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May 6, 1968

MELVILLE EUGENE GIBSON was interviewed at his residence, 314 Prado Norte. The interview was arranged by telephone, and both on the telephone and at the commencement of the interview he advised he was aware that the matter concerned a telephone call made from his home to the United States. However, he claimed he did not make this telephone call and did not know the content of the call. GIBSON advised that to the best of his knowledge the telephone call was made from his home by one of his drunken friends whom he refused to identify. He said he was not at home at the time. His children had informed him that the call was made during the course of the evening, but they were in bed and did not know who made the call or the nature of the call.

GIBSON said he knew about the call because that morning some of his friends had teased him about it. These included the man who sells him lottery tickets and friends at the Focolare Restaurant. He did not know how they knew about the call. GIBSON stated he himself had been "plastered" for two days.

GIBSON advised he is very well connected in Mexico and knows some of the biggest crooks in Mexico. He produced a metallic credential #43-67 imprinted with his name and "Policia Internacional." It developed that this is a local detective type magazine, and he got the credential from the editor of the magazine, MANUEL VAZQUEZ, who is also supposedly a captain with the Secret Service.

GIBSON said he is well acquainted with Mr. LESLIE in Cincinnati. LESLIE comes to Mexico almost every year for a visit. GIBSON recently arranged reservations for LESLIE at the Motel Acapulco in Acapulco.

On 4/29/68 at Mexico, D.F., Mexico File # 173-1
by Assistant Attache RICHARD S. CLARK Date dictated 5/3/68
(gmh)

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GIBSON eventually identified the friends who might have made the call as BOBBIE and EDUARDO. They are Mexican, but both speak perfect English. BOBBIE formerly lived in Culver City, California. Both BOBBIE and EDUARDO are also acquainted with LESLIE. BOBBIE lives with his wife, SUSAN, in a boarding house in Coyoacan, Mexico. GIBSON conjectured that either BOBBIE or EDUARDO had been going through his papers and found the letter from LESLIE and drunkenly decided to call him. However, GIBSON stubbornly refused to furnish the full identity of either of these individuals or where they could be located, claiming they were friends and he wanted to contact them and get their side of the story first.

GIBSON said that, regardless of who made the call, he was the source of the caller's information concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassin being in Guatemala. He was certain that neither BOBBIE nor EDUARDO had any independent information concerning this. He had heard this information in Acapulco and could not specify the source of the information.

During the interview GIBSON made a long distance telephone call to a friend in Acapulco, RICARDO PARRIA (phonetic), operator of La Gamba Restaurant on the beach. He discussed this report with the party in Acapulco and advised that the person there had also heard this report but had nothing further to substantiate it. GIBSON said that he and the person called were in agreement that "this was one less black ----" and that they did not know and did not care where the killer was.

GIBSON furnished names of MARIO SOTES and JORGE CAMP (phonetic, not further identified) as persons in Acapulco who would be knowledgeable of such matters.

In summary, the only information GIBSON has is that he had heard that the killer was close to Guatemala City and had gone to Guatemala with the intention of continuing on to Cuba. He had also heard that the killer was paid by Negroes.

It is noted that during a substantial part of the interview GIBSON claimed that the call was made by BOBBIE, whom he would not further identify, and then later indicated it might also have been BOBBIE's cousin, EDUARDO. He claimed

that he had not gotten home until after midnight and that all his friends were gone when he returned. He did not know if the call was made collect.

GIBSON was asked if he had ever referred to himself as Colonel JIM GIBSON. He stated that JIMMY has been his nickname since childhood and that the French made him an honorary Colonel when he was contract teaching cadets at Marana, Arizona.

The following description was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	MELVILLE EUGENE GIBSON, also known as Jimmy
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	May 14, 1928, Fresno, California
Height	5' 10"
Weight	190 pounds
Hair	Dark brown, curly
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Hazel, protuberant
Marital status	Made reference to raising children by himself for past six years
Children	Daughter, [REDACTED] Son, name unknown Attending American School, Mexico City
Occupation	"Investor"
Mexico residence	314 Prado Norte, Mexico City
Last United States residence	Carmichael, California
Status in Mexico	Claimed both Immigrant and Immigrant Investor status (cannot be both)

Following this interview GIBSON made a number of telephone calls to the interviewer, claiming progressively that he had been unable to locate BOBBIE and EDUARDO and that finally he had located them and they denied any responsibility for the call.

Finally, on the following day, April 30, 1968, GIBSON advised his children had finally told him that he had made the call. He said he was too drunk to recall it and was very sorry for having caused this difficulty. He indicated that his drinking had become a problem and he plans to see a doctor.

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Memorandum

TO : File (173-1)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 2:10 p.m., 5/4/68, SA KAISER was instructed to:

1) Send MEX-272 to Guaymas to make a thorough check of that area with photographs, such as he did in the BOPAT case, in an effort to see if RAY or the look-alike seen by MEX-156 as reported as having been in Cd. Obregon is in the Guaymas area.

2) SA KAISER was also instructed to have MEX-156 return to Cd. Obregon and make an exhaustive check of taxi drivers in an effort to determine whether the look-alike previously reported to have been in Cd. Obregon had made any further inquiries of taxi drivers as to whether they spoke English and, if so, to ascertain whether any of those taxi drivers had any information concerning that individual.



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Memorandum

TO : File (173-1)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 4:30 p.m., 5/5/68, SA JOHN PAGE telephonically furnished the following information from Campeche:

The State Judicial Police, the Campeche State Police (Public Security and Traffic under General DE LA CRUZ), and the Campeche branch of the Federal Highway Police have all been furnished flyers and IO's which are being fanned out to their stations throughout the state of Campeche.

MEX-34 has left the city of Campeche to check out-lying towns and on 5/6 will be going to Cd. Carmen for further checks. MEX-34 will be returning to Mexico City on 5/7 to handle delinquent paper work, replenish his funds, and then go to Cozumel and Isla Mujeres.

SA PAGE has established contact with the six Americans who have resided in Campeche for an extended period of time and none of them know of RAY's past or present presence in Campeche. Through the American clergymen in Campeche arrangements have been made to contact all 53 religious congregations in that state to be alert for the arrival of any new American. Inasmuch as all these congregations are made up of Indians, they would be able to spot an American very readily.

The police agencies in Campeche anticipate being able to give PAGE the results of their check throughout the state of Campeche by 5/6/68. Police fingerprint files in Campeche go back to 1955 relating to foreigners who at any time got into trouble or were fingerprinted because of lack of proper identification papers. RAY's fingerprints have been searched against those files with no record having been found.

PAGE also advised that absolutely no records have been found of MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA or MATEO GARCIA LOPEZ and

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inquired regarding the results of San Antonio's inquiries at Brownsville. He was advised that he would be told as soon as information was received from San Antonio and that appropriate inquiry would be made of San Antonio the morning of 5/6.

