

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 29, 1968

On April 25, 1968, Special Agents WILLIAM V. KENNEDY and KENNETH R. HEINEMAN followed JOE (No Middle Name) SHARLOW to Mableton, Georgia. SHARLOW was driving his cab. SHARLOW drove around the streets of Mableton for one hour and was unable to find the home at which he dropped off a fare which he stated resembled JAMES EARL RAY. SHARLOW was then told by the above names agents that if should he locate this home, he should contact the FBI in Atlanta. SHARLOW stated that he would do this.

On 4/25/68 at Mableton, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386-1727
by SAs WILLIAM V. KENNEDY^{wvk} and KENNETH R. HEINEMAN^{hjm} WVK/hjm Date dictated 4/26/68

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On April 25, 1968, JOE (No Middle Name) SHARLOW, Taxi Cab Driver for the Buffalo Cab Company, 1075 Brady Avenue, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia, advised he had some information which might possibly aid in the investigation of the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SHARLOW stated that at approximately 1:30 a.m. on April 5, 1968, he was parked in his cab at the Atlanta Airport waiting for a fare. He stated that an individual got into his cab and asked SHARLOW to take him to Mableton, Georgia. He described this individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Weight	175 pounds
Build	Slender
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Sandy brown hair cut in "flat-top" fashion
Characteristics	Thin mustache, curled at end; opening in lower teeth, dimple on chin; deep set eyes, wearing large dark eyeglasses; Southern accent
Scars or Marks	No facial scars

SHARLOW further stated that the man told him that he would let him know the route to Mableton because he knew a shortcut. SHARLOW agreed and they pulled away from the Airport.

SHARLOW stated that the man had been drinking and that he could smell liquor on his breath. He advised, however, that he did not consider the man to be drunk. He stated that on a number of occasions during the trip this individual asked him (SHARLOW) for a cigarette and on each

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occasion SHARLOW told him that he did not smoke. SHARLOW advised that they drove out 285 and at one point got lost somewhere around Union City, Georgia. He advised that his fare kept saying that his wife was supposed to pick him up but that she had left him and that is why he was taking a cab home. SHARLOW stated that this individual was oddly dressed in the sense that he was wearing a large cowboy hat, tan suit and string tie. He also stated that the man was wearing large dark glasses even though it was very dark outside.

SHARLOW further stated that about half way to Mapleton the man propped his shoulders up on the front seat, took off his glasses, and asked SHARLOW if he thought that a white man had done the killing "up yonder." SHARLOW advised that the man then said that he knew that STOKELY CARMICHAEL did the killing and when SHARLOW asked how he knew that, the man advised that he just knew. SHARLOW then stated that the man stated that he knew all the KINGS. He said that he knew the old man, the mother, the son and lots of other people in the colored section of Atlanta. SHARLOW stated that he then asked him where Dr. KING lived and the man told him that he did not know but it was some place downtown. SHARLOW advised that the above conversation was the last mention of Dr. KING.

SHARLOW then stated that they proceeded on Route 285 and got off on the Mableton exit. They then drove onto Gordon Road and passed Six Flags Road, where they stopped at a small market on the right hand side of the road. At this point, the man got out of the cab and went into the market. When he came out he made the statement that "those people in there don't know me." The man then got back into the cab and asked SHARLOW if he wanted to buy a gun.

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He said that he had a "38 and a 45." SHARLOW advised that he did not want a gun. The man then stated that he would be able to sell it in Atlanta.

SHARLOW stated that they then went on past the market and turned left. They then went approximately three blocks and turned left again toward a wooded section. SHARLOW advised that they pulled up to a house with a brick wall on one side and a large driveway. In the driveway were four cars; a 1963 or 1964 green Cadillac with Alabama tags; a 1963 or 1964 dark Buick; a late model, dark brown Thunderbird; and a white Mustang. SHARLOW stated that the man had mentioned previously that he owned these four cars. He stated that the man then asked SHARLOW if he was afraid and stated that he would not hurt him because he was a nice fellow. SHARLOW advised that the man then took out the exact amount of the fare without SHARLOW telling him and paid it. He then went into the house. SHARLOW stated he believed the house number was 113, but did not know the name of the street.

SHARLOW was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, and stated that they resembled the man he brought to Mableton on the morning of April 5, 1968. He stated that although he could not give clear directions to the house, he would be able to lead agents to it. He stated that he was willing to do this.

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Date: MAY 3, 1968

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, (44-38861)

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE: LETTER SIGNED BILLY BOB DAVID AND
~~XXXXXXXX~~
ASSOCIATES TURNED INTO MONROE, LA.POLICE DEPARTMENT JUNE TWENTY TWO
NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE.

WILLIAM R. DAVID, DALE TAYLOR, G.E. JOHNSON, DICKIE
MC INTOSH AND KENT HALE HAVE ALL BEEN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.
THEY ALL STILL RESIDE IN AREA OF CALHOUN, LA. THEY ALL ADVISE
THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION ~~WHATEVER~~ WHATEVER RELATIVE TO THE
MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. THEY STATED THAT THE LETTER
WRITTEN , BUT NOT MAILED, IN NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE WAS MERELY
A PRANK OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WAS NEVER INTENDED AS A
THREAT AGAINST AGAINST THE PRESIDENT OR MARTIN LUTHER KING.
THEY ALL DENIED EVER BEING ASSOCIATED WITH ANY KLAN OR HATE*
* TYPE ORGANIZATION. WHEREABOUTS OF ABOVE PERSONS FOR
THE PERIOD OF APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT ACCOUNTED FOR.
THEY ALL ADVISE THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS UNKNOWN TO THEM.

RE: CONTACTS WITH MOTELS LOCATED

ALONG TULANE AVE. NEW ORLEANS

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

INASMUCH AS IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT JAMES EARL RAY WAS IN NEW ORLEANS PROBABLY ON THE EVENING OF MARCH TWENTY ONE SIXTY EIGHT, MOTELS LOCATED ALONG TULANE AVE WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF NEW ORLEANS WERE CONTACTED. MOTEL RECORDS CHECKED AND CONTAINED NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME OR KNOWN ALIASES. PERIOD CHECKED WAS FROM MARCH SEVENTEEN THRU TWENTY FOUR SIXTY EIGHT.

RE: CONTACT IN RESIDENTIAL AREA'S
KNOWN TO BE FREQUENTED BY HIPPIES.

CONTACTS IN ABOVE AREAS IN LOUISIANA BEING CONTINUED AND TO DATE CONTACTS REGARDING JAMES ~~XXXX~~ EARL RAY IN THESE AREAS HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE.

RE: INFORMANT CONTACTS
TO DATE CONTACTS WITH CRIMINAL AND APPROPRIATE SECURITY AND RACIAL INFORMANTS HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE IN REGARDS TO RAY. CONTACTS CONTINUING.

AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA AND LOS ANGELES.
INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS CONTINUING . ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : *AC* SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Atlanta airtel to Director 4/25/68.

A review of NATB bulletins, Illinois State Police bulletins, and a check with agents of the Springfield Division failed to reflect any auto stolen from State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68.

All agents have been advised that any auto stolen from the State of Georgia and recovered in Springfield Division where subject is unknown that RAY should be considered as a possible subject.

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

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Reference is made to Birmingham teletype to the Bureau, Atlanta and Mobile, airmail copy to Memphis, 5:53 PM, 4/26/68.

On 5/1 and 5/2/68, Lt. D. C. KIMBERG, Drivers License Division, and Mrs. GAYLORD TURNER, IDH Section, Drivers License Division, Alabama State Dept. of Public Safety, Montgomery, Ala., made available all records pertaining to Alabama driver's licenses issued throughout the State of Alabama, between 1/20/68 and 4/9/68. There were approximately 7500 driver's licenses issued for this period. SA DANIEL W. MC ALLEN, III examined these records and after eliminating applications of the young people, old people, Negroes, females, etc., there were approximately 800 application forms which were then examined by SA MC ALLEN.

Of these 800 applications, 11 persons were found generally fitting the description of subject and whose handwriting was thought somewhat similar to that of the subject. These 11 applications are enclosed herewith for the Bureau, and it is requested that the Laboratory compare the signatures on these applications with the handwriting

3 - Bureau (Enc. 11)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
① - Atlanta (44-2386)(Info)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(Info)
2 - Mobile
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of subject to determine if any of these signatures may have been prepared by the subject.

These application forms are for the following individuals:

WILLIAM ELMER JOHNSON
941 8th St., Pleasant Grove, Alabama 35127;

FRANK GARRETT PERRY
215 West Drake Ave., Auburn, Ala. 36830;

JAMES PRESTON KIDDICK
322 First Ave., Saraland, Ala. 36571;

ROBERT CLIFTON SMITH
Rt. 2, Box 221, Lineville, Ala. 36266;

FONTAINE (MOM) STORM
P.C.S.R. (Big R Trailer Park, Lot No. 10)
Greenville, Ala. 36037;

R. (Only) W. (Only) KERR
Rt. 1, Box 109, Cave Springs, Ga. (Ala.) 36275;

CLYDE JUSTIN HILL, SR.
Rt. 1, Box 373
Bryant, Ala. 35958;

WINFORD PRESTON GILMORE
1203 21st St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867;

PAUL EDGAR GOODPASTER, JR.
1323 Perry St., Montgomery, Ala. 36104;

LEE EMERSON BELLAMY
809 Nashville, Ave., Sheffield, Ala. 35660;

ROGER DAVID BROUSSARD
2123 North 12th. Avenue
Birmingham, Ala.

Copy of this letter is furnished to Birmingham, so that Birmingham may be aware that this license check for the State of Alabama, has been made, and a copy is furnished to Atlanta in view of the interest of the Atlanta Division in this particular phase of the investigation.

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Mobile is not retaining copies of these application forms, and if any investigation is needed concerning any of these application forms by either Birmingham or Mobile, the Bureau should furnish Birmingham or Mobile with the pertinent application.

Results of this review should be furnished to Memphis, Atlanta, Birmingham and Mobile. In the event the examination is negative, these forms need not be returned to Mobile.

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

5/6/68

SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

MURKIN

RE: MOTOR VEHICLES AND LICENSE
PLATES STOLEN IN ALABAMA

Reference is made to Bureau airtel to Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile, and Savannah, 4/26/68.

Transmitted to Mobile and Birmingham was a list of motor vehicles and license plates stolen in Alabama, as compiled from information retained in NCIC.

SA MYRON G. TURNER, on 4/30/68, 5/1, 2, and 3/68, reviewed the files concerning these stolen licenses and automobiles which were listed on the enclosure from the Bureau. The information reviewed by him was made available by MICHAEL SULLIVAN, Investigator, Investigation and Identification Division, Alabama Dept. of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama.

Information concerning each offense was recorded in handwriting on a separate sheet. Enclosed herewith for Birmingham are 96 sheets reflecting information concerning licenses and automobiles stolen in that portion of Alabama recovered by the Birmingham Division.

Mobile is instituting investigation concerning the licenses and automobiles stolen within that portion of Alabama, covered by Mobile to develop any information indicating whether or not subject RAY may have been involved in any of these thefts.

Details of these investigations are being handled in Subfile one of Mobile File 157-2627, and any pertinent information developed will be reported to the Bureau, Memphis, and Atlanta.

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- 2 - Bureau
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 - 2 - Birmingham (44-1740)(Enc.96)
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To: SACS, Atlanta (44-2386)
Birmingham (44-1740)
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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OO: ME

If not already being done, Atlanta and Birmingham should check records of access to safety deposit boxes at banks in each of those cities for the date 4/5/68. Any individuals who made entry into such safety deposit boxes on this date should be eliminated as possibly being subject. This can primarily be done on the basis of length of time the box was rented or on the basis of the renter of the box being known to bank employees. Any questionable eliminations must be run out.

This is being suggested in light of the possibility that subject may have rented such a box and then while fleeing may have made entry for the purpose of withdrawing valuables.

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MATCH BOOK FROM REID MOTEL,
GREENVILLE, ALABAMA, FOUND BEHIND
107-113 14TH STREET, N.E., ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The following investigation was conducted on
May 3, 1968 by SA DANIEL W. MC ALLEN, III, at Greenville,
Alabama:

Mr. LONNIE DANIELS, SR., Manager, Reid Motel,
Highway 31, advised that he has been working at this motel
for the past two years, and presently is managing same in
the absence of the owner, Mrs. ETHEL B. DYKES. He said that
he normally checks guests in and out of the motel and feels
certain he would recognize individual guests from photographs.
DANIELS said he was a law enforcement officer for 16 years
and has had experience in identifying people from photographs.

DANIELS was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and
could not identify any of the photographs as anyone having
stayed at this motel in the past. In addition he made avail-
able records of the motel which were examined by SA DANIEL W.
MC ALLEN, III, but no registration for Subject RAY, under his
true name or aliases, was found. This check covered the
period from April, 1967 to date.

DANIELS stated that match books at this motel are
not kept out in the open where anyone could pick them up, but
are given out to persons only on request. He said that the
motel has used several different colored match books, and
the printing on the match books have differed at times. He
stated that if the color of any particular match book and the
writing thereon were made known to him, he would possibly be
able to pinpoint the approximate time the match book was
dispensed at that motel. DANIELS advised that numerous persons
from the Atlanta, Georgia, area frequent this motel.

Mrs. MARY OWENS, maid, Reid Motel, was shown photo-
graphs of RAY, but could not identify the photographs as anyone
having stayed at that motel in the past.

