

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Atlanta

DATE: April 29, 1968

JRM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I. O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
NEWSPAPER MAT

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TO SAN FRANCISCO AND BOSTON
FROM ATLANTA 44-2385 1P

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OUTDOOR TELEPHONE PAY STATION LOCATED ON WALL,
KIRKPATRICK PHARMACY, FOURTEENTH AND PEACHTREE STREETS, N.E., ATLANTA
IN AREA WHERE JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED. CHECK OF LD CALLS REFLECTS
FOLLOWING:

MARCH SEVENTEEN AND EIGHTEEN, 'SIXTYEIGHT, AREA SIX ZERO THREE -
FIVE TWO SIX - EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT ONE, NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

APRIL ONE. 'SIXTYEIGHT, AREA SEVEN ZERO SEVEN - EIGHT
TWO THREE - FIVE NINE ONE ONE, SEBASTOPOL, CALIF.

BOSTON AND SAN FRANCISCO IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBERS OF ABOVE
AND CONDUCT SUFFICIENT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT
JAMES EARL RAY KNOWN TO THEM.

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DEDT URGENT 4/30/68 VSC
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 2P

MURKIN

FOR INFO KANSAS CITY, 'SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC DEVILLE CONVERTIBLE,
VIN F SEVEN ONE ONE TWO SEVEN NINE FIVE, WITH 'SIXTYSEVEN-'SIXTYEIGHT
FLORIDA LICENSE ONE W ONE SEVEN NINE ONE THREE ZERO, LOCATED
ABANDONED ATLANTA AIRPORT, NOV. THIRTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. CAR AT
AIRPORT ANYWHERE FROM THIRTY - SEVENTYFIVE DAYS. CADILLAC STOLEN MONTREAL
CANADA, AUG. TWENTYFIRST, 'SIXTYSEVEN, AND LATER REGISTERED IN MIAMI,
FLORIDA, AUG. TWENTYNINTH, 'SIXTYSEVEN TO MICHAEL ST. PIERRE,
TWO ONE FIVE ONE N.W. ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ST., MIAMI, FLA.,
WHICH IS ADDRESS OF THE FAMOUS DOOR LOUNGE. INVESTIGATION AT LOUNGE
REFLECTS ST. PIERRE UNKNOWN; HOWEVER, OCCUPANTS RECALL ST. PIERRE
POSSIBLY RECEIVED MAIL FROM PHILLIP SIXTYSIX PETROLEUM CO., WHICH
MAIL RETURNED TO POSTMAN.

INVESTIGATION, ATLANTA, REFLECTS K. C. TAYLOR OF PHILLIP
PETROLEUM CO., KANSAS CITY, WOULD BE APPROPRIATE PERSON TO CONTACT
^(w. corr)
IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ST. PIERRE. IT IS NOTED SUBJECT RAY
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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge
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Per *[Signature]*

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REPORTEDLY LEFT MONTREAL, CANADA AREA SOMETIME DURING AUG. 'SIXTYSEVEN AND POSSIBILITY RAY UTILIZED STOLEN CADILLAC FOR TRANSPORTATION TO SOUTH.

KANSAS CITY IMMEDIATELY CONTACT PHILLIP PETROLEUM AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ST. PIERRE. THEREAFTER, SET OUT LEADS TO LOCATE ST. PIERRE WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT PHOTOS OF RAY BE DISPLAYED IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY HIM OR ELIMINATE HIM WITH STOLEN CADILLAC.

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1:40EDT 4/30/68 URGENT VSC

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, OKLAHOMA CITY AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 4P

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LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA, INMATE COBB CO. JAIL, MARIETTA, GA.,
REINTERVIEWED APR. TWENTY NINE. ADVISED JAMES EARL RAY VERY CLOSE
TO (FNU) "PUNCHY" MILLER, EX-BOXER WHO WORKED IN KITCHEN MISSOURI
STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP). MILLER REPORTEDLY ONE OF LEADERS IN PRISON.
DOWDA CLAIMS BENJAMIN O. GOODIN, SUPERVISOR IN KITCHEN MSP
PICKED UP NUMBER OF BAD CHECKS WRITTEN BY MILLER AFTER MILLER'S
RELEASE FROM PRISON BUT UNABLE TO RETRIEVE ALL AND MILLER RE-
TURNED TO PRISON. GOODIN FORMERLY IN U. S. NAVY ABOARD SEVERAL
SHIPS WHICH WERE SUNK AND REPORTS WEEKLY TO VA. CLAIMS GOODIN
ON NARCOTICS, POSSIBLY BY PRESCRIPTION.

DOWDA CLAIMS MAIN SUPPLIER OF DRUGS IN PRISON IS PRISONER,
NAME UNRECALLED, BUT BELIEVES PRISONER SERVING LONG SENTENCE FOR
SHOOTING AND KILLING ST. LOUIS POLICE OFFICER. THIS PRISONER
STAYED IN C HALL, BUT HAD RUN OF PRISON AND PASS TO EAT IN
OFFICERS KITCHEN. PRISONER CLOSE TO FORMER WARDEN NASH. AFTER
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NASH(S SUICIDE, PRISONER TRIED TO GET CLOSE TO WARDEN SWINSON, WITHOUT SUCCESS. ONE-HALF POUND OF AMPHETAMINES FOUND IN TRASH CAN IN THIS PRISONER'S CELL. PRISONER DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY THIRTYTWO YRS OF AGE, W/M, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS., BLACK HAIR. THIS PERSON HAD SIX TO EIGHT OTHER PRISONERS PUSHING DRUGS FOR HIM IN PRISON. THIS PRISONER'S SOURCE OF DRUGS NOT KNOWN BUT BELIEVED TO BE A GUARD. PRISONER CLOSE TO RAY AND PRISONERS LEO BARNETT AND NEIL ABBY (PH).

