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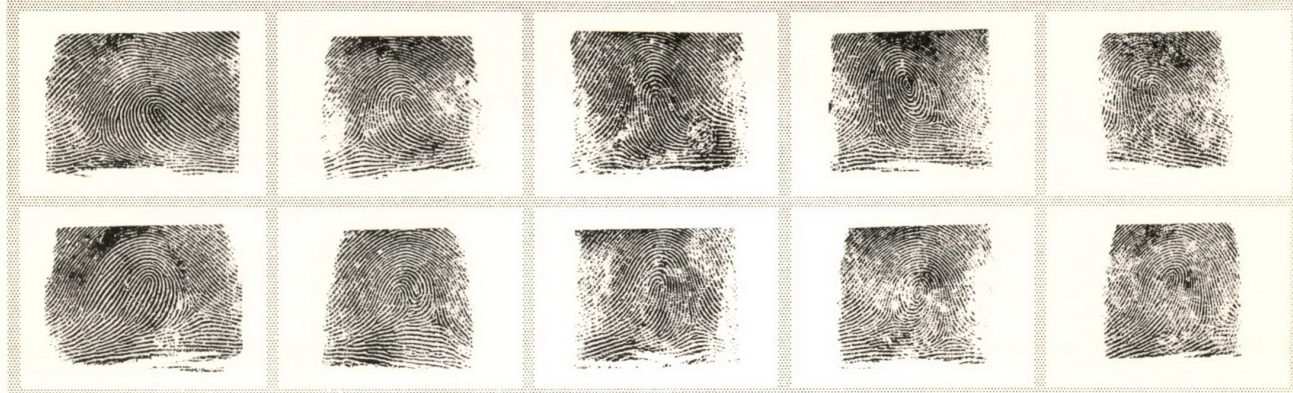
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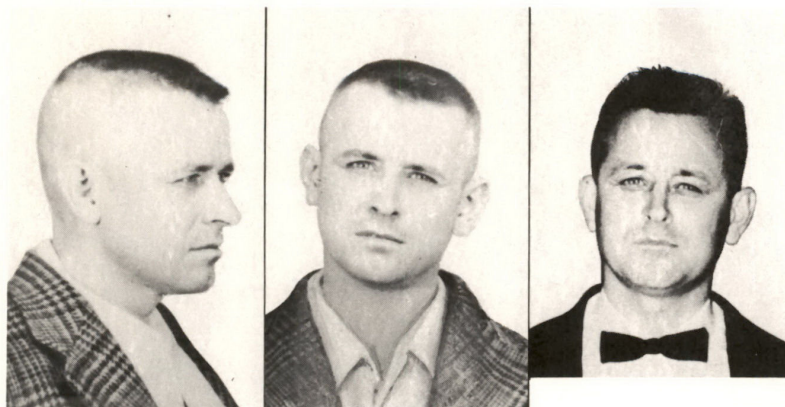
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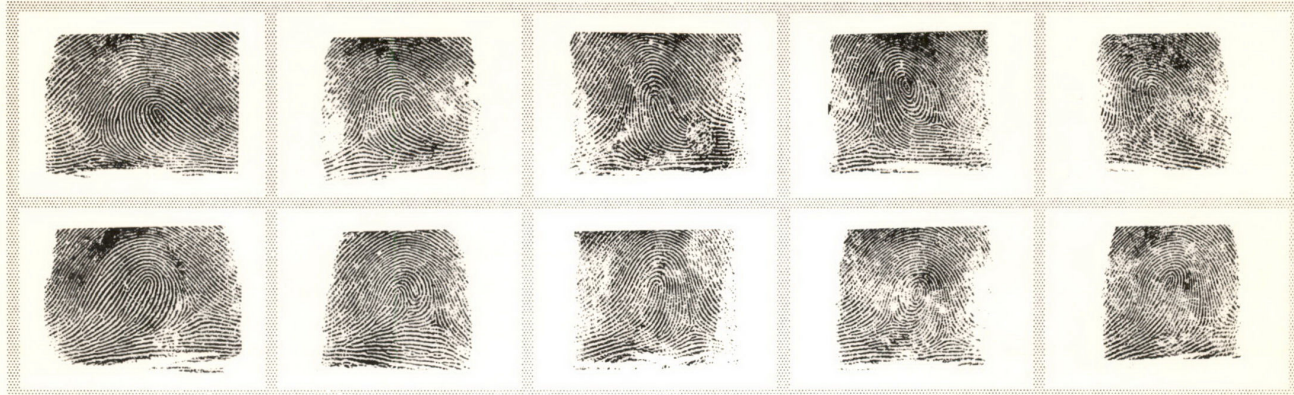
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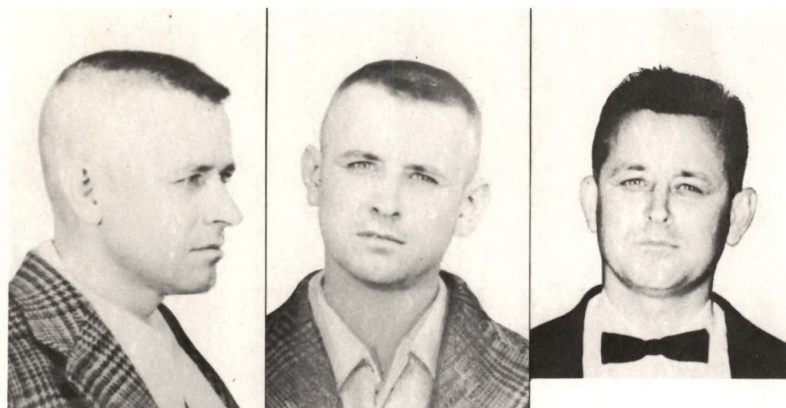
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(44-38861)
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI/AND SACS, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND
JACKSON
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS.

