
Carmen R. Gagliardi.
W; born 10-1-40; 5'10 1/2"; 185-200 lbs;
hvy bld; blk hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - lab. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4101
FBI#-566 944 D
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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GEORGE BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, 23 M 21 W IMO AMP Ref: 22
also known as: Allen I 31 W OOO 19 31
Benjamin Colby, Ben Jackson,
George Benjamin William.
W; born 6-15-11; 5'6"; 155 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, gr, balding;
bl eyes; rdy comp; rt ring fngtr
amp; occ - constr worker, dairy
worker, mech, miner, pipe fitter.
Wanted by FBI for BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4072
FBI#-497 062
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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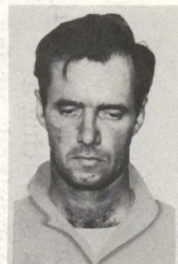
JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:
Eric Starvo Galt, W. G. Herron,
Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride,
John Willard, "Jim."
W; born 5-10-28; 5'10"; 163-174 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, poss cut short; bl
eyes; med comp; occ - baker, color matcher,
lab. Wanted by FBI for CONSPIRING TO
INTERFERE WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF
A CITIZEN AND UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Robbery).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4182
FBI#-405 942 G
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966



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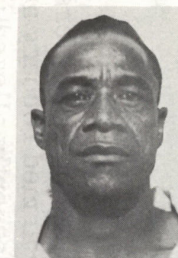
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FRANKLIN ALLEN PARIS, also known as: MLM
Franklin Allen Morrison, Al Paris, MLM
Allie Paris, Frank Allen Paris, 11 S 1 U OOO 14 Ref: 9
Franklen Allen Paris. M 1 U OOI 12 1
W; born 1-20-34; 6'2"; 190-210 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - horse trader, horse trainer,
rancher. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4178
FBI#-595 084 A
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966



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HOWARD CALLENS JOHNSON, also known as: W
"Dirty Red." W
N; born 4-14-16 (?); 5'9"; 160-170
lbs; med bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
med comp, freckled; occ - brickmason,
carpenter, lab. Wanted by FBI for
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION
(Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4039
FBI#-1 501 726
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1959



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JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, also known as: MML
Jack Clauser, John William Clauser, MMM
Chuck A. Williams. 25 L 1 R OOO 8
W; born 3-29-32; 5'9"; 175-200 lbs;
stky bld; blond hair, may be dyed blk;
bl eyes; rdy comp; occ - clerical
worker, stock clerk. Wanted by FBI
for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-3837
FBI#-229 125 C
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1963



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GORDON DALE ERVIN, also known as: 17 I 31 W III 10
Dale Ervin. I 26 R OMM 9
W; born 5-30-26; 5'11"-6'0"; 170 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; bl eyes; med comp;
occ - carpenter, lifeguard, mach shop
worker, locomotive fireman, salesman,
shipyard worker, typist. Wanted by
FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Armed Robbery).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4087
FBI#-290 533 A
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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DAVID STUART NEFF, also known as: LL
Steven Andrews, Solomon Baker, Steven LM
Greene, George Medina, David J. Neff, 19 O 17 W IOO 18
David Stewart Neff, Donald O'Brien. L 19 W OOO 16
W; born 12-26-36; 5'8"-5'9"; 190-200 lbs;
hvy bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - horse trainer, lab, painter,
plumber, surveyor. Wanted by FBI for
BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4179
FBI#-524 874 D
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

FROM : SA RICHARD W. KAISER (173-1)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

Reference is made to information previously furnished the Legat by the writer concerning an article appearing in "El Imparcial", Hermosillo, Sonora newspaper 4/18/68 edition, which in substance stated that a Boston attorney planned to travel to Mexico to represent DAVID KENNEDY, a North American who was arrested by Sonora State Judicial Police as a suspect in captioned case.

On 4/30/68 Mr. ARNOLD DENYS, Protection Officer, U. S. Consulate, Hermosillo, Sonora, telephonically advised that KENNEDY (who was cleared as a suspect in captioned case) had appeared that date at the Consulate in an extremely agitated condition. KENNEDY had learned of the "El Imparcial" article; stated that neither he nor any member of his family had contacted this attorney in Boston; that he had no plans to take any legal action against the Mexican Government or FBI, and was primarily disturbed because he felt Mexican authorities would blame him for initiating this activity.

According to DENYS, KENNEDY was requesting assistance in how he might go about taking some legal action against the Boston attorney.

DENYS was informed that to date this attorney has not contacted the U. S. Embassy in Mexico and it was suggested he might inform KENNEDY that he probably had no intention of doing so inasmuch as he had not contacted KENNEDY, the alleged client in the matter.

DENYS stated he would discuss the matter further with the writer upon his return to Hermosillo on 5/1/68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-1)

FROM : SA Richard S. Clark

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

MELVILLE EUGENE GIBSON
PHONE CALL TO CINCINNATI ALLEGING SUBJECT IN GUATEMALA
SUMMARY

MELVILLE EUGENE GIBSON was ~~was~~ contacted on the afternoon of 4/29/68 at his residence, Prado Norte 314 concerning this telephone call and allegation.

In summary he advised that he had been on a two-day drunk and that the telephone call had been made by some drunken friends from his residence. He refused to identify the friends claiming he wished to contact them first and ascertain the facts. He noted that he had known LESLIE for years and had made reservations for him in Acapulco.

