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BOILED DOWN FOR SALE TO PRISONERS AND ALSO HAD LOAN RACKET IN
MSP. WAS FURNISHED COPY OF LIFE AND AGREED TO VISIT [REDACTED] F--
DISCUSSION THIS WEEKEND. JOHN RAY USES GAWRON ADDRESS FOR MAIL.
ALL LETTERS RECEIVED TO DATE HAVE BEEN APPARENTLY FROM LEGITIMATE
BUSINESSES.

RE [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

NEIGHBORHOOD SOURCES IN RURAL AREA ADVISED TODAY

[REDACTED] HAD NO VISITORS PAST WEEK. CHECK MADE TO BE SURE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAD NOT SPENT NIGHT WITH ENROUTE SL.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ATLANTA

856 PM URGENT 5-2-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, SPRINGFIELD,
CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 1P

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY TWO SIXTYEIGHT.

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

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFO
OBTAINED 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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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) SACs MEMPHIS (44-1987)
ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN. AS A RESULT OF CHICAGO "SUN-TIMES" REPORTER LOCATING AND INTERVIEWING SUBJECT'S BROTHER JERRY RAY THE VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA CONVERGED ON SPORTSMAN'S COUNTRY CLUB LAST EVENING IN AN EFFORT TO FURTHER INTERVIEW AND EXPLOIT JERRY RAY. MR. CHAMBERLAIN, OWNER, SPORTSMAN'S COUNTRY CLUB, WHO HAS BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE WITH THIS OFFICE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE JERRY HIDDEN OUT IN A LOCAL MOTEL, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN TO LOCAL PRESS. CHAMBERLAIN RELEASED THE INFORMATION THAT JERRY HAD LEFT HIS EMPLOYMENT AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. THIS HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE BOTH ON RADIO AND TV, CHICAGO AREA. JERRY WILL CONTACT CASE AGENT THIS DATE AND HE WILL BE DISCREETLY INTERVIEWED AS BEFORE ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.RJD:jap
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE: CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWO LAST, REQUESTING
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF MARJORIE FETTERS.

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR MARJORIE FETTERS IS AREA CODE
SIX ZERO NINE, NINE SIX FOUR - FOUR NINE TWO THREE.

NEWS REPORTS THIS A.M. REFLECT THAT JERRY RAY,
BROTHER OF SUBJECT RAY, HAS RESIGNED HIS POSITION IN CHICAGO
AND HIS WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. CHICAGO IS REQUESTED TO
ADVISE NEWARK IF THIS IS THE SITUATION AS FETTERS HAS GIVEN
BIRTH TO A BABY BOY AND IS CURRENTLY IN WEST JERSEY HOSPITAL,
CAMDEN, N.J. NEWARK REQUEST THIS INFORMATION AS THE
POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT IF JERRY RAY'S WHEREABOUTS ARE
UNKNOWN HE MAY POSSIBLY APPEAR IN THE CAMDEN, N.J., AREA.
NEWARK TAKING APPROPRIATE STEPS TO INSURE THAT IF HE DOES
APPEAR THEY WILL BE NOTIFIED.

MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

MURKIN.

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 TOWARD 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 OFFICES WITH
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO SPRINGFIELD MAY ONE LAST.

ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD BRANCH, FILE ON
JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, AKA, REVIEWED MAY ONE LAST. NOTHING
PERTINENT TO WHEREABOUTS OF JAMES EARL RAY FOUND.

DETAILS WILL FOLLOW BY AIRTEL.

COPIES MAILED TO MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO.

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1 - Springfield (44-561)
1 - Bureau (AM)
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1 - Memphis (AM)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 2, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**


John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **B-560794 JK**

Examination requested by: **Louisville**

Reference: **Airtel 4/13/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Remarks:
~~xxxx~~ Specimens received 4/15/68

**K156 Two Special Attention tags manufactured by Stry-Lenkoff
Company, Louisville, Ky.**

**K157 Two color samples of paper used in manufacture of tags
by Stry-Lenkoff Company**

Remarks:

Referenced Louisville airtel submitted samples of
paper tags obtained from the Stry-Lenkoff Company, Louisville,
Kentucky, similar to one of the tags recovered in the Mustang
automobile of Galt in Atlanta, Georgia.

The specimens have been retained for possible future
comparisons.

No Laboratory report is being submitted.

1 - Louisville (44-947)

1 - Chicago (44-1114)

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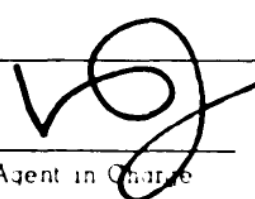
RE CG TEL THIS DATE.

JERRY RAY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED CHICAGO OFFICE AND ADVISED HE WAS LEAVING FOR ST. LOUIS AT ABOUT ONE FIFTEEN PM THIS DATE DRIVING HIS POA. WILL PROBABLY STAY OVERNIGHT WITH BROTHER JOHN, THEN WITH HIS FATHER JERRY RAYNE ON FARM, CENTER, MISSOURI. EXPECTS TO STAY THREE TO FOUR DAYS AND WILL CALL EMPLOYMENT COUNTRY CLUB MAY SEVEN NEXT TO SEE IF NEWS MEDIA INTEREST HAS ABATED. INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT SA H. DOBSON, ST. LOUIS OFFICE.

IF ST. LOUIS DESIRES TO INTERVIEW JERRY RAY, SUGGESTED THAT SUBJECT'S FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH JERRY BE DISCUSSED AS SET FORTH IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO BUREAU ET AL APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST. NOTE THAT JERRY^{IN} INTERVIEW^S WITH AGENTS CHICAGO STATES ONLY RECEIVED FORTY OR FIFTY DOLLARS FROM SUBJECT WHILE SUBJECT WAS IN PRISON. ALSO STATED THAT HE WAS IN DEBT TO SUBJECT AND WAS PLANNING TO PAY HIM BACK ^{BUT} ~~WHEN~~ PAYMENTS TERMINATED AT TIME OF BROTHER'S ESCAPE.

