

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4-20-68

FROM : CLERK JAMES R. WILKINS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 6:30 AM, this date, AUBREY SMITH, MESQUITE PD telephonically contacted this office concerning JAMES EARL RAY aka ERIC STARVO GALT. She reported that they had a report of JAMES EARL RAY driving a 1964-65 white Cadillac with Texas license JGJ 866 proceeding north on Gross from highway 80. It was also reported that he had a female passenger.

The above information was relayed to SA WM. B. HOLLOMAN at approximately 6:35 AM.

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*investigation of Sherman
conducted by
+ RT sent to San
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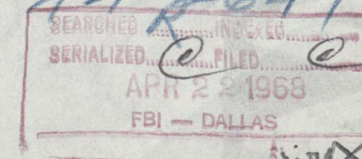
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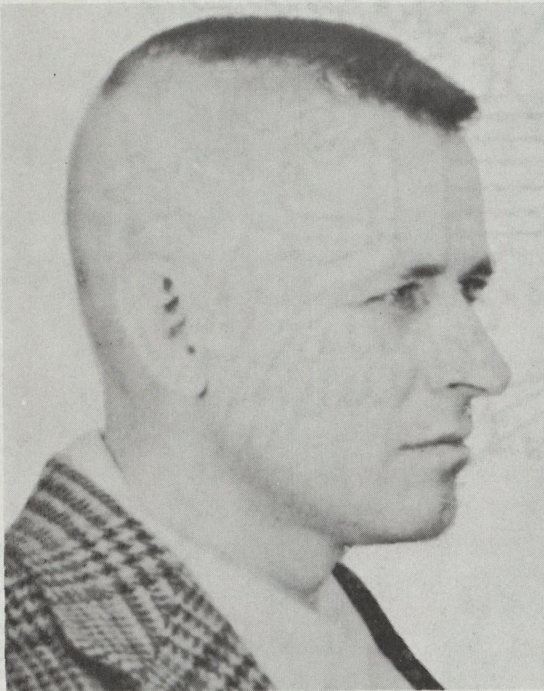
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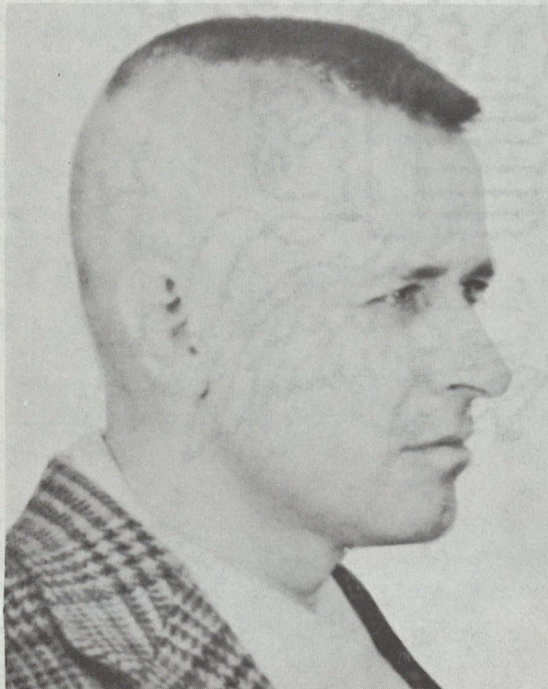
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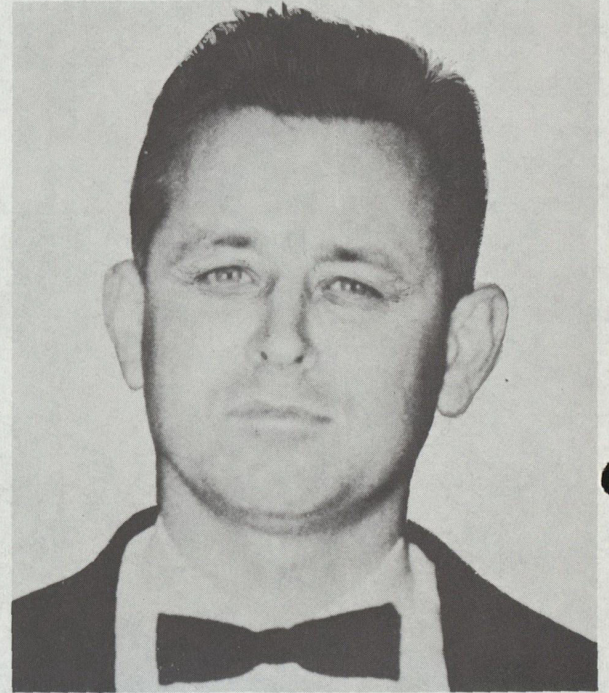
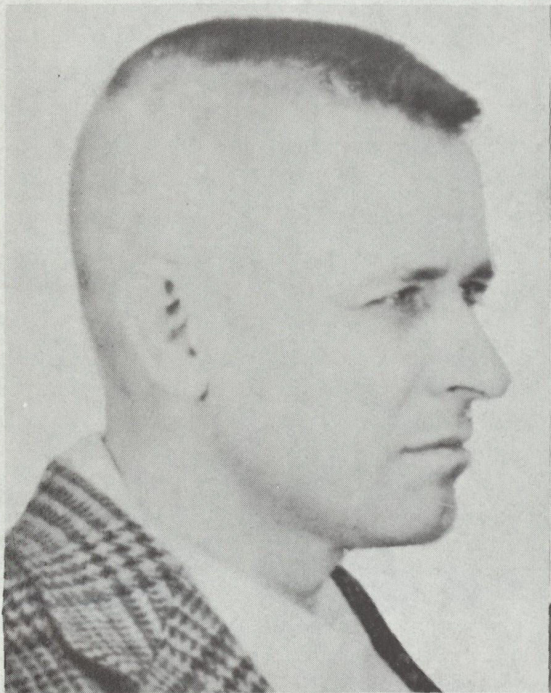
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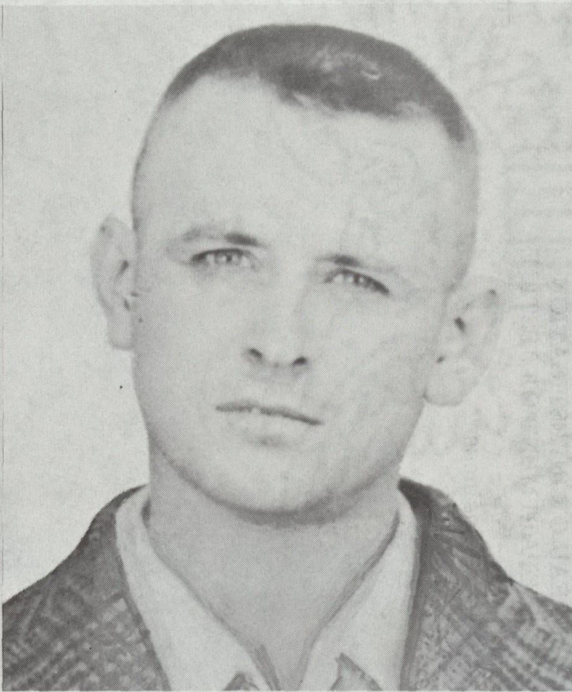
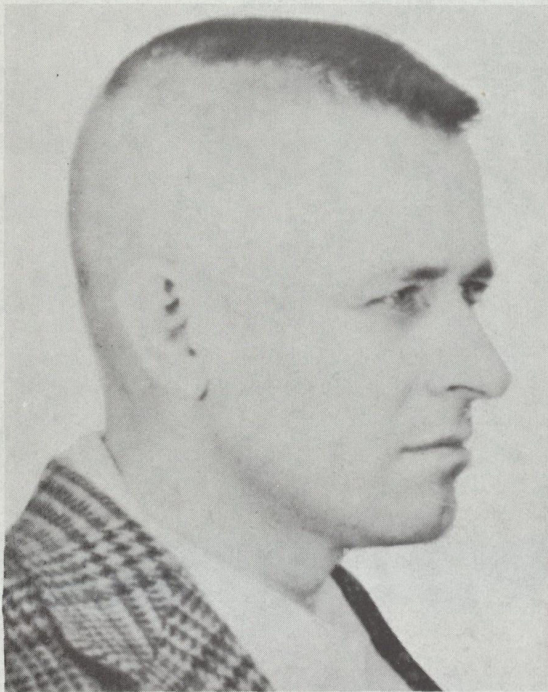
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS, MEMPHIS
NEW ORLEANS

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN.

