

4/24/68

TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE NEW HAVEN TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR FOUR TWENTY-THREE LAST CONCERNING NAMES JOHN WILLARD AND J. WILLARD RECEIVING FANCETT PUBLICATIONS IN TONS RIVER AND FAIRLAWN, NJ.

CONCERNING JOHN WILLARD FORMERLY OF TEN ATLANTIC CITY BLVD., BAYVILLE, NJ, PATROLMAN, CHARLES DE MAY, BERKELEY TWP. PD, BAYVILLE, NJ, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN JOHN WILLARD FOR THREE YEARS. HE IS NOT IDENTICAL TO THE SUBJECT AND HE RECENTLY PURCHASED AN AUTOMOBILE DISTRIBUTORSHIP LOCATED ON RT. THIRTY SEVEN AND WASHINGTON ST., TONS RIVER, NJ.

CONCERNING J. WILLARD, FOURTEEN-TWENTY SEVEN CHANDLER DR., FAIRLAWN, NJ, HE IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED WITH J.P. STEVENS CO., ONE FOUR ONE LANZA AVE., GARFIELD, NJ, AND HAS BEEN SINCE NINE NINE SIXTY SIX. HE HAS RESIDED IN THE STATE SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY SIX. HE IS EMPLOYED AS A CHEMIST AND HIS DOB IS

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**[REDACTED] NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED
RE THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS, UACB.**

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NEW YORK.**

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO
SAC, MEMPHIS
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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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JOHN L. WINTON, EIGHT ZERO SIX TWO SAN MATEO AVENUE, BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED HE STAYED AT ROOM ONE ONE FOUR, RAMADA INN, THREE THREE THREE NORTHWEST MILITARY DRIVE, SAN ANTONIO, RECENTLY AND ON APRIL SEVENTEEN AND APRIL NINETEEN LAST SAW MALE (NAME UNKNOWN) WHO RESEMBLED JAMES EARL RAY, IN RESTAURANT IN RAMADA INN. MAN WAS ALONE AND UPON LEAVING RESTAURANT SECOND TIME WAS SEEN ON BALCONY OF BUILDING ON OPOSITE SIDE OF POOL FROM BUILDING CONTAINING ROOM ONE ONE FOUR. MAN WAS JUDGED TO BE AT ROOM TWO SIX FOUR OR IN AREA OF ROOMS HAVING NUMBERS IN TWO FIVE ZERO OR TWO SIX ZERO. DESCRIBED AS WHITE, THIRTY EIGHT TO FORTY TWO, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES TO FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE POUNDS. SLENDER BUILD, GREY OR LIGHT BLUE EYES, BRUNETTE OR

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OR POSSIBLY VERY DARK BROWN HAIR WITH GREY FLECKS. VERY RECEEDING HAIR LINE OVER TEMPLES. HAIR SEEMED THICK AND UNRULY HANGING OVER FOREHEAD, BUT STRAIGHT BACK ON SIDE. WAS SOFT SPOKEN. NO CAR OBSERVED BY WINTON. ON FIRST OCCASION MAN WORE DARK GREEN OR OLIVE WINDBREAKER, DARK TROUSERS AND SPORTS SHIRT WITH PLAID PATTERN. ON SECOND OCCASION WORE ANGORA GREENISH BLUE SWEATER AND SLACKS. WINTON SAID MANS CHIN, LIPS AND NOSE RESEMBLED NINETEEN SIXTY PROFILE PICTURE BUT MAN DID NOT HAVE FULL FACE AND FULL CHEEKS OF NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT WANTED NOTICE PICTURE AS HAD MORE SUNKEN FACE WITH HIGH CHEEK BONES.

SAN ANTONIO ENDEAVOR ESTABLISH IDENTIFICATION.

Handwritten note: This is a copy of a photograph of the subject.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
SACs, DALLAS (44-2649)
LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-198) (P)

MURKIN

TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES
TO NEW ORLEANS.

REBUTEL TO EL PASO DATED APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST.

REBUTEL STATES DURING AUTOMOBILE TRIP OF SUBJECT RAY
AND CHARLES STEIN DEPARTING LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN
SIXTY-SEVEN AND ARRIVING NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN
SIXTY-SEVEN, SUBJECT RAY MADE APPROXIMATELY SIX TELEPHONE
CALLS FROM VARIOUS PAY STATIONS IN TEXAS.

THEY TRAVELED VIA AUTOMOBILE ON INTERSTATE TEN THROUGH
EL PASO TO VAN HORN, TEXAS, AND WENT SOUTH ON ROUTE NINETY
TO SAN ANTONIO, THEN ROUTE NINETY OR INTERSTATE TEN TO
HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND TO NEW ORLEANS.

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REFERENCED BUTEL FURTHER STATES EACH OFFICE SHOULD CHECK WITH TELEPHONE COMPANY AND DETERMINE THE LONG DISTANCE CALLS PLACED AT EACH PUBLIC TELEPHONE ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ROUTES DURING PERIOD OF DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, AND SEVENTEEN, SIXTY-SEVEN AND HAVE EACH CALL CHECKED OUT.

