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the signature on the I.O. of JAMES EARL RAY was cimilar to signature of JAMES RAY of Jacksonville. He said the RAY family in Jacksonville originally came to Jacksonville from St. Louis, Missouri. He said he has not seen nor heard any more shout the JAMES RAY family of Jacksonville since he departed in June 1966.

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JACKSONVILLE OFFICE

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Conduct appropriate investigation of JAMES RAY family of Jacksonville and determine whether or not identical to JAMES BARL RAY.

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

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

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST.

FOR INFO BUFFALO, SUBJECT ORDERED PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT
FROM CAPTIONED FIRM LATE SEPTEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN, WHICH WAS
SHIPPED OCTOBER THIRD,, SIXTY SEVEN. AMONG EQUIPMENT ORDERED
WAS ONE KODAK DUAL PROJECTOR M-NINE FIVE - Z, PRICE ONE HUNDRED
SIXTY EIGHT DOLLARS. HE ALSO ORDERED ONE KODAK SUPER EIGHT
D-THIRTY EIGHT, PRICE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS, WXXHX PLUS
AN HP ONE COMBINATION EIGHT MM SUPER SPLICER AND ONE TWENTY FOOT
REMOTE CONTROL CABLE. THE CABLE WAS RECOVERED IN THE MUSTANG
AT ATLANTA.

THE SUPER EIGHT CAMERA WAS NOT IN STOCK AND COMPANY SHIPPED A CRESTLINE CAMERA AS REPLACEMENT. IN CONVERSATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH COMPANY, SUBJECT ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT WANT THE CRESTLINE CAMERA, WAS RETURNING IT, AND WAS INSISTENT 144-1740 THAT THE KODAK SUPER EIGHT MODEL M EIGHT WAS THE SPECTRO CAMERAD.

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HE WANTED FOR USE WITH ABOVE PROJECTOR.

IN RETEL BIRMINGHAM REQUESTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER
PROJECTOR HAS RECORDED SERIAL NUMBER AND IF SO LIST WITH
NCIC. ALSO IF SERIAL NUMBER AVAILABLE, SUGGEST ADVISE BUREAU
IN ORDER THAT DETERMINATION 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 KODAK, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK,
FOR PURPOSE PLACING STOP IN EVENT ANY INQUIRIES RECEIVED AND
EXPERNMENT ESPECIALLY IF STILL UNDER WARRANTY.

CONTACT WITH SUPERIOR BULK FILM CO., CHICAGO, THIS DATE,
REVEALED FIRM DOES NOT MAINTAIN SERIAL NUMBERS OF CAMERAS OR
PROJECTORS ON INCOMING ON OUTGOING SHIPMENTS.

CONTACT WITH EASTMAN KODAK CO., OAK BROOK, ILL., FILM

CO.'S SUPPLIER DEVELOPED SERIAL NUMBERS OF OUTGOING SHIPMENTS

NOT MAINTAINED. NO WAY TO CHECK FIRM RECEIVING SPECIFIC CAMERAS

OR PROJECTORS. RE WARRANTIES. ALL WARRANTY SLIPS RECEIVED THERE

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ARE MAILED TO MAIN OFFICE, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, WHICH ARE MAINTAINED UNDER NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS ON WHICH SERIAL NUMBER IS ENTERED BY CUSTOMER.

BUFFALO, AT ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, CONTACT MAIN OFFICE,
EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY, AND SEARCH WARRANTY SLIPS UNDER SUBJECT'S
TRUE NAME AND KNOWN ALIASES, FOR ANY INFO RE ABOVE PROJECTOR.
ALSO NOTE SUBJECT'S PREFERENCE FOR THE PARTICULAR MODEL KODAK
CAMERA MENTIONED HEREIN AND SEARCH WARRANTY SLIPS IN SAME MANNER.
DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A FEASIBLE SEARCH CAN BE MADE FOR
SUPER EIGHT CAMERAS PURCHASEDE FROM NOVEMBER TEN, SIXTY SEVEN
TO MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, IN LOS ANGELES AREA. IF
POSSIBLE, SEARCH THESE PURCHASES AGAINST SUBJECT'S TRUE NAME
AND ALIASES.

IF SERIAL NUMBER OF PROJECTOR OR CAMERA OBTAINED, COVER LEADS SET FORTH FOR CHICAGO IN RE BIRMINGHAM TEL.

