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V. IDENTIFICATION RECORD AND DESCRIPTION

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The following is subject's identification record as furnished by the FBI Identification Division on April 23, 1968, under FBI # 405 942 G:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	2/19/46		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray #B-119908	10/11/49	suspicion of burglary	
PD, Los Angeles Calif	James Earl Ray #139648	10/11/49	suspicion 459 Penal (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 12/30/49 Cs129438
SO Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	4/18/50	vagrancy	
PD Alton, Ill.	James Earl Ray #7514	7/23/51	no operator's license - no City License	released to pay later
PD Chicago Ill	James Ray #D90696	5/6/52	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago Ill	James Ray #131165	5/9/52	robbery	6/13/52 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.	James E. Ray #32419	6/13/52	robbery	1 to 2 years

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State Penitentiary Pontiac, Ill.	James E. Ray #19121	7/7/52 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years 3/12/54 discharged
SO Edwardsville, Ill.	James Earl Ray #2640	8/30/54	burglary & larceny	
PD Hannibal Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	3/23/55	investigation of breaking & entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Mo.	James Earl Ray #B-3376	3/23/55	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City Mo., 3/24/55
USM Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #12018	3/28/55	forgery U.S. Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody Attorney General
SO Kansas City Mo.	James Earl Ray #29637	3/28/55	forgery - Government	3/7/55, 3 years and 9 months
U. S. Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kan.	James Earl Ray #72498-L	7/7/55	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months 5/20/58, conditional re- lease 3/31/59, maximum 4/5/58, conditional re- lease on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
PD St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/10/59	suspicion of robbery	

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PD St. Louis Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/16/59	suspicion of robbery stealing & fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #00416	3/17/60	"IC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, con-current)

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The following is a description of the subject,
obtained from sources set out elsewhere in this report:

Name:	JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	March 10, 1928
Place of Birth:	Alton, Illinois
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	163 - 174 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Social Security No.:	[REDACTED]
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FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM INVESTIGATION, TORONTO,
ONTARIO, CANADA:

RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, METROPOLITAN TORONTO PD (MTPD)
CONSTABLE, IN WHOSE NAME SUBJECT OBTAINED BIRTH CERTIFICATE
AND CANADIAN PASSPORT ON INTERVIEW EVENING OF JUNE FOUR
AND AGAIN JUNE FIVE LAST, COULD FURNISH NO EXPLANATION AS
TO HOW SUBJECT OBTAINED PERSONAL BACKGROUND INFO NECESSARY
FOR APPLICATIONS THESE DOCUMENTS.

LANDLADY, OSSINGTON STREET ADDRESS, TORONTO, ON
REINTERVIEW ADVISED SUBJECT HAD ONLY ONE OUTFIT OF
CLOTHING CONSISTING OF A BROWN SUIT JACKET, BLACK PANTS,
AND A TOBACCO COLOR RAINCOAT. ONLY LUGGAGE HIS POSSESSION
WAS SMALL FLAT VALISE, COLOR UNRECALLED, WITH PLAID

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INTERIOR, SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN AN ATTACHE CASE.

RECHECK, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, DISCLOSED SUBJECT BY LETTER DATED APRIL TEN LAST APPLIED FOR BIRTH CERTIFICATE IN NAME PAUL EDWARD BRIDGMAN WITH BIRTH DATE NOV. TEN NINETEEN THIRTYTWO, POB TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, TO BE MAILED TO OSSINGTON ST. ADDRESS. THIS ITEM RETURNED TO POST OFFICE AS UNDELIVERABLE BECAUSE NO FORWARDING ADDRESS LEFT.

TWO LATENTS DEVELOPED BY RCMP ON CERTIFICATE NOT IDENTIFIED WITH SUBJECT.

INTERVIEW OF REAL PAUL BRIDGMAN, TORONTO, BEING CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE HOW SUBJECT OBTAINED BACKGROUND INFO FOR APPLICATION BIRTH CERTIFICATE THAT NAME.

AFTER ABSENCE FROM DUNDAS STREET ADDRESS FOR APPROXIMATE PERIOD APRIL NINETEEN TO TWENTYSIX, LAST, SUBJECT TOLD LANDLADY UPON RETURN HAD BEEN IN MONTREAL, QUEBEC.

NO WITNESSES LOCATED TO SUBJECT'S DEPARTURE FROM DUNDAS STREET ADDRESS WHEN HE LEFT MAY SIX LAST, TO

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CATCH BOAC FLIGHT.

CHECK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES AT BANKS VICINITY TWO
KNOWN RESIDENCES NEGATIVE.