Concerning reports that subject was in Guatemala he advised that his friends could only have received this information from him and the only information he had was that he had heard in Acapulco that subject was headed for Cuba and that he was in Guatemala city preparing to go to Cuba. He was pressed as to the source of this report and indicated it was just something he had heard there. He then called his "compadre" in Acapulco, RICARDO PARRIA (Phonetic) and reported that PARRIA concurred that he had heard this report but had no real information as to subject's whereabouts.

He later made several calls to inform of his difficulties in locating his friends and their subsequent denial that they had made the calls.

Finally on the morning of 4/30/68 he called to advise that his children had advised him that he made the call. He said he was too drunk to remember doing it or why he did it or what he said. He apparently had a wrong number for LESLIE and therefore must have called the police. He was extremely apologetic and advised he was consulting with a doctor concerning his drinking problem.

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TO: LEGAT, MEXICO
FROM: WASHINGTON, D.C.
NO: 149 BY: DAH

DATE SENT: 4-29-68
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TIME RECEIVED: 4:20PM

MURKIN.

ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES KNOWN TO MAINTAIN LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON MATTERS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD BE CONTACTED IN ORDER TO REQUEST THAT FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT RAY APPEARING ON THE I.O. BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS IN MATTERS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED DURING THE PERIODS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR SINCE RAY'S ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY IN APRIL, 1967.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ASCERTAINING RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS.

ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO DO ~~XX~~ LIKEWISE.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

LEGAT OTTAWA ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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Date: 4/29/68

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BY: RE NO: 206 (Priority)

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MURKIN

REMYCAB APRIL TWO SIX LAST.

RE SUSPECT AT SAN LUIS, POTOSI:

ANTONIO MENDOZA AND ANSELMO VILLANUEVA, DRIVERS
OF TRANSPORTES DEL NORTE BUS NUMEER THREE FIVE NINE FROM
MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON, TO SAN LUIS POTOSI, APRIL SIX LAST,
WERE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED APRIL TWO EIGHT LAST. NEITHER
COULD IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF SUBJECT AS PASSENGER ON THAT BUS OR
RECALL A PASSENGER ANSWERING HIS DESCRIPTION GETTING OFF AT
SAN LUIS, POTOSI. THEY FILE A FORM SHOWING WHICH PASSENGERS
LEAVE BUS AT EACH LOCATION AND BUS COMPANY RECORD^S NOW BEING
REVIEWED TO LOCATE THIS FORM FOR TRIP IN QUESTION. HOUSTON
REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH, STUDENT WHO
MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH THIS SUSPECT. BUREAU REQUESTED TO INSTRUCT
HOUSTON TO FURNISH RESULTS TO THIS OFFICE THROUGH BUREAU SO THAT
XXXX INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THIS SUSPECT MAY BE RESOLVED.

RE NEW SUSPECT IN MICHOACAN:

MEX DASH TWO FOUR INTERVIEWED MEXICAN ATTORNEY
GLORIA A. SANDOVAL, AUTHOR OF LETTER MENTIONED IN RECAB. SHE
STATED SHE SAW A MAN SIMILAR TO PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECT IN HER

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JJF:s
Approved: J. L. Furr
(2) Special Agent in Charge

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VILLAGE, SAN ANGEL ZURUMUCAPIO, MICHOACAN, ON APRIL NINE AND TEN LAST BUT HAS NOT SEEN HIM SINCE. INFORMANT NOTED THAT THIS WOMAN APPEARED TO BE NERVOUS DURING INTERVIEW AND, IN HIS OPINION, MAY BE SOMEWHAT EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE. FIFTEEN OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO SAW THE SUSPECT DESCRIBED BY SANDOVAL DESCRIBED HIM AS AGE TWO FIVE, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, ONE FOUR ZERO POUNDS, AND AS A LIGHT DASH SKINNED MEXICAN WHO SPOKE PERFECT SPANISH AND USED THE IDIOMS COMMON TO MEXICO WHICH WOULD NOT BE EASILY ADOPTED BY NORTH AMERICANS. THEY DID SAY THAT HE WAS A BEATNIK TYPE WHO ACTED A LITTLE QUOTE LOCO UNQUOTE AND AT TIMES WOULD NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS ADDRESSED TO HIM. ONE OF THOSE INTERVIEWED WAS THE LOCAL PRIEST WHO OWNS A SAWMILL IN WHICH SUSPECT SLEPT ONE NIGHT. THE PRIEST ALSO DESCRIBED HIM AS A MEXICAN WHO SPOKE PERFECT SPANISH AND NO ENGLISH. IN VIEW OF ABOVE CLARIFYING DATA NO INDIVIDUAL, FURTHER EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE THIS ~~XXXXXXXX~~ UACB.

SUSPECT AT CIUDAD OREGON, SONORA:

INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT EN ROUTE TO THIS CITY TO INITIATE EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL AND BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED RESULTS.

IN ADDITION TO MEXICO CITY, PUERTO VALLARTA AND

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GUADALAJARA, INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY IN STATES OF
GUERRERO, NUEVO LEON, OAXACA, SAN LUIS POTOSI, SONORA AND
VERACRUZ.