SA PAGE also advised that the planned new articles in the most important newspaper in Merida did not appear over the week end as the newspaper is waiting for some new material rather than just publishing a rehash of old material. According to SA PAGE, the previous articles carried all of the information yet available concerning the rewards outstanding.

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BY: [Signature] NO: 218 (Priority)

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INVESTIGATION AT CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE:

STATE POLICE AGENCIES CONTINUING EFFORTS TO LOCATE
SUBJECT IN CITY OF CAMPECHE AND ALL OUTLYING AREAS. POLICE
FINGERPRINT FILES DATING BACK TO ONE NINE FIVE FIVE RECORD ALL
FOREIGNERS WHO WERE IN TROUBLE WITH POLICE OR FINGERPRINTED FOR
LACK OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION PAPERS AND SUBJECT'S PRINTS RUN
THROUGH/ THESE FILES WITHOUT LOCATING RECORD.

INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT MEX DASH THREE FOUR HAS
BEEN CHECKING SMALLER COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE CITY OF CAMPECHE. THERE
ARE FIVE THREE SEPARATE ~~RELIGIOUS~~ RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS IN
VARIOUS PARTS OF STATE, WORKING AMONG INDIANS, AND ALL HAVE BEEN
ALERTED TO REPORT ARRIVAL OF ANY NEW AMERICAN. HIGHWAY POLICE
REPORTED ARRIVAL OF ONE NEW AMERICAN AT ~~CHAMPOTON~~ CHAMPOTON, SOME
FORTY MILES SOUTH OF CAMPECHE. AGENT PERSONALLY CHECKED THIS
INDIVIDUAL WHO/ WAS FOUND TO BE COLLEGE PROFESSOR, CRIPPLED, AND
NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

EXTENSIVE INQUIRIES AT CAMPECHE AND AT BORDER HAVE
NOT IDENTIFIED MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA OR MATEO GARCIA LOPEZ. OWNER OF

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FISHING BOAT WITH WHOM SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED AT ONE TIME IN SMUGGLING OPERATION. INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED AT SHRIMP FREEZING ESTABLISHMENT IN CAMPECHE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SOME SMALL ITEMS ARE SMUGGLED FROM U.S. BUT STATE THAT LARGER APPLIANCES SUCH AS T.V. SETS AND WASHING MACHINES ARE NOT PART OF THIS TRAFFIC.

SUSPECT AT CIUDAD OREGON, SONORA:

FURTHER INTERVIEWS AT BUS STATION ESTABLISHED THAT INDIVIDUAL IN COWBOY ATTIRE WHO MAY BE SAME SUSPECT REPORTED BY SAN DIEGO AS BOARDING BUS AT SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO, SONORA, MAY HAVE DEPARTED CIUDAD OREGON ON APRIL TWO FOUR LAST EN ROUTE TO GUADALAJARA. BUS DRIVERS BEING IDENTIFIED FOR INTERVIEW RE THIS INDIVIDUAL.

INVESTIGATION AT PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO:

LOCAL IMMIGRATION AGENT ADVISED AGENT ON SCENE THAT RECENT VISITOR RESEMBLED PHOTO OF SUSPECT WITH SUNGLASSES. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION IDENTIFIED THIS MAN AS REGISTERING IN LAS GLORIAS MOTEL, PUERTO VALLARTA, AS A.D. STANGE, JR. P.O. BOX ONE SIX SIX ZERO, REDDING, CALIFORNIA. HE STAYED FROM APRIL ONE NINE TO APRIL THREE ZERO LAST AND SPENT FOUR DAYS IN MOUNTAINS HUNTING. HE WAS TRAVELING WITH WOMAN REGISTERED AS HIS

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WIFE BUT WHO APPEARED TO BE OF MEXICAN EXTRACTION. HE ALLEGEDLY MADE INQUIRY OF HUNTING GUIDE ABOUT POSSIBILITIES OF BUYING A PISTOL AND MORPHINE AND ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT GOING INTO BUSINESS IN PUERTO VALLARTA. SOME MOTEL EMPLOYEES ALSO THINK STANGE RESEMBLES PICTURE WITH SUNGLASSES BUT MOTEL OWNER BELIEVES HE WAS OLDER AND TALLER THAN SUBJECT WITH LIGHTER COLORED HAIR .

REQUEST BUREAU INSTRUCT SACRAMENTO TO CONDUCT DISCREET INVESTIGATION TO ~~XXXXXX~~ FULLY IDENTIFY STANGE, VERIFY HIS RECENT VISIT TO PUERTO VALLARTA, AND DETERMINE ANY CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE OR SUBJECT. CABLE REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST, AGENT DETERMINED FROM ONE MARGARITA MONTES MEZA, EMPLOYEE OF CASA SUSANA WHERE SUBJECT AS GALT SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME, THAT SHE WAS FIRST PROSTITUTE SUBJECT SLEPT WITH BEFORE HE TOOK UP WITH IRMA MORALES, AKA.. MONTES STATES THAT WHEN THEY FIRST MET, GALT TOLD HER HE WAS IN PUERTO VALLARTA ON FORTY DAY VACATION.

INVESTIGATION IN ALL PARTS OF MEXICO ~~REXX~~RECEIVING PRIORITY ATTENTION. BUREAU AND DOMESTIC OFFICES WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND ANY NEW LEADS IN U.S.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : LEGAT (173-1)

FROM : SA ELDON D. RUDD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: May 3, 1968

Mrs. HELEN PAGE furnished the following information on April 20, 1968:

Mrs. PAGE resides permanently at the Maria Cristina Hotel, Rio Lerma 31, Mexico City, although she has a New York City address of 425 West 57th Street.

Mrs. PAGE advised that the subject claims to be a Frenchman, age 26 (she says he looks more like 32 to 35), has an immigration working permit for the Dallas, Texas, area and plans to open a restaurant in Dallas. He claimed to have entered Mexico through Laredo where he had a camera stolen. He was driving a red sports car, make not known, is "light on his feet," and PAGE feels he may be a dancer. Subject asked PAGE if there are any Negroes in Mexico.

PAGE stated she met the subject when she saw him sitting at the table in the garden which she usually occupies. She walked over to this table and sat down, feeling that she has some rights in view of her permanent residence at the Maria Cristina Hotel. She said the subject introduced himself as BERNARD MALFAYSANT, which PAGE advised means evildoer in French, which she felt was somewhat suspicious.