RE MY PHONE CALLS TO DALLAS, MEMPHIS, AND NEW ORLEANS
TODAY. RE DALLAS PHONE CALL INDICATING ATTU AGENT
JOE KALISTER RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM SHERIFF, CENTERVILLE,
TEXAS, THAT INDIVIDUAL IN JAIL MADE STATEMENTS CONCERNING
THE KING ASSASSINATION.

ON THIS DATE SHERIFF ROYCE WILSON, CENTERVILLE, TEXAS,
ADVISED THAT ON APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST, HE PICKED UP HERMAN
PETER KACKENMESTER, WHITE MALE, SIX FOOT TWO INCHES, TWO
THIRTY POUNDS, BROWN EYES, BROWN HAIR, DOB MARCH EIGHT,
NINETEEN TWENTY, MOLE ON RIGHT CHEEK, WEARS EYEGLASSES,
HOME ALLEGEDLY NEW JERSEY, OCCUPATION AUTHOR, ENGINEER,
FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH HIS SALE OF NEW BOAT AND
MOTOR AT CENTERVILLE. KACKENMESTER DRIVING LIGHT BLUE
SIXTYFOUR CHEVROLET WIDE SIDE PICKUP, SIXTYEIGHT LOUISIANA
LICENSE EIGHT ZERO DASH SEVEN FOUR FIVE, WITH IRON,
WOOD BURNING STOVE IN BACK. HE HAD NO IDENTIFICATION PAPERS

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OR DRIVERS LICENSE, CLAIMED THESE HAD BEEN STOLEN. HE WAS RAMBLING, MADE NO SENSE IN HIS CONVERATION. SHERIFF NOTICED KACKENMESTER HAD WRITTEN IN RED PENCIL ON HOUSTON POST NEWSPAPER THE FOLLOWING:

CKM MOVEMENT, THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, JOHN F. KENNEDY, DATE, MR. X, DATE, MRS. X, DATE, AIRPLANE CRASH, DATE, AIRPLANE CRASH AGAIN, DIFFERENT DATE, MLK^{ING}, APRIL SIXTYEIGHT. BY THE WAY THERE WERE FIVE MEN KILLED IN A PRISON LAST NIGHT. I PAID TWENTYSIX CENTS FOR THIS NEWSPAPER AND LEFT IT IN A LAUNDRY. DRAWN ON THE BOTTOM OF NEWSPAPER WAS PICTURE OF GARBAGE TRUCK BACKING OVER A LIGHT POLE.

SHERIFF BASED ON ABOVE QUESTIONED KACKENMESTER REGARDING KING AFFAIR AND KACKENMESTER SAID HE DID NOT KILL KING BUT SAID HE WAS INVOLVED, LATER SAID HE KNEW WHO DID KILL KING. HE RAMBLED IN CONVERSATION MAKING NO SENSE. SHERIFF ASKED HIM WHAT CMK MOVEMENT WAS AND KACKENMESTER TOLD HIM IT WAS HYPOTHETICAL. HE ALSO TOLD SHERIFF IN RECENT PAST HE TOOK A BUS FROM NEW JERSEY TO SAN FRANCISCO, WENT TO SLEEP, WOKE UP IN CORPUS CHRISTI AND WORKED HIS WAY BACK TO
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NEW ORLEANS AND BOUGHT A PICKUP TRUCK FOR SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS. HE HAD NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS; SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS WAS IN AMERICAN EXPRESS MONEY ORDERS. HE HAD LETTER WRITTEN TO FOREIGN MINISTER IN CANADA AND A LETTER STATING HE HAD FILED SUIT AGAINST PENTAGON IN AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS PLUS ONE DOLLAR AND A QUARTER FOR CAUSING PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO SEND TROOPS TO VIETNAM.

