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Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	November 9, 1935
Place of Birth	Huntsville, Alabama
Height	5'9"
Weight	131 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Scars and Marks	Numerous tattoos on both arms
Federal Bureau of Investigation Number	277341 B
Nationality	English
Marital Status	Married, 1958, Kennett, Missouri Divorced 1964
Children	One
Social Security Number	428 68 4265
Occupation	Construction
Brothers	Two
Half-brothers	One
Sisters	Three
Religion	Baptist
Education	Six years
Correspondence	Mrs. BERTHA WILLETT, mother 322 Highland, Elgin Illinois

Mrs. GENE (MARTHA) SHELTON, sister
Carpentersville, Illinois

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322 Highland, Elgin, Illinois

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912 Anthony, Kennett, Missouri

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"Social Factors

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Personality

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August 12, 1968

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Bureau dated August 1, 1968.

Enclosed herewith to Bureau (3 copies) and Memphis (15 copies) is an insert disclosing results of an interview with JAMES ROBERT WILLETT at Joliet, Illinois.

Enclosed for the Atlanta Division is 2 copies of above insert and one photograph of JAMES ROBERT WILLETT for possible future reference.

3-Bureau () (Encl. 3)
2-Memphis (44-1987) () (Encl. 15)
2-Atlanta (44-2386) (INFO) () (Encl. 3)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST
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SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED HE HAD BEEN UNABLE
 TO GATHER FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING HAROLD RICHARD
 COVINGTON AND ASSOCIATES. HE ADVISED HE WOULD CONTINUE TO
 DEVELOP INFORMATION THAT WOULD AID IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE
 BANK ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON.

WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND
 OTHER ASSOCIATES OF HAROLD COVINGTON AND WILL KEEP THE BUREAU
 ADVISED.

AIRMAIL COPIES OF THIS TELETYPE HAVE BEEN SENT
 TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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 1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)
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ADMINISTRATIVE

RE: INVESTIGATION REGARDING ITEMS IN JERRY RAY'S POSSESSION
AT TIME OF ARREST, MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT, JULY 9, 1968.

PCI THOMAS BUCKLIN, owner, Glenbrook Patrol Service, Glenview, Illinois, advised SA HARRY A. WALKER on July 19, 1968, that GLENN E. TIBBS, telephone number 729-3921, was former lieutenant for his patrol service; however, due to a foot operation TIBBS had to leave his company about June 1, 1968.

BUCKLIN advised that TIBBS resides in the Sunset Trailer Park with an address of 508 5th Street, Northfield, Illinois; however, the trailer park is just located north of Glenview, Illinois, on Waukegan Road. He explained that for the last approximately two years TIBBS had the job of checking the security of the Sportsman Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois, for the patrol service checking the Sportsman Country Club area in a roving patrol approximately three times a night and in this capacity became well-acquainted with JERRY RAY, brother of JAMES EARL RAY, and had coffee with JERRY RAY on a nightly basis during this period at the Sportsman Country Club where JERRY was employed. BUCKLIN stated that TIBBS is an extremely capable guard and a person that can be trusted in every respect.

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RE: INVESTIGATION REGARDING ITEMS IN JERRY RAY'S POSSESSION
AT TIME OF ARREST, MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT, JULY 9, 1968.

The following investigation at Zion, Illinois, was conducted on July 18, 1968, by SA O. ARTHUR GRAN:

Mrs. PETER URBATES, 3803 Sheridan Road, advised that GJERDES OLSEN, previously unknown to her, had rented a cabin-apartment for one month up to July 13, 1968, when she was requested to move. Mrs. URBATES said that the reason for the request was that "men, particularly an unidentified negro, were coming to that apartment all hours of the night." GJERDES told Mrs. URBATES that she was moving to Evanston, Illinois, where she had obtained a new job. When GJERDES rented the apartment she furnished her home address as 1344 Hazel, Deerfield, Illinois, and had worked a few days at Pierce's Corner House Restaurant in Waukegan, Illinois.

According to Mrs. URBATES, GJERDES had identified herself to her as the former wife of JERRY RAY, brother of alleged assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mrs. URBATES further advised that during conversations with GJERDES, she had disclaimed any recent contact with either JERRY or JAMES EARL RAY.

