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At Dallas, Texas

6/18/68

Regarding a telephone call placed 12/15/67 at Uvalde, Texas, telephone number 278-9086 to Dallas, Texas, telephone number 214-748-5851, Mr. R. H. Evans Jr., Tarpon Oil Company, National Bankers Life Building, Dallas, Texas, Mr. Evans was unavailable for comment as he was traveling on Company business. Mr. Pat Halford, secretary to Mr. R. H. Evans Jr., stated that Mr. Evans receives about 150 telephone calls daily on business matters and that it would be unlikely that he would remember a specific call.

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AT GRAPELAND, TEXAS

On May 14, 1968, Mrs. DEWAYNE NEWMAN, Box 524, advised she has telephone number 713-687-4641. She was questioned concerning receiving a phone call on or about December 16, 1967, from Houston, Texas, at which time she stated as well as she can recall this phone call was from her father, J. V. CLINE, 8632 Cocksburn Street, Houston, Texas.

AT CROCKETT, TEXAS

On May 13, 1968, Mr. B. B. HOPKINS, Route 2, Box 66, advised he has telephone number 713-544-3800. HOPKINS stated he has four children residing in the Houston, Texas, area and particularly a daughter who operates a taylor shop just off Interstate Highway No. 10. He stated this daughter calls him several times a week and undoubtedly it was this daughter or one of the children who called him sometime just before Christmas, December, 1967.

AT PALESTINE, TEXAS

On May 13, 1968, JOSIE CREST, 104 Harding Street, advised she has telephone number 214-723-7173. She advised that she cannot recall receiving a telephone call from the Houston area in December, 1967. She stated if she did it was probably a relative or close friend of the family.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA COLEMAN MABRAY.

AT BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

On 5-29-68, EVELYN LIGHTFOOT, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, which office covers Luther, Howard County, Texas, advised there is no such number as 915-399-0113 at Luther, Texas.

AT ABILENE, TEXAS

On 5-29-68, the current telephone telephone director reflect telephone number 915-692-0695 is listed to the residence of Mr. R.I. (Bob) THOMPSON, 2233 Woodridge Westridge Street.

On 5-29-68, Mr R.I. (Bob) THOMPSON, advised he is unable to recall having received a telephone call from any one in South Texas on December 12~~th~~ 16, 1967. He stated however, along about that time, they received a telephone call from relatives at Luling, Texas. He said that it could have been December 16, 1967, when they received a call from Mr and Mrs H.T. PIPKIN, his wife's sister and brother-in-law who operate the Luling Courts Motel at Luling, Texas, He said the call would have been from a pay telephone, and he does vaguely recall that about the middle of December 1967 they received a call from the PIPKINS.

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re telephone calls

The following investigation was conducted by SA ALLYN T. BASKERVILLE/
on 5/3/68:

AT SEMINOLE, TEXAS

A review of the Seminole City Directory reflected the following listings:

1. phone number 758-2403-Frostyway Restaurant, 806 Hobbs Hiway, T.L. Butts, Owner.
2. phone number 758-3588-R. W. Bice, 206 N. E. Ave. I
3. phone number 758-2441-Williams Humble Service, 401 S. Main, Elvis Williams, owner.

EARL BARTLEY, Shief Deputy, Gaines County, advised that MARSHALL SOMERS is owner of the Frostyway Restaurant, and has been owner for about eight months. He stated that R. W. BICE is employed by Mobil Oil Company, and has resided at the above address for several years. He stated that JAMES H. ROBERSON now operates Williams Humble Service and has for some time. He stated he knows all of the above individuals personally, and that all are of the highest character. He stated that BICE was arrested once for drunk, and none of the others have been arrested.

JOYCE FITTS, Retail Merchants Association, advised there is no derogatory information regarding the above individuals.

JAMES H. ROBERSON, Williams Humble Service, advised he did not receive any calls at the station from Alpine, Texas, in December, 1967. He stated that a former employee, JOE ORTEGA, who now works at the Charlie Benson's Humble Station, East highway 180, has relatives in Alpine. He viewed a photo of subject and advised he has never seen him.

JOE ORTEGA, Charlie Benson's Humble Station, advised his father, CHRISTIN ORTEGA, resides at Alpine, Texas, and that he called JOE ORTEGA at Williams Humble Service about the middle of December, 1967. He viewed a photo of subject and advised he has never seen him.

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R. W. BICE, 206 N. E. Ave. I, advised he has a boy, ^{FRANK BICE} attending Sul Ross college, Alpine, Texas, who calls him quite regularly, and he is certain this would have been the call to this residence in December, 1967. He viewed a photo of subject, and advised he has never seen him.

