

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 6/3/68

FROM : SA Robert T. Finn

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 6/3/68 Eloise McGhee, Secretary, Grand Avenue Bank and Trust Company, Dallas, Texas, advised that she was the person responsible for admitting customers to the safe-deposit box area and also the person responsible for keeping a record of who enters their safe deposit boxes. Mrs. McGhee checked her records on all persons entering their safe-deposit box during the month of April, 1968, and determined that none of these persons could possibly be identical to JAMES EARL RAY either because they rented the safe-deposit box prior to April 23, 1967 or because she knew the individual personally.

Mrs. McGhee was shown a picture of JAMES EARL RAY, but Mrs. McGhee said the picture did not look familiar.

Mrs. McGhee checked her records for boxes under the name JAMES EARL RAY and all known aliases but with negative results.



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Following investigation conducted by SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT .

At DALLAS, TEXAS

On 6/3/68, CARL NEEL, Vice President and Cashier, City Bank and Trust Co., 633 N. Akard, advised that a check of the records of said bank failed to reflect any safe-deposit box rented in the name of subject or his known aliases.

NEEL further stated that a check of the records of access to safe-deposit boxes of said bank for the month of April, 1968 , did not reflect access by any individual who could possibly be identical with subject .

NEEL Added that he and bank employee, MARY RIEMER, are the individual who personally see the bank customers who rent safe-deposit boxes and who they check identity on each time the customer makes entry into a safe-deposit box. Both NEEL and RIEMER, after viewing subject's I.O. 4182 photographs, advised that subject was unknown to them and was not identical with any safe-deposit^{box} customer of said bank .

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AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On 5-31-68, a check of safe-deposit entry records was conducted at the Westmoreland National Bank of Dallas, 2415 South Westmoreland, to determine if JAMES EARL RAY may have withdrawn any valuables during the month of April, 1968, with negative results.

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The following investigation by SA F.STEPHEN OSBORN

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On 5/31/68 at the Texas Bank and Trust Co., Commerce and Lamar Streets records of safe-deposit box renters were made available by MR.JOE DILLON, Assistant Cashier, Safe Deposit Department.

A search of these records for the names JAMES EARL RAY and his aliases through their list of renters and all renters who checked their safe-deposit boxes in April, 1968 was negative.

On 6/3/68 MRS.HELEN BAKER, Safe Deposit Department, advised that she knew ~~any of the individuals who made entry in their~~ those individuals who made entry in their Safe Deposit Boxes during April, 1968.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649)

RE: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith is an unsigned letter received by the Dallas Office which states, "Does Taunus Germany mean anything to you? A private plane went to Cal. from Dallas the night of the murder King killing connected." It was postmarked at Dallas on June 11, 1968.

This letter furnished for information of Memphis and no further action being taken by Dallas

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TOMMY LEE WEBB was interviewed at the Biffle Ranch, Route #1, Allen, Oklahoma, where he was visiting his step-father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. NED BIFFLE.

WEBB advised he is a Sergeant in the U. S. Marine Corps, Serial # 2139929, assigned to Schools Company, Schools Battalion, TVR, Camp Del Mar, Camp Pendleton, California.

He advised he was on leave from on or about December 15, or December 16, 1967, until about the first of January, 1968, the exact dates unknown. He advised he drove from Camp Pendleton to San Antonio, Texas, with Sergeant RICHARD KRAWITZ, a member of the same organization to which he is assigned. He said he took a bus from San Antonio to Dallas, Texas, arriving in Dallas the third day after leaving Camp Pendleton. He advised he was not sure of the date on which his leave started, which could only be determined by checking his leave record, but did not believe he was in Dallas on December 16, 1967.

WEBB advised that after arriving in Dallas he stayed at his mother's apartment, 7140 Gaston Avenue, in Dallas. He said he occupied the above apartment throughout his leave period but was away from the apartment a great amount of the time.

WEBB advised he did not receive any long distance telephone calls at his mother's apartment during his leave period.

WEBB was unable to identify a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to him at the time of his interview.