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REVIEW OF INFO IN ABOVE AIRTEL REVEALS SUBJECT ACTUALLY SENT TWO HUNDRED SIXTY SIX DOLLARS TO JERRY. CHICAGO ~~IS~~ WAS PLANNING TO RESOLVE THIS DISCREPENCY IN INTERVIEW THIS DATE. HOWEVER DUE TO NEWS MEDIA ACTIVITY AT EMPLOYMENT REQUEST ST. LOUIS HANDLE IF THEY DESIRE TO ESTABLISH PERSONAL CONTACT WITH JERRY.

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Date April 29, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

*See 8) 44-1114-51
for photo*

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____.

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) SAC, NEWARK (44-854)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE NEWARK TEL TO BUREAU INSTANT.

INFO THAT JERRY RAY HAD RESIGNED HIS POSITION IN CHICAGO AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN GIVEN TO LOCAL NEWS MEDIA BY JERRY'S EMPLOYER WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE THIS OFFICE, BECAUSE THE VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA HAD CONVERGED ON SPORTSMAN'S COUNTRY CLUB EVENING MAY TWO LAST IN AN EFFORT TO FURTHER INTERVIEW AND EXPLOIT JERRY. HE STAYED IN A LOCAL MOTEL EVENING MAY TWO LAST, IS PRESENTLY EN ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS WHERE HE PLANS TO STAY WITH HIS BROTHER AND FATHER FOR A PERIOD OF THREE OR FOUR DAYS. WILL THEN RETURN TO CHICAGO AREA IF INTENSIVE NEWS MEDIA INTEREST AT HIS EMPLOYMENT HAS ABATED. JERRY HAS MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH CHICAGO OFFICE AND HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT ST. LOUIS OFFICE.

AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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1 - Memphis (AM)

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TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, DENVER, NEWARK,
SEATTLE, AND ST. LOUIS
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

RE BUREAU TEL MAY ONE LAST.

RE FULL COVERAGE OF RELATIVES.

THREE CLOSE RELATIVES OF SUBJECT RESIDE IN QUINCY,
ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

SISTER - MELBA MARIE RYAN, VIRGINIA HOTEL, VIRGINIA
HOTEL TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO TWO THREE ZERO FOUR ZERO THREE.

STEPMOTHER - RUBY CARPENTER, SIX THREE ZERO NORTH
SIXTH STREET, TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO TWO THREE NINE FOUR SIX
FIVE.

AUNT - MRS. FRANK (MABLE) FULLER, TWO SIX ZERO ONE
CHESNUT STREET, TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO TWO TWO SEVEN ONE
FOUR TWO.

CASE.

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Phone call
from Virginia
Hotel

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RUBY CARPENTER WORKS AS BABYSITTER AND DOES HOUSE
WORK ON PART-TIME BASIS.

FRANK FULLER AND WIFE ARE ELDERLY AND RETIRED.

AGENTS IN DAILY CONTACT WITH PATRONS, VIRGINIA HOTEL,
INCLUDING CIS AND APPROPRIATE COVERAGE MAINTAINED ON
CARPENTER AND FULLER.

SOURCE, ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, (IBT), QUINCY,
ILLINOIS, STATES DUE TO STRIKE, NUMEROUS TOLL CALL SLIPS
FROM QUINCY, NOT FILED, WILL NOT BE FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

RECORDS, IBT, DO NOT SHOW ANY TOLL CALLS FOR NUMBER
TWO TWO TWO SEVEN ONE FOUR TWO FROM TWO FIFTEEN TO FOUR
SEVEN LAST.

RECORDS, IBT, SHOW FOLLOWING CALLS FROM NUMBER TWO TWO
THREE NINE FOUR SIX FIVE FROM MARCH TWENTYTHREE TO APRIL
TWENTYONE.

MARCH FOUR TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ME ONE SEVEN SEVEN
SEVEN SEVEN;
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MARCH TWENTYFIVE TO CENTER, MISSOURI, NUMBER AM SEVEN
THREE FOUR SIX SEVEN;

MARCH TWENTYEIGHT TO CENTER, MISSOURI, SAME NUMBER AS
ABOVE;

APRIL SEVEN TO CENTER, MISSOURI, SAME NUMBER AS ABOVE;

APRIL SEVEN TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, MI FIVE TWO NINE
FOUR EIGHT;

APRIL TWENTYONE TO CENTER, MISSOURI, AM SEVEN THREE
FOUR SIX SEVEN;

THE FOLLOWING CALLS WERE MADE FROM THE VIRGINIA HOTEL
TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO TWO THREE ZERO FOUR ZERO THREE: *Hotel*

MARCH FIFTEEN TO TACOMA, WASHINGTON, FOUR SEVEN FIVE
FOUR FOUR ZERO ZERO, COLLECT;

MARCH TWENTYFIVE TO SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FIVE TWO
EIGHT SEVEN ZERO ONE NINE;

MARCH TWENTYFIVE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS DITWO FIVE FOUR
FOUR TWO:

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MARCH TWENTYFIVE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS CA SEVEN NINE FIVE
THREE TWO: *CA 7 9532*

MARCH TWENTYEIGHT TO SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FIVE TWO TWO
ZERO SIX THREE THREE;

MARCH THIRTY TO BAYLIS, ILLINOIS, COLLECT;

APRIL ONE, SEATTLE WASHINGTON, COLLECT;

APRIL TWO, CLINTON, ILLINOIS NINE THREE FIVE
SIX ZERO TWO FOUR;

APRIL TWO TO CLINTON, ILLINOIS, NINE THREE FIVE TWO
FIVE FIVE EIGHT;

APRIL TWO, CHEYENNE, WYOMING, SIX THREE TWO ZERO ZERO
ZERO ZERO:

APRIL THREE AURORA, ILLINOIS, THREE SIX FOUR NINE TWO
EIGHT TWO, COLLECT: *364 9282*

APRIL THREE, DENVER, COLORADO, THREE THREE THREE FIVE
FOUR EIGHT SIX;

APRIL FOUR, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FIVE TWO EIGHT SEVEN
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ZERO ONE NINE;

APRIL EIGHT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, VI OF UI SEVEN ZERO SEVEN

TWO SEVEN;

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OR 2 5 991

APRIL EIGHT, CRETE, ILLINOIS, OR TWO FIVE NINE NINE ONE;

APRIL EIGHT, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS, SK SIX ONE

SK 6-1000

ZERO ZERO ZERO;

APRIL NINE, LONG BRANCH OR LONG BEACH, NEW JERSEY, TWO

TWO TWO THREE NINE SEVEN SIX COLLECT;

APRIL TEN, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FIVE TWO EIGHT SEVEN

ZERO ONE NINE.