DOWDA CLAIMS NEIL ABBY HAD RUN OF K HALL AND WAS SUPPLIER OF AMPHETAMINES AND BELIEVES SOURCE AMPHETAMINES WAS HAROLD SCHAEFER, GUARD AT KITCHEN GATE, MSP. AFTER TRANSFER TO C HALL, ABBY CONTINUED TO HAVE RUN OF PRISON.

DOWDA CLAIMS TWO GANGS IN PRISON, ONE FROM ST. LOUIS AND OTHER FROM KANSAS CITY. RAY ASSOCIATED WITH LEADERS OF ST. LOUIS GANG. INVESTIGATION MARIETTA, GA., REFLECTS LEWIE DOWDA IN APR., 'SIXTYSEVEN, MADE TRIP TO MISSOURI. DOWDA ADVISED ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT LEO BARNETT AT FLAT RIVER, MO., BUT UNSUCCESSFUL AS BARNETT IN FLORIDA PRISON. DOWDA CLAIMS ON RETURN TO GA. MET ONE BILLY "DINK" CHUMLEY IN BAR SOMEWHERE IN ALA. CHUMLEY FROM OKLAHOMA CITY, WAS LEAVING HOME DUE TO MARITAL DIFFICULTIES. CHUMBLEY AND DOWDA CAME TO MARIETTA, GA.

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INVESTIGATION REFLECTS CHUMLEY EMPLOYED ROYAL TIRE SERVICE,
MARIETTA, GA., SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LISTED DOB AS [REDACTED]

DESCRIBED AS W/M; FIVE FEET ELEVEN; TWO HUNDRED - TWO HUNDRED TEN
LBS.; THINNING GRAY-BROWN HAIR, MEDIUM TO ROUGH COMPLEXION, HAVING
NO UPPER TEETH. DOWDA'S FORMER EMPLOYER ADVISED CHUMLEY TOLD HIM
DOWDA PLANNED TO ROB THIS INDIVIDUAL AND WANTED CHUMLEY TO ASSIST.
CHUMLEY LEFT TOWN RATHER THAN ASSIST. ROBBERY DID NOT OCCUR.

WHILE IN MARIETTA, GA., CHUMLEY INVOLVED IN AUTO ACCIDENT AND
HIS 'FIFTYFIVE BUICK, VIN FOUR B FOUR ZERO SEVEN FIVE FOUR THREE ZERO,
BEARING SIXTYSEVEN OKLAHOMA LICENSE X W SIX SIX SEVEN TWO, WAS
WRECKED. CHUMLEY VERY CLOSE TO DOWDA DURING PERIOD CHUMLEY WITH HIM
IN MARIETTA, GA.

KANSAS CITY AT MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, MO. DETERMINE IDENTITY
PRISONER REPORTEDLY MAIN SUPPLIER OF AMPHETAMINES IN PRISON AND
INTERVIEW RE SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. DETERMINE IF BENJAMIN O. GOODIN
TAKING DRUGS AND CONSIDER POSSIBILITY GOODWIN MAY HAVE ASSISTED RAY.
DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS (FNU) "PUNCHY" MILLER AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING
RAY. LEADS CONCERNING HAROLD SCHAEFER AND NEIL ABBY PREVIOUSLY SET
FORTH.

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OKLAHOMA CITY AT OKLAHOMA CITY. WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BILLY "DINK" CHUMLEY THRU 'SIXTYSEVEN OKLAHOMA LICENSE LISTED ABOVE AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY. DETERMINE IF DOWDA TAKING DRUGS DURING TIME CHUMLEY IN CONTACT WITH HIM AND SOURCE OF DRUGS. DETERMINE IF CHUMLEY HAS ANY INFO CONCERNING DISTRIBUTOR OF DRUGS, ATLANTA., PARTICULARLY IN VICINITY PEACHTREE AND FOURTEENTH STS., NE. DETERMINE IF CHUMLEY ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES GARNER, MGR. OF ROOMING HOUSE LOCATED AT PEACHTREE AND FOURTEENTH STREETS, NE, ATLANTA, WHERE RAY STAYED WHIL IN ATLANTA.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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FBI JACKSVLE

5:45 PM EDT URGENT 4/30/68 JLC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, MOBILE, ATLANTA AND SAN JUAN
FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 1P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE APRIL THIRTY INSTANT.

RE JAMES EARL RAY, JR.

RE TELETYPE ADVISED REGIONAL INSPECTOR, IRS, ATLANTA, GEORGIA,
DISCOVERED TAX RETURN FOR JAMES EARL RAY, JR., SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

[REDACTED] RETURN INDICATES
RAY, JR., WITH U.S. NAVY, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

PERSONNEL RECORDS, NAS, CECIL FIELD, REFLECT RAY, JR., DEPARTED
APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST FOR TEMPORARY ACTIVE DUTY TO ROOSEVELT ROADS,
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, AS MESS COOK FOR FOUR WEEKS.

SAN JUAN IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF
INDIVIDUAL RELATED TO SUBJECT RAY.

BUREAU AND SAN JUAN ADVISED VIA RADIO.

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TO ATLANTA
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

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CAPTAIN R.L. WILLIAMS , HOMICIDE DIVISION,
MEMPHIS PD, ADVISED THAT AT FIVE THIRTY PM. CDST,
THIS DATE. HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM MRS. LUCAS
E. BIRT, THREE TWO FIVE KAREN DRIVE, ALPHARETTA,
GEORGIA, NUMBER FOUR SEVEN FIVE-SEVEN FOUR TWO
EIGHT, INQUIRING ABOUT REWARD IN CONNECTION WITH
CAPTIONED MATTER.