When subject arrived at the Maria Cristina Hotel on April 16, 1968, he had almost a third degree burn on his left arm

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from hanging it out the window of his car while driving. Subject told PAGE the car he was driving had been rented in the United States and told her now that he was in Mexico he was going to buy insurance for the car. On April 18 subject came into the hotel highly excited and was very rude and abrupt. He asked PAGE to ask the room clerk if anyone had come to visit him, since he speaks no Spanish. PAGE did this, and the room clerk pointed to a person sitting in the lobby who said he had been waiting for the subject. Subject speaks fluent French, according to PAGE who is of French and Russian background and speaks six languages. On April 20 subject told PAGE that he had spent the rest of the afternoon, evening and late into the next morning of the 20th with the so-called insurance man at restaurants and various bars.

PAGE, who observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY taken in 1960 and 1968 which appear on the IO for RAY, said the subject does not in any way resemble JAMES EARL RAY. However, since she had heard that RAY had an accomplice, she felt that subject may be the accomplice. She stated that at least there was something unusual about the subject inasmuch as he drove a great period of time in order to get a nearly third degree sunburn, he said he wanted to buy insurance on the rented car after he got to Mexico which should have had insurance on it before he left the United States through the car rental agency, and since he was able to spend so much time with an insurance man who should not have had this much free time if he were attending to his job. PAGE said the subject checked out of the hotel on Saturday morning, April 20, 1968, and told her he was returning to Dallas.

PAGE later called and said that the subject had attempted to date one of the female employees in the hotel. On Saturday morning, April 20, 1968, he told this girl that he was going to Guatemala and that the automobile was in reality owned by him.

On April 26, 1968, PAGE again contacted the Mexico City Office and advised that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in 1952 appearing in TIME magazine for April 26, 1968, and the photographs of RAY taken in 1952 which appear at the bottom of page 21 in NEWSWEEK magazine for April 29, 1968, were, she felt, identical with the subject. It is noted that these photographs are not available to the Mexico City Office.

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On April 29, 1968, MEX 21, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had checked the records of the Hotel Maria Cristina on April 24 and 25, 1968, and had displayed the 1952 magazine photographs of JAMES EARL RAY to personnel in the hotel without being able to effect an identification that BERNARD MALFAISANT had been a guest at the Maria Cristina.

On April 30, 1968, MEX 21 again caused a check to be made at the Maria Cristina. He talked with the room clerk, Mr. FERNANDO, who had recalled the incident wherein the subject had asked for the "insurance man." It was then determined that this individual, who spoke French and some English and had burned his left arm while driving his automobile, was in reality BERNARD HALFANT. The hotel registration card disclosed the following information concerning BERNARD HALFANT:

He had stayed at the Maria Cristina Hotel from April 16 to April 20, 1968, and paid 75 pesos (\$6 U.S.) a day. He was driving an automobile (make and model not known) bearing license KRY 49 (state not shown but probably Texas). His residence address was shown as 1516 North Peach Street, Dallas, Texas, and his profession was listed as chef.

According to the room clerk, the subject had been recommended to the Maria Cristina Hotel by STANISLAR FLAWIK of 10112 Inwood Road, Dallas, Texas, a long-time customer of the Maria Cristina Hotel.

It is not considered likely that the subject is identical with JAMES EARL RAY inasmuch as PAGE had said the subject did not in any way resemble RAY when viewing the 1960 and 1968 pictures of RAY and because of his age; also, her last identification of the subject as RAY was taken from 1952 magazine photographs of RAY. However, it is felt that the subject should be thoroughly identified for possible future information and use in the MURKIN case.

Bureau was requested by cable, 5/3/68, to have Dallas Office check subject out.

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1. PICTURES, DESCRIPTION AND INFORMATION IN REFTEL PASSED GUATEMALAN IMMIGRATION MAY 3, PASSED BY THEM TO DEPARTAMENTO JUDICIAL, WHERE IMMIGRATION'S INVESTIGATIONS NOW CONTROLLED. LEAKED TO PRESS OVER WEEKEND AND VARIOUS ERRONEOUS STORIES APPEARED, ONE TO EFFECT FBI AGENTS SEARCHING FOR RAY IN GUATEMALA. NET EFFECT POSSIBLE BENEFICIAL HOWEVER AS PICTURES AND DESCRIPTION RAY WIDELY PUBLICIZED IN PRESS.

2. THIS DATE INTERVIEWED CHIEF DEPARTAMENTO JUDICIAL WHO STATED FOLLOWING: JARQUIN INTERVIEWED BUT DENIED HAVING SEEN RAY OR KNOWING ANYTHIN ABOUT HIM. ADMITS TALKING TO CUBAN ABOUT KING ASSASSINATION AND US RACE PROBLEM. CUBAN'S NAME UNKNOWN BUT EMPLOYMENT KNOWN AND POLICE LOOKING FOR HIM. POLICE BELIEVE JARQUIN LYING - PERHAPS THROUGH FEAR OF RAY. INTEND TO ARREST JARQUIN AND CUBAN WHEN FOUND AND INTERROGATE FURTHER. POUCHING COPY OF INVESTIGATIVE REPORT.

3. POLICE OFFER TO LET FBI ASSIST HERE IN INVESTIGATION AND WILL PROVIDE LOGISTIC SUPPORT, BUT BELIEVE THIS UNWARRANTED SINCE NO HARD INFORMATION INDICATING RAY EVER IN GUATEMALA.

4. POLICE HAVE ALERTED ALL BORDER STATIONS AND STATE THAT IF RAY CAUGHT INTEND TO EXPEL HIM TO US ON FIRST AVAILABLE PLANE FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY OF UNDESIREABLE ALIEN. MEIN

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Brief description of activity or material ① 173-1 (MURKIN) Mex 56 was furnished a quantity of of wanted flyers of James Earl Ray, which he said he would furnish to his agents throughout the Republic and to logical sources. He speculated that if Ray were hiding out in Mexico the likely spots would be Mazatlan, San Miguel de Allengo, Yucatan penisula and Chiapas with emphasis on the latter two areas especially Chiapas which would be which would give him easy access to Guatemala should he become "hot". Mex 56 said he would have his agents and sources concentrate in these areas. He was also given Ray's fingerprints and the Wusetich classification to the prints.		File where original is located if not attached 134-44A-925

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TO: LEGAT, MEXICO

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FROM: WASHINGTON, D.C.

DATE RECEIVED: 5-7-68

NO: 156 BY: DAH

TIME RECEIVED: 9:00AM

MURKIN.

MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ANOTHER ANONYMOUS LETTER SIGNED ONLY WITH INITIAL "V" POSTMARKED 5:30PM, MAY 2, 1968 AT HAMILTON, ONTARIO, INDICATING THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS PRESENTLY IN MEXICO CITY, COPILED RUINS.

LEGATS CONDUCT INVESTIGATION.

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LEGAT OTTAWA ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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TO: LEGAT, MEXICO
FROM: WASHINGTON, D.C.
NO: 157 BY: DAH

DATE SENT: 5-6-68
DATE RECEIVED: 5-7-68
TIME RECEIVED: 9:00AM

MURKIN.