SHERIFF FEELS KACKENMESTER IS A QUOTE NUT END QUOTE AND RELEASED HIM NINE FIFTEEN A.M. THIS DATE RETURNING ALL PAPERS TO HIM.

KACKENMESTER DID NOT SAY WHERE HE WAS GOING BUT ASKED DIRECTIONS TO DALLAS, TEXAS. SHERIFF HAS SEEN ERIC STARVO GALT'S PHOTOGRAPH. STATES KACKENMESTER DEFINITELY IS NOT GALT.

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NEW ORLEANS CHECK INDICES, MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION
FOR ABOVE PICKUP, TO IDENTIFY KACKENMESTER AND DETERMINE
IF KACKENMESTER INVOLVED IN KING'S ASSASSINATION.
Obtain identifications no. to compare with fingerprints
DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED DALLAS FOR INFORMATION.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN

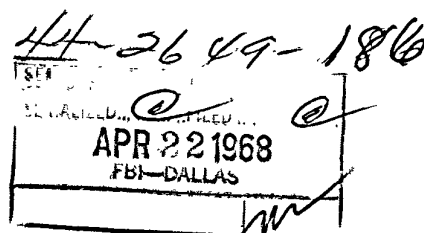
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SPC JERRY D. PRICE, 4/18/68, concerning tele. call from Officer WHITTEN that he had been told by waitress at Longhorn Bar that person resembling GALT had been hanging out at that bar.

SA JAMES SHERMAN and I went to the Longhorn Bar, 3902 Cedar Spings Blvd. at about 9:15 PM. 4/18/68. I contacted the barmaid, SHERRY ROSE, who admitted that she had made the telephone call relating to a person she believes may be the subject of this case. She pointed him out to me as he was sitting at the bar. SA SHERMAN and I both observed this person very closely and determined that he was not identical to the subject of this case.

No further investigation believed warranted this matter.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Re Bureau teletype to all offices 4/18/68.

Pertinent information in retel was sent to all SRA by
memo 4/18/68.

Mr, ELBERT W. THURMAN, Officer in Charge, INS, Dallas, 411 Akard, was given a number of the wanted flyers relating to Galt on 4/18/68. He stated he would make these available to the INS officers at the Love Field and to all of his investigators. He said he would also discuss this matter with his investigators at a conference on 4/19/68.

TED MALCOLM, Asst. Passenger Service Manager, Braniff Airlines, on 4/18/68 was furnished a number of wanted flyers and he stated he would post these in the flight crew lounges where they would be seen by the stewardesses and other crew members. He stated he would also post them where all the passenger agents would see it.

JESS ORR, Chief of Security, American Airlines, was furnished a number of copies of the wanted flyer. He said he would post them where they would be seen by all employees of American Airlines, particularly crew members and passenger agents.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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At about 6 p.m. on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been

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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as July 20, 1931, his height as 5'11", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabama tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and

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recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/19/68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-2649)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LETTER FROM BUREAU TO LEGAT, MEXICO VIA
DALLAS ON BRANIFF FLIGHT 17, 10:15 PM, 4/19/68

On the night of 4/19/68, Agent STEVE POLASH~~ek~~ of the Washington Field Office called and stated that he had placed an envelope on Braniff flight #17, leaving Dulles at 8:30 PM, arriving Dallas at 10:15 PM. They wanted this flight met and then forward the envelope and contents on to Legat, Mexico. It was determined that the next flight from Dallas would be on the 20th at 11:20 AM. SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN placed this envelope and contents on flight #51 leaving Dallas 11:20 AM, 4/20/68, scheduled arrival Mexico City 2:30 PM.

I called NATHAN FERRIS, Legat, at home on the morning of the 20th and so advised him. He stated he would have the flight met.