ON APRIL TWENTY-TWO, LAST, MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS, AKA
"JITTERBUG", EIGHT SEVEN THREE MESQUITE STREET, ABILENE, TEXAS,
(WHO REQUESTED HER IDENTITY BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL), FURNISHED THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

SHE WENT TO WORK ON MARCH THIRTY-ONE, LAST, FOR AN
INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO HER AS DEVILISH NICK, OWNER AND OPERATOR OF
"JOHN'S RESTAURANT", LOCATED JUST OFF FIRST STREET, BEFORE THE
UNDERPASS, IN LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, AND WORKED THERE UNTIL
APRIL NINE, LAST.

SHE WORKED AS A COOK AND ON THE DAY AFTER SHE STARTED WORK
FOR HIM, DEVILISH NICK HAD SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH HER. HE THEN
STARTED HER WORKING AT A PLACE HE HAD OUTSIDE OF TOWN. ON APRIL TWO,
LAST, SHE OVERHEARD NICK SAY "I GOT A CALL ON THE KING", BUT DID
NOT HEAR ANY MORE OF THE CONVERSATION. ON THE EVENING OF APRIL
THREE, LAST, TWO MEN NEATLY DRESSED, WITH SHORT, STOCKY BUILDS, CAME

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TO NICK'S PLACE WHERE SHE STARTED WORK AT THREE P.M. AND WORKED NIGHTS. WHILE GOING TO THE BATHROOM, SHE OBSERVED A RIFLE WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT, IN A CASE IN NICK'S OFFICE. LATER, THE TWO MEN TOOK THE RIFLE AND A LONG BOX, WHICH TOOK THREE MEN TO CARRY OUT, AND PUT THEM IN A SIXTY-FOUR MAROON DODGE WITH A FAKE "CONTINENTAL KIT" ON THE BACK.

ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, WHILE ON DUTY, SHE OVERHEARD NICK RECEIVE A TELEPHONE CALL ON HIS PHONE WHICH IS CLOSE TO THE KITCHEN. AFTER THIS CALL, NICK SAID, "MARTIN LUTHER KING IS DEAD." THIS WAS BEFORE THE NEWS CAME OVER THE RADIO ABOUT THE MURDER.

NICK HAD MEETINGS EVERY NIGHT IN HIS OFFICE, AND SHE WAS TOLD BY THE OTHER EMPLOYEES THAT NICK IS THE HEAD OF THE KLU KLUX KLAN IN THAT AREA. A WHITE MALE, KNOWN TO HER ONLY AS BIG WILL ADAMS' SON, WAS IN ON THE ACTIVITY AT THE RESTAURANT. FROSTENE, (PHONETIC), A LARGE, FAT NEGRO GIRL, WHO WORKS FOR NICK, AND TWO WHITE WAITRESSES, WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE TWO MEN WHO TOOK THE GUN, KNEW OF THE ACTIVITIES AT NICK'S.

FROM WHAT SHE OVERHEARD SHE FEELS THAT NICK HAD SOME PART IN THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, BUT SHE HAS NO DEFINITE PROOF OF ANYTHING. SHE BECAME SO FRIGHTENED SHE TOLD NICK SHE HAD

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A VERY SICK RELATIVE IN ABILENE, TEXAS. SHE LEFT ON APRIL NINE, LAST, AND CAME TO ABILENE, TEXAS, WHERE SHE MET THOMAS MC GEE. SHE HAS BEEN GOING WITH MC GEE FOR FOUR YEARS AND HE CAME TO ABILENE SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS TO LOOK FOR WORK. SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AS EVER BEING AT JOHN'S RESTAURANT OR EVER SEEING HIM.

ON APRIL TWENTY-TWO, LAST, THOMAS MC GEE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

HE WORKED AT JOHN'S RESTAURANT ABOUT A YEAR AGO FOR A MONTH AS A CARHOP. HE WAS TOLD THE RESTAURANT WAS A MEETING PLACE FOR THE KU KLUX KLAN AND DEVILISH NICK, THE PROPRIETOR OF THE RESTAURANT, WAS THE HEAD OF THE KKK IN THAT AREA. HE ALSO DETERMINED THAT THE WOMEN EMPLOYEES WORKED AS PROSTITUTES FOR NICK DURING OFF HOURS AND THE TWO WHITE WOMEN WHO WORK AS WAITRESSES, ONE BRUNETTE AND ONE BLONDE, LIVE IN THE MOST EXPENSIVE HOTEL IN LAUREL, NAME UNKNOWN.

NICK BEAT UP CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WHILE HE WAS THERE, AND HE, MC GEE, DECIDED TO LEAVE. WHEN HE LEARNED THAT MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS WAS WORKING FOR NICK, WHO WAS MAKING A PROSTITUTE OUT OF HER, HE HAD HER COME TO ABILENE.

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HE ADMITTED THAT HE IS ON PROBATION OUT OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, FOR MOONSHINING AND HAS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED INFORMATION TO THE FBI THROUGH A ONE-LEGGED MAN WHO RUNS A BARBER SHOP NEXT DOOR TO KITCHEN'S GROCERY IN SEMINARY, MISSISSIPPI. THIS MAN COULD VOUCH FOR HIS RELIABILITY.

HE FEELS THAT SHOULD DEVILISH NICK KNOW THAT HE AND MYRTIS HAVE TALKED TO THE FBI, HE WOULD HAVE THEM LOCATED AND KILLED, AND WOULD TAKE SOME ACTION AGAINST THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI. HE THEREFORE REQUESTED, AS DID HENDRICKS, THAT THEIR IDENTITIES BE PROTECTED AND KEPT VERY CONFIDENTIAL. HE INTIMATED THAT IF INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI REFLECTS THAT THE INFORMATION ON DEVILISH NICK IS OF ANY VALUE, HE WOULD BE WILLING TO RETURN TO LAUREL AND OBTAIN INFORMATION FOR THE FBI ON A PAID BASIS.