THE MEMPHIS OFFICE HAS ADVISED THAT AT 2:45PM MAY 6, 1968, CAPTAIN JEWELL RAY, INSPECTIONAL BUREAU, MEMPHIS PD, ADVISED HE HAD JUST RECEIVED ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL FROM PERSON IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS CHARLIE WHO STATED JAMES EARL RAY'S BODY WILL BE FOUND BETWEEN MAY 15 AND MAY 18 IN AREA 50 MILES SOUTH OF WHERE INDIVIDUAL FROM BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, WAS ARRESTED BY MEXICAN POLICE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. ACCORDING TO THIS ANONYMOUS CALLER, RAY WAS PAID \$50,000 DOLLARS TO KILL KING BUT ONLY ABLE TO SPEND APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 DOLLARS. THIS MONEY, ACCORDING TO CALLER, PASSED THROUGH SOME TWELVE PEOPLE'S HANDS BEFORE REACHING RAY AND ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE AT LEAST THREE YEARS AGO TO ASSASSINATE KING. ANONYMOUS CALLER STATED INDIVIDUAL WHO ARRANGED KING'S DEATH AND WHO PAID \$50,000 DOLLARS DESIRED RAY'S BODY BE FOUND. CALLER STATED RAY DEPARTED MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY UPON ASSASSINATING KING, WAS OUT OF TOWN WITHIN 12 MINUTES, TRAVELED TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, SUBSEQUENTLY TRAVELLED FROM ATLANTA AND RETURNED TO BIRMINGHAM, THEREAFTER TRAVELING FROM BIRMINGHAM TO LAS VEGAS, TO

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PHOENIX, ARIZONA, AND DOWN INTO MEXICO.

CAPTAIN RAY STATED IDENTICAL INFO HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY TWO OTHER POLICE OFFICERS WITHIN PAST 30 MINUTES, FROM SAME ANONYMOUS SOURCE.

THE INDIVIDUAL FROM BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, REFERRED TO BY ANONYMOUS CALLER MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH DANIEL DAVID KENNEDY OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, WHO WAS PICKED UP BY MEXICAN POLICE AT CABORCA, MEXICO, APRIL 24, 1968, WHOSE ARREST TOUCHED OFF PRESS SPECULATION THAT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

LEGAT, MEXICO CITY SHOULD ARRANGE FOR APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION IN THE LOCALE 50 MILES SOUTH OF CABORCA IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY'S WHEREABOUTS. YOUR INQUIRIES SHOULD ALSO DETERMINE IF ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL FROM BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED RECENTLY BY MEXICAN POLICE, AND IF SO, APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE THEREAFTER INITIATED.

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of the
United States of America
Office of the Defense Attache

1. Age Limit (Maximum) 30 Yrs. Minimum is 18 - 17 with parents' consent.
2. Are foreigners permitted to join? During peacetime, only ~~natural~~ ^{native} born Mexicans. During wartime, foreigners would be permitted to join.
3. Would a foreigner with limited Spanish speaking ability be accepted. During wartime, yes.
4. Are enlistees fingerprinted or is there any central office where such persons may be identified?

All enlistees are fingerprinted and records are kept at Departamento de Recrutamiento e Identificacion, Direccion de Personnel, Secretaria de la Defensa Nacional.

5. Are enlistments handled by local army detachments or by a central office?

Enlistments are handled by local army detachments.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE 173-1

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : LEGAT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 5:50 PM, 5/7/68, SA KAISER telephonically furnished the following information from Hermosillo:

MEX-59 has shaken down the entire Guaymas area for Subject RAY. All police and extensively established contacts of MEX-59 have been alerted and furnished flyers and I.O.s. MEX-59 reported that Subject RAY's photograph was readily recognized by all of his contacts and sources from previous extensive newspaper publicity. MEX-59 has made arrangements to be immediately notified if anyone resembling RAY shows up in the Guaymas area.

With regard to the lead in Bucab 5/6/68 relative to the area south of Caborca, SA KAISER is personally acquainted with that area. The road which runs south to Caborca and then turns west to Puerto Libertad is a "truck road" which is very difficult for regular travel. It runs through arroyos and there are isolated ranches scattered throughout the area which is largely desert.

KAISER will arrange for informants, probably MEX-59 and MEX-272, to check into the area 50 miles south of Caborca in an effort to ascertain if any Americans have recently been seen in that area and if possible, spot any fresh graves.

MEX-56 is being sent tomorrow to San Luis to check with the bus station in order to ascertain the date the west coast suspect purchased a ticket on the Tres Estrellas de Oro Bus Line for Guadalajara.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE 173-1

FROM : LEGAT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/7/68

At 5:50 P.M., 5/7/68, SA JOHN PAGE telephonically furnished the following information from Merida, Yucatan, since the telephone lines from Campeche are out and it was necessary for him to go to Merida to contact headquarters.

Investigation has been completed throughout the State of Campeche by the State Police, the Judicial Police, and Highway Police. All three agencies have checked all of the communities throughout their local villages without developing any indication that Subject RAY was previously in Campeche or is there now. As an example of the extent to which this coverage has been established, SA PAGE cited the fact that Chief of the State Police DE LA CRUZ personally checked out information from his force that an American was residing in Escarcega, a small isolated village in the center of the state. DE LA CRUZ, however, by interview ascertained that the American is a Negro and not identical with Subject RAY.

PAGE has made arrangements for the three police agencies effective throughout the State of Campeche to be notified immediately in case any new Americans show up in the state and have immediate checks to be made that such an individual is Subject RAY. In the event RAY comes to Campeche, those authorities will immediately notify this office.

Inasmuch as the check has been made as completely as possible in Campeche, there appears to be no other work for PAGE to do. He desires to return to Mexico City since his assignment is now completed. He was told that the Bureau would be advised tonight, UACB, that he would be returning to Mexico City in order to handle further leads.

Tonight SA PAGE is at the Hotel Colon, Merida, probably Room No. 8.

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Date: May 7, 1968

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MURKIN.

REMYCAB MAY SIX LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE, MEXICO:

STATE POLICE, STATE JUDICIAL POLICE AND HIGHWAY POLICE HAVE CONCLUDED SEARCH IN CITY OF CAMPECHE AND ALL OUTLYING AREAS OF STATE. IDENTIFICATION ORDERS AND WANTED FLYERS AS WELL AS PERSONAL CONTACT UTILIZED TO ALERT EVERY POLICE UNIT IN STATE. EXTENSIVE COVERAGE PRODUCED INFORMATION CONCERNING ONE NORTH AMERICAN LOCATED IN COMMUNITY OF ESCARCEGA, SOME NINE ZERO MILES SOUTH OF CITY OF CAMPECHE. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS CHECKED OUT PROMPTLY AND FOUND TO BE A YOUNG NEGRO AND NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

SINCE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE ESTABLISHED THROUGH POLICE LIAISON AND CONTACT WITH NUMEROUS OTHER SOURCES, AGENT BEING RETURNED TO HEADQUARTERS CITY, UACB, TO ASSIST IN HANDLING OF OTHER LEADS IN CASE. INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT WILL CONTINUE CHECKING IN OTHER SMALL COMMUNITIES ON PENINSULA OUTSIDE OF STATE OF CAMPECHE, INCLUDING ISLAND OF COZUMEL.