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11-41AM CST URGENT 4/22/68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), HOUSTON,
PHOENIX (44-371), DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE AND KANSAS CITY
FROM \ITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 3P

MURKIN; CR. MEMPHIS ORIGIN.

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ET AL, APRIL TWENTY-ONE
LAST, CONCERNING INTERVIEW OF DAVID L. WILSON AND POSSIBLE
PLOT OF EX-CONS TO MURDER DR. KING.

FOR INFORMATION OF HOUSTON, WHICH DID NOT RECEIVE
LENGTHY REFERENCED TELETYPE, DAVID L. WILSON WAS INTERVIEWED
AT PHOENIX ON APRIL TWENTY-ONE LAST.

"WILSON STATED HE LAST SAW RAY LAST SUMMER AT LUPTON
OR LUFTON, MISSOURI, WHERE WILSON WAS ARRESTED FOR DWI AND
WAS IN COUNTY JAIL FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS UNTIL HE COULD
PAY FINE. AT TIME OF ARREST WILSON STATED HE WAS WITH
GENE BRISINDINE (PHONETIC), TRUCK DRIVER FOR WILLIS SHAW,
ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS. ON RELEASE HE WENT TO BAR ABOUT
FOUR BLOCKS FROM COUNTY JAIL TO USE PHONE AND RAN INTO RAY,
WHO RECOGNIZED WILSON AND WHOM WILSON SAID HE HAD SEEN
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BEFORE ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT REMEMBER WHERE."

LEAD WAS SET FORTH FOR LITTLE ROCK AT ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, "WILL THROUGH WILLIS SHAW LOCATE GENE BRISINDINE AND INTERVIEW BRISINDINE CONCERNING ALLEGED ARREST AND INCARCERATION OF WILSON DURING SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN WITH PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING LOCATION OF THE OCCURENCE SINCE THERE IS NO LUFTON, MISSOURI IN POSTAL GUIDE."

MR. WILLIS SHAW, WILLIS SHAW FROZEN EXPRESS, ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, TRAILER NUMBER SEVEN FORTY, TRACTOR NUMBER THREE FIFTY-SIX. HE IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, FOR UNLOADING ON THE MORNING OF APRIL TWENTY-THREE NEXT. HE WILL UNLOAD SOME FROZEN FOOD FROM MORTON'S OF RUSSELLVILLE, ARKANSAS, AT HINKE PILLOT WHOLESALE GROCERY ESTABLISHMENT, HOUSTON, TEXAS, STREET ADDRESS UNKNOWN. BRIZENDINE IS SCHEDULED TO CALL WILLIS SHAW ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL TWENTY-TWO. IF HE DOES SO, HE WILL BE TOLD TO CONTACT THE FBI, HOUSTON, REGARDING THIS MATTER.

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HOUSTON OFFICE AT HOUSTON WILL INTERVIEW GENE BRIZENDINE
AT THE HINKE PILLOT WHOLESALE GROCERY ESTABLISHMENT TO
DETERMINE INFORMATION AS SET FORTH IN LEAD ABOVE FOR LITTLE
ROCK.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) PHOENIX (44-371)

LITTLE ROCK (157-1215), DALLAS, KANSAS CITY, JACKSONVILLE.

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509) 2P

MURKIN; CR. MEMPHIS ORIGIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL THIS DATE.

CLARENCE EUGENE BRIZENDINE INTERVIEWED AT HOUSTON AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS.

BRIZENDINE AND DAVID L. WILSON ON CROSS COUNTRY RUN FOR SHAW COMPANY SUMMER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. AT LEBANON, MISSOURI, POLICE STOPPED TRUCK, WILSON DRIVING, AND CHARGED WILSON WITH DRUNK DRIVING. BRIZENDINE WAS ASLEEP IN TRUCK BUNK AND NOT CHARGED OR TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. BRIZENDINE SLEPT THAT NIGHT IN TRUCK CAB AND NEXT MORNING, WITHOUT EXTRA DRIVER, RETURNED TO POINT OF ORIGIN. HE HAS NOT SEEN WILSON SINCE AND DOES NOT KNOW WILSON'S WHEREABOUTS. HE LEARNED WILSON WAS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND HAD CALLED EMPLOYER FOR FINE PAYMENT.