AM CCS TO MEMPHIS. AND BIRMING HAM.
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	MURK	IN.	,		
	RE E	L PASO TEL TO BUR	EAU AND PHOENIX	, THIS DATE.	
	RE T	ELEPHONE CALLS BY	SUBJECT RAY EN	ROUTE FROM L	os
	ANGELES TO	O NEW ORLEANS.			
	INST	ANT DATE MRS. JEAN	N BIBBS, SERVIC	E REPRESENTAT	IVE,
7	Western s	rates telephone co	OMPANY, HOLBROO	ok, ARIZONA, A	DVISED
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PER RETEL.
EL PASO AT FABINS, CONTACT MISS MELBA HAMILTON FOR ANY
INFO RE TOLL CALLS.
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-	RE S	USPECT ROBERT DALE PORTER	•	
APPROPRIATE LABORATE COMMA	re o	KLAHONA CITY TELETYPE TO	THE BUREAU, OMAHA, I	MEMPHIS,
1	EL PASO,	ETC., APRIL TWENTYNINE, L	AST.	
	RECO	RDS CHECKED AT THE CLARK	HOTEL, VAN HORN, TR	KAS,
	APRII. THE	RTY, INSTANT, REFLECT ROB	ERT DALE PORTER, SAN	Œ
	DESCRIPTI	ON AS FURNISHED IN RETEL,	CAME ON FOOT TO	CHE
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	CLERK THA	T TWO DOLLARS WAS ALL THE	MONEY HE HAD. PORT	er.
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TELEPHONE CALLS AT HOTEL AND DID NOT INQUIRE AS TO WHERE
HE COULD MAKE A TELEPHONE CALL AWAY FROM HOTEL. PORTER
WAS ALONE AND HAD NO VISITORS WHILE AT HOTEL. PORTER LEFT
HOTEL AT ABOUT TEN A.M. ON FOOT APRIL FOUR, LAST, DIRECTION
OF TRAVEL NOT STATED TO HOTEL PERSONNEL AND UNKNOWN.

IN ABSENCE OF PHOTO OF PORTER AND SINCE THE PORTER
WHO STAYED AT HOTEL IN VAN HORN FITS DESCRIPTION FURNISHED
OF PORTER IN RETEL, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED
BY EL PASO RE PORTER.

BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, OKLAHOMA CITY, OMAHA, ST.
LOUIS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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	SUBJECT:	MURKIN
		TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY ENROUTE FROM LOS AUGEDES TO NEW ORLEANS
		Re Bureau tel to EP, HO, and SA, 4/25/68.
PROST PROFESSION CONTINUES CONTINUES OF CONT		Enclosed for the offices receiving copies rtel, are the indicated number of copies of ing long distance telephone calls.
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Referenced Butel reads as follows:

During automobile trip of subject RAY and CHARLES STEIN departing Los Angeles on 12/15/67 and arriving New Orleans on 12/17/67, subject RAY made about six telephone calls from various pay stations in Texas.

They traveled via automobile on Interstate 10 through El Paso to Van Horn, Texas, and went south on Route 90 to San Antonio, then Route 90 or Interstate 10 to Houston, Texas, and to New Orleans.

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 12/15, 16, and 17, 1967, and have each call checked out.

On 4/30/68, Mrs. HELEN ORNELAS, Service Representative, West Texas Telephone Company, Pecos, Texas, made available duplicate bills on pay stations from Van Horn, Valentine, and Sierra Blanca, Texas.

Noted that these bills reflect the telephone numbers of the individuals receiving the telephone calls from the pay stations in the above mentioned communities. As noted above, the pertinent dates are 12/15, 16, and 17/67. The teletype codes of the respective offices have been added to these duplicate bills, indicating the telephone numbers to be checked out by the various offices receiving this airtel.

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ALL OFFICES

Review the enclosed duplicate bills for telephone numbers located in their divisions and conduct appropriate investigation as instructed in referenced Butel, set out above.

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OO: MEMPHIS

Pursuant to your telephonic request there is enclosed one copy of Birmingham report submitted in this matter on 4/17/68.

Due to limited number of copies available to Birmingham, it is requested that this report be returned to Birmiugham when it has served its purpose.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

DATE:

5/2/68

FROM

SA DAVID T. DALY

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Investigation Re Bedspread found in Effects Of Unknown Subject, a colored photograph Of which was forwarded to Birmingham by the Memphis Division

On 4/16 and 4/17/68 the following representatives of the below listed linen supply services were contacted by the writer:with negative results. All advised that their service supplied some hotels and motels in the Birmingham area with bedspreads, however, their spreads were white or plain colored and they had not seen a spread similar to the one shown them as obtained from the suspect's effects in Memphis:

C. E. HANSON, Manager National Linen Service 510 South 17th Street

AL ROACH Clem Linen Service 510 South 24th Street.

In addition, the below listed commercial laundries who do linen laundry for motels and hotels in the Birmingham area advised that they had not seen a bedspread similar to the one in the picture forwarded by Memphis in Birmingham, Alabama. All of those contacted advised that numerous hotels and motels launder their own bedspreads.