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RE ALLEGATION THAT SUBJECT IN GUATEMALA:

AGENT ON SCENE ADVISES EXTENSIVE COVERAGE EFFECTED THROUGH GUATEMALAN IMMIGRATION AND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT. EFFORTS BY THESE AGENCIES HAVE INSPIRED NUMEROUS PRESS ARTICLES INCLUDING SOME ERRONEOUS STORIES. NET EFFECT, HOWEVER, RESULTED IN PICTURES AND DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT BEING WIDELY PUBLICIZED THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. CHIEF OF JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT ADVISES PAULINO JARQUIN INTERVIEWED BUT DENIED HAVING SEEN SUBJECT OR KNOWING ANYTHING ABOUT HIM. JARQUIN IS RESTAURANT OWNER QUOTED BY MICHIGAN STUDENT AS STATING SUBJECT HAD BEEN IN GUATEMALA. POLICE INTEND TO INTERROGATE JARQUIN FURTHER AND HAVE OFFERED COMPLETE COOPERATION IN INVESTIGATION. THEY HAVE ALERTED ALL BORDER STATIONS AND STATE THAT IF SUBJECT CAUGHT IN GUATEMALA HE WILL BE EXPELLED TO UNITED STATES ON FIRST AVAILABLE PLANE AS ILLEGAL ALIEN.

(THIS OFFICE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED AND)

RE SUSPECT AT CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA:

COMPLETE CANVASS AT GUAYMAS, SONORA, COMPLETED BY INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT AND ALL LOGICAL SOURCES AND POLICE AGENCIES ALERTED.

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RE ANONYMOUS CALL TO MEMPHIS POLICE:

NO OTHER INDIVIDUAL FROM BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, ~~EX~~ EXCEPT FOR DANIEL DAVID KENNEDY, KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED RECENTLY BY MEXICAN POLICE. AREA INDICATED BY CALLER IS IN ISOLATED AND SPARSELY INHABITED DESERT AREA AND SHOULD BE GENERALLY IN VICINITY OF SMALL ROAD WHICH RUNS FROM MEXICAN HIGHWAY TWO NEAR CABORCA, SONORA, IN SOUTH AND SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION TO PUERTO LIBERTAD ON GULF OF CALIFORNIA. AGENT AND INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANTS ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS AREA AND ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION BY INFORMANTS.

RE ANONYMOUS LETTERS FROM HAMILTON, ONTARIO:

RUINS MENTIONED IN LETTER OF MAY TWO LAST ARE PROBABLY COPILCO RUINS SITUATED NEAR SOUTHERN EDGE OF CITY AND NEAR CUERNAVACA HIGHWAY. INVESTIGATIVE SOURCES ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT THOROUGH SEARCH OF THIS AREA.

INVESTIGATION ~~ON~~ CONTINUES ON PRIORITY BASIS WITH ALL LEADS RECEIVING EXPEDITE ATTENTION.

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TO: LEGAT, MEXICO

DATE SENT: 5-7-68

FROM: WASHINGTON, D.C.

DATE RECEIVED: 5-8-68

NO: 160 BY: DAH

TIME RECEIVED: 8:30AM

MURKIN.

TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WERE RELEASED TODAY TO NEWS MEDIA IN WASHINGTON. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN 1967 IN MEXICO). THIS IS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN DARK GLASSES AND SPORT SHIRT. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD BEAR CAPTION " JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY 1968 IN CALIFORNIA) THIS IS HEAD SHOT OF RAY IN BUSINESS SUIT WHICH SHOWS MARKED CLEFT IN CHIN. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE COPIES OF THESE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS LOCALLY AND YOU ARE TO INSURE THEY RECEIVE WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ALL MEDIA CONTACTS. FIVE COPIES OF EACH OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ALL OFFICES.

LEGAT OTTAWA ADVISED.

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TO: LEGAT, MEXICO
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MURKIN.

BY TELETYPE MAY 7, 1968, TO BUREAU AND PHOENIX, SAN DIEGO OFFICE ADVISED THAT CHIEF, STATE JUDICIAL POLICE, TIJUANA, B.C., MEXICO, ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT FURTHER INQUIRY BY HIM HAS RESULTED IN IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED IN SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND PHOENIX APRIL 29, LAST, AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH DANIEL D. KENNEDY WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND HELD BY THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES IN THE STATE OF SONORA, MEXICO.

SAN DIEGO REQUESTED ABOVE INFORMATION BE FURNISHED TO YOU.

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COPY MAILED TO MEMPHIS.

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 FROM: WASHINGTON, D.C.
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DALLAS AIRTEL MAY 4, 1968, REFERENCED BUTEL TO DALLAS
 MAY 4, 1968, RELATIVE TO BERNARD HALFANT AND SET OUT FOLLOWING
 INFORMATION:

STANISLAW SLAWIK (NOT STANISTAR FALWIK AS SET FORTH IN
 REFERENCED TELETYPE) AN ESTABLISHED SOURCE OF THE DALLAS OFFICE AND
 OWNER OF THE OLD WARSAW RESTAURANT, 3914 CEDAR SPRING ROAD, DALLAS,
 TEXAS, TODAY ADVISED THAT ~~BERNARD MALFAIT~~ (NOT BERNARD HALFANT AS
 SET FORTH IN REFERENCED TELETYPE) IS THE ASSISTANT CHEF AT HIS
 RESTAURANT AND HAS OCCUPIED THAT POSITION IN EXCESS OF ONE YEAR.
 SLAWIK STATED HE CAN ACCOUNT FOR MALFAIT'S WHEREABOUTS ON A DAILY
 BASIS DURING THAT PERIOD UNTIL ~~XXXXXX~~ THE MIDDLE OF APRIL WHEN
 MALFAIT WENT DIRECTLY TO MEXICO CITY WITH RESERVATIONS AT THE MARIA
 CRISTINA HOTEL, MEXICO CITY, MADE BY SLAWIK THE DAY PRECEDING
 MALFAIT'S DEPARTURE FROM DALLAS.

INASMUCH AS BERNARD MALFAIT HAS BEEN ELIMINATED AS A
 SUSPECT IN THIS CASE NO BURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN IN THIS REGARD
 IN DALLAS. COPY MAILED MEMPHIS.

