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AT 44-2386

CITIZEN NEWSPAPER, DALTON, GEORGIA. MAULDIN NOT PRESENT DURING THIS INTERVIEW AND DOES NOT KNOW WHAT INFO CURTIS GAVE GULLEDGE. MAULDIN STATED CURTIS THREE TO FOUR DAYS AGO RECEIVED LETTER WITH RETURN ADDRESS, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. CURTIS KNOWS NO SPECIFIC RACIAL HATREDS BY RAY, WHO IS MEAN IF CROSSED, BUT NOT AGGRESSIVE INDIVIDUAL. HE SAID IF RAY RETURNED TO ATLANTA AFTER ASSASSINATION, IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN TO COLLECT BOUNTY.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI. (1) DETERMINE THIRD CELL MATE WITH RAY AND CURTIS IN "B" AND "C" HALLS, BETWEEN 'SIXTYTWO TO 'SIXTYSIX (INDIVIDUAL ALLEGED TO BE AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY), VERIFY CURTIS' STORY. (2) THRU POLICE AND INFORMANT CONTACTS IDENTIFY ITALIAN WHO WAS "A BIG MAN" IN SYNDICATE BETWEEN KANSAS CITY AND CHICAGO AND WHO STOLE POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS FOR SUBJECT RAY. (3) DEVELOP INFO FROM INMATES AND OTHER SOURCES RE RAY'S ALLEGED WIFE. (4) DEVELOP INFO RE PRISON GOSSIP RE "MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY ON KING'S HEAD".

NEW ORLEANS AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.,) DEVELOP INFO RE COIN (PHONETIC).

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD PRISON, MENARD, ILL. IDENTIFY RAY'S FORMER CELL MATE IN MENARD STATE PRISON.

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SPRINGFIELD AT QUINCY, ILL. CONTACT INFORMANTS AND SOURCES TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE SUBJECT.

DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, AND TAMPA CONTACT LOGICAL INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT KNOWN TO HOODLUM ELEMENTS.

SAN DIEGO NOTE SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY VISITED TIJUANA IN PAST.

AM COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO AND TAMPA.

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FBI JACKSVLE

1 228 PM URGENT 4/23/68 MHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, MIAMI

FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-769/ 1P

MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO JACKSONVILLE, APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST; MIAMI
TEL TO BUREAU, ETAL, APRIL TWENTYSECOND, LAST.

RE NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE OR FIFTYSIX DODGE BEARING FLA. LICENSE
WITH PREFIX NUMBER ~~TEN~~ W OBSERVED BY HIGHWAY PATROL, NEWTON, N. C.

MVB, TALLAHASSEE, ADVISED THEY ARE NOT COMPUTERIZED AND IT WOULD
BE NECESSARY TO PHYSICALLY PULL AND REVIEW SOME ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN,
THOUSAND REGISTRATION CARDS TO SEGREGATE FIFTYFIVE AND FIFTYSIX AUTOS
REGISTERED IN BROWARD COUNTY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

(OO: Memphis)

Re Miami teletype to Omaha dated 4/18/68, and
Omaha teletype to Miami dated 4/18/68.

RE IOWA LICENSE NUMBER S/9-3681.

Owner of vehicle bearing above captioned license
tag located in Miami, Florida, and has been eliminated as
a suspect in this matter.

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3 - Bureau
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10:29 PM URGENT 4/21/68 VLB

TO: CINCINNATI

FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: ME

RECORDS POINSETTA GARDENS MOTEL, ONE THREE NINE TWO ONE SOUTH NORMANDIE, GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, REFLECT THAT ON OCTOBER SEVEN LAST, A JAMES SILLES, BILL SILLES, AND A JOHN WILLARD ALL REGISTERED IN ROOM ONE THREE ZERO AND STAYED AT MOTEL UNTIL CHECK OUT OCTOBER FOURTEEN LAST. REGISTRATION CARD INDICATES THEY WERE DRIVING ONE NINE SIX ZERO THUNDERBIRD WITH OHIO LICENSE PLATE SEVEN ZERO ONE EIGHT T T. LAST TWO LETTERS THIS LICENSE PLATE MAY BE INCORRECT AND LICENSE PLATE POSSIBLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN SEVEN ZERO ONE EIGHT T ONE. FIRM REPRESENTED SHOWN ON REGISTRATION CARD AS MURREY AND SONS.

MANAGER AND ONE CLEANING MAID AT THIS MOTEL, AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT (JAMES EARL RAY) IN NEWSPAPERS WERE OF OPINION THIS INDIVIDUAL STAYED AT MOTEL SOMETIME IN PAST AND MANAGER THEREAFTER LOCATED REGISTRATION CARD IN NAME OF JOHN WILLARD.

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MRS. JACKIE CLARKE, MAID, OF DEFINITE OPINION ONE OF THE THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO OCCUPIED ROOM ONE THREE ZERO IN OCTOBER EIGHT SEVEN WAS IDENTICAL WITH ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF SUBJECT MADE IN MEMPHIS.

CINCINNATI ENDEAVOR TO IDENTIFY THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND THROUGH LICENSE PLATES THESE INDIVIDUALS AND DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH INSTANT CASE. BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM SHOULD BE ADVISED OF ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION.

ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

BMV advises:

1967 Ohio 7018TT registered to JAMES SELLERS, 23 East Grand Street, Springfield, Ohio, for a 1965 Pontiac Convertible, SN 262675P258465

1967 Ohio 7018T1 is a trailer license, registered to ERVIN HOLZAPFEL, 2902 Glenway Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio for a Mastercraft Trailer, 260 pounds (no SN).

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URGENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL), SAN FRANCISCO, AND
LOS ANGELES (44-15714)

FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. - FUGITIVE. MURKIN, CR; UFAC -
ARMED ROBBERY. OO: MEMPHIS

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO CINCINNATI, APRIL
NINETEEN, LAST.

FOR INFORMATION SAN FRANCISCO, REFERENCED
LOS ANGELES TEL ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

RECORDS, POINSETTA GARDENS MOTEL, ONE THREE
NINE TWO ONE SOUTH NORMANDIE, GARDENA, CALIFORNIA,
REFLECT THAT ON OCTOBER SEVEN LAST, A JAMES SILLES,
END PAGE ONE

- 1 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (AM) (44-38861)
 - 1 - Cincinnati
 - ① - Birmingham (Enc. 1) (AM) *Rev'd give*
 - 1 - Kansas City (Enc. 1) (AM) (88-9449)
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TODAY, DMV, COLUMBUS, OHIO, ADVISED NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN OHIO TAG SEVEN ZERO ONE EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN ISSUED JAMES SELLERS, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, FOR SIXTY-FIVE PONTIAC CONVERTIBLE, VIN TWO SIX TWO SIX SEVEN FIVE P TWO FIVE EIGHT FOUR SIX FIVE.

TODAY, SANDRA JEAN SELLERS, YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO, ADVISED HER FORMER HUSBAND, JAMES SHIRL SELLERS, W/M, DOB [REDACTED] IN ANNISTON, ALA., LIVING ONE EIGHT ZERO BUCKINGHAM AVE., APT. TWENTY-SEVEN, REDWOOD, CITY, CALIFORNIA,
END PAGE THREE.

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AS OF APRIL TWELVE, LAST.

SANDRA ADVISED JAMES ACCOMPANIED BY HIS BROTHER, BILLE RAY SELLERS, W/M, AGE EIGHTEEN. BOTH SELLERS FORMERLY RESIDED AT GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, WHERE JAMES EMPLOYED AS FURNITURE FINISHER FOR POOL TABLE MANUFACTURER.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, BANK REPOSSESSED JAMES' NINETEEN SIXTY THUNDERBIRD AUTOMOBILE DURING OCTOBER, SIXTY-SEVEN, AT REDWOOD, CITY, CALIFORNIA.

SANDRA ADVISES JAMES' ASSOCIATES UNKNOWN TO HER, CLAIMS SHE DOES NOT KNOW ANY JOHN WILLARD, AND SUBJECT UNKNOWN TO HER.

SELLERS ADDITIONALLY DESCRIBED FROM SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION DATED FEB. FIFTEEN, SIXTY-SIX, AS FIVE FEET TEN AND ONE HALF INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR

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LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, LIGHT BLUE EYES, MEDIUM
COMPLEXION, MEDIUM BUILD.

SANFRANCISCO, AT REDWOOD CITY, INTERVIEW
JAMES SHIRL SELLERS, RE ASSOCIATE JOHN WILLARD AND
DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT WILLARD IDENTICAL TO
SUBJECT, FUGITIVE.

BUREAU, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND KANSAS
CITY SHOULD BE ADVISED OF ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION.

ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (AM) AND MEMPHIS
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893) 1P

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. - FUGITIVE, MURKIN, CR; UFAC - ARMED ROBBERY,
OO: MEMPHIS.

RESFTEL APRIL TWENTY, LAST.

RETEL REQUESTS CINCINNATI TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF JOHN WILLARD
STAYING AT GARDENA MOTEL, GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER SEVEN THRU
FOURTEEN LAST WITH JAMES AND BILLIE RAY SELLERS.

INVESTIGATION FAIRBORN, OHIO TODAY DETERMINED THIS JOHN
WILLARD IS JOHN CHARLES WILLARD BORN [REDACTED] TEXAS
WITH PERMANENT RESIDENCE ONE NINE ONE EIGHT GLENROSE DRIVE,
FAIRBORN, OHIO.

SINCE WILLARD NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION
WARRANTED.

AIR MAIL COPY TO KANSAS CITY, BIRMINGHAM, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

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RMJ/

DHV

(1) KANSAS CITY

(1) BIRMINGHAM

(1) SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (BUREAU) (44-38861)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (44-1740)

DATE: 4-22-68

FROM : SAC, Birmingham

SUBJECT: MURKIN

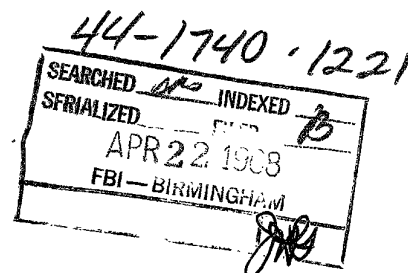
At 6:20 p.m., instant date, an individual who identified himself as JOHN C. MORRIS, Terrace Apartments, 1124 South 20th Street, Birmingham, advised that he manufactures traffic boards for attorneys and is a lecturer at colleges. He stated that he has a workshop in the vicinity of 2608 Highland Avenue where he prepares his work. He said someone ransacked his place and had gone through all his papers and left the premises with the door ajar. He stated he thought they were FBI Agents.

