

FBI ATLANTA

1111 PM URGENT 5-1-68 ARK

TO BIRMINGHAM

FROM ATLANTA (44-2356)

MURKIN CC: MEMPHIS.

RE BU AIRTEL FOUR TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT, REGARDING UNUSUAL TRAVEL
OF ONE L. D. KENDRICK LATTER PART MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT
BETWEEN ATLANTA, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM. DELTA OFFICIALS ADVISE
IMPOSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY DELTA PASSENGER KENDRICK WITHOUT
FLIGHT NUMBERS.

AMSD COPY MEMPHIS (44-2356)

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FBI BIRMINGHAM

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FBI ATLANTA

FBI CHICAGO

1143PM DEFERRED 5/1/68 GGE

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, SPRINGFIELD,
AND ST. LOUIS.

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE JOHN GAWRON

INVESTIGATION CHICAGO REVEALED THAT GAWRON, CLOSE
ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT AND FAMILY, INCARCERATED STATE PRISON,
JOLIET, PONTIAC, AND MENARD, ILLINOIS, FOR NUMEROUS
BURGLARY VIOLATIONS. COMPLETE PRISON FILE MAINTAINED
MENARD, ILLINOIS, UNDER FBI NO. ONE THREE FOUR THREE THREE
FOUR. INFO FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY TO SPRINGFIELD.

RE BROTHER JERRY RAY.

JERRY REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE ADVISED LEFT CHICAGO
ONE PM, APRIL TWENTY-NINE LAST BECAUSE TIRED, SPENT UNTIL FOUR
AM APRIL THIRTY LAST IN MOTEL, BRAIDWOOD, ILLINOIS, ARRIVED
ST. LOUIS NINE AM. STAYED AT JOHN RAY'S APARTMENT, LEWIS
STREET UNTIL NOON THEN WENT TO CAROL PEPPER'S RESIDENCE,
STAYED THERE APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS, RETURNED TO JOHN'S
TAVERN, STAYED THERE AND WITH JOHN UNTIL LEAVING ST. LOUIS
ABOUT ELEVEN AM INSTANT.

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MOST OF CONVERSATION WITH JOHN AND CAROL CENTERED AROUND ARTICLE IN LIFE MAGAZINE. STATES NO INDICATION, IN CONVERSATION WITH JOHN OR CAROL, THAT THEY AWARE OF SUBJECT'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OR WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE UNTIL SEPTEMBER ONE LAST. JOHN TOLD HIM FBI COMBED TWO BLOCK AREA LOOKING FOR JACK GAMRON, BROTHER AWARE GAMRON INTERVIEWED BY FBI BUT NO INDICATION THAT DETAILS OF INTERVIEW KNOWN. ADMITS THAT, IN PAST, HE DROVE GAMRON AROUND LOOKING AT POSSIBLE BURGLARY SCORES AT WHICH TIME GAMRON WOULD PAY FOR EXPENSES. STATES TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, GAMRON NEVER COMMITTED BURGLARY IN PLACES CASED AND CLASSIFIED HIM AS PERSON LIVING ON PAST GLORIES. JERRY STATES WALTER RIFE WAS BROTHER JAMES RAP PARTNER IN LEAVENWORTH AND THAT HE, JERRY, SERVED TIME WITH BOTH LONNIE AND WALTER RIFE IN KENARD. JERRY CONTINUES TO EXPRESS COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE. DID NOT SEE GAMRON WHILE IN ST. LOUIS.

RE JAMES E. BOOKER

INVESTIGATION CHICAGO REVEALS BOOKER IS AN ACTUAL INDIVIDUAL, HAS CAR SUBURBAN MOTORS, AND WAS AT HIS MOTHER'S RESIDENCE APRIL FOUR LAST. ELIMINATED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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601A EDT URGENT 5/9/68 WCC

TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY
AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM ATLANTA 44-9386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT.

INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO SOURCES IN WIPPIE AREA OF ATLANTA AND BELIEVED BY SOME TO BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY, IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED MAY ONE INSTANT. NAME PAUL SAXON, W/M, AGE FORTYSEVEN, FROM MISS. HE IS PROGRAMMER FOR OXFORD INDUSTRIES, ATLANTA. OTHER SOURCES IN WIPPIE AREA BEING CONTACTED ON REGULAR BASIS AND INVESTIGATION OF NARCOTICS PHASE CONTINUING.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECK CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ABANDONED HERTZ RED PEREL AUTO AT BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT INDICATES CAR HAD BEEN RENTED AND NOT BELIEVED CONNECTED WITH THIS CASE. HOWEVER, LEAD SET FORTH TO INTERVIEW PERSON WHO RENTED CAR DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT LENGTH. HE COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFO.

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ABANDONED FARM OWNED BY ALLEGED LEADER OF MINUTEMEN IN RURAL AREA CHECKED MAY ONE. NO EVIDENCE OF HUMAN HABITATION OR BEING USED AS HIDE-OUT.

TAXICAB TRIP SHEETS OF PERTINENT PERIODS BEING SCRUTINIZED AND LOGICAL LEADS BEING CHECKED OUT.

CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUALS ADVERTISING CARS FOR SALE IN CLASSIFIED ADS OF ATLANTA NEWSPAPERS CONTINUING, NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATIONS OF ALL STOLEN CARS IN ATLANTA DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, INCLUDING THOSE FURNISHED BY NCIC CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFO OBTAINED TO DATE.

COMPLAINTS OF LOOK-A-LIKES BEING RECEIVED ON CONTINUING BASIS AND BEING CHECKED OUT.

PLACES FEATURING COUNTRY MUSIC CHECKED OUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

A & D. P

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905A - PGD, FBI MEMPHIS

909A - JGA, FBI BIRMGHAM

913A - RJM, FBI LOS ANG

919A - JLS, FBI CHICAGO

923A - PHM, FBI KAN CITY

927A - DMJ, FBI SPRNGFLD

5/2/68

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Director dated 5/1/68.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Laboratory is Hertz Rental Agreement #939484 executed 4/19/68, signed JAMES E. BODKER and bearing his initials.

