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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL SPECIAL AGENTS

DATE: June 4, 1968

FROM : *JJF* Legat NATHAN L. WREIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

By airtel, 5-9-68, the Bureau pointed out that the possibility that subject may have died since commission of the crime should be explored. In this connection, the Bureau desires that efforts be made to determine whether any record of unidentified dead is maintained by any police or governmental agency within the territory covered by this office.

The Bureau states that if there is no central repository of such records, in the case of Mexico, appropriate inquiries should be made during regular contacts with law enforcement agencies relative to the possibility that unidentified dead have been reported to these agencies for the period beginning 4-5-68. If fingerprints of these deceased individuals are on file, they should be compared with those of subject.

The Bureau points out that this should be handled in the normal course of business, and only reasonable investigation should be conducted along these lines. It is also a part of the Bureau request, directed to this office, that stops be placed with appropriate state, local, or national agencies, if feasible, in the event these agencies receive reports in the future concerning unidentified dead.

In other recent communications addressed to all SACs and the Legats, Mexico City and Ottawa, the Bureau has highlighted the following additional information concerning this case:

- a. Subject took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968. Prior to his departure from Los Angeles in March 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs, seeking employment.

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b. Subject has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico.

c. Rewards

The Bureau has instructed that any established cooperative news sources be reminded in a discreet and tactful manner of the substantial reward money being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. This amount now totals at least \$100,000. The Bureau points out that the FBI should not be identified as the source of this reward money or as the source of information concerning it.

In further detail, the Bureau advised on May 22, 1968, that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27, 1968, edition of the COMMERCIAL APPEAL, Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 has been offered by that newspaper and \$25,000 by the Scripps-Howard newspapers; in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more, and the City Council of Memphis has underwritten the reward up to \$100,000.

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LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (80-96)

6/4/68

SA JOHN PAGE, JR.

POLICE RELATIONS
CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE
POLICE COOPERATION

During the investigation of the "MURKIN" case at Campeche, 5/3-7/68, frequent contact was made with the following officials; all of whom were extremely cooperative and friendly;

FEDERAL HIGHWAY POLICE
Chief - Captain MARIO MENA HURTADO
Telephone 26-34

Assistant Chief MANUEL GONZALEZ VERDAD

STATE POLICE
Brigadier General ABEL SANTACRUZ MALAGON, Director
of Public Security and Traffic
Campeche, Campeche
Residence: Calle 10 #148
Telephone: 23-24
Office Telephone: 23-29 or 23-09

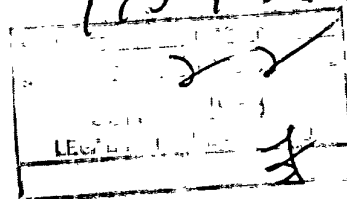
Assistant Director MARIO VALENZUELA PEDRERO
Identification Officer GUADALUPE CASTILLO

STATE JUDICIAL POLICE - Headquarters at Calle 12 No. 159
Telephone: 23-25

Chief - Lic. ABELARDO MALDONADO GUERRERO
Telephone: 21-79

Assistant Chief FERNANDO DOMINQUEZ MASS

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Also contacted at Campeche, Campeche, were the following officials who were cooperative and helpful:

Lic. EDGAR HERNANDEZ CARPIZO
Office of the State Attorney General

ENRIQUE CARREA GASTALDI
Secretary, Tourism Department
Campeche
Telephone: 25-93

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Date received 5/10/68	Received from (name or symbol number) MEX 59	Received by RICHARD W. KAISER
Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks) ☒ in person ☐ by telephone ☐ by mail ☐ orally ☐ recording device ☒ written by Informant		
If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 5/10/68 Date(s) of activity N/A
Brief description of activity or material Re MURKIN. Investigation of ranches and area located approximately 50 - 60 miles south of Caborca, Sonora, in effort to resolve alle-		File where original is located if not attached 134-53A-811

Remarks: **gation body of JAMES EARL RAY buried that area.**

Source orally added he had checked the following ranches in this area: Pitiquito, Bamori, Cerro Viejo, Bonancita, El Datil, El Tiro, La Cienega, Trincheras.

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N/A

Brief description of activity or material

Re MURKIN. Source conducted investigation,

Guaymas, Sonora, and vicinity contacting

hotels, restaurants and tourist facilities and 134-53A - ~~804~~ 810

File where original is located if not attached

Remarks: distributing descriptive data in effort to locate
JAMES EARL RAY.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 5/6/68 Date(s) of activity N/A
Brief description of activity or material Re MURKIN. Negative investigation, Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, tourist areas and prostitution zone, to locate suspect JAMES EARL RAY.		Place where original is located if not attached 134-428A-769

Remarks:

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 5/12/68 Date(s) of activity
Brief description of activity or material Re MURKIN. Investigation Zahuaripa, Arivechi, El Valle and Guisamopa, Sonora, to locate unsub possibly identical with JAMES R. EARL RAY.		Place where original is located if not attached 134-428A-770
Remarks:		

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Date of Report

5/13/68

Date(s) of activity

N/A

Brief description of activity or material

Re MURKIN. Investigation, Vicam, Sonora, to
locate, interview and eliminate as suspect
an ARTURO FUGATE,

File where original is located if not attached

134-428A-770

Remarks:

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 4/26/68 Date(s) of activity N/A
Brief description of activity or material Re MURKIN. Investigation, Mazatlan, reflects Mexican government had initiated investigation that area, anticipating possible arrival of		File where original is located if not attached 134-428A-774
Remarks: suspect JAMES EARL RAY. No pertinent information developed.		

