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MR. GEORGE ROBERTS, OPERATOR ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST., ADVISED HE TOOK THE BODY TO ERIE COUNTY MORGUE ON MAY TWO, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, AND HIS COPY OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE DISCLOSED LAST PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR RAY WAS WESTERN ROAD, ALBANY NY, PLACE OF BIRTH QUINCY, ILL., DATE OF BIRTH MAY FOUR, NINETEEN FOUR, AGE AT TIME OF DEATH FIFTYFOUR YEARS, ELEVEN MONTHS, TWENTYEIGHT DAYS, OCCUPATION STEWARD, PRESENT EMPLOYMENT UNEMPLOYED, MARITAL STATUS DIVORCED, FATHER JAMES RAY, AND MOTHER LILLIAM MATTHEWS. THE PHYSICIAN SIGNING DEATH CERTIFICATE DR. ROCCO DE DOMINICIS.

MR. ROBERTS STATED BODY SHIPPED TO THE DUKES BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME, EIGHT TWO THREE BROADWAY, QUINCY, ILL., ON MAY FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, THIS SHIPMENT BEING ORDERED BY MRS. FRANK FULLER, QUINCY, ILL. BODY INTERRED MAY FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE GREEN MOUNTAIN CEMETERY, QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

A CHECK AT THE BUFFALO GENERAL HOSPITAL, RECORDS BEING CHECKED BY PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, MR. TOM MICHEL, DISCLOSED NO RECORD OF RAY EVER BEING EMPLOYED BUFFALO GENERAL HOSPITAL. MISS ELLEN JONES, PERSONNEL OFFICE, BUFFALO STATE HOSPITAL, FOREST AVE., BUFFALO, ADVISED THEY HAVE NO RECORD OF RAY EVER BEING EMPLOYED THERE. ADDRESS OF FOUR SEVEN SIX FRANKLIN NONEXISTENT, AS ROOMING HOUSE THIS

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ADDRESS TORN DOWN IN NINETEEN SIXTY.

RESULTS OF CREDIT CHECK ON RAY NOT COMPLETE AT THIS TIME, AND
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

AM CC'S KANSAS CITY, ALBANY AND SPRINGFIELD.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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7:28 PM WPK

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ^AESIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-3886), BUFFALO, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
CHICAGO (44-1114), KANSAS CITY, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
FROM ALBANY (44-493) 1P

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ON HIM. KNEW OF NO VISITORS HE HAD AND WERE UNABLE
TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT, JAMES EARL RAY.
ALL ADVISED NO OTHER EMPLOYEES PRESENTLY AVAILABLE WHO
WOULD HAVE KNOWN EARL EVERET RAY. P

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California <i>70-10 sec 8/13/68</i>	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Csl29438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa <i>70-10 sec 8/13/68</i>	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged

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✓ Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois <i>FD-10 and 8/13/68</i>	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
✓ Police Department Hannibal, <i>FD-10 and 8/13/68, mfm</i> Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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✓ Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri <i>7D.10 sent H/3/68 info</i>	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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

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	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p> <p>Alias: James Walton</p>			
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p>			
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Date: 4/25/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC, MIAMI
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN.

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MIAMI HANDLE.

AM CCS TO BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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FROM BUFFALO (44-374) 1P

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

FROM : SA LEE MASON EIDSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/24/68

Re Albany airtel to Bureau dated 4/11/68.

On 4/15/68, JOE SEGAL, operator, D'Arcy Cleaners and Laundry, 2487 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York, was contacted re laundry mark in referenced communication. He had Textile Marking Machine #R33554 and advised that Machine #32031 was formerly owned by him but was traded in about two years ago and was sent back to the company in Syracuse, New York. He explained his method of marking laundry as follows:

The first character is a letter, which represents a particular account; the next two are numbers representing lot number; the last one or two characters are bundle numbers. He said the first three characters on his mark are 15 point type and the last two are 18 point type. The color of the laundry mark changes every day with the exception that a red laundry mark is routinely used for "special work" every day. He said the only time a letter "B" is used is on the University of Buffalo account; but in all instances, the letter representing the account is the first character in the mark. He said the machine could, however, be so manipulated to arrange the characters in any sequence desired. But, it could not possibly prepare a laundry mark identical to the one in the photograph.