For the information of the Laboratory, an employee of Hertz at Albany, Ga. has described BODKER generally the same as JAMES EARL RAY and has viewed his photos and believes possibly identical. The only handwriting appearing on this contract which is in BODKER's handwriting is JAMES E. BODKER and the initials "JEB."

The Laboratory is requested to compare this handwriting with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

It is also requested that the contract be processed for latent fingerprints in this matter re Mr. CHARLES V. TYSON, manager, Hertz, Albany, Ga. who has handled this document. He was in the U.S. Army with serial number 34 976 214. This document should be returned to Atlanta for return to Mr. TYSON unless it becomes of value as evidence in the MURKIN case.

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2-Memphis
2-Atlanta
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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSONVILLE, NEW YORK,

MIAMI AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-9386 1P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL, MAY ONE LAST AND ATLANTA TELCALL TO ABOVE
OFFICES, MAY TWO, INSTANT.

DISCONTINUE LEADS TO CONTACT AIRLINES EMPLOYEES AND
TRAVELERS AS SIXTYEIGHT AMERICAN REBEL RENTED AT HERTZ
ATLANTA, APR. SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, BY J. TERRENCE WOLKERSTOBER,
ST. PAUL, MINN. AND LEFT AUTO AT BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT, APR. NINE,
LAST.

INVESTIGATION ST. PAUL, MINN., AND ATLANTA, GA., CONTINUING
TO IDENTIFY WOLKERSTOBER.

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END 940A - JGA, FBI BIRMGHAM

944A - MMH, FBI JACKSVLE

FLR 942A - JSM, FBI CHICAGO

946A - JAM, NEW YORK

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948A - MSB, FBI MIAMI

950A - SAB, FBI MEMPHIS

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987),
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE LOUIS LOMAX AND CHARLES STEIN

LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER, APRIL THIRTY, CONTAINED ARTICLE BY LOMAX CONCERNING TRIP WITH STEIN TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH UTILIZED BY SUBJECT DURING DECEMBER SEVENT SEVEN. LOMAX REPORTED THAT DURING TRIP HE AND STEIN HAD LOCATED PHONE BOOTH IN TEXAS, AND THAT PHONE COMPANY WAS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE RECORDS RE CALLS MADE FROM SUCH BOOTH IN EFFORT TO LOCATE QUOTE GASH MAN UNQUOTE WHO BANKROLLED SLAYING OF KING. LOMAX ALSO CLAIMED THAT FBI HAD PHONE COMPANY RECORDS AND HAD DECLINED TO LET LOMAX SEE SUCH PHONE RECORDS RE TELEPHONE BOOTH LOCATED IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AT LOS ANGELES. LOMAX TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LOS ANGELES OFFICE AM APRIL TWENTY NINE AND ASKED FOR ANY INFORMATION RE THIS CASE AND WHETHER OR NOT FBI HAD ANY PHONE RECORDS. LOMAX WAS ADVISED ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE WAS CONTAINED IN PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE BUREAU. NO FURTHER COMMENTS WERE TO BE

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PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFICIALS ADVISE THAT LOWAZ
HAS NOT ASKED FOR ANY CHECK OF TELEPHONE BOOKS IN TEXAS.
IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CHARLES BERRY, WHOSE INFORMATION
FOLLOWS THIS, INDICATES THAT NO FRANK SCOTT WAS LOCATED
DURING TRIP.

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RE CHARLES STEIN

STEIN INTERVIEWED TODAY STATED HE DID NOT LOCATE PAY PHONE BOOTH USED BY SUBJECT DURING COURSE OF TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN. STEIN STATED HE RECEIVED NO MONEY FROM ANY NEWSPAPER MEN, INCLUDING LOMAX, ALTHOUGH PROMISED UP TO TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR HIS COOPERATION. STEIN DECLINED TO ADVISED WHO MADE SUCH AN OFFER. STEIN STATED HE HAS BEEN CONNED, DUPED, USED AND BEEN MADE A MARK BY NEWSPAPERS. STEIN ADVISED HE IS PRESENTLY CONFUSED AS TO WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED DURING DECEMBER TRIP AND WHAT NEWSPAPERS HAVE SAID HAPPENED.

RE ITEMS IN TRUNK OF MUSTANG

STEIN ADVISED HE CAN NOT REMEMBER ANY POSSESSION OF SUBJECT IN MUSTANG OTHER THAN SUIT CASE AND YELLOW BOX. HE STATED SUBJECT PICKED HIM UP AT HOUSE OF SISTER, MARIE LEE, *New Orleans* TO BEGIN RETURN TRIP. STEIN ADVISED DECARVELHO AT SISTER'S HOUSE, BUT CANNOT RECOLLECT WHETHER ANYTHING PUT IN TRUNK AT THIS TIME. TRUNK THEN LOADED WITH CARDBOARD BOX AT ~~RESIDENCE OF MOTHER~~ RESIDENCE OF MOTHER, BUT STEIN ONLY REMEMBERS YELLOW BOX AND SUIT CASE AS BEING IN TRUNK.

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RE BACKGROUND OF CHARLES J. AND RITA STEIN

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL
POSSIBLE ASSOCIATES OF CHARLES STEIN IN HIPPIE AREA, WHO
MIGHT HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING HIS PAST ASSOCIATION WITH
SUBJECT.

RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND
POWER SHOW UTILITIES AT FIVE SIX SIX SIX FRANKLIN AVENUE,
LOS ANGELES LISTED TO RITA ROSSI, LISTED AS WIDOW OF
STAN ROSSI, WITH THEIR FORMER RESIDENCE AT THREE THREE FOUR
ZERO FLOYD TERRACE, LOS ANGELES UNTIL NOVEMBER TWENTY SEVEN
SIXTY SEVEN. STAN ROSSI'S FORMER EMPLOYMENT SHOWN AS
O AND M MOTORS, ONE FIVE FIVE SEVEN MANCHESTER AVENUE,
AND RITA ROSSI'S EMPLOYMENT AS THE ORBIT, FOUR FOUR ZERO FOUR
MELROSE, BOTH LOS ANGELES. HOME PHONE LISTED AS SIX SIX TWO
DASH ONE FOUR ONE TWO.

RE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BARTENDING

TOMAS R. LAU, OWNER, INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BAR-
TENDING, LOS ANGELES, OBSERVED PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT TAKEN
IN NINETEEN SIXTY SIX AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY.
LAU STATED PHOTOGRAPH NOT GOOD LIKENESS OF SUBJECT WHO HE KNEW
AS ERIC GALT JANUARY TO MARCH NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AT 44-2386

RDR:sja

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD D. RACKLEFF at Atlanta, Georgia on April 24, 1968:

The persons listed below reviewed the records of their respective agencies in an effort to locate an automobile rented to JAMES EARL RAY, alias ERIC STARVO GALT; W. C. HERRON, HARVEY LOWMYER, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNOR, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, and JOHN WILLARD. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to the employees of each agency and each was unable to furnish any information concerning RAY's whereabouts.

Those persons contacted are as follows:

TOM DANCE, Dance Hertz Rental Agency, 2174 North Druid Hills Road, NE

BETTY OWEN, Avis Rental Agency, Executive Park Motel, 1447 Northeast Expressway

Investigation at the Toco Hills Shopping Center in an effort to locate a National Rental Agency in that area, determined that the National Rental Agency was formerly operated by Toco Hills Gulf Service Station and is no longer in business.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)

MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau 4/25/68.

Enclosed for the Los Angeles Division are two Xerox copies of referenced communication. Also enclosed are two Xerox copies of results of an interview with LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA, an inmate at the Cobb County Jail, Marietta, Georgia, on 4/24/68.

Los Angeles Division is requested to conduct lead at Palos Verdes to locate and interview BOB GRAMM since that city is in their territory.

3 - Bureau
2 - Los Angeles (Encs. - 4)
1 - Memphis
① - Atlanta (44-2386)
2 - San Diego

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

CO-MEMPHIS

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, Richmond, etc., 4/26/68.

It is noted that the confidential source mentioned in referenced teletype is DL 274-R. This was inadvertently omitted from retel. Error forms scored.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)(Info)
① - Atlanta (44-2386)(AM)(Info)
1 - Chicago (44-1114)(AM)(Info)
2 - Dallas (1 - 44-2649)
(1 - 157-1019)(Info)

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1741)(P)
RE : MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles and
Memphis, 4/24/68.

Reairtel contained photo subject, purportedly taken
by woman in Mexico. This photograph displayed to Birmingham
witnesses JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO, JOHN DENNIS HANNERS, DONALD
WOODS, U. L. BAKER, PETER CHERPES, WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR.,
and HERBERT KELLY on 4/26/68. DE SHAZO stated he thought the
photo was a good likeness of subject and HANNERS said it
looked "something like" subject, especially the hairline.
The remaining witnesses each stated they did not believe
this was the subject, and could not identify him from this
photo.

These same witnesses were shown the 1966 Missouri
prison photo of the subject, and all agreed this was a poor
photo of the subject as they each did not remember him being
that thin in the face.

Each witness to date has stated the best likeness
of the subject is the 1960 Missouri prison profile photo, if
hair was added.

3 - Bureau
2 - Atlanta (44-493)
2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SA C.O. KENNERLY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/1/68

Re memo SA CHARLES S. HARDING dated 4/25/68 to contact all Klan and racial informants.

The below listed racial informants were contacted on the indicated dates and photos of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to them. They were also interviewed for any knowledge of a so-called "bounty" or "contract" for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. All advised they had no information concerning the above.

AT 1887-R on 4/29/68

AT 1829-R on 4/30/68

PCI WILLIE WALTER HAMMONDS on 4/30/68

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- 2- 44-2386
- 1- 170-197 (AT 1887-R)
- 1- 170-137 (AT 1829-R)
- 1- 170-319 (HAMMONDS)



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

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) 5/2/68
ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau teletype to Atlanta, 4/29/68.

Enclosed for the Latent Fingerprint Section are 19 3 x 5 cards with unidentified latent fingerprints. These cards are from the Gwinnett County Police Department, Lawrenceville, Georgia, which started such a file just a few months ago.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to compare the enclosed prints with those of subject, JAMES EARL RAY (I.O. #4182) and then return the prints to Atlanta so they can be returned to the Gwinnett County Police Department.

2 - Bureau (Enc. 19) (RM)

2 - Atlanta

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On 5/1/68, Sheriff HOKE HUSTON, Gwinnett Co. SO, advised he did not have an unidentified latent fingerprint file.

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SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

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SA JAMES O. PONDER

MURKIN

On 5/2/68, Detective R. W. DAVIDSON, APD, advised they received information from a reliable source who is a real estate man and does not want his name divulged since he has no first-hand information concerning this matter, other than hearsay. DAVIDSON's source related that there is an old man, name and description not known, who eats regularly at Rose's Grill, located at Peachtree and 17th Streets, Atlanta. This man told DAVIDSON's source that the night after the KING assassination, an individual whom he believes to be GALT, was in the above restaurant eating about 7:30 P.M. He was sitting next to the old man there and mentioned he had recently come to Atlanta from Tennessee and that he liked Georgia because it had a good Governor.

The old man told DAVIDSON's source that a waitress who waits on him had also seen this man and possibly seen him on other occasions and that there was no doubt in their minds that this individual was identical with GALT, however, neither wanted to become involved and report the matter since they are very scared and did not want to get mixed up in the investigation.