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Reference is made to Atlanta teletype to the Bureau, Memphis and Mobile, dated 5/2/68.

Enclosed herewith for Atlanta are 25 copies and for Memphis 2 copies, of insert reflecting investigation conducted by Mobile at Greenville, Ala., pursuant to request in referenced teletype.

It will be noted that Mr. LONNIE DANIELS, SR., Manager of the Reid Motel, Greenville, Ala., advised that if he were furnished the color of the match book found in Atlanta, and the writing thereon, he might be able to pinpoint the month or the approximate time the book was dispensed at that motel. It is noted the investigation does not reflect any information that subject has ever stayed at this motel.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)(Enc. 2)
2 - Mobile
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Approved: Wm. J. [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SA *(SEE BELOW) DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SAC (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

By memorandum dated 4/19/68, all agents were instructed to contact PCIs and CIs, assigned to them, for the purpose of displaying photos of JAMES EARL RAY and seek any information these sources might have concerning him.

A current review of the following files discloses that the results of your contacts with these informants have not reached the file to date:

**(SEE BELOW)

You should immediately note the results of your contact with the indicated informant on the bottom of this serial and return same to file without delay.

*SA HARRY L. LEE - **(137-2275; 137-2838; 1373042)
*SA M. ROBERT McFARLAND - **(137-3191)
*SA RUSSELL R. MEGRUE - **(137-2961; 137-3210)
*SA ROBERT R. PERRY - **(137-655; 137-2608; 137-2757)
*SA JAMES O. PONDER - **(137-3182)
*SA JOHN P. QUINLAN - **(137-3058; 137-3060; 137-3137)
*SA THOMAS C. RENAGHAN, JR. - **(137-2940)
*SA HUGH ROBINSON, JR. - **(137-3231; 137-3232)

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FBI MIAMI

836PM EST 5-8-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DETROIT MOBILE JACKSON TAMPA SAVANNAH AND CHARLOTTE
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 4P

MURKIN

RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA,
APRIL FIVE THROUGH TWELVE, LAST.

RE ATLANTA TE TO BUREAU, MAY SEVEN, LAST.

REVIEW OF ALL EAL TICKETS AND RESERVATIONS ON FLIGHTS OUT
OF ATLANTA ON ABOVE DATES COMPLETED. FOLLOWING LEADS SET TO
DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION ON PASSENGERS WITH NAMES SIMILAR
TO ALIASES OF SUBJECT RAY, AND WHO COULD NOT BE ELIMINATED
ON BASIS OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION:

RESERVATION RECEIVED APRIL TWO BY EAL, ATLANTA, FROM
DELTA, DETROIT, FOR ONE RAYE FOR EAL FLIGHT ONE TWO FOUR Y
ON APRIL FIVE FROM ATLANTA TO PHILADELPHIA. PASSENGER TO
TRAVEL DETROIT TO ATLANTA ON DELTA FLIGHT SEVEN SIX ONE Y
ON APRIL TWO. DETROIT CONTACT POINT SHOWN TELEPHONE EIGHT
SEVEN THREE THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO, EXTENSION SEVEN, ROOM
THREE TWO FOUR. NO EAL TICKET FOUND, INDICATING DELTA TICKET

*Sup. Harding advised
3-8-68 (initials)*

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USED. DETROIT CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO
ELIMINATE.

RESERVATION MADE EAL, ATLANTA, APRIL FIVE, AND TICKET
PURCHASED ATLANTA, APRIL SIX, FOR TRAVEL BY W. J. WALTON,
MOBILE TO ATLANTA ON EAL FLIGHT SIX ZERO FOUR F ON APRIL TWELVE,
ATLANTA TO AUGUSTA ON DELTA FLIGHT FOUR ONE ZERO A ON APRIL TWELVE,
AUGUSTA TO ATLANTA ON DELTA ONE SIX ZERO NINE T ON APRIL
FIFTEEN, AND ATLANTA TO MOBILE ON EAL SIX ZERO ONE F ON APRIL
FIFTEEN. MOBILE CONTACT WAS HOME TELEPHONE THREE FOUR TWO
FIVE FIVE FOUR TWO, BUSINESS THREE FOUR FOUR ZERO TWO EIGHT
TWO. MOBILE CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

RESERVATION MADE EAL, ATLANTA, APRIL FIVE, AND TICKET
NUMBER THREE NINE SIX DASH SEVEN ONE EIGHT DASH NINE FIVE
SEVEN PURCHASED APRIL FIVE AT TRAVEL AFFILIATES, TWO TWO ZERO
WEST LIVE OAK, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, FOR TRAVEL BY JACK
WALTON FROM MOBILE TO ATLANTA ON EAL FLIGHT SIX SIX FOUR Y
ON APRIL FIVE, AND ATLANTA TO CHICAGO ON EAL FOUR THREE FOUR
YN ON APRIL SIX, AND CHICAGO TO SEATTLE ON UNITED ONE FOUR
THREE Y ON APRIL SIX. JACKSON AT PASCAGOULA CONDUCT NECESSARY
INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

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RESERVATION RECEIVED FEB. SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, BY EAL, ATLANTA, FROM DELTA, TAMPA, FOR TRAVEL OF J. WALTON FROM ATLANTA TO TAMPA ON EAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN THREE Y ON APR. TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT. RESERVATION CANCELED. NO TICKET LOCATED. TAMPA CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION AT DELTA TO ELIMINATE.

DELTA MESSAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER WAS ZERO EIGHT SEVEN ONE SIX SEVEN ZERO ONE.

RESERVATION RECEIVED EAL ATLANTA FROM TWA ST. LOUIS, DATE NOT SHOWN, FOR TRAVEL BY ONE HEERAN FROM ATLANTA TO ST. LOUIS ON EAL FLIGHT FIVE ONE ZERO, APR. TEN SIXTYEIGHT. PASSENGER GAVE ATLANTA CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE TWO FIVE - TWO SEVEN SEVEN ONE. NO TICKET LOCATED, INDICATING TWA TICKET USED. ATLANTA CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

RESERVATION RECEIVED EAL ATLANTA, MAR. TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT, FROM DELTA, SAVANNAH FOR TRAVEL BY JOHN WILLARD FROM ATLANTA TO MIAMI ON EAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN SEVEN Y ON

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APR. ELEVEN SIXTYEIGHT. DELTA, SAVANNAH MESSAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ONE EIGHT SEVEN NINE FOUR ZERO ZERO SIX. RESERVATION CONFIRMED BY DELTA, SAVANNAH MESSAGE NUMBER ONE EIGHT SEVEN NINE FOUR ZERO ZERO SIX ON APR. ONE SIXTYEIGHT. PASSENGER CONTACTED EAL ATLANTA ON UNSPECIFIED DATE AND GAVE CONTACT POINT DOWNTOWNER, ATLANTA. ATLANTA AT DOWNTOWNER AND SAVANNAH AT DELTA AIRLINES, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

RESERVATION MADE AT EAL ATLANTA VIA EAL CHARLOTTE ON APR. FIVE SIXTYEIGHT FOR TRAVEL OF J. C. (OR T.C.) GALT FROM ATLANTA TO RICHMOND ON EITHER EAL FLIGHT SIX ONE SIX T OR UNITED FLIGHT SIX FOUR ZERO A ON APR. TEN SIXTYEIGHT. NO TICKET LOCATED. CHARLOTTE CONTACT TELEPHONE GIVEN AS TWO SIX FIVE - EIGHT TWO ONE ONE. RESERVATION ORIGINALLY MADE THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY SIX ONE FIVE BY EMPLOYEE PAT. CHARLOTTE CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE TELEPHONE TO ELIMINATE.