On 6/11/68 at Allen, Oklahoma File Oklahoma City 44-686

by SA J. ROBINSON FIELD:ow Date dictated 6/12/68

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

MURKIN
OO Memphis

Re San Diego airtel to Oklahoma City, 6/4/68.

Re: Telephone Calls of Subject RAY in Texas
During December, 1967

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 15 copies of
an FD-302 reflecting the interview of TOMMY LEE WEBB, Rt. #1,
Allen, Oklahoma. One copy of this FD-302 is furnished to Dallas
for information.

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1 - Dallas (Enc. 1)
2 - Oklahoma City

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MURKIN

ReBuairtel 5/28/68.

Per instructions in reBuairtel all banks in Dallas have been checked regarding persons entering safety deposit boxes during April, 1968. All persons making entry to safety deposit boxes during that month were eliminated as being identical with the subject.

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AIR MAIL

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

Re Chicago airtel to Memphis, 6/11/68; Seattle teletype to Dallas, 6/12/68; Memphis teletype to Bureau, 6/12/68; Dallas teletype to Bureau, 6/13/68; and Bureau teletype to Dallas, 6/14/68, copies of which are enclosed for San Antonio.

Investigation at GENE BASS' last known employment, Arnold Meat Company, 4808 Commerce, Dallas, on 6/17/68 revealed that he is no longer employed by that company. He was believed to be working for Kroger's in their meat warehouse in Irving, Texas.

MISS KAY BREWER, Personnel Clerk, and BILL MC CLENDON, Foreman, Kroger's Meat Plant, advised on 6/17/68, they could locate no employment record for GENE BASS and do not know or recall him.

The last arrest record for BASS, when he was arrested by the Dallas PD on 2/18/63 for shoplifting, shows his residence as 410 W. Colorado, Groesbeck, Texas.

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LEAD:

SAN ANTONIO

AT GROESBECK, TEXAS. Locate and interview GENE BASS
per Bureau instructions.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re San Antonio airtel 6/3/68, regarding telephone calls made to numbers 817-753-3090 and 817-754-8205. In order that logical investigation can be conducted relative to these calls, it is requested that San Antonio furnish Dallas with the places that these calls originated.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 6-18-68

FROM : SA FORREST F. JOHN (44-2649)

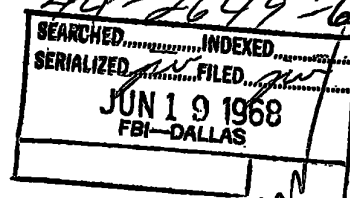
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re NY teletype to Baltimore, etc., 4-30-68, re
passengers on AAL flight 338 Dallas to Phila., 4-6-68.

Attached are miscellaneous investigative notes
of various SAs relative to investigation in regard to
passengers on above flight.

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RE: DONALD VERNON, AMERICAN AL,
FLITE 338, 4-6-68.

CONTACT PHONES FURNISHED BY VERNON
WERE 747 0521 AND RI 5671.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED
BY SA FORREST F. JOHN:

AT DALLAS TEXAS:

RI 5671 IS LISTED TO BLUE CROSS,
DALLAS, ACCORDING TO JAMES VAUGHAN, AREA SECURITY
SUPERVISOR, SOUTHWESTERN BELL, SINCE 6-24-66.

JANE MILES, PERSONNEL OFFICE, BLUE CROSS,
DALLAS, ADVISED ON 5-3-68 THAT SHE COULD FIND NO
RECORD OF AN EMPLOYEE BY THE NAME OF DONALD
VERNON EITHER CURRENT OR PAST.

ON 5-6-68 JAMES VAUGHAN ADVISED PHONE
747 0521 WAS CONNECTED IN THE NAME DONALD P.
VERNON, APT. 902, 1222 COMMERCE, 4-6-68 AND
DISCONNECTED ON 5-4-68, WITH NEW SERVICE
TO BE CONNECTED FOR VERNON ON 5-8-68
AT 7220 BRIARCOVE. NEW NUMBER NOT YET KNOWN.