LEAD

Conduct appropriate investigation at Rose's Grill 17th and Peachtree Streets, to determine if subject has eaten there in the past and identify the old man and waitress referred to above; thereafter conduct appropriate interviews.

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CLASS	CODE	FROM	PLACE CALLED	TELEPHONE NUMBER			DATE	MIN.	AMOUNT
				AREA	NUMBER				
Day	6 K	0070 05	EL PASO TEX	915	565	1483	12 08	1	70
Night	6 B	0065 05	BURNS FLATOKLA	405	562	3648	12 08	3	65
Day	6 B	0080 10	DALLAS TEX	214	321	5037	12 08	3	80
Night	6 B	0060 05	PLAINVIEW TEX	806	223	2940	12 09	3	60
Day	6 K	0060 05	PECOS TEX	915	445	8402	12 11	3	60
Night	6 B	0085 10	MIAMI FLA	305	866	0871	12 11	3	85
Day	6 K	0080 10	ODESSA TEX	915	366	4842	12 12	1	80
Night	6 B	0065 05	LOSANGELESCAL	213	654	3966	12 12	3	65
Day	6 B	0035 10	BKLYN NYC NY	212	386	0097	12 13	3	85
Night	6 B	0150 15	VENTURA CAL	805	642	4605	12 14	7	150
Day	6 K	LA 0140 15	SANTA ANA CAL	714	531	5933	12 15	4	140
Night	6 K	0070 05	EL PASO TEX	915	751	5472	12 15	3	70
Day	6 B	PX 0065 05	TUCSON ARIZ	602	296	0824	12 16	2	65
Night	6 B	DL 0080 10	DIBOLL TEX	713	829	5382	12 17	2	80

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Day	6 B	0050 05	EL PASO TEX	915	532	8697	12 17	2	50
Night	6 S	0105 10	DALLAS TEX	214	381	6121	12 18	2	105
Day	6 L	0100 10	ALPINE TEX	915	837	2764	12 18	3	100
Night	6 B	0070 05	SANFERNANDCAL	213	892	7880	12 19	3	70
Day	6 B	0080 10	MINERALWLVSTEX	817	325	2602	12 20	4	80
Night	6 B	0125 15	LAWTON OKLA	405	353	3754	12 23	6	125
Day	6 S	0050 05	EL PASO TEX	915	598	6712	12 27	2	50
Night	6 B	0065 05	SCOTTSDALEARIZ	602	959	5504	12 28	2	65
Day	6 L	0220 20	LAS VEGAS NEV	702	735	5111	12 29	2	220
Night	6 B	0080 10	SANANTONIOTEX	512	225	3361	12 29	3	80
Day	6 B	0065 05	YUMA ARIZ	602	783	3515	12 30	3	65

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				AREA	NUMBER				
Day	6 K	0105 10	SANTA FE NMEX	505	983	381	12 14	2	105
Night	6 K	PX 0120 10	PHOENIX ARIZ	602	275	4157	12 15	1	120
Day	6 B	SD 0160 15	HOLTVILLE CAL	714	356	2395	12 16	5	160
Night	6 B	BATE 0075 10	DALTON GA	404	259	3027	12 17	2	75
Day	6 B	PX 0105 10	PHOENIX ARIZ	602	253	6053	12 17	5	105
Night	6 B	PX 0060 05	SAFFORD ARIZ	602	428	3369	12 17	3	60
Day	6 B	SC 0175 20	SACRAMENTOCAL	916	422	5789	12 17	8	175
Night	6 B	0055 05	MIDLAND TEX	915	682	5042	12 17	2	55
Day	6 B	DL 0240 25	DALLAS TEX	214	339	1752	12 17	9	240
Night	6 B	HO 0135 15	VICTORIA TEX	512	578	2986	12 17	5	135
Day	6 B	0050 05	EL PASO TEX	915	859	7338	12 17	2	50
Night	6 B	0100 10	MEMPHIS TENN	901	276	8200	12 18	8	100
Day	6 S	0210 20	ROBSTOWN TEX	512	387	5442	12 18	6	210
Night	6 S	0070 05	ODESSA TEX	915	332	3033	12 18	3	70

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Date: 4/30/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY ENROUTE
 FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Re Bureau tel to EP, HO, and SA, 4/25/68.

Enclosed for the offices receiving copies of this airtel, are the indicated number of copies of pages listing long distance telephone calls.

3-Bureau (Encl. 5) (AMSD)
 2-Albuquerque (Encl. 2) (AMSD)
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 2-Birmingham (44-1740) (Encl. 5) (AMSD)
 2-Dallas (Encl. 4) (AMSD)
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John L. Davis

Approved: *W.S.P.*
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per *Henry JBA*

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Referenced Butel reads as follows:

During automobile trip of subject RAY and CHARLES STEIN departing Los Angeles on 12/15/67 and arriving New Orleans on 12/17/67, subject RAY made about six telephone calls from various pay stations in Texas.

They traveled via automobile on Interstate 10 through El Paso to Van Horn, Texas, and went south on Route 90 to San Antonio, then Route 90 or Interstate 10 to Houston, Texas, and to New Orleans.

Each office should check with telephone company and determine the long distance calls placed at each public telephone on the above mentioned routes during period of 12/15, 16, and 17, 1967, and have each call checked out.

On 4/30/68, Mrs. HELEN ORNELAS, Service Representative, West Texas Telephone Company, Pecos, Texas, made available duplicate bills on pay stations from Van Horn, Valentine, and Sierra Blanca, Texas.

Noted that these bills reflect the telephone numbers of the individuals receiving the telephone calls from the pay stations in the above mentioned communities. As noted above, the pertinent dates are 12/15, 16, and 17/67. The teletype codes of the respective offices have been added to these duplicate bills, indicating the telephone numbers to be checked out by the various offices receiving this airtel.