CHICAGO, DENVER, NEWARK, SEATTLE AND ST. LOUIS, WILL
DETERMINE HOLDERS ABOVE NUMBERS. THOROUGHLY CHECK OUT
TO DETERMINE ANY CONTACT BY SUBJECT.

SPRINGFIELD WILL DETERMINE HOLDERS OF ABOVE NUMBERS. P.

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 FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN SUMMARY

Re CG Tels To Bureau, Memphis, St. Louis, Newark Instant.
 THE VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA CONVERGED ON SPORTSMAN'S COUNTRY

CLUB LAST EVENING TO INTERVIEW JERRY RAY, AS RESULT, JERRY
 LEFT EMPLOYMENT, STAYED IN A MOTEL LAST EVENING, AND CONTACTED
 CHICAGO OFFICE THIS MORNING ADVISING HE WAS LEAVING FOR ST.
 LOUIS ABOUT ONE:FIFTEEN PM THIS DATE, DRIVING HIS POA.
 WILL STAY OVERNIGHT WITH BROTHER JOHN THEN WITH FATHER JERRY
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 INTEREST HAS ABATED. ^{THEN RETURN.} INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT ST. LOUIS OFFICE.

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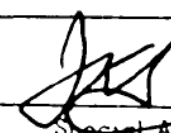
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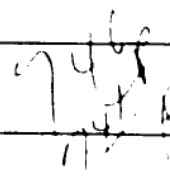
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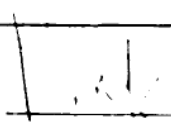
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1013PM URGENT 5-3-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY *X SL*

RE: JOHN RAY. COVERAGE INCLUDING SPOT CHECKS CONTINUING.

RE: CAROL PEPPER. SAME. REVIEW OF BANK ACCOUNTS COMPLETED.

NO ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANCE IN LOCATING SUBJECT NOTED.

RE GRAPEVINE TAVERN. ATU REPRESENTATIVE QUALIFIED TO FURNISH
AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT AS TO ELEMENTS AND EVIDENCE USUALLY NEEDED
FOR LIQUOR TAX STAMP VIOLATION, AND FIRST ASSISTANT USA WHOSE OPINION
DESIRED ON MATTER, NOT AVAILABLE TODAY. WILL CONTACT MONDAY.

RE: JERRY RAY. IF HE CONTACTS OFFICE AS DIRECTED, SL WILL INTER-
VIEW BEFORE HE LEAVES SL AND BEFORE HE LEAVES CENTER, MO., TO OBTAIN
RESULTS OF HIS CONTACTS WITH RELATIVES IN THIS DIVISION.

RE TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

FOR ASSISTANCE OF OFFICES COVERING RELATIVES IN IDENTIFYING TOLL
CALLS, FOLLOWING ARE PHONE NUMBER OF SL RELATIVES OR OTHER PERSONS OF
INTEREST THIS CASE:

PR SIX DASH NINE FOUR ONE SEVEN, GRAPEVINE TAVERN, JOHN LARRY RAY.

NO PHONE AS RESIDENCE.

MI FIVE DASH TWO NINE FOUR EIGHT, ALBERT AND CAROL PEPPER.

AM SEVEN DASH THREE FOUR SIX SEVEN, JERRY RAYNES, CENTER, MO.

FO ONE DASH FIVE FOUR SIX TWO, CARMEN PATTON, LANDLADY OF WALTER

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TO FIVE DASH ZERO FOUR FOUR NINE, FORMER RESIDENCE OF J. D.
DAILEY

THREE SEVEN NINE DASH THREE ONE THREE SIX, PRESENT RESIDENCE
J. D. DAILEY, PORTAGEVILLE, MO.

THREE SEVEN NINE DASH NINE FIVE SEVEN SEVEN, LAFONT CAFE,
PORTAGEVILLE, BILLED TO DAILEY.

THREE SEVEN NINE DASH THREE FIVE ZERO TWO, LAFONT SERVICE
STATION, PORTAGEVILLE.

TOLL RECORDS USUALLY DESTROYED AFTER SIX MONTHS, HENCE RECORDS
BACK TO APRIL SIXTY SEVEN MAY NOT EXIST THIS AREA. PHONE CO.
SEARCH HINDERED BY STRIKE.

FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS CONTINUING.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, CHICGO DENVER, ALBUQUERQUE,
EL PASO, AND LAS VEGAS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (5P)

MURKIN

RE INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
FIVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT CONCERNING CALL BY UNITED AIRLINES (UAL)
PERSONNEL DESCRIBING INDIVIDUAL AS POSSIBLE LOOK-A-LIKE OF JAMES
EARL RAY.

JOAN KEPP, UAL RESERVATIONS CLERK, ADVISED AT
APPROXIMATELY SEVEN FORTY-FIVE A.M. MALE CAUCASIAN
REQUESTED ONE ROUND TRIP AND ONE ONE WAY TICKET FROM
LOS ANGELES TO HONOLULU ON MAY EIGHT NEXT.

STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO USE FRONTIER AIRLINES TICKETS
EIGHT TWO NINE SEVEN FIVE THREE AND EIGHT TWO NINE SEVEN
FIVE FOUR ISSUED IN DENVER, COLORADO ON MAY ONE LAST TO
MR. AND MRS. CARL RAY FOR FLIGHT SEVEN ONE ZERO LAS VEGAS
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CARL RAY

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TO ST. LOUIS AND RETURN AS PARTIAL PAYMENT FOR UNITED TICKETS BEING REQUESTED. AT THIS POINT, KEPP REQUESTED INDIVIDUALS RESIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES AND HE STATED INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, BUT COULD NOT REMEMBER HIS ROOM NUMBER. KEPP THEN ADVISED MR. RAY SHE WOULD NEED APPROVAL FROM SUPERVISOR. AT THIS POINT, KEPP SUMMONED ROBERT NICHOLS AND ROBERT WALQUIST TO OBSERVE MR. RAY. RAY WAS OBSERVED FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR MINUTES AND THEN DEPARTED AREA. METHOD OF DEPARTURE UNKNOWN BY UAL EMPLOYEES. FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION PROVIDED BY UAL EMPLOYEES.