ON 5-8-68 CONTACT OF APT HOUSE AT
1222 COMMERCE DETERMINED VERNON RESIDES THERE

WITH A MR. WALLACE, BUT WAS OUT

ON 5-7-68 DONALD VERNON, APT. 902,
1222 COMMERCE, DALLAS, WHO IS IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING
TO 7220 BRIARCOVE, DALLAS, WAS CONTACTED AT
LING AND COMPANY, LTV₂ BLDG, WHERE HE IS TEACHING
A CLASS IN MUTUAL INVESTMENTS. VERNON STATED HE
HAD A RESERVATION ON AAL FLIGHT 338, APRIL 6
LAST, BUT HE CANCELLED THIS RESERVATION AND FLEW
FROM DALLAS ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 5 LAST,
INSTEAD. HE STATED THE PICTURES OF JAMES EARL
RAY ARE COMPLETELY UNFAMILIAR TO HIM.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) -P-

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA W. DOUGLAS GOW

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/1/68, JOHN E. THOMPSON, 2806 Ramsey, Dallas, Texas, advised he is not acquainted with FNU LENLEY and does not know of anyone who would have been on American Airlines, Flight #338, on 4/6/68.

On 5/1/68, an unsuccessful attempt was made to contact MRS. J. C. PARR, JR., 1312 Comanche Dr., Richardson, Texas.

On 5/2/68, MRS. J. C. PARR, JR., was contacted at her place of employment, Cox Jr. High School, Plano, Texas, and advised she had taken an American Airlines flight, number unrecalled, from Dallas to Dulles Field on 4/6/68. MRS. PARR was shown several photographs, among which a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was included and advised she did not recognize any of the individuals.

-Dallas
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TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA ALAN L. MANNING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ADMINISTRATIVE

On 5/2/68, JOHN CORNELL, Dist Manager, SW Bell Telephone Company, Tyler, Texas, advised the telephone number 214 WE 8-2853 is listed to NAOMI JEFFERSON 808 Key Street, Marshall, Texas.

DETAILS:

AT MARSHALL, TEXAS:

On 5/2/68, NAOMI JEFFERSON, 808 Key Street, advised GLORIA WILLIAMS is her daughter and was in Marshall, Texas, about a month ago visiting her and did return to her home in Washington, D. C. via plane. She stated WILLIAMS resides at 4925 G. Street, S. E., #202, Washington, D. C. and works at the Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D. C.

ACTION: File as memo; Teletype sent 5/2/68 to WFO

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ROUTE TO SA FORREST JOHNS

RE; Teletype Lead, called to Fort Worth by SAC on 5/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT E. KLAWITER:
AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

ON 5/2/68, BRUCE AINSWORTH, III, home address 502 Kenilworth, Alden Park, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a freshman engineering student at Texas Christian University (TCU), residing in Room J-106, Milton Daniel Hall on campus, stated that he flew home to Philadelphia for the Easter Holiday, on 4/6/68, returning to TCU on the Tuesday following Easter. AINSWORTH, who vaguely recalled having sat in seat 23 aboard this flight, stated that he was in a window seat in the row immediately behind the row of seats located above the wing of the craft, on the right side of the plane. A woman of unrecalled description was seated next to him. He was unable to identify JAMES EARL RAY, IO # 442-A, as a passenger on that flight nor could he state that there were any persons on the plane resembling RAY as he usually sleeps aboard the flights home. He could provide no further information concerning this matter.

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Robert E. Fitzsimmons advised
May 3, 1968, he was a passenger on Flight
338, 4/6/68 from Dallas to Baltimore
to Philadelphia. He observed photographs
of James Earl Ray was. and advised he
had not seen this subject.

The following description was obtained
by observation and interrogation:

Name	Robert E. Fitzsimmons
RACE	white
Sex	Male
Born	9/26/39, Columbus, Ohio
Height	5-10
Weight	185 pounds
Eyes	brown blue
Hair	brown

Residence

604 Vassar Rd
Wenonah, New Jersey

Occupation

Sales manager
Wickes Industries
400 ^{TOWERS} ~~Towers~~ South
2720 Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, Texas

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA PETER T. SHEPP

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New York tel to Baltimore, dated 4/30/68.