MIAMI OBTAINING OFF - LINE TICKET INFORMATION RE ONE ADDITIONAL PASSENGER. SUPPLEMENTAL TELETYPE FOLLOWS RE THIS ON MAY NINE NEXT. SUBJECT RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

LCS

FBI ATLANTA

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FBI ATLANTA

FBI SAVANNAH

HOLD FOR TWO

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TO ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM SAVANNAH (44-1768)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHT LAST.

CONTACT WITH DELTA AIRLINES PERSONNEL AT SAVANNAH, GA. TODAY DISCLOSES MESSAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS ERASED FROM COMPUTER PERIODICALLY AND MESSAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS IN RETEL NOW APPLY TO RESERVATIONS USED IN APRIL BY TWO FEMALE PASSENGERS WHO BOARDED A DELTA FLIGHT IN CHICAGO, ILL.

THEY EXPLAINED THAT BY CONTACTING R. L. GIBSON, DELTA AIRLINES, ATLANTA AIRPORT, HE COULD EXTRACT INFORMATION FROM COMPUTER BASED ON INPUT REGARDING EAL RESERVATION MADE BY DELTA FOR WILLARD ON EAL FLIGHT WO SEVEN SEVEN Y, WHICH WOULD SHOW WHO AT SAVANNAH MADE THE RESERVATION FOR WILLARD AND WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS IN PERSON OR TELEPHONICALLY AND WHETHER HE GAVE A SAVANNAH CONTACT POINT.

DELTA PERSONNEL CONTACTED EAL AT ATLANTA AT WHICH TIME IT WAS LEARNED THAT WILLARD BOARDED EAL FLIGHT AT ATLANTA ON APRIL ELEVEN LAST WITHOUT ARRIVING IN ATLANTA BY COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORTATION. IT WAS ALSO LEARNED THAT HE TRAVELED TO ATLANTA. END PAGE ONE

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FLA. ON EAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN SEVEN AND THEREAFTER ON APRIL FIFTEEN LAST RETURNED TO ATLANTA ON DELTA FLIGHT TWENTY WHERE THIS FLIGHT TERMINATED.

DELTA PERSONNEL POINT OUT THAT IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE RESERVATION MADE BY DELTA AT SAVANNAH, GA. ON MARCH TWENTY NINE LAST WAS FOR A ROUND TRIP FLIGHT FROM ATLANTA TO MIAMI AND RETURN TO ATLANTA AND THAT BY MAKING INQUIRY OF THE DELTA COMPUTER AT ATLANTA BASED ON EITHER THE EAL FLIGHT OR THE DELTA FLIGHT TWENTY FROM MIAMI TO ATLANTA IT WILL PRODUCE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS IS AVAILABLE. DELTA PERSONNEL UNABLE TO LOCATE WILLARD NAME ON FLIGHT MAINFEST INDICATING HE DEPARTED OUT OF SAVANNAH ON ANY DELTA FLIGHT BETWEEN MARCH TWENTYNINE AND APRIL ELEVEN LAST, AND SUGGESTED THAT HE MAY HAVE TRAVELED BY CAR OR TRAIN, WHICH IS FURTHER INDICATED BY THE FACT THAT EAL HAS ADVISED THAT WHEN HE BOARDED FLIGHT TWO SEVEN SEVEN AT ATLANTA THE RESERVATION WAS MARKED "ARUKN" WHICH MEANS ARRIVAL UNKNOWN AND DISCLOSES NO ARRIVAL AT ATLANTA ON SAVANNAH'S DELTA RESERVATION BY AIR.

SAVANNAH WILL MAKE APPROPRIATE CONTACTS IN SAVANNAH AND DISPLAY RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM ATLANTA IDENTIFYING PERSON AT DELTA MAKING RESERVATION FOR WILLARD OR AT ANY CONTACT POINT FURNISHED.

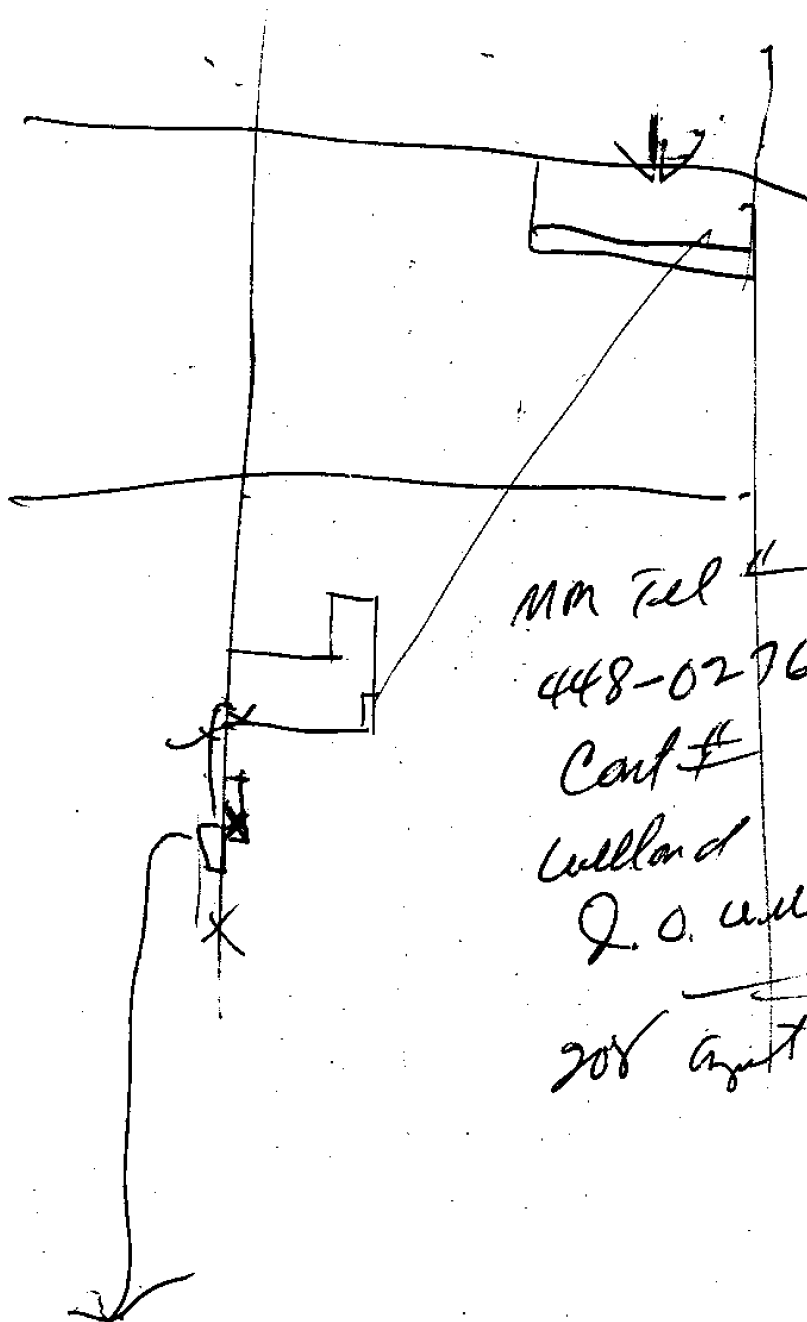
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FBI MIAMI

