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TO ALBANY AND KANSAS

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

WALTER TERRY RIFE REINTERVIEWED. JOHN DAVID DAILY UNKNOWN
TO RIFE. RIFE STATES WILLIARD J. MC BRIDE A FICTITIOUS PERSON

FROM WHOM HE AND RAY CLAIMED THEY PURCHASED THE STOLEN MONEY
; ORDERS FROM KELLERVILLE, ILLINOIS POST OFFICE BURGLARY IN
NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. RIFE USED NAME OF VERNON ILMO RIFE ON
FIRST ARREST WHEN FINGERPRINTED. FOR THIS REASON NAME OF
VERNON ELMO RIFE COULD BE SHOWN AS ASSCIATE OF RAY IN
JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WHEN ACTUALLY
WAS WALTER RIFE.

RIFE STATED ONLY VISITORS TO JACKSON COUNTY JAL FOR EITHER HE
OR RAY WERE FBI AGENTS WHO INTERVIEWED BOTH CONCERNING
A BANK ROBBERY AT HULL, ILLINOIS. RIFE DID NOT KNOW
ANY COIN IN NEW ORLEANS AND KNOWS OF NO ASSOCIATE OF RAY IN
NEW ORLEANS. RIFE AND RAY MET A WILLIAM COHEN IN KANSAS CITY

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IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, RE PASSING OF POSTAL MONEY ORDERS.
THIS WAS A MAN FIFTYFIVE TO SIXTY YEARS OF AGE, DARK SKIN,
GRAY HEADED, PROBABLY WOULD BE KNOWN TO KANSAS CITY PD.
RIFE HAS NO BACKGROUND ON THIS INDIVIDUAL.

RIFE STATED RAY PREJUDICE AGAINST NEGROES IN A
GENERAL WAY, HAS NEVER KNOWN RAY TO BELONG TO ANY ORGANIZATION
OR TO MAKE ANY THREAT AGAINST NEGROES.

NO RECORD OF JOHN DAVID DAILY IN QUINCY. NO RECORD OF
GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS UNDERTAKERS IN QUINCY. LINDWOOD
NONEXISTANT STREET IN QUINCY. NO RECORD OF NORMAN J.
ROBERTS IN QUINCY, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN NONEXISTANT
IN QUINCY.

SI ONE SIX FIVE SIX - C VERY CLOSED ASSOCIATE OF RIFE,
STATES RIFE DEFINITELY PULLED BURGLARY OF KELLERVILLE
POST OFFICE IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE BUT WILL NOT ADMIT TO
BURGLARY.

KANSAS CITY WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE WILLIAM COHEN IN
KANSAS CITY.

ALBANY, AT ALBANY, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE NORMAN J.
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ROBERTS AND GEORGE J. ROBERTS. P.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS,
ATLANTA, CHICAGO, AND ST. LOUIS. P.

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FBI ALBANY

F B I

Date: 4/23/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to all offices dated 4/19/68.

Re: Laundry Marking Machines and Code 20R-3

Enclosed for transmission to the FBI Laboratory are eight Thermo Seal Marking Machine Tapes, yellow in color, bearing code 20R-3.

ROBERT BERMAN, proprietor, Famous Cleaners, 3454 N. W. 7th Avenue, Miami, Florida, advised that his laundry does laundry and dry cleaning for several small cleaning establishments in the Miami, Florida area. He advised that he uses code 20R-3 about once every three weeks for the Royal Palm Cleaners, 4016 Royal Palm Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. BERMAN believes that a yellow tape probably would have been used at least two or three times since April, 1967.

BERMAN advised that he is checking his records in efforts to determine the exact dates since April, 1967, that code 20R-3 has appeared on yellow tapes for the Royal Palm Cleaners. Thus far, BERMAN has determined this code was used on yellow tape for the Royal Palm Cleaners on September 28, 1967, and October 24, 1967.

4 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)
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Special Agent in Charge

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BERMAN advised that he has not replaced any of the type characters in his Thermo-Seal marking machine since he purchased it three years ago. The model number of his machine is H5M4 and the serial number is 32647.