LEADS

ALL OFFICES

Review the enclosed duplicate bills for telephone numbers located in their divisions and conduct appropriate investigation as instructed in referenced Butel, set out above.

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4-30-68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4-26-68, re suspect,
JOHN W. LEWIS.

For the information of the Atlanta Office, JOHN W. LEWIS mentioned in referenced airtel is undoubtedly identical with JOHN WARREN LEWIS, subject of Louisville file entitled "JOHN WARREN LEWIS, SSN [redacted], OO: Louisville, and also "JOHN WARREN LEWIS, SM- C", OO: Louisville. LEWIS is presently under bond after arrest for violation of the Selective Service Act in connection with his activities in the group, American Friends Service Committee, and Students for a Democratic Society. LEWIS is leader of the Ky. Conference on War and the Draft and a leader of a conference of this group at the University of Ky. on 2-10-68.

JOHN WARREN LEWIS is definitely not identical with the photo enclosed for the Louisville Office in referenced airtel, nor with subject RAY.

For the information and guidance of the Atlanta Office, enclosed is a photo of JOHN WARREN LEWIS taken upon his arrest by BuAgents in the Frankfort, Ky. area on 9-27-67. JOHN WARREN LEWIS is described as 22 years of age, DOB [redacted] at Franklin County, Ky., 6'3", 225 lbs., heavy build, dark brown hair, brown eyes, residence 308 Noel Ave., Frankfort, Ky. This photo is

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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being furnished the Atlanta Office in the event they desire to further resolve the identity of JOHN W. LEWIS which individual was present during the programming conference of the Poor Peoples March at Atlanta, on 3-14-68.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FBI

Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via Airtel _____
(Priority)

To: SAC's, Atlanta (44-2386) - Enclosures (2)
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel 4/23/68, submitting an envelope, Q290, addressed to WSB Radio Station, and accompanying type-written message, Q291, for examination.

Two latent fingerprints were developed on the envelope. No latent prints were developed on the message. The latent fingerprints on the envelope have been identified as fingerprints of SA Charles T. Haynes.

Specimens are enclosed to Atlanta.

Laboratory reporting separate.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA JACK B. SIMPSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of Complaint Clerk ROSEBERRY, 4/30/68 (Ser. 1468).

JOHN HEAD, R & R Body Shop, 4300 Peachtree Road, Doraville, telephone 457-9490, advised on 5/1/68, that on 4/30/68, he entered the expressway off Hunter Street, northbound on 85, and picked up a hitchhiker at the location about 9:35 A.M.

This hitchhiker, a white male, said very little except he was not familiar with Atlanta and was enroute from Florida to Minnesota, no cities named.

HEAD said he dropped this man at 9:45 or 9:50 A.M. at the Marietta Exit, where 85 and 41 join and last saw the man resuming his hitchhiking at this location on 41.

HEAD described the hitchhiker as about 40, 5' 9", 195, heavy set, brown hair--medium length, eyes close together, no scars or marks, wearing dark, heavy work pants and gray work shirt.

Individual was dirty, unshaven, and had no luggage or coat. His accent was northern.

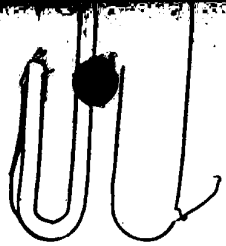
HEAD said he later thought about the hitchhiker as possibly being connected with instant matter and believed the hitchhiker resembled JAMES EARL RAY around the eyes, though the hitchhiker had no scar on his forehead and his nose was not long and sharp like RAY's. HEAD said he was not saying the hitchhiker was RAY, but resembled RAY around the eyes only. HEAD noticed nothing else particularly outstanding about the man and no other similarities with RAY, except the eyes, and could furnish no further information.

Unless RAY is known to have family or associates anywhere in Minnesota, lead considered covered. In event any family or associates of RAY known in Minnesota, lead should be set forth for liaison.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/

ATLANTA /44-2386/

FROM PHOENIX /44-371/ 2P

MURKIN: CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE ATLANTA AIRETEL TO DIRECTOR AND ALL CONFIDENTIAL OFFICES, APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST, RE CAR RECOVERIES FROM GEORGIA SUBSEQUENT TO MARCH TWENTYTHREE, LAST.

RECORDS AMP, PHOENIX REFLECT ONLY REPORTED GEORGIA VEHICLE RECOVERED ARIZONA SUBSEQUENT TO MARCH TWENTYTHREE, LAST IS SIXTYTWO FORD FALCON SEDAN, BLUE WITH WHITE TOP, GEORGIA LICENSE ONE NINE DASH D DASH TWO ONE SEVEN FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER TWO A ONE TWO FIVE ONE TWO SIX NINE ONE SIX FOUND ABANDONED BENTON STREET AND LE ROUX, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, NIGHT FIFTYBY AN APRIL FIFTEEN LAST. VEHICLE STORED STIDEL-CORR, TWO NINE TWO ZERO EAST SANTA FE, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA.

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to Phoenix May 1/68
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MOBILE RECORDS REFLECT VEHICLE STOLEN BERRY, GEORGIA,
APRIL ONE, LAST, BERRY, GEORGIA PD FILE ONE FOUR FIVE
SEVEN.

ATLANTA AT BERRY, GEORGIA WILL DETERMINE IDENTITY
REGISTERED OWNER AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING CIRCUMSTANCES
OF THEFT AND IF JAMES EARL RAY COULD POSSIBLE HAVE STOLEN
VEHICLE.

PHOENIX AT FLAGSTAFF WILL CONTACT FLAGSTAFF PD REGARDING
DETAILS OF RECOVERY AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT
COULD HAVE TRANSPORTED VEHICLE TO FLAGSTAFF.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

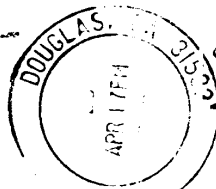
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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
U.S. POSTAGE



Office of the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Atlanta, Georgia

April 17, 1968

Dear Sir:

This information may be of absolutely no value whatsoever, but in the interest of helping in any way I possibly can I would like to ask you to investigate a Mr. Ruben White in your search for information concerning Dr.