WILLIAM STATED THAT ACCORDING TO BIRT, SHE
HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY AGENT RE THIS MATTER IN
RECENT PAST BUT WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH AGENT FULL
DETAILS OF INFO IN HER POSSESSION DUE TO COMPANY
BEING PRESENT AT HER RESIDENCE AT TIME OF CONTACT
AND, THEREFORE, DESIRED TO BE RECONTACTED BY FBI IN
ORDER TO FURNISH FULL STORY RE POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS
OF RAY.

ACCORDING TO WILLIAMS, BIRT REQUESTED THAT
HER IDENTITY BE PROTECTED.

ATLANTA AT ALPHARETTA, GA.; INTERVIEW MRS. LUCAS
E. BIRT. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY,
AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION APRIL THIRTY INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AMONG HIPPIE ELEMENT, ATLANTA.
THIS PHASE ALSO INVOLVED WITH INDIVIDUALS FAMILIAR WITH NARCOTIC
AND DRUG TRAFFIC. NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE OBTAINED TO DATE.

CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CLOSED DURING PERTINENT
PERIOD AT BANK IN AREA OF RESIDENCE WHICH HANDLES SAFETY DEPOSIT
BOXES COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING, NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHECK OF NEWSPAPER WANT ADS AND FOLLOW UPS ON USED CARS
FOR SALE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION OF STOLEN CARS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD
CONTINUING. NO SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI LOS ANG.

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FBI BIRMINGHAM

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FBI ATLANTA

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TO DIRECTOR, WFO, MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA (44-2335)

MURKIN

RE WFO TEL APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST.

CHECK DELTA AIRLINES RECORDS REGARDING NORM OR NORMA
PERRY ON DELTA FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX OF APRIL SIX LAST REFLECTS
THIS PASSENGER BOOKED BY PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES, THEIR BOOKING
P & R NUMBER PA FOUR SIX TWO TWO THREE EIGHT TWO.

WFO HANDLE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

630 PM URGENT 4-30-68 GDM

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS AND MIAMI
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BIRMINGHAM, BUREAU, AND MEMPHIS, THIS DATE.

SIXTY EIGHT AMERICAN MOTORS REBEL TWO DOOR, RED IN COLOR,
SIXTY EIGHT GA. LICENSE ONE - FOUR FOUR NINE ONE FOUR, VIN A
EIGHT A ONE NINE SEVEN H TWO FOUR EIGHT ONE NINE SEVEN, DETERMINED
TO HAVE BEEN ABANDONED AT BIRMINGHAM MUNICIPAL AIRPORT PARKING
LOT, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF ELEVEN P.M., APR. SEVEN, LAST, AND
SIX A.M., APR. EIGHT, LAST. INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED WITH EMPLOYEES
HERTZ RENT A CAR, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., WHO FIRST DISCOVERED VEHICLE
BACKED IN TO WASH RACK, AND ADVISED THAT DUE TO DECAL NUMBER ON
REAR WINDOW AND DOORPOST, THEY IMMEDIATELY NOTICED THIS VEHICLE
TO BE A HERTZ RENT A CAR FROM ATLANTA, GA. EMPLOYEES SAID THAT
VEHICLE DOORS WERE NOT LOCKED; HOWEVER, KEY WAS MISSING FROM
IGNITION AND ONLY ITEM RECALLED IN CAR WAS ONE BOX PARTIALLY
EATEN DONUTS. EMPLOYEES STATED THAT SINCE NO IGNITION KEY
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AVAILABLE, THEY PUSHED THIS VEHICLE OUT OF THE PARKING LOT AND THEREAFTER LOCKED DOORS AND AT NO TIME WAS THIS VEHICLE CLEANED INSIDE OR WASHED ON THE OUTSIDE. THEY WERE UNABLE TO STATE IF THIS VEHICLE HAD BEEN HOTWIRED. INSTANT VEHICLE REMAINED AT HERTZ RENT A CAR, BIRMINGHAM MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, UNTIL APR. TWO SIX, LAST, AT WHICH TIME AN IGNITION KEY WAS OBTAINED FOR VEHICLE AND THEREAFTER CAR RETURNED TO HERTZ RENT A CAR, ATLANTA, GA., HAVING BEEN DRIVEN BY JESSIE SOLAMON, ROUTE ONE, RIVERDALE, GA., MILEAGE OUT FIVE HUNDRED TEN.

INTERVIEWS WITH HERTZ EMPLOYEES DISCLOSED THAT NO PERSONNEL IS EMPLOYED DURING THE HOURS ELEVEN P.M. THROUGH SIX A.M., AND NO INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED INSTANT VEHICLE ARRIVE AT AIRPORT.

Reynolds ATLANTA WILL IMMEDIATELY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SALLY WILLIS, GRAY ADVERTISING, INC., AND DETERMINE FROM HER IF SHE PERSONALLY REMOVED IGNITION KEYS FROM VEHICLE WHEN SHE RETURNED CAR TO ATLANTA AIRPORT WHERE VEHICLE WAS PARKED. ASCERTAIN WHERE SHE LAST LEFT CAR.

DETERMINE FROM HERTZ FULL PARTICULARS CONCERNING PREVIOUS RENTAL AND SPECIFICALLY MILEAGE AT TIME VEHICLE TURNED IN AND
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IF THEY CAN RECALL WHAT HAPPENED TO THE IGNITION KEYS. DETERMINE FROM HERTZ AFTER VEHICLE WAS RETURNED IF IGNITION WAS HOTWIRED.

Reynolds WILL INTERVIEW JESSIE SOLAMON, ROUTE ONE, RIVERDALE, GA., CONCERNING HIS TRANSPORTING INSTANT VEHICLE BACK TO ATLANTA, AND IF HE NOTED ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR PERSONAL EFFECTS THEREIN.

RE FLIGHTS FROM BIRMINGHAM BETWEEN ELEVEN P.M., APR. SEVEN, LAST, AND SIX NINETEEN A.M., APR. EIGHT, LAST.