He further advised that approximately three or four months ago the Thermo-Seal tapes changed somewhat and he is now using the new variety. He also stated that he replaces the blades in the machine that cuts the tapes about every three months.

BERMAN made available eight yellow tapes, produced by his machine, bearing code 20R-3, which are being furnished the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes.

SUSPECT IN THIS CASE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4/23/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-
MURKIN

Re Albany airtel to Bureau, 4/12/68.

RE: Laundry Marks

AT QUANTICO, VA.

On 4/17/68, Mr. C. F. MEEKS, Marine Retail Outlet, Building 2011, Marine Corps Schools, advised SA JOSEPH A. AMHEIN, JR., that the Thermo-Seal marking machine listed as assigned to this building is not here. He suggested the Post Laundry as being the only place on this base having such a machine.

On 4/19/68, Capt. DENNIE DAMON, in charge of Building 2031, MCO, advised SA AMHEIN that this building has never had any Thermo-Seal machine in it.

On 4/19/68, Capt. PHILIP CISNEROS, Post Laundry, MCB, advised SA AMHEIN that his records show that he has a Thermo-Seal marking machine assigned to him with serial number 32665. He stated that he has never used laundry marking 02B-6 or -2B-6 on any of his clothing. This is not a Quantico laundry marking. His markings are usually a number, a letter, and then another number, for example 77K6. This indicated ticket number of 77, K for the name of the person handling the laundry, and 6 for the number of pieces in this bundle. He stated that he did not know of any organization in this area who would use such a designation.

- 3 - Bureau
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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In addition to the above, he stated he has three other Thermo-Seal machines, serial numbers 34431, 34433, and 32669.

Examination of the tapes of these machines failed to indicate that any of them put out a short tape, that is, cutting off any letters or digits.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537**

4-23-68 307 HJC

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Cs129438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1953 discharged

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 10, 1958	suspicion of robbery	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to, avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p> <p>Alias: James Walton</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p>			
<p>THIS PAGE SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.</p>				

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John Edgar Hoover
 Director

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

King Murder Case Takes Mysterious Twist

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI)—The search for the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has taken another mysterious twist and was turned toward Florida today.

The FBI Monday night issued a pickup order for Eric Starvo Galt and asked that it be transmitted to all law enforcement agencies in Florida. The order said Galt had used the aliases of Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard.

It made no mention of James Earl Ray, the 40-year-old escapee from the Missouri State prison. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover had said fingerprints proved Ray was the same person as Galt.

The FBI in Miami refused comment. Earlier Monday, the FBI in Washington clamped a lid on any public progress report on the manhunt. The policy was expected to prevail until a suspect is captured or some dramatic new development occurs.

★ ★ King's Father Says He Was Threatened

DETROIT (AP) — Dr. Martin Luther King Sr. says he received a threatening telephone call the day after his son was buried, and, "I'll have to listen now since they did make good." "But, he said, "I'm still un-

fraid. I' going to preach continually as I always have." He said he has been getting "dangerous calls" for a long time.

The elder king, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist church in Atlanta, spoke at a news conference in Detroit Monday.

His visit to Detroit had been scheduled before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was shot in Memphis, Tenn., by an assassin April 4.

His late son "was 30 years ahead of his age," said the elder King, who pledged "To do all I can to carry out the program and commitment of my son," and asserted that unless the United States faces up to its racial problems, all will be lost.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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KNICKERBOCKER NEWS
ALBANY, N. Y.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO BUREAU AND ALBANY

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN.

RE ALBANY TEL SEVEN THIRTYFIVE PM, APRIL TWENTYFOUR PAST.

MEMPHIS HAS SUBMITTED THIS DATE AIRTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL
OFFICES ADVISING OF IDENTIFICATION MADE BY LA.

ALL OFFICES BEING REQUESTED TO DISCONTINUE LEADS RE LAUNDRY USING
CODE "TWO ZERO R DASH THREE."

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A & D. P. END.