MARSHALL SOMERS, Owner, Frostyway Restaurant, 806 Hobbs Highway, advised that the only calls he can recall ever having been placed to the restaurant from Alpine, Texas, ~~was~~ ^{to} were to one of his waitresses, BILLIE MAXINE SMITH from her boyfriend, KENNETH BOOE, of Seminole, Texas, who attends Sul Ross College. He knows BOOE personally, and advised he does not resemble RAY, and that BOOE and his family have lived in the Seminole area for years. He has never seen the subject.

The following investigation was conducted by SA LARRY E. RISSLER on 5-23-68
AT MC LEOD, TEXAS:

Mrs. H. F. PARKER, Rt. 1, advised that her son, CHARLES W. PARKER, Mc Leod, Texas is the subscriber to phone number 796-3973 which is on the Atlanta, Texas, exchange. For several weeks CHARLES W. PARKER has been working in the South Carolina area as a welder and is now at the Shady Lane Trailer Park, Rt. 2, Piedmont, South Carolina. Mrs. PARKER stated that her son occasionally receives phone calls from Houston, Texas inasmuch as his in-laws reside in that city. Her son travels extensively in his work but was in Mc Leod during most of December, 1968.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA COLEMAN MABRAY.
AT ROBY, FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS

On 5-14-68, A.E, ROLLANS, Sheriff, advised that telephone number 915-776-2773 is listed to Mrs CARIE McCAIN, Claytonville Community, Fisher County.

On 5-15-68, Mrs CARIE McCAIN, advised that the telephone call from Houston, Texas, to her home, 915-776-2773 was from her daughter, Mrs THOMAS (Joyce) PIERCE, 2107 12th Glenapark, Houston, Texas

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Re-Telephone calls by Subj. RAY enroute from LA to NO.

The following investigation conducted by SA ROBLEY D. MADLAND:

AT FT. WORTH, TEXAS

On ##### 5-~~14~~¹⁵ 68, BEN TILLMAN, Supervisor, Reservations, American Airlines, Reservation Center, Great Southwest Airport, advised there would be no record maintained ##### on 12-15-67. concerning a call made from Alpine, Texas, to the American Airline # 544-1181 (El Paso). He said the only redord made of such a call would have been if a resrvation was made and that this ^{record} would have been maintained only for a period of 60 days.

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Re-Telephone calls made by Subj. ~~Ray~~ enroute from LA to NO.

The following investigation was ^{conducted} ~~conducted~~ by SA ROBLEY D. MADLAND:

AT WEATHERFORD, TEXAS

On 5-13-68 Mr. and Mrs. DONALD F. JAMES, ##### Peaster Star Route, Box 24, advised their telephone number is 594-2183. Mrs. JAMES said that Mrs. JAMES sister, MRS. VIRGINIA KILLMAN, formerly of 2129 South St., Beaumont, Texas called their residence long distance every Friday during the month of Dec., 1967. These calls were made from a pay telephone booth in Beaumont, Mrs. JAMES said because her sister did not have a telephone at her residence. She said that upon observing a calender she noted that Dec. 15, 1967 was on a Friday and this call would have been from her sister.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA LARRY E. RISSLER

AT MC LEOD, TEXAS:

On 5-13-68 attempts to locate C. W. PARKER, subscriber to telephone number 214-796-3973 were negative. Inquiry at the McLeod Post Office determined that PARKER was temporarily in North Carolina, address unknown.

AT TEXARKANA, TEXAS:

Attempts to contact the manager of the Traveler's Motel, telephone number 794-7101, 2202 New Boston Rd. were negative on 5-13-68.

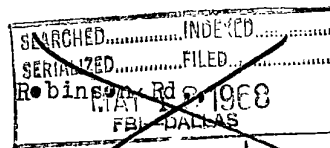
On 5-14-68 SUE STONEQUIST, manager, Travelers Motel advised that she cannot recall any telephone calls from the Beaumont, Texas area on 12-15-68. Her records revealed no collect calls were accepted at the motel on that date. Mrs. STONEQUIST stated that often travelers will call her motel long distance in the mistaken belief that it is a member of the ~~Traveler's~~ Travel Lodge Motel chain. She supplied the following list of guests at the motel for the day of 12-15-68.

OVERNIGHT GUESTS:

1. Mr. and Mrs. FLOYD COTON, 407 E. 7th, Julesburg, Colorado, Colorado, Car license YB 539. (Colorado)
2. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. MC KELVEY, Cheyenne, Wyoming, license 2-2235 (no state given)

PERMANENT GUESTS:

1. DUANE WILLIAMS, 317 Robinsen Rd., Texarkana, Texas. Employed Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant, (LSAAP). Texarkana, Texas
2. GENE ROBERTS, Bogalusa, Louisiana. (license 39L993, ~~Louisiana~~ Louisiana)
RONNIE PUGH, and MANNON SULLIVAN, Employed at LSAAAP. (all in same room)
3. CHESTER HART, Rt. 9, Box 300, Texarkana, Texas, Texas license JPP 289.
4. Mr. AGNUE, still a tenant. Has lived here three years.
5. GENE BALLAND, works LSAAAP, now resides Capri Apartments, Texarkana, Texas.