The following investigation was conducted at Glenview, Illinois, by SA HARRY A. WALKER, on August 6, 1968:

GLENN TIBBS, Sunset Trailer Park, 508 5th Street, Northfield, Illinois, phone 729-3921, advised that for the past two years he had been employed by the Glenbrook Patrol Service, Glenview, Illinois, as a lieutenant, and one of his assignments had been checking the security of the Sportsman Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois. This was a roving patrol and the club was checked approximately three times during the night. During this time, TIBBS became well-acquainted with JERRY RAY and had coffee with him on a nightly basis at the country club. He further stated that after the publicity broke concerning JAMES EARL RAY being suspect in the KING murder, JERRY RAY told him that JAMES EARL RAY was his brother.

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TIBBS, who is presently employed as a guard at the Crane Company, Morton Grove, Illinois, by the Pinkerton Agency, advised that after JAMES EARL RAY was identified, JERRY RAY drove to St. Louis, Missouri, to see a brother, JOHN RAY, and a sister, name unknown, who also lived in St. Louis on either one or two occasions. He stated that JERRY RAY also flew to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on another occasion and before JERRY RAY departed the Sportsman Country Club to fly to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he expressed concern about transportation from O'Hare Field to Sportsman Country Club upon his return from Philadelphia; therefore, he (TIBBS) gave him his telephone number telling JERRY RAY that in the event that he could not obtain a ride from O'Hare Field to Sportsman Country Club upon his return from Philadelphia, to phone him and he would drive to O'Hare Field and return him to the Sportsman Country Club.

Note that JERRY visited an acquaintance in Camden, New Jersey, on June 5, 1968.

TIBBS stated that other than the fact that RAY told him that he had a brother JOHN RAY, and a sister, name unknown, in St. Louis, Missouri, he spoke little about his relatives or life before he became employed at the Sportsman Country Club; however, JERRY RAY did say that JOHN RAY asked him to go into the tavern business with him in St. Louis, Missouri, and JERRY RAY appeared to be very close to his brother JOHN RAY.

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Chicago dated 7/10/68, concerning notes and papers found in possession of subject's brother, JERRY RAY, at time of arrest by Memphis Police Department on 7/9/68.

Enclosed herewith are 15 copies of an investigative insert setting forth the investigation conducted by the Chicago Division at address 3803 Sheridan Road, Zion, Illinois, and identification of GLEN E. TIBBS.

2 - Memphis (Enc. 15)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP.)

MURKIN

RE SITEL TO BUREAU AUGUST THIRTEEN, LAST.

DON SANDIDGO, DETECTIVE, ALTON, ILL., PD, ADVISED THAT JUDY MILLER, WOODRIVER, ILL., HAD BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH JOHN MC CLINTOCK AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON DURING NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. HE ADVISED SHE MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING THAT TIME.

SPRINGFIELD, AT ALTON, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JUDY MILLER CONCERNING HER KNOWLEDGE OF HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND JOHN MC CLINTOCK.

WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

AM COPIES SENT MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (2 PP)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED AUGUST ~~NINE~~, TEN
LAST.

ROBERT RIZZI, DEPUTY, MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, ADVISED AUGUST TWELVE, INSTANT,
DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, BELIEVED ARRESTED BY THAT DEPARTMENT
FOR POSSESSION OF SAWED OFF SHOTGUN IN COLLINSVILLE,
ILLINOIS. HE ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVED GRINDSTAFF ARRESTED
IN THE COMPANY OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK. RIZZI ADVISED HE WOULD
OBTAIN ALL THE INFORMATION HIS OFFICE HAS ON GRINDSTAFF
AND FURNISH IT TO THE FBI. RIZZI FURTHER ADVISED THAT
WILLIE LEE HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER,
ROBERT TRONE, MADISON COUNTY COURT HOUSE, ON THE MORNING
OF AUGUST SIXTEEN, NEXT, EXACT TIME UNKNOWN.

SPRINGFIELD WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AT

- 1 - Springfield (44-561)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 7/29/68; Chicago airtel to Director, 7/24/68.

Enclosed for Springfield are two separate lists of cleaning establishments, one of members of the National Institute of Dry Cleaners and the second non-members of that organization. (Both lists are in the form of labels on a tape).

On 8/12/68, MRS. CECIL BONIS, National Institute of Dry Cleaning, 909 Burlington Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, made available the above described enclosures.

As per prior correspondence, Springfield will utilize the enclosed labels.

- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 - Memphis (REGISTERED MAIL)(AIRMAIL)
- 2 - Springfield (Encl-2)(REGISTERED AIRMAIL)
- 1 - Indianapolis (info)(REGISTERED AIRMAIL)
- 1 - St. Louis (info)(REGISTERED AIRMAIL)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1 PG)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST
FIFTEEN LAST.