On 5/1/68, L.M. TACKETT, 1250 Danville Drive, Richardson, Texas, advised regarding his reservation on American Airlines Flight 338, Dallas to Norfolk, on 4/6/68, that he was unable to make this flight and took a flight on the following day 4/7/68.

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MRS. PAUL S. BAINE

214 AN 2-3211

FRANK CONE FORD

1430 E. MAIN.

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On 5/1/68 SA Robert I. Finin conducted following investigation:

Jimmy Legg, employee advised that the payroll record for Frank Cone Ford did not show that a Mrs. Paul S. Baine was employed with this concern.

~~The following individuals were interviewed and advised that they do not know the following named individual employees of Frank Cone Ford, and advised that they did not know a Mrs. Paul S. Baine.~~

~~Max Cagle~~

~~Jimmy Legg~~

~~Jay Moore~~

~~J. C. Duval~~

~~Leslie Powell~~

~~Home Cagle~~

AA FI 338

MR. BASS

4/6/68 Wf Del. Del. 71. Phil.

214 LA 8 - 6855

DR ROBERT K. BASS

4108 WINDSOR PKWY.

214 LA 6 8808

DR. R. K. BASS

3330 Douglas

SA Robert J. Feris

On 5/1/68 Dr. R. K. Bass, 3330 Douglas,
advised that he was not on Am. AL FI 338
leaving Ballis on 4/6/68.

Investigation conducted by Richard L. Sloan

On 5/2/68,

Mrs. BOBBETTE KAMHOLZ, 7252 Jennyrone advised that she is an English Instructor at Southern Methodist University, and that did fly to Philadelphia, Penn., on flight 338, with American Airlines, on 4/6/68. MRS. KAMHOLZ ADvised that she did not see anyone on the flight that looked like the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY.

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BEN BLEAM

214-254 0151

HOLIDAY INN

HIGHWAY 183

WEST IRVING

IRVING

Mr. Harley Pitts, Negr.
searched files - neg.
neg. on employees
never heard the name

Have N.Y. with AAL
check with AAL
for correct spelling
possible neg. info
credit card, etc.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC: DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 5-1-68

FROM : SA: W.J. WILKINSON, JR:

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Dallas telephone call to Sherman RA today.

FRANCES MCMENEMY, residence 106 E. Heron, Denison, Texas, tel. #465-1451, was contacted this date at Lamar School, Denison, Texas, where she is a school teacher. She advised she flew on Am. Airlines from Dallas, Texas to Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Md. on 4-6-68 but on observing 10 fotos of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, she stated she did not recall having seen anyone on this flight who resembled him, nor has she ever seen him at any other time to her knowledge.

On 5-1-68, Mr. FRANK G. TRAU, President and General Manager, Pool Manufacturing Co., South Montgomery Street, Sherman, Texas, Office phone 892-2734 advised his wife was going to take an American Airlines flight on 4-6-68 from Dallas to Baltimore to attend a DAR convention, but cancelled this flight due to conditions in "the East after the death of KING." TRAU stated both the reservation and cancellation was handled through a local Sherman Travel Agency, and his wife, in fact, never even went to the Dallas airport on 4-6-68, and accordingly would not know who was on this flight.

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TO : SA FORREST F. JOHN
FROM : SA JOSEPH L. SCHOTT
SUBJECT: MURKIN

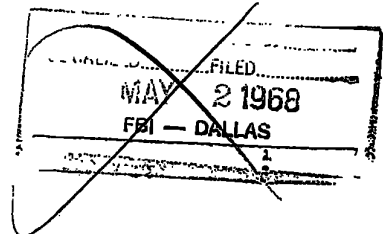
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Re American Airlines passengers ED SEMMLER, PE 7-3107, and MRS. THOMAS WILLIAMS, ~~PE~~ ED 2 - 3151, on Dallas to Baltimore flight, April 6, 1968. (Fort Worth passengers)

EDGAR H. SEMMLER, General Manager, Master Hosts, 5444 Dunham Drive, Fort Worth, displayed WF of JAMES EARL RAY, aka and said it did not resemble any passenger he recalled on above flight.