He was told emphatically and unequivocally that no Agents had trespassed on his property or had been in his workshop, and he was further advised that this was not the method we use in investigations. He was asked for specifics and how he arrived at such a conclusion, and he immediately stated that he was merely asking and he was not accusing.

I requested an appointment with him so I could set him straight, and he stated that my denial was quite clear, he was satisfied, and no personal confrontation was necessary since he accepted the word of the FBI.

The above for record purposes.

JHG:rlg
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Subject

Aliases

Address Birth Date Birthplace Race Sex
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 Female

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 94-103-203 p11 gang N.I.
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Morris John Carroll
 140-306 N.I.

Morris John Clause III
 79-0-1301 N.I.

1124 S. 20th
 2608 Highline Ave.

Morris John
 166-150x N.I.
 157-1760-37 N.I.
 88-2198x N.I.
 26-14456 E N.I.

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FBI MOBILE

12-28PM URGENT 4-23-68 JEB

TO BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, APRIL TWENTYTWO INSTANT.

INQUIRIES, ALA. MVD, MONTGOMERY, ALA., THIS DATE,
REVEALS TAG RECEIPT FOR LICENSE NG TWO SIX NINE ONE NOT ON
FILE. THIS LICENSE PLATE SENT TO BARBOUR COUNTY, ALA., FOR
ISSUANCE. TAG RECEIPT FOR SIXTYSEVEN LICENSE NG TWO SIX NINE
ONE, INDICATES WAS ISSUED NOVEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYSIX, TO
DALTON MURPHY, CADLE, ALA., FOR SIXTYSIX FORD MUSTANG, TWO-DOOR,
VIN SIX F ZERO SEVEN T THREE SIX EIGHT FOUR SIX ONE. THIS
LICENSE EXPIRED NOVEMBER FIFTEEN LAST. INQUIRIES THROUGH JUDGE
OF PROBATE, BARBOUR COUNTY, CLAYTON, ALA., REVEALED INSTANT
SIXTYEIGHT LICENSE NOT YET ISSUED.

BIRMINGHAM AT CADLE, ALA., LOCATE AND INTERVIEW DALTON
MURPHY.

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*Barbour County
near Centerville*

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(44-30861)
TO DIRECTOR, CHARLOTTE AND INDIANAPOLIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN.

BIRMINGHAM IN CONSIDERING OBTAINING STATEWIDE CIRCULATION OF PHOTOGRAPH AND PRESS RELEASE TO BARBER SHOPS LOCATED IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA, ON THIS DATE CONTACTED WILLIAM R. SMITH, SECRETARY, LOCAL EIGHTYTHREE, JOURNEYMAN BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETOLOGISTS AND PROPRIETORS INTERNATIONAL UNION OF AMERICA, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WHO ADVISED THAT NO LOCAL IN ALABAMA DISTRIBUTES ANY PUBLICATIONS TO BARBERS OR BARBER SHOPS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA. HE ADVISED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCATED ONE ONE FOUR ONE NORTH DELAWARE STREET, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, PUBLISHES MONTHLY THE JOURNEYMAN BARBER, WHICH IS DISTRIBUTED TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL WITHIN THE UNITED STATES. SMITH FURTHER STATED THAT THE ASSOCIATED MASTER BARBERS AND BEAUTICIANS OF AMERICA, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, TWO ONE NINE GREENWICH ROAD, CHARLOTTE, N. C., PUBLISHES MONTHLY THE MASTER BARBER AND BEAUTICIAN MAGAZINE WHICH IS DISTRIBUTED TO EVERY BARBER

- 1 - Birmingham
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)

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IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU GIVE CONSIDERATION TO HAVING A PHOTOGRAPH AND ARTICLE ON JAMES EARL RAY PUBLISHED IN THE ABOVE MAGAZINES, AND SUCH ARTICLE SHOULD BE OF A CONDENSED VERSION OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY BUREAU ON RAY.

IF BUREAU APPROVES SUCH PUBLICATION, INDIANAPOLIS SHOULD CONTACT JOSEPH N. DE PAOLA, MANAGING EDITOR OF JOURNEYMAN BARBER, INTERNATIONAL UNION OF AMERICA, INDIANAPOLIS; AND CHARLOTTE SHOULD CONTACT THOMAS H. BROUGHTON, EDITOR OF THE MASTER BARBER AND BEAUTICIAN MAGAZINE AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, CHARLOTTE, N. C. ~~MEMPHIS~~

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.**END AND ACK.**

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6 41 PM 4-23-68 URGENT GDM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND ATLANTA
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN; CR; OO: MEMPHIS.