SEGAL was asked if he knew of the location or ever heard of Frank's Laundry in Buffalo. He said Frank's Laundry used to be located on Guilford Street but is now out of business and has been for some time.

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VINCENT SCRO, Camellia Linen Supply Company, 460 East Delevan, Buffalo, said LOUIS TRIPPI several years ago operated a small shirt laundry in part of the building at 460 East Delevan. He said TRIPPI has been gone for at least six years. He said G. A. Braun, Inc., Syracuse, New York, had a chattel on some of TRIPPI's equipment and may possibly have the marking machine formerly held by TRIPPI; however, that is only a guess. He said none of TRIPPI's equipment is in the building now.

MARVIN RAINES, Belevedere Shirt Laundry, 2034 South Park Avenue, said at one time he owned a Textile Marking Machine but it was a tag electric, not a heat seal such as the one shown in the photograph. He gave that machine to Sweetclean Laundry and does not know if they still have it, but as he said it is not the same type that made the laundry marks shown in the photograph. He said to his knowledge the only laundry in Buffalo that uses the heat seal type laundry marking system is D'Arcy. Belevedere's machine is a Pinnacle Product Corp., made in England. RAINES said Frank's Laundry has been out of business for several years.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)



RAYMOND CURTIS
Ex Prison Friend of Ray

Ray Spoke of Bounty Set by KKK on King, Ex Jail Mate Says

By United Press International

DALTON, Ga., April 24 — Fugitive James Earl Ray more bragged that he was going to collect a "million-dollar kitty" put up by a Ku Klux Klan businessman's association for the "removal" of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a prison friend of Ray's said Tuesday.

Authorities said there is no evidence any such fund ever existed.

Ray, an escapee from Missouri State Prison, is being sought in the U. S., Mexico and Canada. He has been charged with conspiracy and murder in the assassination of Dr. King in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

Raymond Curtis, who is being held here while awaiting an appeal of a murder conviction, said he had served with Ray in jail once and in prison twice. He said he first heard Ray mention Dr. King shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963.

"I'm Going to Collect"

Curtis said that Ray had told him after hearing of the Kennedy assassination: "Well, somebody made a pretty penny on that. Martin Luther King is going to get it some day. They have a million-dollar kitty started on him and some day, when I get out, I'm going to collect it."

Curtis said Ray told him he had heard that a Klan "businessman's association" was putting money into a fund to be used to "remove King." He said Ray talked "a couple of times" afterward about killing Dr. King for "a million-dollar bounty."

"I didn't think much about it at the time," Curtis said.

Only Interested in Money

Curtis said Ray never mentioned racial matters. "He didn't have any prejudice," Curtis said. "He was only interested in money."

He said Ray used to talk about how he would handle an assassination.

"He said he would buy a gun under a false name and have everything ready for an escape," Curtis said. "He used to talk a lot about escaping to New Zealand, Brazil or Argentina."

Curtis described Ray as a "loner" who used dope while in prison. He said Ray liked beer, weightlifting, miniature golf and poker, and "talked about having lots of women. None special. He'd pick 'em up and leave 'em."

Clerk Identifies Galt

It was learned Tuesday that the FBI in Atlanta had investigated reports that the mysterious Eric Galt — a name the FBI says is a Ray alias — met two women in a hotel the week-end after the slaying.

The FBI impounded three waterglasses from the Briarcliff Hotel the week Dr. King was buried, sources said, and showed a desk clerk pictures of Galt. The clerk said the man in the pictures rented a room the Sunday after the assassination.