INVESTIGATION BY RCMP, TORONTO UNDERWAY TO LOCATE
BOAC REFUND VOUCHER GIVEN SUBJECT IN LONDON, ENGLAND
WHEN HE SURRENDERED RETURN HALF, TORONTO DASH LONDON TICKET
FOR AIRLINE TICKET TO LISBON.

NO EVIDENCE LOCATED OF EMPLOYMENT BY SUBJECT DURING
TORONTO STAY.

RCMP, TORONTO, IS TURNING OVER TO CAPTAIN, BOAC FLIGHT
SIX ZERO ZERO, DEPARTING TORONTO TONIGHT, COPIES OF BEST
AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT TAKEN FROM ORIGINAL
NEGATIVE OF HIS PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH FOR DELIVERY TO
RCMP REPRESENTATIVE, LONDON, UPON ARRIVAL, WHO IN TURN
WILL MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO LEGAT, THERE.

FOR ASSISTANCE IN LISBON INVESTIGATION, SUBJECT AT
TORONTO, LOCATED ROOM THROUGH SIGN IN WINDOW, INDICATING
ROOM FOR RENT. BOTH ROOMING HOUSES LOCATED

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IN LOWER CLASS NEIGHBORHOODS INHABITED PRIMARILY BY
FIRST GENERATION ETHNIC GROUPS INCLUDING CHINESE, PORTUGUESE,
POLISH AND HUNGARIAN NATIONALISTS, WHERE VERY LITTLE
ENGLISH SPOKEN.

AMCC TO KANSAS CITY, BIRMINGHAM AND ATLANTA.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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New York City, New York,
to Harm or Kill a Prominent
Negro Woman

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS,
TEXAS, 11/22/63

POCAM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Re Buffalo airtel and LHM, dated 6/5/68, captioned
as above.

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau ten
copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. Two copies
are enclosed for Memphis, as Office of Origin in MURKIN case;

- 6 - Bureau (Encs. 12) (RM)
 - (1 - 62-10960, ASSASSINATION OF PRES. J. F. KENNEDY)
 - (1 - 100-106670, WILLIAM MOSES KUNSTLER)
 - (1 - 157-8428, POCAM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 3 - New York (Encs. 3) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-146994, WILLIAM MOSES KUNSTLER)
- 5 - Buffalo
 - (1 - 62-1827, ASSAS. OF PRES. J. F. KENNEDY)
 - (1 - 62-1305, Mrs. JANET REBACK)
 - (1 - 157-623, POCAM)

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and three copies of LHM are enclosed for New York, as alleged locus of plots mentioned in referenced LHM, with one copy for New York file on WILLIAM MOSES KUNSTLER.

Buffalo is making no local dissemination of instant LHM, and whether or not any dissemination should be made at SOG is being left to discretion of the Bureau.

The information set forth in instant LHM is being furnished to the Bureau and interested offices principally because of the serious nature of the alleged information furnished and Miss CALDWELL's prominent position as a world-famous novelist, although previous experience with Miss CALDWELL demonstrates she has a penchant for intermingling fact and fiction indiscriminately, and has, in the past, published an article bearing on the internal security of the United States representing it to be factual whereas it was completely fictional.

Miss CALDWELL is now attempting to twist information recently furnished by her as evidencing advance information concerning the death of Senator KENNEDY, despite available facts as set forth in referenced LHM definitely indicating otherwise.

Specific attention is directed to the fact as set forth in instant LHM that when SA THADDEUS J. SZYMANSKI telephoned Miss CALDWELL on June 4, 1968, she said she was unavailable for interview because she was hurrying to go to the hospital to see her husband who was on the brink of death. On June 6, 1968, she told SA SZYMANSKI that after talking with him on June 4, 1968, she had gone out to the front of her home to plant flowers.

Because of Miss CALDWELL's known unreliability, no action is recommended on the information being furnished by her, other than possible dissemination by the Bureau of this information because it is very possible Miss CALDWELL may proceed to furnish the same information to other governmental agencies, or may proceed to publish the information she has furnished.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Buffalo, New York
June 7, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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as Eric Starvo Galt

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LUTHER KING, JR., MEMPHIS,
TENNESSEE, April 4, 1968

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Alleged Plot
In New York City, New York, to
Harm or Kill a Prominent Negro
Woman

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS,
November 22, 1963

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

At 3:45 P. M., on June 6, 1968, a telephone call was received at the Buffalo Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from TAYLOR CALDWELL, an authoress, whose true name is Mrs. JANET T. C. REBACK, and who resides at 34 Audley End, Buffalo (26), New York.

Miss CALDWELL immediately referred to a letter she had recently mailed to the Buffalo Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation predicting "that something terrible was going to happen," to the fact that on June 4, 1968, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had telephonically discussed this letter with her, and she stated she now wished to furnish additional developments.