HE ADVISED THAT HE AND HENDRICKS WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE FBI.

THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF DEVILISH NICK AS FURNISHED BY THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS:

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THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS AS OBTAINED THROUGH OBSERVATION:

NEGRO FEMALE, ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, ONE EIGHTY-FIVE POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, CUT SHORT, BROWN EYES, LIGHT BROWN SKIN, RESIDENCE - ROOMING AT EIGHT SEVEN THREE MESQUITE STREET, ABILENE, TEXAS, TELEPHONE SIX SEVEN SEVEN - SIX FOUR THREE FOUR.

THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF THOMAS MC GEE, AS OBTAINED THROUGH OBSERVATION AND INTERVIEW:

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JACKSON, AT LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF DEVILISH NICK RE ANY COMPLICITY HE, OR PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH HIM, MAY HAVE IN THIS CASE. - P -

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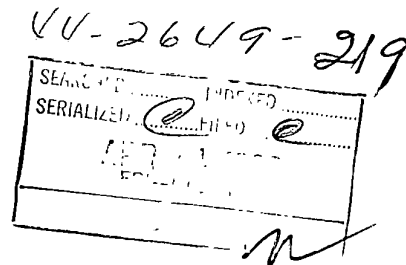
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Please furnish results of contacts with informants, including negative contacts to SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN, showing identity of informant and date contacted.

The Bureau desires the widest possible distribution of the subject's photograph. Extra copies of the Wanted Flyer and Identification Order are available and should be given to any person who might be in a position to assist in this case.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA FORREST F. JOHN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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RE JAMES EARL RAY WAS FURNISHED
TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ON 4-23-68
WITH THE REQUEST THAT THEY BE POSTED
AND EXHIBITED TO APPROPRIATE SOURCES
AND INFORMANTS:

AGENT JOHN GJERTSEN
FEDERAL NARCOTICS BUREAU
1114 COMMERCE ST.

DEPUTY CHARLES PLAYER
DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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GROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY
UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES (POSSIBLE
should be 1967 ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL 23, 1968. RAY SHOULD
ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND
BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST
VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED IN
BANK ROBBERY NOTEX FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING SEARCHED
AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND BURGLARY
VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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PAST.

TO DATE MEMPHIS OFFICE HAS RECEIVED NO INDICATION OF
CONSPIRACY OF EX-CONS AS MENTIONED BY WILSON TO LT. JACKSON.

DL, JK, KC, AND LR ADVISED BY MAIL.

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ON F. B. I. LIST

King's Assassin Should Be No. 1

WASHINGTON (AP) — What may be the nation's most intensive manhunt gained fresh pressure Saturday when the FBI placed on its "most wanted" list a fugitive convict accused of murder in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

James Earl Ray, a 40-year-old habitual criminal, is being hunted by police from border to border and beyond for the April 4 sniper slaying in Memphis, Tenn., of the Negro civil rights leader from Atlanta.

ONLY IN 11TH

The FBI always has limited its list of most wanted criminals to 10 names but Saturday it lengthened this roll of dishonor to 11 by adding Ray, a white loner known also by the name of Eric Starvo Galt and by six other aliases.

In addition to a state first-degree murder warrant issued in Memphis, Ray is wanted on federal charges of conspiracy to deny Dr. King his civil rights and of flight to escape confinement. The latter traces to his April 1967 escape from Missouri prison at Jefferson City where he was starting his eighth year on a 20-year sentence for armed robbery.

SPEEDS BULLETIN

In announcing the unprecedented step of adding an 11th

name to the "10 most wanted" list, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover announced it was done "to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location."

As usual, the FBI is appealing to the public for help in spotting its man and—as usual—gives implied warning against any effort by a plain citizen to apprehend the criminal unaided.

The official language puts it this way:

"Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories."

Reportedly a native of Illinois, Ray is described as about 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighing from 163 to 174 pounds. He has blue eyes and brown hair usually worn short. Forehead and right palm bear small scars. His nose is narrow and straight, teeth even. And he has a noticeably protruding left ear, the lobe of which he reportedly tugs at when nervous.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference Bureau Radiogram 4/23/68 .

A review has been made of the unsolved BR cases of the Dallas Office since 4/23/67, with regards to consideration of JAMES EARL RAY as a possible suspect.

No case was noted where in the description of RAY appeared identical with that of the Unsub, however, his description is favorable, with exception of age, to that of Unsub in Dallas file 91-3905, captioned "UNSUB; Alvord National Bank, Alvord, Texas, 1/31/68, BR". Accordingly RAY's photograph should be exhibited to pertinent witness in said matter, to preclude any possibility that he might be a logical suspect .

A review has likewise been made of the unsolved BB cases of the Dallas Office since 4/23/67, however since the M.O. of RAY is unknown to the Dallas Office, it was not possible to logically suggest him as a suspect in any particular case. It is noted that the Bureau is checking the prints of RAY against available latents in BB matters .

LEAD: DALLAS
 At Alvord, Texas (Expedite)

Will in 91-3905, "UNSUB; Alvord National Bank, Alvord, Texas, 1/31/68, BR " , exhibit photo of JAMES EARL RAY to pertinent witnesses for identification or elimination . A copy of the memo reflecting results of same, should be designated for captioned file 44-2649.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

FROM : SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

On 4/23/68, SA JOHN KEMMY, San Antonio, telephonically advised Atlanta airtel dated 4/22/68 went to numerous offices instructing that subject RAY be considered as a suspect with respect to all cars stolen in Georgia on and subsequent to 4/4/68. This applied to all recoveries where the thief has not been identified and should extend to recoveries in the immediate future. KEMMY requested we contact NATB to determine whether cars stolen in Georgia can be readily identified.