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BERNARD MALFAISANT

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21 checked negatively at Hotel Maria Cristina 4/24 and on 4/25, showed 1952 photo of JAMES EARL RAY (173-1. Info to be incorporated in that file by SA RUDD) to personnel at the Hotel without being able to identify as a guest there. Today, 21 contacted FERNANDO (LNU), Asst. Mgr. who now recalls man resembling '52 photo of RAY was there but he can still locate no registration card for MALFAISSANT. He'll continue search and try to find card this man was registered under. FERNANDO remembered the man came with recommendation of STANISTAR FLAWIK of 10112 Inwood Rd., Dallas, Tex., a long-time customer of the hotel

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-1)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA Richard S. Clark

SUBJECT: MURKIN CHECK OF IDENTIFICATION RECORDS

Upon receipt today of identification orders searches were caused to be made of the Identification sections of the following organizations:

Mexico City Metropolitan Police
Judicial Police of the Federal District
Federal Judicial Police
Office of Special Investigations, Bank of Mexico.

These are the only organizations with identification experts and sections. Mexican Immigration maintains fingerprints but does not classify or file by classification.

The listed departments claim to have latent or single fingerprint sections but are actually considered to have little capability in this regard. They actually maintain a small number of latents from pending cases of importance. The Federal Judicial Police also have a classified section based on the right thumb.

Above searches negative and IO's will be retained in files as stops.

None of the latents are in cases in which an American is a suspect. Identification Officers and Department heads have expressed willingness to conduct any further searches desired and to conduct searches against latents if so desired.

It is considered that particularly in the case of the Metropolitan Police and the Judicial Police of the Federal District any such request would run a risk of newspaper publicity in Mexico relating to this case and this could probably not be controlled in spite of assurances by department heads.

ALFONSO FRIAS of the Office of Special Investigations of the Banco de Mexico advised that he had no record of any bank robberies in Mexico in Oct. or Nov. 1967. It is noted that such robberies fall in his jurisdiction and are very rare occurrences in Mexico.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : LEGAT (173-1)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. FOARDE, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This will record that at 10:45 AM, 4/27/68, Houston Office was contacted telephonically and SA DONALD C. STEINMEYER was furnished the information concerning the suspect who may have left a bus at San Luis Potosi on 4/6/68 after traveling from the border. He was asked to attempt to locate GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH, identified from border records as a British subject and a student from Houston.

STEINMEYER said that this lead would be handled promptly.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : LEGAT (173-1)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. FOARDE, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 9:45 AM, 4/29/68, SA ROBERT J. OGLESBY telephoned the results of the inquiry made by MEX-24 at San Angel Zurumucapio, Michoacan which relates to the allegation in the letter sent to the Embassy by Lic. GLORIA A. SANDOVAL.

Briefly, informant established that the person suspected by SANDOVAL was a Mexican who spoke perfect Spanish and no English. Other details of the informant's inquiry have been summarized in our cable to the Bureau date 4/29/68 under this caption.

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Via CABLEGRAMPRIORITYBY: [Signature]NO: 210

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BUFILE FOUR FOUR DAA THREE EIGHT EIGHT SIX ONE
MURKIN

REMYCAB APRIL TWO NINE LAST.

RE QUOTE COLONEL UNQUOTE JIM GIBSON:

GIBSON, TRUE NAME MELVILLE EUGENE GIBSON, LOCATED AT MEXICO CITY APRIL TWO NINE LAST AND AT FIRST DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF CALL TO CINCINNATI ALLEGING THAT ASSASSIN WAS IN GUATEMALA. HE SAID HE ~~NA~~ HAD BEEN ON TWO DAY DRUNK AND CALL PROBABLY MADE BY DRUNKEN FRIENDS FROM HIS RESIDENCE. ON APRIL THREE ZERO INSTANT GIBSON ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY THAT HE HIMSELF MADE THE CALL BUT STATED THAT HE WAS APPARENTLY TOO DRUNK TO RECALL IT. HE WAS EXTREMELY APOLOGETIC AND STATED THAT HE HAD NO CONCRETE FACTS REGARDING LOCATION OF SUBJECT BUT HAD HEARD RUMORS OR SPECULATION IN ACAPULCO, GUERRERO, THAT SUBJECT HEADED FOR CUBA AND WAS IN GUATEMALA CITY PREPARING FOR THIS TRAVEL. HE COULD NOT QUOTE SOURCE OF THIS SPECULATION BUT THEN CONTACTED A FRIEND IN ACAPULCO WHO CONFIRMED THAT THIS WAS ONE OF SEVERAL RUMORS WITH NO APPARENT BASIS/WHICH HAD ~~XXXX~~ CIRCULATED IN THAT RESORT CITY.

RE SUSPECT IN SAN LUIS/ POTOSI:

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IF HOUSTON SUCCESSFUL IN LOCATING GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH, IT APPEARS DESIRABLE TO INTERVIEW THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR DETAILS CONCERNING HIS BUS TRIP INTO MEXICO, INCLUDING EXACTLY WHEN AND WHERE HE BOARDED BUS AND LEFT BUS AND WHERE HE WAS SEATED DURING TRIP. OBJECT IS TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE IS IDENTICAL WITH PERSON CONSIDERED A SUSPECT BY DEPUTY SHERIFF ANGEL STICKE GAULT OF SAN ANTONIO WHO WAS ON SAME BUS ON APRIL SIX LAST. HOUSTON SHOULD COORDINATE EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THIS WITH SAN ANTONIO, IF NECESSARY, AND RESULTS SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO THIS OFFICE.