A CANVASS OF MUNICIPAL AIRPORT PARKING LOT, BIRMINGHAM,
DISCLOSED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED VEHICLES WITH STATE OF GEORGIA
LICENSE PLATES PARKED THEREON. PARKING ATTENDENTS UNABLE TO STATE
WHEN VEHICLES ARRIVED NOTING THAT DATED TICKET STUB IS GIVEN TO
PERSON WHEN ARRIVING AND PERSON MUST PRESENT TICKET STUB WHEN
DEPARTING FOR PAYMENT OF BILL. VEHICLES ARE ONE NINE SIX EIGHT FORD
FOUR-DOOR, YELLOW IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE
SEVEN J ONE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN THREE; ONE NINE SIX TWO CHEVROLET
IMPALA, FOUR-DOOR, BEIGE IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE
TWO J ONE SIX SIX ONE THREE, WHICH HAS ARMY UNIFORM IN NAME OF RUSSELL
L. MAUGANS, AND OTHER PERSONAL EFFECTS THEREIN; ONE NINE SIX EIGHT
PONTIAC, FOUR-DOOR, BONNEVILLE, BLUE WITH BLACK VINYL TOP, BEARING
SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE ONE A ONE FIVE THREE FIVE FIVE. THE
ADDITIONAL VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED IN THE BIRMINGHAM MUNICIPAL FREE
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PARKING LOT AND IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE DATES OF ARRIVAL. ONE NINE SIX SIX CHEVROLET BELAIR, FOUR-DOOR, BEIGE IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTY-SEVEN GEORGIA LICENSE SEVEN J SEVEN THREE NINE FIVE; ONE NINE SIX EIGHT AMERICAN MOTORS REBEL, TWO-DOOR, RED IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTY EIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE ONE - FOUR NINE NINE ONE FOUR; ONE NINE SIX SEVEN OR ONE NINE SIX EIGHT BUICK LESABRE FOUR HUNDRED, TWO -DOOR, YELLOW IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE ONE - J THREE ZERO THREE FOUR NINE; ONE NINE SIX EIGHT CHEVROLET IMPALA, FOUR-DOOR, MAROON IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE FIVE J SEVEN FIVE SIX NINE. NCIC NEGATIVE.

ATLANTA DETERMINE IF VEHICLES STOLEN OR IF POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH MURKIN INVESTIGATION.

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ATLANTA DETERMINE IF VEHICLES STOLEN OR IF POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH MURKIN INVESTIGATION.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/20/68

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CHARLIE HARTZELL, Manager, Dance Club International, 3355 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, furnished the following information:

He stated that he managed the Continental Dance Studio, New Orleans, Louisiana, owned by MARLIN MEYERS, from January, 1964, through August, 1965. He advised that he knew all students who attended Continental Dance Studio during his tenure, and stated he did not recall anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD attending his school at New Orleans.

He advised that his job was to collect weekly payments of students enrolled in dance courses, and advised he felt sure that if GALT did attend any classes at New Orleans, he would certainly recall his name.

He stated that MARLIN MEYERS had numerous photos of students taken at each weekly function and if GALT did attend the studio, MEYERS would most likely have a picture of GALT at the dance studio in New Orleans.

HARTZELL advised that Continental Dance Studio carried its own notes and did not discount or sell the papers to another agency. In view of this he stated if GALT did attend dance lessons at New Orleans, MEYERS should have a copy of his contract.

HARTZELL stated that the following individuals were dance instructors at the Continental Dance Studio during his tenure there:

FRANK DE SIMONE,
1242 Elysian Fields,
New Orleans, Louisiana;

CORBET DUKON
Address Unknown;

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On 4/17/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # ME 44-1987

by SA ANDREW SLOAN and
SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK RF/bbs Date dictated 4/20/68

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HARRY DUNN,
2300 NW 93rd Terrace,
Miami, Florida;

ARTHUR WOLFSON,
Chicago, Illinois;

BILL LANDPHEIRE
Address Unknown;

BOB STRICKLAND,
Sarasota, Florida;

LUELLA LUTZ, Financial Backer,
119 S. Clayborn,
New Orleans, Louisiana;

JACKIE COURVILLE,
2601 Corondolet
New Orleans, Louisiana.

A photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT was displayed to HARTZELL and he stated that he did not recognize this photo as being identical with any of his students who attended Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, during his tenure there.

HARTZELL provided a list of students at his dance studio in New Orleans from January, 1965, through August, 1965:

FRED PUTFARK
VICTOR BETZ
Mr. CORMIER
Mrs. GERTEIS
CAROL ROBBINS
Mr. GENTILLY
Mrs. GENTILLY
Mr. QUELLETTE
DAVID NUMA
Mr. DE BORE
Mrs. DE BORE

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Mr. ESTEP
Mrs. ESTEP
ELIZABETH BARTH
Mrs. COBURN
Mrs. LURIA
Mrs. WEIL
Mrs. WALLACE
Mr. YOUNG
Mr. HARDOCK
Mr. BERINGER
Mr. BENSON
Mr. REUTHER
Mrs. LARIOS
Mr. TILLOTSON
Mr. PSILOS
Mr. SLATTERY
Mr. YAGER
Mr. WALL
Mr. FISHER
Mr. WIGGINS
WALTER MOELLER
A Man
Miss IVEY
Mrs. COUCH
Mrs. DIPAOLO
Mrs. LAWRENCE
Mrs. FAUBION
Mr. STRICKLAND
Mrs. THOMES
Mr. JACOBS
A Man
Mrs. HERNANDEZ
Mrs. GRIEBS
Mrs. JO DAUZAT
Mr. HURRY
WARREN JACOB
Mr. MURPHY
Mrs. BONER
Mrs. LIVAUDAIS
Mrs. SHOWMACHER
NELLIE DEAN
NINA ROLLAND
LOUIS HUFF
HERRING ELVA
JEANETTE HEARTY
MARIE GUEDRY

