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RE: RICHARD GALT

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOSEPH M. BURKE on April 17, 1968:

DENNIS COMPOSTO, Secretary of Quigley Preparatory Seminary North located at 103 East Chestnut, Chicago, Illinois, checked the records for Quigley North and determined there was no record identifiable with RICHARD GALT, ERIC S. GALT or anyone named GALT. He also checked the records for the following names with negative results:

HARVEY LOWMEYER and LOWMYER
JOHN WILLARD
JEROME WALLIS VERNON, also known as
JAY WALLIS VERNON

WILLIAM HOGAN, Secretary, Quigley Preparatory Seminary South, 7740 South Western, Chicago, Illinois, checked the records of Quigley South and determined there was no record of that institution for anyone named GALT. He also checked the records of Quigley South for the following individuals with negative results:

HARVEY LOWMEYER and LOWMYER
JOHN WILLARD
JEROME WALLIS VERNON, also known as
JAY WALLIS VERNON

Mr. HOGAN advised that all the archdiocesan records of seminarians who have attended Quigley Seminary are maintained at Quigley South with the exception of those who entered Quigley during September, 1955 to 1960. These records and those currently enrolled at Quigley North are maintained at Quigley North. Mr. HOGAN also advised that anyone studying for the priesthood in the archdiocese of Chicago would normally enter one of the Quigley Seminaries, North or South, for at least one semester before going on to any major seminary.

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JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN

Re Memphis teletype dated 4/9/68, concerning
JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN.

On April 9, 1968, the following investigation
conducted by SA ROBERT E. HALL and SA THOMAS J. GREEN:

By personal observation, it was determined that
there is no such address as 1339 South Western, Chicago,
Illinois.

The residence at 1339 North Western Avenue is
in a Puerto Rican-Spanish American neighborhood and
consists of a three-floor flat building, owned by M. B.
RIVERA, occupant of the third floor.

Interviews were conducted with Mrs. CALDERON
through a nine-year old grandson, interpreter. Mrs. CALDERON
and her family occupy the first floor. Interviews were
also conducted with Mrs. AMANDA CONDE who occupies the
second floor flat.

The name JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN was unknown to any
of the persons interviewed. They had no knowledge that
any person in the 1300 block of North Western was attending
school in Memphis, Tennessee, and no person residing at
1339 North Western had children older than high school age.

It was noted that other names on the mail box
with Mrs. CALDERON were also Spanish names: MORALES and
SANDIN.

Inquiry of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company
determined that the prefix number 396 is not in the Chicago
area but is in North Antioch, Wisconsin. The current Illinois
Bell Telephone Company telephone directories for the Chicago
area have no listing for a JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN.

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SA RICHARD G. STILLING made a check of the records of the Chicago Police Department and the FBI Chicago Office records, and no listing for a JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN was located.

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MARTIN J. BRENNEN
c/o Sears Roebuck
925 South Homan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs RICHARD G. STILLING and SA WILLIAM J. DOWNEY, Jr.:

On April 10, 1968, Mr. JOHN LEHRER, Legal Department, and Mr. MICHAEL GRANT, Supervisor, Department 640, Boys Wear, advised that MARTIN J. BRENNEN has been a buyer for Sears in Boys Wear for over 27½ years. One of his big accounts is the Calhoun Garment Division of Kellwood Industries, Calhoun, Mississippi. BRENNEN generally flies to Memphis, Tennessee, rents an automobile, and drives to Calhoun, Mississippi, to conduct his business, then returns the rented automobile and flies back to Chicago from Memphis.

A review of Mr. BRENNEN's expense voucher indicated that he arrived in Memphis, Tennessee, either on April 3 or 4, 1968, resided at the Holiday Inn, Oxford, Mississippi, and did rent an automobile while in that area. His expense voucher indicates he did travel to Calhoun, Mississippi.

BRENNEN is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	
Height	5'11½"
Weight	190 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown, graying and very thin on top
Scars	Has very noticeable scar on cheek.

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Re: Unsub Who Appeared In
Bar, Brookfield, Illinois,
Complainant JOE HARMON,
River Forest, Illinois
Serial B (44-1114-14)

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES W. GERBLICK on April 11, 1968:

Mr. RUSSELL BRIXIE, Bartender, Drive-In Liquor Store and Bar, 9526 Ogden Avenue, Brookfield, Illinois, was identified as the "apparent owner" mentioned by complainant and as a bartender. He advised that he recalled speaking to the VAN ARSDALE boy on April 6, 1968, concerning the conditions in Memphis, Tennessee. BRIXIE stated VAN ARSDALE is 22 years of age, five feet, eight inches tall, and has brown hair, crew cut. He advised VAN ARSDALE resides in La Grange, and his father is JAMES VAN ARSDALE. BRIXIE stated VAN ARSDALE stopped in for a drink and mentioned that he had driven all night to return home for the Easter Holiday, after being released from Memphis State College at 11:00 Friday night, April 5, 1968. BRIXIE stated VAN ARSDALE and his sister are both students at Memphis State College, and there is no resemblance between VAN ARSDALE and the sketch of the alleged assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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Re: WESLEY ELLIS POOLE

The following investigation was conducted by SA HARRY A. WALKER on April 11, 1968:

Sergeant TIMOTHY LONERGAN, Rolling Meadows, Illinois, Police Department, telephonically reported that JAMES RIGSBY, owner Texaco Service Station, Lincoln Avenue and Route 53, Rolling Meadows, advised during the afternoon of April 11, 1968, that at approximately 10:00 a.m. that morning an individual answering the description of the artist's conception of the suspect in this case, stopped at the station asking directions for Ardmore Avenue, Itasca, Illinois, advising that he just came in the area from Atlanta, Georgia, and was as lost as a "ball in the weeds." RIGSBY stated that this man was driving a 1966 white Mustang, however, did not think anything of this until he saw an article concerning the Mustang in the paper during the afternoon of April 11, 1968.

JAMES RIGSBY who resides at 4005 North Avers, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at the above Texaco Station and gave substantially the same information stating that the individual was dressed in a light blue, button down collar, Oxford shirt, and gray pants and was driving what he thought was a light gray 1966 Mustang and stopped at the station only to obtain directions for Ardmore Avenue in Itasca.

It was determined that Ardmore Avenue, Itasca, only has the 1300 and 1400 block and this is entirely an industrial street, and at the present time has four companies operating businesses on these streets.

Through contact with JAMES FLEMING, General Manager, Circle Participation, 1324 Ardmore Avenue, Itasca, Illinois, it was determined that at 10:30 the morning of April 11, 1968, WESLEY ELLIS POOLE reported to Circle Participation Company driving a dark green 1966 Mustang and is from Atlanta, Georgia, and was lost the morning of April 11, 1968, before he found the Circle Participation. FLEMING advised that POOLE was wearing clothes described above by RIGSBY and has been known to the Circle

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Participation Company for the last 13 years having worked for the E. F. Houserman Company in Atlanta, Georgia, which is a competitor of the Circle Participation Company. He stated that POOLE left the Houserman Company due to having a dispute with the company over wages approximately one week ago. FLEMING advised that POOLE is presently installing metal for his company at the Motorola Corporation located at Algonquin Road and Rolling Meadows near Palatine, Illinois.