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TO DIRECTOR, ALBANY, JACKSONVILLE, MIAMI, AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 3P

MURKIN

ALBANY, JACKSONVILLE AND MIAMI REFER TO YOUR FILE ENTITLED
UNSUB; SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC DEVILLE, VIN F SEVEN ONE ONE TWO SEVEN
NINE FIVE, SIXTYSEVEN-STYEIGHT FLORIDA LICENSE ONE W ONE SEVEN
NINE ONE THREE ZERO, ITSMV. ALBANY FILE TWENTYSIX - ONE THREE
ZERO THREE THREE; JACKSONVILLE TWENTYSIX - ONE EIGHT THREE NINE
NINE; AND MIAMI TWENTYSIX - THREE THREE FOUR ZERO ONE.

FOR INFO THESE OFFICES, CAPTIONED CAR FOUND ABANDONED
ATLANTA AIRPORT, NOV. THIRTEEN, 'SIXTYSEVEN. CAR LEFT AT AIRPORT
ANYWHERE FROM THIRTY - SEVENTYFIVE DAYS AND INVESTIGATION REFLECTS
CAR REPORTED STOLEN AUG. TWENTYFIRST, 'SIXTYSEVEN, FROM CHARLES
GILL AND TARDIVEL STREETS, MONTREAL, CANADA, WHILE IN POSSESSION
OF LOU EISENBERG, TWO TWO EIGHT FIVE CHARLES GILL STREET, MONTREAL.
CAR PROPERTY OF NEPEAN MTRS., LTD., SEVENTY RICHMOND RD., OTTAWA,
ONTARIO, CANADA. EISENBERG PARKED CAR ON STREET NEAR HOME AT ONE
AM, AUG. TWENTYFIRST, 'SIXTYSEVEN, AND CAR MISSED ELEVEN THIRTYSEVEN
AM, AUG. TWENTYFIRST, 'SIXTYSEVEN, AT WHICH TIME COMPLAINT NUMBER

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AT 44-2386

P SEVEN - TWO ZERO - THREE FIVE THREE SEVEN SIX NINE, MADE TO MONTREAL PD. INVESTIGATION MIAMI REFLECTED CAR REGISTERED TO MICHAEL ST. PIERRE, TWO ONE FIVE ONE N.W. ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ST., WHICH IS LOCATION OF THE FAMOUS DOOR LOUNGE. ST. PIERRE UNKNOWN AT THAT ADDRESS; HOWEVER, PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED MAIL, PARTICULARLY CORRESPONDENCE FROM PHILLIP SIXTYSIX PETROLEUM CO. INVESTIGATION CAPTIONED MADE REFLECTS RAY LAST MONTREAL, CANADA, SOMETIME IN AUG. 'SIXTYSEVEN. POSSIBILITY EXISTS CADILLAC RECOVERED ATLANTA, USED BY RAY IN TRAVELS TO SOUTH.

ALBANY RECONTACT MONTREAL PD FOR ANY FURTHER INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE THEFT REPORT ON 'SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC. CONSIDER DOING APPROPRIATE NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AND INTERVIEW LOU EISENBERG, DISPLAYING PHOTOS TO ASCERTAIN IF RAY KNOWN IN AREA OF THEFT.

JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSEE. RECONTACT MVB, OBTAIN ORIGINAL REGISTRATION AND FORWARD TO LAB FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISON WITH SUBJECT RAY.

MIAMI AT ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ST. CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, DISPLAY PHOTOS OF RAY, CONTACT POST OFFICE AUTHORITIES. ALL IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY RAY AS POSSIBLY USING ALIAS OF MICHAEL ST. PIERRE.

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AT 44-2386

MIAMI NOTE RAY REPORTEDLY IN BIRMINGHAM, AUG. TWENTYNINE,
'SIXTYSEVEN AND LOOKED AT 'SIXTYSIX MUSTANG, WHICH HE SUBSEQUENTLY
PURCHASED FOLLOWING DATE. REGISTRATION FOR CADILLAC ALSO INDICATES
DATE AUG. TWENTYNINE, 'SIXTYSEVEN.

SEPARATE COMMUNICATION DIRECTED TO KANSAS CITY TO CONTACT
PHILLIP SIXTYSIX PETROLEUM CO. RE ST. PIERRE.