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JOE MAESE
Mrs. M. BOURGEOIS
Mr. MONTALBAN
Mrs. MONTALBAN
E. D. CARAWAY
Mr. MUNDI
Mrs. MUNDI
FLO DAVIS
WARREN MOORE
Mrs. MARTINO
Mr. CUNNINGHAM
ROMONA CLAXTON
Mr. LOPER
A Man
MERCEDES RUSSELL
J. L. KEPPLER
A Man
Mr. BENNETT
CAROL RIVIERE
Mrs. O'ROURKE
Miss JOSEPH
Mr. HOFFMAN
Mr. BARQUERO
Mr. MC KENZIE
Mr. NUNGUESSER
Mrs. ANDRY
Mr. WILLIAMS
Mrs. FASSBINDER
Mrs. PENEGUY
Mr. CURRIER
Mr. SHELHAMER
Mr. BONNER
Mr. BRYAN
Mr. LAMBERT
Mr. PARKER
LOLITA NELSON
PETER MADERE
Mr. GERBER

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Date: 4/22/68

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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CR

Enclosed for the Birmingham Office are 2 copies of an FD 302 reflecting interview with CHARLIE HARTZELL, former manager of Continental Dance Studio, New Orleans.

Birmingham is requested to reinterview MARLIN MEYERS, former Manager of Continental Dance Studio regarding GALT allegedly attending Continental Dance Studio at New Orleans in 1964 and 1965.

② - Birmingham (Enc. 2)
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FBI MIAMI

5:23PM URGENT 4/22/68 SHR

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, JACKSONVILLE 44-769, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND
BIRMINGHAM 44-1740
FROM MIAMI 44-1854 2 P

MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO JACKSONVILLE, APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST, AND
JACKSONVILLE TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL NINETEEN, INSTANT.

RE NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE AND FIFTY SIX DODGE BEARING FLA. LICENSE
PREFIX NUMBER TEN W- OBSERVED BY HIGHWAY PATROL NEWTON, N. C.

BROWARD COUNTY TAG AGENCY, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., ADVISES THAT
SINCE THEY ARE NOT COMPUTERIZED, IT WOULD REQUIRE PHYSICALLY PULLING
AND OBSERVING SOME ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND REGISTRATION CARDS
IN ORDER TO SEGREGATE FIFTYFIVE AND FIFTYSIX DODGE AUTOMOBILES
REGISTERED IN BROWARD CO., FLA. INDICATES THAT THIS WOULD BE AN
UNBELIEVABLY PREPOSTEROUS TASK, SINCE THESE RECORDS WOULD BE LOCATED
IN FIVE DIFFERENT AGENCIES. INDICATIONS ARE THAT SINCE THE STATE
AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION BUREAU IN TALLAHASSEE IS COMPUTERIZED,
POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THIS STATE AGENCY COULD POSSIBLY OBTAIN A READ
OUT OF SUCH AUTOMOBILES FOR THE ENTIRE STATE, AND THAT THE TEN W-
CARS COULD THEN BE OBTAINED FROM THIS READ OUT.

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AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THE NAME GALT AND ALIASES, NEGATIVE BROWARD COUNTY RELATIVE TO AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION AS WELL AS DRIVER'S LICENSE.

JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSEE, FLA., IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN IF SUCH A READ OUT CAN BE OBTAINED.

THE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM ARE REQUESTED TO REVIEW CONTENTS OF REFERENCED TELETYPES, NOTING THAT ALTHOUGH THE HIGHWAY PATROLMAN STATES HE RECOGNIZES GALT FROM HAVING OBSERVED HIM TEN DAYS AGO, HE SETS FORTH A SERIES OF PHYSICAL FEATURES, ETC., WHICH CERTAINLY WOULD NOT LOGICALLY ENABLE HIM TO MAKE THE POSITIVE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO HIM.

IN THE EVENT THAT JACKSONVILLE CANNOT OBTAIN A READ OUT IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS LEAD BE EVALUATED BY THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN AND THE BUREAU, AND MIAMI ADVISED IF A PHYSICAL REVIEW OF TAG AGENCY RECORDS IN FT. LAUDERDALE SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740)

FROM : SA LARRY K. SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

On 4/18/68, ASA YOUNG, Personnel Manager, Bemis Bag Co., Talladega, Ala., telephonically contacted the Anniston, Ala. Resident Agent's Office of the FBI to advise an individual by the name of OSCAR HOOVER WILLERSON had been hired by the Bemis Co. on 4/8/68. WILLERSON worked two days and then left the employ of Bemis. He returned on 4/17/68, and when asked for an explanation as to his absence, he stated that he was employed by the U. S. Government to go around to the various plants to determine how they treated Negroes. He stated that he had quit this job and now wished to have his job with Bemis Bag Co. back.