POOLE was interviewed at the above Motorola Corporation and advised that he did stop at the Texaco Service Station in Rolling Meadows asking for directions due to the fact that he was completely lost. POOLE stated that he worked for the last 13 years at E. F. Houserman Company, Atlanta, Georgia, as a carpenter, however, left the company due to a wage dispute about a week ago and is now employed by the Circle Participation Company who has offices in Atlanta and where he will eventually work for the company. He stated he presently resided at 1443 Eastland Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, Apartment 1, with his wife EVA and daughter SHIRLEY, age 19. POOLE advised that most of his work for the Houserman Company was done in the state of Florida, therefore he has a Florida license number 7-12995 on his 1966 two door Mustang which is classed as an English racing green in color car. He stated that this is actually a very dark green automobile.

FLEMING stated POOLE's car was examined by the Motorola Corporation and it was determined that the automobile is dark green in color and had the above Florida license described by POOLE on the automobile.

POOLE explained that he was working for the Houserman Company in Orlando, Florida, when he purchased the Florida license. POOLE is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Fort Mc Pherson Atlanta, Georgia

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Hair
Height
Weight
Build
Previous Army Service

Gray
5'4"
135 pounds
Small
5 years, U. S. Air Force
March, 1942 - December 14, 1946
when he was honorably discharged
as a Staff Sergeant

Air Force Serial No.
Employment

Circle Participation
1325 Ardmore Avenue,
Itasca, Illinois

Relatives

EVA, wife, resides with her
husband at Apartment 1,
1443 Eastland Road,
Atlanta, Georgia

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MAIL ORDER HOUSES

On April 11, 1968, Mr. WALTER SCHATZ, 3318 North Lake Shore Drive, telephone 549-6617, advised he is Mail Order Club of America, 333 North Michigan Avenue, furnished a list of 51 additional Mail Order Houses in the Chicago area. These are in addition to the 45 taken from the yellow pages of the telephone book.

These are being checked personally by men from C-2, C-3 and C-6.

On April 11, 1968, WARREN CLOHISY, telephone WH 4-6377, advised he is the Mail Order Association of America, 612 North Michigan. He does not have a complete listing of all Mail Order Houses in Chicago and does not know where one exists.

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JOHN WILLARD

The following investigation was conducted by
SA GIRARD M. ANNINO:

On April 9, 1968, Mr. EDWARD RAUWORTH, Evanston Credit Bureau, 1014 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois, advised his files contain the following information concerning JOHN WILLIAM WILLARD, SR., 5224 Davis Street, Skokie, Illinois:

WILLARD was placed in credit bureau files in September, 1954, at which time he was employed by the Washington National Insurance Company, 1630 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. The last inquiry on file was received in October, 1963 and also reflects employment with Washington National Insurance Company. This file further reflects WILLARD has been the Regional Director for this company for the past 25 years, and there was no derogatory information on file.

On April 9, 1968, inquiry at Washington National Insurance Company, 1630 Chicago Avenue, determined that JOHN WILLIAM WILLARD, SR. was ill and not at work.

On April 10, 1968, Mr. JOHN WILLIAM WILLARD, SR., 5224 Davis Street, Skokie, Illinois, advised that he was recuperating from an appendix operation and was released from the hospital ten days ago. He advised that he has not lost any identification and produced his American Express Company Credit card, which bears number [REDACTED]. Mr. WILLARD advised that JOHN WILLIAM WILLARD, JR., his son, is presently residing at 2209 North Redwood Drive, Anaheim, California. He stated he did not know where his son was employed, however, had spoken to him approximately one week ago. He stated that to his knowledge his son does not have an American Express Company Credit card.

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From personal observation JOHN WILLIAM WILLARD, SR.
would be described as white, male, 5'10", 175 lbs., age middle
50's, and grey hair.

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Miss. SHERRY WINSLETT, 10146 Hartford Court,
Schiller Park, Illinois, telephone 678-4773, viewed a photograph
of ERIC STARVO GALT on April 18, 1967, at which time she
advised that she could recall no person that appeared
similar to the photograph of GALT as having been on her
flight out of Atlanta, Georgia, on April 9, 1968.

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RE: REQUEST TO CHECK UNITED
AIRLINES ATLANTA DEPARTURE
FLIGHTS APRIL 9 TO DATE

Personnel, United Airlines, Revenue Accounting Department, states that ticket lift which is the passengers ticket by flight number, go immediately from the boarding station, in this case Atlanta, to the Data Processing Center, Chicago, for approximately seven to ten days while these tickets and the information contained thereon, placed in Data Processing and/or accounting at United Airlines. This is the first order of business with the tickets and cannot be disturbed inasmuch as this represents revenue to United Airlines. The earliest that April 9 through April 15 that tickets will be available for examination is April 25. United personnel indicate that the 32 Atlanta departures represent roughly 2500 passengers per day and in the case of the requested periods, represent approximately 17,500 tickets to examine.

Revenue Accounting personnel state that it would be more expeditious to check Atlanta reservation cards, United Airlines, which records are maintained at the Reservation Office in some form of Data Processing for 60 days after the given flight.

United advises reservation cards are maintained for 60 days in sequential order, but the reservation cards are available for Atlanta departures at United Airlines, Atlanta.

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The following investigation was conducted
by SA HARRY A. WALKER:

Through observation on April 30, 1968,
it was determined that apartment 1H, 9015 Capital Drive,
Des Plaines, Illinois, is occupied by HERBERT HORN. *②*

On April 30, 1968, Mrs. LEE LEHNER, Bookkeeper
for the North Shore Rental Agency, 8804 Steven Drive,
Des Plaines, Illinois, the rental agency for the apartment
building at 9015 Capital Drive, Des Plaines, advised that
apartment 1H was singularly rented by HERBERT HORN on
December 1, 1967, on a two-year lease that is to expire
November 30, 1969. She stated that HORN's place of
employment is entered in the records as the Bell and
Howell Company, 7100 McCormick Road, Chicago, Illinois.

On the same date GREGORY AHRENSFELD, 1206
Morse Street, Des Plaines, Illinois, a telephone installer,
for the General Telephone Company of Des Plaines,
advised that the individual he reported as similar in
appearance to JAMES EARL RAY who he conversed with when
installing a telephone at the person's apartment located
in apartment 1H, 9015 Capital Drive, Des Plaines, was
HERBERT HORN who told him that he was employed by the
Bell and Howell Company, 7100 McCormick Road, Chicago,
Illinois, however, had the day off due to a strike
or some other problem at the Bell and Howell Company.
He stated he does not remember the date that he installed
the phone but it was shortly after the death of Doctor
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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AHRENSFELD described HORN as a white male, blond reddish wavy hair, long pointed nose, 160 pounds, 5'8", 35 years old; however, he does not remember HORN having any scars or marks.

Mr. BERNARD P. TOKARZ, Director of Industrial Relations, Bell and Howell Company, 7100 McCormick Road, Chicago, Illinois, advised May 1, 1968, that HERBERT HORN, single, who resides at apartment 1H, 9015 Capital Drive, Des Plaines, has been employed with Bell and Howell Company since February 19, 1959, and is presently the senior plant engineer. He stated that HORN, white male, born [redacted], at Harvey, Illinois, has a fine reputation at the Bell and Howell Company and is presently serving on the Company's Profit Sharing Board.

TOKARZ stated that the Bell and Howell employees had Monday, April 8, 1968, off which was shortly after the death of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. due to a power failure at the company. He stated the Bell and Howell Company records reflected that HORN worked all day on April 4, 1968.

TOKARZ stated that although HORN has some physical characteristics similar to the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, HORN is definitely not identical to RAY.

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RICHARD A. LANDKAMER
165 North Pine
Apartment 515
Chicago, Illinois

On April 10, 1968, Mrs. VOLDA FREY, Manager of the apartment-hotel, 165 North Pine, advised that LANDKAMER moved into this address on March 21 of this year. Her rental agreement indicates he is 5'10" tall, has light brown hair, average build, and is age 25. He is employed as a computer programmer at the Presbyterian St. Luke Hospital. Mrs. FREY checked with her desk clerk and from her own personal knowledge advised that this individual was not away from his residence during the pertinent period.