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (173-1)

DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : SA JOHN PAGE, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

In the course of investigation conducted in the states of Yucatan and Campeche during the period 5/3-8/68 the following individuals were contacted in an effort to locate subject RAY:

5/2-3/68
WILLIAM H. HARBEN
Consul
Merida, Yucatan

5/7/68
DONALD YELLMAN
Vice Consul
Merida, Yucatan

5/3/68
Rev. ERNEST MATTHEWS and wife YULA MATTHEWS
Parish Minister
Merida, Yucatan

MATTHEWS was given wanted flyers and Identification Orders and stated he would alert the priests and congregations of their thirty churches throughout the states of Yucatan and Campeche and the territory of Quintana Roo. MATTHEWS stated he would also alert JOHN MARTIN WEESTRA, independent Presbyterian minister at Merida, Yucatan, as well as a Baptist minister, name not given.

5/3/68
Father DENNIS O'BRIEN
Catholic Priest
Merida, Yucatan

Stated he would alert priests through Yucatan, Merida and Quintana Roo.

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ROGER SIDINER and
CLARENCE BASSETT
Presbyterian ministers
Campeche, Campeche

Advised they had 53 congregations throughout the State of Campeche. They were given a supply of wanted flyers and Identification Orders and they assured they would alert all ministers and members of their congregations to be on the lookout for the subject.

In addition the following American residents of Campeche were alerted regarding this matter:

Father RICHARD SCHINDLER
Catholic Priest
Lerma (near Campeche)

TOM and BILL KELLEHER
Campeche

L. W. COLEMAN
Trailer Court operator
Campeche

Date prepared 6/3/68		
Date received 5/16/68	Received from (name or symbol number) MEX-42 and 196	Received by R. J. GRAY
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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 4/30 to 5/14/68 Date(s) of activity same
Brief description of activity or material Efforts to locate JAMES EARL RAY thru check of hotels, restaurants, etc. neg. Efforts to locate FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ, JR.		File where original is located if not attached 134-31A-635

Remarks: on 5/3,4, 6,7,8,9,10,11,13,14 neg.

No need for copies of neg. reps to case files.

① - 173-1 (RAY) *(P)*

1 - 42-1181 (F. RODZ.)

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LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (134-328A)

6/4/68

SA JOHN PAGE, JR.

CS MEX-134

On 5/3/68 CS MEX-134 was contacted at Merida, Yucatan. He was given a supply of identification orders and wanted flyers on JAMES EARL RAY. He stated he would distribute these among police throughout the State of Yucatan and the territory of Quintana Roo.

Source was extremely cooperative and offered his services in any way possible in connection with this matter and others in which this office has an interest.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 27 1968

FBI DALLAS

TELETYPE

218PM URGENT 5-27-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE DALLAS LONG DISTANCE CALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

ON MAY TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT DALLAS PCI THOMAS ALEXANDER CARGILE, JR., ADVISED SA CHARLES T. BROWN, JR., OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON MAY TWENTYSIX LAST CARGILE WAS ON TRIP TO SOUTH TEXAS AND STOPPED IN A SERVICE STATION IN SMALL TOWN. WHILE HIS CAR BEING SERVICED A "FRIEND" OF CARGILE'S, WHOM CARGILE DESCRIBED AS GAMBLER AND SOMETIME THIEF, CAME INTO SERVICE STATION. CARGILE STATED HIS FRIEND TRAVELS CONTINUOUSLY AND STATED HE HAD JUST COME FROM MONTEREY, MEXICO. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION CARGILE'S FRIEND MENTIONED HE SAW A MAN WHO APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY WORKING AS BARTENDER IN CLUB NEAR THE "CHEVROLET HOUSE" IN MONTEREY. CARGILE'S FRIEND SAID IF WAS NOT RAY "IT MUST BE HIS BROTHER." CARGILE QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER THE "CHEVROLET HOUSE" MEANT A HOTEL, MOTEL, OR CHEVROLET DEALER IN MONTEREY. CARGILE SAID

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HE PRESUMED CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILE DEALER MEANT. CARGILE ASKED HIS FRIEND WHY HE HAD NOT REPORTED THIS INFORMATION TO AUTHORITIES, AT WHICH TIME FRIEND STATED "HE DID NOT WANT TO BE INVOLVED." CARGILE REQUESTED TO FURNISH IDENTITY OF HIS FRIEND, AT WHICH TIME CARGILE STATED PREFERRED NOT TO IDENTIFY THE MAN SINCE THE MAN WOULD KNOW WHO HAD FURNISHED INFORMATION IF HE IS CONTACTED. CARGILE SAID ALTHOUGH HE HAS KNOWN THIS MAN FOR SOME TIME HE IS IN A CONTINUOUS TRAVEL STATUS AND HE DID NOT KNOW HOW TO REACH HIM.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM. P

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 5-11-68 Date(s) of activity NA
Brief description of activity or material WILLIAM O. GILLENLINE, aka - FUG ; MURKIN		File where original is located if not attached 137-150A - 7

Remarks:

Negative investigation Baja, California to locate Sub.

MURKIN distribution flyers and photographs of
JAMES EARL RAY, Baja California.

Not necessary to make copy for GILLENLINE file, 115-133
as info already dictated into same.