BRYAN L. CLARK, NATB, advised me he checked records and found no cars recovered in Texas since 4/4/68 which had been stolen in Georgia. This, of course, applied only to cars insured with member companies of NATB.

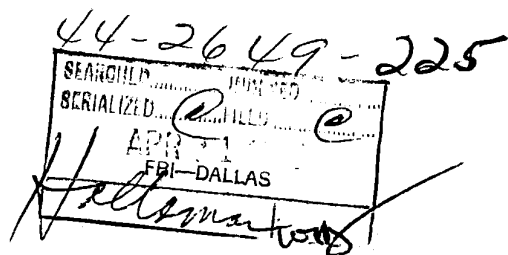
SA KEMMY was advised and said he would advise Atlanta, et al.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Bossier City La	Richard B. Harrell #136	8-17-49	inv	rel
SO Shreveport La	Richard Burnham Harrell #12215	6-20-51	inv	
PD Winslow Ariz	Richard Burnam Harrell #--	7-9-52 sleeper		rel
SO Flagstaff Ariz	Richard B. Harrell #4839	8-12-53	non-sup of wife	
SO Phoenix Ariz	Richard Bernam Harrell #62349	6-13-54	2 cts GT	7-15-54 6 mos Co Jail
St Board of Pardons and Paroles Phoenix Ariz	R. B. Harrell #18140	1-6-55	failure to prov for wife	1½ yrs to 2 yr 11-23-55 rel b parole usual rel
SO Flagstaff Ariz	Richard B. Harrell #6311	12-11-55	inv missing person	
PD Selma Calif	Richard Burnham Harrell #14023	7-12-57	C F w/o lic susp rob A	
SO Fresno Calif	Richard Burnham Harrell #56012	7-12-57	Ct. 1-PC 836/211 & Ct. 2-PC 12025 (Robbery)	
SO Silver City NMex	Richard Burnham Harrell #12582	12-24-57	GT	

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Kern Co B of I Bakersfield Calif	R. B. Harrell #108468	8-14-63	No opr's lic in poss; fail to appear (wrnt #77224)	jail 4 das F \$20 on chg of 12951 40508
SO Riverside Calif	R.B. Harrell #A83585	1-20-67	647f PC drk	\$17 F
SO Riverside Calif	R. B. Harrell #A 96769	6-14-67	1-242 PC (Battery) 2-40508 CVC (Fail to appear)	1-10 das susp \$56 Fine 2-\$29 Fine
SO San Luis Obispo Calif	R.B. Harrell #23469	9-10-67	hit & run (property)	60 das susp 2 yrs NLV

Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished FBI by fingerprint contributors. Where final disposition is not shown or further explanation of charge is desired, communicate with agency contributing those fingerprints.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

TO:

Date 4/23/68

SAC, Dallas (44-2649)

Your inquiry
PX - teletype
4/22/68

MURKIN. CR.

- ☐ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☒ Attached furnished in compliance with request from SAC, Phoenix
- ☐ Only record available attached.
- ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
- ☐ Records FBI #
- ☐ are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
- ☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
- ☐ Confirming FBI wire of
- ☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
- ☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
- ☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
- ☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
- ☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
- ☐ Your communication is returned.
- ☐

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(4) *[Signature]*
SACs Phoenix (44-371)
Memphis (44-1987)
Little Rock (157-1215)
Kansas City
Jacksonville

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

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

MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS.

ON APRIL TWENTY-ONE, LAST, B. J. GRIFFIN, ONE ONE ZERO SIX NORTHWEST DALLAS STREET, GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ADVISED DALLAS OFFICE HE HAD OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY IN GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON APRIL TWENTY-ONE, LAST, HE SAW THIS PERSON ENTER SIXTY-THREE BLUE CHEVROLET, SIXTY-EIGHT TEXAS LICENSE EIGHT FIVE EIGHT, WITH FIRST THREE LETTERS POSSIBLY GZG. INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, DARK COMPLEXION, DARK CURLY HAIR.

TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH LICENSE RECORDS SECTION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AUSTIN, TEXAS, DETERMINED ABOVE LICENSE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO BEXAR COUNTY, HAS NOT YET BEEN REPORTED TO AUSTIN AS HAVING BEEN ISSUED. GRIFFIN INTERVIEWED; SHOWN PHOTOS AND INDICATES POSSIBLY IDENTICAL BUT INDIVIDUAL TOO FAR AWAY TO SEE CLEARLY. INVESTIGATION, NEIGHBORHOOD, TO LOCATE NEGATIVE.

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SAN ANTONIO CONTACT BEXAR COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
AND DETERMINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR INSTANT LICENSE.
THEREAFTER, ATTEMPT TO CONTACT OWNER FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION
AS BEING IDENTICAL TO RAY. - P -

Above information telephonically furnished to
Steno Karen Harris, San Antonio, 4/24/68, at 9³⁰ am,
by Sam Mc Clements, Dallas.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-2649) (P)

FROM : SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

On 4/22/68, Capt. WILL FRITZ, Dallas PD, called and said that one FORREST SUMMERVILLE, who works two days a week as a porter at the Sands Hotel at Loop 12 and Highways 67 and 80, had furnished him the following information.

He stated that about 9:00 PM or 10:00 PM on 4/5/68, an individual came and checked into the motel. Someone brought him in either a 1960 or 1961 Plymouth and he apparently did not use the room, and certainly did not use the bed, and that sometime later he caught a yellow cab #326 and supposedly went to Ft. Worth. SUMMERVILLE has seen pictures of subject and thinks it could be the same man. SUMMERVILLE's home address is 1204 Caldwell, home telephone TA 1-9208.

LEAD

Show photographs to SUMMERVILLE and thereafter conduct logical inquiries to eliminate or identify.