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B. H. SAEGER, Plant Manager American Peerless and Perfection Laundry 430 South 19th Street

A. C. NELSON Laundry superintendent at above company

JEWELL SWAN, Manager Bertis Camp, Laundry Superintendent Howards Laundries 907 Third Avenue North

ROBERT DIXON, Plant Superintendent La Damme Cleaners 2900 and 6th Avenue South

TOM JONES, Owner Tom Jones Cleaners and Laundry 1040 19th Street

O. A. CARTER Laundry superintendent Merle BENTON, Linen checker Show White Laundry 649 Tuscaloosa Avenue. OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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TO

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM:

SA DAVID T. DALY

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Mobile teletype to Bureau, 4/12/68.

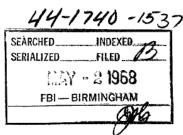
Former Roomers at 2608 Highland Avenue

EUGENE AUSTEN STOUDENMIRE, 1428 48th Street South, a student at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama, advised SA DAVID T. DALY on 4/19/68 that he formerly resided at 1412 13th Street South, which was a rooming house advertised in the paper along with 2608 Highland Avenue South.

STOUDENMIRE advised that he did not answer the ad in the paper and never went to 2608 Highland Avenue and never stayed there. He said that he did not know JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT.

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DATE: 5/2/68

FROM:

SA DAVID T. DALY

SUBJECT:

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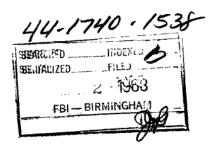
Re Atlanta teletype to Birmingham, 4/15/68.

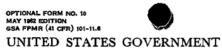
Investigation re telephone call from Telephone booth near 2608 Highland Avenue

On 10/6/67, Mrs. CHARLES METCALF, 3709
Locksley Drive, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that
she was with her daughter, when
she made a telephone call from the telephone booth
located at the corner of Highland and Niazuma Avenue
and 26th Street because she recalls that her daughter
was calling her boyy friend, at the
Darlington Hotel in Rome, Georgia, and that she
told her daughter that she was going to make her
use her own money for the telephone call.

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TO

SAC. BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM

SA DAVID T. DALY

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re memo of SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN, 4/20/68, concerning telephone call to the New York Division by ROBERT CRAWFORD stating that his brother-in-law was JAMES EARL RAY; and teletype to New York, 4/20/68.

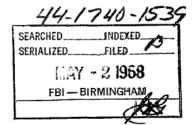
On 4/22/68, JIMMIE PITTSFORD LAY appeared at the Birmingham Office after being in telephonic contact with SA BARRETT. He advised that he is the brother-in-law of ROBERT CRAWFORD and that he understood that CRAWFORD had telephonically advised that he resembled the picture of suspect, JAMES EARL RAY.

It is noted from observation that LAY does not resemble suspect JAMES EARL RAY in that he has brown eyes, thinning hair with a bald spot on top, and has three tattoos on his arms - a tattoo of "JIMMIE" on his left fowarm; a heart on his left bicep; an eagle on his right forearm.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name JIMMIE PITTSEORD LAY Race White Sex Male DOB POB Fairfield, Ala. 5'11" Height Weight 190 T. Hair Brown, thinning, bald spot on top Eyes Brown

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Occupation

Last employment

Z559037-G1 States Marine Steamship Company out of Mobile, Alabama Union Affiliations National Maritime Union Married

Marital Status

Wife Children BILLIE JEAN JIMMIE, age 20

Alabama.

Merchant seaman

Address

Scars and Marks

Tattoos

Father Mother

552 Osceola Circle Fairfield, Alabama $\frac{1}{2}$ " scar directly over left eyebrow. "JIMMIE" left forearm; Heart on left bicep; Eagle right forearm; Deceased EFFIE LAY 310 B, 34th Street Ensley, Birmingham,

Memorandum

TO

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM

SA DAVID T. DALY

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau, Chicago, Memphis, and Mobile, 4/12/68.

Investigation re RICHARD GALT

On 4/16/68, IC WILLIAM H. CUSHEN determined that the following had no record of RICHARD GALT described as a merchant seaman, age 40, to 42, 6', weight 165, birth date 1926 to 1928:

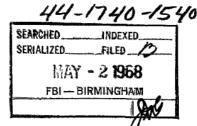
Miss CATHERINE MC CRORIE Recorders Court

Miss YVONNE HILL Birmingham, Alabama Police Departmen t Identification Division

D. L. WEBBER Deputy Sheriff Jefferson County SO

Mrs. LAURA WOODS Merchants Credit Association.

