

Agents Memo Number 165
Series 1968
Charlotte, North Carolina

MEMO ALL AGENTS:

RE: MURKIN

By radiogram to all field divisions, dated April 23, 1968, the Bureau advised as follows:

Subject (JAMES EARL RAY) should be considered possible suspect in any unsolved bank robberies, burglaries or armed robberies (possible ITSP violations) occurring after April 23, 1967. 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 violation 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.

ROBERT M. MURPHY
SAC

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

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 21 1959 maximum April 5, 1959 conditional release on ch of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #1071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS Alias: James Walton			
	WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS			
	THIS INFORMATION IS FOR THE USE OF THE BUREAU AND OFFICES OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.			

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

4/24/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, JACKSON

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

(BUFILE 44-38861)

On 4/23/68, Mrs. MARY LEWIS, 1413 West Walnut Ave., Gastonia, N. C., (Protect Identity), advised that she learned from a reliable source that on 2/1/68 KENNETH WAYNE MELTON, 1315 Dan St., Bogalusa, La., departed Bogalusa allegedly to go to work on a boat at Pascagoula, Miss. She is not certain if MELTON did go to work on a boat but she knows that he never has worked on a boat in the past and has never had any gainful employment to amount to anything in recent years. He has been in trouble with law enforcement authorities in the past and less than a year ago shot and killed a white male, name unknown, at Bogalusa, La., and as far as she knows, has never been tried for same as of this time. She learned that he returned to Bogalusa about 10 or 12 days ago where he is presently staying. She said that her source wondered why he did not return to his employment which was allegedly on a boat. MELTON is a relative of her husband, BUDDY LEWIS, who resides at 1311 Dan St., Bogalusa, La., with his sister, OLA MAE HAIRIE. Mrs. LEWIS and her husband are presently separated.

Mrs. LEWIS also advised that she learned from her source that MELTON always has a large sum of money in his possession, which seems very strange since he had no gainful employment to account for this. She does not know if he is a member of any hate group but that he would be capable of killing MARTIN LUTHER KING and might have done so if paid enough. She described MELTON as follows:

- 2 - Jackson
- 2 - Memphis (44-1854)
- 2 - New Orleans
- 2 - Charlotte

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Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Height:	5' 9" - 5' 10"
Weight:	160 - 170

Mrs. LEWIS went on to say that about six years ago and she believed it to be 1961, a Negro male was murdered at Poplarville, Miss., and thrown into a small river near there. The river separates Mississippi and Louisiana at that point and is near Bogalusa, La. She believes there were six white males who went to a jail at Poplarville, beat and abducted the Negro prisoner from his cell. The Negro had been accused of raping a white woman in the State of Mississippi. She further advised that none of the six whites were ever arrested and she does not know if any of the six were Klansmen. She said that she knows the identity of two of the boys who were involved at the time. One was a white male by the name of TERRY HERRING, age 23, of Bogalusa, La. She declined to name the other male at that time since he is a friend of one of her daughters who is presently visiting in Bogalusa, La. She said that she would disclose this name after her daughter's return to Gastonia, N. C.

She further advised that HERRING has had psychiatric treatment as a result of being bothered by the murder in which he participated. He admitted taking part in this murder and named the other boy whom she knew, but declined to identify at this time. She said that she learned from a very reliable source that HERRING had participated in this murder and HERRING admitted the murder to this source. She further advised that she never heard that any of these individuals were arrested for the murder or tried for same.

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It should be noted that Mrs. LEWIS is obviously referring to the murder involving one MACK CHARLES PARKER which occurred 4/25/58.

About eight or nine months ago, the white male, whom she declined to identify at that time, made a statement before a group of people at a club near Bogalusa, La., that KING, referring to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was on their list next. She declined to relate where she learned this information but stated she would give further details when her daughters return from Bogalusa, La.

Mrs. LEWIS said that her daughters, VICKIE LEWIS, age 18, and [REDACTED] age 16, have been residing at 244 Montgomery St., Bogalusa, La., since 1/68 and VICKIE is employed at J. C. Penny & Co., and GAIL at the Acme Restaurant, both in Bogalusa. They are allegedly returning to Gastonia, N. C., about Saturday, 4/27/68, but she desired that they not be contacted directly until such time as she had an opportunity to ascertain their feelings toward divulging any information that might have come across while residing at Bogalusa, La.

Mrs. LEWIS also stated that her husband's brother-in-law, LAWRENCE MORAN, who lives near the river at Bogalusa is a member of the KKKK. MORAN's wife is BARBARA MORAN, who resides at 1025 Front St., Bogalusa, La.

MARY LEWIS is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Female
Date of Birth:	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth:	Murphy, N. C.
Height:	5' 5"
Weight:	115
Build:	Slender
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Black

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Daughters:	VICKIE LEWIS. Age 18 [REDACTED]
	Age 16
Son:	[REDACTED] Age 14, Residing at home
Son:	[REDACTED] Age 4, Residing at home
Marital Status:	Separated

Two copies of this communication are being designated for all offices and no leads are being set forth. This information is being furnished for whatever purpose it may serve to the receiving offices; and in addition, it is being furnished in view of the fact that KENNETH WAYNE MELTON was considered a suspect by Mrs. LEWIS in captioned matter.

