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to see some lots which BISCARA owned. He said that they looked at the lots, but that no serious discussion regarding the trade ever took place. He said the Subject invited him to go to Mismaloya, a beach area near Puerto Vallarta. He said that he and the Subject and IRMA all went there and spent some time at the beach.

BISCARA also stated that, while at the Casa Susana, Subject usually drank tequila and Squirrt, or a drink made from Bacardi rum. He did not recall that the Subject smoked, and stated that he knew nothing about the Subject seeking or using marijuana.

On April 23, 1968, the second source was advised by JOSE MANUEL GUZMAN GARCIA, Boca de Mismaloya, that GUZMAN and his brother, ELENO, operate a cantina and beach-front recreation area. He recalled the American with the white Mustang who came to the beach with IRMA, a cabaret girl, and "RODI," a bartender from Puerto Vallarta, several months earlier. He said he did not get a good look at the American because the latter stayed on the beach, but that "RODI" said that the American was spending a great deal of money on IRMA.

GUZMAN said the American came back two more times and that he had a different American girl with him on each occasion. He did not know these girls and presumed they were tourists. He said all of this activity was within the space of about one week's time, and took place several months ago.

On May 3, 1968, ELENO GUZMAN GARCIA, Boca de Mismaloya, advised the second source that he immediately recognized the photograph of the Subject with sunglasses as a man who had been at this beach several months earlier in a white Mustang, accompanied by IRMA, a bar girl, and a Mexican whom he believes was RODIMIR from the Casa Susana in Puerto Vallarta. He stated that this man had a noticeable scar on his forehead. He recalled that the Subject was fully dressed at all times and did not wear sunglasses that day. He said that the Subject spoke very little Spanish.

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On April 17, 1968, RODOLFO GONZALEZ, photographer, Posada Vallarta, advised the second source that ELISA had been a cigarette girl at the Posada Vallarta and also worked as a camera girl. He remembered that she told him that she had an American boyfriend with a nice car, some kind of Ford. He said this man gave ELISA enough money to get a place to live by herself so he could visit her but, instead, she took the money and left for Guadalajara.

On May 3, 1968, FRANCISCO PEREZ GOMEZ, captain of the main bar, Posada Vallarta, stated to the second source that he recalled the Subject only vaguely and knew very little about him or his activities. He said he did recall that the Subject was dating a girl named ELISA who worked in the bar selling cigarettes. PEREZ stated that one evening ELISA asked him to write a note for her in English to the Subject, whose name PEREZ could not recall. He said it seemed that ELISA had accepted some 500 pesos (\$40 U.S.) from the Subject to rent an apartment for them, but that she had used the money to take two of her children to Guadalajara. The note was to explain to the Subject how she had spent his money and to ask his pardon. He recalled that the Subject came into the bar, perhaps that same evening, and PEREZ delivered the note to him. PEREZ said all this took place about four or five months ago, and that he did recall the Subject had a white Mustang. He did not remember ever seeing him again, and was not certain that he could even recognize him if they should meet.

On April 18, 1968, the second source was advised by Mr. and Mrs. SALVADOR MEZA, proprietors of a cheap motel at Playa la Gloria, that they remembered an American who drove a white Mustang and came to the hotel in about November, 1967, with ELISA, who was the girlfriend of the photographer at the Posada Vallarta. They said he came to the hotel once with ELISA and twice alone, and on the latter occasions took a corner room. He left about dawn and returned sometime later, locking himself in the room all day. They stated that they considered this very strange behavior.

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Mrs. MEZA also stated that she recalls the same individual coming back a fourth time with a prostitute whose name she did not know. She said this woman had left Puerto Vallarta for Tijuana, Baja California, some time ago.

At Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

On April 18, 1968, the third source advised that ELISA ARELLANO TORRES, age 20, was located at Guadalajara on the night of April 17, 1968. She was living at Apeninos 1764, Colonia Independencia, and stated that she was born on [REDACTED] at Durango, Durango, Mexico.

ELISA ARELLANO said that she had been employed as a cigarette girl and photographer at the Posada Vallarta at Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, in November, 1967. She said that one night after work she was offered a ride back to the central part of town by the bartender of the Oceano Hotel and a white male American, who later identified himself to her as ERIC STARVO GALT. She said that GALT at that time lived at the Hotel Rio, but later moved to the "Tropicana" Hotel. She recalled his automobile as a white Mustang with Alabama license plates. She stated that after this first meeting she had marital relations with GALT for about five days at a place she identified as the Hotel Las Glorias, which is located on the road to the airport from Puerto Vallarta.

ELISA ARELLANO said that she parted company with GALT because he wanted her to buy marijuana, which she refused to do. She said he told her he had made various trips to Yelapa in order to buy marijuana. She said she saw him around Puerto Vallarta for about fifteen days after they parted company. She described him as a white male American, about 36 years old, five feet eleven inches tall, regular to slender build, brown hair and a thin nose.

On April 18, 1968, ELISA ARELLANO told the third source that while she and GALT were going together, he had asked her to rent an apartment. She said he gave

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her 600 pesos (\$48 U.S.) and was to get more money from the bank. She said she went to a person called "CHICO" PEREZ in the main restaurant of the Posada Vallarta, and asked him to write a letter to GALT apologizing and stating that she could not see him again.

Continuing, ELISA ARELLANO said that she recalled that GALT only had two or three drinks during the time she spent with him, and recalled that he had a screwdriver or a vodka and tonic. She said he did not smoke, and she never saw him smoking marijuana. He told her that he had gone to Yelapa several times and he seemed to have a lack of energy, and it appeared to tire him to carry on a conversation. She described him as a complete introvert. She said he did not like noisy crowds or sounds, and stated that he did not like children. One of his favorite expressions was that he was very tired, and she thought that he might be a mental case. She said that he had no scars on his body and appeared to have thin legs with a heavy upper trunk.

On June 6, 1968, ELISA ARELLANO advised the third source, after examining photographs of the Subject wearing sunglasses and the photograph taken in California in early 1968, that she recognized both of these photographs as being the same individual whom she knew in Puerto Vallarta, but that in the California photograph he appeared heavier than when she knew him.

On April 21, 1968, the third source advised that IRMA MORALES, the prostitute who was formerly employed at the Casa Susana in Puerto Vallarta, had been identified as MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO. She was born on [REDACTED] at Rancho San Isidro, which is in the municipality of Atotonilco, Jalisco, Mexico.

At Atotonilco, Jalisco, Mexico

On April 22, 1968, MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO advised the third source that she was formerly employed at the Casa Susana in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, as a

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prostitute. She identified a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as the individual known as ERIC GALT whom she had met one night at the Casa Susana. She said she could not be certain of the date, but thought it might have been about October 24, 1967. She recalled that during this first visit, GALT spent the evening with another prostitute called "La Chilindrina."