MALE, CAUCASIAN, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED EIGHT FIVE POUNDS, THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY YEARS, GREENISH BLUE EYES, DARK OR GOLDEN BLOND HAIR, FAIR OR SUN TANNED COMPLEXION, GREY BUSINESS SUIT, NEAT APPEARANCE, SHOES NOT OBSERVED AND NO UNUSUAL CHARACTERISTICS. UAL EMPLOYEES FROM GROUP OF EIGHT PHOTOGRAPHS SELECTED PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY TAKEN BETWEEN AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN AND FEBRUARY LAST AS BEING SOME WHAT SIMILAR TO CARL RAY BUT COULD MAKE NO KIND OF IDENTIFICATION ON PHOTS AS IDENTICAL. THIS INDIVIDUAL LEFT AIRLINES TICKETS BEHIND AS WELL AS THIRTY DAY TEMPORARY FRONTIER

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AIRLINES TRAVEL CREDIT CARD NUMBER [REDACTED]

ISSUED FOUR TWO SIX SIXTY-EIGHT TO "MR. CARL RAY" RAY LAND
AND CATTLE CO., ROUTE FOUR BOX EIGHT SIX EIGHT, PECOS TEXAS
SIGNED CARL RAY AND TO EXPIRE FIVE TWENTY-FIVE SIXTY-EIGHT.

CLIF W. JOHNSON, PASSENGER SUPERINTENDENT, PAN AMERICAN
AIRLINES, LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FURNISHED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

PAN AMERICAN AND UNITED ONLY AIRLINES FURNISH PASSENGER
SERVICE LOS ANGELES HAWAII. RECORDS CHECKED FOR ALL FLIGHTS
LOS ANGELES TO HAWAII FIVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT AND NO RECORD LOCATED
FOR NAME RAY OR ANY KNOWN ALIASES JAMES EARL RAY FOR PAN AMERICAN OR
UAL. UAL AND PAN AMERICAN AGENTS WHO COULD HAVE SOLD TICKETS
FIVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT TO PASSENGERS TRAVELING LOS ANGELES
HAWAII INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED NO ONE FITTING DESCRIPTION OR RESEMBL-
ING PHOTOGRAPHS JAMES EARL RAY PURCHASED TICKETS.

HERTZ, AVIS AND NATIONAL RENT-A-CAR AGENCIES, LOS ANGELES
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT RECORDS CHECKED FIVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT AND NO
RECORDS FOR RAY OR ANY KNOWN ALIASES OF JAMES EARL RAY HAVING
RENTED OR TURNED IN CAR MAY ONE THROUGH THREE, LAST.
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THE THREE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL HOTELS, LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, CHECKED FIVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS FOR GUESTS USING NAME C. RAY OR ANY ALIASES OF JAMES EARL RAY. OTHER HOTELS, MOTELS IN AREA NEGATIVE. EL PASO HAS ADVISED THAT INQUIRY AT PECOS HAS NOT REVEALED ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL AS CARL RAY OR COMPANY AND ADDRESS IS NON EXISTENT.

DENVER ADVISED TICKETS PURCHASED DENVER MAY ONE SIXTY-EIGHT AT TEN AM BY WHITE MALE, THIRTY-EIGHT, TWO HUNDRED TO TWO HUNDRED TEN POUNDS, FIVE FOOT NINE INCHES, NO GLASSES, THICK BLONDISH BROWN HAIR CREWCUT, GREYISH BLUE SPORT COAT, WHITE SHIRT, OPEN AT NECK, NO TIE. ASKED FOR ROUND TRIP. PAID FOR TICKETS WITH CREDIT CARD DESCRIBED ABOVE. PLANNED TO LEAVE DENVER VIA UNITED AIRLINES FOR LAS VEGAS. PAREN NO RECORD AT UNITED AIR LINE. ALL TICKETS TURNED IN AT MIDNIGHT TO MAIN OFFICE CHICAGO PAREN. PHOTOGRAPHS DISPLAYED AT DENVER TO PERSONNEL DENVER AIRPORT. NEGATIVE BUT NOTICED CERTAIN SIMILARITIES. ASCERTAINED AT FRONTIER AIRLINES BY DENVER THAT CARD ISSUED APRIL TWENTY-SIX LAST AT ALBUQUERQUE WHERE PURCHASED TICKET SAME DAY FOR ALBUQUERQUE TO PHOENIX FLIGHT FIVE EIGHT ONE ON FRONTIER AIRLINES. CAME BACK AND HAD TICKET REISSUED FOR APRIL TWENTY-SEVEN LAST

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ON JET FLIGHT SEVEN EIGHT FIVE, ALBUQUERQUE TO PHOENIX. FRONTIER BELIEVES CREDIT APPLICATION AT ALBUQUERQUE AND IS SEARCHING FOR IT.

LAS VEGAS ADVISED A CHECK OF FRONTIER AIRLINES THERE ASCERTAINED THAT RESERVATION ON FLIGHT SEVEN ONE ZERO FOR MAY TWO LAST WERE MADE THROUGH PHOENIX ON A DIFFERENT TICKET NUMBER THAN THOSE AT DENVER AND GAVE A DENVER CALL BACK NUMBER OF THREE SEVEN SEVEN DASH ONE NINE EIGHT SEVEN. LAS VEGAS TICKETS ARE STILL THERE, VOIDED, AS PASSENGER DID NOT SHOW UP. RECORDS INDICATED PLANNED TO STAY AT SANDS HOTEL. RECORDS AT SANDS NEGATIVE. DENVER HAS BEEN ADVISED.

DENVER, CHECK CALL BACK NUMBER TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL ABOVE.

ALBUQUERQUE, SECURE CREDIT APPLICATION TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL ABOVE.