Summerville was contacted 4/22 and apparently arranged with him for 2:00 pm 4/23/68.



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(Priority)

TO: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

AL CHAPMAN, TWO NINE TWO ZERO PERRYTON DR., DALLAS, ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST HE HAD SEEN INDIVIDUAL IN SOUREN'S COFFEE SHOP, WYNNEWOOD SHOPPING CENTER, ^{DALLAS,} AT NINE THIRTY AM, WHO CLOSELY RESEMBLED PICTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY. CHAPMAN DESCRIBED THE MAN AS WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY, FIVE ELEVEN, ONEHUNDRED FIFTYFIVE TO ONEHUNDRED SIXTYFIVE, BROWN HAIR. HE SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WAS WEARING BROWN SUEDE COWBOY BOOTS, BROWN SLACKS AND DARK SPORT SHIRT. HE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL LEFT COFFEE SHOP AND DROVE AWAY IN A RED NATIONAL TRAILER RENTAL TRACTOR, OKLAHOMA LICENSE FIVE FIVE FOUR - ZERO SIX ONE. TRACTOR ALSO CONTAINED EIGHT OR TEN LICENSE PLATES OF DIFFERENT STATES. SERIAL NUMBER ON RIGHT REAR OF TRACTOR CAB WAS X T L SIX TWO TWO ZERO.

INVESTIGATION DALLAS DOES NOT REVEAL LOCAL OFFICE FOR NATIONAL TRAILER RENTAL.

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**OKLAHOMA CITY CONTACT NATIONAL TRAILER RENTAL AND DETERMINE
WHO ABOVEMENTIONED VEHICLE WAS IN POSSESSION OF ON APRIL
TWENTYTHREE LAST.**

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Date: 4/23/68

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TO: SACS, DALLAS (44-2649), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND
OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)

MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS. RE OKLAHOMA CITY TELETYPE TODAY, RE
SIXTY-SEVEN THUNDERBIRD, BEARING TEXAS LICENSE FDH FOUR FIVE THREE.

IT IS BELIEVED INSTANT LICENSE WOULD BE SIXTY-EIGHT TEXAS
LICENSE INSTEAD OF SIXTY-SEVEN, DUE TO FACT VEHICLE BEARING THESE
PLATES WAS OBSERVED AFTER DATE SIXTY-EIGHT LICENSE MUST APPEAR ON
VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THIS STATE AND IN VIEW OF FACT TEXAS HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT RECORDS REFLECT THE SIXTY-SEVEN PLATE WAS ISSUED FOR
A CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILE.

REGISTRATION DATA RE SIXTY-EIGHT LICENSE NOT ON FILE WITH
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AS YET AS HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED FOR FILING BY
TARRANT COUNTY TAX COLLECTORS OFFICE.

DALLAS, AT TARRANT COUNTY TAX OFFICE, ASCERTAIN REGISTRATION
DATA AND THEREAFTER COVER LEAD SET FORTH FOR SAN ANTONIO IN RETEL.-P-

Above information telephonically furnished to
NANCY J. COLLINS, Dallas, 4/23/68, at 2:15 PM, by DAVID WALL,
San Antonio.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38862, MEMPHIS 44-1987, DALLAS AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686 2P

MURKIN. OO - MEMPHIS.

INDIVIDUAL USING NAME RICHARD BURNS, ONE THREE ZERO ZERO
EIGHT E. AVE., FT. WORTH, TEXAS, CLAIMING EMPLOYMENT ELCO CORP.,
NO ADDRESS, REGISTERED QUO VADIS MOTOR HOTEL, PONCA CITY, OKLA.
APRIL NINE LAST, FOUR THIRTYFOUR P.M., INDICATING VEHICLE
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN MODEL, TEXAS LICENSE, FIRST LETTER ILLEGIBLE,
C L DASH SEVEN TWO ONE, ON REGISTRATION CARD, AND SKIPPED BILL
APRIL TEN LAST, AFTER HAVING THREE MEALS FURNISHED TO ROOM.

DESK CLERK AND BELLBOY, WHO DELIVERED TWO MEALS TO ROOM,
STATE THIS INDIVIDUAL STRONGLY RESEMBLED PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED
NEWSPAPER PHOTOS OF SKETCH OF SUBJECT AND SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO OF
GALT. DESK CLERK CHECKED FOR VEHICLE OF BURNS, WHICH WAS
BELIEVED TO BE SIXTYSEVEN FORD THUNDERBIRD, TEXAS LICENSE F D H
FOUR FIVE THREE, WHICH WAS ONLY TEXAS VEHICLE AND ONLY FORD
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THUNDERBIRD PARKED IN THAT AREA OF MOTEL PARKING, AND MADE
PRETEXT CALL TO BURNS' ROOM DURING WHICH HE WAS ADVISED BURNS
DROVE THUNDERBIRD. REGISTRATION CARD AND MEAL TICKETS OBTAINED
FOR FINGERPRING EXAMINATION.

SAN ANTONIO AT AUSTIN. ASCERTAIN REGISTRATION SIXTYSEVEN
TEXAS F D H FOUR FIVE THREE, AND SET OUT LEAD TO IDENTIFY OR
ELIMINATE BURNS.

DALLAS AT FORT WORTH. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY RICHARD BURNS,
ONE THREE ZERO ZERO EIGHT E. AVE., AND/OR ELCO CORPORATION,
TO IDENTIFY AND/OR ELIMINATE BURNS.

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523PM URGENT 4-23-68 GEB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), DALLAS (44-2649), JACKSON,
PHOENIX (44-371), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE PHOENIX TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY TWO, SIXTYEIGHT,
RE RICHARD HARRELL.