She said that on the afternoon of June 4, 1968, shortly after discussing her letter with a Special Agent of

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the Federal Bureau of Investigation, she had gone outside to plant some flowers in front of her home. While so engaged, she noticed a young man on a motor bike ride by in the street in front of her home several times. Finally, this young man stopped directly in front of her home and commenced speaking with her. She states she was surprised to see on close observation that this young man was a Negro, whereas when she had seen him from a slight distance, he appeared to be Caucasian.

According to Miss CALDWELL, the first thing this young Negro said to her was, "Do you know DONALD JACKSON?"

Miss CALDWELL said she replied, "I know him well." (Miss CALDWELL explained at this point that she knows a Negro in Buffalo named DONALD JACKSON, who is head of the Donald Jackson Foundation, the purpose of which is to raise money to provide educational scholarships for meritorious and needy Negro students. She stated that she has given financial and other assistance to DONALD JACKSON, and immediately assumed that this is the DONALD JACKSON the young man was inquiring about.)

Miss CALDWELL went on to state that the next thing the young Negro said to her was "Did you tell Secret Service what our friend in New York wanted you to tell them?"

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Miss CALDWELL said she replied, "You mean about
the Negro woman?"

The young man allegedly said, "No! No! You've got
that mixed up."

Miss CALDWELL allegedly replied, "I told the FBI."

The young Negro then allegedly replied, "You should
have told the Secret Service. Anyway, it's too late now."

Miss CALDWELL stated that almost immediately
thereafter, the young Negro drove away on his motor bike,
the entire conversation having lasted about one or two
minutes. She stated that she had never seen this young
Negro before, and described him as about 19 years of age,
wearing a dark sleeveless shirt, blue jean trousers, and
as being very well spoken. She conjectured he is a stu-
dent because strapped on the back seat of his motor bike
had been two or three text books.

Miss CALDWELL stated she had been completely
startled when she had heard the young Negro refer to
"our friend in New York," but had immediately assumed
that the reference made was to the Negro businessman in
New York City who had recently written to her that "some-
thing terrible is going to happen."

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Miss CALDWELL then made reference to the recent assassination in Los Angeles of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and proceeded to speculate that perhaps this was the "terrible thing about to happen" that her Negro friend from New York City had written to her about, and which information she in turn had forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She acknowledged that in her letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, she had described the incident about to occur as involving an unknown Negro woman, but now wondered whether she may possibly have misinterpreted the Negro businessman's letter. She speculated that perhaps what the Negro businessman had been trying to tell her was that a Negro woman was to be involved in the incident in some way, but not necessarily as the victim.

Miss CALDWELL concluded by stating she felt Senator KENNEDY's death was more than just a mere coincidence, that she is "not a believer in coincidence," and that there must definitely be some connection between the information she had previously received and Senator KENNEDY's death.

Attention is directed to the fact that Miss CALDWELL in her telephone call of June 6, 1968, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stated that her conversation with the unidentified young Negro occurred while

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she was planting flowers in front of her home on the after-
noon of June 4, 1968, and that she also stated she had gone
outside to plant these flowers shortly following a telephone
conversation with a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation, on June 4, 1968.

It is noted that a Special Agent of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation did, in fact, have a telephone con-
versation with Miss CALDWELL from about 4:35 P. M. to 4:50
P. M., on June 4, 1968. During an earlier telephone call
to the CALDWELL residence on June 4, 1968, the Special Agent
was told by a housekeeper, who answered the telephone, that
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Re Buffalo airtel and LHM, dated 6/5/68, captioned
as above.

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau ten
copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. Two copies
are enclosed for Memphis, as Office of Origin in MURKIN case;

- 6 - Bureau (Encs. 12) (RM)
 - (1 - 62-10960, ASSASSINATION OF PRES. J. F. KENNEDY)
 - (1 - 100-106670, WILLIAM MOSES KUNSTLER)
 - (1 - 157-8428, POCAM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 3 - New York (Encs. 3) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-146994, WILLIAM MOSES KUNSTLER)
- 5 - Buffalo
 - (1 - 62-1827, ASSAS. OF PRES. J. F. KENNEDY)
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and three copies of LHM are enclosed for New York, as alleged locus of plots mentioned in referenced LHM, with one copy for New York file on WILLIAM MOSES KUNSTLER.

Buffalo is making no local dissemination of instant LHM, and whether or not any dissemination should be made at SOG is being left to discretion of the Bureau.