4:58PM URGENT 5-9-68 PJL

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987),
NEW YORK, MINNEAPOLIS AND CHICAGO
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) (P) 5P

MURKIN

RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL
FIVE THROUGH APRIL TWELVE LAST. RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU
MAY SEVEN LAST, AND MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHT LAST.

EAL RESERVATION CARD FOR FLIGHT TWO FOUR EIGHT Y,
APRIL NINE LAST, INDICATES ONE JERRY HERRON MADE RESERVATION
AT ATLANTA SIX-TWENTY P.M., APRIL NINE, LAST, ATLANTA TO
CHICAGO, CONTACT POINT, ATLANTA LOBBY. AGENT MAKING
RESERVATION WAS TEN B. REVIEW OF TICKETS FLIGHT TWO
FOUR EIGHT ON APRIL NINE, LAST DO NOT CONTAIN TICKET
FOR JERRY HERRON. THIRTEEN FIRST CLASS TICKETS AND THIRTY
THREE COACH TICKETS OF OTHER AIRLINES USED ON EAL FLIGHT

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762-2325
Thayer
Mrs. [unclear]
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TWO FOUR EIGHT ON APRIL NINE, LAST, ATLANTA TO CHICAGO.

TICKET NUMBERS OF OTHER AIRLINES AS FOLLOWS:

DELTA AIRLINES FIRST CLASS TICKETS NUMBERS ONE ZERO *1st Class* 101-0067121
ONE - ZERO ZERO SIX SEVEN ONE TWO ONE; TWO ZERO TWO - 202-0240107
ZERO TWO ONE ZERO ONE ZERO SEVEN; TW EIGHT THREE - ZERO 283-0156607
ONE FIVE SIX SIX ZERO SEVEN; TWO EIGHT FOUR - ZERO FIVE 284-0501905
ZERO ONE NINE ZERO FIVE; TWO EIGHT FOUR - ZERO FIVE ZERO ONE 284-0501906
NINE ZERO SIX; TWO ZERO TWO - ZERO TWO ONE ZERO ONE ZERO 202-0210106
SIX; THREE NINE SEVEN - ZERO FIVE FIVE ONE TWO FOUR SEVEN; 397-0551147
COACH TICKETS NUMBERS TWO ZERO TWO - ZERO ONE FOUR NINE FIVE *Coach* 202-0149500
ZERO ZERO; FOUR ZERO ONE - ZERO ONE THREE SIX ZERO FOUR FOUR; 401-0136044
TWO ZERO TWO - ZERO ONE FOUR NINE EIGHT TWO TWO; TWO ZERO 202-0149822
TWO - ZERO ONE FIVE ZERO FOUR SEVEN SEVEN; FOUR EIGHT EIGHT - 202-0150477
ZERO ONE ZERO ONE FOUR EIGHT TWO; TWO ZERO TWO - ZERO ZERO 488-0101482
EIGHT FOUR SIX TWO SIX; FOUR EIGHT EIGHT - ZERO EIGHT SEVEN 202-0084626
FOUR NINE FIVE EIGHT; TWO ZERO TWO - ZERO ONE FOUR NINE 488-0874958
202-0149823
202-0150476

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EIGHT TWO THREE; TWO ZERO TWO - ZERO ONE FIVE ZERO FOUR SEVEN SIX.

TRANS WORLD AIRLINES FIRST CLASS TICKETS NUMBER FOUR ZERO FOUR - ZERO ZERO ONE TWO NINE SIX FOUR. COASH TICKETS NUMBERS TWO THREE ZERO - ZERO ONE NINE FOUR NINE FIVE THREE; TWO TWO ZERO - ZERO SEVEN ONE FIVE THREE ONE EIGHT.

UNITED AIRLINES FIRST CLASS TICKETS NUMBERS FOUR FIVE ERO - ZERO THREE TWO ONE EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN; TWO THREE THREE - ZERO SIX EIGHT ZERO TWO FIVE SEVEN. COACH TICKETS NUMBERS TWO SIX ZERO - ZERO THREE ZERO FOUR TWO THREE NINE; FOUR SEVEN FIVE - ZERO FOUR ZERO FOUR EIGHT TWO NINE; THREE FIVE ZERO - ZERO ZERO THREE THREE SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN.

SOUTHERN AIRWAYS COACH TICKETS NUMBER THREE ZERO ZERO - ZERO FOUR EIGHT FIVE FIVE TWO EIGHT.

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NORTH CENTRAL AIRLINES COACH TICKET NUMBERS FOUR ZERO
FOUR - ZERO THREE ZERO FOUR TWO SEVEN SIX; TWO ZERO FOUR -
ZERO SIX THREE FOUR ZERO TWO SEVEN; TWO ZERO FOUR - ZERO
SIX THREE FOUR ZERO TWO EIGHT.

NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES FIRST CLASS TICKET NUMBERS
TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO THREE SIX TWO TWO FOUR ZERO; TWO FOUR TWO -
ZERO THREE FIVE FIVE ZERO EIGHT ZERO; TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO
FOUR THREE FOUR ZERO TWO SEVEN. COACH TICKET NUMBERS
TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO THREE SIX FOUR NINE NINE ONE; TWO FOUR
TWO - ZERO THREE SIX FIVE ZERO ZERO FIVE; TWO FOUR TWO -
ZERO THREE SIX FIVE ZERO ZERO FOUR; TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO THREE
SIX FIVE SIX ONE EIGHT; TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO THREE SIX TWO
TWO SIX NINE; TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO THREE SIX FIVE ONE EIGHT
SEVEN; TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO THREE SIX TWO TWO SIX SIX;
TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO THREE SIX FIVE FIVE NINE ONE; TWO FOUR
TWO - ZERO THREE SIX FOUR NINE EIGHT NINE; TWO FOUR TWO

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ZERO THREE SIX FIVE ZERO ZERO EIGHT; TWO FOUR TWO -ZERO
THREE SIX FIVE SIX ONE SEVEN; TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO FOUR
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NINE ZERO; EIGHT SIX ZERO - ZERO ZERO EIGHT FOUR EIGHT
FIVE EIGHT.

ATLANTA AT ATLANTA AIRPORT DETERMINE FROM DELTA AILINES
AND SOUTHERN AIRWAYS TO WHOM TICKETS ISSUED, AND SECURE
INFORMATION TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT.

NEW YORK AT TRANS WORLD AIRWAYS, CHICAGO AT UNITED
AIRLINES, MINNEAPOLIS AT NORTH CENTRAL AIRLINES, SIX TW
ZERO ONE THIRTY FOURTH AVENUE SOUTH, AND NORTHWEST ORIENT
AIRLINES, MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,
SECURE SAME INFORMATION AS SET OUT FOR ATLANTA.

OFFICE LOCATION REQUIRED INFO NOTIFY OTHER OFFICES TO
DISCONTINUE THEIR LEAD.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 2, 1968

RANDOLPH B. JONES, Pure Oil Dealer and Hertz Rental Agent, Cotton Avenue, Americus, Georgia, advised after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, that on April 13, 1968, he had sold a tank full of gas to a man resembling the photographs of RAY. He stated that to the best of his recollection, this man had bought a tank of gas at his Pure Oil Service Station in Americus between 11:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on April 13, 1968. He stated this man was driving a 1965 or 1966, four door two tone Cadillac, possibly white over blue, and that the car had an Atlanta license plate on it. He stated he could remember none of the license plate except that it began with the numeral "1" which would be for Fulton County.

JONES stated that he recollected that this individual was using a temporary Pure Oil Credit Card and he believed that the expiration date of this temporary card was either August or September 1968.

JONES gave the following description of this individual:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	About 34
Height	5 feet 8 to 5 feet 9 inches
Build	Medium
Nose	Sharp
Face	Thin
Hair	Brown, combed straight back
Wearing Apparel	Wearing coat and tie

Mr. JONES stated after viewing the 1968 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY the man he had sold the gasoline to looked very much like this photograph, except that his face was thinner looking and appeared more pointed than the face in the photograph.

Mr. JONES stated that the credit cards taken in by him on April 13, 1968 were forwarded to the Pure Oil Credit Department, Palatine, Illinois on approximately April 16, 1968.

4/25/68 and
On 4/25/68 at Americus, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-6373-1738
by ROBERT S. HARRIS *RRK* / hjm 4/30/68
Date dictated

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On April 26, 1968, Mr. JONES advised that he had located the transmittal slips for the credit cards sent in for April 16, 1968 and his transmittal slips reflected that the credit cards for this date were forwarded by him to Pure Oil, Palatine, Illinois on April 18, 1968 by transmittal slips number 7-0217999 and 7-0218000.

Mr. JONES further advised that his transmittal slips for April 22, 1968 reflected that credit card purchase slips were forwarded to Pure Oil on that date by transmittal slips number 7-0217997 and 7-0217998.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 2, 1968

DOTTIE OLIVER, 506 Bobbitt Drive, Albany, Georgia, who is employed as a clerk at the Hertz Rent-A-Car Agency, Municipal Airport, Albany, Georgia, advised that on April 19, 1968, she rented a Hertz Rent-A-Car to one JAMES E. BODKER. She said that to the best of her recollection, BODKER appeared at the rental agency at the Municipal Airport in Albany, Georgia, at approximately noon on April 19, 1968. She stated that BODKER presented a Shell Credit Card in renting this car and that in addition, he had a driver's license, the number and state from which it was issued she could not recall. She stated that the Shell Credit Card number and the driver's license number was listed on the rental contract.

OLIVER further stated that she remembered that this man said that he was the manager of Suburban Motor Company, and she could not recall in which state the Suburban Motor Company was supposed to be located. She said that at the time she rented this car to BODKER, Mr. WILLIAM YEOMAN, part owner of the Hertz Rental Agency in Albany, Georgia, was present and she exhibited the Shell Credit Card to him and he instructed her to rent the car to BODKER.

She stated she remembered that BODKER stated he was going to use the car in this area and that he had given her a date as to when the car would be returned, but she could not recollect what date it was, but stated that it is on the rental contract.

OLIVER stated that she did not know how BODKER arrived at the Municipal Airport, but stated that at the time that he rented the car, they were very busy and she believes that a plane, possibly Eastern Airlines, had just arrived at the Albany Airport.

Miss OLIVER gave the following description of
JAMES E. BODKER:

On 5/1/68 at Albany, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386-1739
by SA ROBERT S. [REDACTED] bjs Date dictated 5/1/68

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	38 to 40
Height	5'10" to 5'11"
Weight	150 to 160 pounds
Hair	Black and thick - wavy, combed straight back
Complexion	Dark
Characteristics	Thin face and long neck
Speech	
Peculiarities	None, appeared to speak with an accent indigenous to the Albany, Georgia, area
Dress	Wearing mustard color sport shirt with turtle neck and dickie, wearing dark brown pants

OLIVER stated that she could recollect no extraneous statements made by subject during the rental of the above car and to the best of her recollection, he answered only questions she asked him regarding identification and use of the car.

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OLIVER stated that the person using the name BODKER had a much thinner face, no double chin, and she could recall no facial characteristics of BODKER which resemble those of the photographs of RAY.