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☐ Radio☐ Teletype

TO: ALL LEGATS
 FROM: WASHINGTON, D.C.
 NO: 202 BY: DAH

DATE SENT: 6-6-68
 DATE RECEIVED: 6-6-68
 TIME RECEIVED: 3:15PM

MURKIN.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION INVESTIGATION HAS DISCLOSED THAT
 SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA UNDER THE NAMES OF
PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD FROM APRIL 8, 1968 UNTIL
 MAY 6, 1968. HE DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, BY BOAC
 FLIGHT ON MAY 6. SUBJECT WAS TRAVELING ON CANADIAN PASSPORT ISSUED
 IN NAME OF SNEYD AND HE IS BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON NAMED RAMON
 GEORGE SNEYD WHO IS OFFICER OF POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TORONTO, ONT.,
 CANADA. HIS BIRTH DATA WAS USED BY SUBJECT IN OBTAINING PASSPORT.
 THE TRUE SNEYD HAS NOT MADE ANY APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT AND IS NOT
 KNOWN TO HAVE ANY EXTENSIVE TRAVEL PLANS. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFOR-
 MATION.

APPROPRIATE STOPS SHOULD BE PLACED CONCERNING SNEYD.
 THESE SHOULD NOT INDICATE THAT SNEYD IS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH
 ASSASSINATION OF KING. YOU MAY ADVISE AUTHORITIES THAT INDIVIDUAL
 TRAVELING UNDER CANADIAN PASSPORT USING NAME OF SNEYD IS WANTED FOR
 UFAC FOR CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

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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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Date: 6/6/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

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Via CABLE _____
PRIORITYNO 271 BY _____
(Priority)

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MURKIN.

REBUCAB TO ALL LEGATS JUNE SIX INSTANT.

FOR ASSISTANCE IN PLACING APPROPRIATE STOPS CONCERNING SUBJECT RAY UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS OFFICE BE FURNISHED DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH UTILIZED ON PASSPORT AND ANY OTHER DESCRIPTIVE DATA SET OUT ON PASSPORT. IF DESCRIPTIVE DATA, ASIDE FROM DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, NOT SHOWN ON PASSPORT OR PASSPORT APPLICATION, AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO UTILIZE IN GENERAL TERMS BASIC PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF RAY.

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Approved: *W. J. Ferrell*
Special Agent in ChargeSent *802*

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S I N A L O A

El Sol del Pacífico
Angel Flores # 253,pte.
Mazatlán

Correo de la Tarde
Miguel Alemán 66,ote
Mazatlán

El Sinaloense
Juárez 87,sur
Mazatlán

El Demócrata
Constitución 53,pte
Mazatlán

El Sol de Sinaloa
Angel Flores 253,pte
Culiacán,

Diario de Culiacán
Rosales 167,ote
Culiacán

La Voz de Sinaloa
Rafael Buelna 57
Culiacán

Diario de los Mochis
Guillermo Prieta y G. Victoria
Los Mochis

El Debate
Obregón y Degollado
Los Mochis

Vocero
Juárez y 5 de Febrero
Guasave

El Regional
Domicilio conocido
Gusave

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27 de agosto # 118
Nogales

El Imparcial
Mina # 72
Hermosillo

Acción
Ingenieros # 30
Nogales

El Regional
Mina # 72
Hermosillo

El Intruso
Calle 2a. # 12, ote
Cananea

El Pueblo
Colima y Garmendia
Hermosillo

Norte
Callejón G M # 44
Cananea

El Dia
Obregón y 5 de mayo
Santa Ana

Diario del Yaqui
Sinaloa # 418
Ciudad Obregón

Tribuna del Yaqui
Domicilio conocido
Ciudad Obregón

Informador del Mayo
Mina # 108
Navojoa

La Gaceta
Calle 15 y Abelardo L Rodríguez
Guaymas

El Diario
Ave. 16 y Calle 18
Guaymas

El Sonorense
Veracruz s/n
Hermosillo

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El Mexicano
Domicilio Conocido
Mexicali

La Voz de la Frontera
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Mexicali

Baja California
Rampa Xicohencatl # 100
Tijuana

El Heraldó de Baja Cfa.
Av México # 103
Tijuana

El Mexicano
Ave. México # 120
Tijuana

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5 de Mayo # 302
La Paz, Territorio Sur de B.C.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : LEGAT (173-1)

FROM : SA RICHARD W. KAISER

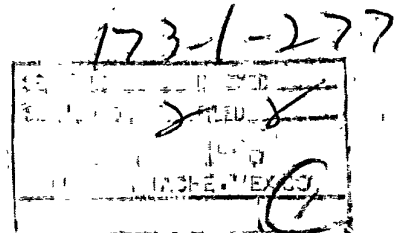
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 6, 1968

In connection with captioned case, photographs of suspect JAMES EARL RAY have been furnished to USIS at Hermosillo, Sonora, for appropriate distribution to newspapers on the west coast of Mexico.

In this regard, USIS made available the attached list of newspapers.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-1)

FROM : SA Russell Jean Gray, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/7/68

On 6/7/68, MEX-25 and MEX-55, Fisur team; were instructed to concentrate on the Mexico City Aiport whenever possible and to observe passengers arriving and departing for Europe.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (173-1)

DATE: 6/7/68

FROM : SA RICHARD S. CLARK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

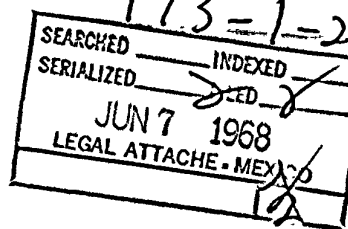
On 6/7/68 CARL STEPHENSON of the San Antonio Office made a long distance telephone call concerning this matter. He inquired if we had received a radiogram from the Bureau last night relating to Canada and was advised that we had.