In the next two days, two women, one an attractive brunette and another dressed like a hippie, visited the room.

Two Atlanta cab drivers had said earlier that they drove a man resembling Galt around Atlanta's hippie district the night after Dr. King was slain.

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Buffalo Evening News

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)
ATTN: SA R. GORDON EDDY

FROM : SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

Re telephone call from SA R. GORDON EDDY, on 4/22/68.

The following individuals were alerted for a 1964-1965 Ford, two door sedan, color light tan, bearing Florida license 4W 69100. They were requested that should this car be observed that the operator be identified, as according to EUGENE R. ROSZYK, Salamanca, N.Y., who observed this individual at 10:30 AM, 4/22/68, at Langworthy's, Killbuck, N.Y., and subsequently traveling west on Route 17, feeling that he resembles JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE;

Lt. ANDREW JOHNSON, Jamestown, N.Y. PD

Sgt. EUGENE BYRNE, NYSP, Falconer, N.Y.
(Sgt. BYRNE advised that he would advise the Fredonia, NYSP Barracks.)

Deputy MILES WILCOX, Chautauqua County SO.

The above individuals advised that should they observe the above mentioned vehicle, they will identify the operator and advise SA ANGLE.

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SAC (157-228, Sub 1)

4/24/68

SA DUNCAN C. LIVINGSTONE

POTENTIAL RACIAL VIOLENCE
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

The following subjects were contacted on 4/16/68:

MARION CLYDE MILLER, aka
Mrs. Robert Augustus Miller
PRI - GHETTO
Buffalo file 170-189

Captioned, co-owner of a small grocery store located in the Negro community of Rochester, advised she has heard nothing concerning any organized group or groups professing violence in the area; however, many of her friends and customers have expressed both anxiety and grief over the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, as well as over the growing tendency of some Negroes in other communities to resort to looting and other forms of violence. From these contacts, she believes that a definite possibility exists in Rochester, for an outbreak of violence.

In light of the problems that exists in Rochester in the summer of 1967, and the speed in which the matter was controlled has made many local residents believe that very strict and possibly even punitive action may be taken by the police against looters and arsonists. If anything were to develop, it would most likely come from a single act or incident involving a Negro and someone connected with a police organization.

She stated that she had heard, through news media, about the "Poor People's Campaign" and the march on Washington, D. C., but that she has heard nothing of it locally.

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Many Rochester Negroes in her immediate area have "sub-standard" living quarters, but the vast majority of her neighbors, although their respective homes look shabby from the outside, have been nicely and tastefully remodeled on the inside as the people realize they would have difficulty moving out of their neighborhood into either a better Negro neighborhood or even a mixed community. Since these Negroes have put their time as well as money into their homes, the subject believes these people would react immediately to quash, as well as they could, any destructive or property-damaging activity which might arise.

As far as "communication" between the leaders of the Negro community goes, she has listened to many local persons who have college educations plus speak on what is being done, and most people listen themselves. However, the adults realize that things are being done, that many of their "leaders" are earnestly trying to better the lives of the low-income Negro families, but that these efforts take time and cannot be achieved overnight. Again, it will be the younger adults and teen-agers who will both instigate and participate in any violence that might occur. Basically, these participants will be either high school drop-outs or young people who will hope to profit by such activity in the form of goods and merchandise obtained from looting.

ROBERT CHARLES AUGUSTUS MILLER
PRI - GHETTO
Buffalo file 170-208

Subject both concurred and participated in the conversation held with his wife, MARION MILLER, and the writer, and added that he believed the Rochester Police have been trained to a high degree in handling riots, looting, etc., and that most police officers are dreading another outbreak of violence in the inner city. From what he observed from previous incidents, however, he also feels that there are some police officers who would relish the chance to come into the Negro area and "beat heads."

Again, concurring with his wife, MILLER believes that a single incident of a Negro being arrested in the Negro neighborhood and force of any kind being used to subdue him could bring up a violent reaction.