R.B. CRAIN, FOUR ONE ZERO N. COKLEY, LAKE VILLAGE, ARK.,
COUSIN OF RICHARD HARRELL, BETTER KNOWN AS JIMMY HARREL, ADVISED
JIMMY'S PARENTS ARE ESSIE AND INA HARREL, PRESENTLY RESIDING
ROUTE ONE, BOX ONE SEVEN NINE, ABERNATHY, TEXAS. CRAIN STATES
JIMMY WILL PROBABLY CONTACT PARENTS IF HE CONTACTS ANYONE. HE
HAS NOT FREQUENTED THE LAKE VILLAGE AREA FOR SOME TIME.

INA HARREL, MOTHER OF JIMMY, REPORTEDLY HAS RELATIVES NAMED
BURNHAM OR BURNAHAM RESIDING MORTON, LEESBURG, AND PELAHATCHIE,
MISS., AREAS BUT NAMES AND ADDRESSES UNKNOWN TO CRAIN.

DALLAS AT ABERNATHY, TEXAS. INTERVIEW ESSIE AND INA HARRELL
IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF RICHARD HARRELL, AKA
JIMMY HARREL. IF WHEREABOUTS NOT DETERMINED, ESTABLISH IDENTITY
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AND ADDRESS OF RELATIVES AND SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re Jackson teletype to Bureau dated 4/17/68.

Prior to receipt of referenced teletype, DL 274-R, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is very well acquainted with individuals and activities of the American Nazi Party, (ANP), was contacted by SA JAMES W. ANDERTON, on the late evening of 4/4/68. At that time informant stated that an informal meeting of the ANP had been held earlier in the evening, and that the usual members (including those mentioned in referenced teletype) were present during the meeting.

In view of above, and since subject of MURKIN has been identified as JAMES EARL RAY, Dallas conducting no further investigation into this phase of MURKIN.

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*James Earl Ray
by Anderton*

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

CC-MEMPHIS

Re San Diego teletype, 4/24/68.

FBI Identification Record of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI No. 405 942 G, shows that RAY was incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, from 7/7/55 until 1958. Therefore, could not be identical person by same name residing in Dallas, in 1955 and 1957.

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902AM URGENT 4-24-68 CND

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, DALLAS, MEMPHIS, AND KANSAS CITY
FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387 2P

MURKIN

MR. M. L. REEVES, SPACE TWENTY, SIX SEVEN SEVEN G STREET,
CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS;

DURING NINETEEN FIFTY SIX OR NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN WHILE
REEVES AND HIS MOTHER, LYNETTE VESTAL, WERE RESIDING AT TWO
ONE ONE EIGHT NORTH CARROLL AVENUE, DALLAS, TEXAS, AN INDIVIDUAL
NAMED JAMES EARL RAY WAS RESIDING WITH A WOMAN AND A SMALL CHILD
AT TWO ONE TWO TWO NORTH CARROLL AVENUE, DALLAS.

THIS INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY.

INDIVIDUAL RESIDED AT ABOVE ADDRESS FOR ONLY SEVERAL
MONTHS BUT WHILE THERE WAS BELIEVED TO BE ARRESTED BY DALLAS
PD FOR DISCHARGING A FIREARM IN FRONT OF HIS RESIDENCE.

RESIDENCE AT TWO ONE TWO TWO NORTH CARROLL AVENUE THEN
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*Ray according to
admit. record was
in USP, Leavenworth, Kansas
from 7/7/55 to 1958*

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OWNED BY JACK GUNNELL, WHO OWNS THE GUNNELL ELECTRIC COMPANY,
DALLAS TEXAS.

DALLAS ATTEMPT TO VERIFY IF JAMES EARL RAY RESIDING
TWO ONE TWO TWO NORTH CARROLL DURING NINETEEN FIFTY SIX OR
FIFTY SEVEN IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT THIS CASE AND IF SO
CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION
IF NOT ALREADY DONE

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Csi29438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967 (operating motor vehicle without permission of owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D & DW") (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.			

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	WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS Alias: James Walton WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS			
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: HOUSTON
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE DALLAS AIRTEL TO NEW ORLEANS, APRIL TWENTYTWO, LAST.
FOR INFORMATION HOUSTON, ON APRIL NINETEEN, NINETEEN
SIXTYEIGHT, ANONYMOUS CALLER ADVISED DALLAS OFFICE SHE SAW
AN INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING ERIC STARVO GALT DRIVING LATE MODEL
CHEVROLET, LIGHT TAN, FOUR-DOOR, ON APRIL TWELVE, LAST, AT WHICH
TIME THE CAR STOPPED, PARKED AT A & A LIQUOR STORE, INDUSTRIAL
AND HAMPTON STREETS, DALLAS. THE INDIVIDUAL ENTERED THE LIQUOR
STORE. HIS CAR WAS BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT LA. LICENSE
TWO FIVE E NINE THREE ZERO.

A CHECK OF LA. LICENSE RECORDS, BATON ROUGE, LA., INDICATES
THAT ABOVE LICENSE IS REGISTERED TO A NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN
CHEVROLET TWO-DOOR YELLOW SPORTS COUPE, VIN ONE SIX FOUR EIGHT
SEVEN SEVEN R. ONE FOUR EIGHT TWO SEVEN SIX. RECORDS, BATON
ROUGE, INDICATE THIS AUTOMOBILE LEASED TO TEXAS SERVICES, INC.,
TWENTYTHREE BOLTON AVE., ALEXANDRIA, LA.

① - Dallas (AM)
1 - New Orleans
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THIS DATE AT ALEXANDRIA DETERMINED THAT TEXAS SERVICES IS LICENSEE OF HERTZ RENT-A-CAR, THIRTYFOUR BOLTON AVE., ALEXANDRIA. MANAGER, HERTZ, ALEXANDRIA, ADVISED THIS AUTOMOBILE FORMERLY IN POSSESSION HERTZ, ALEXANDRIA, BUT TURNED BACK TO HERTZ MAIN OFFICE, BRYAN, TEXAS, APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS AGO.