Mrs. LEWIS will be contacted at a subsequent date in the near future in order to ascertain what information she has obtained from her daughters regarding the racial situation in the Bogalusa, La., area.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA ALBERT P. KOEHLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of Clerk JIMMIE M. CARPENTER, 4/19/68.

BO SISK, Patrolman, Forest City, N. C., Police Department, advised on 4/22/68 that JAMES BUMGARDNER was familiar to him and had called him at SISK's home in Forest City on 4/19/68 from Charlotte, N. C., and advised him that he had just talked to the FBI in Charlotte about the man they are looking for in the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. who is believed to be JAMES EARL RAY. SISK stated that BUMGARDNER sounded as if he was in an intoxicated state when he was talking to him.

SISK stated that BUMGARDNER asked him if he remembered the photograph of RAY that appeared in the Charlotte newspaper as being familiar to SISK.

SISK told BUMGARDNER that the photo did not look familiar to anyone he knew.

SISK stated that BUMGARDNER is originally from Sunshine, N. C., and BUMGARDNER advised him on the phone on 4/19/68 that BUMGARDNER's wife had died last month.

SISK said that BUMGARDNER lived at Miss SMITH's Boarding House, 208 Broadway Street, Forest City, N. C., for two or three months about a year ago and since that time has only been around Forest City two or three times. He said that BUMGARDNER advised him on 4/19/68 that he was now living in Charlotte, N. C. SISK stated that he did not know what BUMGARDNER was referring to when BUMGARDNER said he had on several occasions tried to get the Forest City, N. C., PD to arrest RAY unless BUMGARDNER was referring to ARTHUR WILLIAM STIELOW, FBI #3537208, who was arrested

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Jim

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by the Forest City, N. C., PD on 3/7/67 and turned over to the FBI for ITSMV charges on the basis of information given by BUMGARDNER while he was living at Miss SMITH's Boarding House along with STIELOW.

SISK stated he did not know what BUMGARDNER was referring to when he said that SISK had taken pictures of RAY as SISK said he has never taken any pictures for the Forest City, N. C., PD and has never taken any pictures in the presence of BUMGARDNER for any purpose.

SISK further stated that BUMGARDNER has in the past called the Forest City, N. C., PD asking them to check out different individuals whom he thought were mixed up in crimes of all sorts.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

FROM : SA GEORGE B. KNIGHT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

The laundries in the West Rural Territory were not recontacted about the thermo-seal laundry tape, yellow in color, code "20R-3", because none of the laundries previously contacted in Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, and Rutherford Counties used thermo-seal machines.

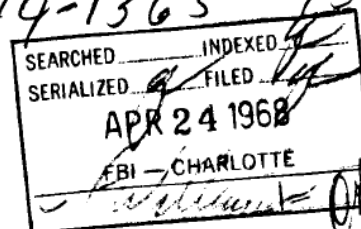
There are no adult dancing schools in these same counties where male adults would attend.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA MICHAEL J. SCANLON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

AT GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

On 4/10/68, the following persons, responsible representatives of the indicated laundries, advised that they did not use such a laundry tag as was described in first Agents Memo describing the laundry ticket:

DWIGHT GRAND, Arnold Palmer Cleaning Center, 2312 East Market Street

JOHN CRANFORD, Bessemer Avenue One-Hour Cleaners, 2305 East Bessemer

E. J. PERRYMAN, Blue Bird Cleaners, Inc., 1613 West Friendly Avenue

LOUIS BRADY, Brady's Cleaners, 3200 East Bessemer

JAMES BURNETT, Burnett's Sanitary Dry Cleaning Company, 1932 East Market Street

LINDA DILLON, College Cleaners, 5713 Friendly Road

JAMES ARMFIELD, Associated Laundry Service, 3015 Spring Garden Street

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C. F. Williams

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype to Memphis and Charlotte dated 4/8/68; Charlotte teletype to Dallas, Memphis and Jacksonville dated 4/10/68 and Jacksonville teletype to Bureau, Memphis, Dallas and Charlotte dated 4/12/68.

Investigation has failed to locate CHARLES NELSON GIBSON. GIBSON has numerous drunk and disorderly arrests by the Dallas PD from 11/67 to the last arrest on 3/22/68. GIBSON was last released from Dallas City Jail 3/27/68. Dallas PD arrests for drunk are not fingerprinted or photographed. Elimination by this means was impossible. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAYE were exhibited to witnesses of the GIBSON arrests and the hotel manager where GIBSON stayed during March, 1968, and GIBSON was eliminated as being identical to RAYE.