Martin L. King.

Mr. White was employed by the State Highway Dept last summer, as I believe a party chief. I think he still is an employee of the State.

As I said this may be entirely irrelevant, but I would appreciate your checking Mr. White. If there is anything I can do please contact me.

Mr. White is listed in the Atlanta phone directory as:

Ruben White
754 Valleybrook Road
Decatur, Georgia 30033

Sincerely yours,
(Miss) Patricia Blackstone
Box 811
Douglas, Ga. 31533
404-912-384-5958

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, SAVANNAH

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for Savannah is a copy of a letter
from Miss PATRICIA BLACKSTONE, Box 811, Douglas, Georgia.

Savannah is requested to interview Miss BLACKSTONE
concerning the information in her letter and acknowledge
receipt of her letter at this time.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

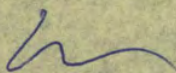
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Enclosed for the Bureau is a match book from the Reid Motel, Greenville, Ala. This was found in the parking lot behind 107, 113 - 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Ga., on 5/1/68. Although there is no indication that this could have come from the car of subject RAY, the Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine the enclosed match book for any latent prints identifiable with subject in this case.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561775 JK

Specimens received 4/29/68

K211 Various documents comprising thirty-four pieces of paper bearing purported known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY, obtained from his file at Missouri State Penitentiary

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned hand printing appearing on items attributed to Eric S. Galt was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, K171 and K211.

Because of the presence of characteristics which cannot be explained on the basis of the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, it cannot be definitely determined whether the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 was prepared by this individual; however, significant handwriting similarities were noted.

Specimen K211 has been photographed and is temporarily retained.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-561775 JK

Examination requested by: Kansas City
Reference: Airtel 4/27/68
Examination requested: Document
Remarks:

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- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)
- ① - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)
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TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TEL TO LOS ANGELES APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES TO LOCATE HAROLD J. THOME, POSSIBLY MENTAL, DETERMINED THOME NOT PRESENTLY IN LOS ANGELES AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

ON APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST, SON STEVEN J. THOME, GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA ADVISED THOME LEFT LOS ANGELES IN LATE NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN AS FATHER WAS CONSTANTLY TRAVELING. WAS RECEIVED TWO COLLECT TELEPHONE CALLS FROM FATHER SINCE CHRISTMAS, ORIGIN OF EITHER CALL UNKNOWN TO HIM. SON STATED FATHER WILL NOT CONTACT FORMER WIFE, FRANCES E. THOME, OR SON, TIM, AS ALIENATED FROM THEM, AND REFUSED TO FURNISH CURRENT ADDRESS FOR MOTHER, STATING SHE KNOW NOTHING AND HE DID NOT WANT HER INTERVIEWED. STEVEN THOME STATED BARNETT TRUCK COMPANY, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA SEEKING FATHER.
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JOSEPH POWERS, BARNETT BUICK COMPANY, ADVISED UNION BANK, WHICH FINANCED CAR, SEEKING THOME.

PAUL ZANDER, COLLECTION MANAGER, UNION BANK, SHERMAN OAKS, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED BUICK AUTO REPOSSESSED IN ATLANTA BY AUTO RECOVERY BUREAU, TWO SIX EIGHT ZERO GORDON ROAD, SW, ATLANTA ON JANUARY FIFTEEN LAST, AND AGENCY WOULD HAVE THOME'S ADDRESS AND EMPLOYMENT AT THAT TIME. ZANDER STATED THOME TOURING UNITED STATES FROM APPROXIMATELY MID-NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN UNTIL CAR REPOSSESSED, STATED THOME HAD UNION OIL AND SHELL OIL CREDIT CARDS, AND UNITED STATES CREDIT BUREAU HANDLING COLLECTION ON UNION CREDIT CARD.

ON MAY ONE INSTANT, WILLIAM REYNOLDS, UNIT MANAGER, US CREDIT BUREAU, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED AGENCY HAD ONE GASOLINE PURCHASE ON UNION OIL CARD SINCE JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT WHICH WAS PURCHASE OF GASOLINE ON MARCH EIGHT OR NINE NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT IN VAN HORN, TEXAS.

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FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA ADVISED THOME APPEARED SCLC HEADQUARTERS, ATLANTA ON NOVEMBER SIX, SIXTY SEVEN, URGENTLY REQUESTING AUDIENCE WITH KING FOR UNKNOWN REASON. LA FURNISHED BACKGROUND OF THOME TO ATLANTA, INCLUDING FACT HE WAS HOSPITALIZED TWICE FOR MENTAL DISORDER (SCHIZOPHRENIC PARANOID). BUREAU INSTRUCTED THOME BE INVESTIGATED AS POSSIBLE CONSPIRATOR IN MURKIN.

ATLANTA CONTACT REPOSSESSOR FOR BACKGROUND AND POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS OF THOME.

THOME SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS, AS HE ONCE THREATENED NEIGHBOR WITH SHOTGUN.

MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM J. WATRY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re memo from SA JAMES J. ROSE dated 4/16/68.

LAUNDRY CHECKS

On 5/1/68 the clerk at Wink-Davis Company, 568 Somerset Terrace, N.E., advised that a check of her records reflects that the MC FARLAND Brothers own a string of about five laundries in the Atlanta area, including the following:

1. Dial Cleaners
285 Mt. Vernon Highway
Sandy Springs, Georgia
2. Chamblee Sunshine Cleaners
Chamblee, Georgia
3. Roswell Cleaning Center
Roswell, Georgia
4. Alpharetta Cleaning Center
Alpharetta, Georgia
5. Dial Cleaners
Chamblee, Georgia

She stated that the brothers who own these cleaners are MARSHALL and EDWIN MC FARLAND. She stated they can usually be reached by calling one of the cleaners.