YOUNG stated that the reason he was calling was that this individual acted in a suspicious manner and that he had a small light-colored vehicle which bore a Georgia license plate; also, this individual generally fit the description of that published for ERIC GALT.

On 4/18/68, YOUNG was personally contacted and shown a composite sketch of ERIC STARVO GALT which he stated was not identical with WILLERSON. In addition, he stated there was no resemblance. YOUNG advised that Bemis had refused to hire WILLERSON back and that he had left and has not returned. A review of the personnel records provided the following information:

Name:	OSCAR HOOVER WILLERSON
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	[redacted], at Walton County, Ga.
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	150 lbs.
Build:	Slim
Hair:	Dark brown

In view of the above information, no further investigation is being conducted re WILLERSON. *44-1740-1228*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA ROBERT J. VADNALL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Knoxville teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68 (serial 987)

Referenced teletype requested Birmingham to reinterview MARLYN MYERS, former owner, Continental Dance Studio, New Orleans for purpose of obtaining the present whereabouts of ROBERT STROCKLAND and other former dance instructors of the Continental Dance Studio.

For information of the file it should be noted that MYERS owned and operated the Continental Dance Studio in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965 and was of the opinion that ERIC S. GALT had taken lessons from him sometime between the period of 4/64 to 1/65.

In as much as ERIC S. GALT has been identified through fingerprints as that of JAMES EARL RAY and RAY was incarcerated during the above period it would appear that the person MYERS had instructed in New Orleans is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, aka ERIC S. GALT.

In view of the above MYERS will not be reinterviewed as requested in referenced teletype.

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Date: 4/18/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: Possible Mental Condition of Subject ERIC STARVO GALT

The Atlanta Office is of the opinion that the possibility exists that ERIC STARVO GALT may possess a mental disorder in view of the nature of the crime in question. The Atlanta Office is presently contacting the State Mental Institution at Milledgeville, Georgia, in an effort to determine if GALT has ever received a medical treatment at that Institution.

The Bureau is requested to favorably consider the above investigation at State Mental Institutions, and the suggestions of recipient offices are hereby being solicited.

In view of the above, the following leads are being conducted in the Atlanta territory:

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
 - ② - Birmingham (RM)
 - 2 - Memphis (RM)
 - 2 - Los Angeles (RM)
 - 3 - Atlanta
- JJR:rjb
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4/18 + info re Bay [unclear] conf
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AT 44-2386

ATLANTA

AT MILLEDGEVILLE, GEORGIA

Will contact supervisory personnel at State Mental Institution at Milledgeville in an effort to determine if all records for past and present inmates are maintained at Milledgeville.

Will display photograph to appropriate personnel at Milledgeville and review records in the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and known aliases. If records of former patients are maintained, Atlanta will set forth appropriate leads to have those records reviewed.

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URGENT

 Teletype

TO: ALL SACS
 FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

REMEAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL ONE NINE LAST FURNISHING
 BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY
 UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES (POSSIBLE
 ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL TWO THREE ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY FUTURE SUCH
 VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY TENTATIVE
 IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST
 VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED
 IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING SEARCHED
 AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND BURGLARY
 VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TOR 1:55 P.M. 4-23-68

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

FBI BIRMGHAM

FBI SANDIEGO

1242PM URGENT 4-23-68 CND

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, SPRINGFIELD AND
SAN FRANCISCO.

FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387 2P

MURKIN.

SUSPECT; HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NUMBER
SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A.

RE SD TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWELVE LAST, BUREAU TEL TO
MEMPHIS, LA, SC, SD, SF AND SPRINGFIELD, APRIL TWELVE LAST,
BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS EXCEPT KC, AN, HN AND SJ, APRIL
NINETEEN LAST.

ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO REFERENCED BUREAU TEL
APRIL NINETEEN LAST, WHEREIN THE BUREAU STRESSES THE
ASSOCIATION BETWEEN JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE,
PARTICULARLY THEIR BACKGROUND HISTORY AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

ATTENTION ALSO DIRECTED TO FACT THAT HARVEY EDWARD
LOHMEYER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A
WAS BORN AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS AND HAS SEVERAL INCARCERATIONS
AT QUINCY, ILL. DURING NINETEEN FIFTY ONE THROUGH NINETEEN
FIFTY FOUR.

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INVESTIGATION BY SD OFFICE REFLECTS HARVEY EDWARD
LOHMEYER POSSESSES CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER

[REDACTED] OBTAINED FEBRUARY FOUR,
NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR, SHOWING HIS ADDRESS AS TWO FOUR ZERO
GEORGE STREET, SAN JOSE, CALIF.

IN VIEW OF PURCHASE OF FIREARM AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
MARCH THIRTY LAST BY SUBJECT USING NAME HARVEY LOWMYER, AND
FACT THAT HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN THREE
ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A, HAS HISTORY SIMILAR TO SUBJECT RAY AT
QUINCY, ILL., PREVIOUS LEADS SET FORTH TO LOCATE HARVEY EDWARD
LOHMEYER TO DETERMINE IF HE IS AN ASSOCIATE OF RAY OR IS
CO-CONSPIRATOR WITH RAY, IN MURDER OD DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SAN FRANCISCO, AT SAN JOSE, CALIF., SHOULD CONDUCT
INVESTIGATION AT TWO FOUR ZERO GEORGE STREET TO LOCATE
HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER.