FREDDY FRERKIN, Auditor, Hotel Texas, ED 2-3151, Fort Worth, stated MRS & MRS. THOMAS H. WILLIAMS, Apt 1702, Hopkinson House, Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pa. were guests at the hotel during the period April 3-5, 1968. (Information furnished telephonically to SA JOHN, 5/1/68)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Dallas

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA Edwin D. Kuykendall

SUBJECT: Murkin

Elmer K. Stover, 2517 W. Jefferson Blvd., Dallas, wh 6-2324, who is employed as an engineer by Ling-Temco-Vought, Inc., 9314 W. Jefferson, Dallas, on 5/2/68 advised he traveled by plane on 4/6/68 from Dallas to Baltimore on American Airlines. After viewing the I.O. and Wanted Flyer photos of James Earl Ray, he stated he cannot say he has ever seen this person. He recalls nobody on that flight who resembled Ray. Stover himself has no resemblance to RAY.

44-2689.



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SA. Waller

44-2649 MURKIN

JERRY S. STOVER
4524 Druid
Dallas, Texas
RI 1-1691 - Bus.
522-0227 - Res.

STOVER advised SA RICHARD L. GIBSON, on 5/1/68, that he and his family were originally scheduled on American Airlines Flight 338, 4/5/68, however this Flight was cancelled by him and he took Flight 82, 4/6/68 which was scheduled for a non stop flight to NYC, JFK Airport.

STOVER stated that this flight, 82, after in the air for approximately one hour, announced that it was stopping in Memphis, Tenn. to pick-up ^{en}passengers.

STOVER stated that this flight stopped in Memphis and picked up passengers then proceeded to JFK Airport.

I.O. 4182, JAMES EARL RAY, was shown to STOVER and he advised that he had never seen this individual before.

MISS SALLY MILLER

214 FL2-2115

Gar H. Miller Co.

4613 Mockingbird Lane

FL2-9267

Gar H. Miller

4613 Mockingbird Lane

Flt 338

9:05

Dad - Phil

4/6/68

One stop from ~~Washington~~
Got off at Phila.

Pat Miller, & his daughter, Sally, had reservations on the 6th, but cancelled & made flight on the 5th. They did not see Starvo Galt on their flight.

C. T. Brown

CRIDER

214 CH7-0432

Denton ~~with~~ World Travel Service
Denton, Texas

Esten Gipsow, Owner,
Denton World Travel Service
Box 748 - West Oak & Ridder Sts,
Denton

Handled reservations for G.I. Crider
Electric Coop - Highway 24, Denton
Flight 338, Amer. Airline, DL to Phila
4/6/68. Crider cancelled this reservation
and took a flight on 4/4/68.

Tracy

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CY DOSSEY

9:05 AM

214 D18 6438

Flt. 338

C. Y. DOSSEY

To - PHILA.

7006 KINGSBURY

stop - FR. in BALT.

neg. - saw no one resembling

boarded Dallas. sat tourist

$\frac{2}{3}$ way back, next to window.
deplaned Balt.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR
MEMPHIS
MINNEAPOLIS

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-

MURKIN

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, INSTANT DATE.

KANSAS CITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, KANSAS CITY MO. PD,
AND KANSAS CITY LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FAILED TO REVEAL ANY
RECORD IN THE NAME OF BEVERLY HILL. JAMES DUARDI, OWNER,
AND KAY HAMMOND, BARMAID, OLD FORTRESS TAVERN, KANSAS CITY,
ADVISED THEY DID NOT KNOW ANY PERSON IDENTICAL TO PHOTOGRAPH
OF JAMES EARL RAY.