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TO

SAC (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM :

SA FRANK R. SLAPIKAS

SUBJECT:

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Charlie attente ReMOtel to BH and ME 4/23/68, and / BH tel to MO and ME 4/24/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA FRANK R. SLAPIKAS at Centreville, Alabama:

On 4/24/68, Sgt. CLEO MEDDERS, 168 Engineer Company, advised that Major JULIUS DALTON MURPHY is assigned to the 145th Engineer Bn., stationed at Camden, Alabama, Major MURPHY resides at 119 Murphy Street, Centreville, Alabama.

On 4/24/68, Major JULIUS DALTON MURPHY, Serial No.02270491, advised that he is stationed with the 145th Engr. Bn., located at Camden, Alabama, and resides at 119 Murphy Street, Centreville, Alabama. MURPHY further advised that he owned a 1966 Ford Mustang, two-door, bronze in color, which currently bears a 1968 National Guard License Plate, number unrecalled; and further advised that the same vehicle also bore a 1967 Alabama National Guard tag. No. not recalled.

MURPHY indicated that early in November, 1968, he was issued his 1968 Alabama tag and replaced his 1967 Alabama tag with his new tag and discarded his old tag in the household trash. MURPHY indicated when he placed the tag in the trash, this was the last he saw of it.

On 4/24/68, MRS. FRANCES HARKINS, License Commissioner's Office, Bibb County Courthouse, advised

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that a review of her records reveals 1967 Alabama license NG 2691 was issued to DALTON MURPHY, Centreville, Alabama, for a 1966 Ford, two-door, VIN 6F07T-368461. This tag wassissued on 11/15/60.

License Commissioner's records further reflected that 1968 Alabama License NG 2859 has been issued for a 1966 Ford, same VIN as above, and 1968 Alabama license NG 2860 has been issued for a 1965 Chevrolet, four-door, VIN 164395A-155467. Both of the above 1968 Alabama tags were issued to DALTON MURPHY, Centreville, Alabama, on 11/3/67.

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TO :SAC, Birmingham

DATE: 5-2-68

FROM

HOMER E. PARKER

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 11:25 PM, 5-2-68, RODNEY GENTLE, Office of Civil Defense Mobilization, Scottsboro, Alabama, office phone 574-2133, telephoned FBI Birmingham and said that a 1967 blue Stingray, Alabama 1968 license 39-2400, was stolen from the square at Scottsboro on afternoon of 5-2-68. He said this is a fast running automobile and the person that stole it apparently intended to flee. He said the thief was also apparently a lock expert.

GENTLE expressed opinion that possibly JAMES EARL RAY could have stolen this Stingray. He said he talked to a man who saw the thief and this man described the thief as reasonably fat, heavy face.

GENTLE does not know who owns the stolen Stingray. It was difficult to elicit information from GENTLE.

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968

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00: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

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Lab. No.

D-561775 JK

Examination requested by:

Kansas City

Reference:

Airtel 4/27/68

Examination requested:

Document

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968
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Re: MURKIN

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Lab. No. D-561775 JK

Specimens received 4/29/68

K211 Various documents comprising thirty-four pieces of paper bearing purported known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY, obtained from his file at Missouri State Penitentiary

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned hand printing appearing on items attributed to Eric S. Galt was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, K171 and K211.

Because of the presence of characteristics which cannot be explained on the basis of the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, it cannot be definitely determined whether the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 was prepared by this individual; however, significant handwriting similarities were noted.

Specimen K211 has been photographed and is temporarily retained.

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ATLANTA OR BIRMINGHAM, UNDER REAL NAME OR ALIASES DURING
PERIOD EIGHT TWENTYTWO SIXTYSEVEN TO FIGHT THENTYSIX SIXTYSEVEN,
IT BEING MOTED DURING THIS PERIOD SUBJECT USING MANE OF GALT.

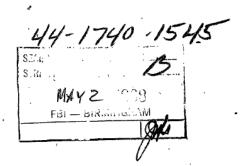
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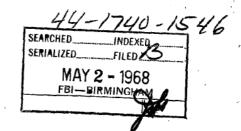
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759PM EST 5-2-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

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RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS, MONTREAL TO ATLANTA, AUGUST TWENTY TWO THROUGH TWENTY SIX LAST.

RECORDS, EAL, MIAMI, INDICATE FLIGHTS ONE ZERO NINE AND ONE THREE ONE SCHEDULED MONTREAL TO ATLANTA AUGUST TWENTY TWO THROUGH TWENTY SIX LAST. BIRMINGHOL PASSENGERS USED SAME FLIGHTS TO CONNECT IN ATLANTA FOR BIRLINGHAM. TICKETS THESE FLIGHTS EXAMINED. NONE FOUND IN NAME OF ANY ALHAS OF SUSPECT RAY.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, SPRINGFIELD,

CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 1P

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY TWO SIXTYEIGHT.