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Information Regarding JERROLD C. HURST

The following investigation was conducted by
SA GERALD E. DWYER on April 23, 1968:

A review of the Joliet, Illinois City Directory reflected that a JERROLD C. HURST, a rigger, employed at the Argonne National Laboratory, Lamont, Illinois, resided at 1860 Aycliff Court, Apartment 302, Joliet, Illinois, home telephone number 725-5822.

A review of the current Illinois Bell Telephone Directory for Joliet, Illinois, reflected that a JERROLD C. HURST resided at 1860 Aycliff, Joliet, Illinois, telephone number 725-5822.

KENNETH GRAHAM, 1412 Fairmount Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, home telephone number 722-2076, employed at the Red Wheel Restaurant, 2314 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois, business telephone number 725-0868, was reinterviewed and advised that he saw a photo and sketch of ERIC GALT in a Chicago newspaper on either April 18 or 19, 1968. GRAHAM advised that he observed a white male American resembling GALT in the Red Wheel Restaurant on April 19 and 20, 1968, at approximately 11:30 AM. He described the white male as approximately 5' 8" to 5' 9" in height, 180 lbs., sandy blond long hair, in his late 20's or early 30's with no scars or marks. GRAHAM stated that the white male was alone and left the restaurant driving a white or black over red 1968 Camero bearing 1968 Illinois license plates LT 7773. GRAHAM stated emphatically that he was positive of the make of the car and the license number on the car as he went out of the restaurant to take the license number down.

CATHY TURNER, Will County Credit Bureau, Inc., Joliet, Illinois, advised that her files reflected that a JERROLD C. HURST, 112 Enwood, Joliet, Illinois, single, employed by Argonne National Laboratory as of June, 1967, had been in credit bureau files since November 1, 1965. TURNER advised that HURST's credit bureau file contained no additional information other than an article from the "Joliet Herald News" dated December 16, 1965, which reflected that JERROLD C. HURST had been arrested by the Joliet, Illinois Police Department on a disorderly conduct charge for giving Officer ART SCHULTZ a hard time and using improper language. HURST was released on a \$25 bond. *B 44-1114-235*

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On April 23, 1968, SHARON COX, Joliet, Illinois Police Department, advised that her files reflected that JERROLD C. HURST, a white male American, 6'3", 185 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, born [REDACTED], at Elmhurst, Illinois, was arrested on December 15, 1965, by the Joliet, Illinois Police Department for using insulting and obscene language to a police officer.

COX searched her records of 1968 Illinois license plates which had been reported lost or stolen and could find no such report for 1968 Illinois license LT 7773.

Mrs. JOHANNA TIJAN, Clerk, Joliet Vehicle Tag Department, City Hall, Joliet, Illinois, advised that vehicle tag number 23727 was issued to JERALD HURST, 1860 Aycliff Court, Apartment 302, Joliet, Illinois, for a 1966 Pontiac.

DON MOOSE, Radio Operator, Illinois State Police, District 5, Joliet, Illinois, caused the Vehicle Registration Records and Driver's License Records of the Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, to be checked at the request of SA GERALD E. DWYER.

MOOSE advised that 1968 Illinois license plate number LT 7773 was issued on February 15, 1968, to JERROLD and SANDRA HURST, 1860 Aycliff Court, Apartment 302, Joliet, Illinois, for a 1966 Pontiac hardtop, VIN 252376X154109. The record also reflected that JERROLD HURST's Social Security Number was [REDACTED].

MOOSE advised that Illinois Driver's License Number [REDACTED] was issued on November 3, 1965 to JERROLD C. HURST, 112 Inwood Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, 6'3", 185 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, born [REDACTED]. MOOSE advised that the above driver's license expires on April 29, 1969 and that HURST surrendered a Wisconsin Driver's License in order to obtain his Illinois Driver's license.

MOOSE advised that Illinois Driver's License Number [REDACTED] was issued on September 22, 1967 to SANDRA LEE HURST, 1860 Aycliff Court, Apt. 302, Joliet, Illinois, 5'4", 130 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, born [REDACTED]. MOOSE advised that this driver's license expires on October 16, 1970.

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MOOSE advised that in addition to the above, he checked to determine if 1966 Pontiac hardtop, VIN 25237X154109 or 1968 Illinois License Number LT 7773, had been reported stolen to the Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois or to the Chicago, Illinois Police Department. MOOSE also advised that he caused a check with NCIC, Washington, D.C. on the 1966 Pontiac, on 1968 Ill. license LT 7773, and on the name JERROLD C. HURST and SANDRA LEE HURST, described as on the above driver's license. MOOSE advised that all checks were returned negative. He advised that there was no theft report on a 1966 Pontiac, that 1968 Ill. license plate number LT 7773 had not been reported stolen, and that JERROLD C. HURST and SANDRA LEE HURST were not wanted.

BOB HUSTON, Security Department, Argonne National Laboratory, Lamont, Illinois, advised that employment records reflect that JERROLD C. HURST, is employed in the Rigging Department at the Argonne National Laboratory, Lamont, Illinois, and that his business telephone number is 739-7711, Ext. 3347.

HUSTON advised that he personally examined time cards and signature cards for JERROLD C. HURST and advised that official records and time cards reflect that HURST was on the job from 8:00 AM through 4:00 PM for a period of 40 hours, during the period March 25 through March 29, 1968, from April 1 through April 5, 1968, and from April 8 through April 12, 1968.

JERROLD C. HURST, a rigger, Argonne National Laboratory, Lamont, Illinois, was interviewed and advised that he currently owns a 1968 Pontiac Firebird, black top with a red bottom, VIN unknown, currently bearing 1968 Ill. license tag LT 7773. HURST stated that he formerly owned a 1966 Pontiac which he only recently traded in in order to purchase the 1968 Pontiac Firebird. HURST stated that he is in the process of having vehicle registration changed in Springfield, Illinois, for Illinois license number LT 7773 to reflect a 1968 Pontiac Firebird instead of a 1966 Pontiac.

HURST stated that on Friday, April 19, 1968, and on Saturday, April 20, 1968, he ate his lunch sometime around 12:00 noon at the Red Wheel Restaurant, 2314 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois. He stated that on both dates, he ate in the restaurant alone, and left the restaurant driving his 1968 Pontiac Firebird, black top over red bottom bearing 1968 Ill. license tag LT 7773.

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HURST stated that he is the only individual who has ever had possession of or the use of his 1968 Pontiac Firebird with black top and red bottom bearing 1968 Ill. license plate LT 7773. He stated emphatically that at no time has he had stolen or reported stolen to any police department Illinois license plate number LT 7773.

The following background information regarding JERROLD C. HURST was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	JERROLD C. HURST
Home Address	1860 Aycliff Crt. Apt. 302 Joliet, Ill.
Home Telephone No.	725-5822
Sex	Male
Race	White
DOB	
POB	Elmhurst, Illinois
Height	6'3½"
Weight	207 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Scars or Marks	None
Employment	employed as a rigger at the Argonne National Laboratory Lamont, Illinois
Wife	SANDRA LEE HURST, 1860 Aycliff Court, Joliet, Illinois
Arrests	Admitted an arrest for disorderly conduct with the Joliet, Ill. Police Department in either 1964 or 1965.