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FBI ALBANY

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

DATE: 4/27/68

FROM : SA ALBERT O. AXTEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

On 4/27/68 the writer received a telephone call from Supervisor NALLY in Albany re JOHN J. DE SANTIS JR who was driving a Volkswagen with Vermont license 141929 and had listed an address of Cheskerboard Hill Lodge, Wilmington, Vermont in skipping motel bill at Treasure Isle Motel, Port Arthur, Texas on 4/22/68. He reportedly resembled RAY.

The writer confirmed registration of the auto to DE SANTIS to that Lodge on route 100, Wilmington, Delaware through Vermont State Police, and then telephonically contacted the information to SA JOSEPH HOLIDAY in Brattleboro, that covers Wilmington, to conduct investigation to ~~eliminate~~ eliminate DE SANTIS as RAY.

*Food at Wilmington, Vt
accused Holiday
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BAP*

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5/1/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, ALBANY (44-493)(P)
SUBJECT: MUNKIN
CR

(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Charlotte airtel to Albany dated 4/18/68, Boston airtel to Bureau dated 4/22/68, and Bureau teletype to Albany dated 4/26/68.

Above communications of Charlotte and Boston were not previously answered because Albany desired direction from the Bureau or Memphis regarding the extent to which further investigation should be conducted re laundry marks.

The Bureau by referenced teletype advised that inasmuch as unequivocal identification has not been made by the laboratory identifying the laundry machine responsible for the laundry marks on the tee shirt and shorts specifically those bearing the code 02B-6,

CC: 3-Bureau
1-Memphis (44-1987)
2-Boston (157-644)
2-Charlotte (44-1365)
2-Albany

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NALLY
Core long receipt to you
ESB

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and the possibility still exists that a similar mark could have been produced by any such machine. Albany should continue to handle appropriate leads.

On 5/1/68, Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, advised that with regard to thermo-seal machine SN 33441 purchased by Talley Laundry Machine Company, Greensboro, North Carolina, this was ordered under their number 23050 dated 1/5/65 and billed under invoice number 49658 on 1/11/65. Their records show nothing regarding the laundry to which it was destined but showed that the machine had requisitioned "Johnson".

Regarding Thermo-Seal Machines shipped to Pantex-Prosperity Textile Marking Machine Company, records disclosed nothing regarding the following Thermo-Seal Machines:

Serial Numbers 32146, 32151, 31992, 31430, 31437, 31331, 31656.

Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Company advised that most of these machines were purchased in connection with sales of complete laundry facilities by Pantex-Prosperity and therefore their contract records should show what happened to these machines. Textile Marking Machine records which would show names other than Pantex-Prosperity on these machines have been destroyed because of age. These records show the following regarding the following Thermo-Seal Machines:

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SERIAL #	PANTEX-PROSPERITY ORDER NUMBER	DATE	IDENTITY OF COMPANY FOR WHOM PURCHASED
32068	406	1/8/62	JESS A. HILAND
32307	544	4/12/68	T&C Cleaners, Huntington, (no state shown)
32368	688	7/27/62	Budget Cleaners
32440	753	8/15/62	Francine
32449	509	No date	Ron Hil, Plainview, (no st.)
32695	1154	5/3/63	Country Squire Drive-In Cleaners In addition, the name Meadowlark is also noted.
33495	1106	10/27/68	New-Clear

Mr. BROTON further advised that these machines may have been installed by Delta Cleaners and Equipment Company, 875 Prospect Avenue, Westbury, Long Island, who installed the majority of the machines for Pantex-Prosperity. He stated however that Delta Cleaners and Equipment Company is believed to be now out of business or in bankruptcy and those records particularly those prior to 1962 may not be available.

Mr. BROTON further suggested that if none of these avenues disclosed the locations of these machines he suggested contact with ANDY DOBOS, 301 Fycke Lane Teaneck, New Jersey, the Textile Marking Machine Company repairman who did the majority of repair work on machines installed by Pantex-Prosperity.

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CHARLOTTE

AT GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Recontact Talley Laundry Machine Corporation and furnish above information for identification of location of Thermo-Seal machine Serial # 33441.