PUBLIC DEFENDER ROBERT TRONE ADVISED HE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO INTERVIEW OF WILLIE LEE AND WILL ARRANGE INTERVIEW AT EARLY DATE.

ILLINOIS STATE PATROL OFFICERS HOWARD SHELTON
AND MARION VAN FOSSEN ADVISED THEY HAVE COMPLETED
CONTACT WITH PAROLEES AND PROBATIONERS; HAVE DEVELOPED
NO INFORMATION RE BR AT THE BANK OF ALTON OR PRESENCE
OF JAMES EARL RAY IN ALTON DURING JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

MAIL COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

2 - Springfield (1: 44-561)
(1: 91-3699) (Bank of Alton)
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU, EIGHT FIFTEEN LAST.

PUBLIC DEFENDER ROBERT TRONE, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS,
ADVISED WILLIE LEE HAD NOT REPORTED TO HIM AS OF THREE P.M.
TODAY.

EFFORTS TO CONTACT SI SIXTEEN FOURTEEN - C UNPRODUCTIVE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST SIXTEEN LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISED TODAY HE HAS BEEN
 UNABLE TO DATE TO CONTACT SOURCES BELIEVED ABLE TO PLACE
 JOHN MC CLINTOCK, HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND DELMAR
 GRINDSTAFF IN ALTON ON JULY THIRTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN
 AND TO ATTEST TO CLOTHING WORN BY COVINGTON AND GRINDSTAFF
 ON THAT DATE.

PUBLIC DEFENDER ROBERT TRONE STATES WILLIE LEE HAS NOT
 CONTACTED HIM AND HE COULD NOT REACH LEE WHEN HE ATTEMPTED
 TO CONTACT HIM AT KNOWN TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST NINETEEN LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISES HE HAS MADE NO
 PROGRESS IN EFFORTS TO CONTACT SOURCES MENTIONED IN RETEL.
 EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE UNPRODUCTIVE.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTY LAST.

ISI ONE FIVE FIVE TWO DASH C, WHO FURNISHED ORIGINAL
 INFORMATION INDICATING JOHN MC CLINTOCK WAS ONE OF THOSE
 INVOLVED IN ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON, STATED TODAY HE KNOWS
 JAMES EARL RAY AND IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN RAY WAS NOT IN ALTON
 DURING JULY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN; THAT INFORMATION REGARDING
 MC CLINTOCK'S COMPLICITY IN BANK ROBBERY ACCURATE AND THAT
 THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN MC CLINTOCK AND RAY. INFORMANT
 INTENSIFYING INQUIRY TO FURTHER ELABORATE ON INFORMATION.

MAIL COPY TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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AIRTEL

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Chicago airtel to Memphis dated 8/1/68.

The following information, compiled or estimated through 8/31/68, reflects costs incurred by Chicago Office on MURKIN:

1. TOTAL MAN HOURS

A. SPECIAL AGENTS

Regular Hours - 93
Overtime Hours - 8
Total Man Hours - 101

B. CLERICAL EMPLOYEES

Regular Hours 11

2. TOTAL MILEAGE TRAVELED BY BUREAU CARS ON THIS CASE

142

2 - Memphis (AMSD)
3 - Chicago

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3. OUT OF ORDINARY COSTS

None

TOTAL OUT OF ORDINARY EXPENSES

None

4. PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS
WORKING ON CASE DURING MONTH

5

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Date: 8/26/68

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

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED AUGUST
TWENTY THREE LAST.

SUSPECT JOHN MC CLINTOCK ARRESTED BY ALTON PD
THIS DATE FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR ON BENCH WARRANT ISSUED
L.A. COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ARISING OUT OF BURGLARY CHARGE.
MC CLINTOCK TRANSPORTED TO MADISON COUNTY JAIL AND EFFORTS
BEING MADE TO OBTAIN HIS RELEASE BY ASSOCIATES. EFFORTS
MADE TO INTERVIEW BUT UNSUCCESSFUL.

MAIL COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYSIX, LAST.

SI SIXTEEN FOURTEEN - C ADVISED TODAY HE HAS BEEN IN
 CONTACT WITH CHUCK BAZE CONCERNING BAZE'S ACTIVITIES AND
 KNOWLEDGE OF ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON. INFORMANT STATES
 HE FEELS BAZE HAS DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING BR THOUGH
 NOT ACTIVE PARTICIPANT. INFORMANT INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE
 CONTACT OF BAZE.