2 - Memphis
① - Charlotte (44-1365) (Info)
1 - Jacksonville (44-769) (Info)
2 - Dallas
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

FROM : SA CHARLES S. MILLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

*SA plans
advised 4/24/68
that SA Roche
is handling*

On 4/22/68, Mr. JOHN H. WHEELER, President, Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham, N.C., advised that morning he had received information from two reputable white male businessmen, whose identities he declined to divulge, to the effect that on Saturday, 4/20/68, sometime between 10:00 a.m. and noon these two men had gone to Henderson, N.C. to consult an attorney. It had been necessary for them to wait and they had gone to a poolroom across the street from the Roses Five and Ten Cent Store for a soft drink. In the back of the poolroom they observed a man wearing a yellow sweater shooting pool by himself who closely fit the published description of JAMES EARL RAY. One of the two businessmen left the poolroom, and when he did so the man in the yellow sweater who had something in his pocket which the remaining man believed was a pistol, rushed up to the remaining man in an excited manner and asked if he knew the man who departed. He asked if he was with the FBI. He left only when he was assured that the man was not a law enforcement official.

This information was furnished the Raleigh RA by radio.

On 4/23/68, FRANK W. SATTERFIELD, JR., N. C. SBI, advised while in court at Hillsborough, N.C., that date, he had talked with C. H. HURLEY, Superintendent of the Orange County, N.C. prison camp. HURLEY related that the prison camp had received a man closely fitting the description of RAY who furnished the name of JAMES YANCEY but otherwise failed to furnish any logical explanation as to his whereabouts for the past month. YANCEY reportedly had not been fingerprinted and had only been in jail for the past four days. He claimed to be from Texas.

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On 4/23/68, Captain C. H. HURLEY, Orange County Prison Camp, Hillsborough, N.C., advised he had received JAMES CLAYTON YANCEY that morning from Caswell County, where had been convicted 4/22/68 in the county Recorder's Court for Breaking, Entering and Larceny of the church. HURLEY stated he understood there were two auto larcenies pending against YANCEY along with an additional commitment from Guilford County, N.C., for 30 days for no operator's license, which sentence was imposed 4/19/68.

HURLEY furnished fingerprints taken of YANCEY that date which were compared with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY on Identification Order. These fingerprints were found to be not identical.

On 4/23/68, JAMES CLAYTON YANCEY was interviewed at the Orange County Prison Camp. He stated he had served in the Army in 1949 for approximately two months, Army Serial Number RA [REDACTED]. He then received an undesirable discharge. Thereafter, he served a sentence for ITSMV in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., which sentence was imposed in USDC, Wilson, N.C. Upon his release from there he had been confined from about 1956 to 1960 in St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington, D.C. Since that time he had been treated in state hospitals of Md., and Tenn., for spells. In 3/68, he was released from the N.C. State Hospital at Goldsboro, N.C. Upon his release he had gone to Conley, Ga. in an effort to find a sister, Mrs. CLAUDE (RUTH) COOGLER. When he was unable to find her, he had returned to the vicinity of Greensboro, N.C., where he had been sleeping in a station wagon with an unknown individual. He denied having been anywhere in the vicinity of Memphis, Tenn., for many years.

The following description of JAMES YANCEY was obtained from interview and observation:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of birth:	7/21/27
Place of birth:	Gaston County, N.C.
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	170
Complexion:	Sallow

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Build: Slim
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown(gravine at temples)
Social Security No.:
Tattoos: Right forearm Eagle,
Star, Skull and dagger
Right upper arm Skull and crossbones
Left forearm "J.C.Y.", heart with
dagger
Scars and marks: 4" scar left forearm
3" scar left wrist
4" scar left heel
Arrest record: Admits service two years for
Auto Theft, Reidsville, Ga., 1947-1949

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

FROM : SA GEORGE J. KLEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

On 4/15/68, a check was made of the telephone directories covering Union County and there were no dancing schools listed for Union County, N.C. Chief of Police A. A. MAUNEY, Monroe, N.C., advised there are no dancing schools that he knows of in the county.

On 4/23/68, CE 2261-C advised he is unfamiliar with anyone by the name of JAMES EARL RAY or any of his aliases.

It is noted that none of the laundries contacted in Union County, N.C. as per previous memo used thermo-seal marking machines.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

FROM : IC MARION E. HILLIARD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

Re telephone call from SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS 4/23/68.

Mrs. JINK GOWER, Auto Theft Bureau, NCDMV, Raleigh, N.C., on 4/23/68 advised after a review of all vehicles recovered in the State of N.C. from 4/4/68 to date, that none of these vehicles were stolen in the State of Ga.

Mrs. GOWER further advised that if she receives any information concerning a vehicle being stolen in the State of Ga. and recovered in the State of N.C. that she would advise the FBI of same.

It is to be noted that daily contact is maintained with Mrs. GOWER's office concerning the 26 program, and therefore information concerning all vehicles stolen in other states and recovered in N.C. is obtained.

STOP ALSO PLACED BY IC HILLIARD AT NCHP
RADIO STATION, RALEIGH, N.C. WHERE ALL STOLEN
REPORTS AND RECOVERY NOTICES ARE RECEIVED,
STOP PLACED WITH RADIO DISPATCHER PHIL MOORE

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

FROM : IC MARION E. HILLIARD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

Re telephone call from SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS 4/23/68.

Mrs. PEARL HARRIS, Registration Section, NCDMV, Raleigh, N.C., on 4/23/68 checked 1968 N.C. license numbers CF-9910 through 9919, and it was determined that none of these licenses were issued to be displayed on a Volkswagen.