907 Spencer Street
Joliet, Illinois
May 6, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Chicago, Illinois

In Re: James Earl Ray

Gentlemen:

I feel rather the fool writing to you about an incident that occurred yesterday and perhaps something that has already been called to your attention.

Yesterday afternoon I was reading a review of the new James Bond novel in the Chicago Tribune. It stuck in my mind all afternoon and disturbed me until I went back to read it again later that evening. These two names hit me, Auric Goldfinger, Ernest Starvo Blackfield. I noticed the similarities between the names Auric and Eric, Starvo and Starvo. I did some further research thru Mr. Fleming's novels and came across the name Buonaparte. Thus the similarity of Gallia and

B) Ignace Gallia

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If what I have noticed with the similarities of these names and other similarities was planned and not just my imagination running away with me, it is obvious that Mr. Ray too was in Fleming fam. If this be the case and since a majority of his stories took place in one way or another in Bermuda, the Bahamas and Jamaica, then perhaps it is possible the assassinating of Martin Luther King might be found one of these places? This quite possibly is my imagination getting carried away in my attempt to look for simulanties and perhaps one of your trained psychologist who is familiar with Mr. Ray's personality and background can bear me out or show that it is just my imagination.

As I said, I feel like a fool and perhaps what I have said will be classified as crank information, but I felt compelled to pass this information on to you if it has not already been discovered in your investigation.

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Sincerely yours
 Jeanette G. Liddle

219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois, 60604
May 13, 1968

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Jeanette F. Liddle
907 Spencer Street
Joliet, Illinois

Dear Miss Liddle:

Please be advised that thoughts set forth in your letter of May 6 will be given appropriate consideration by the FBI in their investigation to locate the murderer of Doctor Martin Luther King. The particular matter of James Earl Ray's obtaining the alias of Eric Starvo Galt from James Bond novels has been mentioned during the course of the investigation.

Your interest in writing to this office is appreciated.

Very truly yours,


M. W. JOHNSON
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA RENE J. DUMAINE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/14/68

On May 13, 1968, at 3:55 p.m., the writer was telephonically contacted by SA CLAY M. BRADY, Minneapolis Division, who advised that a search of the Northwest Airlines ticket records as requested in Miami teletype of May 9, 1968, developed 21 individuals who were aboard the flight in question and who resided in the Chicago area.

SA BRADY inquired as to whether or not Chicago was in possession of the two teletypes referenced in the Miami teletype requesting the investigation. SA BRADY was advised that we were not in possession of these communications but were of the opinion that if the ticket was in the name of JERRY HERRON or a known alias of the subject, then it would be an apparent waste of investigative effort to develop the identity of all of the passengers mentioned in the teletype. SA BRADY was advised that this office would contact Atlanta for further clarification and would call him back.

At 4:05 p.m., the Murkin coordinator at the Atlanta Office was contacted at which time the contents of the referenced teletypes were made known to the writer. The initial teletype requested that passengers utilizing the true name or known aliases of the subject leaving Atlanta between April 7 and 10, 1968, be checked out to determine if they were identical with the subject. The writer was advised that if the name of the passenger was not a known alias and not out of Atlanta, no further investigation was requested.

The foregoing was made known to SA BRADY at 4:15 p.m. at which time he advised that he had called Miami and that the Miami Office was of the opinion that if the ticket was in the name of JERRY HERRON, no further investigation was necessary.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA LEROY D. FEDERLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Robert Owen Sheridan X

Re Jackson teletype to Bureau, Chicago and Memphis dated 4/8/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA LEROY D. FEDERLE at Aurora, Illinois:

On 4/9/68 Mrs. RUTH MAGNUSON, Supervisor of Medical Records, Mercyville Hospital, Aurora, Illinois, advised that ROBERT OWEN SHERIDAN, date of birth [redacted] home address - 208 Joliet Road, Plainfield, Illinois, Phone Number 436-9136, was a patient at Mercyville beginning 3/26/68 and discharged 4/3/68. Mrs. MAGNUSON stated that Mercyville is a privately operated institution owned by the Sisters of Mercy and that its function is to care for short-term patients who suffer from nervous breakdown and related mental disorders.

On 4/9/68 Mrs. HELEN SKONK, Aurora Credit Bureau, South Lincoln, Aurora, Illinois, advised her files disclose the following information concerning ROBERT O. SHERIDAN:

Last known address	350 Wilson West Chicago, Illinois 5/12/66
Prior addresses	1018 West Main Street St. Charles, Illinois 8/62; 404 South 4th Street Mount Vernon, Illinois

During 8/62 SHERIDAN was employed by Water Conditioning Products Manufacturer as a draftsman at St. Charles, Illinois. During 9/63 SHERIDAN was listed

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as a part owner of the Robb-Ross Interiors, Plainfield, Illinois. Other prior employments were the Wielt Florist Company, Mount Vernon, Illinois, and Hamer Enterprises, Naperville, Illinois.

The file further disclosed that SHERIDAN was 28 years of age as of 1/66 and that he was discharged from the U.S. Army on 1/22/60. During 1/66 SHERIDAN's marital status was single. Mrs. SKONK advised that his credit appeared to be in good order except for a charge-off from a department store during 1/60 of \$23.58.

On 4/9/68 Sergeant ROBERT BRENT, Records Division, Aurora Police Department, Aurora, Illinois, advised that Aurora Police Department Report Number 34280 disclosed that on 9/30/61 at 12:58 AM ROBERT OWEN SHERIDAN, white male, 25 years of age, date of birth [redacted] address - 915 East Main Street, St. Charles, Illinois, was involved in an automobile accident and subsequently arrested for driving while drinking. BRENT advised this charge was nolle prossed. A passenger in SHERIDAN's car at the time of this accident was one MICHAEL EUGENE WYKOFF, white male, 23 years of age, 449 Palace Street, Aurora, Illinois.

Sergeant BRENT further advised that Aurora Police Department Report Number 50209 disclosed that on 6/9/65 at 11:58 AM ROBERT OWEN SHERIDAN, white male, age 29, date of birth [redacted], Illinois Driver's License Number [redacted] address - 208 Joliet Road, Plainfield, Illinois, was involved in an automobile accident. The report disclosed that one RICHARD FISHER, 706 Commerce Street, Plainfield, white male, age 23, was a passenger in SHERIDAN's car at the time of the accident. BRENT advised there were no arrests or injuries concerning this incident.

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ROBERT O. SHERIDAN

On April 9, 1968, DANIEL CARUSO, Assistant Manager, General Finance Company, 37 East Cass Street, Joliet, Illinois, advised SA GEORGE H. BENIGNI that he could locate no record for ROBERT O. SHERIDAN in his current or closed accounts.

AT PLAINFIELD, ILLINOIS

The following individuals were contacted on April 9, 1968, by SA THOMAS E. VORNBERGER:

RAY YAHNKE, Assistant Post Master, Plainfield, Illinois (protect identity), advised that ROBERT O. SHERIDAN is associated with Rab-Ros Associates, Plainfield, Illinois. Mr. YAHNKE stated that this business deals in antiques. He said that SHERIDAN is in partnership with RICHARD BONYA and that they reside together at 208 Joliet Road, Plainfield, Illinois. He stated that this is the same address as their business.

Mr. YAHNKE advised that he is not too well acquainted with SHERIDAN, however, SHERIDAN is known to have a mental problem. YAHNKE stated that approximately two weeks ago, SHERIDAN was apparently breaking up furniture and other antique items at his place of business and was immediately taken to the state hospital at Manteno, Illinois.