The next day, GALT came to the house looking for "La Chilindrina," who was out of town. He then began his friendship with MANUELA and, she stated, slept with her nearly every night for the next several days during his visits to the house.

She recalled that GALT was very methodical and had allowed himself 100 pesos (\$8 U.S.) for drinking money and another 100 pesos each day for a girl. She recalled that he drank beer during the daytime and gin at night. She said he invited her to go to Mismaloya, a nearby beach, and that, after postponing the trip for two or three days, they did go to Mismaloya with RODIMIR BISCARA, the bartender. She described GALT's automobile as a white automobile with Alabama license plates, and as having a red interior with reclining seats. She said this was a two-door automobile, but she could not remember the make. She said that after swimming, drinking beer and having a seafood lunch, they began the return trip to Puerto Vallarta at about 4 p.m. About half-way along the distance from Mismaloya to Puerto Vallarta, GALT stopped the car and took what appeared to be a new Polaroid camera from an ice chest in the back. He said that this was one of the first rolls of film in the camera and that there were only two pictures left. He mentioned that the camera had cost him a little less than \$80. He took a photograph of MANUELA seated at the steering wheel of the car with her skirts up. This photograph was bad and he destroyed it. A little farther on, they stopped at a place called Punta Negra, where GALT took another photograph which was also bad, and he tore it up. She recalled that this was a Saturday and that they arrived back at the Casa Susana about 5 p.m. and GALT departed saying that he would not return that night.

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On the next day, a Sunday, MANUELA stated that GALT arrived at the Casa Susana about 9 p.m. She believed that this might have been on October 29, 1967. GALT drank with MANUELA and noted that there were four Negroes and some white people seated at a nearby table. These were sailors from a yacht or private boat which had stopped at Puerto Vallarta.

She said that one Negro was very tall and another was short and fat, about five feet four inches tall. The latter was very drunk, and the whole group was rowdy and having a good time. GALT appeared angry at the Negroes and said insulting things concerning them. He said he hated Negroes. He left his table, said something insulting to the short Negro and returned to his table. All of the individuals at the other table appeared to be talking about GALT.

MANUELA AGUIRRE said that GALT then went to his car and came back to the table. He went again to the table where the Negroes were seated and insulted them and returned to his own table. He asked her to feel his pocket and she felt what appeared to be an automatic-type pistol. She believed it to be something similar to a Walther .380 automatic. GALT said he was going to kill them. The tall Negro came to GALT's table and said something in a peaceful manner, but GALT replied in an insulting manner. The tall Negro then returned to his table and took the shorter Negro in his arms and took him out of the house. GALT wanted to go after them, but MANUELA told him this would not be a good idea since it was about 10 p.m. and the police were scheduled to visit the house momentarily. GALT said he wanted nothing to do with the police.

MANUELA AGUIRRE said that GALT visited the house again on the following day and told her that he would not see her for several days. He said he wanted to rest and would only sleep and eat. He next returned on what MANUELA recalled as a Thursday of the same week and told her that he planned to move to the "Tropicana" Hotel. He spent more than 200 pesos (\$16 U.S.) for drinks and left about midnight.

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On the following day, according to MANUELA AGUIRRE, GALT arrived between 8 and 9 p.m. and she, MANUELA, was drunk and said that she did not want to go to bed with him. GALT remained to drink at one of the tables and there was a photographer present, causing MANUELA to request that a photograph be taken of GALT with her. GALT did not want his photograph taken, but she insisted. He told her that he planned to go to Yelapa on Saturday or Sunday, and that he did not like to go out in Puerto Vallarta on Saturday or Sunday because there was so much noise and so many people around.

She said that GALT arrived at the house between 8 and 9 p.m. on the following Monday. He invited MANUELA for one drink and was very serious and impolite. He was angry with her for her actions on the previous Friday. He asked her to marry him and she refused. She said that he had previously asked her to marry him. He said that if she would not marry him he was going to invite out some of the other girls. He spent the rest of that evening with ARCELIA and went to bed with ARCELIA.

MANUELA AGUIRRE said that she saw GALT again about three days later, but did not talk with him. She said she did not believe that he saw ARCELIA or any of the other girls again, and that she herself did not see him again.

She recalled that GALT drank gin or whatever other drink the bartender at the Casa Susana served him. He did not smoke, and sometimes stated that he did not smoke anything except marijuana. She stated, however, that she never saw him smoke marijuana.

MANUELA AGUIRRE said that GALT spoke practically no Spanish and the bartender interpreted for him. She said that GALT had an old pair of sandals that he liked very much and which he said had been bought in Europe. She said she told him to throw the sandals away and buy new ones, but he did not want to get rid of them. She recalled that he definitely could not dance.

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MANUELA AGUIRRE made available the photograph of GALT wearing sunglasses, which had been taken at the Casa Susana in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, on or about November 3, 1967. She said the photograph was taken by a traveling group known as "Foto Rapida."

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco

On April 22, 1968, CARLOS PEREZ, Foto Taurino, Hotel Oceano, advised the second source that Foto Rapida was a concern made up of four or five men who came to Puerto Vallarta in the fall of 1967 and were there less than a month. This group spent most of its time in the nightclubs, bars and other places frequented by tourists. They used only Polaroid cameras, and there were no negatives or records kept of the photographs taken. He said all members of this group had left Puerto Vallarta and that their current whereabouts was unknown.

On April 24, 1968, LEOPOLDO CISNEROS, Assistant Manager, Dairy Queen Shop, Main Plaza, advised the second source that in the fall of 1967 this shop was known as the Discotheque Cafe. He recognized a photograph of the Subject immediately as an almost daily customer for a period during the fall of 1967. He said that Subject came in for three or four weeks about 3 p.m. each day and had a hamburger and a Pepsi Cola. He said that the Subject, in the beginning, usually ate a half-dozen small green chilies with his hamburger. After he stopped ordering these chilies, he told CISNEROS that a doctor had advised him to stop eating them.

CISNEROS recalled that the Subject drove a white Mustang which he parked outside the shop. He said he had also seen the Subject around the Hotel Rio. He said that on two occasions, the Subject was accompanied by a heavy-set Mexican man whose name was not known to CISNEROS. CISNEROS said this man had been a regular customer in the past and is believed to be a United States citizen. When CISNEROS asked the Subject whether he had known this man in the United States, the Subject replied that he was just someone he had met on the beach.