Mrs. HARRIS further advised that 1968 N.C. license numbers with a CF prefix were issued at Charlotte, N.C.

1968 N. C. licenses with CF prefix run from CF-1 through CF-9999.

License numbers with CF prefix 991 through 999 were reviewed and none of these plates were issued to be displayed on a Volkswagen.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE(44-1365)

FROM : SA THOMAS MAC GIBBS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

Re Agents' Memo Number 148 dated 4/15/68.

On 4/19/68, the following individuals were contacted and all stated that there is no known dance studios in their respective cities or counties:

Mr. MILTON MASHEURN
Chief of Police
Andrews, N.C.

Mr. W. C. STALCUP
Chief of Police
Murphy, N.C.

Mr. CLAUDE ANDERSON
Sheriff
Cherokee County
Murphy, N.C.

Mr. HARTSELL MOORE
Sheriff
Clay County
Hayesville, N.C.

Mr. VINCENT GASSAWAY
Sheriff
Swain County
Bryson City, N.C.

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in _____

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Via _____

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URGENT
(Priority)

TO : MIAMI

FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN.

BY AIRTEL APRIL NINE LAST, SAVANNAH ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] (PROTECT), [REDACTED] HARDWARE AND WESTERN UNION OFFICE, DARIEN, GA., ON APRIL NINE LAST, ADVISED THAT ON THAT MORNING AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS JOSEPH LUNCEFORD, WHO CLOSELY RESEMBLES ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF ASSASSIN OF KING, INQUIRED CONCERNING WESTERN UNION MONEY ORDER WHICH WAS TO BE FORWARDED TO HIM AT NEW SMYRNA, FLA. GAULT CONTACTED NEW SMYRNA, FLA., AND ASCERTAINED MONEY ORDER NOT RECEIVED BY THAT OFFICE. LUNCEFORD THEN PLACED TWO TELEPHONE CALLS TO CLINTON, N. C. LUNCEFORD WAS ACCOMPANIED BY WHITE FEMALE AND SMALL CHILD, AND WAS DRIVING NASH OR RAMBLER, PINK WITH LIGHT-COLORED TOP, BEARING SIXTY-EIGHT N. C. LICENSE HF DASH SEVEN ZERO FIVE ZERO.

RECORDS OF NCDMV, RALEIGH, N. C., REVEAL THIS LICENSE ISSUED TO MONNIE MATTHIS PETERSON, ROUTE TWO, CLINTON, N. C., FOR A SIXTY-TWO RAMBLER. **SENT**

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ON APRIL ELEVEN LAST, [REDACTED] CLINTON, N. C., ADVISED THAT HER DAUGHTER, [REDACTED], IS THE OWNER OF THE SIXTY-TWO RAMBLER. ON APRIL FIVE LAST, HER DAUGHTER TOLD HER SHE WAS LEAVING CLINTON, AND [REDACTED] BELIEVES SHE IS IN THE COMPANY OF AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED JOSEPH LUNCEFORD. SHE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM DAUGHTER APRIL SIX LAST, AT WHICH TIME DAUGHTER WAS IN A TOWN NEAR WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. [REDACTED] BELIEVES LUNCEFORD IS ORIGINALLY FROM DURHAM, N. C., AND IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED IN THE CLINTON AREA IN THE PAST.

DAILY CONTACT HAS BEEN MAINTAINED WITH [REDACTED] REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF LUNCEFORD SINCE THAT TIME. TODAY, [REDACTED] ADVISED SHE RECEIVED LETTER FROM HER DAUGHTER TODAY, WITH RETURN ADDRESS OF TWENTY-SIX A GARDEN APARTMENTS, BOCA RATON, FLA. PROTECT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AS SOURCE.

MIAMI, AT BOCA RATON, FLA., INTERVIEW LUNCEFORD AND DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
MURKIN

Re AIRLINE PHASE OF INVESTIGATION

Re Atlanta airtel to Charlotte 4/19/68 concerning
airline ticket issued to N. P. GAULT.

On 4/22/68, LUKE ALLEN, Sales Manager, Coca Cola
Bottling Company, Raleigh, N. C., advised the only GAULT
associated with that company in the Raleigh area is
ENSLIE NICHOLSON GAULT who is District Sales Representative
for the Coca Cola Company out of Atlanta, Ga.

ENSLIE NICHOLSON GAULT was previously interviewed
and the results set out in an insert furnished Memphis by
airtel dated 4/19/68.

In view of the above no further action is being
taken by Charlotte regarding N. P. GAULT.