BOSTON

AT SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

1. Recontact Ametec, Inc., and furnish the above information for location of machines set forth,
2. Review records suggested by Mr. BROTON if available regarding machines received in 1959-61 and set forth appropriate leads.

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each) ALBANY
2-Kansas City

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS #30.

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SAC (44-493)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re memo to all Agents #27, 4/9/68.

Subject has been identified as JAMES EARL RAY, aka Earl James Ray, W. C. Herron, Earl James, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Waylon, Jim, and who has also used the names ERIC STARVO GALT, Harvey Lowmeyer and John Willard, in connection with this case. Wanted Flyers #442 and #442-A have been issued and an I.O. is in preparation.

The automobile identified as having been purchased and being driven by subject at the time of the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was found abandoned in Atlanta, Ga., and was impounded on 4/11/68, by the Bureau.

Investigation has shown that subject was an escapee from Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo. This is the same institution from which GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, a Top Ten Fugitive, escaped while subject was an inmate there. Much publicity was given to the fact that EDMONDSON was apprehended in Canada. It must be assumed that subject was aware of this fact. It is also noted that much publicity has been given to investigation on the border of and in Mexico.

Further, investigation has developed that subject's uncle, EARL RAY, was found dead in Buffalo, N.Y., in 11/59. His former address was shown to be Albany, N.Y., on the death certificate. The fact that EARL RAY had resided in New York State prior to his death was known to the subject's brother and it must be assumed that subject was also aware of this.

Because of the above facts the following action should be taken during the next 30 days:

1-Each Agent

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1. Maintain close contact with all police departments regarding all automobiles and trucks abandoned since 4/5/68.
2. On all automobiles found to have stolen plates but on which there is no stolen report located, make certain the car is dusted for fingerprints and any fingerprints found are compared with those of subject.
3. Where there is no stolen report and no suspect developed, forward description of car to Atlanta Office and request check of agencies to determine if any stolen report and to check MVB to determine if any previous registration.
4. If there is no indication of interstate transportation, send communication in 26-0 and place copy in this file.
5. In all new 26 cases opened, particularly those involving cars stolen in the South, keep in mind the possibility of subject being involved.
6. Subject is also to be considered as possible suspect in all BRs, BBs, BLs, and other major thefts.

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

4/25/68

SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)

MURKIN
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(OO:MEMPHIS)

ReButel to all continental offices, 4/14/68.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT:

Dancing schools within the Albany Division have been contacted with negative results. No information identifiable with GALT has been developed.

2 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
② - Albany
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Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3886) AND SAC'S BUFFALO,
MEMPHIS (44-1987), CHICAGO (44-1114), KANSAS
CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN.

RE ALBANY TT, APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

ERNEST THRIFT, WHO HAS BEEN MANAGER ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB, GUILDERLAND, NY, FOR THREE YEARS, STATES NO RECORDS KEPT OF OLD EMPLOYEES. ROBERT LA FAVE, MAINTENANCE ENGINEER, ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB; DUANE SKINNER, FORMER MANAGER, ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB; CHARLES G. CAMPBELL, ASSISTANT PRO, ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB, ALL ADVISED RECALLED EARL EVERET RAY, WHO WAS EMPLOYED AT OLD ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB THEN LOCATED ALBANY, NY, AS HOUSEMAN FOR PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS WITH RESIDENCE AT COUNTRY CLUB. COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON HIM. KNEW OF NO VISITORS HE HAD AND WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT, JAMES EARL RAY. ALL ADVISED NO OTHER EMPLOYEES PRESENTLY AVAILABLE WHO WOULD HAVE KNOWN EARL EVERET RAY.--P-

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EMN:tab

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Springfield m/f

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per *pk*

Buff 1124
Memphis 1140
Buffalo 1143
Chicago 1141

To: SAC, Albany

FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION
FUGITIVE PUBLICITY

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

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

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

Proposed transmittal form card:

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

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Photographs, glossy 2 1/2x4	1
Wanted Flyers	11
Slides	7

Total 113
Placards 3
(Under Separate Cover)

*All material received and
distributed to top ten outlets
4/26/68 lma*

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 25, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-561274 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles
Reference: Airtel 4/18/68
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination of K176 and K177.