In view of this he desired to know if they could discontinue leads they had concerning individuals who were on the bus to San Luis Potosi.

The matter was discussed with ASAC FOARDE and with his authority STEPHENSON was advised that they could discontinue for the time being in this matter.

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☐ Radio☐ Teletype

TO: MEXICO CITY
FROM: WASHING, D.C.
NO. 203 BY: IMT

DATE SENT: 6/7/68
DATE RECEIVED: 6/8/68
TIME RECEIVED: 9:15 AM

MURKIN

SUBJECT UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD IN APPLICATION
FOR CANADIAN PASSPORT LISTED DATE OF BIRTH AS OCTOBER 8, 1932,
BORN TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA AND DESCRIBED AS MALE, 5 FEET
10 INCHES, BLACK HAIR BLUES EYES, 168 POUNDS.

YOUR ARE REMINDED THAT ANY STOPS PLACED CONCERNING
SNEDY IS TO BE IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED AT LONDON, ENGLAND,
JUNE EIGHT INSTANT. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND REMOVE
ALL STOPS.

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INTERVIEW OF ELISA ARELLANO TORRES NOTING
SUBJECT LEFT HER FOR 10 OR 15 MINUTES EACH
MORNING.

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Copy of informant report attached for case file.

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ELISA ARELLANO TORRES (caso ERICK STARVO GALT)

GUADAJALARA, JAL.

Despues de estar insistiendo durante varios dias, reentrevistar a Elisa Arella no Torres, en el domicilio donde fué entrevistada la ocasión anterior, calle Apénos No. 1764 Colonia Independencia, mismo donde tenía su residencia, se investigó en el vecindario, donde informaban no haber visto a Elisa ni a Roberto Arendeiro con quien vive, pero opinaban que aún vivían ahí y su ausencia se debía a razones de trabajo (retratos dibujados) y acostumbraban salir con frecuencia de la ciudad.

Se pensó que Elisa Podría estar en Ayo El Chico, Jal. en donde se encuentran sus hijos [REDACTED] de 5 años de edad y [REDACTED] de [REDACTED] de los mismos apellidos y de 4 años de edad, con la abuela materna de ellos, señora María de Jesus Jimenez, propietaria de un Restaurant en esa población.

Entrevistada María de Jesus Jimenez, propietaria del restaurant "Super Cafe" ubicado en Avenida Vallarta No. 29 Ayo El Chico, Jal. y de otro restaurant ubicado En la esquina de las calles Vallarta y Vicente Guerrero, Del mismo lugar, dijo que Elisa estuvo casada con su hijo Roberto Asencio Jimenez, y se divorciaron debido a que Elisa se escapó a la ciudad de México con un hermano de su propio esposo, llamado Rigoberto Asencio, y en el mes de octubre de 1967, ella misma vino a entregar a sus dos hijos diciendo que ella no podía tenerlos porque le estorbaban para trabajar, y desde esa fecha no han tenido noticias de ella. Referente a Roberto, éste se encuentra casado nuevamente, tiene su domicilio en calle General Coronado No. 494 y trabaja con el conjunto musical que toca en el Bar Tekare.

Finalmente Elisa fué localizada en un nuevo domicilio, calle Torres Quintero No. 74 Colonia Independencia, dicha localización se debió a que ella misma estaba tratando de localizarme y fué a la Jefatura de Policía para ver si alguien le daba informes, encontrandose con el Agente Abel Chavez Salcedo, quien como ella ignoraba mi nombre le pidió media filiación y dedujo de quien se trataba.

En ésta segunda entrevista, Elisa dijo que las nuevas fotografías que se le mostraron del sugeto, (de lentes y donde luce gordo), corresponden al mismo sugeto que conoció en Puerto Vallarta, Jal., pero en la que luce mas gordo es en la que mas

se parece. Al preguntárcele si ella vió en alguna ocasión las maletas, la máquina de escribir, la cámara Polaroid y la hielera portátil de Galt, contestó que nó.

Cuando se le preguntó sobre el reloj que usaba Galt, dijo si haberlo visto en varias ocasiones, aunque no recuerda la marca, pero posiblemente era de correa de cuero, y que el se lo dejaba casi todas las noches cuando se encontraban en el cuarto del hotel Las Glorias a donde acostumbraban ir diariamente después que él iba a recogerla a las doce de la noche, del Hotel Posada Vallarta donde ella trabajaba como fotógrafa y como vendedora de cigarros, y calcula que cuando él salía del hotel Las Glorias, serían las 24:30 ó la una de la mañana, le daba su reloj y le decía que para que viera que no se tardaba mas de 10 minutos, se iba en el mustang, y regresaba en 10 ó 15 minutos, nunca le dijo a donde iba. Se preguntó a Elisa si acaso en estas salidas ella notaba alguna actitud extraña en Galt, que se pensara que había salido a fumar marihuana ó a usar alguna droga, ella dijo que nó, que regresaba perfectamente normal. Finalizó diciendo que ella nunca supo de sus relaciones con Manueda Aguirre, ni con ninguna otra mujer, así como tampoco que visitara los cabarets, y que hasta el momento no ha recordado ningún otro incidente de sus relaciones con Galt, que no haya ya informado en las ocasiones anteriores, y que el motivo de que tratara de localizarle, es que habiéndose disgustado con Roberto Arendeiro, tenía decidido irse a vivir a Puerto Vallarta, y quería informarme de - ex esto, por si era necesario que fuera ella entrevistada para el caso que nos ocupa dijo que podría ser localizada en Iturbide No. 102 ó bien trabajando en la fotografía en el Hotel Posada Vallarta donde tratará de conseguir esos empleos, o bien en el domicilio indicado, la señora Virginia Preciado puede informar de ella, ya que bajo su cuidado tiene al niño Carlos Asencio Arellano de año y medio de edad, hijo de Elisa, dijo que también podría ser localizada por conducto de su mamá Margarita Torres, ~~xxxx~~ que tiene el teléfono No. 2-16-37 Ciudad Juárez, Chih.