EXPANDED TAXICAB CHECK AND REVIEW OF TRIP SHEETS CONTINUING. N EGATIVE TO DATE.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFO
O BTAINED TO DATE.

CONTACT OF INDIVIDUALS OFFERING USED CARS FOR SALE IN CLASSIFIED ADS CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION OF STOLEN CARS, INCLUDING THOSE FURNISHED BY

NCIC FOR THE PERTINENT PERIOD CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION

OBTAINED TO DATE.

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9:45PM URGENT 5-2-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, AND ATLANTA
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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RE CHARLES STEIN

REINTERVIEW OF CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, MAY TWO INSTANT.

PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW WAS TO REVIEW INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY

FURNISHED BY STEIN AND OBTAIN FROM HIM DETAILED INFORMATION

REGARDING HIS MEETING OF INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO HIM AS ERIC

GALT (JAMES EARL RAY), THE DISCUSSIONS THEY HAD, THEIR

TRIP TO AND FROM NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, THEIR ACTIVITY

WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS, AND THEIR ACTIVITY IN LOS ANGELES

SUBSEQUENT TO NEW ORLEANS TRIP. AGENTS CONDUCTING

INTERVIEW, ONE OF WHOM IS FAMILIAR WITH NEW ORLEANS AREA,

HAD IN THEIR POSSESSION EXTENSIVE INFORMATION REGARDING

STEIN'S BACKGROUND.

STEIN FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION

AS IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS. STEIN ADVISED ONLY ACTUALLY

OBSERVED GALT (RAY) MAKING ONE PHONE CALL; HOWEVER, BELIEVES

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MAY HAVE MADE OTHER CALLS WHILE NOT IN STEIN'S PRESENCE. STEIN STATED ONE CALL HE OBSERVED MADE FROM PUBLIC COIN BOX PHONE BOOTH DURING NIGHT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

STEIN ADVISED ARRIVED IN NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST.

STEIN ADVISED HE AND LOUIS LOMAX DID NOT LOCATE PHONE BOOTH IN QUESTION, WHEN TRIP RETRACED BY THEM. FEELS THIS DUE TO FACT LOMAX TRACED TRAVEL IN REVERSE FROM WAY IT ACTUALLY OCCURRED. STEIN STRONGLY FEELS BY RETRACING TRIP ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS HE WOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH IN WHICH CALL WAS MADE BY GALT (RAY).

STEIN DENIED GALT EVER VISITED HIM AT THREE THREE FOUR ZERO FLOYD TERRACE, MOLLYWOOD, NOR EVER HAVING MET GALT BEFORE THEIR MEETING IN SULTAN ROOM, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, HOLLYWOOD, NIGHT OF DECEMBER FOURTEEN LAST. DENIES EVER HAVING FURNISHED ANY TYPE DRUG TO GALT (RAY), OR EVER HAVING SEEN GALT(RAY) USE ANY. STEIN ADMITTED PAST ARRESTS FOR POSSESSION BARBITUATES AND STATED WOULD KNOW A "DOPEHEAD" IF HE SAW ONE. STATED GALT WAS NOT A "DOPEHEAD", BUT POSSIBLE HE MIGHT HAVE TAKEN "PILLS", ALTHOUGH NEVER IN PRESENCE OF STEIN.

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STEIN STATED HE WAS QUITE IRRITATED WITH LOUIS LOMAX, BECAUSE LOMAX USED HIM FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES. STEIN EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR HIS LIFE FROM THE KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BECAUSE OF PRESS EXPOSURE GIVEN HIM BY LOMAX.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT STEIN TELLING 1KUTH AS BEST HE REMEMBERS OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH GALT (RAY).

BUREAU MIGHT DESIRE TO CONSIDER RETRACING STEIN'S
TRIP WITH GALT (RAY) TO NEW ORLEANS, WITH PURPOSE IN MIND
OF LOCATING PHONE BOOTH IN WHICH STEIN PERSONALLY OBSERVED
GALT (RAY) MAKING CALL. POSSIBLE SUCH RETRACING MIGHT BE
PRODUCTIVE IF CONDUCTED IN LOGICAL MANNER AND MIGHT POSSIBLY
BRING OTHER FACTS TO MEMORY OF STEIN.

STEIN ADVISED HE RECALLS THAT GALT (RAY), ON TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, TOLD HIM NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON HE WAS GOING TO SEE. STEIN STATED NAME WAS ITALIAN SOUNDING, WAS A WELL-KNOWN NAME IN NEW ORLEANS, AND ADDRESS GAVE STEIN MENTAL PICTURE OF CHALMETTE-INDUSTRIAL CANAL AREA. STEIN ADVISED WHEN ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH ON TRIP WITH LOUIS LOMAX, LOMAX ASKED HIM IF SAM RISCELLE (PHONETIC)

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WAS PERSON NAMED BY GALT (RAY). STEIN ADVISED TOLD LOMAX
HE COULD NOT REMEMBER NAME, NOR COULD HE RECALL IT DURING
INTERVIEW, THIS DATE.