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PHOENIX OFFICE BY TELETYPE MAY 7, 1968, FURNISHED FOLLOW-
 ING INFORMATION:

LETTER DATED MAY 3, LAST, RECEIVED AT NOGALES, ARIZONA, RESIDENT AGENCY, MAY 7 INSTANT, FROM CAPTAIN BAUDELIO JAIME GLEZ OF ~~XXX~~ GUASIMOPA, SONORA, MEXICO. GLEZ STATED THAT AN AMERICAN ~~XXXXXX~~ TOURIST POSSIBLY RESEMBLING RAY APPEARED AT GUASIMOPA, WHERE HE IS RESIDING WITH WIFE, 7 YEAR OLD SON AND 11 MONTH OLD BABY. STATED HE HAS GOVERNMENT PENSION AND IS DRIVING WHITE BUICK.

GLEZ STATED MANUEL CRUZ RAMIREZ, OPERATOR OF TIRE REPAIR SHOP IN GUASIMOPA, IS ALSO ACQUAINTED WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL. GLEZ STATED WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN NAME AND LICENSE NUMBER OF VEHICLE AND STATED WAS SUSPICIOUS OF THIS PERSON COMING TO LIVE AMONG THE YAQUI INDIANS AND BECAUSE STATED HAD CROSSED THE BORDER ABOUT APRIL 15 AT DOUGLAS, ARIZONA, WHICH IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT ROUTE TO GUASIMOPA.

GLEZ DESCRIBED THIS PERSON AS ABOUT 33 YEARS OLD, 6 FT, LIGHT BLUE EYES, LIGHT BROWN HAIR.

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YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INITIATE APPROPRIATE INQUIRY
TO DETERMINE IF THIS PERSON IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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FROM GUATEMALA 4510

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REF: MEXICO 4677 AND GUATEMALA 4483

1. JARQUIN NOW ADMITS HE MAY HAVE TALKED TO AMERICAN TOURIST BUT ONLY UNDER INFLUENCE ALCOHOL. STILL DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF RAY.

2. POLICE DESIRE COPY OF FULL STATEMENT OF AMERICAN TOURIST WHO REPORTED TO FBI ON JARQUIN AS AID TO FURTHER INTERROGATION. PLEASE FORWARD ON URGENT BASIS IF NOT CONTRARY TO FBI POLICY.

3. MEANWHILE RAY BELIEVED SEEN BY APARTMENT CUSTODIAN SEVERAL DAYS AGO IN ELGIN APARTMENTS, GUATEMALA CITY IN ROOM OF ARNULF H. HAAK, WHO HAS DISAPPEARED. POLICE SEARCHING FOR RAY IN GUATEMALA CITY. MEIN

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (173-1)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SA JOHN PAGE called from Merida at 3:00 p.m. Since no objection to PAGE's return has been raised by the Bureau, he will be returning to Mexico City tonight at 8:30 p.m. by Mexicana Airlines.

SA PAGE was advised that the Bureau had authorized the release of the two most recent photographs of subject RAY and PAGE stated that he would arrange to have suitable articles published in the Merida newspapers utilizing those photographs.



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REMYCAB AND BUCABS MAY SEVEN LAST AND BUAIRTEL APRIL TWO NINE
LAST.

RE POSSIBLE MEXICAN ARMY ENLISTMENT:

INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGH COOPERATION OF DEFENSE ATTACHE
THAT MAXIMUM AGE FOR ENLISTMENT IS THREE ZERO YEARS; ONLY NATIVE
BORN MEXICANS PERMITTED TO ENLIST IN PEACE TIME; FOREIGNERS WITH
LIMITED SPANISH SPEAKING ABILITY WOULD BE ACCEPTED IN WAR TIME; ALL
ENLISTEES FINGERPRINTED AND RECORDS KEPT IN IDENTIFICATION BUREAU
OF SECRETARIAT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE; ENLISTMENTS NOT HANDLED
CENTRALLY BUT BY LOCAL ARMY DETACHMENTS. THROUGH LIAISON ARRANGE-
MENTS, FINGERPRINTS OF RAY SEARCHED THROUGH FILES OF ABOVE BUREAU
MAY EIGHT INSTANT WITHOUT LOCATING RECORD.

RE SUSPECT AT CD. OBREGON, SONORA:

SINCE SAN DIEGO LEARNED FROM CHIEF OF STATE JUDICIAL POLICE AT
TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA, THAT THIS SUSPECT IS IDENTICAL WITH
DANIEL D. KENNEDY, NO FURTHER INQUIRY BEING CONDUCTED.

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RE ALLEGATION THAT SUBJECT IN GUATEMALA:

GUATEMALAN AUTHORITIES STATE PAULINO JARQUIN, AFTER FURTHER INTERROGATION, NOW ADMITS HE MAY HAVE TALKED TO AMERICAN TOURIST ABOUT SUBJECT BUT ONLY WHILE INTOXICATED. STILL DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT. POLICE DESIRE TEXT OF FULL STATEMENT OF DAVID G. FOX, GRADUATE STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, WHO ATTRIBUTED STATEMENT TO JARQUIN, AS AID TO FURTHER INTERROGATION. REQUEST BUREAU INSTRUCT DETROIT TO EXPEDITIOUSLY FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO THIS OFFICE THROUGH BUREAU.

GUATEMALAN POLICE ALSO SEARCHING IN GUATEMALA CITY FOR SUSPECT RESEMBLING SUBJECT REPORTEDLY SEEN BY APARTMENT CUSTODIAN SEVERAL DAYS AGO IN ELGIN APARTMENTS, THAT CITY.

RE ANONYMOUS LETTERS FROM HAMILTON, ONTARIO:

INVESTIGATIVE SOURCE ADVISES RUINS MENTIONED IN RECENT LETTER MAY BE CUICUILCO RUINS LOCATED NEAR SOUTHERN EDGE OF CITY AND NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO. NEARBY ARE TWO SEPARATE RESIDENTIAL AREAS CALLED COPILCO ALTO AND COPILCO BAJO. FORMER IS HEAVILY POPULATED WITH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND LATTER IS A SLUM AREA. CANVASS OF BOTH AREAS FOR ANY TRACE OF SUBJECT IN PROGRESS.

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RE SUSPECT AT GUASIMOPA, SONORA:

THIS COMMUNITY BELIEVED TO BE GUISAMOPA, A VILLAGE OF SEVEN ZERO ZERO INHABITANTS, LOCATED SOME TWO ZERO ZERO MILES SOUTHEAST OF HERMOSILLO AT THE VERY END OF A PRIMITIVE DIRT ROAD WHICH RUNS DIRECTLY SOUTH FROM SAHUARIPA, SONORA. INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT MEX DASH ONE FIVE SIX DISPATCHED TO THIS VILLAGE MAY EIGHT INSTANT AND WILL IMMEDIATELY REPORT RESULTS TO RESIDENT AGENT AT HERMOSILLO WHEN HE REACHES FIRST COMMUNITY WITH TELEGRAPHIC OR TELEPHONIC FACILITIES.