MR. GIL MAULDIN, MANAGER, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, ALPINE, TEXAS, ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTYSIX, INSTANT, THAT THE ONLY TOLL CALLS OF WHICH HIS OFFICE WOULD HAVE RECORD WOULD BE THOSE IN EXCESS OF THIRTY MINUTES DURATION. HE STATES HIS RECORDS COVER MARFA, TEXAS, ALPINE, TEXAS, AND MARATHON, TEXAS. HE ADVISED ANY STATION TO STATION CALL OR PAID CALL WOULD NOT BE RECORDED IN THE TOWN WHERE THE CALL WAS MADE, BUT THESE RECORDS WOULD BE MAINTAINED AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE COMPANY IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS. HE ALSO STATED ALL CALLS UNDER THIRTY MINUTES IN DURATION WOULD LIKEWISE BE MAINTAINED AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE IN LUBBOCK. HE ADVISED THE PERSON TO CONTACT IN LUBBOCK FOR DESIRED INFO IS MR. JOHN WHITCOMB, DIVISION MANAGER,

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SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LUBBOCK.

NOTED INTERSTATE TEN ENTERS EL PASO FROM NORTH BUT HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED, NECESSITATING DEPARTURE FROM INTERSTATE TEN THROUGH MAIN SECTION OF EL PASO. TRAVELERS THEN PICK UP INTERSTATE TEN IN EASTERN HALF OF CITY AND CONTINUE ON SAME UNTIL REACHING VAN HORN, TEXAS. MANY ROUTES COULD BE USED THROUGH EL PASO BY TRAVELERS.

IN VIEW OF FACT THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF TELEPHONE BOOTHS ALONG ROUTES THROUGH CENTER OF EL PASO, IT IS DEEMED ADVISABLE THAT CHARLES STEIN BE REINTERVIEWED IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT RAY ACTUALLY MADE A TELEPHONE CALL WHILE PASSING THROUGH EL PASO. IN ADDITION, SOME CALLS MAY HAVE BEEN MADE BY SUBJECT RAY AT MOTELS, EATING ESTABLISHMENTS, AND GASOLINE STATIONS MADE USE OF ALONG THE WAY.

LOS ANGELES REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW STEIN FOR ALL ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION STEIN MAY HAVE REGARDING TELEPHONE CALLS MADE BY SUBJECT RAY DURING TRIP, SPECIFICALLY

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ASKING IF ANY TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE IN EL PASO, UACB.

DALLAS AT LUBBOCK, TEXAS: INTERVIEW JORN WHITCOMB,
DIVISION MANAGER, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY,
REGARDING TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM MARFA, ALPINE, AND
MARATHON, TEXAS, AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS AS INDICATED
IN REFERENCED BUTEL.

BIRMINGHAM, HOUSTON, MEMPHIS, AND SAN ANTONIO ADVISED
AIR MAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P)
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CR.
OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed herewith for the Atlanta Division and the Birmingham Division are one copy each of photographs of subject's brothers, JOHN LARRY RAY, aka, FBI # 368 735 A and JERRY WILLIAM RAY, aka, FBI # 862 651 A.

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2 - Springfield (44-561)

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN; CR; OO MEMPHIS.

BIRMINGHAM FILES SHOWS THAT RAY DURING HIS PERIOD OF RESIDENCE BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, FROM AUGUST TWENTYSIX, SIXTYSEVEN, THROUGH OCTOBER FIVE, SIXTYSEVEN, UTILIZED THE SERVICES OF A LOCAL CLEANING ESTABLISHMENT ON FIVE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS, THESE BEING ON A WEEKLY BASIS. RAY HAD HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS CLEANED, WHICH CONSISTED OF COATS, TROUSERS, SHIRTS, TIES AND UNDERCLOTHING. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT RAY, WHILE IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, UTILIZED THE SERVICES OF THE HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT, FOR CLEANING OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS. HE ALSO UTILIZED THIS SAME TYPE SERVICE AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, LEAVING DRY CLEANING AT THE PIEDMONT LAUNDRY ON APRIL ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND PICKING UP HIS LAUNDRY ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, THE DAY HE ABANDONED HIS MUSTANG. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE SHOWS THAT RAY IS ALWAYS CLEAN SHAVEN,

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NEAT, WELL DRESSED AND PRESENTS CLEAN NEAT APPEARANCE. HE APPARENTLY IS VERY METICULOUS ABOUT HIS PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND CLOTHING AND POSSIBLY HAS A FIXATION ABOUT CLEANLINESS. IN VIEW OF THIS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT RAY WILL CONTINUE TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF LAUNDRIES AND CLEANERS AS HE HAS IN THE PAST AND, THEREFORE, THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO CONTACTING ALL LAUNDRIES AND CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN EACH DIVISION TO APPRISE APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL OF SUBJECT'S FUGITIVE STATUS AS WELL AS THE PURPORTED REWARD BEING OFFERED FOR RAY'S APPREHENSION. BIRMINGHAM IS INSTITUTING CONTACTS OF ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANERS.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC BIRMINGHAM (137-1267)

DATE: 4-25-68

FROM : SA EUGENE J. LANDOLFI

CI SI R (Prob)

PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: EDWARD L. RILEY

PCI

Dates of Contact 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
UNSUB, AKA D.P. SHANNON		47-2988
MURKIN		44-1740
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>PCI advised of name used by unknown subject, and does not know anyone by D.P. Shannon, but will be alert for the name D.P. Shannon.</p> <p>PCI advised after seeing a picture of James Earl Ray, that he has never seen this man before but would be alert for his presence in the Huntsville area.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Same
NONE		