Guadalajara, Jal. junio 1 de 1968

City Merida, YucatanDate June 2, 1968Request of Legal Attache, Mexico City, Three hundredpesos, and no centavos,(\$ 300.00 M.N.), which money was actually paid by me on June 2, 1968to Thomas L. Kingsbury, Jr., for services 6/2/68for information concerning the case entitled MURKIN (173-1)Signed: *Russell Jean Gray*

Special Agent

Authority (date) Legat (6/2/68)Period Covered by Payment 6/2/68Authorization Checked xReceipts Received xVoucher Prepared JUN 10 1968Item 27Date of Actual Payment June 2, 1968By Whom SA RUSSELL JEAN GRAY, JR.Informant's File No. 173-1 (MURKIN)Approved *ML*

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Completion of check of hotels, motels and tourist centers in Villa de Santiago, El Alamo, Montemorelos and Linares, Nuevo Leon. All negative for registrations during 10/7-20/67.

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MONTERREY, N.L., MAYO 24 DE 1968.
INFORME RELACIONADO CON LA LOCA-
LIZACION DE JAMES EARL RAY.

Los días 23 y 24 del mes en curso fueron checados los hoteles y -
centros Turisticos que comprenden Villa de Santiago, El Alamo, Montemo-
relos y Linares, Nuevo León; en todos los lugares fue mostrada la foto-
grafía de JAMES EARL RAY pero no fue identificado en ningún lugar, ni -
registrado en los hoteles.

En Villa de Santiago se checó con los guias piratas y empleados -
de restaurantes; en El Alamo tambien se checó con empleados de restau -
rantes y centros de vicio. En Montemorelos; en los hoteles y centros -
de vicio.

En Linares, N.L., se checó el Motel Linares, otro que se encuentra
a la entrada de Linares, el Hotel Ramal y el Hotel Guide, y en ninguna -
parte se le encontró registrado.

Tambien se checó en Galeana, Nuevo León en la carretera a ésta dos
campamentos de Turistas Norteamericanos, mismos que acampan con sus auto
móviles y casas movibles- no obteniendose noticias de JAMES EARL RAY.

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MONTERREY, N.L., MAYO 25 DE 1968.
INFORME DE LA LOCALIZACION DE -
JAMES EARL RAY.

El día de hoy se terminaron de checar los hoteles de la ciudad, - en donde se mostró la fotografía de JAMES EARL RAY y se revisaron los - libros de registro desde el 8 de Octubre al 20 del mismo mes del año - de 1967, no encontrándose como huésped ni fué reconocido por los emplea - dos.

Los hoteles checados fueron los siguientes: - Motel Anfa, Prop. - Lic. ANDRES RUBIES TRIAS; Motel Omega, Prop. AMERICO GARZA; Motel Alamo, Prof. FRANCISCO LEHAMANN; Motel Royal; Apartamentos Regina; Hotel de Los Reyes; Motel California; Hotel Favorita; Hotel Son-Mar; Hotel Panamericano; Hotel Madero; Hotel Apartamentos Del Norte; Hotel Jardin; Hotel Regis; Hotel Avenida; Hotel Yamallel; Hotel El Paso; Hotel Hol - Rey; Hotel Dón Diego; Hotel Plaza; Hotel San Antonio; Hotel Continental; Hotel San Francisco; Hotel Ancira; Hotel Ambassador; Hotel Rio y Hotel Yucatán.

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MONTERREY, N.L., MAYO 27 DE 1968.
INFORME RELACIONADO CON LA LOCA-
LIZACION DE JAMES EARL RAY.

El día de hoy fueron checados todos los negocios de restaurantes, -
Cervecerías y cantinas de las colonias Roma y Tecnológico, en donde se -
mostró la fotografía de JAMES EARL RAY a los meseros y cantineros, mani-
festando éstos que dicha persona no se le ha visto ni como cliente ni -
trabajando.

Los negocios checados fueron los siguientes: Restaurant La Ronda, -
Ave. Tecnológico y Ave. del Estado; Estanquillo y expendio de cerveza -
Ave. Tecnológico, denominado La Silla, Prop. HERMINIO LOPEZ; Estanqui-
llo, Prop. BERNARDO RODRIGUEZ Ave. Tecnológico y Pernambuco; Estanqui-
llo Olivo, Ave. Pernambuco y Bogotá, Prop. FRANCISCO OLIVO; Cervecería
Perez, Ave. Naranja # 2305; Restaurant Las Pampas, Ave. Tecnológico; -
Nevería Roma, Col. Roma; Estanquillo y Cervecería, Prop. JOSE A. GARCIA;
ubicado en las calles de Juana de Asbaje y Palestina. Por último, se vi-
sitó el estanquillo de ROGELIO ROJAS, guía Pirata, que se encuentra en -
la calle Monterrey # 104 en La Boquilla, quien dijo no haber visto a JA-
MES EARL RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : LEGAT (173-1)

DATE: June 10, 1968

FROM :  SA RUSSELL JEAN GRAY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

In response to information to the effect that JAMES EARL RAY was employed in the kitchen of the Hotel Zazil-Ha at Isla Mujeres, Quintana Roo, the writer proceeded from Mexico, D.F., to Merida, Yucatan, on May 28, 1968. Through the cooperation of ERNESTO ABREU GOMEZ, Chief, Police of Merida, arrangements were made for GILBERTO M. PECH P., an identification and laboratory expert in the Department of Records and Identification of the State Attorney General's Office, to accompany the writer to Isla Mujeres.