SUBJECT CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MOBILE

3:14PM URGENT 4/23/68 CRS

TO: BIRMINGHAM AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM: MOBILE 157-2627

MURKIN.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TODAY.

RECORDS ALABAMA MVD, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, REFLECT
SIXTY EIGHT LICENSE ONE TWO DASH ONE TWO THREE NINE SEVEN
ISSUED DECEMBER ELEVENTH LAST TO ELLEN HULL, LANGDALE,
ALABAMA, FOR A SIXTY FOUR PONTIAC TWO DOOR, VIN EIGHT TWO FOUR
P ONE EIGHT EIGHT THREE TWO FIVE. NO REPLACEMENT TAG HAS
BEEN ISSUED FOR THIS VEHICLE. NO STOLEN REPORT THIS LICENSE,
AST, MONTGOMERY.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED RE THIS
REGISTRATION UAC.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM. P.

END.

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2 01 PM URGENT 4/23/68 SHR

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, HOUSTON, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES
FROM MIAMI 44-1854

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL MIAMI, APRIL TWENTYTWO, LAST.

RE JAMES EARL RAY - LOOK-A-LIKE.

ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT, NATIONAL AIRLINES (NAL) STEWARDESSES MONA LEVINE, SUSAN CARBONE, JOANN HARRINGTON AND JOANNE MC CLAIN WERE INTERVIEWED ON ARRIVAL OF NAL FLIGHT FORTYEIGHT AT MIAMI. THESE STEWARD ESSES ADVISED THAT THEY HAD BEEN ABOARD NAL FLIGHT FORTYSEVEN ON APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST, BUT ALL STATED THEY HAD NOT SEEN OR NOTICED ANY PERSON ON SAID FLIGHT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: SIX FEET ONE INCH, BROWN HAIR, NEATLY TRIMMED GOATEE, LIGHT COLORED COWBOY STRAW HAT, BIEGE LEVI TYPE JACKET, WEARING BLACK HORN-RIMMED GLASSES.

THEY WERE EXHIBITED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER T. RIFE AND STATED THAT NO ONE ON FLIGHT FORTYSEVEN ON APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST, HAD RESEMBLED EITHER PHOTO TO THE BEST OF THEIR RECOLLECTION.

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FBI NEW HAVEN

410PM URGENT 4/23/68 LAC

TO DIRECTOR (44-3886L), BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEWARK, NEW
YORK (44-1609).
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN

RE CHICAGP TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST, SEVEN
FIFTEEN P.M.

RETEL SETS FORTH LISTS OF MAGAZINES IN WHICH SUPERIOR BULK FILM
COMPANY ADVERTISES AND SET FORTH LEAD FOR NEW HAVEN TO DETERMINE FROM
FAWCETT PUBLICATIONS SUBSCRIBERS TO MECHANICS ILLUSTRATED USING NAME
ERIC STARVO GALT, ALSO KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMEYER OR HARVEY LOWMYER
AND JOHN WILLARD.

FOR INFO NEW YORK FAWCETT ALSO HANDLES SUBSCRIPTION LIST FOR SCIENE
AND MECHANICS AND FIELD AND STREAM.

SEARCH OF SUBSCRIPTION LIST AT FAWCETT FOR ABOVE THREE MAGAZINES
REFLECTS FOLLOWING FOR MECHANICS ILLUSTRATED ONLY:

JOHN WILLARD, TEN ATLANTIC CITY BOULEVARD, BAYVILLE, NEW JERSEY,
IN FEB., NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT SUBMITTED CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO ROUTE THREE
SEVEN TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY; J. WILLARD, FOURTEEN DASH TWENTYSEVEN
CHANDLER DRIVE, FAIRLAWN NEW JERSEY IN APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT
SUBMITTED CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO SIXTEEN DASH SIXTYNINE CHANDLER DRIVE.
SAME CITY.
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NO REFERENCES TO OTHER NAMES. FAWCETT ONLY ABLE TO SEARCH NAMES FOR THOSE WHOSE SUBSCRIPTIONS HAVE NDED OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS SUBMITTED. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION LIST CAN ONLY BE SEARCHED IF ADDRESS KNOWN.

NEWARK ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF ABOVE WILLARDS.

MAKE NO MENTION INQUIRIES CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER AND CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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4/22/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re Jackson telephone call to New Orleans, 4/19/68; New Orleans teletype to Chicago, and Jackson dated 4/19/68; and Chicago teletype to Jackson, Memphis and Birmingham, 4/20/68.

Investigation at Pascagoula, Miss., determined GERALD ELWOOD HULTGREN, FBI # 745 724 D, has resided in Pascagoula in the past and received mail in care of E. M. RAE. RAE, identified as life-long resident of Pascagoula, bears no similarity of description to subject. HULTGREN presently being sought by Pascagoula PD as suspect in theft of paycheck of E. M. RAE. All available information from Captain WILLIAM POPE, Pascagoula PD, previously obtained and furnished New Orleans.