Officer DONALD RIFE, Plainfield, Illinois Police Department, advised that on or about March 18, 1968, ROBERT O. SHERIDAN reported the theft of his vehicle to the Chicago, Illinois Police Department. Officer RIFE advised that he believes SHERIDAN's car is a 1965 Cadillac, white over gold in color. Officer RIFE stated that they received information that SHERIDAN claimed that he had \$500,000 worth of jewelry in his car at the time of the theft. Plainfield

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Police Department was subsequently advised that SHERIDAN's car was recovered at Gary, Indiana, in the possession of an unknown subject. On March 20, 1968, SHERIDAN had possession of his car at Plainfield, Illinois. It was on this date that a complaint was received to the effect SHERIDAN was breaking up furniture at Rab-Ros, 208 Joliet Road. SHERIDAN was committed to the state hospital at Manteno, Illinois, on March 21, 1968. Officer RIFE then ascertained that SHERIDAN was discharged from this hospital on March 26, 1968, and believed to have been transferred to Mercyville Rest Home, Aurora, Illinois.

Officer RIFE stated that just prior to his commitment, he visited Rev. DONALD STEVENS, Southern Baptist Church, Plainfield, Illinois, at which time SHERIDAN was painted up with paint make-up and wearing assorted jewelry. He made some comments to the minister that he was "God" and had many things to attend to in order to straighten out the world.

Officer RIFE stated that SHERIDAN is single and resides with his partner, RICHARD BONYA, and both are rumored to be homosexuals. Officer RIFE stated there was another individual residing with SHERIDAN and BONYA, however, this party left Plainfield, Illinois area for military service.

ROGER RUSSELL, Assistant Vice President, Plainfield National Bank, advised that bank currently holds loans in the amount of \$9,000 for ROBERT SHERIDAN and RICHARD BONYA. These loans cover automobiles and business inventory. The full amount of the loans are past due, however, both SHERIDAN and BONYA periodically make attempts to pay off the loan. Mr. RUSSELL added that on a number of occasions, SHERIDAN will write non-sufficient funds checks, however, all such checks have subsequently been made good by either SHERIDAN or BONYA. RUSSELL was unable to furnish any other background information regarding SHERIDAN.

FRANKLIN BROWN, Cashier, Plainfield National Bank, advised that SHERIDAN resides with his partner, RICHARD BONYA. He said that SHERIDAN reportedly had been a member of the United States Army and while in the Army was hospitalized

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as a mental patient. He said that SHERIDAN is known to have a mental problem, and approximately two weeks ago, SHERIDAN was committed to the state hospital at Manteno, Illinois. Mr. BROWN added that sometime last week, SHERIDAN was seen in Plainfield, Illinois, by Mr. BROWN's mother.

Mrs. M. E. BJORK, Office Secretary, Rab-Ros Associates, 208 Joliet Road, advised that neither ROBERT SHERIDAN nor RICHARD BONYA were in Plainfield, Illinois, this date. She stated that both are partners in business under the name Rab-Ros Associates. Mrs. BJORK advised that they deal in antiques, however, she stated that Mr. BONYA is an interior decorator and Mr. SHERIDAN is an artist by trade.

Mrs. BJORK stated that approximately two weeks ago, ROBERT SHERIDAN was taken to the state hospital at Manteno, Illinois, and was subsequently transferred to the Mercyville Rest Home, Aurora, Illinois. She stated that last week, SHERIDAN was released from Mercyville and was to spend one week resting with his parents. She stated that ROBERT SHERIDAN's parents reside in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Mrs. BJORK then advised that she had received a telephone call from ROBERT SHERIDAN at 12:00 noon that date. He did not indicate his location but requested that Mrs. BJORK have his partner contact him. SHERIDAN merely stated that his partner knew his room number. Mrs. BJORK stated she believes SHERIDAN was calling from Aurora, Illinois, and that he presumably has his Cadillac in his possession. Mrs. BJORK further advised that she ascertained from the mother of RICHARD BONYA that BONYA was driving his mother's car and Mrs. BONYA related that SHERIDAN was probably staying at the Holiday Inn, Aurora, Illinois, as RICHARD BONYA had recently completed some decoration work at that motel.

Mrs. BJORK advised that Mrs. BONYA resides in Aurora, Illinois, and has telephone number Twin Oaks 68890.

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Mrs. BJORK stated that the white Cadillac convertible in the driveway at 208 Joliet Road, Plainfield, Illinois, belongs to STEVEN FRY. She stated that FRY formerly was employed by BONYA and SHERIDAN and left Plainfield, Illinois, last Tuesday to begin military service. She stated that FRY is currently assigned to a Navy training base at Memphis, Tennessee.

In the driveway of Rab-Ros Associates was a Cadillac convertible white in color, bearing 1968 Illinois license HG9934. There was also a cream colored Thunderbird, possibly a 1965 model, bearing 1968 Illinois license HP1467. Mrs. BJORK had advised that this Thunderbird is owned by RICHARD BONYA.

Attempts were made to contact Chief of Police RICHARD STILLSON, Plainfield, Illinois Police Department, Mayor CHARLES POTTORFF, Plainfield, Illinois, and Rev. DONALD STEVENS, 500 Fox River, Plainfield, Illinois, with negative results.

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SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SA JOHN H. WILMES

MURKIN

ROBERT SHERIDAN, 208 JOLIET ROAD, PLAINFIELD, REPORTED AS STOLEN ON 3/18/68 HIS '66 CADILLAC COUPE DEVILLE, VIN J6263092, '68 ILL. LICENSE HJ 167, FROM PARKING LOT VICINITY OF 1436 N. WELLS ST., CHICAGO. GEORGE LEE WILLIAMS ARRESTED GARY, IND. SAME DATE IN POSSESSION, PROSECUTION PENDING IN GARY. AT TIME OF THEFT SHERIDAN ALLEGED \$500,000 WORTH OF JEWELRY MISSING WITH CAR. WHEN INTERVIEWED IN GARY WHEN RECOVERING CAR HE TOLD SA ELMER F. MAROUSEK, JR. OF THE GARY R.A. THAT HE WAS INTOXICATED AND SICK FROM MEDICATION AND NOT FULLY COHERENT WHEN HE REPORTED THE CAR STOLEN IN CHICAGO. INTERVIEW IN GARY CONDUCTED ON 3/20/68.

ON 3/19/68 SHERIDAN INTERVIEWED AT AREA SIX, 38TH AND DAMEN, CHICAGO BY SA L. DAVID WALTERS, WHO SHOWED HIS CREDENTIALS TO SHERIDAN. SHERIDAN STUDIED THEM FOR SEVERAL MOMENTS, AND THEN STATED THAT HE WOULD NOT SUBMIT TO ANY INTERVIEW UNTIL HE KNEW THE POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION OF THE INTERVIEWING AGENT. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT HE WAS TOLD BY HIS ATTORNEY, MR. PAUL GOLDEN (TEL. 248-7377) THAT HE DID NOT HAVE TO MAKE ANY STATEMENTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT REPRESENTATIVES, STATED HE DID NOT DESIRE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER AND WALKED OUT OF THE ROOM.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA GERALD E. DWYER at Joliet, Illinois, on April 9, 1968:

FAY SMITH, Clerk, Illinois State Bureau of
Criminal Identification and Investigation, Joliet, Illinois,
advised that her files reflected the following information
regarding ROBERT OWEN SHERIDAN :

Name	ROBERT OWEN SHERIDAN
Illinois State	
Bureau Number	813178
FBI Number	961 961D
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	
Height	5'11½" tall
Weight	197 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Medium
Scars	Vaccination scar on left arm
Education	Three years of college
Arrests	Notation that SHERIDAN was a mental patient at the Alton State Hospital, Alton, Illinois, on November 28, 1960, having been received from Jefferson County, Illinois; Arrested by the Aurora, Illinois, Police Department on September 30, 1961, for DWD. (SMITH advised that no prints were in the file on the Aurora, Illinois, Police Department arrest and a pencil line had been drawn through this record).