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He could furnish no information regarding the assassination of Dr. KING and has heard nothing regarding the "Poor People's Campaign" or any "marches on Washington, D. C."

SALVATOR E. SALERNO
PRI - GHETTO
Buffalo file 170-193

Subject, a white male, operating a gas station and auto mechanic and body repair shop in the center of an all Negro neighborhood, advised he has talked with both his own Negro employees and with a great number of his steady customers, and to date, has heard nothing regarding any concerted or organized effort to create violence in the city. He went on to state that by and large, the people he is in contact with are gainfully employed, drive decent automobiles, keep them in fair to good condition, and would suffer greatly should any destructive action take place. He feels that there are some "young and surly bucks" in the neighborhood who would enjoy starting something should they have a cause and that once a riot would get started and the looting would begin, many more would join in to just "get what they could" in the way of looting before others would get there first.

Since being contacted by the writer, the subject stated he has taken an interest in the local newspapers and radio news broadcasts pertaining to the efforts of the Urban League and the FIGHT organization. Most Negroes he has come in contact with are not aware of what these and other agencies are doing, only that something is not being done immediately and for them.

Pertaining to housing in his neighborhood, the subject related that he believes, as do most Negroes in the area, that those who complain about poor housing have never done anything on their own to improve the homes and places in which they live, but instead, sit back and complain that they do not get anything better for free. He has seen what he believes to be city officials or possibly social workers, in and out of the Negro area and feels that the conditions must be being brought to the attention of "city hall" concerning some of the delapidated houses

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in the area.

As far as Negro objectives; SALERNO believes the Negro community wants to be treated on an equal basis with the white people, although there are some Negroes who feel that "equal" actually means much more latitude as far as with the police. It would be difficult at this point, for any policeman to arrest a belligerent Negro and not create a disturbance of some degree.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) P

FROM : SE RICHARD R. WALSH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

At 10:42AM on 4/25/68 MRS. GLADYS D. MEEHAN, 362 East Main St., Springville, N.Y., Tel. 592-7089 appeared at the FBI Buffalo Office; she advised her husband is DR. DONALD MEEHAN, a Surgeon.

She advised that she was with her family at the Rock Sound Club and Beach Cottages from 4/10/68 and has recently returned. She advised that this morning she was watching the Today Show and observed a picture of JAMES EARL RAY which she believes is similar in appearance to a man she observed in the dining room of the Rock Sound Club, Island of Eleuthera, Bahamas on 4/18 or 4/19/68. She advised this island is owned by Pan*AM and can be reached by private boat or private plane, Pan-AM has the only commercial air facilities to the Island.

She advised the first time she saw this man was at dinner between 7:00PM and 9:00PM and he was about 30 feet from her and her family, she was able to observe his profile, with his right ear turned towards her. It was noted that she did not distinctly recall a noticeable protruding left ear. She advised she did not hear this man talk; her son did refer to this man as a "weirdo"; she recalled that this man did have a strange smile on his face. She again observed this same man at breakfast the following morning, and observed his full face, she noted that the full face photo of RAY taken in 1960 appears identical with the man she saw, except he had a little more hair, which she described as Brown and cut in a Crewcut fashion. She stated he was dressed in a business suit and appeared pale, as compared to other persons who had been at the Club and exposed to the sun.

She mentioned that the man she observed was accompanied by another male, whom she described as innocuous, similar in appearance generally to the man she observed, as far as age, height, etc.

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FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) P

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BUFFALO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW KILGRAF FOR BASIS HER
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
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FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN.

REMYTEL, APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST, CONCERNING EARL
EVERET RAY, UNCLE OF JAMES EARL RAY.

COPY OF NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CERTIFICATE
OF DEATH OBTAINED AND SIGNATURE WHICH APPEARS TO BE NORMAN
J. ROBERTS IS ACTUALLY SIGNATURE OF THOMAS J. ROBERTS, TWO
FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN STREET, BUFFALO, NY.