On May 29, 1968, PECH and the writer arrived at Isla Mujeres, where PECH made contact with JORGE POLANCO, Commandant of Police and a personal friend. It was determined that there was an existing police complaint at the Zazil-Ha Hotel which would allow a cover for investigation on the premises. A discreet survey of the hotel was made on the evening of May 29, 1968, but no one resembling the subject was observed.

On May 30, 1968, PECH and POLANCO made inquiry at the hotel and determined from FERNANDO MARTINEZ, the manager, that there were no Americans employed in the hotel. During the course of the investigation, photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to MARTINEZ, who immediately stated that RAY resembled a guest who had been at the hotel approximately May 9 through 12, 1968. This person was named JAMES ANDERSON, of Savannah, Georgia. However, since he had left without paying his bill, all the records pertaining to his stay had been sent to Merida to the hotel's accounting office for possible collection efforts. Inquiry by PECH and POLANCO developed that several other employees also thought the photographs of RAY resembled ANDERSON.

Once it had been determined that the subject was not present in the hotel, the writer accompanied PECH to the hotel and the following joint results of interview were obtained:

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FERNANDO MARTINEZ, after searching certain accounting records, determined that JAMES ANDERSON of Savannah, Georgia, had arrived at the hotel on May 8 and departed on May 14, 1968.

MARTINEZ said that the cab driver who brought ANDERSON to the hotel from the airport reported that he resembled the man who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING. During the course of his stay, MARTINEZ learned that ANDERSON was violently anti-Negro, and one evening in jest MARTINEZ accused him of killing KING. ANDERSON became very angry and replied, "That spook got what he deserved." Following this he stated that he thought he'd better leave, and it was the following day that he left the hotel.

MARTINEZ said that ANDERSON was traveling on reservations made through the Perez y Perez Agency, had been in Puerto Vallarta, and had stayed in Mexico City at the Hotel Maria Isabel. He said he checked out of the Maria Isabel because there were too many American tourists around and he wanted a quieter place. ANDERSON claimed to be the vice president of a super market chain in Savannah but said he never wanted to go back to the United States. He said that his family sent him money every month and that if he went home his father would cut him off. He discussed the possibility of flying directly to Europe without returning to the United States.

MARTINEZ said that all of ANDERSON's clothing was new, having been purchased in Mexico City. He was described as a heavy drinker and once asked MARTINEZ to obtain marijuana for him. MARTINEZ observed a small carrying case full of costume jewelry and another attache case in which ANDERSON carried a .380 Super Match automatic pistol with one clip in the gun and two extra clips. He stated he carried the gun because he was traveling alone. MARTINEZ stated that despite his alleged position in business he seemed unfamiliar with such matters as purchasing money orders.

MARTINEZ described ANDERSON as being a white male, 5' 10" tall, 185 to 190 pounds, age late 30's. He stated that ANDERSON's facial characteristics closely resembled those of JAMES EARL RAY and that he had a cut scar on his forehead. He further stated that the signature appearing on the identification order appeared to closely match the handwriting of ANDERSON.

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CONSUELO KIYAMA, cashier, reported she felt that JAMES ANDERSON closely resembled the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She said that ANDERSON's mouth appeared exactly the same as RAY's in the photograph taken in Los Angeles. She described ANDERSON as in his late 30's, 5' 10", 185 pounds, hairy arms. She stated he wore a white gold ring with eight small diamonds and several cheap tourist type rings. He walked slowly, limped and used a cane. He had a deep accent, and she could not understand all that he said.

KIYAMA advised she accompanied ANDERSON to the telegraph office so that he could cable for money from his family in Savannah, Georgia. She stated he sent four telegrams.

YOLANDA RUBALCAVA, Administration Desk, advised she, also, felt that JAMES ANDERSON closely resembled the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She described ANDERSON in approximately the same manner as had KIYAMA. She stated she was certain that he had no cleft in his chin, however. RUBALCAVA recalled that on one afternoon, after ANDERSON had had trouble cashing a check at the bank, she agreed to accompany him to a mid-town store to try to change some money. He walked with a limp and told her that he had fallen down a fire escape while fleeing after being surprised in a married woman's bedroom. They got to a store where he attempted to buy her a nightgown, but when she objected he bought her a dress instead for 220 pesos.

ANDERSON asked RUBALCAVA if she could obtain marijuana for him, which she refused to do. He also indicated he wanted to buy peroxide which he used on his short cut hair.

ENRIQUE LIMA Z., son of the owner of the hotel, advised he was present when JAMES ANDERSON checked in but left the city a day or two later. LIMA stated that when ANDERSON arrived he said he had lost a leg in the war and was a cattle man. LIMA later noted that ANDERSON signed on the register as a professor, and still later ANDERSON told him that he was in the supermarket business in Savannah, Georgia. First ANDERSON wanted to pay his bill with a personal check and later claimed he had forgotten his checkbook in Savannah. He objected to the first room he was given, saying he wanted a quieter room in view of the loss of his leg.