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With regard to the information that the Subject may have consulted a physician in Puerto Vallarta, the second source contacted the following doctors on the dates indicated with negative results:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
April, 1967	
24	Dr. ERNESTO CORDOVA IBARRA, Director Public Health Juarez 71
24	Dr. ALFONSO RODRIGUEZ G. Physician for Hotel "Tropicana" Morelos 74
24	Dr. ANTONIO R. SAHAGUN Juarez 178
26	Dr. AGUSTIN LOPEZ Y ALCALA Juarez 259
26	Dr. ANTONIO TOPETE PALERMO Zaragoza 30
26	Dra. A. ELIZABETH ORTIZ M. Public Health Clinic and Hospital
26	Dr. LIZANDRO NAVARRO PORTILLO Hotel Rosita Building
29	Dr. PABLO MORRIS and Dra. ANA JOSEFA RAMIREZ Clinic of Las Glorias

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FIRESTONE DELUXE CHAMPION TIRE, SIZE 7.50 X 14

In connection with the recovery of the white 1966 Mustang at Atlanta, Georgia, on April 11, 1968, it was discovered that the right front tire on this car was a Firestone Deluxe Champion, size 7.50 x 14, six-ply rating. Stamped on the tire were the words "Hecha en Mexico," with the following identifying numbers: 2-ME-2; BD-33595; N20Z031154. The tube of this tire had a stamp thereon: "G7, General Popo 7.50 x 14. Made for Helke Poc, General Popo, S.A., Mexico D.I."

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

On May 7, 1968, JUAN MANUEL FREGOSO GUTIERREZ, Avenida Mexico 50, advised the second source that he operates a gasoline station at the corner of 31 de Octubre and 31 de Mayo, and that his wife operates a Firestone tire store which he owns at Avenida Mexico 50.

On May 7, 1968, Mrs. GENOVEVA CURIEL DE FREGOSO, proprietor of the Firestone Store, advised the second source that she did not personally recall seeing the Subject or his car since she was upstairs in her apartment at the time of the transaction. She did recall that an American came in several months earlier to buy a 7.45 x 14 tire and, since they did not have one in stock, the clerk sold him a 7.50 x 14. Mrs. FREGOSO said that this man asked for a discount because the tire was the wrong size, and the clerk called up to the apartment for authority to give the discount. Mrs. FREGOSO said she authorized a ten percent discount on the sale.

Mrs. FREGOSO could recall nothing further about the actual sale, and stated that her brother had mounted the tire on the car, but could recall nothing of the incident. She said the store kept no record of tire serial numbers except to note them on the sales slip at the time of the sale for guaranty purposes. She searched invoices of tires received by the store from the Firestone factory and noted that there were no serial numbers in these invoices. She was, therefore, unable to state whether a particular tire had ever been in their inventory.

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TERESA FERNANDEZ, clerk, Firestone Store, Avenida Mexico 50, advised the second source on May 7, 1968, that the photograph of the Subject wearing sunglasses was immediately recognizable as a man who came into the store one morning to buy a tire. She said he had apparently come from the General Popo Tire Store two doors away. She could not recall the date, but believed that it was in January, 1968.

Miss FERNANDEZ remembered that the Subject's white Mustang had a tire which was badly road-damaged and he asked for a replacement, size 7.45 x 14. Since there were none of this size in stock, she said, he took a size 7.50 x 14 Firestone tire, but requested a discount since it was the wrong size. Miss FERNANDEZ said she spoke to Mrs. FREGOSO, who was in the upstairs apartment, and a ten percent discount was authorized. She said that, since the tire was slightly larger, and because the use of tubes is always recommended due to the difficult terrain, the Subject walked to the General Popo Store and came back with a tube which he had purchased himself. The tire was mounted outside the store by Mrs. FREGOSO's brother.

Miss FERNANDEZ searched for the sales slip recording this transaction, but was unable to locate it. She said that the Subject did not give her his name, and that, since he was not a Mexican, she did not bother to ask his name or to note the serial number of the tire on the sales slip, since this is only done for guaranty purposes.

Continuing, Miss FREGOSO said she lives near the Casa Susana and, after she sold the tire, she remembered seeing the same white Mustang parked on Calle 31 de Octubre around the corner from the Casa Susana. The car was parked in front of a vacant lot and she thought this strange since she saw it there about 3 in the morning on several occasions while she was walking to work. On one occasion as she was on her way to lunch, she saw the Subject park his car and walk up and turn into Matamoros Street. She said she never saw him with any other person and that he was alone the day he came to the store to purchase the tire.

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On May 7, 1968, ANA MARIA MADERO, clerk, General Popo Tire Store, Avenida Mexico 32, advised the second source that the code "G7" indicates that a tube with this marking will fit a 7.50 x 14 tire. She said she did not recognize the photograph of the Subject or recall his car. She could find no record of a sale of any item to ERIC GALT from October 7, 1967, to May 7, 1968.

Miss MADERO stated that if she did not know the name of the person to whom she made a sale, but knew that the sale was connected with a purchase made at the Firestone Store, she normally put the name of MANUEL FREGOSO on the sales slip. In this connection, a review of the sales slips showed that a G7 tube was sold for cash to MANUEL FREGOSO on October 26, 1967, and on January 13, 1968. In each case, the price was 57 pesos (\$4.56 U.S.).

7-24-68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: *[Signature]* LEGAT, MEXICO (173-1) (P)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are 18 copies (15 to be forwarded to the Memphis Office) of a letterhead memorandum captioned "JAMES EARL RAY, aka," and dated 7-24-68.

Remycab 6-6-68, Buairtel 5-7-68 and San Antonio airtel 5-20-68.

SOURCES

The first confidential source abroad mentioned in enclosed LHM is SA RICHARD S. CLARK.

The second confidential source abroad is SA RUSSELL JEAN GRAY, JR.

The third confidential source abroad is MEX-24, who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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Will follow and report efforts of sources to identify subscribers to telephones listed in San Antonio airtel 5-20-68.

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A I R T E L

To: Director, FBI (44-38861) August 2, 1968

Attn: Administrative Division

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

Subject: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Mexico City airtel, July 15, 1968.

Cost data set forth below represents the best figures available, based partially on estimates, from July 1-31, 1968.