The information set forth in instant LHM is being furnished to the Bureau and interested offices principally because of the serious nature of the alleged information furnished and Miss CALDWELL's prominent position as a world-famous novelist, although previous experience with Miss CALDWELL demonstrates she has a penchant for intermingling fact and fiction indiscriminately, and has, in the past, published an article bearing on the internal security of the United States representing it to be factual whereas it was completely fictional.

Miss CALDWELL is now attempting to twist information recently furnished by her as evidencing advance information concerning the death of Senator KENNEDY, despite available facts as set forth in referenced LHM definitely indicating otherwise.

Specific attention is directed to the fact as set forth in instant LHM that when SA THADDEUS J. SZYMANSKI telephoned Miss CALDWELL on June 4, 1968, she said she was unavailable for interview because she was hurrying to go to the hospital to see her husband who was on the brink of death. On June 6, 1968, she told SA SZYMANSKI that after talking with him on June 4, 1968, she had gone out to the front of her home to plant flowers.

Because of Miss CALDWELL's known unreliability, no action is recommended on the information being furnished by her, other than possible dissemination by the Bureau of this information because it is very possible Miss CALDWELL may proceed to furnish the same information to other governmental agencies, or may proceed to publish the information she has furnished.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Buffalo, New York
June 7, 1968

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At 3:45 P. M., on June 6, 1968, a telephone call was received at the Buffalo Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from TAYLOR CALDWELL, an authoress, whose true name is Mrs. JANET T. C. REBACK, and who resides at 34 Audley End, Buffalo (26), New York.

Miss CALDWELL immediately referred to a letter she had recently mailed to the Buffalo Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation predicting "that something terrible was going to happen," to the fact that on June 4, 1968, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had telephonically discussed this letter with her, and she stated she now wished to furnish additional developments.

She said that on the afternoon of June 4, 1968, shortly after discussing her letter with a Special Agent of

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the Federal Bureau of Investigation, she had gone outside to plant some flowers in front of her home. While so engaged, she noticed a young man on a motor bike ride by in the street in front of her home several times. Finally, this young man stopped directly in front of her home and commenced speaking with her. She states she was surprised to see on close observation that this young man was a Negro, whereas when she had seen him from a slight distance, he appeared to be Caucasian.

According to Miss CALDWELL, the first thing this young Negro said to her was, "Do you know DONALD JACKSON?"

Miss CALDWELL said she replied, "I know him well." (Miss CALDWELL explained at this point that she knows a Negro in Buffalo named DONALD JACKSON, who is head of the Donald Jackson Foundation, the purpose of which is to raise money to provide educational scholarships for meritorious and needy Negro students. She stated that she has given financial and other assistance to DONALD JACKSON, and immediately assumed that this is the DONALD JACKSON the young man was inquiring about.)

Miss CALDWELL went on to state that the next thing the young Negro said to her was "Did you tell Secret Service what our friend in New York wanted you to tell them?"

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Miss CALDWELL said she replied, "You mean about
the Negro woman?"

The young man allegedly said, "No! No! You've got
that mixed up."

Miss CALDWELL allegedly replied, "I told the FBI."

The young Negro then allegedly replied, "You should
have told the Secret Service. Anyway, it's too late now."

Miss CALDWELL stated that almost immediately
thereafter, the young Negro drove away on his motor bike,
the entire conversation having lasted about one or two
minutes. She stated that she had never seen this young
Negro before, and described him as about 19 years of age,
wearing a dark sleeveless shirt, blue jean trousers, and
as being very well spoken. She conjectured he is a stu-
dent because strapped on the back seat of his motor bike
had been two or three text books.

Miss CALDWELL stated she had been completely
startled when she had heard the young Negro refer to
"our friend in New York," but had immediately assumed
that the reference made was to the Negro businessman in
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Miss CALDWELL concluded by stating she felt Senator KENNEDY's death was more than just a mere coincidence, that she is "not a believer in coincidence," and that there must definitely be some connection between the information she had previously received and Senator KENNEDY's death.

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she was planting flowers in front of her home on the after-
noon of June 4, 1968, and that she also stated she had gone
outside to plant these flowers shortly following a telephone
conversation with a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation, on June 4, 1968.

It is noted that a Special Agent of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation did, in fact, have a telephone con-
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BUFFALO

AT PEACE BRIDGE, BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Will place similar stop.

RAY IS ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

*John Boland, IHS
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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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FROM : SA WALTER J. SAMELSTAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Sneyd"Qc366 Two photographs, one of which bears the signature
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Specimen received 6/4/68, from FBI, Buffalo

Qc367 Photocopy of hand printed note dated 4/20/68 beginning
"I half to go..." signed "Ramon George Sneyd"ALSO SUBMITTED: Photograph of partial palm print and passport
photograph

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