DELTA AIRLINES HAS FOUR FLIGHTS: NO. FIVE FIVE, WHICH LEAVES ELEVEN FIVE FIVE P.M., GOING TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY; NO. ONE FIVE ONE, WHICH LEAVES AT SIX NINETEEN A.M., GOING TO JACKSON, MISS. AND DALLAS; FLIGHT FIVE FOUR, WHICH LEAVES AT THREE FORTY A.M., GOING TO ATLANTA; AND FLIGHT EIGHT ONE EIGHT, WHICH LEAVES ONE FORTY FIVE A.M., GOING TO ATLANTA. ONLY OTHER FLIGHT LEAVING BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT BETWEEN THESE HOURS IS EASTERN FLIGHT SIX SIX TWO, WHICH LEAVES AT TWELVE ZERO ONE A.M., GOING TO ATLANTA, AND EASTERN SIX THREE FIVE, WHICH LEAVES AT FOUR ZERO SEVEN A.M., GOING TO PENSACOLA AND MOBILE. SEVEN PERSONS BOARDED EASTERN FLIGHT SIX SIX TWO AT BIRMINGHAM, AND FOUR BOARDED EASTERN FLIGHT SIX THREE FIVE. NAMES OF THESE PASSENGERS ARE KEPT IN

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RECORDS OF EASTERN REGIONAL OFFICE, MIAMI, ON TICKETS PURCHASED BY THEM.

MIAMI IMMEDIATELY EXAMINE THESE TICKETS, ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF PASSENGERS, HOW PAYMENT WAS MADE, IDENTITY OF TICKET AGENT, AND SET OUT LEAD TO HAVE THESE PASSENGERS FULLY IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF THEY CAN RECOGNIZE RAY AS FELLOW PASSENGER. FULLY IDENTIFY CREW ON EACH FLIGHT AND HAVE THEM INTERVIEWED TO SEE IF THEY CAN IDENTIFY PHOTO OF RAY AS PASSENGER ON EITHER FLIGHT.

Miller ATLANTA, AT DELTA AIRLINES, ATLANTA, CONDUCT SIMILAR INVESTIGATION AS THAT REQUESTED OF MIAMI CONCERNING TICKETS AND CREWS, NOTING FOLLOWING PASSENGERS BOARDED AT BIRMINGHAM:

FLIGHT FIVE FIVE, PASSENGERS GOING TO MEMPHIS WERE VAUGHN, WATSON, NASH, QUINTON, COLLINS; GOING TO KANSAS CITY WAS PASSENGER SLATTERY; CREW CONSISTED OF CAPT. KALLIES, CO-PILOT WIESE, STEWARDESSES SAPPINGTON AND COMPTON, ALL FNU.

PASSENGER (FNU) WEAVER BOARDED FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE GOING TO JACKSON. OTHER PASSENGERS BOARDING AT BIRMINGHAM LEFT LOCAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND BIRMINGHAM WILL IDENTIFY THESE. CREW CONSISTED OF CAPT. MORRISON, CO-PILOT WARREN, STEWARDESSES
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CUNNINGHAM AND POWERS, ALL FNU.

BOARDING FLIGHT FIVE FOUR WERE PASSENGERS DANIEL,
JOHNSON, WESSLEY, JAVIS; CREW CAPT. DAGGETT, CO-PILOT FUNK,
STEWARDESSES REYNOLDS AND WATSON. ALL FNU.

BOARDING FLIGHT EIGHT ONE WERE PASSENGERS SANDERS,
NEILON, THOMPSON (A MILITARY PERSONNEL); CREW CAPT. FOSTER,
CO-PILOT HAAS, ENGINEER COUGHMAN, STEWARDESSES PAYNE, LONG,
BERKEY AND JUFFT, ALL FNU..

KANSAS CITY ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY PASSENGER SLATTERY AND
INTERVIEW TO ASCERTAIN IF IDENTICAL TO RAY OR T FELLOW PASSENGER.

MEMPHIS ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY MEMPHIS PASSENGERS ON FLIGHT
FIVE FIVE, AND CONDUCT SIMILAR INVESTIGATION.

with ATLANTA IDENTIFY PASSENGERS LISTED ABOVE GOING TO ATLANTA,
ON FLIGHTS FIVE FOUR AND EIGHT ONE EIGHT.

JACKSON CONDUCT SIMILAR INVESTIGATION CONCERNING PASSENGER
WEAVER ON FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE.

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632PM URGENT 4/30/68 RSM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), SPRINGFIELD (44-561),
ST. LOUIS (44-775), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), ATLANTA (44-2386)
AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

SUMMARY CHICAGO DIVISION

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RE PHOTO EQUIPMENT ORDERED FROM SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY,
CHICAGO, UNDER GALT ALIAS. INQUIRY, FILM COMPANY, REVEALS
NO SERIAL NUMBERS MAINTAINED NOR ARE THEY MAINTAINED AT
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FILM COMPANIES SUPPLIER. LEADS SET OUT BY SEPARATE TEL TO SEARCH WARRANTY SLIPS EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, FOR ABOVE PROJECTOR AND SUPER EIGHT KODAK CAMERA ORDERED AND REFERRED BY SUBJECT. LEADS ALSO SET TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT FEASIBLE SEARCH CAN BE MADE FOR SUPER EIGHT CAMERAS PURCHASED FROM NOVEMBER TEN, SIXTY SEVEN TO MARCH, SEVENTEEN LAST IN LOS ANGELES AREA AND, IF POSSIBLE, SEARCH THESE PURCHASES AGAINST SUBJECT'S TRUE NAME AND ALIASES.

RE LOOK ALIKE AMERICUS GEORGIA. PURE OIL COMPANY RECORDS SEARCHED EXTENSIVELY THIS DATE LOCATING CREDIT SLIPS FOR JONES GAS STATION CUSTOMERS APRIL SIXTEEN LAST. REVIEW DID NOT INDICATE ANY PURCHASES MADE ON TEMPORARY CARD. IDENTITY OF CUSTOMERS FOR APRIL SIXTEEN LAST BEING FURNISHED AMSD.