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Memorandum

TO : SAC *RA (137-450)*

DATE: *4-26-68*

FROM : SA *W. H. Lee*

CI SI
 PCI PSI

SUBJECT: *RA 777-C*

Dates of Contact <i>4 25 68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>777 update</i> <i>44-1740</i>		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <i>Photo of Subject King destroyed</i> <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <i>without developing any info</i>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Lead</i>	Coverage <i>Lead</i>
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Memorandum

TO : SAC *AL (137-351)*

DATE: *4-26-68*

FROM : SA *W. H. Lee*

CI SI

SUBJECT: *PH 198-C*

PCI PSI

Dates of Contact <i>4-25-68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>Martin</i> <i>44-1740</i>		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <i>Photo - Key displayed to informant with negative results</i>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>	Coverage <i>Same</i>
Personal Data		<i>44-1740-1437</i>

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Memorandum

TO : SAC BIRMINGHAM (137-1481)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA EUGENE J. LANDOLFI

CI SI R (Prob)

SUBJECT: JAMES LUTHER JONES, AKA, "Blood"
PCI

PCI PSI R

Dates of Contact		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		44-1740
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	Photo + description of subject furnished to PCI. PCI advised he has never seen subject, but will be alert for the subject.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Excellent</i>	Coverage <i>None</i>
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Memorandum

TO : SAC *BR (137-1309)*

FROM : SA *W. N. Lee*

SUBJECT: *Ph 411-C*

DATE: *4-26-68*

CI SI

PCI PSI

Dates of Contact <i>4-25-68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>Murphy 44-1740</i>		
Purpose and results of contact <i>of Rom. Photo displayed to informant. Negative.</i>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>	Coverage <i>Same</i>
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (137-1413)(P)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA A.L. KING

CI SI R (Prob)

PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: JAMES RALPH BEARD

Dates of Contact 4/8/68; 4/29/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		44-1740
RACIAL VIOLENCE IN MAJOR URBAN AREAS		157-804
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>PCI was contacted on above dates with negative results re any information concerning captioned matter MURKIN.</p> <p>PCI was also contacted and advised ## on 4/29/68 that he heard of no racial violence being planned in any area during the coming summer. He advised should he develop any information he would immediately contact the FBI and make this information known.</p> <p>Note: No copy designated to 157-804 in that this information was dictated in the form of a memo or an insert.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD	Coverage SAME

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P) DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA MARION B. HUMMEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re SAC memorandum, 4/22/68.

All CI's, PCI's and racial informants in the Huntsville RA have been contacted and copies of subject's I.O. have been exhibited to them. Subject is not known to any informant.

In addition, the writer has verified that the wanted fliers have been posted in the Huntsville Post Offices and has been posted upon the bulletin boards at the Huntsville Police Department.

Records of the Huntsville Police Department pertaining to burglary and robberies have been reviewed with the assistance of Lt. WILLIAM SCHADE, head of the Records Division, Huntsville Police Department. There are no unsolved burglaries or robberies perpetrated subsequent to RAY's escape in which latent fingerprints have been recovered, or in which the unknown subject met the general description of subject RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (170-174) (P)

DATE: 4-25-68

FROM : SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN

SUBJECT: BH 307-R (PROB)

On 4-10-68 this source advised that ROBERT B. CHANBLISS was present at the house where he lives at 2505 32nd Ave N on the night of 4-4-68 and went to work at his usual time on the morning of 4-5-68. Source advised that he expressed pleasure at the killing of Dr. MARTIN L. KING but did not say whether he had any idea who might have done it. He did state that the FBI would probably be around to check him out in connection with this killing.

This informant was not given a copy of the I.O. on JAMES EARL RAY because of the selective basis for which her KKKKKX services are utilized.

She did advise that CHANBLISS is now returned to work although he continues to complain of his ailments and states that he does not have long to go in this world.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) P

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA CLARENCE E. WRIGHT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the dates indicated the following persons were contacted and all advised that they were unable to locate any record identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY, EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES, JAMES McBRIDE, JAMES O'CONNOR, JAMES WALTON or JAMES WALYON:

MARRIAGE RECORDS

4/22/68 LOIS KENNEDY, Clerk, Probate Court, Tuscaloosa Alabama.

4/23/68 CLAUDIA STEEN, Clerk Probate Court, Pickens County, Carrollton, Alabama

4/24/68 J. DENNIS HERNDON, Probate Judge, Greene Co., Eutaw, Alabama.

W. E. DEARMAN, Probate Judge, Sumter Co, Livingst Alabama

4/25/68 ALICE PROPST, Clerk, Probate Court, Fayette County, Fayette, Alabama

JENE WICKS, Clerk, Probate Court, LaMar Co, Vernon, Alabama

FRANCES HARKINS, Probate Court, Bibb Co., Centreville, Alabama

DIVORCE RECORDS

4/22/68 BARBARA HOLMES, Clerk, Register in Chancery, Tuscaloosa County, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

4/23/68 WILLIAM H. LANG, Clerk, Circuit Court, Pickens County, Carrollton, Alabama.

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4/22/68 J. CURTIS SCALDS, Circuit Clerk & Register in Chancery
Sumter County, Livingston, Alabama

MARY VANBOROUGH, Circuit Clerk, Greene County,
Etowah, Alabama.

4/25/68 LUCY C. SWITCHER, Registrar, Circuit Court, Fayette,
County, Fayette, Alabama.

L. T. BENDLER, Clerk Circuit Court, Lamar County,
Vernon, Alabama

MARCELLA M. NICHOLSON, Clerk, Circuit Court, Bibb
County, Centreville, Alabama.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : IC WILLIAM H. CUSHEN (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re request of ASAC RALPH J. RAMPTON, 4/22/68.