I. Total Man Hours

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
Special Agent	42	10	52
Clerk	16	0	16

II. Total Mileage: None

III. Unusual Costs: None

IV. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case During Period: 4

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1 - Mexico City

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George William Tyree, Jr. 20 L 1 U OIO 16 S 1 U OOO	4, 714, 268	3337	3780			Federal process dismissed. (8-2-68)
Don Ferris McCall, Jr. 21 M 1 U 15 L 3 Wr	327, 089 B	3338	4092			Located Northridge, Calif., 7-17-68. (8-2-68)
James Earl Ray 16 M 9 U OOO 12 M 4 W IOI	405, 942 G	3339	4182	442 442A		Extradited London, England to Memphis, Tenn., 7-19-68.
John Michael Walton 17 I 30 W OMI I 32 W IOI	356, 640 E	3340	4200			Located Lowndes Co., Alabama, 8-2-68. (8-2-68)
Robert Vance Walton 14 M 13 U OOM 12 Ref: 13 I 25 U OOO 26	361, 075 E	3341	4201			Located Lowndes Co., Alabama, 8-2-68. (8-2-68)
James Joseph Scully 2 M 21 W 19 Ref: 21 I 17 Ra 19	1, 170, 115	3342	4202			Located Arcadia, Calif., 7-23-68. (8-2-68)
Jimmie Johnson 20 L 1 Ut 6 Ref: U M 1 U T	11, 215 F	3343	4203			Located St. Louis, Missouri, 7-15-68. (8-2-68)

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Director, FBI

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In order to have available a backlog of human interest data, all offices receiving this communication are requested to furnish the Bureau items of unusual interest regarding our investigation of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. The information particularly sought is that which has not been previously incorporated in official reports and may deal with any aspect of our investigation, including personal recollections by investigative personnel. Submit the results using above caption to reach the Bureau not later than 9-20-68.

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9-6-68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: *ms* LEGAT, MEXICO (173-1) (P)

MURKIN
COST DATA

Re Mexico City airtel 8-2-68.

Cost data set forth below represents the best figures available, based partially on estimates, from 8-1/31-68.

I. Total Man Hours

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
Special Agent	12	4	16
Clerical	4	0	4

II. Total Mileage: None

III. Unusual Costs: None

IV. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case During Period: 2

4 - Bureau
(1 - Liaison Section)
① - Mexico City

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A I R T E L

To: Director, FBI

September 18, 1968

From: *JH* Legat, Mexico City (173-1) (P)

Subject: REQUEST FOR HUMAN INTEREST ITEMS ON
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

ReBulet to Atlanta, August 23, 1968.

Highlights and interesting aspects of the investigation conducted in Mexico in captioned matter were summarized in Mexico City letter to Bureau, July 3, 1968, captioned SEMIANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT LETTER. This information appears on page 2 of that letter under the caption, "II. IMPORTANT OR INTERESTING CASE WRITEUPS."

However, it is respectfully suggested that there should be no broad dissemination of information pertaining to the activities of this office in this investigation. As the Bureau knows, the Mexico City Office is a liaison post and must arrange for the handling of leads through police agencies or investigative informants. Because of the urgency of this matter and its importance to the Bureau, agents were directly involved in some aspects of the investigation to a greater degree than would normally be the case. Because of the sensitivity and jealousy of some Mexican police agencies and the intense nationalism which Mexican officials must manifest for reasons of political survival, it is believed that unwarranted disclosure of the extent of this office's activities while handling leads in captioned matter could be prejudicial to our future operations in the interior of Mexico and, therefore, to the best interests of the Bureau.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: *WJ* LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (173-1) (P)

MURKIN
COST DATA

Re Mexico City airtel 9/6/68.

Cost data set forth below represents the best figures available, based partially on estimates, from 9/1-30/68.

I. Total Man Hours

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
Special Agent	4	2	6
Clerical	1	0	1

II. Total Mileage: None

III. Unusual Costs: None

IV. Peak Number of Special Agents
Working on Case During Period: 2

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① - Mexico City

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RAYMOND ASUMENDI
FPC

BYRON JAMES RICE
TOP TEN

137-11A0-3906

Negative re RICE at Ometepc, Gro. and Champoton, Camp.. At latter town, it developed that ASUMENDI fled town the day 34 was there inquiring re suspect in MURKIN case. Left personal effects including wallets and papers pertaining to two other persons.

Mrs. ARACELI CASTILLO, ASUMENDI's landlady had spoken to Pol. Chief, FELIX PEVIA CAMPOS about effects belonging to 2 Americans left by ASUMENDI and Chief PEVIA asked 34 to drop them off at U.S. Embassy for return to rightful owners next time he was in M.C.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 11, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, Aka

This document contains neither
recommendations nor conclusions of
the FBI. It is the property of
the FBI and is loaned to your agency;
it and its contents are not to be
distributed outside your agency.

Investigation set forth below was conducted to
identify subscribers to telephones to which calls were
made from Texas during the period December 15-17, 1967.

Telephone Number 12-27
Sabinas, Coahuila, Mexico
December 16, 1967

On June 28, 1968, a confidential source abroad
advised that it had been determined that the above number
belongs to Mr. BENITO VELEZ MADRID, 63 years of age, who
lives with his wife, MARIA RODRIGUEZ de VELEZ, at Avenida
Juarez Norte 722 in Sabinas, Coahuila. They have three
sons living in the United States. One is BENITO VELEZ RODRIGUEZ
who lives at Carrizo Springs, Texas; the others, FRANCISCO
VELEZ RODRIGUEZ and MARIO VELEZ RODRIGUEZ live in
San Antonio, Texas at 2107 West Commercial Street. Also
residing at this latter address is GUSTAVO GUTIERREZ,
a son-in-law of BENITO VELEZ.

The source said that the Chief of Police in
Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, Mr. XICOTENCATL FLORES, and the
Chief of Police in Sabinas, Coahuila, Mr. RAMIRO CARDENAS,
both stated that BENITO VELEZ and his family are very
well regarded business people in the area. None of them
have criminal records. The communities of Sabinas and
Nueva Rosita are neighboring towns and, according to these
police officials, the VELEZ family is well known in both
communities.

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Telephone Number 12-50
Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico
December 17, 1967

On June 28, 1968, the confidential source abroad stated that the above number is listed to PERFECTO LARA ZAMORA and his son, JOSE de JESUS LARA GALVAN. They live at Number 2550, Colonia Zaragoza, Nueva Rosita, Coahuila. It was determined that the son, JOSE de JESUS LARA was married in May of 1968 to VIRGINIA VARA VARGAS who lived at 539 F.T. Clarke in Uvalde, Texas.

Both Police Chief FLORES of Nueva Rosita and Chief CARDENAS of Sabinas, Coahuila, advised the source that neither PERFECTO LARA ZAMORA or any of his relatives have any criminal record in those communities.

Telephone Number 42-70-56
Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico
December 15 and 16, 1967

On June 13, 1968, a second confidential source abroad, advised that the above number is listed to RAMIRO IBARRA MARTINEZ whose address is Martin de Zavala Sur 224 in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon. It was determined by the source that IBARRA works in San Antonio, Texas in a clothing store called "Sugarman's" and, while staying in San Antonio, lives at 115 South Alazan Street. IBARRA visits Monterrey very infrequently and, when he does come to Monterrey, usually only stays over the week end. The source advised that other residents of this neighborhood stated that IBARRA is a tailor in the clothing store in San Antonio.