DO NOT INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE
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- Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
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- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 25, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561274 JK

Specimens received 4/22/68

- K172 Sample #1, laundry tape, obtained from Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 32192, Model H5L4
- K173 Sample #2, laundry tape, obtained from Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 31900, Model H5L4
- K174 Sample #3, laundry tape, obtained from Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 32190, Model H5L4
- K175 Sample #4, laundry tape, obtained from Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 32189, Model H5L4
- K176 Envelope No. 5, Wearing Apparel Rate tag, Flat Rate tag and Customer Receipt, of laundry list No. 31053
- K177 Envelope No. 6, Wearing Apparel Rate tag and customer receipt of laundry list No. 30826

Result of examination:

The size and style of the numerals and letters on K172 through K175, as well as those appearing on some other known specimens received, are the same as corresponding portions of the laundry tapes appearing on the Q97 sheet and the Q99 pillow case.

Because of the lack of identifying features on which to base a definite opinion, it could not be established that one of the machines used to prepare K172 through K175 was used to prepare the questioned laundry marks. Of these known specimens, only K175 has the letters "O" and "R" spaced the same as on the Q97 and Q99 tags. There are an insufficient number of known specimens available imprinted "2OR-3" to assess the significance of this feature; however, prior examinations indicate this factor alone is not sufficient to identify a laundry tag with a particular machine.

K172 through K177 have been retained.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS #32

FROM : SAC (44-493)

SUBJECT: ILLEGAL WEARING
OF UNIFORM

DATE: 4/29/68

During recent racial disturbances following assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, four subjects were arrested in Chicago, Illinois, for illegal wearing of uniform.

Additionally, other subjects were arrested in different parts of the United States for the same offenses. In each instance, prosecution was authorized by the USA under the illegal wearing of the uniform statute.

Inasmuch as Federal troops and/or National Guard units are being utilized more frequently during riotous conditions, the opportunity becomes greater for people to disguise themselves in the uniform of the armed forces.

Therefore, when racial disturbances arise, all agents should be particularly alert for violations of this statute.

All agents should insure that local PDs are cognizant of our jurisdiction in these matters, and all such matters discovered by the local PDs should be promptly reported to this office.

CC: 1-Each agent
1-157-99
1-66-11
1-44-493

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FD-5 (Rev. 6-17-70)

e48-16-83475-1 GPO

File _____ Class. _____ Case No. _____ Last Serial _____ Date _____

Pending Closed

Serial No. _____ Description of Serial _____ Date Charged _____

Serial # 216

*inadvertently
shipped.*

Employee _____

RECHARGE

Date _____

To _____ From _____

Initials of Clerk { _____

Date { _____

Date Charged _____

Employee _____

Location _____



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

502 U. S. Post Office
and Courthouse
Albany, New York 12207

April 26, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Dear Sir:

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

Very truly yours,

Robert V. Hancock
ROBERT V. HANCOCK
Special Agent in Charge

Encs.

- 1 - Each Top Ten Outlet
 - 1 - 88-517
 - ① - JAMES EARL RAY
- lma

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-493)
(ATTN: SA JOHN S. LEVAN)

FROM : SA DANIEL V. HOGAN (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

The following investigation was conducted by
SA DANIEL V. HOGAN:

The following listed dancing schools were contacted
in the Glens Falls resident agency territory on the
indicated dates:

GLENS FALLS

On 4/23/68, Miss DONNA MARIE HALL, proprietress,
Donna's School of Dance, 139 Hunter, advised that wanted
flyer photos of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, are
unfamiliar to her. She said that her dancing school has only
been in operation about one year and she teaches children
in the 4-12 year age bracket.

On 4/23/68, Miss GINGER BENACK, proprietress,
Ginger Benack School of Dance, located in the Dante Civic
Association Building, upstairs, Cooper St., was contacted
and advised that the subject is unfamiliar to her from the
photo. She advised that she instructs young children and
has no adults in her classes.

Unsuccessful attempts were made to contact TRACI
MAJOR, who operates Traci Major Dance Center in the Queensbury
Shopping Plaza, Glen Street, on 4/22-23-24/68.