RE LATENT FINGERPRINT SEARCH:

POLICE AGENCIES WITH LATENT FINGERPRINT FILES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO COMPARE ANY LATENTS FOR CRIMES SINCE TIME OF SUBJECT'S ESCAPE FROM PRISON WITH HIS PRINTS AND BUREAU WILL BE FURNISHED RESULTS. NO BANK ROBBERIES KNOWN TO HAVE OCCURRED IN MEXICO DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER LAST.

LEADS TO LOCATE AND IDENTIFY OTHER SUSPECTS REPORTEDLY IN MEXICO RECEIVING INTENSIVE INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION.
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TO: LEGAT, MEXICO

DATE SENT: 4-30-68

FROM: WASHINGTON, D.C.

DATE RECEIVED: 5-1-68

NO: 150 BY: AA

TIME RECEIVED: 9:30 AM

MURKIN.

A FELLOW CELL MATE OF SUBJECT HAS ADVISED SUBJECT HAD ASPIRATIONS OF MAKING BIG HAUL AND RETURNING TO MEXICO TO LIVE FRUGALLY ON BEANS AND BEER. SUBJECT INDICATED HE HAD PREVIOUSLY STAYED WITH PEASANTS IN MEXICO ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF A TOWN CALLED CAMPECHE LOCATED ON CAMPECHE BAY NEAR THE YUCATAN PENINSULA. SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY RENTED THREE-ROOM SHACK AT THAT PLACE IN THE PAST. SUBJECT INDICATED TO SOURCE HE HAD GONE TO MEXICO ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS TO COOL OFF FOLLOWING ROBBERIES.

SUBJECT ALLEGED TO HAVE EARNED MONEY BY SMUGGLING SMALL APPLIANCES SUCH AS T.V. SETS AND WASHING MACHINES IN FISHING BOATS. APPLIANCES SOLD FOR PROFIT TO PEASANTS WHO DID NOT WANT TO PAY IMPORT DUTIES. APPLIANCES ALLEGEDLY SMUGGLED IN FROM BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, ABOARD SMALL FISHING BOAT OWNED BY ONE MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA OR MATEO GARCIA LOPEZ. THIS INDIVIDUAL FORMERLY LIVED IN THE U.S. AND SPOKE ENGLISH. SUBJECT CAN SPEAK VERY LITTLE SPANISH. SOURCE ADVISED THAT SUBJECT HAD MENTIONED MEXICO CITY AND ACAPULCO BUT STATED THESE

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WERE TOO EXPENSIVE. HE CONTINUALLY EMPHASIZED MAKING ONE BIG SCORE THEN TO MEXICO LIVING FRUGALLY.

SOURCE REPORTED SUBJECT WENT TO MEXICO IN LATE FIFTY'S BY CAR AND ON ONE OCCASION TO BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, AND THEN BY BOAT. SUBJECT ALSO MENTIONED TO SOURCE A TOWN IN NORTH CENTRAL MEXICO CALLED TORREON WHERE THERE WERE LOW PRICED PROSTITUTES IN THE REDLIGHT DISTRICT. SOURCE EMPHASIZED RAY STATED HE WANTED TO AVOID AMERICAN COLONIES AND STAY OFF BEATEN PATH. HANDLE. SAN ANTONIO IS CONDUCTING APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT BROWNSVILLE.

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TO: LEGAT, MEXICO

DATE SENT: 4-30-68

FROM: WASHINGTON, D.C.

DATE RECEIVED: 5-1-68

NO: 151 BY: AA

TIME RECEIVED: 9:30 A. M.

M MURKIN.

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM SAC, MEMPHIS:

MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS LETTER SIGNED ONLY WITH INITIAL "V" DATED APRIL TWO THREE LAST, INDICATING THAT ON APRIL TWO THREE AT SEVEN A.M. , E.S. GALT WAS IN MEXICO CITY, SOUTH, SUBURB SAN PEDRO NEAR HIGHWAY NINE FIVE. THIS LETTER WAS POSTMARKED ELEVEN THIRTY A.M., APRIL TWO THREE, AT HAMILTON, ONTARIO.

MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ANOTHER SUCH LETTER FROM SAME UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL, POSTMARKED SIX THIRTY P.M., APRIL TWO FIVE AT HAMILTON, ONTARIO, INDICATING THAT AT SEVEN A.M., ON APRIL TWO FIVE, GALT WAS IN MEXICO CITY, SOUTH, IN THE DISTRICT OF CAPILEO.

LEGATS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION,

LEGAT OTTAWA ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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BY: [Signature] NO: 211 (Priority)

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MURKIN.

REMYCABS AND BUCABS APRIL THREE ZERO LAST.

RE SUSPECT AT CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA:

TICKET AGENT AND TAXI DRIVER AT BUS STATION,
THIS CITY, DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT WHO WAS AT
STATION BETWEEN ONE P.M. AND TWO P.M., APRIL TWO FIVE LAST, AND
MADE INQUIRIES OF TICKET AGENT REGARDING NEXT BUS GOING SOUTH.
HE WAS TOLD EXPRESS BUS NUMBER ONE FOUR OF TRES ESTRELLAS DE
ORO LINE WOULD LEAVE AT ONE FIVE FIVE P.M., SAME DATE, WITH
~~DESTANAX~~ DESTINATION GUADALAJARA. HE DID NOT PURCHASE TICKET
FROM TICKET AGENT BUT NO ONE YET INTERVIEWED CAN SAY WHETHER
HE BOARDED BUS. HE WORE WHITE COWBOY SHIRT, LIGHT BLUE PANTS,
COWBOY BELT WITH LARGE BUCKLE, WHITE FELT COWBOY HAT, AND
CARRIED SMALL BLACK SUITCASE. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE BUS
MANIFEST AND IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW DRIVER AT GUADALAJARA.
RESULTS OF PHOENIX INVESTIGATION AT BORDER REGARDING THIS
SUSPECT AND ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS RECEIVED FROM SAN DIEGO
CONCERNING ORIGINAL COMPLAINT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