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LIMA stated that ANDERSON drank heavily and spent a great deal of time in the bar. LIMA recalled that ANDERSON had a cut scar on his forehead and looked very much like the picture of JAMES EARL RAY taken in Los Angeles. LIMA's physical description of ANDERSON closely matched that given by the other persons interviewed.

On May 31, 1968, EDELBERTO SANCHEZ, Administrator, Telegrafos Nacionales, Isla Mujeres, confidentially made available his files and determined that JAMES ANDERSON sent four telegrams on May 10, 1968. One telegram was sent to JACK WILSON, Vice President, Liberty National Bank, Skidway Office, Savannah, Georgia, requesting WILSON to have ANDERSON's mother send him \$300. A second telegram was sent to Mrs. HARRY E. (LOIS) ANDERSON, 800 Pa. Avenue, Savannah, advising her of his whereabouts. Two other telegrams were sent to Mexico City in connection with the loss of a piece of luggage.

SANCHEZ and telegraphic clerk TEODORO REYNALDO SULU CAN both recalled ANDERSON coming in with Miss KIYAMA.

On the basis of the above, a telegram with the Savannah address was sent immediately to the Legat, Mexico City, following an earlier telegram giving background information about ANDERSON.

On May 31, 1968, PECH and SA GRAY returned to Merida via ship and bus and determined at the Hotel Maria del Carmen that JAMES H. ANDERSON had stayed there from 5:35 p.m. on May 13, 1968, until May 15, 1968. His bill was 602 pesos with a bar bill of 307 pesos included.

JOSE M. BURGOS, bartender, reported that ANDERSON was an obnoxious drunkard who claimed he had injured his leg in a sports car accident.

Following receipt of information by telephone from ALEGAT FOARDE, inquiry at the Pan American Airways ticket office in Merida through Mr. M. ECHEVARRIA determined that JAMES ANDERSON departed Merida on May 15, 1968, via PAA 506 en route to Savannah, Georgia.

On the evening of May 31, 1968, ALEGAT FOARDE reported that information had been received that ANDERSON had been located

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in Savannah and eliminated as a suspect in this case.

On June 1, 1968, ERNESTO ABREU GOMEZ was recontacted and thanked on behalf of this office for the assistance rendered by him and especially by Mr. PECH.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : LEGAT (173-1)

FROM : SA RUSSELL JEAN GRAY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 10, 1968

At Merida, Yucatan

On June 1, 1968, Vice Consul DONALD J. YELLMAN, Merida, reported that Reverend ERNEST D. MATTHEWS possibly had information regarding JAMES EARL RAY.

On June 2, 1968, Reverend ERNEST D. MATTHEWS was located at Calle 58A #510, Merida. He stated he received a letter dated May 28, 1968, from FELIX OZCORRA, a missionary at Bacalar, Quintana Roo, who had been furnished with a flier in this case previously distributed by SA JOHN PAGE, JR.

In this letter OZCORRA stated that while he was away from home at the end of April his wife reported that an American and a Mexican had come to the kitchen of their house. The American had books under his arm and was wearing a dirty sport or sweat shirt. The Mexican, who came back another time, described himself as a shipyard worker from the west coast who was looking for work. Mrs. OZCORRA said these men left Bacalar about three weeks previously and she had not seen them since. However, her husband said she was quite sure the American resembled JAMES EARL RAY as depicted on the flier.

It should be noted that the fliers did not reach Bacalar until sometime after the departure of the American in question.

On June 2, 1968, Consul WILLIAM N. HARBEN, Merida, advised he had just returned from a road trip to Chetumal, capital of Quintana Roo and the principal city near Bacalar. He had made inquiries regarding an American on May 26, 27 and 29, 1968, at Chetumal, and there are none there. He stated it was his opinion that JAMES EARL RAY would hardly cross the border into Belize as Belize City is populated by 99 per cent by Negroes.

On June 2, 1968, THOMAS L. KINGSBURY, Calle 28 #414, Colonia Industrial, Merida, who is familiar with smuggling

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narcotics and other criminal activities in the Yucatan Peninsula, advised he had heard a rumor that an American with money had walked with a group of Mexicans from Carrillo Puerto, Quintana Roo, to Vigia Chico. Also in the group was MAUREEN GRIFFIN, a Florida prostitute and narcotics addict. They were en route to join ARNE HOMER CHRISTIANSEN, an American smuggler and pimp who lives on Isla Punta at the north end of Ascension Bay. This location is a perfect hideaway and is the scene of an air strip constructed by JORGE DIAZ CARRILLO to fly out lobsters, et cetera. CHRISTIANSEN in the past helped Bureau fugitive ROYCE LEE BOLIN, knowing him to be a fugitive, and would be capable of helping a person such as JAMES EARL RAY, according to KINGSBURY. KINGSBURY stated that CHRISTIANSEN is an alcoholic and marijuana user and is violently anti-Negro.

KINGSBURY advised he planned a trip shortly to the area where CHRISTIANSEN was. He was furnished with photographs of JAMES EARL RAY in the hope that he would observe RAY, should he be hiding in the area of CHRISTIANSEN's camp.

It is noted that by letter dated 6/4/68 Consul HARBEN advised this office that KINGSBURY showed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY to a truck driver who took one of two Americans who recently traveled to Punta Maya (just before reaching Isla Punta) and that this man was apparently not RAY.

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UNCLAS ATTN USIS INFORMATION OFFICERS:

CLARK ANNOUNCES APPREHENSION OF KING MURDER SUSPECT

WASHINGTON, JUNE 8--THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT SATURDAY:

(BEGIN FULL TEXT)

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPED CONVICT BEING SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968, HAS BEEN LOCATED IN LONDON, ENGLAND.