KATHY TURNER, Credit Bureau of Will County,
Incorporated, Joliet, Illinois, advised that her files reflected
the following information regarding ROBERT O. SHERIDAN:

Name	ROBERT O. SHERIDAN
Last known address	208 Joliet Road Plainfield, Illinois, as of January, 1968

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Previous Addresses	706 Commercial Plainfield, Illinois, as of June, 1964, and an additional address of 700 Ottawa, Plainfield, Illinois, with no date indicated.
Marital status	Single
In file since	June, 1964
Employment	A partner in the Rab-Ross and Associates, an interior decorating firm, 208 Joliet Road, Plainfield, Illinois
Former employers	A partner with RICHARD BONYA, Plainfield, Illinois Hamer Enterprises Naperville, Illinois; Water Conditioning Products St. Charles, Illinois

TURNER advised that her file contained a report from the Aurora, Illinois, Credit Bureau which advised that SHERIDAN had been known by that bureau since August, 1962. The report reflected that SHERIDAN was 28 as of January, 1966, was single, and had been in the interior decorating business for one and a half years as of 1966.

TURNER advised that the following three liens had been filed against SHERIDAN at the Will County Clerk's Office in Joliet, Illinois:

<u>Lien Number</u>	<u>Filed By</u>	<u>Amount</u>
R67-8250	Illinois Department of Revenue for failure to pay retailers occupational tax	\$132.33
R67-15620	"	\$480.00
R67-15622	"	\$187.12

TURNER advised that her file reflected as of January 8, 1968, the above liens have not been released.

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She advised that her file reflects that SHERIDAN is behind payments on five notes amounting to \$8,000 with the Plainfield, Illinois, National Bank. She also advised that the Mid-State's Office Supply Company, location unknown, advised that subject still owes \$44.59.

TURNER advised that her file also reflected that inquiries regarding SHERIDAN had been received from the following individuals or organizations:

Attorney SIDNEY KOMIE,
Suite 815
First National Bank Building
Chicago, Illinois

The American National Bank
Chicago, Illinois

National Bank of Joliet
Joliet, Illinois

General Finance Company
Joliet, Illinois

TURNER advised that SHERIDAN was reported as paying slow and because of this had an unsatisfactory or questionable credit rating.

JEANNE BASKERVILLE, Clerk, Joliet, Illinois, Police Department, advised that her files contained no record or information regarding SHERIDAN.

MIKE FRANKOVICH, Crime Section, Illinois State Police, Joliet, Illinois, advised that a check of the records at the Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, reflected that 1968 Illinois License Tag Number HF 167 was listed to ANTONIO ALAGNA, 1429 North Lockwood, Chicago, Illinois, on a 1963 Chevrolet two door. The record reflected that ALAGNA had Illinois Driver's License [REDACTED] and Social Security Number [REDACTED]

On April 9, 1968, KENNETH ENGSTROM, Vehicle Identification Section, Illinois State Police, District 5,

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Joliet, Illinois, advised that records of the Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, number G093397, disclosed that a 1966 Cadillac, Coupe de Ville, Vehicle Identification Number J6263092, bearing 1968 Illinois License HJ 167, was reported stolen on March 18, 1968, to Area 6, 18th District, Chicago, Illinois, Police Department. The car was stolen from a parking lot located at 436 North Wells, Chicago, Illinois. The owner was listed as ROBERT O. SHERIDAN, 208 Joliet Road, Plainfield, Illinois. An attendant at the parking lot, LOUIS (first name unknown) gave the Chicago, Illinois, Police Department as a suspect an individual by the name of "BOBBY", who had been hanging around the parking lot. Under the right front seat of the car at the time of its theft was a black leather case with miscellaneous antique jewelry valued at \$500.

On April 9, 1968, DON RIFE, Plainfield, Illinois Police Department, advised SA THOMAS E. VORNBERGER that ROBERT O. SHERIDAN, 208 Joliet Road, Plainfield, Illinois, was committed to Manteno State Mental Hospital, Manteno, Illinois, on March 21, 1968, and was released from Manteno State Hospital on March 26, 1968. From Manteno State Hospital, SHERIDAN was sent to Mercyville, a rest home, Aurora, Illinois.

RIFE advised that in March of 1968, SHERIDAN reported to the Chicago, Illinois Police Department that his 1966 Cadillac had been stolen in Chicago, Illinois, and that the vehicle at the time of its theft contained \$500,000 in jewelry. RIFE stated that he had contacted SHERIDAN's roommate and business partner, RICHARD BONYA, Plainfield, Illinois, who advised RIFE that the value of the items in the car at the time of its theft was closer to \$30,000.

RIFE advised that he later determined that SHERIDAN's 1966 Cadillac was recovered on an unknown date in Gary, Indiana. RIFE advised that when SHERIDAN was admitted to Manteno State Hospital on March 21, 1968, he had in his possession the 1966 Cadillac.

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ROBERT O. SHERIDAN

JOHN RACICH, Assistant Vice President, National Bank of Joliet, 27 East Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois, advised on 4/9/68 that ROBERT O. SHERIDAN and RICHARD BONYA, dba Rab-Ross and Associates, Plainfield, Illinois, have had a checking account with the bank which account is being closed this date because of 15 or 20 incidents of "NSF checks".

RACICH stated that he has heard that SHERIDAN and BONYA have had accounts with other banks in the area and that their accounts were closed for the same reason. These persons attempted to obtain a loan from the bank for the purposes of increasing their inventory in their antique business and were turned down for the reason that the bank did not think it was a good investment.

RACICH said that SHERIDAN was a personable individual, but obviously was not a good businessman. He said that they have been selling antiques in the Plainfield area for approximately two to three years.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA RENE J. DUMAINE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/16/68

ATTN: SA JOSEPH B. GRAFF

RE: BURGESS VIBROCRAFTERS, INC.
GRAYSLAKE, ILLINOIS

Atlanta is in the process of checking all passengers who departed via airline from Atlanta from April 5 to 12, 1968. During the course of this investigation, it was developed that JERRY HERRON (subject used alias W. C. HERRON) made reservations at Atlanta 6:20 p.m., April 9, 1968, Eastern Air Lines (EAL) Flight 248Y from Atlanta to Chicago, contact point Atlanta lobby. A review of EAL tickets for the foregoing flight did not contain the ticket for JERRY HERRON. The tickets of the other airlines used on EAL Flight 248 were obtained among which were five United Air Lines (UAL) tickets.

Investigation by SA DANIEL R. HUNTINGTON at United has negated all of the tickets with the exception UAL ticket number 475404829. This ticket was issued in 1966 to Burgess Vibrocrafter, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois, and should have been long since used. Miami was requested in a teletype May 14, 1968, to verify the number and in reply tel May 15, 1968, stated number is correct.

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AT CAPTIONED COMPANY. Determine who used the aforementioned ticket and eliminate as possible identical with subject. Also, determine if a JERRY HERRON is employed by captioned company or was employed on April 9, 1968. If so, eliminate.