RE ANONYMOUS LETTERS FROM HAMILTON, ONTARIO:

INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT WITH GOVERNMENT CREDENTIALS

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IS CHECKING IN VERY SMALL COMMUNITY OF SAN PEDRO, SOUTH OF MEXICO CITY, AND WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY DISTRICT KNOWN AS CAPILEO WHICH MAY BE NEARBY BUT IS NOT SHOWN ON AVAILABLE MAPS.

RE ALLEGATION THAT SUBJECT IN GUATEMALA:

NO DEPARTMENT OF TECTAN IN GUATEMALA. COMPLAINANT MAY HAVE REFERENCE TO TOWN OF TECPAN, NEAR LAKE ATITLAN ON CENTRAL AMERICAN HIGHWAY ONE SEVEN TWO KILOMETERS FROM GUATEMALA CITY. GUATEMALAN IMMIGRATION REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE PAULINO JARQUIN THERE TO DEVELOP BASIS FOR HIS REPORTED STATEMENT THAT SUBJECT SEEN IN GUATEMALA. REQUEST DETROIT REINTERVIEW DAVID G. FOX, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, FOR LOCATION OF RESTAURANT CATOC, OPERATED BY JARQUIN.

INVESTIGATION AT TORREON, COAHUILA:

INFORMANT HAS JUST COMPLETED THOROUGH CHECK OF THIS CITY AND SURROUNDING AREA DURING WHICH ALL POLICE AGENCIES AND OTHER SOURCES ALERTED. IN VIEW OF SUBJECT'S REPORTED STATEMENT INDICATING HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH TORREON, A SECOND COMPLETE CANVASS OF ENTIRE TORREON AREA IS BEING INSTITUTED.

INVESTIGATION AT CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE:

~~INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT DISPATCHED BY FIRST~~

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT FAMILIAR WITH AREA AND WITH EXCELLENT CONTACTS THERE DISPATCHED BY FIRST PLANE TO HANDLE LEADS CONNECTED WITH SUBJECT'S REPORTED EARLIER VISITS AND CONDUCT INTENSIFIED INVESTIGATION TO COVER ALL POSSIBILITIES THAT HE MAY HAVE RETURNED TO AREA. INFORMANT WILL BE JOINED ON MAY TWO NEXT BY AGENT WHO WILL SUPERVISE AND COORDINATE ALL INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY AND HANDLE LIAISON WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES. INVESTIGATION IN THIS AREA WILL BE PRESSED AND BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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OUTSTANDING LEADS, IN ~~XXXX~~ SEPARATE AREAS COVERED BY THIS OFFICE, BEING HANDLED ON EXPEDITE BASIS AND RECEIVING VIGOROUS INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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To: Legat, Mexico City

✓ From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

ReSLtel to Bureau 4-26-68, and Legat, Mexico City telcall to Bureau 4-27-68.

This will confirm referenced telephone call.

Donald Dean Rigger, a convict who served time with James Earl Ray, stated Ray had asked him questions concerning the economy in Mexico and was particularly interested in the army structure. According to Rigger, it was generally known that if you could get into the Mexican army that you would lose your identity.

Legat, Mexico City should initiate appropriate inquiries to determine if the subject could have effected enlistment in the Mexican army.

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PRIORITY☐ Radio☐ Teletype

TO: LEGAT, MEXICO
FROM: BUREAU
NO.: 153 BY: RGB

DATE SENT: 5/1/68
DATE RECD: 5/2/68
TIME REC'D: 8:25 A.M.

MURKIN.

YOU SHOULD FULLY REVIEW THE SITUATION IN THE TERRITORY COVERED BY YOU RELATIVE TO PUBLICITY IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT THE ^{EXTENSIVE} MOST AND WIDE-SPREAD PUBLICITY IS BEING AFFORDED THIS MATTER.

THE BUREAU HAS NOT OFFERED ANY REWARDS IN THIS CASE. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE PLACED ON FULLY PUBLICIZING THE REWARDS IN THE VICINITY OF 100,000 DOLLARS WHICH, ACCORDING TO NEWS MEDIA, ARE OUTSTANDING. IT IS TO BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE REWARDS ARE NOT OFFERED BY THE FBI BUT ARE FROM OTHER INTERESTED SOURCES. SPECIFICS AS TO AMOUNTS OFFERED AND BY WHOM WILL BE FURNISHED UPON RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION FROM THE MEMPHIS OFFICE. ADVISE EXTENT OF PUBLICITY COVERAGE.

YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS YOUR SOURCES TO DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION IN THIS CASE AND NO AVENUE OF LOGICAL INVESTIGATION IS TO BE LEFT UNEXPLORED. AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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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.