Following investigation was conducted 4/22 - 24/68,
by IC WILLIAM H. CUSHEN at Birmingham, Ala.:

Miss CATHERINE MCCRORIE, City Records Court;
Miss YVONNE HILL, Identification Bureau, Birmingham Police
Department; Mr. D. L. WEBBER, Identification Bureau, Jefferson
County Sheriff's Office; Mrs. JESSIE WILLIAMS, Merchants
Credit Association; Mr. FRED PERDUE, Circuit Court Offices,
Equity Division (Chanery); Mrs. PEGGY DOSS, Record Room,
Jefferson County Court House; and Mrs. HAZEL WAGNOR, Marriage
License Bureau, Jefferson County Court House, advised from
their respective files, they could locate no identifiable
record with that of JAMES EARL RAY or known aliases.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

FROM : SA MONTE E. HANLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/26/68

On 4/22/68, JAN SCOTT and LINDA FEDERER, Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama, and GAYNELL HALL and WANDA MC KEE, Morgan County Courthouse, Decatur, Alabama, made available for review the marriage and divorce records in their respective departments.

A review of the records from April, 1967 to the present, was made, and no record could be located to indicate that the following individuals were married or divorced in Cullman or Morgan Counties during the above period of time:

ERIC STARVO GALT
HARVEY LOWMEYER
JOHN WILLARD
W. C. HERRON
EARL JAMES
JAMES MC BRIDE
JAMES O'CONNER
JAMES EARL RAY
JAMES WALTON
JAMES WALYON

On 4/23/68, MARGARET SMITH and LORENE SCOTT, Limestone County Courthouse, Athens, Alabama, made available similar records for the above period of time and no record could be located which would indicate that the above individuals were married or divorced in Limestone County during that time.

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TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P) DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA MONTE E. HANLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

On 4/21/68, CHARLES MAPLES, Maples Sinclair Station, located at the intersection of Interstate 65 and Highway 31 North, Lacon, Alabama, telephonically contacted the Birmingham Office, and advised that a man who purchased some tires at his station in November, 1967, looked somewhat like the photographs he had just seen of JAMES EARL RAY. An attempt to contact MAPLES on 4/21/68, was negative.

On 4/22/68, MAPLES advised that about November, 1967, a white male, about 35 - 36 years, 5'10", 170 - 180 lbs., light brown hair cut short, neat dresser, driving a white 1959 Ford Thunderbird with an Alabama license from Shelby County, Alabama, stopped at his Sinclair station and purchased five new tires for his car. The man paid for the tires with two personal checks, one for about \$60 and the other for about \$80, drawn on a bank in Birmingham, Alabama, and the checks were returned to him marked "no account." MAPLES said he does not recall the name of the man or the exact bank on which the checks were drawn, but the word "Central" was in the name of the bank.

MAPLES said he gave the checks to CHARLES CONLEY, a Negro attorney in Montgomery, Alabama, who is attempting to locate the man to collect his money. He has not seen CONLEY for some time but believes CONLEY still has the checks.

MAPLES was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that the mouth of the man who bought the tires at his station in November, 1967, looked like RAY's mouth as best he could recall, but the rest of the face seemed different and the hairline was different. MAPLES said he saw the man for only a brief period of time at his station and could not honestly say that the man looked exactly like RAY's photographs.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-1740)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA CHARLES Z. RENFROE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/24/68 the Etowah County, Ala. Marriage and Divorce Records were checked from April, 1967 to current date for the following names with negative results:

JAMES EARL RAY
EARL JAMES RAY
W. C. HERRON
EARL JAMES
JAMES MCBRIDE
JAMES O'CONNOR
JAMES WALTON
JAMES WALYON

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BF (44-1740)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 11:25 AM, an anonymous male caller advised:
" This is no joke. If you want to find the man
who killed King, watch out for phoney twenty
dollar bills. He was paid off in that."
The caller immediately hung up.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA NEIL G. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On Sunday, 4/21/68, Mr. JOHNNY HUDSON, Ann's Trailer Court, 215 4th Avenue, Bessemer, Alabama, was interviewed regarding his identity by SAs NEIL G. MARTIN and RICHARD D. SCHWEIN. This inquiry was predicated upon a telephonic communication from JIM COOLEY, Bessemer Super Highway, that he believed HUDSON resembled JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt.

HUDSON advised he moved to Alabama last September, and that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. HUDSON, Bessemer, had lived here for about five years. He has been employed for U. S. Pipe Company since September and works six days a week at night.

Following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	JOHNNY HUDSON
Race	White
Sex	Male
POB	Dora, Alabama
Height	5' 10"
Weight	165
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Wife	ELWYN HUDSON
U. S. Air Force Serial No.	US 53114945

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SAC, BIRMINGHAM (170-188)(P)

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SA JEREMIAH J. SMITH

MARGARET E. BALL

CS-R

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Source was contacted on 3/15/68 and exhibited photograph of JAMES CLEOPHUS BYNER (88-5405) and advised she was certain he had never lived in the Hobson City, Alabama area. She advised she would discreetly ascertain if anyone by that name was in the Hobson City area during the summer months of 1967 and advise the writer.

Source was contacted on 4/10/68 as to any planned demonstrations by Negroes in the greater Anniston area following the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING (BH 44-1740). She advised that she had attended KING's funeral at Atlanta, Georgia with a number of local Negro officials from the Hobson City, Anniston area and a number of local Negro ministers. She advised that they were all anxious to prevent any unlawful demonstrations and to prevent any "black power" advocate such as STOKELY CARMICHAEL from coming to the Anniston, Hobson City area.