RECORDS, KANSAS CITY, MO. PD, REVEALED THAT PAUL
BRIDGEMAN WAS ARRESTED FEBRUARY EIGHT LAST AT EIGHTYFIFTH
AND TROOST STS., KANSAS CITY, FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE BY
FIGHTING IN THE OLD FORTRESS TAVERN AT THAT ADDRESS.

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IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE AND IN VIEW OF THE INFORMATION
CONTAINED IN MEMPHIS TELETYPE DATED JUNE SEVEN LAST AND
DALLAS TELETYPE DATED JUNE SIX LAST, NO ADDITIONAL
INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED IN THIS MATTER UNLESS
ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

6/19/68

MAC SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

MURKIN

Re WFO airtel dated 5/31/68 setting forth leads to contact obscene pen-pal clubs for any record of the subject having been a member of these clubs.

The four clubs listed for the Dallas area - Horizons Correspondence Club, Sterling Action Club, Amis Club, and the F and T Club - have all been investigated by the Office of the Postal Inspector, Dallas, Texas and have been found to now be out of existence. No mailing lists were contained in the Postal Inspector's files and none are known to exist for these clubs.

In view of the subject's apprehension, no further investigation regarding these pen-pal clubs is being conducted UACB.

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Ray Once Bible Student Of Ex-Denison Minister

Special to Times Herald

DENISON—James Earl Ray, now held as the suspected assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, was once a Bible student of a former Denison minister.

Jim Swafford, here visiting Claude Woodley of the Armstrong Church of Christ where he served 10 years ago, taught Ray in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

The suspect was serving a sentence for armed robbery at the time, said Swafford, and was a student in his class when he escaped from prison.

Swafford, who noted that he had no direct contact with Ray other than as a student, served as a chaplain in the Jefferson City prison for a short time after leaving Denison.

The minister pointed out that he could recall nothing to distinguish Ray from the other inmates who attended the class.

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Times Herald"
Dallas, Texas

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Title: Felix R.
McKnight

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Date: 6/25/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

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

Re Dallas airtel to San Antonio dated 6/17/68.

Call to telephone number 817 753-9080 emanated from San Antonio, Texas. Call to telephone number 817 754-8205 emanated from Uvalde, Texas.

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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)
RE: MURKIN
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OO: ME

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 6/18/68.

On 6/25/68, MARY BASS, 410 West Colorado, Groesbeck, Texas, wife of LLOYD GENE BASS, SR., states the last address she has for her husband is care of Arnold Meat Company, 4008 Commerce, Dallas, Texas. BASS is supposed to be living with BILL (LNU), Dallas, Texas, whom she knows nothing about. She expects a telephone call from BASS this weekend, which is 6/29-30/68, and is to advise him to contact the Dallas FBI Office. She will obtain his address and furnish to FBI. She stated BASS was, to her knowledge, still employed in the boning of meat with Arnold Meat Company.

On 6/25/68, HENRY COX, Limestone County Sheriff's Office, Groesbeck, Texas, stated he has known LLOYD GENE BASS, SR., for about 30 years. He stated BASS' wife, MARY, and children live at 410 West Colorado, Groesbeck, Texas; however, BASS lives and works in Dallas and is thought to run a meat company in Dallas.

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AT DALLAS, TEXAS Will attempt to locate LLOYD GENE BASS, SR., thought to be living with a man named BILL (LNU) in Dallas.

SAN ANTONIO

AT GROESBECK, TEXAS Will maintain contact with MARY BASS for information to locate her husband, LLOYD GENE BASS, SR.

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

7/3/68

[Signature] SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) ~~RECEIVED~~ P

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Re Memphis teletype dated 5/29/68 and Bureau airtel dated 5/31/68 concerning attempts to locate FRANK BRICKLEY.

On 6/14/68, MRS. NELSON CROWLEY, sister of FRANK BRICKLEY, Wichita Falls, Texas advised she last saw BRICKLEY about two and one half weeks prior to 6/14/68, when he visited her in Wichita Falls. He left about two weeks ago and did not say where he was going, and she has no idea where he might be. She said he is a drifter and only occasionally stops in to see her for a few days. She said she had told BRICKLEY that the FBI had inquired of their father about him. BRICKLEY only replied that he was in no trouble and that the FBI really did not want him.