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Memorandum

TO : LEGAT (173-1)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : D.G.BILLS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

MEX 156 telephonically advised from Ciudad Obregon following:
Said he'd contact RWK later when he arrives at 1:00 PM:

Girl at ticket counter, 3 Estrellas de Oro Lines reported during afternoon of 4/25, person resembling RAY wearing light blue pants, cowboy belt with large buckle, white felt c'boy hat, green or blue eyes, 35-40 yrs, with small blk. suitcase, asked about bus to Guadalajara. She told him Luxury bus left 1:55 PM that day. This is express bus # 14. SOURCE claims it can be flagged down on the highway and believes names of passengers picked up on the road are not entered in manifest??. No manifest available at Cd. Obregon. Girl said man was nervous. She said he spoke in Spanish "Cuando sale camion para el sur?" "Sitio" (taxi) driver at bus terminal independently furnished similar description of man hanging around terminal 1-2PM on the 25th. Man resembling RAY only asked taxi driver if he spoke English and driver said no. Taxi driver also said man was nervous.

156 has checked about 1/2 of the 18 or so hotels in Cd. Obregon and will continue

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Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-1)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. FOARDE, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 5:30 p.m., 4/30/68 Supervisor HUNTER E. HELGESON, Bureau, called to furnish the following information which had just been received by teletype from Detroit:

At 4:05 p.m., 4/30/68, DAVID G. FOX, graduate student, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, advised instant date that April 24 last while visiting Guatemala he was told by PAULINO JARQUIN, operator of restaurant Catoc, Kilometer 87, Department of Tectan, Guatemala, that JAMES EARL RAY reportedly in Central America and was reportedly seen in Guatemala. FOX stated he was recognized by JARQUIN as an American at which time JARQUIN made the above statement. FOX did not question JARQUIN about time RAY seen in Guatemala or by whom.

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Memorandum

TO : LEGAT, MEXICO (173-1)

FROM : SA RICHARD W. KAISER (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

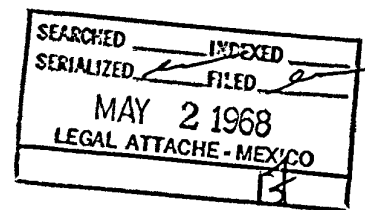
DATE: 5-2-68

At approximately 2 p.m., 4-21-68, the ASAC, El Paso Office, telephonically contacted SA KAISER, stating that he had just received a telephone call from the Bureau with regard to a telegram received that date by the New York Office. He stated that this telegram informed "I have located the person responsible for the assassination of Martin Luther King. Please call me at Hermosillo, Sonora, at 3-26-85. I don't speak English, " signed ALEJANDRO RIVERA.

MEX-59 was immediately furnished the above information, and successfully located and interviewed RIVERA, the results of which have been incorporated into an FD-306.

On the same date, SA DOUGLAS G. BILLS was telephonically furnished with the results of this investigation.

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TELEGRAM

OUTGOING Amembassy MEXICO

AMERICAN EMBASSY
MEXICO D.F. MAY 2 11:01 AM '68
Foreign Service of the
United States of America

Charge: #753

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Control: 4677

Date: May 2, 1968
11:01 AM

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Action: Amembassy GUATEMALA, PRIORITY
MEXICO 4677
ATTN: Consul Ruge

Re f: April 22, 1968, letter Legat, Mexico

1. Following received from FBI re James Earl Ray, wanted for murder Martin Luther King: U. S. Citizen reported while in Guatemala on April 24, 1968, he was advised by one Paulino Jarquin, operator of Restaurant Catoc, believed Kilometer 87, Tecpan, Chimaltenango, Guatemala, that Ray was reported seen in Guatemala.
2. Legal Attache will appreciate your requesting Director General Argueta of Guatemalan Immigration to cause Jarquin be contacted and any information be obtained concerning possible whereabouts of Ray. Description and photographs included in referenced letter.
3. Please request Argueta to advise you as soon as possible of any information received. Will appreciate in return your earliest advise of results, attention Legat, Mexico.

FREEMAN

Drafted by: J.A. Miller

Approving Officer: N.L. Ferris

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Memorandum

TO : LEGAT, MEXICO (173-1)

FROM : SA RICHARD W. KAISER (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5-2-68

At approximately 12:30 a.m., on 4-25-68, JOHN SCAFE, USIS Director, Hermosillo, Sonora, telephonically advised SA KAISER that a local reporter for the "El Sonorense" newspaper, ANGEL MARTINEZ, had informed him that an individual had been detained in Caborca, Sonora, the previous evening and was being considered a suspect in captioned case.

SCAFE subsequently called again on three or four occasions, stating that he was being swamped by telephone calls from numerous reporters in the U.S. attempting to obtain further details concerning this arrest.

MEX-59, on 4-25-68, advised that he had contacted Municipal Police authorities in Caborca, Sonora, who stated that at about 6 p.m., the previous evening, 4-24-68, Lt. ROBERTO FLETCHER had detained a North American named DANIEL DAVID KENNEDY, inasmuch as he answered the description of JAMES EARL RAY, aka. According to the source, Sonora State Judicial Police were transporting KENNEDY to Hermosillo, Sonora, under utmost secrecy, and that he would be interrogated by police officials at 8 a.m. that morning.

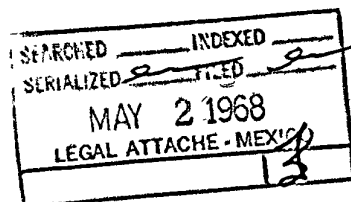
General TALAMANTE, Chief of the Sonora State Judicial Police, informed SA KAISER that KENNEDY was in custody, and requested assistance in determining whether he was identical with RAY.