RE MUSTANG TIRE MADE IN MEXICO:

CLERK IN FIRESTONE STORE, PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, AFTER SEEING PHOTOGRAPH WITH SUNGLASSES, RECALLED SUBJECT BUYING TIRE THERE AND THAT GENERAL POPO TUBE PURCHASED AT NEIGHBORING STORE SINCE SEVEN POINT FIVE ZERO BY ONE FOUR FIRESTONE WAS ONLY SIZE AVAILABLE FOR MUSTANG AND DID NOT FIT RIM PROPERLY WITHOUT TUBE. FIRESTONE RECORDS INCOMPLETE BUT THOSE OF GENERAL POPO STORE SHOW G DASH SEVEN ^{TUBE} ~~TWO~~ SOLD ON OCTOBER TWO SIX LAST TO UNKNOWN PERSON IN BEHALF OF FIRESTONE DEALER AND NO OTHER SALES OF THIS TYPE MADE UNTIL JANUARY ONE THREE LAST. CLERK WHO SOLD TUBE, HOWEVER, DOES

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NOT RECALL SALE, SUBJECT OR CAR.

INVESTIGATION BEING CARRIED OUT IN NUMEROUS SEPARATE AREAS
WITHIN MEXICO AND ALL LEADS BEING GIVEN PRIORITY ATTENTION.

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Guatemala, 5 de Mayo de 1968.

Señor Jefe de la
Policía Judicial.
SU DESPACHO.

Con todo respeto me estoy dirigiendo a usted, para informarle sobre el resultado de la investigación que se sirvió dejarme ordenada por conducto del señor Tercer Jefe e Inspector General de la Institución, misma que me fuera notificada a las 08.00 de hoy y que se relaciona con el señor Paulino Jarquín Richeme, dueño del Restorant "KATOK", ubicado en el kilómetro 87 jurisdicción de Tecpán Guatemala, departamento de Chimalteango, teniendo dicha persona su domicilio particular en el restorant ya indicado.

Para dar cumplimiento a lo ordenado, salí del edificio a las 08.20 horas a bordo de la unidad, a mi servicio, placas P-9898 y auxiliado por los detectives Nos. 50 y 90 de la Sección de Homicidios y No. 45 de Interpol, llegando al restorant "KATOK" a las 09.40 horas en donde de inmediato los que intervinimos, sometimos al señor Paulino Jarquín Richeme a un interrogatorio hasta cierto punto severo para que contestara preguntas relacionadas con la supuesta presencia en un día no determinado, de un individuo de origen norteamericano cuyo nombre se sabe es JAMES EARL RAY con los alias de Erik Starve Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, W. C. Herren, John Willard, Jim McBride, James Walyon y James O'Conner y cuyas fotografías se pusieron a la vista del mencionado señor Jarquín Richeme. La persona sobre la que se interrogó a este último, se conoce que es la misma que ultimó en días pasados al Pastor Evangélico e Protestante MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Las preguntas al señor Paulino Jarquín Richeme, se iniciaron sobre la supuesta presencia del mencionado JAMES EARL RAY en dicho restorant, pidiéndose que indicara con certeza o por lo menos con alguna aproximación, la fecha o día en que hubiera estado dicha persona y al mismo tiempo la forma o motivo por el cual se diera cuenta de que se trataba del asesino del doctor Luther King, resultando lo que sigue:

Que en ningún momento dicha persona (el supuesto asesino) había estado en su restorant, que las fotografías que se pusieron a la vista el día de hoy, ya le habían sido mostradas por otros detectives de esta Institución, no sabiendo los números o nombres; pero deben ser sin ninguna duda los Nos. 1 y 204 de esta Sección de Interpol que con el mismo motivo viajaron el día de ayer para entrevistarlo.

Se le preguntó así mismo sobre la identidad de cierto individuo norteamericano con el cual se le dijo se tenía conocimiento había conversado sobre el tema del asesinato del doctor Martin Luther King y al cual confidencialmente le había dicho que el matador del mismo y cuyo nombre se le mencionó como el de JAMES EARL RAY, había cenado o por lo menos había estado en el restorant de su propiedad en días pasados y terminante negó que esto fuera cierto, que no había tenido una conversación de esa naturaleza con ninguna persona y que al respecto solamente podía re-

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VIENE:-----latar lo que sigue:

Que hace aproximadamente unos quince días, a eso de las 22.00 horas, no recuerda la fecha pero probablemente fué un viernes, estuvo de paso un individuo que ha vivido muchos años en los Estados Unidos de Norte América, que a dicha persona lo acompañaba otra persona que supo era el chofer del anterior y que su origen en realidad no era norte-americano, sino cubano, que la conversación sostenida llevó accidentalmente al tema de la muerte del doctor Martín Luther King y los trastornos raciales que la misma había causado en el interior de esa Nación, pero que en ningún momento dijo nada relacionado con el caso que se investiga. Al ser preguntado por el nombre del cubano, dijo desconocerlo, que solamente sabía que trabajaba como posible experto en motores Diessel y que por mismas referencias que expusiera el cubano, supo que trabajaba con una compañía llamada NELO TIER que tiene oficinas en esta capital y en la ciudad de Huehuetenango ya que dicho cubano puede ser trabajara en esta última ciudad o por el camino fronterizo con México conocido como "EL TAPON". Hizo constar al mismo tiempo que la persona mencionada, le es completamente desconocida y que era la primera vez que paraba en su restaurant, manifestando también que no se dió cuenta de la clase de vehículo en que llegaron el cubano y acompañante, pero que supone pueda ser de los pick up que tienen la leyenda "CARTERPILLAR". Preguntado sobre el motivo de su viaje a esta ciudad el día 3 de los corrientes y si tenía alguna propiedad en donde pudiera pernoctar en la noche de esa día, dijo que nó, pero que había pasado parte de la noche en la casa del licenciado ROBERTO SAN CHEZ LAZO con domicilio particular en la 4a. calle entre 2a. y 3a. avenida de la zona 1 pero que recordaba el teléfono que es 28-0-76, que al decir que había pasado parte de la noche se estaba refiriendo a que durmió en la casa del mencionado abogado.