RE POST OFFICE RECORDS FOR FIFTYFIVE ARREST OF SUBJECT. REVIEW POSTAL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE LOCATED DETAILS OF BURGLARY KELLERVILLE, ILLINOIS, P.O., MARCH SEVEN, FIFTYFIVE AND ARREST OF WALTER TERRY RIFE AND SUBJECT MARCH TWENTYTHREE, FIFTYFIVE. NO BACKGROUND INFO, ETC., NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN.
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RE LOUIS LOMAX. LOUIS O'SHEA, ISP, JOLIET, ILLINOIS, ADVISED FROM REVIEW OF RECORDS THERE WOULD BE NO POSSIBILITY THAT SUBJECT AND LOMAX MET IN JOLIET PEN SINCE RAY WAS IN DIAGNOSTIC CENTER DURING TWENTYFOUR DAY STAY THERE AND LOMAX WAS IN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DURING NINETEEN FIFTYTWO, UNTIL PAROLE ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHTH NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR. ALSO. LOMAX SPENT ALL TIME AT JOLIET AND WAS NEVER IN ISP, PONTIAC, ILLINOIS. LOMAX, ISP NUMBER TWO NINE THREE ZERO FIVE, WAS RELEASED FROM PAROLE MAY NINE, FIFTYSIX. TIME SERVED WAS FOR TWO CONCURRENT SENTENCES OF LARCENY. LOMAX DESCRIBED AS NEGRO MALE, DOB [REDACTED] GEORGIA, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, SLENDER BUILD, KINKY HAIR, DARK MAROON EYES, WIFE DOLORES, CHICAGO PD NUMBER D SEVEN TWO SIX THREE ZERO. ABOVE INFO OBTAINED FROM RECORD CARD IN CCO TSP JOLIET, COMPLETE JACKET IN STORAGE. IF LOS ANGELES DESIRES FURTHER INFO, ADVISE.

RE MAILING LIST WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY. R.L. RAY AND ROBERT G. RAY, BOTH CHICAGO, ELIMINATES AS SUBJECT.

CHICAGO CONTINUING EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION RE INDIVIDUALS KNOWN TO HAVE MADE THREATS AGAINST KING AS POSSIBLE CO-CONSPIRATORS. BUREAU BEING ADVISED BY SEPARATE TELS.

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CHICAGO WILL CONDUCT INTERVIEW OF BROTHER JERRY RAY
UPON RETURN FROM ST. LOUIS TO CROSS CHECK ANY INFORMATION FURNISHED
WITH SOURCE UNDER DEVELOPMENT BY ST. LOUIS.

ALL OTHER LEADS RECEIVING CONTINUOUS ATTENTION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ATLANTA

FBI ST LOUIS

1114PM URGENT 4-30-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, AND CHICAGO
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

JERRY RAY CAR OBSERVED VICINITY OF GRAPEVINE TAVERN THIS MORNING AND RESIDENCE OF CAROL PEPPER THIS AFTERNOON. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO BE AWARE OF HIS TIME OF DEPARTURE FOR CHICAGO TOMORROW. INTERVIEWS WITH JIMMY RAY AND JOHN GAWRON CONTEMPLATED FOLLOWING DEPARTURE.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO OBTAIN PEPPER AND JOHN RAY TOLL CALL RECORDS AS DIRECTED BY BUREAU.

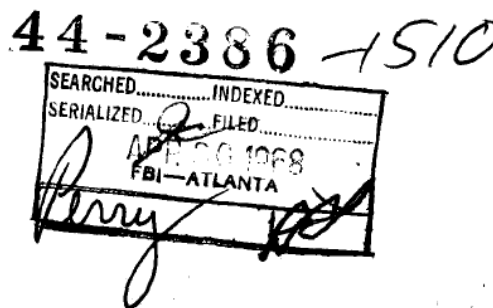
TWO MANIFESTS FOR FLIGHTS ORIGINATING ATLANTA APRIL FIFTH, SIXTY, ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH NEGATIVE AS TO SUBJECTS NAME AND ALL ALIASES. STOPS ON SAME PLACED. MR & MRS RICHARD M. DIXON, SL, HAD NO INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT AND DID NOT RECALL SEEING PERSON OF HIS APPEARANCE AT HOTEL RIO, PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER LAST.

FELLOW PRISONER AND LOCAL LOOK-ALIKE RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING.
SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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FBI ATLANTA



AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

ZIP CODE

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F. B. I.

Atlanta Georgia

FBI

Chasing a Shadow?
the Methodist Minister
is your man he give
Police information that
~~led~~ led the FBI to the
abandoned Car

Why he no so
much

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)
RE: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel dated 4/25/68.

Re Georgia cars recovered in Denver territory.

A review of all pending and closed ITSMV cases in the Denver Division, since 3/23/68, revealed that no cars from Georgia have been recovered in Denver Office territory.

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1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA CHARLES S. HARDING to SAC dated
4/26/68. (Serial 1302)

On 4/30/68, LOUIS L. BAKER, Auditor, The C&S National Bank, Atlanta, Ga., advised that a review of records concerning safety-deposit boxes at the Tenth Street Branch of The C&S Bank was conducted on 4/29 and 4/30/68 and they did not locate any safety-deposit boxes that did not belong to any known or steady customers of the bank. He stated that there was no safety-deposit box opened since 3/21/68 to date that was open for a short period of time wherein the customer was not known to the bank.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Brookville
JAMES H. VAUGHN, 3376 Brookville Lane, Decatur, Ga., telephone 284-7207, telephonically contacted writer at 7:00 PM, 4/30/68. He stated that on 4/29/68, he was in a bar called Dennis Cafe, located on the corner of Evans Street and Murphy Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, near Fort McPherson. He stated between 3:40 and 4:50 P.M. on this date, a man was in the cafe wearing a suede jacket, t-shirt, workman's pants with "George" on them, and new loafers. He described this man as having sandy hair, medium build, 5' 10" - 11", and although he was not fat, had a "beer belly." He stated he talked to this man who advised he worked on the third shift at the airport terminal on maintenance. He stated he never saw the man in the bar before and added that the man somewhat resembled the photos he has seen of JAMES EARL RAY. He further stated he suspected the man because he pronounced the word "maintenance" incorrectly.