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MEMO TO SAC:
FROM: SA WILLIAM PEARSON
CE FILE 44-1365

Re JON DENNIS COWELL

Charlotte file 137-3413 entitled "JOHN DENNIS COWELL, aka Jon," reflects that COWELL was opened as a PCI following an interview on 1/25/68 at which time he was employed as a laundry truck driver for the ABC Lauddry and Dry Cleaning Co. at Jacksonville, N. C. At that time he was interviewed concerning any weapons being offered for sale aboard Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base and he was very cooperative and agreed to furnish the FBI any information that came to his attention re the theft of Government property. At this time COWELL was residing at Route 3, Box 253, in a trailer park in the Southwest Community near Jacksonville, N. C. He was a former United States Marine who had been given a bad conduct discharge for continuous AWOL charges and had remained in the Jacksonville area to work. The last contact with COWELL was on March 29, 1968, at which time he telephonically contacted SA WILLIAM PEARSON at Jacksonville, N. C., and related he had been in Florida, and was attempting to effect a reconciliation with his wife and the fact that the laundry business was very poor in the Jacksonville area due to the increase in prices as a result of the laundry owners having to pay a minimum wage scale to employees. An FD-9 was submitted and the FBI Identification Division returned an identification record under FBI Number 296865E reflecting that JOHN [REDACTED] had been fingerprinted by the [REDACTED] Serial Number [REDACTED] 1 - 44-1365 1 - 137-3413

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Marshal's Office, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, on June 19, 1961, and was charged with violation of Article 128 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. No disposition was reflected. He was again fingerprinted at the U. S. Naval Disciplinary Command, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on August 30, 1962, charged with violation of Article 86, AWOL from June 14 to June 19, 1962. Disposition reflected a special court martial, at which time he was confined to hard labor for six months, fined \$40 for six months and given a bad conduct discharge. The FBI identification record reflected no other arrest data.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM PEARSON at Jacksonville, N. C.:

On April 19, 1968, Patrolman BILLY WOODWARD, Patrolman, Police Department, Jacksonville, North Carolina, advised that North Carolina registration ~~reflects-that-19~~ records reflect that 1968 North Carolina License YM-6355 ~~x~~ is registered to JOHN D. COWELL, Box 255, Jacksonville, North Carolina, for a 1964 Ford 2-door.

On April 20, 1968, JOHN TAYLOR~~x~~ (PROTECT), U. S. Post Office, advised that their records reflect that JON D. COWELL, Route 1, Box 255, furnished the following forwarding address: Route 1, Box 360~~x~~-N, care of BEATRICE SMITH, Zephyr Hills, Florida.

On April 20, 1968, VICTOR MELTS, Manager of the ABC Laundry and Cleaners Co., 2127 Lejeune Boulevard, advised that JON DENNIS COWELL was employed by this company

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as a laundry truck driver at the Marine Corps Base for about three years and he left this employment February 19, 1968. At this time COWELL, who was separated from his wife, took up with another woman, BETTY LAWSON, and they allegedly returned to Mrs. LAWSON's home town of Plant City, Florida. He stated further that he had just received a letter from COWELL dated April 19, 1968, in which JON stated he was working on a shrimp boat and gave his address as Post Office Box 10, Cameron, La.

On April 22, 1968, KENNETH LAWSON, 310 New Bridge St., who is employed at the Citgo Service Station, Bellfor~~kk~~ Road, advised that he is presently spearated from his wife BETTY LAWSON as a result of her running around with another individual, JOHN D. COWELL. They left this area after COWELL assaulted LAWSON and there was a warrant outstanding at the Sheriff's Office for COWELL which had subsequently been dismissed. LAWSON stated thathis wife BETTY has returned with their two children to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. ROY BOOTH, Route 5, Plant City, Florida. Mr. BOOTH resides on ~~Maxie-~~ Maxie Road which is located 11 miles east of Tampa on Highway 574. At this point one would turn right onto Maxie Road and two miles on the left side is a large, red brick home with a circular driveway in the front yard. This is the home of ROY BOOTH. BETTY LAWSON has a brother, [REDACTED], age 17, 5'10" tall, 140 pounds, blond hair, light

complexion. LAWSON stated he had recently telephonically contacted his wife at which time she told him that COWELL was working on a shrimp boat in La. However, LAWSON did not know if his brother-in-law, [REDACTED] was with COWELL.

On April 22, 1968, Mrs. BETTY SANDERS, Secretary, Sheriff's Office, Jacksonville, advised that records reflect an assault warrant was issued and served on February 12, 1968, on JON D. COWELL. The complainant was KENNETH LAWSON and the charge was assault. This complaint ~~and-warrant-~~ was dismissed upon the request of complainant.

The following descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	JON DENNIS COWELL
Race	White
Sex	Male
Address	Route 3, Box 253, Jacksonville, North Carolina
Age	26
Born	[REDACTED]
	Buffalo, New York
Height	6'1"
Weight	170 lbs.
Hair	Blond
Eye	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Employer	ABC Laundry and Dey Cleaning
Military Service	US Marine Corps, SN [REDACTED] Bad conduct discharge, 1962
Automobile	1964 X maroon Ford Falcon
Education	8th grade
Marital Status	Married twice but presently separated
Children	Three
PHotograph	None available

No further investigation being conducted concerning
COWELL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 4-24-68

FROM : Colin P. Overton, SPC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Writer received telephone call from Mr. J.C. Morton, 408 Kingsbury, Oxford, N.C. (telephone 693-5028) who advised he was in St. Thomas, Virgin Isles, for the past month and a half.