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TO : SAC (44-1114) (ATTN: SA JOSEPH M. BURKE) DATE: 6/1/68

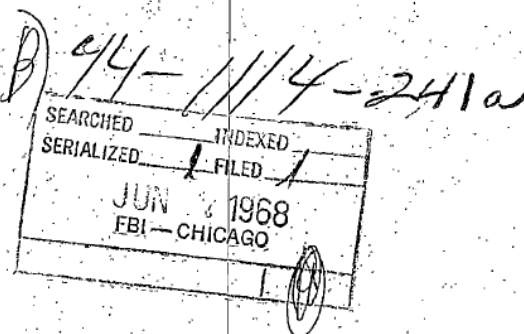
FROM : SA JOSEPH B. GRAFF

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: ALL COUNTY MORGUES CHECK

On 5/22/68 Sheriff JOHN C. CARROLL, McHenry County Sheriff's Office, Woodstock, Ill., advised that all homicides, suicides, or unidentified dead are reported to his office, whether they occur in an incorporated community in McHenry County, or in an unincorporated area. He stated that since April 5, 1968, there have been no unidentified dead persons reported in this County. He stated that he would immediately notify the FBI if any unidentified male dead person is reported to his Office.

On 5/27/68 Lieutenant JAMES REPP, Chief Deputy, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Waukegan, Ill., advised that there is no Lake County Morgue, and that if an unidentified dead person is reported, the Lake County Coroner would designate some Funeral Director to hold the body until identified. He stated there have been no unidentified dead persons reported in this County since April 5, 1968. He added that if an unidentified dead person is found, it is reported to him, as Chief Deputy, as well as to the Coroner. Lt. REPP stated that he would immediately notify the FBI if any unidentified male is located in this County.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA RENE J. DUMAINE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: ALL COUNTY MORGUES CHECK

Bureau airtel May 9, 1968, set out the lead that each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if any record of unidentified dead is maintained and thereafter, check record for the period April 5, 1968, to date for any information which might possibly identify subject RAY with unidentified deceased person over that period.

The airtel further stated that if there is no central record repository maintained, the offices should, in connection with contacts with law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, make appropriate inquiry relative unidentified dead for the period beginning April 5, 1968, and if fingerprints on such dead are maintained, they should be compared with those on the Identification Order on RAY in order to effect identification or non-identification. This should be handled in the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines.

Previous experience in these matters has developed that the records are maintained by the various counties at the morgues and/or through the sheriff's police. The Cook County Morgue had previously been contacted in this regard and liaison set up. All RAs handling the various counties should determine the procedures surrounding unidentified dead and set up appropriate stops utilizing the Identification Orders on RAY. This should be handled in the normal course of business and the identity of the persons and the counties contacted be set forth in memo form to the file. If additional copies of the Identification Order are needed, they can be obtained from SA JOSEPH M. BURKE who will coordinate this phase of the investigation.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA SHERROD LEE MCDANIEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/8/68

Re memo of SA CHARLES E. BRUNNER dated 4/22/68 (serial 105).

On 4/25/68, NORMAN LAZARUS, 4840 South Kimbark advised subject JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him and subject's photograph does not look familiar to him. LAZARUS stated WESLEY SHARER resides at 4830 South Kimbark however SHARER is presently on vacation.

It was noted there is no such address as 4834 South Kimbark.

Efforts to recontact HARVEY GARNER, 2031 South Clark on 4/29/68, 5/6/68 were negative however message left with his wife, MARY GARNER to have him call. On 5/9/68, Mrs. GARNER advised her husband was working at the Automatic Electric Company, 400 North Wolf Road, Northlake, Illinois.

On 5/9/68, HARVEY GARNER, employee, Automatic Electric Company, 400 Wolf Road, Northlake, Illinois, advised he was sure the address he delivered the individual was 4834 S. Kimbark, however, he had not been able to recheck trip ticket. GARNER stated he dropped the individual off in front of a green house in the 4800 block of South Kimbark and he assumed it was 4834. He did not see the number. At the time a German Sheppard dog ran to the car and this individual petted the dog stating the dog would not harm him and he knew the dog which belonged to a neighbor. GARNER stated this individual was wearing sun glasses at the time and it appeared as though he had just grown a mustache and a beard. His hair was brown, combed straight back.

GARNER of opinion most recent photo not identical with his passenger.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1114)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA Ray Shryock

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re lead 174
(44-1114-174)

Charles Maniaweth located thru
his father at 5459 W Spalding.
He stated this was actually
unfounded gossip. He had no
specific info. He agreed to
contact this office if he did
learn of anything specific re
location of RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC 44-1114

FROM : SA Ray Shryock

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 23, 1968

Re lead 44-1114-97

Paul Ray observed and checked
and it is obvious he is not
identical to James Earl Ray.

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RE: UNITED AIR LINES CHECK

The Atlanta Office by teletype and telephone call on April 12, 1968, requested that United Air Lines, Chicago, Illinois, among others, be contacted to review reservation and passenger manifest lists for passengers traveling on above airline leaving Atlanta from 8:30 a.m., April 5 to April 10, 1968, using the names of the subject then known at that time. Requested top priority. Subsequently, in other communications the dates were changed from April 9 to April 15, 1968. In subsequent communications, the dates were changed to April 5 to April 12, 1968. For the purposes of this search, the latter dates are the ones that will be utilized.

SA DANIEL R. HUNTINGTON will instruct SA ROBERT A. KEANE and SA THOMAS C. COLBERT on the procedure for pulling the various flight envelopes and setting up the tickets for review. The other Agents will review the flight tickets of the portion of the flight leaving Atlanta on the above dates for the following listed name and aliases:

JAMES EARL RAY, aka
ERIC STARVO GALT
ERIC GAULT
W. C. HERRON
HARVEY LOWMYER
JAMES MC BRIDE
JAMES O'CONNER
JAMES WALTON
JAMES WALYON
JOHN WILLARD
JIM

SA KEANE and SA COLBERT will meet with SA HUNTINGTON at United Air Lines Headquarters, 1200 Algonquin Road, Elk Grove Village, at 9:00 a.m. on May 17, 1968. The other Agents assigned will meet with SA HUNTINGTON the same time and place on May 20, 1968.

As Assigned
C-1 P. Frankfurt
C-2 Keane
C-3 Tarpey
C-4 Bramblett
C-5 R. Bell
C-6 P. Wacker
C-7 L. Kauffman
S-1 A. Fleming
S-3 T. Colbert

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-)

DATE: 5/19/68

FROM : SA ROBERT A. KEANE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 6:20 A.M., on 5/19/68, Mr. JOHN SPOONMORE, Desk Clerk, Darlington Hotel, 4700 N. Racine, residing in Rm. 211, telephonically advised as follows:

Shortly after the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, an individual who resembled the picture of JAMES EARL RAY resided at the Darlington Hotel. The individual used the name GALLAGHER and stated he was from Kansas City, Missouri. He shared a single room with a friend of his who was duly registered at the hotel, and when the hotel management discovered he was staying in the room requested that he leave.

SPOONMORE advised that he has since spoken with the individual who had the room, and was told that GALLAGHER had Communist books and material.

SPOONMORE requested that he be personally contacted by an Agent as he had more information to relay regarding GALLAGHER and his activities.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-)

DATE: 5/18/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM M. PARKER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

LEAD REINTERVIEW

At 8:41 P.M., on 5/18/68, Mrs. HAROLD GUETZKOW, 1584 Wesley Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, telephone number UN 4-6729, who requested that her identity be protected, telephonically advised as follows:

At approximately 5:35 P.M., on 5/18/68, at Church and Sherman Streets, Evanston, Illinois, she saw a man on foot who bore a striking likeness to photographs of ERIC GALT which have appeared in the news media. He was a white male, appeared to be in his 40's, about 5'10-11", sandy brown hair, and wore a bluish sport coat, and brown trousers. His eyes were red rimmed.