AM COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

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TO SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REAIRTEL CG AUGUST TWENTYTHREE SUBMITTING EIGHT CHECKS FROM INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, NUMBERED FOUR EIGHT THREE EIGHT, FOUR NINE ONE THREE, FOUR NINE EIGHT SEVEN, FIVE ZERO FIVE EIGHT, FIVE ONE THREE ZERO, FIVE TWO ZERO NINE, FIVE TWO EIGHT THREE AND FIVE THREE FIVE SEVEN AND W DASH FOUR FORM DATED MAY TEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, SIGNED "JOHN L. RAYNS." ALSO REAIRTEL CG AUGUST TWENTYFOUR SUBMITTING REGISTER PAGE THIRTEEN, BEARING SIGNATURE "JOHN LARRY RAYMS" ON LINE TWENTYFOUR AND REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER EIGHT ZERO SEVEN FIVE DATED JUNE EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND SIGNED "JOHN L. RAYNS."

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CONCLUDED JAMES EARL RAY, K ONE SEVEN ONE, K TWO ONE ONE, K TWO FIVE SEVEN, PREPARED THE RAYMS SIGNATURE ON LINE TWENTYFOUR OF REGISTER PAGE; THE QUESTIONED INKED WRITING ON REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER EIGHT ZERO SEVEN FIVE; THE QUESTIONED HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING ON W DASH FOUR FORM. ALTHOUGH SIGNIFICANT SIMILARITIES NOTED IN THE ENDORSEMENTS ON SUBMITTED CHECKS EXCEPT CHECK NUMBER FIVE TWO ZERO NINE WHEN COMPARED WITH RAY'S KNOWN WRITINGS, PRESENCE OF UNEXPLAINED VARIATIONS, INSUFFICIENT COMPARABLE MATERIAL AND DISTORTION IN SOME OF HANDWRITING PRECLUDED A DEFINITE DETERMINATION WHETHER RAY PREPARED ENDORSEMENTS ON SUBMITTED CHECKS. ENDORSEMENT ON CHECK NUMBER FIVE TWO ZERO NINE TOO DISTORTED FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES. ALTHOUGH SOME SIMILARITIES NOTED IN THE DATE ON LINE TWENTYFOUR OF THE REGISTER PAGE BESIDE THE RAYMS SIGNATURE WHEN COMPARED WITH COMPARABLE WRITINGS OF RAY, THE LIMITED AND OVERWRITTEN NATURE OF THIS DATE PRECLUDED A DEFINITE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER RAY PREPARED THIS DATE. SUBMITTED EVIDENCE TO BE FORWARDED TO CG AFTER COMPLETION OF REQUESTED LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATIONS. COPIES MAILED TO CG. REPORT FOLLOWS.

8/26/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)

RE: MURKIN

On 8/26/68 Special Agent CARAWAY, Federal Bureau of Narcotics, San Antonio, advised that an informant of his, who has furnished reliable information in the past, heard from an unnamed person the following information:

Three days prior to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING a man named (FNU) TURNTIDE, who is employed as a supervisor of a construction crew for the Holiday Inn motels, commented to the unnamed individual that TURNTIDE had received a telephone call from Memphis, Tennessee (headquarters of Holiday Inn motels) and thereafter stated that KING would be assassinated in three days. At that time CARAWAY's informant, the unknown man, and TURNTIDE were working on the construction of a Holiday Inn motel in San Antonio, Texas.

TURNTIDE, according to the informant, is presently employed in the construction of a Holiday Inn motel in Chicago, Ill.

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AT CHICAGO, ILL. Will attempt to locate

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- ② - Chicago (RM)
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)
 - 2 - San Antonio
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(FNU) TURNTIDE, employee of Holiday Inn motels, and interview him for any information he may have concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SAN ANTONIO

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. Will attempt to determine the identity of the unknown man and interview him for details of conversation with TURNTIDE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1P)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU EIGHT TWENTY SEVEN LAST.

SI ONE FIVE FIVE TWO-C CONTACTED TODAY RE INFO ON ROBERT LOUIS STANTON FURNISHED BY EAST ALTON P.D. INFORMANT SUBSTANTIATED PREVIOUS INTELLIGENCE INDICATING STANTON PREFERS FORTY FIVE CALIBER AUTOMATIC. STATED STANTON HAS WIDE ACQUAINTANCE AMONG CRIMINAL ELEMENT IN GREATER ALTON AREA AND COULD WELL HAVE ACCESS TO ENOUGH INFO ABOUT THE BANK OF ALTON TO PULL BR. EXPRESSED DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT STANTON WOULD PULL BR, STATING HE PREFERRED BURGLARIES.