Telephone Number 46-85-15
Mexico, D.F.
December 17, 1967

On July 18, 1968, a third confidential source abroad advised that the above number is listed to the Carniceria America, Cipris 11-2 in Mexico City. On June 24, 1968, JESUS GUEVARA VALDEZ, Manager of this concern, stated that the firm buys meat in very large

JAMES EARL RAY, Aka

quantities from the border area of Texas, as well as in Mexico. He said that often they receive unsolicited telephone calls from a buyer in a travel status who advises them concerning livestock available for sale. He stated that his employer, GUSTAVO HERNANDEZ ZARATE, handles all long distance calls pertaining to the purchase of livestock and that he, GUEVARA, knew nothing about a call received at this number on December 17, 1967. He said Mr. HERNANDEZ was out of town at that time.

On July 11, 1968, GUEVARA stated that HERNANDEZ had been told that an inquiry was made concerning the call received on December 17, 1967, and stated he did not know what it was about. Periodic efforts by the source to contact HERNANDEZ at this address have been unsuccessful.

On October 4, 1968, the third source advised that another attempt had been made on that date to contact GUSTAVO HERNANDEZ at the Carniceria America but that HERNANDEZ was again out of the city, traveling on business.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (173-1)(RUC)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are 18 copies (15 to be forwarded to the Memphis Office) of a LHM captioned "JAMES EARL RAY, Aka" and dated as above.

Re San Antonio airtel 5/20/68, Mexico City airtel 7/24/68, and Mexico City airtel 10/4/68.

SOURCES

The first confidential source abroad mentioned in enclosed LHM is MEX 3, who has furnished reliable information in the past.

The second confidential source abroad is MEX 177, who has furnished reliable information in the past.

The third confidential source abroad is SA DOUGLAS G. BILLS.

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that repeated efforts have been made to contact GUSTAVO HERNANDEZ at the Carniceria America in Mexico to obtain additional details regarding the call received by him on 12/17/67. Due to the nearly constant travel status of HERNANDEZ, however, these efforts have been unsuccessful. From information developed, it appears that the call was related to his business operation and probably originated with a cattle buyer in the State of Texas. For this reason, no further efforts will be made to contact HERNANDEZ for additional clarification in the absence of a specific lead from the Office of Origin requesting that this be done.

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TO: LEGAT, MEXICO
 FROM: WASHINGTON, D.C.
 NO: 364 BY: DAH

DATE SENT: 10-18-68
 DATE RECEIVED: 10-18-68
 TIME RECEIVED: 8:05PM

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STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, PHIL M. CANALE, JR., SHULBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, WHO IS HANDLING STATE PROSECUTION OF JAMEA EARL RAY FEELS IT IS NECESSARY THAT HIS REPRESENTATIVES ROBERT DWYER, JAMES BEASLEY, AND JOHN CARLISLE INTERVIEW WITNESSES IN MEXICO. CANALE'S REPRESENTATIVES ARE PRESENTLY TRAVELING TO TORONTO, MONTREAL, LONDON AND LISBON INTERVIEWING WITNESSES, AND EARLIEST THAT THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL TO MEXICO WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER 28 NEXT. CANALE OF OPINION THAT INTERVIEWS ARE PERTINENT TO CASE AND HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING INFORMATION WHICH DISCLOSED THAT SUBJECT RAY HAD ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION WHILE IN MEXICO SHOWED STRONG ANTI-NEGRO SENTIMENTS.

STATE TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 12 NEXT AT MEMPHIS. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF CANALE WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES IN MEXICO:

EDUARDO MARROQUI, OWNER HOTEL RIO, MARVELOS 86, PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO. GALT GUEST IN HOTEL FROM OCTOBER 19 THROUGH

For info
notified
10-18-68
4:05 PM
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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.

NOVEMBER 5, 1967.

ROBERTO WONG, CLERK, HOTEL RIO, FURNISHED REGISTRATION CARD ON GALT AND IDENTIFIED PHOTO.

LUIS GARCIA, BARTENDER HOTEL ~~XX~~ OLEANA, PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO. PAL OF GALT, DESCRIBED CAR AND IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF RAY MAY 9.

ROMIMIR BISCARA, BARTENDER CASA SUSANA, NEGOTIATED WITH GALT FOR CAR AND ACCOMPANIED GALT AND IRMA TO BEACH.

ELENO GUZMAN GARCIA, BOCO DE MISMALOYA, ON MAY 3 IDENTIFIED RAY AS COMING TO HIS BEACH CAFE WITH IRMA AND BARTENDER.

ELISA ARELLANO TORRES, APENINOS 1764, COLONIA INDEPENDINCIO, GUADALAJARA, JALISCO. PROSTITUTE WHO ASSOCIATED WITH GALT NOVEMBER, 1967, DESCRIBES CAR AND IDENTIFIED PHOTO ON JUNE 6.

MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO, AKA. IRMA MORALES, ATOTONILCA, JALISCO, PROSTITUTE WHO SPENT TIME WITH GALT, DIDN'T; COULDN'T DANCE, PROVIDED SOURCE WITH PHOTO.

LEPOLDO CISNEROS, ASST. MGR., DAIRY QUEEN SHOP, MAIN PLAZA PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO. ON APRIL 24 RECOGNIZED PHOTO OF RAY AS SUBJECT WHO CAME IN DAILY FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS TO GET HAMBURGER AND PEPSI, DROVE WHITE MUSTANG.

LEGAT MEXICO SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SUCAB IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH MEXICAN AUTHORITIES TO HAVE THE ABOVE WITNESSES INTERVIEWED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MR. CANALE.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

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Date: 10/22/68

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REBUCAB OCTOBER ONE EIGHT LAST.

AMERICAN CITIZENS TRAVELING IN MEXICO AS TOURISTS MAY NOT LEGALLY ENGAGE IN BUSINESS OR INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES. THROUGH LIAISON WITH MEXICAN MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT, PAREN GOBERNACION PAREN, EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN INFORMAL WAIVER OF ABOVE FOR SHELBY COUNTY OFFICIALS OR, IN ALTERNATIVE, ARRANGE FOR SOME TYPE OF SPECIAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION PERMITTING THEM TO ENTER MEXICO FOR PURPOSES OUTLINED IN RECAB. HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS IN GOBERNACION, WHO HAD PREDICTED SUCCESS FOR THESE EFFORTS, ADVISED ON OCTOBER TWO TWO INSTANT NO WAIVER OR SPECIAL DOCUMENTATION COULD BE OBTAINED INFORMALLY AT THIS TIME.