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JAMES E. BODKER:

On 5/1/68 at Albany, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-3386-1760
by SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR *AKC* :bjc Date dictated 5/1/68

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RSK:bjc

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The following investigation was conducted on the dates indicated by SA ALBERT D. MILLARD:

The following persons were contacted, shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and each advised that to their knowledge they had not seen him, and their records were negative pertaining to him:

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

April 25, 1968

Chief of Police DOYLE HICKS
Rossville, Georgia, Police Department

Chief of Police RUBEN SATTERFIELD
Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia, Police
Department

Chief of Police JIM MADANIS
Chickamauga, Georgia, Police Depart-
ment

Chief of Police ERNEST MORRIS
LaFayette, Georgia, Police Depart-
ment

Chief of Police JOHN SANDERS
Fairfield, Georgia, Police Department

Sheriff RALPH JONES, Walker County,
Georgia, Sheriff's Office

Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Agent PAUL GRIFFIN, Rossville,
Georgia

Sergeant REUBEN LIONS, Georgia State
Patrol, LaFayette, Georgia

44-2338-141

[Handwritten signature]
Millard *[initials]*

Chief Ranger GRADY WEBB, USNPS
Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia

Assistant Chief KEN CHEASTAIN, Walker
County, Georgia, Auxiliary Police

April 29, 1968 Sheriff ALLISON BLEVINS, Dade County,
Georgia, Sheriff's Office

Chief of Police JOHNNY BEASLEY
Trenton, Georgia, Police Department

CREDIT BUREAU

April 25, 1968 CORA RICHARDSON, Credit Bureau of
LaFayette, LaFayette, Georgia

NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS

At Rossville, Georgia

April 25, 1968 J. T. BYRD, Byrd Motor Company
KNOX RANSOM, C and R Motors
J. D. CRANE, Crane Auto Sales
ED GUIDER, JR., Guider Motor Company
TOM SMITH, Midway Motors
B. B. THOMAS, T and T Motors
VANCE GENTRY, United Motor Sales

At Chickamauga, Georgia

JOHN RAY, Ray's Motor Company

At LaFayette, Georgia

DAVE SPEURGON, Capitol Motors Inc.

WAYNE BROCK, Brock Dodge Company

MORRIS RUTLEDGE, Rutledge Chevrolet
Company

JIM PRESTWOOD, Prestwood Yard Company

HAROLD JONES, Jones Plymouth Company

BEN CRAWFORD, LaFayette Truck and
Tractor Company

MORRIS BURGESS, Burgess Used Cars

BOB DAVIS, Davis Motor Company

WINT LOWRANCE, Lowrance Motor Company

At Trenton, Georgia

April 29, 1968 AUBREY DYER, Dyer Motor Company

JOE ATCHLEY, Atchley Used Cars

TAXICABS

At Rossville, Georgia

April 25, 1968 BOB GOULET, Rossville Cab Company

PARKS SATTERFIELD, Georgia Cab
Company

BILL PERRY, Economy Cab Company

At Lafayette, Georgia

WILLARD BROWN, Busy Bee Cab

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HARRY GREEN, City Cab Company

It is to be noted that in Walker and Dade County, Georgia, there are no airline terminals, passenger train depots, or bus station depots.

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REW:bjc

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
RALPH E. WILLIAMS at Athens, Georgia:

On April 24, 1968, Mrs. DIANNE HORTON, Clerk,
Chokis Cleaners and Laundry, 529 Baxter Street, Athens,
Georgia, advised that this laundry uses a Thermo Seal
type of laundry tape for marking their laundry, however,
they do not use the type of numbering such as 20R-3.

She stated that their numbering system always
places a letter in front of the numbers.

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Williams REW

AT 44-2386

REW:bjc

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
RALPH E. WILLIAMS at Greensboro, Georgia :

On April 26, 1968, Mr. W. C. Sisson, Manager,
Caldwell Laundry and Cleaners, Greensboro, Georgia, advised
that they use a Thermo Seal type of laundry tape at this
laundry; however, they have not used anything except a
white tape in several years.

In addition, he stated that they do not keep
a record of who the customer is or who the laundry marks
are assigned to after the laundry is delivered to the
customer.

44-2386-143
Williams R.E.W.

FBI

Date: 5/3/68

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

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

Re Memphis tel 9:55 a.m. 4/17/68 requesting investigation of licensed drivers having birth date 7/30/31.

Inasmuch as this investigation was requested at a time when it was not known that ERIC GALT was merely an alias of JAMES EARL RAY, it was then believed pertinent; however, now that RAY has been identified, this lead is no longer of value and all offices conducting same should discontinue.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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2 - Atlanta
2 - Butte
2 - Denver
2 - Jackson
2 - Las Vegas
2 - Little Rock
2 - Milwaukee
2 - Minneapolis
2 - Mobile
2 - New Orleans
2 - Oklahoma City
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Special Agent in Charge

5/3/68

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-430)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 5/1/68.

Enclosed for Indianapolis is one copy of referenced teletype.

On 5/2/68 Mrs. JOHN J. WOLKERSTORFER, 324 Woodlawn Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised SA WESLEY A. ANDERSON J. TERRENCE WOLKERSTORFER, age 25, is her son and he is presently attending Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana. He is a U. S. Army veteran who served a year in Vietnam. During early April, 1968, he was in Atlanta and vicinity with a fellow student, JOHN TOUHY, for the purpose of writing a story for the "Ava Maria Magazine" at Notre Dame. He will be returning to the Notre Dame campus on Sunday, 5/4/68.

The WOLKERSTORFER family are long-time residents of St. Paul and have excellent reputations, according to the Credit Bureau of St. Paul.

LEAD

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AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Interview WOLKERSTORFER and TOUNY for anything they might have observed while in Atlanta and possibly Birmingham about 4/7/68.

This lead is being set out by airtel rather than teletype inasmuch as they are not returning to the Notre Dame campus until sometime Sunday, 5/5/68.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Date May 1, 1968

On April 18, 1968, LARRY KEITH voluntarily appeared at the Thomasville, Georgia Resident Agency of the FBI. He was furnished with a voluntary appearance and Waiver of Rights Form which he read and executed. He was advised that he was being interviewed concerning his activities in the Memphis, Tennessee area during the period surrounding the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

KEITH furnished the following descriptive data concerning himself:

Name	LARRY (NO MIDDLE NAME) KEITH
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	
Place of birth	East St. Louis, Illinois
Height	6'3"
Weight	210
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium
Complexion	Ruddy
Tattoos	None
Scars and marks	Surgical scars, both ankles and calves
Marital status	Married
Wife	SANDRA KAY, nee TINGLEY
Age	25
Married	1960 at Waterloo, Illinois
Children	One daughter, THERESA KAY, age 8, residing with mother on Third Street in Madison, Illinois
Military	None
Draft status	Registered with Local Draft Board, Belleville, Illinois

On 4/18/68 at Thomasville, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386-1766
by SA ROYAL A. MC GRAW
SA M. ROBERT MC FARLAND/IRM:els Date dictated 4/18/68

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at age 18, classified
1Y (medical exemption)
as result of surgery
done on legs

Social Security
Number
Driver's License

None

Last held out of Illinois,
now expired

Education

Finished ninth grade, East
St. Louis Senior High School,
East St. Louis, Illinois

Parents

HERBERT J. and MARY EVA
KEITH, both deceased as
result of automobile acci-
dent, Keokuk, Iowa, 1957

Arrests

None, speeding citations
only

Automobiles

Drives a 1961 Ford Falcon
station wagon, white in
color with 1967-1968 Florida
license number unknown belonging
to KAY CONE. Occasionally
drives 1968 Ford Torino, dark
blue in color, belonging to
friend of VICTOR BATEMAN who
resides in Thomasville, Georgia,
and occasionally drives motor-
cycle belonging to VICTOR
BATEMAN

Employment

KEITH advised that he has
been employed as farm laborer,
bakery worker and most recently
as deck hand, engineer, and
first-mate on tug and tow boats
operating along the Mississippi
River.