New Orleans continue efforts to identify look-a-like riding with HULTGREN 4/19/68. If HULTGREN located by Pascagoula PD, he will be interviewed at Pascagoula.

2 - Memphis
2 - New Orleans
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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

Re Birmingham airtel to Jackson, 4/18/68.

On 4/22/68, MYRA BARDIN, Motor Vehicle Comptroller's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA LAURIER C. BUTEAU there is no such letter prefix as AB- or A or B for motor vehicle registrations in the State of Mississippi.

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① - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
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Date: 4/22/68

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Via AIR TEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

**RE: ERIC STARVO GALT
FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS OF
EASTERN AIR LINES FOREIGN
BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA,
GEORGIA, 4/5,6/68**

Re: New York teletype 4/21/68

On 4/22/68, Stewardess CORRINE I. CONNOR was located at Eastern Air Lines (EAL) Flight Crew Counter, Newark, N. J., Airport. CONNOR stated she was a stewardess on EAL Flight 915 on 4/6/68, and this flight made an interim stop at Atlanta, Georgia, prior to terminating in Mexico City.

CONNOR observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she had no recollection of seeing this individual on that flight or any others.

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- 3-Bureau
- 2-Memphis (44-1696)
- 1-Atlanta (44-2386) (Info.)
- ~~1-Birmingham (44-1740) (Info.)~~
- 1-New York (44-1609)
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA MARION B. HUMMEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

ReLAtel to Birmingham 4/19/68 and Birmingham teletype to Los Angeles 4/19/68.

ERNEST Q. "DUTCH" HOLLAND, Huntsville, Alabama, was interviewed by the writer on 4/21/68 re a telephone call made on the evening of 4/18/68 from Ricker Motors Used Car Lot, Washington & Whittier Blvd., Whittier, Calif., to Mr. EARL CAMPBELL at the Ember Club, Huntsville, Ala., in which the caller identified himself as ERIC STARVO GALT. HOLLAND admitted that he was at Whittier, Calif., on 4/18/68 and that he, in fact, had attempted to make the telephone call to EARL CAMPBELL at the Ember Club in Huntsville, Ala. HOLLAND advised that the call was made from JAMES E. HOLMAN's phone at the Ricker Motor Company Used Car Lot in Whittier. HOLLAND said that CAMPBELL was a friend of his, and HOLLAND thought that he would give him a call from California. When the call could not be completed when made since CAMPBELL was not at the Ember Club, he did not want the bartender at the Ember Club to know who had been calling CAMPBELL, so he used a fictitious name. HOLLAND denied that he had used the name ERIC STARVO GALT, but did admit that he had said something which sounded like this, and that the operator had interpreted this into the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

HOLLAND was very apologetic for any trouble which he had caused, and admitted that this incident was a "very poor joke."

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

FROM : SA MARION B. HUMMEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO:ME

DATE: April 23, 1968

On April 22, 1968, Special Agent MARION B. HUMMEL reviewed the records of the Circuit Court Clerk, Madison County, Alabama, re divorce proceedings filed by subject subsequent to April, 1967. This review was made under the names of JAMES EARL RAY, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON, JAMES O'CONNOR, ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOHMEYER and JOHN WILLARD. The records reflect that no divorce action under these names has been filed. On the same date, the marriage records maintained by the Probate Judge's Office, Madison County, were checked under the same names for the period of April, 1967, to date. No marriage license had been issued under these names.

On the same date, SA DALE W. JOHNSON reviewed the appropriate records of Marshall County under these names and could locate no divorce or marriage record.

SA DONALD R. SORENSEN reviewed the appropriate records of Jackson County under these names and could locate no divorce or marriage record.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

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All receiving offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for Subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

FROM : SA HARRY T. POSEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO:ME

DATE: 4/23/68

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated 4/22/68.

For information of Agents receiving copies of this communication, the Atlanta Division advised as follows in above-referenced airtel:

Subject, JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after April 5, 1968, through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

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On April 23, 1968, Detective M. H. COLE, Birmingham, Alabama, Police Department, Auto Theft Squad, advised that the Birmingham Police Department would assure that all automobiles recovered which were stolen from the State of Georgia on April 5, 1968, to date would be processed for latent fingerprints and

3-44-1740 (1-SA HERRY - 26-25248)
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comparisons made against the prints of JAMES EARL RAY.

A review of the current ITSMV cases at Birmingham ascertained that the following investigations are being conducted regarding automobiles stolen in Georgia and recovered within the Birmingham Division or investigation is being determined to ascertain where the automobiles are stolen.

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Agents receiving copies of this communication should conduct investigation as requested by Atlanta mentioned previously in this communication.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

11:15 AM URGENT 4-24-68 CEB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE JACKSONVILLE TEL, APRIL TWENTYTHREE, LAST.

J. B. LOFTIN, VICE PRESIDENT, AAA PLUMBING AND POTTERY CORPORATION, GADSDEN, ALABAMA, ADVISED TODAY ALL OF THEIR TRUCKS ENCLOSED VAN TYPE AND HAVE GERBER STENCILED ON SIDE. THESE TRUCKS ARE NOT GMC BUT WHITE TRUCKS. NO OTHER AAA COMPANY LOCATED GADSDEN, ALABAMA.
END

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