

5/10/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

MURKIN

Re: Lookalike Seen by N.C.
Highway Patrolman in
Newton, N.C.,
4/9/68

On 4/19/68, the following persons were contacted by
SA JOHN D. TIERNEY relative to be on the alert for the vehicle
described in Charlotte teletype to Richmond, 4/18/68, at
Wytheville, Va.:

Capt. M. C. BOLDIN
Va. State Police

BUFORD SHOCKLEY, Sheriff
Wythe County

J. D. DILLOW
Chief of Police

All advised should they or any of their men see
the vehicle they would immediately notify the FBI. To date,
the vehicle has not been seen in the Wytheville, Va. area.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38851) AND SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 AND KNOXVILLE

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)
 MURKIN

RE EP TEL DIRECTOR APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST AND RICHMOND
 AIRTEL DIRECTOR MAY SIX LAST.

RE ERIC RAY, AKA EARL RAY, FRIEND OF SHELBY JEAN
 BALDRIDGE.

RETEL CONTAINS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM SGT. ELBERT
 BALDRIDGE, FT. BLISS, TEXAS, RE WIFE, SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE,
 AND TWO CHILDREN, WHO WERE OVERDUE IN RETURNING TO EL PASO AND
 WHO BALDRIDGE HAD REPORTED AS MISSING. BALDRIDGE AND WIFE HAD
 BEEN SEPARATED SINCE NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, AND WIFE
 HAD BEEN LIVING FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

RETEL STATED BALDRIDGE JUST LEARNED HIS WIFE LIVED WITH
 ANOTHER MAN WHILE BALDRIDGE WAS IN VIETNAM IN SIXTY SIX AND
 SIXTY SEVEN AND HE PLANNED DIVORCE ACTION. BALDRIDGE WAS OF OPINION
 WIFE HAD PROBABLY RUN OFF WITH SOME MAN. RECALLED THAT HE AND
 WIFE PLANNED TRIP TO TAMPA, FLORIDA, IN NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

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Approved: *[Signature]*
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent *[Signature]* M

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WAS CALLED OFF DUE TO OVERSEAS TRANSFER. WIFE REMARKED TO BALDRIDGE AT THE TIME THAT SHE MIGHT HAVE CHANCE TO SEE FRIEND EARL IF THEY WENT TO FLORIDA. BALDRIDGE SUBSEQUENTLY QUESTIONED HER MORE THOROUGHLY RE THIS, AT WHICH TIME WIFE SAID THAT, AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN, SHE AND HER COUSIN PATSY MADE TRIP TO ^{TAMPA,} FLORIDA, WHERE SHE MET ONE ERIC RAY, WHOM SHE CALLED EARL. WIFE CLAIMED EARL MUCH OLDER THAN SHE. WIFE NOT KNOWN TO HAVE EVER CORRESPONDED WITH EARL. BALDRIDGE WONDERED IF WIFE WAS POSSIBLY IN CONTACT WITH SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ERIC RAY SHE MET IN FLORIDA.

RICHMOND OFFICE SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED PATSY AS PATSY OWEN AND INTERVIEWED HER AND MRS. LENA FAUCETT, MOTHER OF SHELBY JEAN, AT CLARKSVILLE, VIRGINIA. BOTH DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ALLEGED TRIP TO TAMPA BY PATSY AND SHELBY JEAN. BOTH DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ERIC RAY, AKA EARL. RICHMOND WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE SHELBY JEAN FOR INTERVIEW IN SALTVILLE, VIRGINIA, AREA.

SGT. BALDRIDGE SUBSEQUENTLY STATED HE NEVER DISCUSSED TAMPA TRIP WITH ANYONE BUT WIFE AND DIDN'T KNOW IF ANY TRUTH TO IT. SHELBY JEAN NEVER SAID ANYTHING TO HIM TO INDICATE SHE HAD EVER CORRESPONDED WITH OR MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH ERIC RAY, AKA EARL.