En la casa que se ocupa como restaurant en el kilómetro 87, viven también: la esposa del investigado, señora Berta Alicia García Keller, el padre de la misma señor Roberto Keller Kanter, como empleados en servicio mantienen a los que siguen:

Alfredo Par Chali, Francisco Chabaj Socop, Antonio Ortiz Velásquez, Eugenio Vela Mejía y Adrián Pérez Marroquín que en esos momentos no se encontraba trabajando por encontrarse de vacaciones y los menores de edad Héctor René Santizo Juárez, Héctor Santizo Vicente como dice que se le conoce más, David Vázquez Sapón y Alejandro Ajpop Martín. Sobre este particular se le previno al señor Paulino Jarquín RICHME que debía de hacer los arreglos pertinentes para obtener el permiso correspondiente en la Inspección General del Trabajo relacionados con dichos menores. Todo el personal mencionado fué debidamente interrogado al igual que su patrón y los resultados fueron igualmente negativos ya que nadie sabía nada de nada.

Se hizo una breve inspección por el local que ocupa dicho restaurant suponiendo que se podría tratar de un MOTEL, pero solamente se pudo comprobar que en el segundo piso solamente existe una habitación con tres camas que dá servicio solamente en casos de mucha emergencia, es decir cuando algún huésped ocasional lo solicita.

En cuanto al señor PAULINO JARQUIN RICHME, se le previno que del conocimiento que esta Policía Judicial o más bien la Jefatura tenía sobre que JAMES EARLE RAY había estado en dicho restaurant, si se llegaba a comprobar que había incurrido en mentira u ocultamiento de información vital, las sanciones que le corresponderían serían severas por tratarse de un caso excep-

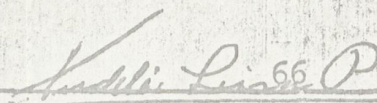
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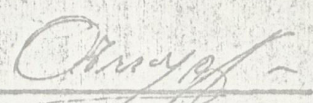


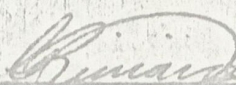
VIENE:-----cionalmente delicado y que podría provocar agrios comentarios de prensa.

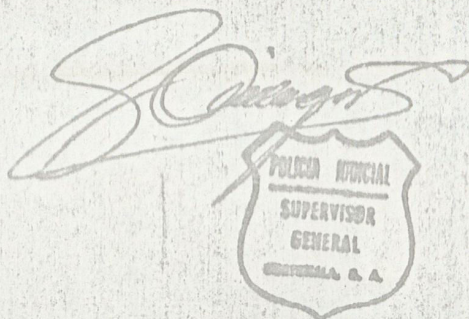
El interrogatorio se inició a las 09.40 y terminó a las 10.50 horas, retornando a esta capital a las 12.20 horas sin ninguna novedad que reportar a excepción de que el aparato FM del carro a mi servicio, se inutilizó a eso de -- las 10.55 horas cuando buscaba comunicación con la planta.--

RESPETUOSAMENTE.


No.50 -Audelio Leiva Portillo


No.90 -Oscar Arroyo Alvarez


No.45 Carlos René Orellana





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EMBASSY
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

May 6, 1968

James A. Miller
Asst. Legal Attache
American Embassy, Mex. D. F.

Dear Mr. Miller:

Enclosed is copy of Guatemalan
police report mentioned in my telegram.

Please excuse that letter is not
typed but my secretary is typing the
telegram and it is late & I have to
go to the Ambassador's in 40 min.

Hope this is of interest.

Sincerely,

W. M. Ruge
American Consul

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TO: LEGAT, MEXICO

DATE SENT: 5/8/68

FROM: BUREAU

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NO.: 166 BY: RGB

TIME REC'D: 8:40 A.M.

MURKIN.

LOOK-ALIKE A. D. STANGE, JR.

SACRAMENTO ADVISED A. H. STANGE, JR., A. H. STANGE LUMBER COMPANY, REDDING, CALIF., INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED HE IS HOLDER OF P. O. BOX 1660, REDDING, CALIF., AND THAT HE WAS IN PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO, AT LOS GLORIAS MOTEL ON APRIL 19 LAST.

STANGE WELL KNOWN IN REDDING, CALIF.

ABOVE FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

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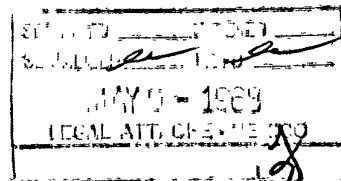
FROM : SA DOUGLAS G. BILLS (173-1) *SKP*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/8/68 Major RAFAEL ROCHO CORDERO, Assistant Chief of the Secret Service, Metropolitan Police, and all of the Group Commanders at the Judicial Police for the Federal Districts and Territories, advised no record is kept by towns of visiting U. S. citizens who are arrested in Mexico. None of them had any recollection of an arrest within the preceding two weeks wherein the individual was originally from Baltimore, Maryland. At 7:00 p.m., same date, both agencies mustered all personnel for review and will instruct agents under their command to report any case in which the subject is known to be from Baltimore, Maryland.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA DOUGLAS G. BILLS (173-1) *DBB*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Brig. Gen. ALONZO AGUIRRE, G-2, Mexican Department of Defense, advised on 5/8/68 that JAMES EARL RAY's fingerprints had been searched through the million and a half prints on file of all military personnel serving in Mexico and RAY is not, and has not been a member of the Mexican armed forces.

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MURKIN.

REMYCAB AND BUCAN MAY EIGHT LAST.

ALLEGED SUSPECT AT MEXICAN DASH GUATEMALAN BORDER:

LOCAL PRESS TODAY CARRIED STORY REFERRING TO REPORT THAT CAB DRIVER AT TAPACHULA, CHIAPAS, CLOSE TO GUATEMALAN BORDER, STATED THAT MAN RESEMBLING PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT FORCED HIM AT GUNPOINT TO DRIVE TO POINT NEAR BORDER AND THEN LEFT CAB AND CROSSED RIVER SEPARATING TWO COUNTRIES. MEXICAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AND GENERAL RAMON JIMENEZ DELGADO, CHIEF OF FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE, B ADVISED MAY NINE INSTANT THAT THEY HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING STORY ATTRIBUTED TO CAB DRIVER. GENERAL JIMENEZ POINTED OUT HE HAS AGENT AT TAPACHULA WHO HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY GENERAL AND IS ONLY FEDERAL AGENT IN AREA. CAB DRIVER, WHO MAY BE INVENTION OF PRESS, BEING SOUGHT BY POLICE FOR ANY CONFIRMATION OR FURTHER DETAILS.

RE EXTENT OF PUBLICITY COVERAGE:

TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS APPROVED FOR
RELEASE IN BUCAB MAY SEVEN LAST BEING DISTRIBUTED TO POLICE AGENCIES,
INFORMANTS AND OTHER CONTACTS. THESE PICTURES HAVE ALSO BEEN GIVEN
~~THESE PICTURES HAVE ALSO BEEN GIVEN~~ WITH MORE ARTICLES

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Approved: JJF:s

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Special Agent in Charge

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