It is noted, however, that Miss DONNA MARIE HALL,
mentioned above, stated that TRACI MAJOR opened her school
within the past year, and the studio has young children only.
She also advised that TRACI MAJOR conducts a babysitting
service as well, at the above location. In view of this
information, no further attempts are being made to contact

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TRACI MAJOR.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

On 4/23/68, Mrs. PEGGY DELAY, proprietress, Stepping Star Studio, 426 Broadway, advised that the subject's photo is unfamiliar to her and she has children only in her dance classes.

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Lone Slayer Sought in King Case

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — There is no significant evidence to indicate that more than one man was responsible for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., according to U. S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark.

Clark made the statement when questioned by newsmen about a possible conspiracy behind the King death.

"We could make a long, long list—as long as the imagination of man runneth—of people who could possibly be involved in this," Clark said. "But there's no significant evidence that it goes beyond the single actor."

The Attorney General made no mention by name of James Earl Ray, who has been charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with conspiracy in the April 4 murder of King.

Clark did say he still feels sure an arrest will be made soon.

"I was hopeful an arrest would be obtained before now," he said. "The individual being sought is in a very difficult situation and it will be difficult for him to avoid arrest."

Clark was in Atlanta over the weekend to speak at an Emory University Law Day Luncheon. His speech was concerned primarily with the alienation of the Negro in American society through poverty and discrimination and with the role of the policeman in preventing riots.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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KULIKERBECKER NEWS
ALBANY, N.Y.

Date: 4-29-68

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Author:

Editor:

Title:

Character:

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC'S ATLANTA, JACKSONVILLE,
MIAMI, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL THIRTY LAST.

CAPTAIN MAURICE DECARIE, MONTREAL PD, AUTO THEFT
SQUAD, TODAY ADVISED NO SUSPECTS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
DEVELOPED RE THEFT AT MONTREAL, AUGUST TWENTYONE LAST
OF SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC, VIN F SEVEN ONE ONE TWO SEVEN
NINE FIVE.

ALBANY CONTACTED LEGAT OTTAWA APRIL THIRTY LAST
RE LEAD SUGGESTED RETEL AND LEGAT STATED RCMP CONDUCTING
INVESTIGATION RE GALT'S RESIDENCE IN MONTREAL AND
HE WOULD HAVE RCMP INTERVIEW EISENBERG AND CONDUCT
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT PLACE OF THEFT INSTANT
VEHICLE.-P-

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent *bu 1146*
Atlanta 1148, 1150
Memphis 1152
Per *[Signature]*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS #31
SA _____

FROM : SAC (44-493)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

DATE: 4/26/68

The Memphis Office, by airtel dated 4/19/68, advised as follows:

For information of all offices, the Bureau requested of the Memphis Division the following information:

Please furnish following information on above matter compiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter submit cumulative totals through the end of each month until further notice:

- 1) Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
 - A. Special Agents
 - B. Clerical Employees
- 2) Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally-owned cars.
- 3) Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.
- 4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

1 - Each Agent
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Each Agent is requested to immediately furnish SA JOHN S. LEVAN the above data for items number 2 and 3 compiled or estimated through 4/30/68. Thereafter, submit data for items 1, 2 and 3 to reach headquarters no later than the next to last work day of the month until further notice. Comply with these instructions even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-493 DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA RICHARD A. WEGNER (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of SPC WILLIAM BARDON, 4/21/68.

On 4/24/68, an NCIC check was made through the NYSP re vehicle and California dealer's tags reported in refmemo with negative results.

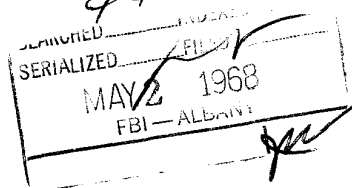
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Date: 5/2/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987), BOSTON, CINCINNATI, AND NEW YORK

FROM: SAC ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN.