Source advised on 4/25/68 that she could not provide any information as to identity of photographs of suspect ERIC STARVO GALT and felt certain he had never visited the all Negro town of Hobson City, Alabama. (BH 44-1740). Source advised on 4/25/68 that she is acquainted with RUSSELL HOWARD WILLIAMS (BH 88-5509) and knew he formerly operated a firm known as WILLIAMS Memorials on Park Avenue in Hobson City, Alabama. She stated that WILLIAMS rented a concession building from R.C. EVANS who lives one-half block past the school in Hobson City, and operated his business from that building. She stated WILLIAMS did not live in Hobson City but lived somewhere in the Negro section of Anniston with an unknown woman. She stated the owner of the Lucius Funeral Home in Anniston had employed WILLIAMS after he closed his firm and may have additional information concerning WILLIAMS.

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FBI ATLANTA

7:32 PM URGENT 4/26/68 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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R 50PM URGENT 4-27-68 JSM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND LOS ANGELES
FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388)

MURKIN

RE MILWAUKEE TEL TO DIRECTOR FOUR TWENTYFIVE LAST AND
LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR FOUR TWENTYSIX LAST.

RE DYRELL DENNIS.

DENNIS LOCATED BELMONT HOTEL, SEVEN FIVE ONE N. FOURTH ST.,
ROOM FIVE ZERO FOUR. STATED WAS RESIDING AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL,
LOS ANGELES BETWEEN THREE ONE - NINE SIXTYEIGHT. DURING SAID
PERIOD SHE OCCASSIONALLY WENT TO SULTAN ROOM ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD.
ON ONE WEEK NIGHT DURING PERIOD, EXACT DATE UNKNOWN, WAS APPROACHED
BY MAN WHILE BOTH WERE SITTING AT BAR. UNKNOWN MAN INTRODUCED
HIMSELF TO HER AS ERIC (LNU). SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS W/M, LATE
THIRTIES OR EARLY FORTIES, FIVE FT. TEN IN., SLENDER BUILD, SALT
AND PEPPER HAIR, LIGHT BLUE EYES, DRESSED NEATLY IN SUIT, WHITE
SHIRT AND TIE, WELL GROOMED, POINTED FACIAL FEATURES, VERY NERVOUS,
SPOKE WITH NASAL TWANG, OLIVE OR TAN COMPLEXION, DRANK SCREWDRIVERS.
RECALLS HIM SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT WORKING WITH COMPUTERS. MAN
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ASKED IF HE COULD BUY HER DRINK AND SUBSEQUENTLY BOUGHT HER SEVERAL. DISPLAYED LARGE SUM OF MONEY IN TEN AND TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS. MAN GAVE HER MONEY TO PLAY JUKE BOX AT WHICH TIME SHE CONNED HIM OUT OF TWENTY DOLLAR BILL. LEFT SULTAN ROOM WITH ERIC AND WENT TO RABBITS FOOT CLUB ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD. FOR MORE DRINKS AND WENT TO HIS ROOM WHICH SHE BELIEVED TO BE NUMBER FOUR ZERO THREE AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. SHE ADVISED THAT THEY TALKED FOR A SHORT TIME IN ROOM AT WHICH TIME ERIC TOLD HER THAT HE COULD BECOME VIOLENT. SHE STATED SHE BECAME AFRAID HE WAS PSYCHOPATH AND DECIDED AGAINST HAVING RELATIONS WITH HIM. STATED WHEN ERIC LEFT ROOM FOR DRINKS SHE FLED OUT OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AND MET RAY ^{FERNANDEL} FERANDEL (PH) A FRIEND OF HERS AND THEY RETURNED TO SULTAN ROOM WHERE THEY RAN INTO ERIC AND HE THREATENED TO CALL POLICE UNLESS SHE RETURNED TWENTY DOLLAR BILL WHICH SHE DID.

FERNANDEL DESCRIBED AS MEXICAN MALE, FORTIES, FIVE FT. SEVEN IN., ONE HUNDRED THIRTYFIVE LBS., BLACK HAIR, DARK EYES, FROM LOS ANGELES, EMPLOYED AS FRY COOK. KNOWN AT SULTAN ROOM.

DENNIS ADVISED THAT SHE WAS WITH ERIC FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS DURING WHICH TIME BOTH WERE INTOXICATED.

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DENNIS WAS SHOWN ALL AVAILABLE PHOTOS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AND SHE ADVISED THAT ONLY PHOTO THAT RESEMBLES ERIC (LNU) IS MISSOURI DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS PHOTO TAKEN ONE FOUR SIXTYSIX. IT IS NOTED THIS PHOTO WAS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN DENNIS INTERVIEWED FOUR TWENTYFIVE/SIXTYEIGHT.

DENNIS ADVISED SAW ERIC (LNU) ONE OR TWO DAYS AFTER ABOVE EXPERIENCE WHEN SHE OBSERVED HIM LEAVING ST. FRANCIS HOTEL BY REAR ENTRY. HAS NOT SEEN NOR HEARD FROM ERIC SINCE.

DENNIS ADVISED WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH FBI RE HER WHEREABOUTS.

LOS ANGELES LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RAY FERNANDEL TO VERIFY DENNIS'S STORY AND OBTAIN ANY PERTENINT INFORMATION.