MORTON stated that ~~XXX~~ on the Monday before Dr. KING's funeral in Atlanta that he was stopped by a drunk who tried to obtain money for a drink from him, he stated that the drunk pushed him and pulled his shirt out of his pants when he refused to give him money. MORTON advised that he had just return to the U.S. and that he was reading an article in TIME magazine about JAMES ~~XXX~~ EARL RAY and that as he viewed the photograph of RAY he remembered ~~XX~~ it to greatly resemble the person on St. Thomas that had pushed him? He stated that he would remember the face always. He stated that he couldn't say for sure that the man in the Virgin Isles was RAY, but that he would resemble him enough to be called his brother.

Mr. MORTON was advised that this would be given to the supervisor for any action deemed necessary.

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*SA. Harty
advised 4/24/68
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J. Harty*

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320PM URGENT 4-24-68 NJZ

TO CHARLOTTE

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE COMPLAINANT ADVISED HE OBSERVED
LOOK-ALIKE OF JAMES EARL RAY DRIVING SIXTY EIGHT CHEVROLET
BEARING NORTH CAROLINA LICENSE YB SIX SEVEN SEVEN. CHARLOTTE
REQUESTED TO DETERMINE REGISTRATION OF VEHICLE AND IDENTITY
AND LOCATION OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATING VEHICLE IN LOS ANGELES
AREA.

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7:24 PM URGENT 4-24-68 BJP

TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

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

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

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

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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

-APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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Date: 4-24-68

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TO: LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN.

REURTEL INSTANT.

RECORDS, NCDMV, RALEIGH, N.C. REVEALED NORTH
CAROLINA LICENSE Y B SIX SEVEN SEVEN REGISTERED TO
MARSHALL MANTON RUSSELL, THREE TWO NINE THREE HILARY
DRIVE, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, TO BE DISPLAYED ON A
NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN PONTIAC COUPE.

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Approved: C.F.W. [Signature]
Special Agent in ChargeSent 8 43 P M Per Cy

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TO: CHARLOTTE

FROM: LOS ANGELES

U R G E N T

MURKIN.

RE: DR THEODORE L. EVANS AND WIFE DOLORES AKA DODYE EVANS.

RECORDS OF PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY LOS ANGELES REFLECT LONG DISTANCE CALLS PLACED FROM TELEPHONE OF DR EVANS DURING FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL 1968 TO: SAN FRANCISCO 415-731-164; SAN DIEGO 714-262-1685; CHICAGO 312-363-8794; AND SALISBURY, N.C. 704-633-2506.

IT IS REQUESTED SUBSCRIBERS TO ABOVE NUMBERS BE ASCERTAINED AND RESULTS FORWARDED TO LOS ANGELES.

*Tel. # Listed to
Mrs. William Harrison
210 S. Lloyd*

*SA Harris
advised 4/24/68
@FAR*

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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.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA CHARLES W. MILLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LAUNDRY CONTACTS, SHEET & PILLOWCASE

The following laundries in Charlotte were contacted, these laundries use the Thermo Seal marking machine:

American Dry Cleaners - Miss VALY BLOOM advised that this laundry uses the Thermo Seal marking machine, but primarily on shirts and not on sheets or pillow cases. She stated that they use the symbol "20R-3", the "20" being the lot #, the "R" being the initial of the persons last name, and the "3" being the bag or ticket number in the lot. However, she said that when lot "20" was used, only red tape would be used, and not yellow. Miss BLOOM furnished a sample of yellow tape with the mark "20R-3".



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C. Williams *DM*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 4-24-68

FROM : SA ROBERT P. FENNELLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo #159, Thermo Seal 20 R-3

On 4-23-68, Mr. E. Segrest, Segrest Laundry, 915 W 5th Street, Charlotte advised that 20 R-3 is not a number used by his laundry. He advised the first number is the lot number, and the second letter is the day of the week. Thus with a five day work week they never use a letter above " E ".

On 4-23-68, MRS. T.J. WATSON, Watson Automatic Laundry, 100 W. Park, Charlotte advised her laundry does not use 20 R-3. She stated the first number is the lot number and the letter is the first letter in the name of the cleaner to whom they are sending the items. They have no customer with first letter in name beginning with R. They use only P, W, G, C, A, S and T.

On 4-24-68, MRS. AMYXN MANN, Sno-White Laundry, 901 E. 4th street, Charlotte advised her company would not use 20R-3. She stated in their system the letter is not followed by a dash. In her system the first number is the lot number, the letter is for the week (excepting the letters o and i) and the last number is the item in the lot. Thus every twenty four weeks they use the letter R.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC CHARLOTTE

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA ALBERT P. KOEHLER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: FRANK ROBBY BROOKS
PCI (137-3397)

☐

Dates of Contact 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 44-1365		
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
Brooks advised the name James Earl Ray was unfamiliar to him and he did not know anyone that looked similar to the photo of Ray.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Continuing
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A I R T E L

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)
MURKIN ✓

At approximately 7:12 p.m., 4/22/68, a Mrs. WILLIAMS, giving telephone number 422-3727, telephonically contacted the San Diego Office and advised that approximately one week and a half previously, a male cousin of a neighbor and another male individual named JIMMY RAY BUNDY visited this neighbor. The cousin was driving a car with a North Carolina license.