BRIZENDINE KNOWS LITTLE OF WILSON'S BACKGROUND AS HE HAD
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MADE ONLY ONE PREVIOUS ROAD TRIP WITH WILSON. DESCRIBED WILSON AS QUOTE ODD UNQUOTE AND POSSIBLY AN ALCOHOLIC. WILSON ONLY TALKED ABOUT LIQUOR OF FAMILY, WHICH WAS AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA. HE RECALLS NO CONVERSATION WITH WILSON RE RACIAL PROBLEMS. WAS UNAWARE OF ANY PRISON CONFINEMENT FOR WILSON.

PHOTOGRAPHS, NAME AND AKA'S OF JAMES EARL RAY UNFAMILIAR TO BRIZENDINE.

KANSAS CITY AT LEBANON, MISSOURI: VERIFY ARREST RECORD OF DAVID L. WILSON AND ATTEMPT TO VERIFY BAR IN VICINITY OF JAIL WHERE WILSON MADE PHONE CALL AND ALLEGEDLY MET RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. SHERMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: Memo of Steve D. Albright dated 4/19/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA SHERMAN and
F. STEPHEN OSBORNE, ON 4/19/68.

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

ROBERT (NMN) BURKHEAD, 1934 Carroll Apt. B, Dallas was
contacted at his place of employment, Gloco Service Station,
332 W. Commerce St, Dallas. BURKHEAD was observed to be dis-
similiar to photographs of subject. He advised he has been
working in Dallas for the past three months for Good Luck Oil
Company, and their records will support this. He furnished the
following descriptive information:

White - race
Male - sex
8/13/30, - Birth data
Atkins, Ark

5'11"- Height
192 - Weight
Medium - Build
Brown hair - Hair
with slight
grey, receding
at temples

[REDACTED] - Social Security
California # - Drivers license (in above name at Box 531,
S403519 Lamont, Cal.
expires 1969)
Scars and Marks - Half moon cut scar on forehead
nothing on rt. palm
scar on left shoulder
extensive scars on feet (surgery and electric
shock)

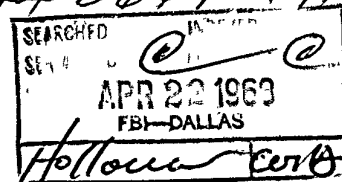
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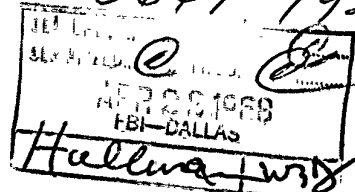
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), LITTLE ROCK (157-1215),
DALLAS (44-2649), KANSAS CITY, AND JACKSONVILLE.
FROM PHOENIX (44-371) 2P

MURKIN. CR. 00: MEMPHIS.

REPXTEL APRIL TWENTYONE LAST.

EDNA WILSON, WIFE OF DAVID L. WILSON, LISTENED TO TAPE OF ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALLER AND STATED SHE HAS HEARD THE VOICE BEFORE AND BELIEVES IT IS THAT OF HER FORMER HUSBAND RICHARD HARRELL, AKA JIMMY, FROM WHOM SHE SEPARATED IN LATE FIFTYTHREE. HARRELL WAS COMMITTED THERAFTER TO ARIZONA STATE PENITENTIARY, FLORENCE ARIZONA, FROM FLAGSTAFF SO, AND SHE BELIEVES HE HAS BEEN IN PEN ELSEWHERE ALSO. SHE MARRIED HARRELL AT LAKE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS WHERE HIS PARENTS LIVE AND FATHER IS BELIEVED NAMED EMMET HARRELL. HE ALSO HAS A MARRIED SISTER FANNIE LNU AT MC GEE, ARKANSAS. AFTER SHE MARRIED DAVID WILSON THEY WENT TO IDAHO IN SUMMER OF NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND AT THAT TIME HARRELL CAME TO RESIDENCE OF HER SISTER TILLIE HERNANDEZ AT FLAGSTAFF LOOKING FOR EDNA WILSON. IT IS NOTED ANONYMOUS CALLER MENTIONED HE HAD BEEN OUT TO THE HERNANDEZ HOUSE ONCE.