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FBI-HOUSTON

523PM URGENT 4-28-68 EVB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS,
NEW ORLEANS, LOS ANGELES, AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN

RE HO TELS APRIL TWENTY-FIVE, TWENTY-SIX AND TWENTY-SEVEN
LAST.

RE LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN

HUGH AINSWORTH OF NEWSWEEK CONTACTED TELEPHONE CO., HOUSTON,
TEXAS AND ADVISED LOMAX AND STEIN HAD IDENTIFIED A COIN TELEPHONE
LOCATED AT ENCO SERVICE STATION, ROUTE NINETY, UVALDE, TEXAS
AS ONE ALLEGEDLY USED BY RAY TO MAKE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS
BETWEEN HOURS OF SIX PM AND NINE PM TWELVE SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN.
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THIS PHONE IS BR EIGHT NINE ZERO FOUR EIGHT.
AINS WORTH REQUESTED TOLL CALLS FROM THIS PHONE BE CHECKED TO
DETERMINE IF ANY CALLS MADE TO NEW ORLEANS TWELVE SIXTEEN
SIXTYSEVEN AND HE BE ADVISED. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AT TELEPHONE
CO. HAS ADVISED THIS OFFICE NO CALLS MADE TO NEW ORLEANS FROM
THIS PHONE DURING ENTIRE MONTH OF DEC. SIXTYSEVEN. DURING
HOURS SIX PM TO NINE PM TWELVE SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN ONLY ONE
INTERSTATE CALL MADE FROM THIS PHONE WHICH WAS MADE BY A

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PERSON IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS BEN GOMEZ
TO THE RESIDENCE OF GUADALPE MATA(PH) IN CALIFORNIA, PHONE
FOUR ZERO EIGHT DASH EIGHT FOUR TWO DASH TWO ZERO ONE FOUR.
OTHER EIGHT CALLS DURING THIS PERIOD WERE TEXAS CALL WHICH
WERE OBTAINED FROM TELEPHONE CO. AND WILL BE CHECKED OUT.
LOS ANGELES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK OUT THIS TELEPHONE
NUMBER.

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FBI LOS ANG.

11:56AM URGENT 4-29-68 LLR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),
NEW ORLEANS, HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO, AND EL PASO (157-186)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE LOUIS LOMAX AND CHARLES STEIN.

LOMAX AND STEIN CURRENTLY IN LOS ANGELES AREA. STEIN
ADVISES SEARCH FOR PHONE BOOTHS EN ROUTE LOS ANGELES TO
NEW ORLEANS UTILIZED BY JAMES EARL RAY DURING TRIP IN DECEMBER
SIXTY SEVEN NEGATIVE. STEIN ADVISED THERE WERE A COUPLE OF
FAMILIAR LOOKING BOOTHS IN UVALDE, TEXAS, ARE BUT COULD
FURNISH NO FACTUAL DATA AS TO POSSIBLE UTILIZATION.

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MURKIN

RE NEW YORK TEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST, WHICH SETS FORTH MAILING LIST OF WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY FOR SIXTYSIX, SIXTYSEVEN, AND SIXTYEIGHT, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY THOUSAND NAMES FURNISHED ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST BY BERNARD LANDE, PRESIDENT, RESEARCH PRODUCTS COMPANY, LYNBROOK, NEW YORK.

INCLUDED WAS THE NAME B. J. RAY, THREE TWO SEVEN FIRST AVENUE EAST, PACIFIC, WASHINGTON (SIXTYEIGHT).

INVESTIGATION PACIFIC, WASHINGTON, REFLECTS GERALD D. RAY RESIDED THREE TWO SEVEN FIRST AVENUE EAST, PACIFIC, UNTIL APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AGO, WHEN HE REPORTEDLY WAS TRANSFERRED BY THE BOEING COMPANY TO NEW YORK. RAY REPORTED TO BE FORMER MAYOR OF ALGONA AND REPUTABLE CITIZEN.

RECORDS BOEING COMPANY REFLECT GERALD D. RAY, SAME ADDRESS, EMPLOYED AS SUPERVISOR WITH A SECERT CLEARANCE, DATE OF BIRTH

WHO IS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO RESEARCH PARK CENTER, P.O. BOX ONE FOUR SEVEN ZERO, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA. BOEING
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OFFICIALS STATE THAT POSSIBLY RAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO NEW YORK, BUT THAT COMPANY RECORDS AT HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA WOULD HAVE TO BE CHECKED FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

AT TIME OF ARREST OF MINUTEMEN IN SEATTLE ON BANK ROBBERY - CONSPIRACY CHARGE IN JANUARY SIXTYEIGHT, AN ADDRESSOGRAPH LISTING OF NAMES WAS FOUND TO BE IN THE POSSESSION OF ONE OF THE SUBJECTS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS LISTING OF NAMES MAY BE PERSONS RECEIVING LITERATURE OR ACTUALLY BELONGING TO THE PATRIOTIC PARTY, A SO-CALLED POLITICAL ARM OF THE MINUTEMEN. ONE OF THE NAMES ON THIS LISTING IS JERRY RAY, THREE TWO SEVEN FIRST AVENUE EAST, PACIFIC, WASHINGTON.

BIRMINGHAM AT HUNTSVILLE SHOULD CONTACT GERALD D. RAY TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF B.J. RAY, AND IF HE IS RELATED TO SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. AM COPIES TO NEW YORK AND MEMPHIS.

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE IO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE SIXTY-SEVEN.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. CR. OO:MEMPHIS.