MRS. CROWLEY said BRICKLEY had been residing at an unknown address in Dallas and he had claimed that he was employed as a painter by Southwestern Life Insurance Company, Dallas, but had quit that job recently. She said CHARLENE HAYDEN, employed by New York Life Insurance Company, Dallas, was formerly the girl friend of BRICKLEY and might know his whereabouts.

MRS. CROWLEY advised she will notify the FBI should she learn the present whereabouts of BRICKLEY.

MISS CHARLENE HAYDEN, Clerk, Service Department, New York Life Insurance Company, Republic National Bank Building, Dallas, advised on 6/18/68, she has known BRICKLEY since about July, 1967. She believes he had been living in Dallas about five or six months prior to that. She said she went out with him, but when she wanted to terminate their relationship, he began to make a nuisance of himself, trying to see her both at work and at home. She said she has not seen him for about a month and hopes that she will never see him again. She said she has made it perfectly clear to BRICKLEY that she does not want to see him, but if he should contact her, she will notify this office.

MISS HAYDEN said BRICKLEY is 31 years old and,

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according to BRICKLEY, has spent most of his adult life in prison. She said she believes he may not be mentally balanced. He is a drifter, frequents low class bars, and stays in third rate rooming houses. She said she has no idea where he might be at the present time, or anyone who might know his whereabouts.

On 6/18/68, MISS NELDA ALLEN, Personnel Clerk, Southwestern Life Insurance Company, 1807 Ross Avenue, Dallas, advised she had reviewed the personnel records of past and present employees of that company and she could locate no record of FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY.

The files of the Dallas Police Department, Identification Bureau, and Records Bureau and Dallas County Sheriff's Office, Identification Division, were checked on 6/18/68, and no records of BRICKLEY were located.

In view of the subject's apprehension and the unknown whereabouts of BRICKLEY, the Bureau is requested to advise Dallas whether additional investigation regarding BRICKLEY is required.

7/2/68

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: ~~SAC~~, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN COST DATA

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Set forth below are estimated items of cost in the Dallas Division during June, 1968:

1. Man Hours	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
Agent	279	16	295
Clerical	<u>21</u>		<u>21</u>
	300	16	316
2. Miles Driven - 838			
3. Maximum Number of Agents - 40			
4. Unusual Expenses - None.			

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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

OO-MEMPHIS

Re San Antonio airtels, 6/3/68 and 6/25/68.

RON WILLIS, 713 Newberry, Richardson, Texas, advised SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN on 7/2/68, that he does not recall receiving any telephone call from Uvalde, Texas, during December, 1967 while he was the subscriber to Waco, Texas, telephone number 754-8205. He said it is possible that his roommate at that time, DON MARSHALL, was the recipient of the call. He said MARSHALL is attending summer school at Baylor University, and is still residing in the apartment at 1427 South 8th, Waco, Texas.

LEAD:

SAN ANTONIO

AT WACO, TEXAS. Contact DON MARSHALL and conduct investigation to determine person calling telephone number 817-754-8205 from Uvalde, Texas, on 12/15/67.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 7/1/68

FROM : SPC CLINTON B. BROWN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

*advised 44-2649-643
1737 Levy St. RI 8-9416*

On 7/1/68, S A JAMES JANNEY, Wacom FBI RA, Waco, Texas, telephonically advised he was contacted today by GENE BASS, SR., who gave his address as 3320 Marvin D. Love Freeway, Apt. 109, Dallas, Texas, which apartments belong to Jim and Mary Pollard.

BASS stated he is working as a jobber for Arnold Meat Company, and services the following places: Sam and Pete's Cafe, Main St., Dallas, Texas; Dallas Medical and Surgical Clinic; and Gaston Hospital.

BASS was told FBI wished to discuss a matter with him, but the nature not disclosed. BASS wanted to talk to SA ROBERT LISH concerning the matter as has talked to him in the past.