DECISION IS LARGELY BECAUSE TOP OFFICIALS OF THAT AGENCY AND OTHER HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE INCENSED ABOUT RECENTLY PUBLICIZED CASE WHICH OCCURRED IN BORDER AREA ALLEGEDLY INVOLVING IMPROPER ACTIVITY ON MEXICAN SIDE BY AGENTS OF U. S. NARCOTICS AND CUSTOMS BUREAUS. BRIEFLY, ONE ALFREDO REYES PRUNEDA, A MEXICAN, WAS SENTENCED TO SIX ZERO YEARS BY FEDERAL COURT AT LAREDO, TEXAS ON OCTOBER ONE EIGHT LAST, ON NARCOTICS CHARGES. MEXICAN PRESS

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NEXT DAY HIGHLIGHTED CHARGES BY REYES AND ATTORNEYS THAT HE WAS DRUGGED AND KIDNAPPED AND BROUGHT ACROSS BORDER TO U. S. CUSTODY. HIS RELATIVES AND LAWYER HAVE REPORTEDLY PROTESTED TO GOBERNACION AND TO PRESIDENT OF MEXICO. GOBERNACION CONTACTS UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY THAT BUREAU WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THIS REPORTED INCIDENT BUT REACTION IS STRONG ENOUGH AND BROAD ENOUGH AMONG MEXICAN OFFICIALDOM TO ENCOMPASS ALL U. S. INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES, AS IN PAST CASES WHERE MEXICAN SOVEREIGNTY ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED.

AS SECOND CHANNEL, TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES COULD SUBMIT INTERROGATORY TYPE DOCUMENTS TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITH REQUEST THAT PROSPECTIVE WITNESSES NAMED IN RECAP BE LOCATED AND QUESTIONED BY VICE DASH CONSUL OF U. S. CONSULATE AT GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, WHO SPEAKS SPANISH AND IS ACCREDITED TO MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.

THIRDLY, STATE DEPARTMENT COULD BE APPROACHED BY STATE OF TENNESSEE WITH FORMAL REQUEST THAT SPECIAL PERMISSION BE REQUESTED FROM MEXICAN GOVERNMENT FOR VISIT OF PROSECUTOR'S REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS.

BUREAU MAY WISH TO ADVISE OFFICIALS PREPARING PROSECUTION THAT NEGRO SAILORS INVOLVED IN INCIDENT MENTIONED IN RECAP WERE

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BELIEVED TO BE FROM THE CRUISE SHIP QUOTE ITALIA UNQUOTE WHICH MAKES REGULAR EXCURSION TRIPS FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO MAZATLAN, PUERTO VALLARTA AND OTHER WEST COAST MEXICAN PORTS ON REGULAR BASIS DURING FALL AND WINTER MONTHS. SAILORS MIGHT BE IDENTIFIED THROUGH INQUIRY AND MAY WELL REMEMBER INCIDENT INVOLVING SUBJECT AT QUOTE CASA SUSANNA UNQUOTE AT PUERTO VALLARTA.

BUREAU WAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THAT UNWARRANTED DISCLOSURE OF EXTENT OF THIS OFFICE'S ACTIVITIES WHILE HANDLING LEADS IN CAPTIONED MATTER COULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO FUTURE BUREAU OPERATIONS IN MEXICO. INTERVIEWS AT PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, CONDUCTED BY SA RUSSELL JEAN GRAY, JR., IN CAPACITY OF EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE BUT NOT IDENTIFIED AS BUREAU AGENT. THE TWO PROSTITUTES, ELISA ARELLANO TORRES AND MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO, WERE INTERVIEWED BY MEX DASH TWO FOUR, AN INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT, WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL POLICE. THESE TWO WOMEN WERE DEFINITELY TRANSIENTS AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION MAY BE NECESSARY TO LOCATE THEM. IF SELECTED AS WITNESSES, THEY MAY NOT BE ADMISSIBLE TO U. S. IN ABSENCE OF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES.

BUREAU RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF TRIP TO MEXICO

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UNDERTAKEN BY REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL CANALE
AND TO FURNISH INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THIS
OFFICE.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date received 11/21/68	Received from (name or symbol number) MEX 34	Received by CLARK
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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 11/21/68 Date(s) of activity _____
Brief description of activity or material _____ _____		File where original is located if not attached 137-11A-2928/A

Remarks:

Source could locate no record of subject's locality in Acapulco after departing the San Francisco. He checked all motels and logical hotels. He noted that their records are atrocious for past years. However the Tourism office maintains records submitted by hotels of guests entering and departing and he checked these lists with negative results. However noted that these lists incomplete also and not all hotels submit. Motel personnel not familiar with subject, nor people in Zona Roja. His sources continuing to check old records as many were unavailable at this time, filed with accountants, etc.
173-1 James Earl Ray (c-a JJP)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-1)

FROM : SA RUSSELL JEAN GRAY, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 11/12/68

The following information was received telephonically from MEX-24 on the evening of 11/11/68:

He has located the Pancho Villa Motel at Av. Revolución 1867, Guadalajara. This is on the way out to Tlaquepaque. He reviewed the registrations for Sept. and November, 1967, with negative results. The cards for October are misplaced.

The owner, ELTIDIO VELAZQUEZ, says he remembers a man with a white mustang being at the motel last fall. At first he was in Room 1 and was living with a prostitute from Tlaquepaque. Later he changed to another room. The owner cannot recall this persons name.

MEX-24 is to cover the following leads:

- 1) Locate Vicente Patencia, Calle Colón 90 - 227/8, the accountant for the motel and try to find the Oct 67 records. (only)
- 2) Locate the two employees of the motel who were there during the pertinent period: Maid - Carmen Ibarra Ochoa of El Fortín, Mich. (dtr of Juan IBARRA & Elxisa OCHOA) and Velador - GREGORIO DEL REAL ROMERO of Gnad.

Source will call again on 11/12/68 with the new info:

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*Supervisor Richard Long
at Bureau telephonically
advised 11/13/68
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-14)

FROM : SA Russell Jean Gray, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 11/14/68

On 11/13/68, the following information was telephonically furnished by MEX-24:

With the help of hotel employees at the Pancho Villa Motel he succeeded in locating the registration cards for Oct. 1967.

ERIC S. GALT registered on 15 Oct 67 into room #3. One person. Occupation -"Employed by publisher". Natz;-"U.S."; Address 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Alabama.

Source located the girl who worked as maid during the pertinent period, CARMEN IBARRA OCHOA, and found her to be a 13 year old. She remembers nothing.

With memories refreshed, the people who recalled a man with a white mustang who occupied room #1 with a prostitute from Tlaquepaque now say that this was another person, not ident with subject, ~~he~~ who paid with a bad check, etc. They also now related the white mustang incident to 1966.

The manager was in Mexico City but expected back again on 11/14/68. Source will ask him about the dentist.

Source is still trying to get a lead on the ex-velador.