OFFICER NORMAN GADUE, BENNINGTON, VERMONT PD, TODAY ADVISED HE ISSUED SPEEDING TICKET TO ONE JAMES ESTEL RAY AT NINE PM, AUGUST THIRTY SIXTYSEVEN. RAY AT TIME DRIVING SIXTYTWO WHITE CADILLAC CONVERTIBLE BLACK TOP, SIXTYSEVEN TENNESSEE REGISTRATION EW EIGHT ONE THREE TWO. OPERATOR'S LICENSE, NUMBER UNKNOWN, AND STATE UNKNOWN REVEALED RAY'S ADDRESS AS ONE TWO EIGHT BIG PINE ROAD, DAYTON, OHIO. TENNESSEE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE REVEALED ADDRESS AS ROUTE THREE, BOX THREE FOUR NINE, HARRIMAN, TENNESSEE. RAY BELIEVED EMPLOYED BY PETRICCA CONSTRUCTION CO., PITTSFIELD, MASS., OR PRELOAD CONSTRUCTION CO., GARDEN CITY, LONG ISLAND, N.Y. BOTH COMPANIES WORKED ON WATER SUPPLY PROJECT IN BENNINGTON AREA DURING SUMMER OF SIXTYSEVEN. RAY NEVER APPEARED TO ANSWER TO SPEEDING TICKET. INVESTIGATION BY OFFICER GADUE

cc: 1-44-493
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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent [Signature] M Per [Signature]

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Date:

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REVEALED RAY LEFT BENNINGTON, VERMONT, NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER
FOURTEEN SIXTYSEVEN. OFFICER BELIEVES PHOTO OF JAMES EARL
RAY ON WANTED FLYER FOUR FOUR TWO IS VERY SIMILAR AND PROBABLY
IDENTICAL WITH JAMES ESTEL RAY.

MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY CHECK MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS PERTAINING
TO TENNESSEE REGISTRATION AND ADDRESS IN HARRIMAN, TENN.

CINCINNATI CHECK OUT ADDRESS IN DAYTON, OHIO.

BOSTON CONTACT APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL AT PETRICCA CONSTRUC-
TION CO., PITTSFIELD.

NEW YORK CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION AT PRELOAD CONSTRUC-
TION CO., IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF JAMES EARL RAY IDENT
WITH SUSPECT THIS CASE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Albany (44-493)**

Date: **April 26, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **PC-A5865 IZ**

Examination requested by: **Albany**
Reference: **Airtel 4/12/68**
Examination requested: **Microscopic - Miscellaneous**
Remarks:

The submitted evidence is being retained in the Laboratory.

The K33 sets of type are being retained in the Laboratory for possible assistance in examinations on laundry marks.

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: **FBI, Albany**
Re: **MURKIN**

Date: **April 26, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **PC-A5865 IZ**

Specimens received **4/15/68**

K33 Six sets of type used in Thermo Seal machines, further described as follows:

<u>TYPE SIZE</u>	<u>CHARACTERS</u>
Regular 18-point type	Letters
Regular 18-point type	Numbers
Narrow 18-point type	Letters
Regular 15-point type	Numbers
Narrow 15-point type	Letters
Narrow 15-point type	Numbers

K34 Roll of marking tape

Results of examination:

Specimen K34 is a partial roll of marking tape measuring 5/16" in width. the recovered tape on specimens Q69, Q70, Q97 and Q99 all measures 1/4" in width and, therefore, cannot be associated with specimen K34.

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Date: 4/25/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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Special Agent in Charge

AT 44-2386

For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-
RE: MURKIN
CR

Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

- 1 - Each Continental Office
- 2 - Memphis

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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 26, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Re: MURKIN
CR

Lab. No. D-561586 JK

Specimens received 4/24/68

Qc288 Photocopy of Canadian Money Order #C 31,600,868, in the amount of \$17.50, signed "Eric Galt"

Result of examination:

Although the photocopy, Qc288, lacks the quality necessary for a satisfactory comparison, some differences were noted between the writing appearing on the face of this item when compared with the writings appearing on specimens submitted in this case.

Some features noted on Qc288 which might give an indication of its place of purchase are a stamp with the wording "Montreal 28 VII 67;" the number of the money order, "C-31,600,868;" the printed name "Hector Cormier" at the bottom of the money order and the initials "M." or "N." "D." on the bottom line to the right of the printed Cormier name.

Qc288 has been retained.

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