REURTEL, APRIL TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT, TEN FORTY AM.

DAVID L. WILLIAMS, SUPERVISOR, ALABAMA PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD, MONTGOMERY, ALA., ADVISED TODAY FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FORMER INMATES, MISSOURI STATE PRISON SYSTEM, ARE CURRENTLY UNDER THEIR SUPERVISION UNDER INTERSTATE AGREEMENT: J. W. BROWN, ROUTE ONE, BOX ONE SEVEN SIX B, ^{SA KING WRIGHT} REFORM, ALA., WHITE MALE, UNEMPLOYED, UNDER SUPERVISION SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE; COLUMBUS JONES, ROUTE ONE, BOX NINETY FOUR E, ^{SA KING WRIGHT} BOLIGEE, ALA. NEGRO MALE, WHO RESIDES TISHABEE COMMUNITY, GREEN COUNTY, AND EMPLOYED ALAMO LAND CO., DEMOPOLIS, ALA., UNDER SUPERVISION SINCE MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO; CHARLES R. MASHBURN, ROUTE ONE, ^{SA D. Johnson} OWENS CROSS ROADS, ALA., WHITE MALE, EMPLOYED GENESCO SHOE CO., HUNTSVILLE, ALA., UNDER SUPERVISION SINCE JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE; HILLARD SANDERS, TWO ONE THREE B. NORTH TWENTYFIRST ST., ^{SA Perry} GADSDEN, ALA., EMPLOYED ALABAMA TOOL CO., GADSDEN,
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UNDER SUPERVISION SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. NO OTHER RECORD
LOCATED.

BIRMINGHAM CONTACT ABOVE INDIVIDUALS FOR ANY INFORMATION
THEY MAY HAVE CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS. P.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ~~AND~~ CHICAGO (44-1114) *and Memphis*
FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN, RE PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT ORDERED BY SUBJECT FROM SUPERIOR BULK FILM CO., CHICAGO, UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT.

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM, APR. TWELVE, LAST, WITH WHICH THERE WERE TRANSMITTED XEROX COPIES OF FILE AT SUPERIOR BULK FILM CO., CHICAGO. IT IS NOTED THAT AMONG OTHER PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT ORDERED BY GALT UNDER SUPERIOR INVOICE # ONE SEVEN NINE FIVE THREE ZERO WAS ONE KODAC DUAL PROJECTOR M 9 NINE FIVE - Z AT A PRICE OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTYEIGHT DOLLARS. HE ALSO ORDERED KODAC SUPER EIGHT CAMERA WHICH WAS NOT IN STOCK AND A SUBSTITUTE SHIPMENT WAS RETURNED BY GALT FROM HIS HIGHLAND AVENUE RESIDENCE AT BIRMINGHAM ON OCT. FIVE, LAST. FROM A REVIEW OF LOS ANGELES REPORT SUBMITTED THIS CASE, IT APPEARS GALT PROBABLY STILL HAD IN HIS POSSESSION THE KODAC PROJECTOR IN MID-DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN.

CHICAGO REQUESTED TO CONTACT SUPERIOR AND DETERMINE WHETHER KODAC PROJECTOR HAS A RECORDED SERIAL NUMBER, AND IF SO LIST SAME

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WITH NCIC. ALSO IF SERIAL NUMBER AVAILABLE SUGGEST ADVISE BUREAU IN ORDER THAT DETERMINATION MIGHT BE MADE WHETHER IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO REQUEST ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES TO FURNISH SAME TO MAJOR PDS FOR USE IN PAWN SHOP DETAILS CHECKING POSSIBILITY THIS ITEM MAY NOW HAVE BEEN PAWNED. ALSO IF SN AVAILABLE CHICAGO SHOULD REQUEST HEADQUARTERS OF EASTMAN KODAC, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING STOP ON THIS PROJECTOR IN EVENT ANY INQUIRIES RECEIVED AND ESPECIALLY IF STILL UNDER WARRANTY.

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FBI JACKSVLE

6:22 PM EST URGENT 4/29/68 JLC

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS
AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 2P

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR, ET AL, APRIL TWO SIX, LAST. RE
LEO BARNETT ASSOCIATE OF RAY IN MISSOURI STATE PRISON.