REINTERVIEW WITH RITA STEIN

RITA STEIN, AKA RITA ROSAS; SISTER OF CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN
REINTERVIEWED TODAY SEPARATELY BUT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH REINTERVIEW
OF HER BROTHER, PURPOSE WAS TO REVIEW IN DETAIL WITH HER FACTS
SURROUNDING ORIGINAL MEETING WITH ERIC GALT AND ATTEMPT TO FILL
OUT ANY FACTS SHE MIGHT HAVE OVERLOOKED DURING ORIGINAL INTERVIEWS.

INFORMATION FURNISHED WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH INFORMATION

ORIGINALLY FURNISHED. CLAIMS NEVER MET GALT PRIOR TO MEETING WITH

HIM IN SULTAN ROOM BAR, IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, HOLLYWOOD, IN MID
DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN, DAY BEFORE HE DROVE HER BROTHER TO NEW

ORLEANS TO BRING BACK HER DAUGHTERS

SHE WAS INTRODUCED TO HIM THAT EVENING BY HER COUSIN, MARIE

MARTIN, WAITRESS IN SULTAN ROOM BAR. SHE SALD SHE TRIED TO MAKE

HIM UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL SHE GET HER KIDS BACK

FROM NEW ORLEANS, AND QUOTE THIS WAS NO PLAY CLOSE QUOTES.

HE CLAIMED HE UNDERSTOOD, AND STATED HE WOULD BE GALD TO TAKE HER

AS HE WAS ON VACATION AND NOT WORKING. SHE WENT HOME AND TOLD HER

BROTHER THERE WAS A GUY AT SULTAN ROOM BAR THAT WAS WILLING TO DRIVE

HER TO NEW ORLEANS. HAD CHARLIE GO TO SULTAN ROOM TO SIZE HIM UP

THAT EVENING.

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NEXT MORNING SHE CONVINCED CHARLIE HE SHOULD GO TO NEW
ORLEANS IN HER PLACE, AS SHE WAS AFRAID TO RIDE ALONE TO NEW
ORLEANS WITH MAN SHE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN. GALT SHOWED
UP AT HER HOUSE EARLY THAT AM AND SAID THAT HE WAS DOING A FAVOR
FOR HER, AND SHE COULD DO A FAVOR FOR HIM BY HAVING HER BROTHER,
HER COUSIN MARIE, ACCOMPANY HIM TO REGISTER AT WALLACE
HEADQUARTERS, AND FOR HER TO DO LIKEWISE. SHE AND BROTHER AND
COUSIN AGREED, AND DROVE IN HIS WHITE MUSIANG TO WALLACE
HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. SHE RODE IN BACK SEAT WITH
HER TWO SONS. GALT, MARIE AND CHARLIE RODE IN FRONT SEAT.

FOLLOWING RETURN TO HER HOME ON FRANKLIN STREET, GALT AND CHARLIE LEFT FOR NEW ORLEANS.

NEXT SAW GALT EARLY AM ON THE MORNING HE AND CHARLIE
RETURNED WITH HER TWO DAUGHTERS FROM NEW ORLEANS. HE HELPED
UNLOAD CAR AND LEFT IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. RETURNED BRIEFLY NEXT
DAY TO DELIVER CHILD'S BLACKBOARD OVERLOOKED IN UNLOADING CAR
PREVIOUS MORNING. SHE INSISTS HE NEVER ENTERED HER HOME FARTHER THAN
HALF WAY ACROSS FRONT ROOM. NEVER HAD FOOD OR DRINK OR USED
BATHROOM IN HER HOME. SHE ALSO INSISTS SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE HE
WAS OR MAY HAVE BEEN NARCOTICS USER OR PEDDLER.

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ADDED ON THIS INTERVIEW THAT HER SECOND HUSBAND, STANLEY
LINO ROSAS, WHO DIED OF OVERDOSE OF MORPHINE IN HOLLYWOOD, WAS NOT
KNOWN TO HER TO BE ADDICTED TO NARCOTICS; HOWEVER, SHE SAYS HE
ADMITTED TO HER AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE THAT HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON
MARCOTICS CHARGE IN LOUISANA. SHE CLAIMS SHE DOES NOT KNOW
DETAILS OF THAT ARREST; WHETHER HE WAS USER OR PUSHER. THINKS HE
MAY HAVE SERVED TIME IN ANGOLA STATE PEN, BUT IS NOT SURE. SAYS
THIS WAS ALL BEFORE SHE MET HIM.