CHICAGO, AT UAL CHECK MANIFESTS ON TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS FROM DENVER TO LAS VEGAS OR LOS ANGELES FOR FIVE ONE AND TWO SIXTY-EIGHT FOR CARL RAY.

CREDIT CARD AND FRONTIER AIR LINE TICKETS SECURED AT LOS ANGELES FORWARDED BUREAU VIA AIR TODAY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF CARL RAY.

COPIES FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM AIR.

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FBI CHICAGO

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Date: 5/4/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS MEMPHIS & LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

RE LA TEL MAY FOUR INSTANT.

RETEL DIRECTED CHICAGO TO CHECK UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT FROM DENVER TO LAS VEGAS OR LOS ANGELES FOR FIVE ONE AND TWO SIXTY EIGHT FOR CARL RAY.

UAL RECORDS UNAVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY NEXT. NO MANIFESTS MAINTAINED BY UAL. TICKET STUBS MAINTAINED AS PERMANENT RECORDS. WHEN TICKETS ARRIVE CHICAGO THEY GO THROUGH DATA PROCESSING AND MIGHT BE UNAVAILABLE UNTIL LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK. RECORDS WILL BE REVIEWED AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO ALBUQUERQUE, DENVER, EL PASO AND LAS VEGAS.

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FBI SPRNGFLD
150PM URGENT 5-4-68 DMJ
TO DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL)

CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE MAY TWO, LAST AND SPRINGFIELD TELEPHONE
CALLS TO CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS, MAY THREE, LAST.

RE: JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, AKA., "BLACKIE."

COP WILLIAM H. PETERSEN, (NA), ALTON, ILLINOIS, POLICE
DEPARTMENT ADVISED AUSTIN ARRESTED FOR ARMED ROBBERY WITH
SUBJECT RAY IN ALTON IN ONE NINE FIVE NINE, AND REFERRED TO
BY JERRY RAYAS BEING ONE OF SUBJECT'S CLOSEST ASSOCIATES,
HAS SINCE DIED IN PRISON.

AIRMAIL COPY TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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458PM URGENT 5-4-68 JRW

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, PHOENIX, LAS VEGAS, ALBUQUERQUE, EL PASO AND CHICAGO
FROM DENVER 157-203

MURKIN

RELATE THIS DATE TO DIRECTOR, CONCERNING CARL RAY.
TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE SEVEN SEVEN DASH ONE NINE EIGHT SEVEN,

IS LISTED TO MRS. ROSA M. NIENHAUS, TWO FIVE THREE SIX RACE ST., DENVER.
MRS. NIENHAUS IS AGED WIDOW WHO STATES DOES NOT KNOW CARL RAY,

NOR ANYONE FITTING DESCRIPTION OF CARL RAY. NO FRIEND OR RELATIVE
STAYED AT HER HOUSE IN RECENT PAST.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND CHICAGO

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

SL.

JERRY RAY ARRIVED SL LAST NIGHT, TOLD BROTHER JOHN HE WAS GOING TO UN-NAMED HOTEL AND WOULD CONTACT HIM AT GRAPEVINE TAVERN NOON TODAY. ARRIVED GRAPEVINE THIS AFTERNOON AND IS STILL THERE. HAS NOT CONTACTED OFFICE AS DIRECTED. NO SL INTERVIEW CONTEMPLATED UNLESS HE DOES. IF CALLS, WILL BE GIVEN TELEPHONE NUMBER OF HANNIBAL, MO., RA AND TOLD TO CONTACT ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, CENTER, MO. INTERVIEW ON DEPARTURE ANTICIPATED.

FELLOW PRISONER JOHN PAUL VELANTI INTERVIEWED. NO SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION. SUGGESTED FORMER INMATE, ORVILLE GANN MIGHT HAVE KNOWN SUBJECT. SL ATTEMPTING LOCATE GANN.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ST LOUIS

630PM URGENT 5-5-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO
 FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSE JERRY RAY STILL WITH
 BROTHER JOHN AT RESIDENCE AND GRAPEVINE TAVERN. HAS NOT
 CONTACTED SL OFFICE. NO ACTIVITY CAROL PEPPER RESIDENCES.
 SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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TO SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
 FROM SAC, NEWARK (44-854)
 SUBJECT MURKIN

Re Contacts by subject's brother, JERRY RAY, with MARJORIE FETTEN, Camden, N.J.

Enclosed for Chicago are two copies each of two photographs sent by JERRY RAY to MARJORIE FETTEN in letter dated 4/22/68.

Copies of the letter were furnished to Chicago by reairtel.

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO

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

RE: MURKIN
CR
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 Birmingham when it has served its purpose.

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TO : SAC, NEWARK (44-854)
FROM SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Newark airtel to Chicago 5/2/68.

Re: Contacts by subject's brother
JERRY RAY with MARJORIE PETTERS,
Camden, New Jersey

For the information of the Newark Division,
the photographs of the individual enclosed with referenced
airtel are of JERRY RAY.

The photographs were taken on the grounds of the
Sportsman Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois, where he is
employed.

For the further information of Newark, JERRY drives
a 1960 light green Desoto, bearing 1968 Illinois license tags
KX 5820.

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2 - Newark
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TO : DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (441-1114)

MURKIN

FROM REVIEW OF EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED CONCERNING SUBJECT AND HIS FAMILY, IT WAS NOTED BROTHER JOHN ATTENDED BARTENDERS SCHOOL AND WAS EMPLOYED AT VARIOUS COUNTRY CLUBS IN CHICAGO AREA. HE PRESENTLY RUNS BAR IN ST. LOUIS.

BROTHER JERRY PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AT COUNTRY CLUB AND PRIOR TO THAT, WAS ALSO EMPLOYED IN VARIOUS COUNTRY CLUBS THROUGHOUT ^{AREA} CHICAGO. HE ALSO HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO ATTEND BARTENDERS SCHOOL AND OPEN A BAR. ACCORDING TO JERRY, AN UNCLE EARL WAS ALSO EMPLOYED IN VARIOUS COUNTRY CLUBS IN CHICAGO AREA, ST. LOUIS AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AREA.