JIMMY RAY BUNDY left rather unexpectedly hitchhiking on his way back south. Mrs. WILLIAMS and her husband thought that BUNDY bore a striking resemblance to ERIC STARVO GALT and that his actions while at the neighbor's home were most circumspect. Mrs. WILLIAMS further advised that BUNDY had a peculiar reluctance to converse.

Mrs. WILLIAMS was recontacted by SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN and she advised that the neighbor, Mrs. MARJORIE GREGG resides directly across from her place at 138 Quail Drive, Chula Vista, California. The cousin of Mrs. GREGG is driving a 1957 Chevrolet bearing North Carolina license plate HJ7057.

Mrs. WILLIAMS advised that she determined that JIMMY RAY BUNDY was taken to Alpine, California by Mrs. GREGG several days ago where he was let out to hitchhike back to North Carolina. He was immediately picked up by an automobile bearing an orange license plate.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN and CHARLES W. BONE:

Mr. MILTON GRAY MANNING, temporarily residing at 138 Quail Drive, Chula Vista, California, advised that he is the cousin of MARJORIE GREGG who is the owner of the residence at 138 Quail Drive.

On approximately 4/9/68, MANNING and a friend named JIMMY RAY BUNDY left Greenville, North Carolina in his 1957 Chevrolet bearing North Carolina license plate HJ7057 en route to California.

According to MANNING, he and BUNDY have been in California for approximately 1 1/2 weeks, however JIMMY RAY BUNDY departed from Alpine, California, hitchhiking enroute to Greenville, North Carolina or Portsmouth, Virginia.

According to MANNING, JIMMY RAY BUNDY was employed for his father, JIM BUNDY who operates his own real estate company at Portsmouth, Virginia. JIMMY RAY BUNDY came to Greenville, North Carolina to visit his mother, Mrs. IDA SAWYER, who lives in the Village Grove section of Greenville, North Carolina. BUNDY's mother is presently married to RUDELL SAWYER of the Village Grove Section, Greenville, North Carolina and believes that the telephone number is listed under his stepfather's name.

While in Greenville, JIMMY RAY BUNDY decided to come to California with MANNING for the purpose of obtaining employment.

Employment was not obtained by BUNDY, therefore, he decided to return to the southern states.

Mrs. MARJORIE GREGG, cousin of MILTON GRAY MANNING verified the information furnished by MANNING and advised that she took JIMMY RAY BUNDY to Alpine, California on the morning of 4/19/68 for the purpose of his obtaining a ride to either Greenville, North Carolina or Portsmouth, Virginia. Mrs. GREGG advised that JIMMY RAY BUNDY obtained a ride almost immediately in an out of state automobile bearing orange license plates.

Mrs. GREGG advised that she has known JIMMY RAY BUNDY and his family for many years and upon being shown a

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photograph of JAMES EARL RAY she stated that there was no resemblance between RAY and JIMMY RAY BUNDY.

MANNING also was displayed photograph of RAY and he likewise stated there was no resemblance between the two. MANNING and GREGG described JIMMY RAY BUNDY as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	31 years
Height	5' 10" to 6 feet
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Blue
Characteristic	Knot on back of neck

LEADS

CHARLOTTE

AT GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. Attempt to locate JIMMY RAY BUNDY or his mother, Mrs. IDA SAWYER, for the purpose of eliminating BUNDY as being identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

NORFOLK

AT PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA. Attempt to locate JIMMY RAY BUNDY or his father, JIMMY BUNDY, for the purpose of eliminating JIMMY RAY BUNDY as being identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN; CR. ME OO.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY TWENTYEIGHT, PM, APRIL
TWENTYTWO LAST, REGARDING INDIVIDUAL OBSERVED BY NORTH CAROLINA
HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPER HARRY L. WILLIAMS RIDING IN AUTOMOBILE
BEARING FLORIDA LICENSE WITH PREFIX TEN W.

MEMPHIS IS NOT SO IMPRESSED WITH TROOPER WILLIAMS'
RECOLLECTION FOR FACES THAT IT BELIEVES IT WORTHWHILE TO
PHYSICALLY REVIEW OVER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND FLORIDA REGISTRATION
CARDS IN HOPES OF POSSIBLY IDENTIFYING THE INDIVIDUAL OBSERVED
BY TROOPER WILLIAMS.

UACB, MEMPHIS SUGGESTS THAT YOU TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION TO
IDENTIFY INSTANT FLORIDA LICENSE. JACKSONVILLE AND CHARLOTTE
ADVISED BY AIRMAIL. ~~ARMED AND DANGEROUS~~. P. END.

Airtel 1 - Jacksonville (44-769) (AM)
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TO: SAC, CHARLOTTE

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)

MURKIN

Re Sacramento teletype to San Diego, 4/23/68.

For the information of Charlotte, referenced teletype reflects that a record check of Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California shows California license Number KMS-347 is for a 1959 Chevrolet, four-door sedan, registered and legal owner, CHARLES R. or EDITH L. POOLE, 856 Seventeenth Street, San Diego, California.