SGT. BALDRIDGE ADVISED THIS DATE AS FOLLOWS: WIFE, SHELBY JEAN, WAS IN EL PASO FROM MAY THREE TO MAY SIX LAST AND THEN DEPARTED FOR HOME OF PARENTS OF DANIEL C. COLLEY, AIRMAN THIRD CLASS, USAF, IN BRISTOL, TENN, WHERE SHE PLANNED TO RESIDE. COLLEY IS MAN SHELBY JEAN LIVED WITH WHILE BALDRIDGE WAS IN VIETNAM AND SHELBY JEAN NOW FOUR MONTHS PREGNANT BY COLLEY. SHELBY JEAN PLANS TO SEND BALDRIDGE EXACT ADDRESS IN BRISTOL SO HE CAN SEND DIVORCE PAPERS TO HER. COLLEY CURRENTLY STATIONED POPE AFB, FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, TELEPHONE THREE NINE FOUR DASH TWO SIX ONE SIX. BALDRIDGE HAD FEW WORDS WITH SHELBY JEAN AND DIDN'T QUESTION HER RE ERIC RAY.

KNOXVILLE, AT BRISTOL, LOCATE SHELBY JEAN AT COLLEY RESIDENCE AND INTERVIEW HER IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ERIC RAY, AKA EARL, WHO SHELBY JEAN AND PATSY OWEN ALLEGEDLY HAD CONTACT WITH IN FLORIDA IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN. IF POSSIBLY IDENTICAL, DEVELOP ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION RE SHELBY JEAN'S ASSOCIATION WITH HIM.

IF SHELBY JEAN NOT LOCATED, ASCERTAIN EXACT WHEREABOUTS THROUGH COLLEY AND SET OUT LEAD TO HAVE HER INTERVIEWED. SHELBY JEAN, BORN [REDACTED] TRAVELLING WITH TWO CHILDREN, KIMBERLY JEAN, AGE FOUR, AND THOMAS ELBERT, AGE THREE. SHELBY JEAN TRAVELLING IN SIXTYSIX FORD, TWO DOOR, BROWNISH RED WITH WHITE TOP, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT VIRGINIA LICENSE PLATES ONE FIVE TWO

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ONE ONE NINE. AIRMAIL COPIES RICHMOND AND CHARLOTTE.

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400PM DST 5-13-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) CHARLOTTE, SAVANNAH, AND MEMPHIS (44-1937)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

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RE ATLANTATEL TO BUREAU AND SAVANNAH DATED MAY
TEN SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION CHARLOTTE, INVESTIGATION ATLANTA
REFLECTS JOHN WILLARD REPORTEDLY BOARDED EAL FLIGHT TWO
SEVEN SEVEN, APRIL TEN, LAST, FOR MIAMI AND RETURNED TO
ATLANTA, APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST, ABOARD DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT
TWENTY. CONTACT NUMBERS MIAMI, FOUR FOUR EIGHT-ZERO TWO
SEVEN SIX AND SAVANNAH, TWO THREE THREE-THREE FIVE THREE
ONE

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR FOUR EIGHT-ZERO TWO SEVEN SIX
SUBSCRIBED BY BARRY BEAL, ONE TWO SIX FOUR MILAN, CORAL
GABLES, FLA. BEAL STATES WILLARD VISITED MIAMI FOR EASTER
VACATION. WILLARD EMPLOYED BY E. W. NORTON PUBLISHING CO.

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FIFTYFIVE FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, AS A
COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE. WILLARD PRESENTLY STAYING MANGER
MOTOR INN, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, TELEPHONE THREE THREE
TWO- THREE ONE TWO ONE, THROUGH MAY SIXTEEN, NEXT.

CHARLOTTE CONTACT JOHN WILLARD, IN CARE OF MANGER
MOTOR INN AND ELIMINATE AS SUBJECT. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CE (44-1365)

DATE: 5/13/68

FROM : SA ARTHUR B. LEA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo to All Agents, #148.

On 5/9/68, the following investigation was conducted at Greensboro, N. C., by SA ARTHUR B. LEA:

Mr. EARNEST PLUMBER, Arthur Murray's Dance Studio, 1600 Benjamin Park Way, as well as all of the following persons, advised that they had read of the publicity regarding ERIC STARVO GALT and JAMES EARL RAY and stated they had never had a person at their dance studios who fit the description of or whom they were suspicious of, or thought might be identical with GALT or RAY.