SUBJECT HAS ATTENDED BARTENDERS SCHOOL AND PRIOR TO LEAVING LOS ANGELES AREA MADE SEVERAL PHONE CALLS TO COUNTRY CLUBS IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT.

IN VIEW OF FOREGOING COMMON DENOMINATOR OF COUNTRY CLUB EMPLOYMENT THROUGH THE FAMILY, CHICAGO DIVISION INSTITUTED PERSONAL CONTACT OF ALL COUNTRY CLUBS WITHIN ^{THIS} ~~CHICAGO~~ DIVISION

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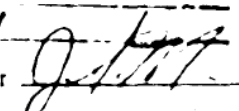
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TO DETERMINE ANY POSSIBILITY OF PRIOR EMPLOYMENT AND CHECKING OUT NEW EMPLOYEES FROM APRIL FIVE TO DATE. ALL COUNTRY CLUB PERSONNEL CONTACTED WERE FURNISHED COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER OF SUBJECT AND ALERTED TO POSSIBILITY THAT SUBJECT MIGHT CONTACT ~~THE~~ CLUB. THESE CONTACTS DID NOT GIVE ANY INDICATION SUBJECT WAS SO EMPLOYED CHICAGO AREA.

IT IS SUGGESTED BUREAU MIGHT DESIRE TO INSTITUTE SIMILAR TYPE INVESTIGATION IN LOGICAL DIVISIONS AND BASED UPON RESULTS OF THOSE CONTACTS, INSTITUTE SIMILAR INVESTIGATION IN ALL DIVISIONS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Long distance calls
from Interstate 10*

ReButel 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio,
advising that each office should determine from telephone
company long distance calls placed at each public telephone
on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN
allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

Set forth by field division are telephone calls
made from the Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. Recipient
offices will determine from the subscriber, or person
receiving call, the identity of caller. If caller was
JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Atlanta
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>ATLANTA:</u>			
12/17/67	835-8273 (Beaumont, Texas)	404-876-5551	Atlanta
<u>ALBUQUERQUE:</u>			
12/17/67	682-9177 (Houston, Texas)	505-243-1331	Albuquerque
12/15/67	468-9836 (Houston)	505-864-8204	Belen, N.M.
<u>BOSTON:</u>			
12/16/67	468-9009 (Houston)	617-944-1569	Reading, Mass.
12/16/68	835-9546 (Beaumont, Texas)	401-723-1085	Pawtucket, R. I.
<u>CHARLOTTE:</u>			
12/15/67	673-9255 (Houston)	919-599-9083	Roxboro, N.C.
12/15/67	886-9976 (Orange, Texas)	704-667-4670	Enka, Candler, N. C.
<u>CHICAGO:</u>			
12/15/67	769-9108 (Vidor, Texas)	312-832-4895	Elmhurst, Ill.
12/17/67	835-8273 Beaumont, Texas	309-786-1824	Rock Island, Ill.
<u>CINCINNATI:</u>			
12/17/67	892-9963 (Beaumont, Texas)	513-681-2839	Cincinnati
12/16/67	453-9015 (Houston, Texas)	614-551-2363	Bartlett, Ohio
12/17/67	468-9844 (Houston, Texas)	513-653-6666	Urbana, Ohio

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<u>CLEVELAND:</u>			
12/17/67	468-9727 (Houston, Texas)	614-389-3058	Marion, Ohio
12/17/67	468-9727 (Houston, Texas)	614-389-3058	Marion, Ohio
12/15/67	682-9317 (Houston, Texas)	216-641-1461	Cleveland
<u>DETROIT:</u>			
12/17/68	673-9872 (Houston, Texas)	616-861-2456	Shelby, Mich.
<u>EL PASO:</u>			
12/16/67	673-9501 (Houston, Texas)	915-532-9146	El Paso
12/16/67	682-9348 (Houston, Texas)	915-362-4789	Odessa, Texas
12/17/67	468-9878 (Houston, Texas)	915-682-3697	Midland, Texas
<u>JACKSON:</u>			
12/15/67	453-9611 (Houston, Texas)	601-582-3734	Hattiesburg, Miss.
12/16/67	453-9015 (Houston, Texas)	601-372-3537	Jackson
12/15/67	453-9611 (Houston, Texas)	601-722-4497	Seminary, Miss.
12/16/67	886-9011 (Orange, Texas)	801-684-6794	McComb, Miss.
12/17/67	468-9731 (Houston, Texas)	601-428-8829	Laurel, Miss.
12/17/67	835-9023 (Beaumont, Texas)	601-625-8547	Forest, Miss.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>JACKSONVILLE:</u>			
12/15/67	673-9050 (Houston, Texas)	904-623-2008	Milton, Fla.
12/15/67	673-9419 (Houston, Texas)	904-675-4970	Jay, Fla.
<u>LAS VEGAS:</u>			
12/17/67	835-9587 (Beaumont, Texas)	702-384-7271	Las Vegas

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Telephone call to Springfield from Inspector THOMAS E. BISHOP, SOG, 4/24/68.

MARGRET CARMICHAEL STRADER, wife of ROBERT HOOD STRADER, was contacted at the residence of her father, E. P. CARMICHAEL, Route #1, Lexington, Illinois, on 4/30/68. Mrs. STRADER advised she and her husband were at the CARMICHAEL residence the weekend of 4/20-22/68. She advised that on the night of 4/21/68 or early morning of 4/22/68 her husband was awakened by the dogs barking outside the farm residence which is located up a farm lane one-half mile from the main rural road. She advised her husband and her father, E. P. CARMICHAEL, upon making a search of the outside area, found that the STRADER's 1967 Oldsmobile Delta "88", cream colored with black vinyl top, had been broken into. Mrs. STRADER advised nothing was missing from the car and no one was located or seen in the area. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband left alone from the CARMICHAEL residence on the morning of 4/22/68 en route Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. STRADER advised that in a short period of time, Mr. STRADER returned to the CARMICHAEL residence. Upon his return,