LEAD

Contact VAUGHN and exhibit photos of JAMES EARL RAY and conduct appropriate investigation at Dennis Cafe.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Investigation has indicated that many of the rooming houses in the 13th - 14th Street area are owned by the Girard Realty Co., in Atlanta.

LEAD

Contact the Girard Realty Co. and conduct appropriate investigation concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

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SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

5/1/68

SA CHARLES S. HARDING

MURKIN

Investigation has indicated that many of the rooming houses in the 13th - 14th Street area are owned by the Girard Realty Co., in Atlanta.

LEAD

Contact the Girard Realty Co. and conduct appropriate investigation concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

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Mr. Frank V. Hitt
Fed. Bur. of Invest.
275 Ptree N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

ERIC GALT?

ASK Windom! (big bed
windom)

East Pt. heating and
air conditioning Co

big surprise!!

IF you know how to

dig deep --- say 4-5 yrs
back.

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1226P EDT URGENT 5/1/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, SPRINGFIELD,
AND CHICAGO

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE, APR. TWENTYFIFTH, 'SIXTYEIGHT, FURNISH-
ING SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS USED BY JAMES EARL RAY IN TWO EMPLOYMENTS.

ON MAY FIRST, INSTANT, EARL FUOSS, REGIONAL INSPECTOR, IRS,
ATLANTA, ADVISED CHECK OF NATIONAL COMPUTER

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1219P - JLS, FBI CHICAGO
1216P - JGA, FBI BIRMGHAM
1214P - MEN, FBI MEMPHIS
1212P - WPK, FBI WASH DC

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FROM ATLANTA 44-2375 1P

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE, APR. TWENTYFIFTH, 'SIXTYEIGHT, FURNISH-
ING SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

AS USED BY JAMES EARL RAY IN TWO EMPLOYMENTS.

ON MAY FIRST, INSTANT, EARL FUSCO, REGIONAL INSPECTOR, IRS, ATLANTA, ADVISED CHECK OF NATIONAL COMPUTER FOR IRS INDICATES NOBODY IN U.S. WITH THIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FILED INCOME TAX RETURN FOR 'SIXTYSIX OR 'SIXTYSEVEN.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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FBI ATLANTA

1120 AM URGENT 5/1/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU APRIL THIRTY LAST.

ALL PERSONS WITH LAST NAME SLATTERY LISTED IN GREATER
KANSAS CITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY WERE CONTACTED AND DENIED TAKING
DELTA FLIGHT NO. FIFTYFIVE FROM BIRMINGHAM TO MEMPHIS AND
KANSAS CITY AT ELEVEN FIFTYFIVE PM, ON APRIL SEVEN LAST.

DELTA AIRLINES, KANSAS CITY, MO., ADVISED THEY HAVE
NO WAY OF IDENTIFYING SLATTERY SINCE RECORDS OF DELTA ARE
MAINTAINED IN ATLANTA, GA.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ATLANTA

*Respect of Hertz car
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re Atlanta teletype to the Bureau and Miami
dated 4/25/68.

Re: WILLARD F. RAY

WILLARD F. RAY, music student, University of
Miami, Miami, Florida, located at 1252 Dirksen Drive,
Apartment 33L.

RAY was eliminated as a suspect in this matter
through a check of his fingerprints.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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2 - Atlanta (RM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-1836) (P)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. ROSE

SUBJECT:

MURKIN
CR

At approximately 1:37 p.m. on 5/1/68 an appropriate pretext telephone call was made to DORA MAC DONALD, former personal secretary to Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MAC DONALD was contacted at SCLC Headquarters, Atlanta, and advised that there is no reward being sponsored by the SCLC organization for the capture or information leading to the capture for the assassin of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MAC DONALD also staged that she has conferred with officials of the NAACP and to her knowledge there was no reward being made by that organization for Dr. KING's assassin.

The above information was furnished to Mr. HITT who in turn telephonically relayed the above information to Mr. BOB JENSEN, SAC, Memphis.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO CHICAGO

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN.

LOOK-ALIKE, O'HARE AIRPORT, CHICAGO,

DELTA AIRLINE TICKET OFFICE, TWO P.M., APRIL NINE LAST.