This individual walked toward Fountain Square and was observed to enter a late model auto, make unknown, but possibly a Ford or Chevrolet, bearing 1968 Illinois license EX 371.

Mrs. GUETZKOW attends classes at Northwestern University during the morning hours but is usually home about noon and during the afternoons.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider recontacting Mrs. GUETZKOW and displaying photographs including those of GALT. If then pertinent, determine registration for 1968 Illinois license EX 371.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : SA ROBERT E. HALL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re complaint form of SA DOUGLAS N. HIBBE,
dated 5/9/68.

Reference complaint reflects that Mrs. MARY COFFEY believed that the person who loaded sod into her automobile at Goldblatt's Department Store, garden section at the Hillside Shopping Center, Hillside, Illinois, on May 9, 1968, at about 11:30 a.m. may have been the subject.

On May 10, 1968, Mr. L. E. DALEY, Manager, Goldblatt's Department Store, Hillside Shopping Center, Hillside, Illinois, advised that the person who was loading sod in the garden section of the Goldblatt's Department Store on May 9, 1968, at 11:30 a.m. would have been employed through "Man Power" a employment agency from which temporary help is hired would have furnished this man. Mr. DALEY stated that records concerning the identity of this person were not available at this time, but that he would make inquiry into the matter and determine the identity of this person.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. JOHN ALEXA, Superintendent, Goldblatt's Department Store, Hillside Shopping Center, former Lieutenant in the United States Army, advised that he had determined that the person in question was named JAMES HUGHES and that this person was again employed by the garden section at Goldblatt's Department Store in Hillside, on May 11, 1968. Mr. ALEXA stated he had personally observed this person and compared it with a photograph of the subject of instant case. He stated the photograph bore a very slight resemblance and explained that JAMES HUGHES had a face which was much thinner than the subject, that HUGHES had cold black hair which was combed straight back, had a tattoo on his left arm "JC" and "BUS" both of which tattoos were old and not new. ALEXA stated that JAMES HUGHES was 5'7" or 8" and was not JAMES EARL RAY in that the physical description of HUGHES varied greatly from that of RAY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1114)

FROM : SA JOHN W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/21/68

ReMemoSAC from SA ROBERT A. KEANE 5/19/68.

On 5/20/68 JOHN SPOONMORE, Darlington Hotel, 4700 N. Racine Ave. Room 211, who also is employed at that hotel as a night desk clerk, was located and interviewed by SA PAUL L. TIMMERBERG and the writer. SPOONMORE advised that an individual he knew only as (fnu) GALLAGHER resided in room 302 of that hotel for one day and then moved into room 212 with another resident whom SPOONMORE identified as JOE BRAMBLEVICH. After approximately a week GALLAGHER was discovered as an unregistered guest in room 212 by the management and was asked to leave. During his stay in room 212, GALLAGHER did not leave the room and upon leaving the hotel moved to the Wilson Hotel, 4544 N. Hazel St. SPOONMORE believed GALLAGHER to resemble the subject JAMES EARL RAY, from photographs of RAY which have been publicized and described him as follows:

Age, 35-40

Weight, 160-165

Height, 5'8"

Hair, black, naturally curly, cut short, long sideburns

Build, medium

Pencil-line mustache

Residence- moved from Darlington Hotel one week ago.

SPOONMORE was unable to furnish any additional descriptive data. He stated that BRAMBLEVICH subsequently moved from the DARLINGTON HOTEL to the Carleton Terrace Hotel, 4626 North Magnolia Street, Chicago. He stated that BRAMBLEVICH was a white male, 6'6" in height and employed as a machinist at an unknown location but knew nothing more concerning him. SPOONMORE later learned from BRAMBLEVICH that GALLAGHER had in his possession some allegedly Communist literature of an unspecified nature.

MARY MC GAFFEY and DEE GASTORI advised SAs TOEDT and TIMMERBERG on 5/20/68 that they are clerks of the Darlington Hotel during the period 8:00AM and midnight and that they have no knowledge of anyone residing there by the name of GALLAGHER or JOE BRAMBLEVICH. A review of registration records by GASTORI failed to locate any guest at the hotel under those names.



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GASTORI stated that JOSEPH W. RENKOWSKI was the resident in room 212 of the Darlington Hotel from 9/3/66 to 5/3/68. Neither GASTORI nor MC GAFFEY had any knowledge of RENKOWSKI's current residence or employment. According to GASTORI, RENKOWSKI left the hotel after the management learned that he had had unregistered guests in his room and a complaint was made to him about this. GASTORI suspected that RENKOWSKI might be a homosexual or associating with homosexuals.

On 5/20/68 JOHN SPOONMORE was recontacted and stated that the individual whom he identified above as BRAMBLEVICH may in fact have been JOSEPH RENKOWSKI and he could furnish no additional information regarding RENKOWSKI's identity or present whereabouts.

GASTORI and MC GAFFEY on 5/20/68 stated that SPOONMORE was a regular user of intoxicants and they considered him to be unreliable for that reason. During interview it appeared that SPOONMORE was under the influence of alcohol.

On 5/20/68 Mrs. STERN, Clerk, Hazel Wilson Hotel, 4544 North Hazel St. and Mrs. D. H. LEATHERMAN, Manager, Carleton Terrace Hotel, 4626 North Magnolia Street advised that they had no record or recollection of anyone residing at those hotels using the names JOSEPH BRAMBLEVICH, JOSEPH RENKOWSKI or FNU GALLAGHER.

In view of SPOONMORE's reputation and the conflicting nature of the information he furnished, it is not believed that further investigation to identify and locate GALLAGHER or RENKOWSKI is warranted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/20/68

FROM : SA JOHN B. TARPEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re memorandum from Complaint Duty Clerk ROBERT J. JANSEN dated 4/30/68.

On May 14, 1968, SA JOHN B. TARPEY contacted Officer S. ROBINSON, Identification Division, Chicago Police Department, and exhibited the most recent photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY to Officer ROBINSON. At this time ROBINSON advised that he could not identify or associate the current picture of the subject with the individual whom he saw driving a Plymouth automobile with Utah license the morning of April 30, 1968. He advised he could not furnish any additional information and upon further reflection in the matter, decided that the lead did not have merit.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)

FROM : SA NELSON E. BOSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/23/68

RE VICTOR H. ABSIL
REPORTING LOOK ALIKE
LAKE MICHIGAN
MAY 21, 1968

Sergeant A. K. SCHMIDT, Northbrook, Illinois, Police Department, advised on the evening of May 22, 1968, that VICTOR H. ABSIL, 1603 Ferndale, Northbrook, Illinois, phone 272-1763, business address, part owner K and A Tool Company, 3161 North Elston, Chicago, phone CO 7-2794, appeared at the Northbrook, Illinois, police station about 8:00 p.m., May 22, 1968. Mr. ABSIL advised that on May 21, 1968, he, his 12-year old son and JOHN N. POST, ABSIL's plant manager, were fishing in Lake Michigan. At about 7:00 p.m. they observed a flash fire on the lake to which they responded. They pulled two men from the water and took them both back to the beach. Upon reaching the beach, the two left immediately without thanking them and they drove off in a pickup truck. Mr. ABSIL believes one of the individuals looked like JAMES EARL RAY, particularly liking the FBI wanted flyer retouched photo. He described him as a white male, 35-36 years of age, single, southern accent. Mr. ABSIL did not see the pickup truck; however, his son did. He also noted that there was a storm approaching when they reached the beach.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Interview and show additional photographs of subject to VICTOR ABSIL and JOHN POST, K and A Tool Company, 3161 North Elston.

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