FBI DIRECTOR JOHN EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO HAS USED THE NAME OF ERIC STARVO GALT AND OTHER ALIAS, WAS DETAINED BY OFFICERS OF NEW SCOTLAND YARD AT 11:15 A.M., LONDON TIME, THIS MORNING. RAY WAS TRAVELING UNDER THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD AND HAD TWO CANADIAN PASSPORTS IN THAT NAME IN HIS POSSESSION. ONE PASSPORT HAD BEEN ISSUED AT OTTAWA ON APRIL 24, 1968, AND THE OTHER HAD BEEN ISSUED MAY 16, 1968, AT LISBON, PORTUGAL, BY THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN THAT CITY. MR. HOOVER ADVISED THAT RAY WAS LOCATED BASED ON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE FBI TO NEW SCOTLAND YARD. AT THE TIME OF HIS DETENTION, RAY WAS PASSING

Mr. Ferris
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MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY IS NOW BEING HELD AT LONDON'S CANNON ROW POLICE STATION UNDER MAXIMUM SECURITY CONDITIONS. MR. HOOVER FURTHER ADVISED THAT RAY WAS ARMED WITH A FULLY LOADED PISTOL WHICH WAS FOUND IN HIS HIP POCKET. HE WAS WEARING GLASSES AND WAS DRESSED IN A LIGHT COLORED RAINCOAT, A SPORTS JACKET AND GRAY TROUSERS.

DIRECTOR HOOVER ADVISED THAT RAY'S ARREST WAS THE DIRECT RESULT OF INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI PURSUED IN ALL FIFTY STATES-- AS WELL AS IN CANADA, MEXICO, PORTUGAL, ENGLAND AND OTHER COUNTRIES. IN PARTICULAR, MR. HOOVER SIGNALLED OUT THE OUTSTANDING COOPERATION RECEIVED FROM THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE AND FROM ENGLAND'S NEW SCOTLAND YARD.

FBI DIRECTOR HOOVER POINTED OUT THAT RAY WAS DETAINED IN ENGLAND BASED ON HIS USE OF FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTATION--A PASSPORT--AND ALSO ON THE FACT HE WAS CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON. A FIRST DEGREE MURDER INDICTMENT WAS RETURNED BY THE SHELBY COUNTY GRAND JURY IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON MAY 7, 1968, CHARGING RAY AND NECESSARY EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS WILL BE INITIATED SHORTLY.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY WAS ADDED TO THE FBI'S LIST OF "TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" ON APRIL 20, 1968.

MR. HOOVER STATED THAT THE 40-YEAR-OLD RAY IS AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI. HE WAS RECEIVED AT THE INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER. IN APRIL, 1967, HE WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE STATE PENITENTIARY; AND ON JULY 20, 1967, BASED ON INFORMATION INDICATING RAY HAD FLED FROM MISSOURI, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED AT JEFFERSON CITY CHARGING HIM WITH UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT FOR ARMED ROBBERY.

ON APRIL 17, 1968, THE FBI FILED A COMPLAINT AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, CHARGING HIM, UNDER THE NAME OF ERIC STARVO GALT, WITH CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF DR. KING IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 241, OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

THIS FBI COMPLAINT CHARGES THAT:

"ON OR ABOUT MARCH 29, 1968, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,... ERIC STARVO GALT AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE ALLEGED TO BE HIS BROTHER, ENTERED INTO A CONSPIRACY WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5, 1968, TO INJURE, OPPRESS, THREATEN, OR INTIMIDATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,...IN THE FREE EXERCISE OR ENJOYMENT OF A RIGHT SECURED TO HIM BY THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES; NAMELY, THE RIGHT TO FREELY TRAVEL FROM STATE TO STATE. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS CONSPIRACY, ERIC STARVO GALT DID, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 30, 1968, PURCHASE A RIFLE AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA..."

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FATAL SHOOTING, A 30.06 RIFLE WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT WAS FOUND NEAR A ROOMING HOUSE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET IN MEMPHIS WHICH OVERLOOKS THE LORRAINE HOTEL AND MOTEL WHERE DR. KING WAS STAYING. MR. HOOVER SAID FBI AGENTS DETERMINED THAT THE RIFLE HAD BEEN PURCHASED ON MARCH 30, 1968, FROM A GUN DEALER IN BIRMINGHAM AND THAT THE TELESCOPIC SIGHT WAS ALSO PURCHASED FROM THIS DEALER.

ON APRIL 19, 1968, MR. HOOVER ANNOUNCED THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS

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Muy Estimado Amigo:

El sábado 25 en la tarde me traslade hasta Ciudad Guerrero, con el fin de hacer la primera visita que me encomendo, dejando algunas fotografías de las mismas que usted me dejó; tanto en la Cd. de Cuauhtémoc como en la de Guerrero que cubren una extensa arca al noroeste de esta Ciudad.

El domingo estuve en Casas Grandes, Janos, Galeana y puntos intermedios en la misma situación, quedando únicamente el sur del estado, que se complementa de la Cd. de Parral, Jiménez, - Delicias, Sta. Barbara, Camargo, mismas que veré el próximo domingo 2 del presente.

Le estoy adjuntando un reporte del periódico en el cual se lee algo con relación a lo que estoy expresando. Este salió el sábado 25 de mayo del presente año.

Sin otro particular de momento aprovecho la presenta para saludarlo;

Atentamente,

SU AMIGO