PCI LARRY R. MANNS CONTACTED AND GIVEN ASSIGNMENT TO DEVELOP INFO ON HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND DELMAR GRINDSTAFF.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P 1)

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT LAST.
INFORMANTS AND PCIS AT ALTON, ILLINOIS, UNABLE TO
PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHEN CONTACTED TODAY.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWENTY NINE LAST.

PCI LARRY R. MANNS ADVISED HE HAS MADE INQUIRY RE
HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON. STATES COVINGTON IN GREATER ALTON
AREA AND WILL SET HIM UP FOR INTERVIEW.

NO OTHER NEW INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DATE.

MAIL COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST THIRTY LAST.

PCI LARRY R. MANN ADVISED WILLIE LEE HAS FLED THE STATE AND PRESUMABLY RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA TO ANSWER BURGLARY CHARGES THERE AND TO AVOID RECRIMINATION FROM PERSONS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO "GET HIM".

SUSPECT JOHN MC CLINTOCK RELEASED FROM MADISON COUNTY JAIL ON BOND AND ALLEGEDLY LIVING IN OLD SHAWNEETOWN AREA.

EFFORTS BY PCI TO LOCATE DICK COVINGTON UNPRODUCTIVE TO DATE.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. **44-1114**
FBI FILE NO. **44-38861**
LATENT CASE NO. **91075**

August 30, 1968TO: **SAC, Chicago**RE: **MURKIN
CR**

REFERENCE: **Airtel 8-23-68**
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Chicago**
SPECIMENS: **Eight payroll checks of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc.,
Q398 through Q405
Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate, Q406**

Specimens examined and one latent fingerprint of value
developed on check, Q404.

See attached page for result of comparison.

Specimens enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)

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Your File No. 44-1114
FBI File No. 44-38861
Latent Case No. 91075

August 30, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G

The latent print developed on the check #5283, Q404,
is identical with the right thumbprint of James Earl Ray.

The check is enclosed.

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Your File No. 44-1114
FBI File No. 44-38861
Latent Case No. 91075

August 30, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G

The latent print developed on the check #5283, Q404,
is identical with the right thumbprint of James Earl Ray.

The check is enclosed.

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To: SAC'S, Chicago (44-1114)
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel 8/24/68, submitting sheet from
rooming house ledger, Q407, and registration card, Q408.

One latent fingerprint and two latent palm prints
developed on Q407, and ten latent fingerprints developed on
Q408. Latent prints not identical fingerprints and palm prints
of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

Q407 and Q408, enclosed to Chicago.

Laboratory reporting separate.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

Date: **September 4, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680826086 JK
D-680826101 JK**

Examination requested by:

Chicago

Reference:

Airtels, 8/23/68 and 8/24/68

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished regarding the results of the latent fingerprint examination and return of Q398 through Q408.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to Memphis dated 8/27/68.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Chicago (44-1114) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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Specimens received 8/26/68, from FBI, Chicago

Eight payroll checks of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc., payable to JOHN RAYNS or JOHN L. RAYNS, further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Q398	4838	5/7/67	\$84.89
Q399	4913	5/14/67	84.89
Q400	4987	5/21/67	84.89
Q401	5058	5/28/67	84.89
Q402	5130	6/4/67	89.63
Q403	5209	6/11/67	89.63
Q404	5283	6/18/67	95.19
Q405	5357	6/25/67	77.53

Q406 Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate dated May 10, 1967, bearing Social Security Number 318-24-7098 and signed "John L. Rayns"

Specimens received 8/26/68, from FBI, Chicago

Q407 Sheet from rooming house ledger, page 13, bearing on line 24 the signature "John Larry Rayms"

Q408 Registration card, No. 8075, dated 6/18/67, bearing the signature "John L. Rayns"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that JAMES EARL RAY, K171, K211 and K257 prepared the questioned Rayms' signature on Q407; the questioned handwriting on Q408 and the questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q406. Although significant similarities were noted in the endorsements on Q398 through Q405, except the

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endorsement on Q403, when compared with the known writings of RAY, the presence of unexplained variations, insufficient comparable material and distortion in some of the questioned endorsements precluded a definite determination as to whether RAY prepared the endorsements on Q398 through Q405.

The endorsement on Q403 is too distorted for comparison purposes. Although some similarities were noted in the date on line 24 on Q407 beside the Rayms signature when compared with the comparable writing of RAY, the limited and over-written nature of this date precluded a definite determination as to whether RAY prepared this date.