In subsequent contact with State Judicial Police officers, KENNEDY's prints were taken, classified and compared with the classification of RAY, and were determined to be entirely different. (Fingerprint card, photograph, and other identifying data for KENNEDY placed in 1-A section instant file.)

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Complete descriptive data concerning DANIEL DAVID KENNEDY is included on annotarized affidavit of identity included in the 1-A section of this file, and in no way corresponds to the available physical description of suspect RAY.

Sonora State Judicial Police immediately released KENNEDY and transported him back to Caborca, Sonora, where he was permitted to proceed on his travels into Mexico.

The foregoing information was telephonically furnished to the Legat, Mexico City, on 4-25-68.

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Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-1)

FROM : SA Richard S. Clark

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/2/68

CAMPECHE LEADS

For information of file prior to his departure for Campeche to cover leads in this matter SA PAGE was furnished with the identity of Capt. MARIO MENA HURTADO of the Federal Highway Police in Campeche. He has previously been of aid to this office in matters of mutual interest and shown himself to be capable. In addition the Consulate at Merida has recommended him as an official in Campeche who has been of aid to them and in fact the only police official there who has been shown to be somewhat responsible.

He has been in the area sometimes and in effect seems to operate as the Director of Public Safety for the state. He has his own private airplane ~~ix~~ and has used it for patrols, etc.

In addition Inspector HECTOR ZERMEÑO of Gobernación advises that his father-in-law MANUEL GONZALEZ VERDAD is the "Delegado" for the Federal Highway Police in Campeche sharing responsibility with Mena, with Mena in charge of patrols, etc. He advised GONZALEZ is very honest and competent and has been in that area about a year. ZERMEÑO said to use his name in contacting GONZALEZ and he was certain full cooperation would be offered.

In addition he advised that MARIO VALENZUELA has recently been named or will be named as Chief of the State Judicial Police, but probably has not as yet taken office.

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TO : File (173-1)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 3:15 p.m., 5/2/68, SA JOHN MILLER, Monterrey, advised that MEX-26 had located one of the two drivers of Monterrey-Mexico City bus of the Transportes del Norte line and had talked to him. The driver stated that when bus #359 stopped at San Luis Potosi one passenger got off. After waiting 20 minutes for him to return, the bus took off en route to Mexico City without that passenger. The driver could not identify the photographs of subject RAY as pertaining to any of the passengers on the bus and he was unable to describe or identify the passenger who got off the bus at San Luis Potosi. He merely knew that a "count of heads" when ready to depart San Luis Potosi showed that one passenger was missing.

SA MILLER points out that the unknown passenger who got off the bus at San Luis Potosi may have been subsequently picked up by bus #382, which is a through bus from Nuevo Laredo to Mexico City and which came along sometime after bus #359. MEX-26 has been trying to find the drivers of bus 382 to ask them if they picked up a passenger at San Luis Potosi who had been on the previous bus. MEX-26 has identified the drivers of bus 382 as one DE LA ROSA and FRANCISCO DAVILA. DE LA ROSA is on eight days' leave and cannot be located; however, FRANCISCO DAVILA, whose Monterrey address is Calle Sierra de Santa Gertrudis #126, Fraccionamiento los Fuentes San Nicolas de los Garza, is at the present time en route driving a bus from Monterrey to Mexico City. DAVILA's bus is due to arrive in Mexico City at 8:00 p.m. tonight. SA MILLER is not sure if it is a bus from Monterrey or from Nuevo Laredo but it is the ~~382~~ bus due to arrive from that area in Mexico City at Transportes del Norte at 8:00 p.m. *Tonight*

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SA MILLER suggested that arrangements be made to have DAVILA interviewed at the Transportes del Norte station upon his arrival to ascertain if his bus picked up the missing passenger from San Luis Potosi on 4/6/68.



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FROM : M D CRAWFORD JR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/2/68

Reference is made to the leads that RAY was in San Pedro and Capileo, near Mexico City, during the period 4/23-25/68.

The following investigation was conducted by MEX-180, accompanied by the writer, on 5/1/68:

San Pedro (Martir), D. F., is on Hwy. 95 just south of the Caseta of the Cuernavaca toll road. Various individuals advised there have been no North Americans in the area and had not seen the individual in the photos. JORGE LIMA VAZQUEZ, Sub Delegado in San Pedro for the Tlalpan District, advised he had not seen any North American in the area and would Advise MEX-180 by telephone if he did.

LIMA said the presence of a "gringo" in the area would be "notorious" since they seldom come there.

No town named Capileo could be located. The town of Topilejo, D. F., is located at Km. 19. Inquiry there produced the same response as in San Pedro, i.e., that no North Americans had been seen in the area. Sub Delegado GUADALUPE MARTINEZ could not be located but MEX-180 will get in touch with him.

LIMA VAZQUEZ had remarked that the Hotel 20 Km. on the Old Cuernavaca Hwy. receives many tourists and keeps records of the license plates. MIGUEL CRUZ, Owner, Hotel 20 Km., which is really a cheap motel, advised he has not seen any North Americans in recent months and there had been no cars at the motel with U. S. plates during the entire month of April, 1968.

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TO : LEGAT, MEXICO (173-1)

DATE: 5-2-68

FROM : SA RICHARD W. KAISER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Following is information received by telephone from SA KAISER who received the information from MEX-156 this date.