INDIVIDUAL TO CONTACT RE DRIVER OF THIS AUTOMOBILE AT PRESENT TIME IS RAY FARMER, HERTZ, BRYAN, TEXAS, PHONE TA TWO ONE TWO TWO THREE AND REFERRED TO VEHICLE AS OLD ALEXANDRIA UNIT NUMBER NINE NINE SIX.

HOUSTON IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE FROM HERTZ, BRYAN, TEXAS, WHO IS NOW DRIVING VEHICLE BEARING LA. LICENSE TWO FIVE E. NINE THREE ZERO AND WHETHER IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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URGENT 4/24/68 VFP

TO ATLANTA 44-2386 AND DALLAS

FROM MOBILE 157-2627

MURKIN. OO ME.

RE ROOMING HOUSE ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEEN STREET NORTHEAST,
ATLANTA, GA.

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO MOBILE, APRIL NINETEEN LAST
AND MOBILE AIRTEL TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS APRIL NINETEEN
LAST, REGARDING INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE BILLY JOE FAULKNER,
MIDLAND CITY, ALA.

RECORDS DLD, STATE DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
REFLECT BILLY JOE FAULKNER, WM, RT. ONE MIDLAND CITY, ALA.
BORN FEBRUARY TWENTYSEVEN TWENTYEIGHT, WAS ISSUED DRIVERS
LICENSE SEVEN FIVE THREE THREE SIX SIX ON FEBRUARY TWENTYEIGHT FORTY
FOUR AND KEPT THIS LICENSE UNTIL REVOKED AUGUST TWENTYFOUR
SIXTYFOUR AFTER CONVICTION CITY COURT, TROY, ALA., ON DWI CHARGE.
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HE ALSO HAD TEXAS DRIVERS LICENSE EIGHT TWO THREE SIX ONE ZERO WHICH WAS RETURNED TO STATE OF TEXAS AT THE TIME. HE HAS MADE NO ATTEMPT TO RENEW ALA. DRIVERS LICENSE.

RECORDS MVD, MONTGOMERY, ALA., REFLECT BILLY JOE FAULKNER, RT. ONE, MIDLAND CITY, ALA., ON DECEMBER EIGHT, LAST, REGISTERED A SIXTY FORD STATION WAGON UNDER ALA. SIXTY EIGHT LICENSE THIRTY EIGHT DASH TWO ZERO TWO SEVEN TWO VIN O A SIX SIX W ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO FIVE FIVE. NO RECORD TRANSFER OF THIS CAR BY FAULKNER.

MRS FRANCIS GODWIN, NEE FAULKNER, (PROTECT IDENTITY) ROUTE TWO, BOX FOUR TWO ZERO DASH A, DOTHAN, ALABAMA ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT HER BROTHER, BILLY JOE FAULKNER, WM, AGE FORTY, HEIGHT FIVE TEN, ONE EIGHTY POUNDS, GREY HAIR, BROWN EYES, IS PRESENTLY IN JAIL IN DALLAS, TEXAS. GODWIN ADVISED THAT FAULKNER WAS LIVING WITH SUE KELLY, A FORMER PENSACOLA, FLA, BARMAID, WHO ALLEGEDLY IS WITH FAULKNER IN DALLAS. GODWIN DID NOT KNOW THE CIRCUMSTANCES

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REGARDING HIS ARREST. FAULKNER TELEPHONED HER RESIDENCE ON APRIL TWENTY ONE, LAST, STATING THAT HE IS INCARCERATED IN DALLAS. GODWIN STATED THAT FAULKNER HAS A MENTAL CONDITION AND HAS THREATENED TO KILL MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY. SHE SAID THAT FAULKNER HAS ON OCCASIONS ASSAULTED HER MOTHER. FAULKNER ONCE MANAGED "MAY PLACE", OWNED BY CHARLES HALL, GRACEVILLE, FLORIDA AND HAS WORKED IN HOSPITALS IN GRACEVILLE AND CHIPLEY, FLA. AS A THERAPIST.

MO ONE SEVENTY SEVEN R HAS ADVISED THAT FAULKNER WAS MEMBER OF UKA, DOTHAN, FROM SIXTY FIVE TO SIXTYSIX WHEN HE WAS KICKED OUT AS MEMBERS SUSPECTED HIM OF BEING FBI INFORMANT OR A QUEER.

DALLAS LOCATE FAULKNER AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT, NOTING THAT FAULKNER RESIDED IN ROOM EIGHT AT THE ABOVE CAPTIONED ADDRESS WHICH WAS NEXT DOOR TO GALTS RESIDENCE. FAULKNER RESIDED THERE JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH, UP UNTIL APRIL NINE, LAST.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

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TO DIRECTOR, DALLAS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586) 5P

MURKIN.

RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYTHREE, LAST, REGARDING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS, AKA "JITTERBUG", EIGHT SEVEN THREE MESQUIT STREET, ABILENE, TEXAS.

DEAVOURS NIX, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH FOUR FOUR ONE SIX, IS IDENTICAL WITH DEVILISH NICK MENTIONED IN RE TEL. NIX IS PROPRIETOR OF JOHN'S CAFE AND DRIVE-IN RESTAURANT, ONE ONE SIX TERESA STREET, LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI. HE IS THE FORMER STATE INVESTIGATOR (KBI) OF THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISS. (WKKKKOM), BUT IS REPORTED TO HAVE RECENTLY RESIGNED THAT POSITION.