Q398 through Q408 have been photographed and will be returned to Chicago separately.

FBI

Date: 9/4/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL SEPTEMBER THREE LAST.

PCI LARRY R. MANNS, PCI HELEN GRABLE AND SI ONE FIVE FIVE TWO DASH C, ADVISED THEY HAVE DEVELOPED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE SEPTEMBER FOUR LAST.

CHIEF WILLIAM PETERSEN (NA), ALTON PD; WILLIAM BEARDSMORE, PRESIDENT, THE BANK OF ALTON; AND PAUL COUSLEY, EDITOR, ALTON EVENING TELEGRAPH, ADVISED NO CURRENT OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HAS COME TO THEIR ATTENTION SINCE MATTER LAST DISCUSSED.

PCI LARRY R. MANNS ADVISED HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON CONCERNED OVER INCREASED EMPHASIS ON BR INVESTIGATION AND MADE STATEMENT HE HOPES QUOTE THE HEAT WILL BE TURNED OFF SOON END QUOTE. MANNS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PINPOINT COVINGTON'S WHEREABOUTS SO HE MIGHT BE INTERVIEWED.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 9/13/68

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS (2);
The Bank of Alton,
Alton, Illinois
7/13/67
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(OO: SPRINGFIELD)

Enclosed for St. Louis and Indianapolis, if not already received, are lists of members and non-members of the National Institute of Dry Cleaners furnished by the Baltimore Division.

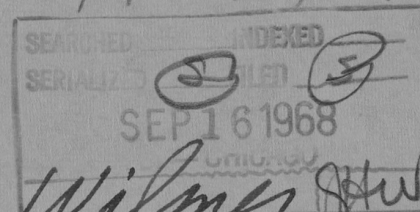
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

THIS DATE, CONFERENCE HELD WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, MEMPHIS, AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES. MATTER OF LINING UP WITNESSES AND EVIDENCE DISCUSSED. CANALE PROPOSED FOLLOWING PROCEDURES BE ESTABLISHED SO THAT HE CAN COMPLETE REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF PERTINENT EVIDENCE:

FIRST, HE WOULD LIKE REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE TO MEET WITH LABORATORY EXAMINERS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY ON DATE NEXT WEEK. CANALE PROPOSES THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS FINDINGS WITH INTERESTED EXAMINERS AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW EVIDENCE STILL MAINTAINED AT LABORATORY.

CANALE FEELS THAT IF HIS REPRESENTATIVES GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY, THEY CAN MAKE DECISION, BASED ON EVIDENCE AVAILABLE, AS TO NUMBER OF EXAMINERS THEY MIGHT NEED IN CONNECTION WITH TRIAL, TYPE OF EVIDENCE THAT MIGHT BE SUITABLE FOR USE, AND THIS WOULD ALSO GIVE THEM AN IDEA AS TO VARIOUS FIELD DIVISIONS AND WITNESSES IN THOSE DIVISIONS.

RGJ:ME
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CC: ATLANTA (AM)
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CANALE STATES THAT AFTER REVIEW OF DATA WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT LABORATORY, HE PROPOSES THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE THEREAFTER CONTACT PERTINENT FIELD DIVISIONS AND DISCUSS WITH AGENTS WHO SECURED EVIDENCE THE INFORMATION THEY CAN TESTIFY TO, AND HE WOULD AT THIS TIME ALSO TALK TO WITNESSES IN THE RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS WHOM HE MIGHT HAVE TO SUBPOENA.

CANALE ALSO MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY THAT IN CONNECTION WITH LINING UP WITNESSES, A REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS OFFICE MIGHT HAVE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN FOREIGN TRAVEL. SPECIFICALLY, HE MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF GOING TO LONDON, TO MEXICO CITY, AND TO MONTREAL AND TORONTO.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE SUITABLE DATE ON WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE CAN MEET WITH LABORATORY REPRESENTATIVES TO REVIEW PERTINENT EVIDENCE AND DISCUSS FINDINGS SO THAT APPROPRIATE WITNESSES CAN BE LINED UP.

IT WAS OPINION OF CANALE THAT IF THIS PRELIMINARY WORK CAN BE COMPLETED, HE CAN BETTER EVALUATE WHAT HE NEEDS FOR THE TRIAL AND FEELS THAT ON THIS BASIS HE WILL NEED A MINIMUM OF FBI PERSONNEL TO TESTIFY AS TO THE VARIOUS ITEMS THAT MAY BE OF PERTINENCE IN THIS CASE.