Senorita JOSEFINA CALDERON, ticket seller, Bus Terminal at Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, for all bus lines, including one called Tres Estrellas de Oro, advised as follows: On the 25th of April an individual approached her ticket window, whom she described as follows: North American, white male, wearing a western style white hat with a type of brim that was more narrow than most, green or blue eyes, height 5'10", 35-40 years of age, wearing a white western style shirt (type with decorative buttons on pockets, collar, etc.), light blue ranch type pants, black boots, western type black heavy belt with a large metal buckle, and carrying a brief case.

She said this individual was similar to the person in the photograph exhibited to her (the one where he is wearing a tie), but definitely did not have a scar on his forehead.

Observations of the source were that this senorita is not too sharp and she commented that the only reason she noticed him was that he was good-looking. When he arrived at the ticket window he spoke very poor Spanish, and all he asked was "When the next bus left for the south of the country." She told him that the next bus was the line known as Expreso de Lujo No. 14, which was scheduled to leave at 1:55 that afternoon. He asked her where the bus would come in, and she pointed out the area where it would load and unload. He did not buy a ticket, he just left the ticket window and walked around in the terminal building in the vicinity of the place where the bus was to arrive. He made no mention of Guadalajara. She made the comment that he paced around in the terminal in what she described as acting somewhat nervous.

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Further interview was conducted with a taxi driver who operates from the bus terminal into the city by the name of CARLOS LOPEZ. He recalled that on April 25 he recalled a North American, clothing described as the same as by Senorita CALDERON, and all other physical characteristics the same, including the fact that he did not have a scar on his forehead. The North American approached him and asked him in English if the taxi driver could speak English. The taxi driver said no, and the man shrugged his shoulders, left him and entered a small store which sells ice cream in the terminal, where he got an ice cream cone, and was still walking around in the area the last time the taxi driver saw him. This all took place, according to LOPEZ, during the hours of 1 to 2 p.m.

Investigation at the ice cream store reflects no one who remembers the man.

Numerous individuals in the bus terminal were interviewed and no one could verify the fact that this man boarded any bus. It is possible to purchase a ticket aboard a bus after boarding same from the driver.

Source checked some 18 hotels and probably 30 restaurants in the area, and all over Obregon, all negative to identify this individual.

With regard to the driver of Bus No. 14, he assumed that the best way to identify him would be either through the main office in Mexico, D.F. or at the termination of the trip, which apparently is Guadalajara. (Expresso de Lujo No. 14 is apparently one of the Tres Estrellas de Oro Lines). There are a number of other buses that go to Guadalajara from Ciudad Obregon.

These are all tentative identifications, and both persons were not certain that the individual in the bus station is identical with Subject.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (173-1)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Supervisor JOE KELLEY called from the Bureau at 9:50 a.m., 5/2/68, to inquire if full publicity had been given this case in Mexico. He was advised that widespread publicity had been given in all of the areas under investigation. It is to be noted that the Consul in Mazatlan previously advised me that widespread, repeated publicity with photographs had appeared in the west coast newspapers to the point the Consul was sure that if anyone saw RAY they would recognize him. SA MILLER in Monterrey also advised that widespread, repeated publicity with pictures had appeared in the Monterrey, Durango, and Tlaxcala areas and, in fact, a new picture had just been published in the papers last Monday. Mr. KELLEY was told that we were awaiting information concerning the proposed reward which could be used as a basis for further publicity since something new is needed.

He inquired concerning the use of wanted flyers and was advised that those are of limited utility since the most important thing we need are IO's with fingerprints. He was requested to forward additional copies of the IO's.

Mr. KELLEY was also requested to have the pending investigation in Houston expedited and to have Houston and San Antonio resolve the question as to whether the individual identified as SMITH on the bus was the person reported by the Deputy Sheriff as possibly being subject RAY.

Mr. KELLEY was also requested to have Phoenix expedite the information requested in last night's cable concerning the suspect who was dressed in cowboy clothes and who had taken the west coast bus.

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Mr. KELLEY advised that the higher levels of the Bureau are convinced that RAY is in Mexico and that the investigation in Mexico is receiving top-flight supervision.

It is essential, therefore, that all leads being handled in this case in Mexico continue to receive aggressive, top priority handling.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (173-1)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 3:05 p.m., 5/1/68, Assistant Director AL ROSEN telephoned from the Bureau to inquire if we were sending an Agent to Campeche. He was advised that existing arrangements were to send an experienced investigative informant who had excellent contacts in that area (MEX-34) who would be leaving on the first available plane.

Mr. ROSEN instructed that the developments in Campeche be followed very closely.

He also instructed that extensive publicity be given to this case with frequent reproductions of photographs, especially in Campeche and the areas where we had outstanding investigation.

Mr. ROSEN also called attention to the fact that a cablegram would be coming through concerning possible reward for information leading to the apprehension of RAY and he suggested that this angle be utilized in publicity in order to stimulate interest and possibly bring information to the surface regarding RAY's whereabouts.

At 11:00 a.m., 5/2/68, Mr. ROSEN again called to instruct that the widest possible circulation be given to the flyers and IO's. He inquired if such had been circulated in the general area (near Campeche) and he was assured that photographs and appropriate material had previously been sent to the Consulate in Merida. He was also told that the Agent (JACK PAGE) who is leaving for Merida and Campeche, is taking along an additional supply of wanted notices, flyers, and photographs. It was pointed out to Mr. ROSEN that this office had made many copies of the photographs for circulation in the areas where we are handling investigations. He was told that concentrated efforts would be made to give widespread dissemination to the police agencies involved in the areas where we have active investigation going.



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