RECORDS OF BUFFALO RETAIL MERCHANTS CREDIT BUREAU,
BUFFALO, NY, CONTAIN RECORDS FOR EARL RAY WHO SHOWED
RESIDENCE IN NINETEEN FIFTYSIX OF FOUR SEVEN SIX FRANKLIN
STREET, WHICH RESIDENCE WAS TORN DOWN IN NINETEEN SIXTY.
PREVIOUS RESIDENCE FOUR THREE NINE CHERRY STREET, QUINCY,

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ILLINOIS. EMPLOYMENT BUFFALO GENERAL HOSPITAL IN NINETEEN FIFTYSIX. BUFFALO GENERAL HOSPITAL UNABLE TO FIND ANY EMPLOYMENT RECORD. PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT SHOWN AS ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, QUINCY. CREDIT BUREAU FILE INACTIVE SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYSIX.

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NO OTHER INFORMATION OF VALUE IN FILE.

AM CCS TO CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY.

JAMES EARL RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

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BUREAU ALSO REQUESTED TO FURNISH BUFFALO WITH THREE HUNDRED PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY, BACKED UP WITH DESCRIPTION.

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TO : SAC, 44-374
(Attention: SA EDDY)

FROM : SA DON FRITZ HEIM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

Rememo SA EDDY, 4/9/68.

A review of the city directory, Geneva, New York, and telephone directory for area covered by Geneva RA concerning this matter was negative.

A review of the telephone directory for the area covered by the Geneva RA failed to show any dancing schools located in the area.

On 4/15/68, inquiries with the following individuals were negative:

SHIRLEY CLARK, Manager, Credit Bureau of Wayne County, Newark, New York.

JAY ARMSTRONG, Owner, Credit Bureau of Canandaigua, Canandaigua, New York.

EDWARD DAILOR, Collections Manager, Credit Bureau of Geneva, Geneva, New York.

On 4/15/68, contacts with the following individuals failed to develop any pertinent information in this matter.

JAMES HURLEY, Sheriff, Wayne County, Lyons, New York.

DONALD BROWN, Chief of Police, Newark, New York.

PHYLLIS PIERCE, Clerk, Ontario County SO, Canandaigua, New York.

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GEORGE SPIKE, Sheriff, Yates County, Penn Yan, New York.

DONALD CAMPBELL, Chief of Police, Penn Yan, New York.

MARY WITT, Clerk, Board of Elections, Lyons, New York.

AGNES BOSTWICK, Commissioner of Elections, Ontario County, Canandaigua, New York.

Contacts with the following individuals on dates indicated failed to develop any pertinent information in this matter.

4/16/68 - DORIS L. SWAN, Clerk, Board of Elections, Seneca County, Waterloo, New York

4/16/68 - CHARLOTTE WALSH, Commissioner of Elections, Yates County, Penn Yan, New York.

4/17/68 - ANTHONY CASAMASSIMA, Chief of Police, Seneca Falls, New York.

4/17/68 - MATTHEW MC KEON, Sheriff, Seneca County, Waterloo, New York.

4/19/68 - WILLIAM FLYNN, Commissioner of Elections, Livingston County, Geneseo, New York.

4/19/68 - MARTIN GILBRIDE, Sheriff, Livingston County, Geneseo, New York.

4/19/68 - JAMES BRADLEY, Chief of Police, Dansville, New York.

Telephone contacts with MICHAEL SIMEONE, Patsy and Sons Dry Cleaner, 186 Exchange Street, and DONALD LONG, Fingerlakes Laundry & Dry Cleaners, 511 Washington Street, Geneva, New York, failed to develop any information in this matter.

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MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL APRIL TWENTY FIVE LAST, CONCERNING TELEGRAM
SENT TO NAACP CHICAGO BY MRS. JESSIE KILGRAS.