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Source stated he could not say for sure how long subject was at the motel due to the shoddy record keeping. The room cost him \$40 MN. There is no check out indicated. There is another registration card made out on a typewriter (the first one was ~~xx~~ haddwritten) in the name of ERIC S. GOLT, 26-08 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Ala. showing that subject checked in on 18 Oct 67, again no check out shown.

Source said that subject may have been in and out of the motel or that the motel dummied the cards in order to avoid paying taxes for the full time the room was occupied. He will try to check further on this with the manager.

Other guests who might be interviewed:

Nick ADAMS, 5614 Point St., Dallas, Texas,
a farmer, checked into room 2 on 16 Oct 67 - 1 person

David WATTELF, 2308 Penil, Bethany, Okla.
Engr. for Ford Motor Co., 15 Oct - Rm 5 - 2 pers.

HARRY (LN Illeg) 3 Fir Street, Flagstaff, Ariz.
5 persons - Rm 8, 16 Oct 67

Dr. Oscar ARAGON M., Corregio (?) 4A, Mex DF
Rm #8, 3 pers. arr. Oct 17

ROSALIA GORDILLO L., Oaxaca 59 Pte., Hermosillo, Son.
Nurse - Arr 18 Oct 67 - Room 5, later #9

Mr & Mrs FREDERICK LATTA, 320 Garfield, Denver, Colo.
Teacher - 2 persons. Arr 14 Oct 67 - Room 8

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-14)

FROM : SA Russell Jean Gray, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 11/13/68

On 11/13/68, MEX-24 telephonically advised that the accountant for the Pancho Villa Motel has not been able to locate the registration cards for the month of October, 1967. He is ~~continuing~~ continuing to search for them.

The maid who worked at the motel during the pertinent period is definitely in El Fortin, Michoacan, and source plans to see her. However, the ex-velador has ~~gm~~ gone to Zacatecas and source has yet to determine his address.

Investigation is continuing. MEX-24 will call at once with positive information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico

DATE ~~11/21~~ 12/68

FROM : SA Richard S. Clark (173-1)

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY
UFAP-MURDER

The following information was received on a confidential basis on 11/11/68 from Attorney JORGE VAZQUEZ ROBLES, Chief of the Inspection Service of Mexican Immigration.

Border ~~xxx~~ crossing records are maintained permanently on file in Mexico City.

A search of appropriate records developed no information that ERIC STARVO GALT or JOHN L. RAYNS left Mexico at Tijuana in the month of November, 1967.

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*Supervisor Richard Long
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (173-1)

DATE: 11/13/68

FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 5:45 p.m., 11/9/68, SA ROBERT J. OGLESBY, JR., in Guadalajara telephonically advised that there is a Pancho Villa Motel located at Av. Revolucion 1867, Guadalajara. The owner, however, was out of town on 11/9/68 and he has all the motel records in his possession. SA OGLESBY had arranged for MEX-24 to contact the owner, ELPIDIO VELAZQUEZ, upon the latter's return to Guadalajara in order to determine whether there is any record of the subject's staying in Guadalajara during October 1967 under the names ERIC S. GALT or JOHN L. RAYNS.

*Supervisor Richard Long
Adv Bureau telephonically
11/13/68
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Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-1)

FROM : SA Russell Jean Gray, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 11/18/68

On the evening of 11/17/68, MEX-24 telephonically furnished the following info:

He interviewed the young daughter of the VELASQUEZ family (FNU). (Owners of the Pancho Villa Motel). She identified RAY from the sunglass picture. No more re car.

Source went to all the hotels and motels in the Chapala, Ajijic area with neg. results. However, the records of the two hotels at Chapala most used by Americans were not available. One because the owner was away and the files were locked and the other because of rebuilding the hotel.

Source was leaving for XA Valparaiso, Zac., on 11/18/68. This is a rural area with no phones & he does not expect to call in again until Tues., 11/19. Purpose of trip is to interview the Velador DEL REAL ROMERO.

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Memorandum

TO : Legat, MEXICO (173-1)

DATE: 11/16/68

FROM : SA Russell Jean Gray, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the evening of 11/15/68, MEX-24 furnished the
~~XXXXXX~~ following info by phone:

The owners of the Pancho Villa Motel in Guad. returned from Mexico. ELPIDIO VELASQUEZ doesn't recall RAY, or recognize his photo.

Mrs. (FNU) VELASQUEZ recognized the sunglass picture from Vallarta but said he did not wear glasses. She also recognized one of the old hold-up mug shots. She said that in October, 1967 she just had the one maid, CARMEN, age 13, and was working around the motel herself. She did not recall what kind of car subject had but remembers he had a car. Judging from the registration cards she reconstructs his visit as follows:

Subject arrived on the morning of 11/15/68 and checked in. He was complaining of a toothache and she recommended a doctor. ~~She recalls nothing more~~ She recalls nothing more re that day. On the morning of Oct 16 the subject did not come out of his room and she was worried that he was very ill. About noon she rapped at the door and he told her that he was all right and was about the check out. He apparently left before 2 pm as he was not charged for another day.

Subject returned on the morning of 10/18/67 and rented a room. He departed before 2:00 pm on 10/19/67. She said he was alone at the motel on both occasions. She did not recall his luggage. He wore a white ~~xxx~~ short sleeved sport shirt and ~~xxx~~ brown trousers.

(It is noted subject arrived at the Hotel del Rio on 10/19/67 in Pto. Vallarta.)

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MEX-24 speculated the subject may have gone to Lake Chapala or Ajijic on the XX nights of the 16 & 17, or found a girl. He feels the possible key to this is the Velador Del Real Romero. Mrs. VELASQUEZ said he is in Vaparaiss, Zac. and source was going there to find him.

On 11/15/68, MEX-24 interviewed Dr. OSCAR GOMEZ PALOFOX, who resides & practices at Madero 795 ~~XXX~~ Guad. He is a gynecologist. He advised as follows:

He recalled the housecall at the Pancho Villa Motel because he has only made two such calls to a motel, both for Americans. He could not, however, recognize subject's photo. The man he treated had an abcessed molar and he injected a dosage of tetrafinicol, a penicillin type drug to kill the infection, using a disposable syringe. He told the patient to go the Hospital Militar and ask ~~xxx~~ them to recommend a good dentist but he apparently did not do this. The time of this house call was about 1 or 2 pm on 10/15/67; He could offer no further details.

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Date 11/12/68

RE: MURKIN - COST DATA
(Bufile 44-38861)

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks: Reference is made to Bureau cable dated

7/2/68. Reports may be discontinued as soon as
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Memorandum

TO : File (173-1)

DATE: 11/13/68

FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 12:50 p.m., 11/9/68, Supervisor RICHARD LONG of the Bureau telephonically furnished the following information:

Look magazine is publishing a series of three articles concerning the background and activities of JAMES EARL RAY in connection with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. The first installment is in the issue of Look dated 11/12/68 which went on sale in the United States on 10/29/68. The second article is being published under the date of 11/26/68 and will appear on the news stands in the United States on 11/12/68. The third article will appear in the issue which goes on sale in the United States on 11/26/68.