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)
- ② - Chicago (44-1114)
- 2 - Cleveland
- 2 - Detroit
- 2 - Indianapolis
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STRADER stated he had found a note in the recessed area of the speedometer of his car. (Mrs. STRADER pointed out that the speedometer has been broken; therefore, her husband was not normally attracted to the speedometer). She related this note was made up of words cut from newspapers and pasted on the back of a pocket calendar (unable to describe the calendar). Mrs. STRADER said the note read in substance, "If you go to the police or the FBI you will be killed." Mrs. STRADER advised her husband, after returning with the note, proceeded en route Detroit, Michigan, and after a short period of time had elapsed, he telephonically contacted her, stating he was at the Holiday Inn, Bloomington, Illinois. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband informed her that upon reaching the road one mile north of the CARMICHAEL residence, and Route 66, he saw a 1966 or 1967 Chevrolet, tan in color, no license information, with two men in the car, parked along the road. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her that this car followed him en route Bloomington. However, they did not turn into the Holiday Inn when he did. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband then told her he was proceeding on to Detroit, Michigan,

Mrs. STRADER advised upon discussing above with her parents, her mother, Mrs. E. P. CARMICHAEL, stated she had noticed a late model, tan car, making several trips on the main rural road near the CARMICHAEL residence on the early morning of 4/22/68.

Mrs. STRADER advised that on the night of 4/22/68 her husband telephonically contacted her, but he would not disclose his location as he stated he was afraid to mention his location over the phone. She related her husband told her that he stopped at a rest stop area after leaving Indianapolis, Indiana. Upon leaving his car and walking the direction of the men's restroom, he saw a tan automobile occupied by two men driving very slow. He stated at this time the rider in this automobile fired a shot at him. STRADER told his wife the shot just missed his ear and he, STRADER, hit the ground where he laid as if he had been hit. STRADER stated that the tan car disappeared and he has not seen it since.

Mrs. STRADER stated her husband believes this action was due to his being in the men's restroom at the Gulf Truck Stop, Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/27/68, where he allegedly overheard five men planning to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her that one of the men in the restroom was RAY, whom he recognized after RAY's photograph was published. She stated he further informed her that he would be able to recognize the other men he saw in the restroom. Mrs. STRADER advised she recalls being at the Gulf Truck Stop at Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/29/68. She stated upon their leaving the truck stop, her husband did not mention to her anything of hearing of the plan to kill KING. She stated she does recall her

husband remarked, "If King goes back to Memphis he will be killed." Mrs. STRADER advised her husband did say he wanted to see CARL STERN of NBC, Washington, D.C, whom he knew but did not state why he desired to see STERN.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband returned to the CARMICHAEL residence at Lexington, Illinois, on Friday, 4/26/68, where he stayed until the morning of Saturday, 4/27/68, at which time STRADER and his mother-in-law had an argument over Mrs. STRADER's son by a previous marriage. Mrs. CARMICHAEL told STRADER to leave, which he did.

Mrs. STRADER stated she told her husband she had contacted Mr. DONALD T. SULLIVAN, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Springfield Office of the FBI, and that he, STRADER, should call Mr. SULLIVAN and set up an appointment; that Mr. SULLIVAN had informed her he would make an appointment to meet STRADER at any location or at any time when STRADER was available. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her he was afraid to attempt to meet with FBI Agents, as he felt he was being followed. Mrs. STRADER stated she was unable to convince her husband to make arrangements for a meeting with the FBI. She advised her husband is very much interested in obtaining protection.

Mrs. STRADER advised of some of her husband's activities, which are not concerning the murder of Dr. KING. She advised that she does not know all of her husband's business and that she is sure he has not told her all he knows.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is acquainted with RAYMOND STARNES of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who told STRADER in the summer of 1967 that there were several businessmen in the area of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who were taking up a collection to obtain money to have KING assassinated. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is well acquainted in the Baton Rouge and Denham Springs, Louisiana, area. She stated he was, in the summer of 1967, connected with the E.C. Donnell Construction Company of Denham Springs, La., which was doing construction work for the telephone company. She related E. C. DONNELL lives in Dallas, Texas. She related DONNELL had an equipment rental business and while STRADER and DONNELL were attempting to rent the equipment they were trying to gain financing for a recreational park in Louisiana similar to "Six Flags Over Texas." She related that some way they came in contact with a CHARLES and LILLIAN SHAPIRO (ph) of Miami, Florida, who advised they could finance same but were not interested, in a recreational park but would be interested in financing a horse racing track. Mrs. STRADER advised Mr. DONNELL obtained RAYMOND STARNES to help locate his land which could be used as a horse racing park. He also obtained sanction of the sheriff, (FNU) IRWIN and SAM BOSKO, both of Slidell, La; however, "things got out of hand" and an article

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appeared in "Life" magazine, and the Governor of Louisiana placed a stop to the entire operation.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is in telephonic contact with her daily but declines to furnish information as to his location over the telephone, as he is very afraid. Mrs. STRADER was advised to inform her husband if he has any information he desires to furnish to the FBI, he can contact any FBI Field Office, who will then arrange for an interview with him.

For information receiving offices, Inspector THOMAS E. BISHOP, SOG, on 4-24-68 advised he had received a telephone call from CARL STERN, Washington, D. C., NBC Office, who told him that a man (FNU) STRADER, whom he had met on one occasion while covering a story in the South, had, on 4-24-68, telephoned him from someplace around Toledo, Ohio. STRADER informed him he was en route to the home of his wife's parents in Lexington, Illinois. He then told STERN a "fantastic tale" about him, STRADER, overhearing a conversation on 3-29-68 in Lebanon, Tennessee, concerning the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Apparently STRADER was of the impression that the people involved in the conversation knew he had overheard them, and they had taken his license number. STRADER believed there had been at least one shot fired at him since that time. STRADER informed STERN he had vital information concerning KING's murder and called STERN for advice as to what he should do. STERN advised STRADER to call the Springfield Office of the FBI and they would make arrangements to have someone meet him at his convenience in their territory. According to Mr. STERN, BISHOP stated that STRADER is afraid to approach any office and may desire to have someone meet him at a location other than an office.

The files of the Springfield Office contain the following references to ROBERT STRADER, however, it cannot be determined at this point whether or not they refer to ROBERT HOOD STRADER of Lexington, Illinois:

On 11-19-65 ROBERT STRADER, 6'1" - 2", 175 lbs., employed cutting timber near Edwardsville, Illinois, and in construction work at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois, was considered a suspect in the robbery of the Hamel State Bank, Bufile 91-20560, SIfile 91-2642.