H. ALVIN SHARPE, THE EDUQUIN COMPANY, NEW ORLEANS, LA., ADVISED APRIL TWENTYNINE INSTANT, THAT HE WAS IN CHICAGO ON APRIL NINE, SIXTYEIGHT. AT APPROXIMATELY TWO P.M., HE WENT TO DELTA AIRLINE TICKET OFFICE, O'HARE AIRPORT. HE HAD RETURN TRIP TICKET TO NEW ORLEANS AND DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING TICKET TO EASTERN AIRLINES SO HE COULD RETURN BY WAY OF LEXINGTON, KY. WHILE DISCUSSING THIS WITH ONE OF TICKET AGENTS, HE OBSERVED A MAN TALKING WITH ONE OF THE SEAT RESERVATION AGENTS OF DELTA AIRLINES LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF TICKET AGENTS AS ONE FACES THESE AGENTS. HE THOUGHT THIS MAN WAS ARTHUR DARDEN, A MARINE ENGINEER WHO RESIDES NEW ORLEANS. HIS ATTENTION DRAWN TO THIS MAN WHEN HE HEARD THE MAN SAY HE WANTED TO GO TO NEW
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ORLEANS, BUT DID NOT WANT THE FLIGHT BY WAY OF ATLANTA. SHARPE WALKED TOWARD THE MAN SPEAKING TO HIM, THINKING HE WAS DARDEN, AND ASKED "WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN CHICAGO". THE MAN DID NOT RESPOND AND HAD A BLANK LOOK, WHEREUPON SHARPE REALIZED THIS MAN NOT DARDEN. HE THEN REALIZED THE MAN WAS SHORTER IN HEIGHT THAN DARDEN. SHARPE APOLOGIZED STATING HE THOUGHT MAN WAS SOMEONE HE KNEW. HE ADVISED THIS PERSON REMAINED AT THE SEAT RESERVATION COUNTER AND SEEMED TO HAVE A "HASSLE" WITH ONE OF THE TWO MEN AT THAT COUNTER. HE GATHERED IT CONCERNED THE MAN'S TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS, AS SHARPE HAD TO WAIT UNTIL EVENING FOR HIS PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. HE NOTED SOME THIRTY MINUTES LATER THAT THE MAN WAS TALKING TO THE SAME SEAT RESERVATION AGENT. HE ASSUMED THE MAN HAD BEEN THERE ALL THIS TIME.

SHARPE DID NOT SEE THIS MAN AGAIN AND DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THE MAN WAS ON HIS DELTA FLIGHT TO NEW ORLEANS WHICH LEFT CHICAGO APPROXIMATELY SIX P.M.

SHARPE STATES HAS OBSERVED A PICTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY DIFFERENT FROM THE FIRST PHOTO PUBLISHED OF ERIC STARVO GALT

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AND BELIEVES THAT THE MAN REFERRED TO ABOVE WAS IN FACT RAY. SHARPE STATES HAS KNOWN DARDEN FOR FIFTEEN YEARS AND KNOWS DARDEN NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

CHICAGO CONTACT SEAT RESERVATION AGENTS ON DUTY O'HARE AIRPORT AFTERNOON APRIL NINE LAST. ASCERTAIN IF THEY CAN RECALL THIS INCIDENT AND WHETHER THEY CAN IDENTIFY PERSON DESIRING TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS, BUT NOT ON FLIGHT VIA ATLANTA. DETERMINE, IF POSSIBLE, NAME USED BY SUCH PERSON AND WHETHER THIS PERSON POSSIBLY JAMES EARL RAY. SUGGEST EXHIBIT VARIOUS PHOTOS OF RAY AS SHARPE STATES THE SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO OF RAY DOES NOT RESEMBLE MAN AT AIRPORT.

AIRMAIL COPIES ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 2:32 P.M., 4/30/68, JACK NELSON, Head of the Southeastern Bureau of the "Los Angeles Times" called from Washington, D. C., and stated he was in Washington reporting on the Poor Peoples March.

NELSON stated he had some information that Sheriff BAILEY of Birmingham was in possession of information in instant case which would indicate a possible conspiracy and asked for my comments, at which time I advised him I had none. NELSON then stated he heard that a map was found in the rooming house in Birmingham which had possible indications that RAY was following KING and that he felt Sheriff BAILEY would be able to help him (NELSON) on this. He did not ask for my comment on this and none was made. He stated he was attempting to get in touch with Sheriff BAILEY to talk with him further about this matter.

NELSON then asked me if I had any additional information which could be released concerning RAY, at which time I advised him there was nothing additional since the last release from the Attorney General.

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FBI ALBANY

11:48 AM URGENT 5/1/68 PXS

TO DIRECTOR , ATLANTA, JACKSONVILLE,
MIAMI, MEMPHIS

FROM ALBANY (44-493) 1P

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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Raymond A.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA JACK M. WEBBECK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Super. HARDING memo 4/25/68 (s-1204)

On 4/30/68 AT 1879- R prob. advised that although it was mentioned in informal discussion at Klan meetings that the individual members would like to see MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. killed, he never heard of any "bounty" or "contract" mentioned for his assassination. He said that at various times it would be suggested that they take up money to have him killed but he never saw any money donated and no fund was ever started.

Most of the above discussion took place over 1½ year ago when the Klavern 65 was still meeting at Shannon, Ga. and there had been no such discussion since moving to there present meeting place.

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

AT 44-2386

JPA:lcs

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The following investigation was conducted by SA's JOSEPH PATRICK AYERS and THOMAS R. HENRY, JR., at Atlanta, Georgia, on April 16, 1968:

ROSS BULLARD, owner of Bullard's Lockmaster and Safe Company, 961 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that he received a telegram on April 15, 1968, from one ROBERT WAGAR in Miami, Florida. The telegram addressed to Mr. BULLARD read as follows:

"MR. BULLARD SOME UNPREDICTED CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE COME UP THAT MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO COME TO ATLANTA. POSSIBLY AT SOME LATER DATE IF A POSITION AT YOUR SHOP IS OPEN, I WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT AT THIS TIME. RESPECTFULLY YOURS=

ROBERT WAGAR."

Mr. BULLARD stated he does not recall any person by the name of ROBERT WAGAR, but he stated he has been running an ad in "The Atlanta Journal and Constitution" off and on for some period of time looking for help in the locksmithing business. He stated he has no personal recollection of talking to or having interviewed ROBERT WAGAR.

Mr. BULLARD stated when he does get an application, he forwards it to Locksmith Ledger, Inc., Little Falls, New Jersey, for a clearance. Mr. BULLARD seemed to be under the impression when he got a reply from Locksmith Ledger, Inc., it was the equivalent of an "FBI clearance." Mr. BULLARD stated he is very cautious in hiring new personnel without some kind of clearance check. He made the comment, "There are a lot of crooks in this business."

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AT 44-2386

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Mr. BULLARD stated that his senior employee, MILT HOLLAND, who operates the second Bullard's Locksmith Shop on 5280 Buford Highway, might have further information.