BASS will call the Dallas FBI morning of 7/2/68, for SA LISH.

SAC SHANKLIN and SA LISH advised 7/1/68.

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Date 7/16/68

LLOYD GENE BASS, 3320 Marvin D. Love Freeway, was advised of the identity of SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised by SA HOLLOMAN of his right to have an attorney present during interview and his rights as appear on the Rights and Waiver form which he read, acknowledged he understood but declined to sign.

BASS stated he does not know any present or former inmate of the Washington State Penitentiary. He does not know anyone who has escaped from that institution. He denied giving anyone any amount of money to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed. He said he has been almost destitute himself for many months and has had to resort to writing bad checks and petty thefts to sustain himself. He denied that he has any knowledge of any conspiracy to kill KING or has ever made any statement to anyone concerning having KING killed. He stated he does not own a meat packing company but has worked as a meat cutter and delivery man for meat packers in the Dallas area. He is presently employed as a meat cutter for Acers Meat Company, 1737 Levy Street, Dallas.

On 7/3/68 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 44-2649 -644
by SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN/tk Date dictated 7/10/68

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Date: 7/2/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)
 RE: MURKIN
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 OO: Memphis

Re Dallas airtel to the Bureau dated 6/18/68 and
 San Antonio airtel to the Bureau dated 6/25/68.

The following information was furnished tele-
 phonically to CLINTON B. BROWN, Dallas Division, on 7/1/68.

On 7/1/68, LLOYD GENE BASS, SR., telephonically
 contacted the Waco, Texas, Resident Agency from Dallas pay
 phone number 214 TA 3-0854.

BASS stated he had learned from his wife MARY that
 he was to contact the Waco RA. He stated he is living with
 JIM and MARY POLLARD, Apartment 109, 3320 Marvin D. Love
 Freeway, Dallas, and is working as a jobber for Arnold Meat
 Company servicing Sam and Pete's Cafe (Main Street), Medical
 and Surgical Clinic, and Gaston Hospital, all in Dallas.

Nature of the matter to be discussed with BASS was
 not disclosed.

LEAD:

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS Will at Apartment 109, 3320 Marvin
 D. Love Freeway, interview LLOYD GENE BASS, SR., re information
 furnished by anonymous caller per Bureau request.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS ~~244~~ 44-2649)

DATE: 7/5/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re various communications regarding telephone calls made from pay telephone booths along the route from Los Angeles to New Orleans in December 1967 which could possibly have been made by JAMES EARL RAY. All of the persons who received these calls in the Dallas Division have been checked out and none of them appear to have any connection with this case. The results of this investigation is attached hereto.

By separate communication the Memphis office is being advised that the results of this investigation in the Dallas Division has been negative.

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At Dallas, Texas

6/18/68

Regarding a telephone call placed 12/16/67 at Uvalde, Texas, telephone number 278-9012 to Dallas, Texas, Telephone number 214-247-6949, Mr. O.D. Payne stated that he had no independant recall concerning the telephone call listed above. He said that he probably made that call to his residence as he was working in Uvalde at that time. Mr. Payne resides at 2942 Amber, Dallas Texas.

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At Dallas, Texas

6/25/68

Regarding a telephone call placed 12/16/67 at Uvalde, Texas, telephone number 278-9194 to Dallas, Texas, telephone number 214-351-6970, Mr. Vern Leo Grover, 10603 Marsh Lane, Dallas, Texas stated that he was deer hunting in the Uvalde area at that time. He had no independent recall concerning the telephone call but thought that he had probably placed the call to his home.

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At Dallas, Texas

6/18/68

Regarding a telephone call placed 12/15/67 at San Antonio, Texas, telephone number 223-8148 to Dallas, Texas, telephone number 214-374-6379, Mrs. Mattie Mae Hicks of 2921 Kilburn, Dallas, Texas stated that she had no specific recall concerning the above listed telephone call. She stated that the call was likely placed to her home by her husband who is a truck driver.