By calling the Chamblee Cleaners and being referred to the Sandy Springs Cleaners, MARSHALL MC FARLAND was subsequently contacted by telephone from the office of Wink-Davis Company by SA WILLIAM J. WATRY. Mr. MC FARLAND stated that he has five thermo-seal laundry tape machines in operation at this time. Two are using red tape, one is using blue tape, and one is using yellow tape.

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He stated the machine using yellow tape is at the Shallowford Sunshine Laundry Center. He stated that about a week ago some agents from the FBI contacted him and took samples from all his thermo-seal laundry mark machines to send to the Lab and they traced down the operator of the machine using the yellow tape at Shallowford Laundry Center and interviewed the operator for any possible leads in this case.

In view of the foregoing, Mr. MC FARLAND was advised that there would be no further effort to recontact him at this time in order to preclude duplication in this matter.

In view of the foregoing, no further efforts are being made to contact MC FARLAND unless advised to the contrary.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Atlanta (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA HARRY L. LEE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted in response to the investigative lead requiring a check of trains leaving Atlanta on 4/5/68 and 4/6/68 for positive information concerning the suspect JAMES EARL RAY, as set forth in Serial 926 in this file.

On 4/23/68, Mr. H. R. DAVY, Station Master, Atlanta Union Station, advised that only three trains leave Atlanta carrying regular passengers each day. Mr. DAVY advised that tickets can be purchased for these trains without requiring any advance reservation and without requiring any identification or prior notice of any sort. Mr. DAVY explained that an individual can simply walk to the ticket window, purchase a ticket and board the train and that the possibility of his being observed during such activity by anyone other than the ticket agent is somewhat remote. Mr. DAVY said that the conductor on board each train would have some contact with this individual, and he went on to explain further that very few passengers boarding trains utilize porter service, except for elderly persons or persons who are sick. Mr. DAVY suggested that the best possible way this matter could be called to the attention of train personnel was to leave photographs and complete descriptive information readily available in the Station Master's Office, and that he, Mr. DAVY, would insure that conductors on board trains leaving had an adequate opportunity to observe this photograph and to be advised of the Bureau's interest in this matter.

This information was left with Mr. DAVY, who immediately posted it on a board in the Station Master's Office where conductors and other train personnel report for service each day.

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On 4/26/68, Mr. DAVY advised that he had called this matter to the attention of conductors on Georgia Railroad Train Number 2, on L&N Railroad Trail Number 604, and on Seaboard-Coast Line Train Number 95, the only three trains leaving the Union Station on a daily basis.

On 4/24/68, Mr. J. B. STEWART, the principal Ticket Clerk at the Union Station, was contacted and the same data was furnished to Mr. STEWART with the request that the photograph and descriptive information be made available to all employees working in that area throughout the day to insure that anyone having any information in this regard would be contacted. Mr. STEWART immediately posted the photograph on the "wanted flyer" of subject RAY at the ticket counter, and he advised that this office would be contacted immediately if any information with regard to RAY could be obtained.

On 4/24/68, Mr. H. D. MULLINS, Ticket Agent, Atlanta Terminal Station, and Mr. R. E. EMBREY, Ticket Clerk, Atlanta Terminal Station, were both contacted in an effort to determine whether or not they might have any information concerning the subject, and the possibility that he may have purchased a ticket on a train leaving the Atlanta Terminal Station on April 5 or 6, 1968.

The photograph of the subject was exhibited to both Mr. MULLINS and Mr. EMBREY, who advised they had no data in this regard, and they were then requested to post the photograph of RAY where all employees of the Atlanta Terminal Station would have an adequate opportunity to observe this photograph and to be aware of the Bureau's interest in this matter.

Mr. MULLINS advised that there was no requirement as for as reservations were concerned on any train leaving the Atlanta Terminal Station, and that individuals traveling in this manner simply purchased a ticket and boarded the train without identification of any sort being required. Mr. MULLINS said that after a period of a day or two, he thought it highly improbable that anyone in the station would recall

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any single individual purchasing a ticket at the ticket counter, but he did explain that station masters occasionally obtained complaints or information regarding passengers who furnish some particular problem to the railroad during the course of their trip, and he suggested that the Station Master be contacted in this regard.

Mr. JACK BRAMBLETT, Station Master, Atlanta Terminal Station, advised on 4/24/68 that there are 13 trains departing from the Atlanta Terminal Station on a daily basis, beginning in the morning at 7 a.m., and concluding in the evening at 9:30 p.m. Mr. BRAMBLETT advised that conductors and train personnel working these particular trains, on most occasions, checked in at the Station Master's Office prior to departure each day, and he suggested that photographs and descriptive data might be left with him.

Identification Orders with complete descriptive data, along with a "Wanted Flyer," were left with Mr. BRAMBLETT, who posted this data on a bulletin board in the Station Master's Office near the sign-in area, and Mr. BRAMBLETT advised that as conductors and train personnel arrived, he would point these identification orders and Wanted Flyers out to them with the request that any information they might have be furnished to the Atlanta FBI Office.