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In 10-66 prosecution of ROBERT H. STRADER was declined in an ITSMV matter which involved a rental car. ROBERT H. STRADER had represented himself as an employee of General Telephone Co., of Illinois, registering at two motels at Bloomington, Illinois, and had skipped without properly checking out and without paying for his room. STRADER could not be located at that time but was described as a white, male, 35 - 40, 5'10" - 6', 150 lbs., dark brown hair, medium build and medium complexion. He was subject of Sifile 26-29006.

One ROBERT HOOD STRADER was subject of an ITSMV; UFAP - AUTO THEFT case in which Milwaukee was OO, 9/63, Bufile 26-316708, Sifile 26-23403. This individual had a rather extensive arrest record dating back to 11/48 at which time he was AWOL and which involved record of arrest for issuing worthless checks, mail fraud, investigation of forgery, and defrauding an innkeeper. ROBERT H. STRADER, whose FBI No. was given as 244 633 A, was twice a patient at hospitals, one as a patient at the Patton State Hospital concerning which fingerprints were furnished by the State Bureau of Identification, Sacramento, California, on 8-3-60 and subsequently again on 9-21-60, was a patient at Atascadero State Hospital, California. That individual was described as white, male, approximately 6'3", 190 lbs., fair complexion, hazel eyes, brown hair [REDACTED]
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A check through NCIC on 4-30-68 indicated ROBERT STRADER was not currently wanted.

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247PM URGENT 5-6-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY ONE LAST,

BODKER

CHARLES V. TYSON, MANAGER, HERTZ RENTALS, ALBANY, GA., ADVISED HE IS IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM HERTZ IN CHICAGO THAT VEHICLE DESCRIBED RETEL TURNED IN MAY TWO LAST, EVERGREEN PARK, ILL., TWO FIVE FIVE EIGHT WEST NINETYFIFTH ST. HE INSTRUCTED THEM NOT TO TOUCH VEHICLE UNTIL PROCESSED BY BUREAU.

CHICAGO, AT EVERGREEN PARK, ILL. CONTACT HERTZ OFFICIALS, DEVELOP INFO RE PERSON WHO TURNED IN VEHICLE, AND PROCESS VEHICLE FOR LATENT PRINTS FOR COMPARISON WITH PRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO : DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386) and MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO SUMMARY TEL MAY ONE LAST; ATLANTA TEL INSTANT.

RE JAMES E. BODKER

BODKER'S SISTER, BROTHER-IN-LAW AND MOTHER PLACE HIM IN
CALUMET PARK, ILL., ON DATE OF KING MURDER. BODKER INTERVIEWED
MAY TWO LAST. BEARS VERY LITTLE PHYSICAL RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT
AND ELIMINATED. HE STATES RETURNED HERTZ CAR TO THEIR CHICAGO
OFFICE. ~~RE~~

IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, CHICAGO WILL NOT PROCESS HERTZ
VEHICLE AS SET FORTH IN RE ATLANTA TEL. UAC NINE AM MAY SEVEN
NEXT. . WILL CONTACT HERTZ OFFICIALS TO RELEASE VEHICLE.

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3:59PM CST URGENT 5-6-68 JPD

TO: CHICAGO

FROM: OMAHA (44-310)

MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS RE EARL EVERETT RAY (DECEASED).

SPRINGFIELD REQUESTED OMAHA REVIEW EMPLOYMENT FILE
ON EARL EVERETT RAY, SUBJECT'S UNCLE, WHEN WORKING
FOR CB AND Q IN GALESBURG, ILLINOIS, FOR THIRTEEN DAYS IN
NINETEEN FORTYFOUR, LISTED FORMER EMPLOYMENT FROM APRIL,
NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR TO JUNE, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR, WITH
SUNSET AMUSEMENT COMPANY, EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI,
AND CV AND Q RAILROAD, OMAHA.

CB AND Q RAILROAD, OMAHA, STATED SUBJECT'S UNCLE'S FILE IS AT
EMPLOYMENT MANAGER'S OFFICE, HEADQUARTERS BUILDING OF
CB AND Q, FIVE FOUR SEVEN JACKSON STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.
CHICAGO REVIEW THAT FILE FOR ANY INFORMATION OF LEAD VALUE
REGARDING SUBJECT. (P)

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TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to Bureau dated 5/3/68.

**For information Houston, Rock Island, Illinois,
handled by Springfield Division.**

**Enclosed herewith for the Springfield Division are
two (2) copies of referenced airtel. Springfield should
handle investigation at Rock Island, Illinois, as requested
on page 2 under Chicago leads.**

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1 - Memphis (44-1987)
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10:23AM URGENT 5/7/68 SKC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHICAGO (44-1114) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

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

RE BUFFALO TELETYPE, MAY ONE LAST.

ON MAY SEVEN INSTANT, RAY PORTER, DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, EASTMAN
KODAK CO. (EXCO) OFFICE, ROCHESTER, NY, ADVISED A REVIEW OF SIX THOUSAND
WARRANTIES FOR KODAK DUAL PROJECTOR M-NINE FIVE-7 FAILED TO REFLECT
ANY INFORMATION FOR SUBJECT UNDER KNOWN NAME OR ALIASES.

PORTER ADVISED A REVIEW OF REPAIR RECORDS COULD BE MADE HOWEVER
APPROXIMATE TIME INVOLVED WOULD BE FORTY AGENT HOURS AT EACH OF SEVEN
REGIONAL CENTERS AND IF DESIRED, LETTER WILL BE DIRECTED FROM COMPANY,
PRIOR TO AGENT CONTACT.

TIME NEEDED FOR REVIEW OF RECORDS THIRTYFOUR CAMERA REPAIR SHOPS
IN U.S. UNKNOWN AS VOLUME OF RECORDS KEPT IF ANY, NOT KNOWN TO COMPANY.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE BUFFALO WHETHER REVIEW OF RECORDS EXCO
TO BE MADE SO LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE OFFICES CAN BE DIRECTED TO REGIONAL
CENTERS AND REPAIR SHOPS.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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