PHOTO OF GALT (JAMES EARL RAY) TAKEN BETWEEN AUGUST SIXTY

SEVEN AND FEBRUARY SIXTY EIGHT, FURNISHED BY U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS,

EXHIBITED TO RITA STEIN. SHE STATES THIS IS BEST LIKENESS OF GALT

OF ANY PHOTOS SHE HAS SEEN. PHOTO OF GALT IN DARK GLASSES TAKEN

DURING FALL SIXTY SEVEN PUERTO VALLARTA RESHOWN AND SHE STATES IT

IS VERY POOR LIKENESS. STATES GALT'S WALK, POSTURE, AND STATURE

WAS NEVER RELAXED, IMPRESSED HER AS ALWAYS BEING IN STATE OF

MILITARY ATTENTION. CHARLES STEIN ALSO EXPRESSED OPINION THAT

PHOTO FURNISHED BY USPO BEST LIKENESS OF INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS GALT.

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RE GALT'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH "SWINGER" CLUB.

U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS OFFICE FURNISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT TAKEN DURING PERIOD AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN TO FEBRUARY SIXTY EIGHT AND LETTER WIRTTEN BY GALT FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST. THESE ITEMS FURNISHED U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS BY PATRICIA K. ANDERSON TWO EIGHT ZERO ZERO GLENVIEW, LOS ANGELES WHO RECEIVED LETTER AND PHOTOGRAPH FROM GALT RESULTANT FROM HER NAME BEING INCLUDED ON LIST OF QUOTE THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE A CORRESPONDENCE CLUB IN DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA.

JAMES E. O'DOWD AND ANN L. MEYERS, OWNERS OF QUOTE THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE STATED THEY RECALLED INDIVIDUAL NAMED ERIC GALT HAD SENT IN FEE OF ONE DOLLAR FOR LIST OF SWINGERS. BOTH RECALLED GALT HAD SENT FIVE LETTERS TO CLUB FOR TRANSMITTAL TO INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED IN LIST OF SWINGERS BY SYMBOL NUMBER. - NO RECORD OF INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM GALT SENT LETTER MAINTAINED. RECORDS THIS CLUB CONTAIN NAME OF PATRICIA SHUBERT, TWO EIGHT ZERO ZERO GLENVIEW, LOS ANGELES.

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RE ADVERTISEMENT PLACED IN LOS ANGELES FREE PRESS BY GALT.

ON MAY TWO INSTANT, GENE TURNER, ACCOUNTANT, LOS ANGELES
"FREE PRESS", L.A. AVANT GARDE NEWSPAPER, MADE AVAILABLE ADVERTISEMENT PLACED BY ERIC S. GALT ON JANUARY THIRTY LAST. ADVERTISEMENT
PROBABLY RECEIVED AT "FREE PRESS" BY MAIL. ADVERTISEMENT READS:
"SINGLE MALE CAUC. THIRTY SIX YEARS. FIVE ELEVEN ONE HUNDRED
SEVENTY LB. DIGS FR. CULT. DESIRE'S DISCREET MEETING WITH PASSIONATE
MARRIED FEMALE FOR MUTUAL ENJOYMENT, AND/OR FEMALE FOR SWING SESSIONS
APT. FURN. WILL EX. PHOTO. WRITE ERIC S. FOUR ZERO SIX SO.
SECOND ALHAMBRA, NINE ONE EIGHT ZERO TWO."

NOTATION BELOW ADVERTISEMENT READ "RETURN NAME AND ADDRESS,
ERIC S. GALT. SAME AS ABOVE. INCLOSED IS M.O. FOR FOUR DOLLARS
TWENTY FIVE CENTS, RUN ADD UNDER THIRTY ONE UNIT SYSTEM. THANKS"

EXAMINATION OF ABOVE REVEALED ENTIRE CONTENTS TYPEWRITTEN USING RED RIBBON. NO HANDWRITING INVOLVED.

TURNER STATED ADVERTISEMENT RAN IN FEBRUARY TWO DASH EIGHT LAST EDITION OF ABOVE PAPER, ALSO MADE AVAILABLE.

ABOVE ADDRESS IN ALHAMBRA IS THAT OF C. M. HEDGPETH INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS ON APRIL FOURTEEN LAST. HE STATED GALT
WAS PAYING CUSTOMER OF HIS MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE AT FOUR ZERO
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SIX SOUTH SECOND STREET FROM FEBRUARY ONE LAST TO MARCH ONE LAST. ALL MAIL WAS TO BE FORWARDED TO GALT AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL IN HOLLYWOOD. HEDGPETH STATED HE WAS CERTAIN GALT NEVER RECEIVED ANY MAIL THROUGH HIS FORWARDING SERVICE.

PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT, LETTER AND ORIGINAL OF LA FREE PRESS A DVERTISEMENT FURNISHED BUREAU FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION VIA AIR TODAY.

LOS ANGELES WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PATRICIA K.
ANDERSON FOR INTERVIEW.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON KANSAS CITY, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

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RE BUTEL MAY TWO LAST.

ONE PAIR SHORTS AND T-SHIRT BELIEVED PROPERTY OF SUBJECT, RECOVERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SLAYING, BORE BLACK LAUNDRY MARKS O TWO B DASH SIX" ON RED THERMO SEAL TAPE. SHEET AND PILLOW CASE FOUND IN ABANDONED MUSTANG AT ATLANTA BORE BLACK LAUNDRY MARKS "TWO ZERO R DASH THREE" ON WHITE THERMO SEAL TAPE.

IN VIEW OF RAY'S INDICATED TENDENCIES TO WARD PERSONAL CLEANLINESS, PHOTOS OF RAY SHOULD BE SHOWN AT ALL LAUNDRIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF REBUTEL AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO ALERTING LAUNDRIES ABOVE DESCRIBED TAGS MAY STILL BE AFFIXED TO SOME OF SUBJECT'S LAUNDRY.

THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO FURNISH RECEIVING

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 TAMPA 157-3231 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, MAY ONE, LAST, AND TAMPA TEL, MAY ONE, LAST, REGARDING CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

JAMES AND LINDA SPARKS, BIRMINGHAM, REINTERVIEWED, AND
JAMES SPARKS REITERATED THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED AT ROYAL AMERICAN
SHOWS DURING THE SUMMER AND WINTER MONTHS FOR APPROXIMATELY
FIVE YEARS. HE ADVISED THAT HE WAS KNOWN ON THE FAIRGROUNDS AS
"CHEROKEE" AND THAT TED AND JOE PATTERSON, WHO WORKED IN THE SHOW
COOKHOUSE, WOULD REMEMBER HIM. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS IDENTIFICATION CARD MANIFEST NO. FIFTEEN, WHICH EXPIRES JUNE THIRTY,
SEVENTY, AND THAT HE HAS RECEIVED W-TWO FORMS FROM ROYAL AMERICAN
SHOWS UNDER HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

SPARKS FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE PERSONALLY
COOKED MEALS FOR "HOTSHOT", WHOM TAMPA HAS IDENTIFIED AS L.B.
DEMAY.

BOTH SPARKS AND HIS WIFE REITERATED PHOTO OF RAY RESEMBLES MAN KNOWN TO THEM AS CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

PHOTOS OF SPARKS AND WIFE FOLLOW AMSD FOR ASSISTANCE TAMPA.

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REBUTEL FOUR TWENTY-FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT.

BUREAU IS DISSEMINATING THE REPORTS IN THIS CASE TO THE DEPARTMENT, THEREFORE, BUREAU AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO BIRMINGHAM TO DISSEMINATE ONE COPY EACH OF THE REPORTS OF ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS TO USA AT BIRMINGHAM. COPIES OF REPORTS SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED TO USA, MEMPHIS OR ANY OTHER USA.

ADVISE USA, BIRMINGHAM IN WRITING THAT REPORTS OR CONTENTS THEREOF ARE FOR THEIR OWN USE AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO OUTSIDE PERSONS.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA AND LOS ANGELES.

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1400 - 2121 Building Birmingham, Alabama, 35203 May 3, 1968

Honorable Macon L. Weaver United States Attorney Federal Building Birmingham, Alabama

> RE: JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, etc. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding herewith the following listed reports prepared in this matter:

SA JOE C. HESTER, Memphis, dated 4-17-68; SA HENRY A. SNOW, Birmingham, dated 4-17-68; SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA, Atlanta, dated 4-18-68; SA LEROY W. SHEETS, Los Angeles, dated 4-18-68; SA JOE C. HESTER, Memphis, dated 4-30-68.

It is requested that the centents of these reports be kept confidential and not disclosed to persons outside your office.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH H. GAMBLE Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, BIRMINGHAM FROM:

SUBJECT: MURKIN

> Advise by return routing slip directed to SA ROBERT M. BARRETT the number of I.O.'s regarding JAMES EARL RAY, aka, that will be needed by your Resident Agency to personally circularize (by Buagents) all cleaning and laundry establishments in your area.

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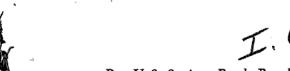
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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND NEW ORLEANS
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TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE ALL THREE ARE STILL CONFIEND TO
THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. HE SAID THIS WAS IN THE LATTER
PART OF SIXTYTHREE. HE WILL TESTIFY TO THIS INFORMATION.
HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY FURNISH ANY INFORMATION HE

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