On 4/26/68, Mr. BRAMBLETT advised that conductors on the following trains had been contacted in this manner and he was confident that any information that they might have would be reported promptly to the Atlanta Office:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Train Number</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Destination</u>
SCL	33	7 AM	Birmingham
SOU	4	8:10 AM	For Cincinnati, Ohio
SOU	47	8:20 AM	New Orleans
AA&WP	37	8:25 AM	New Orleans

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<u>Route</u>	<u>Train Number</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Destination</u>
C of Georgia	20	10:25 AM	For Columbus
SOU	38	12:45 PM	New York City
SCL	16	2:05 PM	Hamlet
SCL	15	5:05 PM	Birmingham
SOU	2	5:45 PM	Cincinnati
C of Georgia	108	6 PM	Savannah
SCL	34	6:40 PM	New York City
SOU	48	8:25 PM	New York City
SCL	4	9:30 PM	Richmond

Mr. BRAMBLETT stated he was absolutely confident that any data which could be obtained in this matter would be promptly furnished to the Atlanta Office, and he pointed out that the extremely large reward which has been offered in this case has been common knowledge to personnel around the train station and that this matter has, in fact, been discussed by them. Mr. BRAMBLETT said he would be prompt to report any data obtained.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Atlanta (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA HARRY L. LEE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference memorandum from Supervisor CHARLES S. HARDING dated 4/22/68, further identified as Serial #940 in this case.

This memorandum includes a copy of Memphis teletype to the Bureau dated 4/22/68, indicating that because JAMES EARL RAY, the subject in this case, is known to have a history of criminal activity of various sorts and the source of his funds being of interest to this Bureau, it was suggested that each office should review unsolved bank robbery matters and bank burglary matters where latent fingerprints were recovered, should identify the case in question, and should request the Bureau to search these latents against the latents recovered in the MURKIN case.

This teletype also suggested that because RAY may have been involved in burglaries and robberies not within the Bureau's jurisdiction, the matter should be of interest to local police departments, and receiving offices should contact major law enforcement agencies within their division and determine whether or not any armed robberies or burglaries were perpetrated in which latent fingerprints were recovered on which the unknown subject might fit the general description of RAY.

Immediate contact was made with Lt. GEORGE CHRISTIAN, Robbery Squad, Atlanta Police Department, who advised that his department is, of course, completely familiar with the interest regarding RAY, and the police department has discussed the same possibility that RAY's source of income is open to question, and that he might possibly have been involved in criminal activities in the Atlanta area in order to finance his living expenses. Lt. CHRISTIAN advised he had not been

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able to identify any matter in which RAY might logically be considered a suspect insofar as armed robberies were concerned. He suggested that further inquiry might be made with Lt. WAYNE SPIVA of the Identification Division, and that latent fingerprints obtained through the course of robbery investigations by the Atlanta Police Department could then be compared with the known fingerprints of the subject RAY.

Lt. WAYNE SPIVA, Atlanta Police Department, Identification Division, advised that upon first receiving information regarding RAY, latent fingerprints, to date unidentified in major cases during the preceding two years, were compared with the known fingerprints of subject RAY, but no identifications were effected.

Lt. SPIVA said further that this matter not only included armed robberies but also burglaries, and major thefts where latent fingerprints were of value. SPIVA said he had previously been contacted by SA JOSEPH P. AYERS of the Atlanta Office in this regard and the matter had been thoroughly discussed. Lt. SPIVA advised that latent fingerprints obtained in major cases in the future would also be compared with RAY's prints.

On 4/24/68, Lt. M. B. FLANNAGAN, Burglary Squad, Atlanta Police Department, was contacted with regard to the possibility that RAY might have been obtaining funds through the course of burglary activities in the Atlanta area during the preceding years since the time of his escape. Lt. FLANNAGAN said that the only way he knew this matter might be checked was through the examination of latent fingerprints obtained in burglaries investigated by the Atlanta Police Department, and he suggested that this matter be followed through contact with Lt. SPIVA of the Identification Division. FLANNAGAN said that in view of the widespread interest in this matter, he did not think it open to any question that major burglaries committed in this area would not include the consideration of RAY as a possible subject.

It is noted that another lead has been set forth in this matter requiring this same contact with other major police

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departments in the Atlanta Division. For this reason, this investigation is not being included in this memorandum.

It is further noted that inquiry in this matter has been conducted in response to information from the Memphis Division to the effect that RAY may have been identical with an unknown subject using the name STEVE or STEVIE, identified by a Memphis Police Department informant as being an associate of a group of burglars operating out of the Memphis area. This matter has also been reported in another memorandum.

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FBI ATLANTA

500P URGENT 5/8/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

ON MAY ONE, LAST, A MATCHBOOK FROM REID MOTEL, ROUTE TWO,
BOX ONE THREE ZERO, GREENVILLE, ALA., WAS FOUND IN THE
PARKING LOT BEHIND ONE ZERO SEVEN, ONE ONE THREE - FOURTEENTH
ST., NE, ATLANTA, WHERE JAMES EARL RAY PARKED HIS CAR WHILE IN
ATLANTA. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO INDICATION THIS CAME FROM HIS CAR,
MOBILE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE REID MOTEL TO DETERMINE IF RAY COULD
HAVE STAYED AT THIS MOTEL.

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TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH AND
COLUMBIA

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 5P

MURKIN

IT IS NOTED THAT SUBJECT APPARENTLY HAS MADE IN HIS
RECENT AND RECENTLY UTILIZED LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING
SERVICES.

THE ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON, MEMPHIS, MOBILE AND
SAVANNAH OFFICES SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO CIRCULARIZING
LO's AND/OR WANTED FLYERS TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY
CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN YOUR HEADQUARTERS CITY AND
OTHER LOGICAL POINTS IN YOUR TERRITORY. IN THE OTHER
OFFICES THIS CIRCULARIZATION MAY BE LIMITED TO SUCH
ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE LARGER CITIES AT THIS TIME. IT IS
SUGGESTED THAT THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED IN THE LOWER
CLASS ROOMING HOUSE AREAS BE CONTACTED FIRST. IN ADDITION
PERSONAL CONTACT FOR PURPOSE OF SHOWING SLICK PHOTOGRAPHS
OF SUBJECT SHOULD BE UTILIZED WHERE JUSTIFIED.

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MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY FURNISH EACH OFFICE SUFFICIENT
BACKGROUND REGARDING LAUNDRY MARKINGS AND ANY OTHER
PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE LAUNDRY ASPECTS OF THIS CASE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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