NIX IS PRESENTLY UNDER FEDERAL INDICTMENT ALONG WITH
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FIFTEEN OTHER KLAN MEMBERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRE-BOMB SLAYING OF VERNON FERDINAND DAHMER, SR., NEGRO MALE, NEAR HATTIESBURG, MISS., ON JANUARY TEN, SIXTYSIX. HE HAS ALSO BEEN INDICTED BY STATE COURT, HATTIESBURG, MISS., CHARGED WITH ARSON IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE ACTIVITY. NIX AND FOUR OTHERS ARE UNDER INDICTMENT, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING, ASSAULT AND BATTERY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPPING AND BEATING OF JACK WATKINS, WHITE MALE, OF PASCAGOULA. NIX AND THE OTHERS ATTEMPTED TO GET A CONFESSION FROM WATKINS STATING THAT HE KIDNAPPED LAWRENCE BYRD, ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS IN THE DAHMER CASE AND BEAT A CONFESSION OUT OF HIM ABOUT THE SUBJECTS IN THE DAHMER CASE.

ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, JN THREE FOUR ZERO DASH R (PROB), NIGHT MANAGER AND WAITRESS AT JOHN'S CAFE, REPORTED SEING NIX AROUND FIVE PM, APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, AND SAM
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BOWERS, IMPERIAL WIZARD, WKKKKOM, BETWEEN SEVEN THIRTY AND EIGHT PM SAME NIGHT. SOURCE HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CONTACTS OF VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS WITH NIX AND BOWERS IN JOHN'S CAFE.

SOURCE RECONTACTED THIS AM AND ADVISED TWO WHITE MALES AT JOHN'S RESTAURANT NIGHT OF APRIL THREE, LAST. SOURCE VIEWED VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS AND IDENTIFIED ONE INDIVIDUAL AS L. E. MATTHEWS, KNOWN KLANSMAN, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH FIVE EIGHT ZERO FOUR, WHO HAS BEEN IN RESTAURANT ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS. SECOND INDIVIDUAL, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, STOCKY BUILD, THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TO FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, WEARING GRAY WORK CLOTHES, NOT KNOWN TO SOURCE. MEETING HELD IN OFFICE OF JOHN'S RESTAURANT BETWEEN MATTHEWS, NIX, SAM BOWERS, AND UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL. SOURCE ADVISED NO PACKAGE BROUGHT IN OR OUT OF CAFE. NO WEAPONS

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OBSERVED. NO WAITRESSES WORKING THAT NIGHT OBSERVED WITH THIS GROUP. SOURCE STATES UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL NOT IDENTICAL WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY. SOURCE ADVISED NEGRO COOK NAMED "MYRTIS" PREVIOUS EMPLOYEE BUT NOT WELL KNOWN TO SOURCE. JACKSON WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL WITH GROUP.

ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, JN THREE THREE SEVEN DASH R (PROB) WHO FREQUENTS JOHN'S CAFE REPORTED SEEING NIX AND BOWERS AT JOHN'S CAFE DURING LATE AFTERNOON PRIOR TO THE SLAYING OF KING.

INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO BY THOMAS MC GEE BELIEVED TO BE TRUMAN WEBBER ROGERS, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE WKKKKOM, JONES COUNTY, MISS., AND WHO FREQUENTED JOHN'S RESTAURANT. ROGERS RECENTLY TESTIFIED AT STATE COURT, HATTIESBURG, DURING THE TRIAL OF CECIL SESSUM WHO IS CHARGED WITH MURDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE DAHMER CASE. SESSUM FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT. CASE ON APPEAL.

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JACKSON EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN NIX'S ACTIVITIES AND DALLAS IS REQUESTED TO RECONTACT MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS TO CLARIFY POINTS IN RE TEL. HENDRICKS STATED THAT ON DAY AFTER SHE STARTED TO WORK FOR DEAVOURS NIX, HE HAD SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH HER. SHE STATED NIX THEN STARTED HER WORKING AT A PLACE HE HAD OUTSIDE OF TOWN. HENDRICKS THEN STATED ON APRIL TWO, LAST, SHE OVERHEARD NIX SAY "I GOT A CALL ON THE KING." CLARIFY SECOND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. ALSO LOCATION AT TIME SHE HEARD NIX MAKE THIS STATEMENT AND WHO ELSE PRESENT. IT APPEARS HENDRICKS STATED SHE WAS WORKING OUTSIDE OF TOWN BUT YET HEARD THE STATEMENT ON APRIL TWO AND FOUR, LAST, AT JOHN'S CAFE.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SAC SHANKLIN 4/22/68 relating to information received from Capt. Will Fritz, Dallas PD, who had received information from FORREST SUMMERVILLE.

FORREST SUMMERVILLE, 1204 Cladwell, telephone TA1-9208, was contacted on 4/23/68 and furnished the following information: He is a porter at the Sands Motel, Loop 12 and Highways 67 and 80. He works a 12 hour shift from 7 pm to 7 am. Part of his job is to help guests with their bags and to get the license numbers of the cars of each guest so that it can be checked against the license numbers given by the guest when he checks in.

At about 9:30 to 10:30 pm 4/5/68 he was passing by Room 212 when he noticed two men getting out of their car which was a 1960 or 1961 Plymouth stationwagon with 1968 Texas license. He later recorded the license number and gave it to the desk for the record. He offered to help these men with their luggage and one of them accepted his offer. He removed one small bag and a garment bag containing a suit or a suit coat from the car and put them in the room. He was tipped a dollar for this.

About four hours later he got a call to assist the occupant of room 212 with his baggage. He went to the room and the man told him he was checking out and was going to tak a taxi to Fort Worth. At that time he noted that the man who was with the occupant and who was the driver of the stationwagon had apparently left in that car. There were two beds in the room and neither of them had been used. There was a nearly empty fifth of whisky on the table. Also the small suitcase was open and he noted that it contained only one necktie and a small notebook.

He accompanied the man to the motel office where the man checked out and called a cab. The man appeared to be quite intoxicated and required assistance in getting about and in making the call. When the taxi (Yellow cab #326) arrived the man discussed going to Ft. Worth with the driver. When he

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