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RECORDS OF COCONINO COUNTY SO, FLAGSTAFF, UNDER NUMBER
FOUR EIGHT THREE NINE, CONCERN RICHARD BURNAHAM HARRELL, AKA
JIMMY, BORN MARCH SEVEN TWENTYSIX AT PUCKETT, MISSISSIPPI, FIVE
FEET SIX, ONE ONE FIVE POUNDS, IN NINETEEN FIVE FIVE. WRITTEN
NOTATION INDICATES POSSIBLE FBI NUMBER FOR HARRELL IS SEVEN
FIVE ONE ONE NINE FIVE A:

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ARREST RECORD
FOR HARRELL AND FURNISH SAME WITH PHOTOS TO RECEIVING OFFICES.

LITTLE ROCK AT LAKE VILLAGE LOCATE PARENTS OF HARRELL AND
OTHER RELATIVES AND INSTITUTE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE HIS
WHEREABOUTS FOR INTERVIEW.

PHOENIX WILL CONTACT ASP, FLORENCE, ARIZONA, FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION ON HARRELL.

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TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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At approximately 6:30 AM, 4/20/68, AUBREY SMITH, Mesquite PD, telephonically contacted this office concerning JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt. She reported that they had a report of JAMES EARL RAY driving a 1964 - 65 white Cadillac with Texas license JGJ 866, proceeding north on Gross Road from Highway 80. It was also reported that he had a female passenger.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES J. SHERMAN on 4/22/68:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Telephonic contact with Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas, disclosed that 1968 Texas license JGJ 866 is registered to REX B. BLEDSOE, 137 East Quince Avenue, McAllen, Texas, for a 1960 Cadillac, VIN 60K141586.

BRYAN CLARK, Office Manager, NATB, Dallas, advised his organization has no record of instant vehicle.

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AT MC ALLEN, TEXAS. Determine if person in possession above car on 4/21/68, is identical to subject this case.

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SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/18/68, at 3:35 PM, MRS. A. L. BROOKS, 2817 Whitmore, telephone 332-5607, telephonically contacted the Fort Worth Resident Agency to furnish the following information:

On this date at about 2:30 PM, she observed a Ford Mustang, white in color, proceeding west on White Settlement Road, near the Trinity River in Fort Worth. This vehicle caught her attention because it matched the description of the vehicle involved in captioned case and it had out-of-state license plates and a two-way radio in it, as was evident from the call letters on the window and the antenna. She advised that she recalled a newspaper account which stated that possibly two white Mustangs with a two-way radio, were involved.

License number Georgia 76D337 (possibly 76B337)
Radio Operators Number KOM 9384

MRS. BROOKS advised that the vehicle was occupied by the driver and a white female whom she was unable to describe. She described the driver as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Hair	Light brown or dark blond
Build	Heavy, but not fat
Remarks	Wearing sport shirt and sunglasses

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Determine possessor of above described automobile and if identical with subject.

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2-Memphis (44-1987)
2-Dallas
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Date: 4/19/68

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TO: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)
FROM: *WR* SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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JAMES ALLEN SMITH, FBI No. 731 553 D, was arrested in Dallas, Texas with WALTER MACK FLANAGAN on 4/29/68. A large amount of the jewelry taken in burglary of home of R.T. HERRIN, Houston, on 2/23/68 was redovered from these two. Both were transported to Houston where they were charged with Burglary and Theft. SMITH was released on bond on 3/4/68.

SMITH's listed address was 1000 Arch, Ft. Worth, Texas. No other addresses or relatives listed. Captain TOM CLARK, Burglary and Theft, Houston PD, states he assumes SMITH returned to Ft. Worth as trial date not set.