Mrs. LOUIS ANTHONY FELICIA, 202 Exchange Place.

GENE STROUD, Gene Stroud Studio of Dance, 222½ S. Greene St.

MABEL HYATT, 4003 Friendly Road.

MILDRED STEED, Steed School of Dance, 4413 Harvard Ave.

MELVIN A. WALKER, Director of Vern's Dance Studio, 216 S. Greene St.

JUANITA WATSON, School of Dance, 3424 Battleground Ave.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CE (44-1365)

FROM : SA RICHARD R. GOLDBERG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/13/68

At approximately 10:45 A. M., 5/8/68, a telephone call was received at the Charlotte Office of the FBI, Raleigh, N. C., RA, from an individual who identified himself as J. K. SHEARIN, a farm Bureau manager. SHEARIN advised that he was calling from a telephone pay station near the Howard Johnson Restaurant on U. S. Highway #1, North, Raleigh, North Carolina. He advised that he had just observed an individual walking along-side of Highway #1 heading north who was dressed in a tan jacket with dark trousers, wearing sunglasses who greatly resembled the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY which had appeared in the morning paper that day, which photographs were stated to have been taken in Mexico. SHEARIN stated this individual was near Charlie's Esso Station at the time and proceeding north on the east side of the road.

Shortly thereafter, an individual was observed near Charlie's Restaurant, U. S. Highway #1, North, Raleigh, N. C., who was proceeding at a normal walk. He was dressed as described above by SHEARIN. This individual identified himself as JOSEPH BURWELL McCLARY, JR. McCLARY advised that on 4/25/68 or 4/26/68, he was released from Dorothea Dix Hospital where he had been confined since 3/16/68, because of alcoholism. McCLARY furnished a South Carolina driver's license, number 552127, in his name which indicated his address was 615 W. Palmetta St., Florence, S. C. McCLARY advised this was a former address of his. He furnished a "Certificate of Service" which indicated he had been in the U. S. Marine Corps from 2/12/52 - 2/11/54, and received an honorable discharge. He advised his Marine Corps SN was 1286810.

McCLARY advised that his wife and mother reside at 4823 N. Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach, S. C. His wife's name is FRANCES H. McCLARY. Since he was released from the hospital at Raleigh, N. C., he has been residing at 506 Cutlar St., Raleigh, N. C., which is the Flynn Christian Fellowship Home. He advised that he was born [redacted] confirmed by driver's license. He was further described as follows

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Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Wt.:	175 lbs.
Race:	White
Sex:	Male

McCLARY advised that he was en route to the Plantation Inn Motel, U. S. #1 North, Raleigh, N. C., answering a newspaper add for a desk clerk. He had made an appointment for 11:00, had telephoned the previous day, and was walking in an attempt to save the \$5.00 taxi fare.

McCLARY made available his left index finger and it was determined not to be identical with the left index finger-print as reflected on Bureau memorandum to all investigative employees as of 5/3/68.

No further investigation being conducted.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), RICHMOND (44-657), AND
KNOXVILLE (44-696)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE EL PASO TELETYPE, MAY TEN, LAST, AND KNOXVILLE TELETYPE
MAY ELEVEN, LAST.

TODAY, AIRMAN FIRST CLASS DANIEL MARVIN COLLEY, AIR FORCE
NO. ONE THREE EIGHT FOUR TWO THREE NINE FIVE, FOUR SIXTY FOURTH
TRANSPORTATION SQUADRON, POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N. C., ADVISED
HIS FIANCEE SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE, RESIDING WITH HIS MOTHER
MRS. LAVELLE SNEAD, SEVEN ZERO SEVEN FAIRVIEW ST., BRISTOL, VA.,
TELEPHONE SIX SIX NINE - NINE ONE SEVEN TWO.

RICHMOND WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BALDRIDGE AS REQUESTED
IN RE TELETYPES.

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