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HOSPITAL FOR MENTAL TREATMENT.

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MRS. KILGRAS ADVISED SHE HAS NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
ASSASSINATION.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHICAGO (44-1114). MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM BUFFALO (44-374) 2P

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THE ASSASSINATION.

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716PM URGENT 4/26/68 7:44 PM AWS LCC
TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS. THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-374)

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FROM : SPC Patrick J, Finnerty

SUBJECT: Murkin

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The caller again called to ask if we had used gypsy magic to determine where the killer may be. At this time the caller gave an address as 1026 Englewood .Town of Tonawanda, 836-2600.

The caller was told we would look into the possibility that the subject may visit Ft. Erie race track.

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

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA ROBERT W. BUCHER

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka
- FUGITIVE
CR; UFAC-ROBBERY, 1ST.

On the morning of 4/25/68, the writer interviewed Mrs. MARTHA FREDERICK, RN, Staff Nurse, Chemung Co. Health Dept., residing at 1803 Turner Road, Elmira (RE 4-0130) and Mrs. KATHLEEN MANNIX, RN, parttime Staff Nurse, Chemung Co. Health Dept., residing 1305 West Church St., Elmira (RE 2-4305), at the Elmira PD. The writer was referred to the above by Capt. J. EDWARD HORIGAN (NA), Elmira PD when it was determined that these women had come to the Elmira PD to report information concerning captioned matter.

FREDERICK and MANNIX advised that in the period 4/17-21/68, they had each made routine visits to the residence of a woman at first giving her name as BARBARA SPIKE, and later as Mrs. JOHN VELIA, Apt. #3, 361 W. Gray St., Elmira, in connection with her having given birth on 3/27/668, in Elmira to a premature infant.

Each of the above nurses had seen and spoken to a man at this residence identified as JOHN VELIA, DOB 3/28/30, and had independently reached the conclusion that he closely resembled the published newspaper photographs of the subject. They furnished general physical descriptions, and Mrs. MANNIX advised VELIA had his right thumb bandaged and stated he was being treated by Dr. JOHN BURKE.

The writer formerly had BARBARA SPIKE as a UFAC subject, and it was certain from description and background furnished by FREDERICK and MANNIX that the woman they referred to was identical with this former Bureau subject. The writer also recalled that SPIKE was known to have absconded from parole at Elmira with one JOHN VELIA, also a former NYS parolee.

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FREDERICK and MANNIX advised that the VELIA's advised them that they had come to Elmira by bus shortly before the baby's birth on 3/27/68, from Akron, N.Y. JOHN VELIA advised he is now employed as a truck driver for the Elmira trucking firm of Dimon & Bacorn.

On 4/25/68, GEORGE C. GOULD, JR., Area Supervisor, NYS Division of Parole, advised that neither BARBARA SPIKE nor JOHN JOSEPH VELIA are presently on parole, but he knows them both and recalls that they have been living together, last known to have been residing in a trailer in Akron, N.Y. GOULD furnished an October, 1965 photo of VELIA, and it was determined that he does bear a resemblance to subject's published photographs. JOHN JOSEPH VELIA was born 3/28/30.

On 4/25/68, available photograph of JOHN JOSEPH VELIA was exhibited independently to FREDERICK and MANNIX and each positively identified him as being the individual they saw at SPIKE's residence and believed to resemble the subject.

On 4/25/68, GRACE PARLO, office of Dr. JOHN H. BURKE, JR., 507 West Water St., Elmira, advised her records reflect that JOHN VELIA, 361 W. Gray St., Elmira, a white male born 3/28/30, is being treated by Dr. BURKE for a fractured right thumb. PARLO stated that her records further reflect that JOHN VELIA has an old deformity of the right index finger.

Inasmuch as investigation has determined that the suspicious individual reported by FREDERICK and MANNIX is in fact JOHN JOSEPH VELIA, no further investigation being conducted.