Mr. LONG advised that the first article has background information which would be of interest to this office, particularly in connection with "RAOUL," whom RAY allegedly first met in Canada and with whom RAY allegedly associated in the border area around Laredo and Nuevo Laredo. The second article, however, of which the Bureau had received an advance copy, contains extensive information concerning RAY's alleged activities in Mexico. A great deal of that information fitted in with the information developed by this office; however, there were statements concerning a couple of stops that RAY made in Mexico which we did not have, particularly the allegation that after leaving the border area he had decided to go to Acapulco where he had stayed at the San Francisco Motel but then decided to go to Puerto Vallarta and en route had stopped at the Pancho Villa Motel in Guadalajara. It was also claimed that after leaving Puerto Vallarta, RAY traveled up the West Coast to Los Angeles, leaving Mexico at Tijuana.

In summary, the information relating to Mexico contained in the second article stated that "RAOUL" arranged to meet RAY in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, where, according to the

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first article, RAY was to assist "RAOUL" in some clandestine operation for which "RAOUL" was to pay him \$12,000. RAY claimed to have used the names ERIC S. GALT and JOHN L. RAYNS while in the border area.

RAY claimed not to remember the motel where he stayed in Nuevo Laredo but stated that he met "RAOUL" and registered in that motel. RAY and "RAOUL" traveled several times back and forth across the border at Laredo-Nuevo Laredo in two cars, one of which belonged to "RAOUL" and the other was RAY's Mustang. During those travels they reportedly switched tires on the two cars on several occasions. The impression was given that they were taking something back and forth through Customs.

On "RAOUL's" instructions RAY obtained a border crossing card for entry into the interior of Mexico. In going through Customs again at "RAOUL's" suggestion RAY gave the Mexican Customs officer \$3, whereupon the Mexican Customs officer promptly stamped all of RAY's luggage, passing it for entry into Mexico. "RAOUL" and RAY then went back to the motel where they transferred a tire from "RAOUL's" car to RAY's car and then went to the interior Customs point described as 50 kilometers south of Nuevo Laredo. After going through that Customs house they again switched the tire back to "RAOUL's" car. "RAOUL" was said to have given RAY \$2,000 in \$20 bills. After that RAY claimed he decided to go to Acapulco and then went on to Puerto Vallarta, as mentioned above.

In view of the allegations that RAY's money had come from "RAOUL", the Bureau desires that all points in RAY's story which are not contained in our previous reports be re-checked.

The leads at Nuevo Laredo and Laredo are being handled by San Antonio. The Bureau is intensely interested in efforts to identify "RAOUL," if such a person actually exists.

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LEADS

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B. J. [unclear]*
1) Check the San Francisco Motel in Acapulco to ascertain whether RAY stayed at that place under either the name GALT or RAYNS and, if possible, ascertain his activities there.

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C. J. [unclear]
M. J. [unclear]*
2) Check the Pancho Villa Motel in Guadalajara to ascertain if RAY stayed at that motel (which, according to the file, would have been between 10/7 and 10/19/67).

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B. J. [unclear]*
3) Check with Gobernacion to see if there is a record of RAY's departure from Mexico at Tijuana under either the name GALT or RAYNS.

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Memorandum

TO : Legat (173-1)

DATE: 11/12/68

FROM : S^A John Page, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 11/12/68 the following investigation was conducted by
PCI RAMON DEL RIO, Acapulco:

On 11/11/68 LUIS LUNA DEL CASTILLO, desk clerk, Hotel San Francisco, 92 Miguel Aleman, Acapulco, Guerrero, made available guest records which reflected ERIC S. GALT checked into the hotel on 10/10/67. He occupied room 202, costing 75 pesos per day. He was alone, gave his nationality as U.S.A and his home address as "Alabama".

LUIS LUNA advised he had no recollection of this individual.

On 11/11/68 Mrs. ROSARIO DEL CASTILLO, owner of the Hotel San Francisco, contacted the hotel's accountant in an effort to locate the registration card covering the abovementioned guest. The card, which contains the guest's signature as well as his home address and description of his automobile, is no longer in possession of the accountant, and is believed destroyed.

Mrs. DELCASTILLO contacted several employees who were at the hotel as of 10/10/67, but no one recognized photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

A check of the hotel's guest list in the month of October, '67 failed to disclose a guest with the name RAOUL or similar name.

Mrs. DEL CASTILLO furnished DEL RIO with her copy of the 10/10/67 guest resume, which need not be returned, and is placed in 173-1-1a.

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cc: 137-164 (RAMON DEL RIO, PCI)



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*Supervisor
Richard Long
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Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-1)

FROM : SA RUSSELL JEAN GRAY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 11/15/68

On the afternoon of 11/15/68, MEX-24 telephonically advised that ELPIDIO VELASQUEZ, owner of the Pancho Villa Motel in Guadalajara, is still in Mexico City with his wife. He was expected to return on 11/14/68 but did not do so. He can be reached at telephone 61-04-81 in Mexico City.

Source stated that his efforts to locate GREGORIO DEL REAL ROMERO, who was the velador at the motel, have been fruitless. He has checked the Civil Registry, various public offices and utilities without finding any trace of him. It is noted that his home is somewhere in Zacatecas.

Source stated that he will be alert for the return of Mr. VELASQUEZ and feels he may be able to locate DEL REAL through him.

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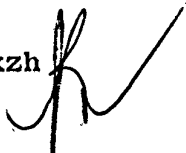
FROM : SA DOUGLAS G. BILLS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 11/21/68

Attorney JORGE ALONSO DIAZ de LEON, Chief of Investigations, Mexican Federal Automobile Registration Bureau, advised on 11/18/68, that the temporary tourist permit for subject's 1966 Ford Mustang had been cancelled, indicating the subject did depart Mexico. He had directed a teletype to the Chief of Customs at Tijuana, Baja California, requesting certification that the car departed and will advise when this is available. The exact date RAY left is not known.

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Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-14)

FROM : SA Russell Jean Gray, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 11/27/68

On 11/26/68, MEX-24 telephonically advised that his efforts to locate the velador who worked at the Pancho Villa Motel at the time subject RAY stayed there were negative. Inquiry in Zacatecas, where the velador went after he left Guadalajara, indicates that DEL REAL has not been seen for several months and his relatives speculate he has slipped into the U. S. to work as a bracero.

Source advised he has been unable to develop any additional information regarding subject's activities in Guadalajara.

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