2 - Dallas
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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Special Agent in Charge

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MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re Atlanta airtel to San Francisco and Dallas
dated 4/16/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs JAMES J.
SHERMAN and F. STEPHEN OSBORN:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On 4/19/68, MARY LOUISE WILLARD, 4709 Denton Drive, Apartment 115, telephone 528-1267, advised she is a stewardess for Delta Airlines and had reservations to go from Atlanta, Georgia to Indianapolis, Indiana, on 4/6/68, but had a change of plans, and went from Atlanta to Shreveport, Louisiana, to Memphis, Tennessee, and then from there to Indianapolis on that day. She stated the reason her name and home telephone appeared as a passenger was that she was traveling on personal business, and not in her capacity as a stewardess. She advised she has no relatives by the name of JOHN WILLARD, and has no information as to the identity or whereabouts of subject. She advised the above telephone is listed to her roommate, KATHY RODGERS, also a Delta stewardess.

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SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

4/18/68

STEVE D. ALBRIGHT

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Today, GUY LEWIS, 7013 Military Parkway, phone EV 8-0521, Dallas, Texas, telephonically advised as follows:

On 4/18/68, at approximately noon he and his wife entered Wyatt's Cafeteria, Pleasant Grove Shopping Center, Dallas and observed an individual resembling published photo of ERIC STARVO GALT. This individual was wearing a dark suit and was in the company of two other men approximately age 30. One of these men was wearing black cowboy hat.

When these three men left the cafeteria they entered a 1964 or 1965 Corvair, four door, with Tenn. lic. plates JR 8424. the lic. plate holder had Shelby, Tenn., pringed along the top.

LEWIS furnished a description of individual that matches published description of ~~ERIC~~ GALT.

The above information was immediately furnished to SA Holloman, case agent.

1 - Dallas
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STEVE D. ALBRIGHT

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Today, an anonymous female caller advised she saw individual resembling ERIC STARVO GALT driving late model chevrolet, light tan, 4 door on 4/12/68. The auto stopped and parked at the A&A Liquor jStore, Industrial at Hampton, Dallas, and the individual entered the liquor store.

The auto was bearing 1968 La. lic. 25 E 930.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

FROM : SA WILLIAM E. KELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/20/68

On 4/20/68, at 2:20 PM, Mr. CAL ANDERSON, Chief Engineer, Raymar, Inc., 2616 Andjon Street, Dallas, (phone FL 7-0219), advised that they hired an employee on Tuesday, 4/16/68, as a laborer that strongly resembles ERIC STARVO GALT and that this individual furnished name on his employment application of DAVID GLAWSON. ANDERSON stated that another individual by name RAYFORD GLAWSON was hired at the same time and he alleged that they were brothers; however, his personal impression was that they were not kin. ANDERSON stated that DAVID and RAYFORD GLAWSON both terminated their employment yesterday at 6:00 PM, and that they both appeared to be quiet nervous prior to leaving. ANDERSON further stated that it was not until yesterday after these men left that he suddenly realized there was a very close resemblance between photo he had seen in the paper of GALT and DAVID GLAWSON.

ANDERSON telephonically called back at 2:35 PM and advised that he had just seen the picture of JAMES EARL RAY in the Dallas paper and that he is positive in his own mind that DAVID GLAWSON and JAMES EARL RAY are one and the same person.

The above info was immediately furnished to SA W. B. HOLLOMAN and he advised he would check this matter out immediately.

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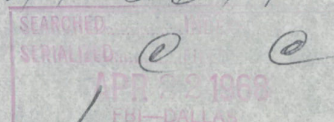
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*Handled by
SA Holloman
See memo
to 4/22/68*

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



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Date: 4/19/68

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TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to ME 4/17/68.

For information of all offices, the Bureau by retel requested of the Memphis Division as follows:

"Please furnish following information on above matter compiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter submit cumulative totals through the end of each month until further notice:

- 1) Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
 - A. Special Agents
 - B. Clerical Employees
- 2) Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally-owned cars.
- 3) Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.

① - Each Office DL
 2 - Memphis
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Approved: RG Jensen
 Special Agent in Charge

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- 4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.