Mrs. MARION SPICER, Security Office, San Diego Gas and Electric Company, advised as follows, 4/23/68:

Mr. CHARLES R. POOLE has had service at Apartment 1, 856 Seventeenth Street, San Diego, California since 2/12/65. Records also indicate POOLE had previous service in the San Diego area since 1962.

No occupation was shown for POOLE.

Mr. CHARLES R. POOLE, Apartment 1, 856 Seventeenth Street, San Diego, California, who is employed as a desk clerk at the Park Manor Hotel, directly across the street from the San Diego FBI Office, and who is well known to a number of the Agents assigned at San Diego, made available his 1959 Chevrolet, bearing California license plate KMS-347 and it was noted that both license plates were intact. The color of this automobile is dark brown in color.

Mr. POOLE advised that it would be impossible for his automobile to have been seen in the vicinity of Charlotte, North Carolina on 4/22/68.

In view of the above, no further investigation being conducted by the San Diego Division. **ARMED AND DANGEROUS**

② - Charlotte
② - San Francisco (Info) (100-427)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE

FROM : SA ANTHONY PALMISANO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

Re Agento Memo # 159 dated 4/22/68

On 4/23/68 the following laundries were contacted, none of which could furnish any information of value concerning captioned matter:

Casey's Laundry, Goldsboro, N.C.
Fast Service Cleaners, Goldsboro, N.C.
Southern Supply Co., Greenville, N.C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
(Attention: SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA ANDREW J. PELCZAR

SUBJECT: RE: MURKIN

On 4/23/68, Mrs. R. FISHER was recontacted at the Sylva Cleaners in reference to All Agents Memo #159. Mrs. Fisher stated that although her company does utilize thermo-seal laundry tapes, multi colored-including yellow, the code "20R-3" was not known to her. Accordingly, no samples of tape were obtained.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44- 1365)

DATE: 4-24-68

FROM : SA FRANK L. FAIRCHILD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On this date, CE 1917-C and CE 2235-C advised they have
no information concerning captioned case and are unacquainted
with JAMES EARL RAY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA JOHN S SALSBERG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/24/68, [REDACTED] Rt 2, Box 245, Clinton, N.C. advised she received a letter from her daughter [REDACTED] this date. The letter had the following return address, 26 A Garden Apartments, Boca Raton, Fla. [REDACTED] stated her daughter did not mention JOSEPH LUNCEFORD, in her letter.

[REDACTED] requested that her identity be protected in this matter.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : SA David W. Watson

SUBJECT: MURKIN

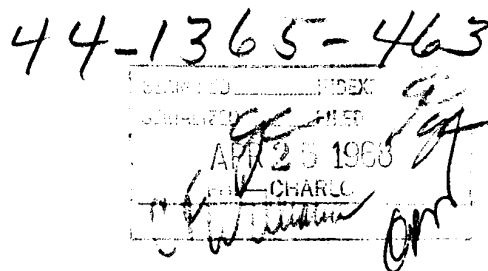
DATE: April 24, 1968

On April 24, 1968 Mr. Newman F. Guy, Officer In Charge, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Custom House Bldg., Wilmington, N.C. was furnished a copy of Wanted Flyer # 442-A of James Earl Ray, Aka. Mr. Guy advised he would place a stop on RAY at their Morehead City, N.C. and Wilmington, N.C. offices.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Charlotte (44-1365) DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH G. BATES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/24/68, MR. S. K. KINGSBERN,
PLANT MANAGER, QUALITY LAUNDRY & CLEANERS,
701 New BRIDGE ST., JACKSONVILLE, N.C.
advised that his LAUNDRY uses a Thermo-
seal machine; however, the code ZOR-3
is NOT used by his LAUNDRY.

On 4/24/68 Mr. T. G. Johnston, Mgr. of One
hour Mending, Sanitone, and Southern
Cleaners and Laundry, all located in Jackson-
ville N.C. advised that although he uses Thermo-
seal tape, the code ZOR-3 is not used by
the laundries he manages.

It has been determined on previous con-
tacts that all other laundries do not utilize
the Thermo seal tapes.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

FROM : SA, GLENN C. SCOTT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

Re Agent's Memo No. 162, Series 1968, Charlotte, N.C.

On 4/25/68, the below listed criminal informants were contacted regarding JAMES EARL RAY under his true name and known aliases, however they all advised that the subject is not known to them.

PCI THOMAS ABRAM WARLICK

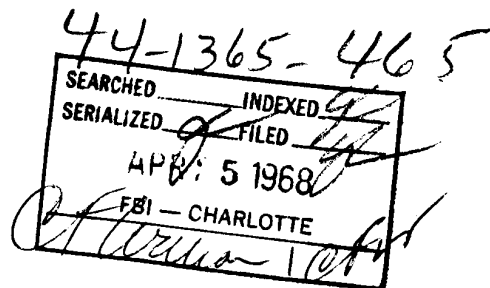
PCI HAROLD BRUCE ALLEN

CI - 2240

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