Mr. MILT HOLLAND stated that he does not remember the name ROBERT WAGAR, but does recall a telephone call being received by Mr. BULLARD from Miami, Florida, in response to a newspaper ad looking for help at BULLARD's Locksmith Shop. HOLLAND stated his recollection was to the effect that the caller had never been to Atlanta to talk about employment, but stated he was just answering the ad and expected to be in the Atlanta area and would come in for an interview. HOLLAND stated he has no recollection of anyone coming from Miami for an interview and presumed the telegram would be from the person who called sometime the last week of March.

Mrs. RACHEL PINSON, wife of owner of Downs Safe and Lock Company, 81 11th Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, advised the only applicant for employment in recent times was a man personally known to her as having had experience with the Mosler Safe and Lock Company. She viewed the photograph of the look-alike of the suspect and stated it did not resemble any person she is acquainted with.

On the same date, CHARLES A. HOLCOMB, operator of Atlanta Safe and Lock Company, 3100 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, stated that the only applicant for employment in recent times has been a Negro. HOLCOMB viewed the photograph of the look-a-like and stated it did not resemble any person he is acquainted with.

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A review of the daily newspapers of Atlanta for April 14, 15, and 16, 1968, under the Classified Want Ads Section determined the only want ads for bartenders appeared in "The Atlanta Constitution" on April 16, 1968. The ads were as follows:

BARTENDER - Experienced. Apply Bob's Hideaway,
College Park. 761-9398.

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4/29/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
RE: MURKIN

Re New Orleans tel 4/26/68; mytel 4/26/68 and
telephone call to New Orleans today.

Telephone company records, Houston, list exact
time of phone call 12/17/67 to phone number 318 477-0616,
Lake Charles, Louisiana, 7:49 PM.

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1 - Memphis (info)
1 - New Orleans (info)
1 - Los Angeles (info)
1 - Atlanta (info)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MEMPHIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 4/30/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/4-30/68
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, Jim - FUGITIVE IO # 4182, WF # 442-A; Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA JOE C. HESTER	TYPED BY wp
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

Title marked changed to reflect the subject's true name of JAMES EARL RAY and to reflect additional aliases of the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 4/17/68 at Memphis.

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ENCLOSURES

TO CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY:

One copy of referenced report.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW 44-2386-1528 Henry [Signature]
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ADMINISTRATIVE

On April 19, 1968, the Washington Field Office initiated a check of files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, concerning JAMES EARL RAY, and nothing identifiable with RAY was located. A further check is underway at the Washington National Record Center at Suitland, Maryland, in retired passport files.

In order to cover the possibility that subject RAY may have recently been issued a passport and the record thereof had not been received in Washington, Mr. EDWARD STOKEN, Passport Office, sent a teletype message to all passport agencies. The Passport Office in Honolulu was checked telephonically with negative results. On April 19, 1968, Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Acting Director, Passport Office, telephonically advised SA KENNETH HASER that all passport agencies had teletyped Washington that their records are negative concerning RAY.

Mr. JOHNSON further advised that he had issued instructions whereby the Duty Officer of the Passport Office was alerted concerning RAY and instructions were made to all passport agencies to refer immediately to the nearest FBI office any information concerning RAY and his intended travel.

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The period of this report precedes the last period date of the last report, as this report contains investigation which for reasons of brevity were not included in the last report.

Leads for other offices continue to be set out by more expeditious means than by report, and it would serve no purpose to list such leads in this report.

It should be noted that in the interviews with persons who were at Jim's Grill, 418 South Main Street, on the night of 4/4/68 at about the time of the murder, they report seeing a white Mustang parked almost in front of Jim's Grill. The owner of this Mustang has not been located and has not voluntarily come forth. It is not believed that this Mustang is pertinent to this investigation and should not be confused with the Mustang that was parked just south of Canipe Amusement Company, 424 South Main Street, in which car it is believed the subject fled from the scene. The crime scene diagram on page 4 of referenced Memphis report indicates the positions, or what is believed to be the approximate positions, of the two white Mustangs as mentioned above.

INFORMANTS

All offices have been requested to maintain contact in this matter with criminal, security, and racial informants.

The Memphis Office has maintained contact with informants, none of whom have been able to furnish any positive information regarding the subject or his whereabouts.

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Will continue efforts to locate the subject.

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Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIMCharacter: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: Photographs of subject RAY exhibited to persons at rooming house, 422½ South Main Street, Memphis; to persons at Rebel Motel, Memphis, and to clerk at Oliver Rexall Drug Store, Whitehaven, Tennessee, without effecting a positive identification. Salesman at York Arms, Memphis, who sold binoculars indicated he could not positively identify 1968 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as binocular purchaser but believes that photograph is identical with purchaser. Additional interviews with occupants of Lorraine Motel set out, including interviews with Mrs. GEORGIA M. DAVIS and Mrs. LUCRETIA B. WARD, who describe activities immediately prior to murder. Persons who were at Jim's Grill, 418 South Main Street, Memphis, on 4/4/68 interviewed. Information regarding emergency room treatment of victim KING set forth. Information regarding Alabama driver's license and automobile registration in the name of ERIC STARVO GALT set forth. Former manager, Continental Dance Studio, New Orleans, Louisiana, located and unable to recall that subject attended this school in New Orleans. Laboratory findings set forth regarding evidence located at Memphis. Latent fingerprints found on the Remington Model 760 rifle, on the telescopic sight, on the binoculars, on the newspaper, on the after-shave lotion bottle, and on the Schlitz beer can have all been identified with the fingerprints of the subject. HARRY SERO, former jailmate at Missouri State Penitentiary, interviewed. Additional persons who resided Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, located and interviewed, with negative results. Memphis City Engineer measured distance from where shot fired to where victim struck as 207 feet. IN VIEW OF THE CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT BEING SOUGHT, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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