BACKGROUND

KEITH advised that following the death of his parents in an automobile accident at Keokuk, Iowa, in 1957, he was placed in the custody of RICHARD L. BATEMAN, SR., by Juvenile Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. Since that time, he has resided off and on with RICHARD L. BATEMAN, SR. In 1959, while employed by the B and D Toy Company out of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he suffered an accident aboard the tug boat, "Montgomery". Both of his legs were broken and surgery was later performed on both legs. He was hospitalized in Pekin, Illinois for forty days and was out of work for approximately two years. During his convalescence, he resided with RICHARD L. BATEMAN, SR., at 502 North 61st Street, East St. Louis, Illinois. It was during this period that he married his wife. While residing at the BATEMAN residence, his wife cared for BATEMAN's children inasmuch as BATEMAN was then separated from his wife. In 1965, BATEMAN's residence burned to the ground and BATEMAN acquired a new residence in Berkfield, Illinois. As this time, KEITH and his wife moved to Fairview, Illinois, and purchased a house trailer from an individual by name WILLIAM J. MC MURTREY, JR. About one and one-half months ago, KEITH's wife, upon his instructions, sold the house trailer back to MC MURTREY and rented an apartment situated on Third Street in Madison, Illinois. Occupancy of this apartment is temporary pending their child's completion of this term of school when KEITH's wife and his child will move to a house rented by him in Thomasville, Georgia, and situated at 628 Marshall Street. Occupancy of this house is scheduled in June of 1968.

KEITH advised that on night of March 29, 1968, about midnight, he left the "M-V Ray-A" tug boat owned by Wisconsin Barge Lines, Cassville, Wisconsin, at Memphis, Tennessee. He had been employed on this tug boat for the previous thirty days as a first mate.

He spent the night of March 29, 1968, and March 30, 1968, at the Waterways Marine in Memphis, Tennessee. The Waterways Marine is a store supplying boats coming up and down the Mississippi and has sleeping facilities for "on and off" crews.

On Sunday, March 31, 1968, he checked into the Linden Lodge Motel in downtown Memphis, Tennessee. On that same date, he had telephonically contacted KAY CONE in Boston, Georgia, who advised him that he had received a telephone call from the Mississippi Valley Barge Lines concerning employment. KEITH advised for this reason, he indicated his employer on the registration form provided him at the Linden Lodge Motel as the Mississippi Valley Barge Lines.

KEITH was passing time in Memphis, Tennessee, while awaiting additional employment on a tug or tow boat on the Mississippi River. He spent his days walking in the downtown Memphis area and watching television at the Linden Lodge Motel. Because a curfew was in effect in Memphis, Tennessee, during this period, he was in the Linden Lodge Motel by 7:00 p.m., each evening and never left the motel after that time. He stayed at the Linden Lodge Motel until he departed the Memphis, Tennessee area on April 6, 1968. He paid on a daily basis at the motel until April 3, 1968. He then began "charging" his room on a daily basis. Because several expensive ties which he purchased in the downtown Memphis, Tennessee area were apparently taken from his room at the Linden Lodge Motel, he left without paying his room bill because they would not reimburse him for these ties. He has since contacted the Linden Lodge Motel and paid the board bill owed by him.

On April 4, 1968, he awoke and followed his usual practice of watching television in his motel room until about 11:00 a.m. He then went to a drugstore situated on the corner of Main and Linden Streets in Memphis and ate lunch. During each day that he

was in Memphis, Tennessee, and ate lunch, he ate lunch at this drugstore and always ordered chili and a pepsi cola. He then caught a bus to the east side of Memphis, Tennessee in the area of Rogers' Tennis Center. He got off of the bus near the medical district of Memphis, Tennessee, where several hospitals are located and walked the rest of the way to Rogers' Tennis Center. This was about 1:00 p.m. No one was playing tennis and he started back towards the downtown area. He ate a sandwich en route but does not recall the name of the restaurant. He walked down the same street on which the Memphis, Tennessee Western Union Office is located in the downtown area, name not recalled, but still on the east side of town. Near an overpass, he witnessed an automobile accident involving a 1968 Ford Thunderbird bearing Arkansas license plates and a 1964 Comet, four-door, and 1967 Cadillac sedan, both bearing Tennessee license tags. The two occupants of the Comet were University of Tennessee medical students. No one was injured but the female driving the Thunderbird was given a traffic citation for running a red light. This was about 5:40 p.m. During investigation of automobile accident by officers of Memphis Police Department, one officer left his squad car and advised the persons involved in the accident, the other officers and bystanders standing at the scene that he had just received a radio message from his headquarters advising that Dr. KING had just been shot at his motel. KEITH stayed at the scene for about one hour after this. A problem arose concerning a wrecker and he advised the white female owner of the Thunderbird that a Ford Company garage was nearby inasmuch as he had just passed it. He pointed this garage out to the white female and suggested that she contact people at this Ford automobile agency concerning a wrecker.

About 6:30 p.m., he started walking again toward the downtown area and went through the used car lot of the above described Ford Dealership which was located near the accident scene. Several men appearing

to be salesmen were standing in this used car lot. They asked him concerning the sirens which could then be heard in the Memphis area and KEITH informed them that he had been told by an officer investigating a wreck nearby that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot at his motel. KEITH continued walking on towards the downtown area and passed the Travel Lodge Motel and by the Greyhound Bus Station. He went to a pancake house located at the Downtowner Motel in downtown Memphis and inquired of the cashier if she had received any additional information concerning the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. A customer seated nearby advised that he had heard a radio broadcast indicating that the person believed to have perpetrated the shooting was a white male wearing a moustache. Because KEITH was then wearing a bushy moustache, he left the pancake house and went to the desk of the motel and asked a white female attendant on duty who had red hair and was about 35 years of age regarding the shooting of Dr. KING and the reported radio dispatch that the perpetrator was a white male wearing a moustache. The desk attendant could not confirm this but furnished KEITH with directions to the downtown Memphis, Tennessee Police Station. KEITH advised that to go to the Linden Lodge Motel, he had to walk through a Negro section of Memphis, Tennessee and if the person believed perpetrating the shooting of Dr. KING was described only as a white male with a moustache, he wanted to know about it before he completed his return to the motel. KEITH arrived at the Memphis, Tennessee Police Department about 7:00 p.m. He heard then that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., had been pronounced dead. He stated there was a lot of excitement at the Police Department and one officer directed him to an office on the ground level from which he was directed to another office and from there to a desk sergeant who was on the ground level of the police station near the main entrance. On each occasion, KEITH advises that he informed the