LEO BARNETT, AGE THREE SEVEN, FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI, PRESENTLY
INCARCERATED FLORIDA STATE PRISON, RAIFORD, FLA., ADVISED KNEW RAY IN
MISSOURI STATE PRISON FROM ABOUT ONE NINE SIX TWO TO AUGUST, ONE NINE
SIX SIX, HOWEVER, NOT WELL. RAY WAS IN DIFFERENT CELL BLOCK AND WORKED
IN KITCHEN WHILE BARNETT WORKED IN SOAP FACTORY. BARNETT WOULD ONLY
SEE RAY APPROXIMATELY ONCE A WEEK. HE MET RAY THROUGH MUTUAL FRIEND,
BILLY MILES, AND ONLY ASSOCIATED WITH RAY BECAUSE OF MILES WHO IS
PRESENTLY AT NEW PENITENTIARY, MOBERLY, MISSOURI. HE RECALLED RAY
AS QUIET, NOT SAYING MUCH, AND BOTHERING NOBODY, A LONER, WITH NO
CLOSE FRIENDS. DESCRIBED HIM AS HAVING BAD NERVOUS CONDITION AND
A DEFINITE MENTAL PROBLEM. RAY IN HIS OPINION WAS TAKING POWDERED
AMPHETAMINE WHILE IN PRISON AND ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF AMOUNT
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RAY WAS USING. HE SUSPECTED GREAT QUANTITY AT TIMES WHEN THE SUPPLY WAS AVAILABLE AND AT OTHER TIMES NONE DUE TO WEIGHT LOSSES AND GAINS OF TEN TO FIFTEEN POUNDS OVER SHORT PERIODS. BARNETT NOTED THAT AMPHETAMINE TAKEN IN QUANTITIES WOULD PRODUCE A SUBSTANTIAL RAPID WEIGHT LOSS. THE SUPPLY OF AMPHETAMINE PRIOR TO ONE NINE SIX FOUR WAS READILY AVAILABLE AT FIVE DOLLARS A SHOT OR LESS. AFTER ONE NINE SIX FOUR WAS VERY SCARCE BUT WHEN AVAILABLE REMAINED AT FIVE DOLLARS A SHOT. BARNETT WAS CERTAIN RAY WAS NOT INVOLVED IN KILLING OF THREE NEGROES IN ONE NINE SIX FOUR SINCE HE WAS AWARE OF THOSE INVOLVED. THE ONLY PLACE HE HEARD RAY SPEAK OF WAS RAYTOWN, NEAR KANSAS CITY. BARNETT FOUND IT HARD TO BELIEVE RAY WAS COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTANT KILLING SINCE HE THOUGHT HIM TOO STUPID WITH NOT ENOUGH INITIATIVE. OTHER THAN MILES, ONLY INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW WHO WOULD KNOW RAY WELL WOULD BE LOUIE "WHITEY" DALTA (PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED).

ST. LOUIS, AT NEW PENITENTIARY, MOBERLY, INTERVIEW BILLY MILES REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH RAY.

KANSAS CITY, AT RAYTOWN, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION RE RAY, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE.

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7-30 PM URGENT 4-29-68 KH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA

CHICAGO NEW ORLEANS

FROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574

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RE LOUIS LOMAX

CALIFORNIA BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATIONS
FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT LOUIS LOMAX, FBI THREE TWO NINE
FOUR EIGHT ZERO A WAS SENTENCED TO STATE PENITENTIARY,

JOLIET, ILLINOIS (TWO NINE THREE ZERO FIVE) FROM FEBRUARY

TEN NINETEEN FIFTY TO MAY NINE NINETEEN FIFTY SIX. HE

SERVED TWO SENTENCES FOR LARCENY. JAMES EARL RAY SERVED

AT JOLIET (THREE TWO FOUR ONE NINE) FROM SIX THIRTEEN FIFTY

TWO TO JULY SEVEN NINETEEN FIFTY TWO WHEN TRANSFERRED TO PONTIAC

ILLINOIS. POSSIBILITY EXISTS LOMAX ACQUAINTED WITH RAY.

RE EMPLOYMENT

RAY WORKED IN BAKERY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY.

REVIEW OF RECORDS BAKERY AND CONFECTIONERY WORKERS UNIONS

LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA UNDER NAME OF RAY AND

ALL ALIASES NEGATIVE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN BAKERY INDUSTRY.

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RE CHARLES AND RITA STEIN.

INVESTIGATION AT FORMER NEIGHBORHOOD OF STEINS AT THREE THREE FOUR ZERO FLOYD TERRACE, LOS ANGELES REVEALS STEINS POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL NARCOTIC ACTIVITIES. FORMER NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR AND PAUL LYON, WHO RESIDED DIRECTLY ACROSS STREET RECALL OBSERVING WHITE MUSTANG BEARING OUT OF STATE LICENSE PARKED IN FRONT OF STEINS RESIDENCE DURING LATE NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED AT ATLANTA SUBJECT DRUG ADDICT AND INVOLVED IN ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC, INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF STEINS POSSIBLY INVOLVED WITH SUBJECT IN THIS TRAFFIC. IT IS NOTED IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW, CHARLES STEIN STATED FIRST MET SUBJECT IN SULTAN ROOM, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES DECEMBER FOURTEEN SIXTY SEVEN. IF STEIN INVOLVED WITH SUBJECT, IT IS POSSIBLE STEIN WOULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL INFO RE SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES.

FOR INFORMATION OF NEW ORLEANS, ACCORDING TO NEIGHBORS, RITA STEIN'S MOTHER VISITED STEIN RESIDENCE ON FLOYD TERRACE ON TWO OR THREE OCCASSIONS PRIOR TO THANKSGIVING DAY, SIXTY SEVEN, WHEN ALLEGED DRUG ACTIVITY

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TAKING PLACE. EXACT DATES OF VISIT UNKNOWN.

RE DYERLL DENNIS.

INVESTIGATION NEGATIVE RE WHEREABOUTS OF RAY
FERNANDEL AND JACK PENDLETON. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

RE LOOK ALIKES

LOS ANGELES CONTINUES TO CHECK OUT REPORTED
LOOK ALIKES. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHICAGO REVIEW RECORDS AT JOLIET PENITENTIARY TO
DETERMINE IF SUBJECT AND LOMAX WERE ASSIGNED SAME WORK
GANGS WHILE AT JOLIET.

INTENSIVE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION RE STEINS AND
MARIE MARTIN BEING CONDUCTED AT LOS ANGELES PRIOR TO ADDITIONAL
INTERVIEWS.

INVESTIGATION ALL PHASES CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED MILWAUKEE FOR INFO.

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