On 5-13-68 Mrs. J. C. HUTCHESON, 3721 Olive, subscriber to telephone number 794-7439 advised that she can recall a telephone call from an aluminum siding dealer in either Beaumont or Houston, Texas in early December, 1967. She does not have their name or address. She stated she has received no long distance calls from an individual by the last name of RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA LARRY E. RISSLER on 5-6-68
AT ~~THE~~ DEKALB, TEXAS:

Mr. LEO MCNILLON, Rt. 2 advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number 667-3322. He stated he could recall no specific call from a pay telephone on December 16, 1967 but advised that he has a son in Alpine, Texas who has called him frequently on a pay phone. He stated he has never received any phone call from a person named RAY.

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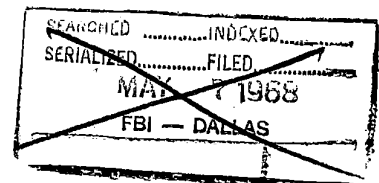
The following investigation was conducted by
SA ALAN L. MANNING & ROBERT J. STEEVENS:

AT TYLER, TEXAS

(Protect)

On 5/3/68, JOHN CORNELL, Dist Mgr. SW Bell Telephone Company advised telephone number 593-9792 is listed to MADGE BLOXOM, 324 B, West Bryan, Tyler, Texas, and was listed in her name as of 12/17/67.

On 5/3/68 MADGE BLOXOM advised that she did receive a telephone call from Alpine, Texas, in December of 1967, exact date not recalled. She stated this call was from OREN ROBERTS a friend of hers who was passing through and on his way back to Tyler, Texas, which was his home. She stated ROBERTS is now deceased. BLOXOM was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised she has seen this photograph previously in the news media but that she does not know RAY or anyone that resembles him.

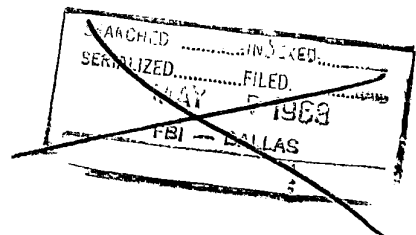


The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN C. KALLERMAN:

AT LUBBOCK, TEXAS

On 5/3/68, Mr. G.R. MARSHALL, 90th & Quirt, ^{phone no. 744-7534,} advised that his daughter, BETTY, receives phone calls from her friend, THERSA FOREMAN, who is attending school at Sul Ross Jr. College, Alpine, Texas, about twice a week.

On 5/3/68, Mrs. CHARLEY HANKS, 4817 14th Street, phone no. 799-6372, advised that their son-in-law, JOHN SORRELLS(FOX) was attending Sul Ross Jr. College, Alpine, Texas and would often call their daughter, DONNA. They have since married.



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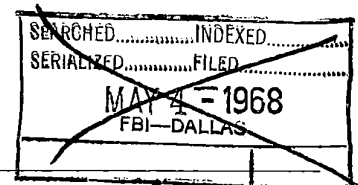
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MARYAKAY KEENE, Room 517, Chitwood Hall, Texas Technological College, was interviewed and provided the following information:

She has been a resident at Chitwood Hall since September, 1967, and during that time stayed in Room 517. Until ~~this month~~ the month of April, she had a room-mate, PAT WILLIAMS. They have telephone number, 742-2743 assigned to their room, and they have had that number since beginning their attendance there.

On ~~5~~ December 17, 1968, she recieved a long distance call from her boy friend who was attending Sul Ross College at Alpine, Texas, where he was attending school. He is currently attending school at Austin.

She was shown photographs as they appear on IO 4182, at which time she observed the true name and aliases of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY. She does not know the person photographed, and she is not acquainted with ~~any~~ any person identifiable with the names listed.



On 5/3/68 at Lubbock, Texas File # 44-2649

by SA DONALD W. MARSLAND Date dictated _____

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CHARLES S. STEWART, Colorado City Highway, Rural Road 2, Box 154, telephone 573-6640 (formerly 443-6640), age 70, is a retired maintenance worker for the Snyder Public School System, but is now engaged in farming. He and his wife receive numerous telephone calls from Alpine, Texas, because their son, JACKIE, R. STEWART, ~~attends~~^{son} attends Sulross College there. He does not recall specifically that his ^{son} called him on 12/17/67, but is certain that was him as they know no one else at Alpine, and have never received any calls from there from anyone other than his son, to Mr. STEWART's knowledge.

Mr. STEWART was exhibited photographs, and furnished the name and aliases of JAMES EARL RAY, and advised that except for ^{on} the news media he has never seen or met RAY, nor does he have any knowledge of the man's activities or present whereabouts.

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On 5/3/68 at Snyder, Texas File # DL 44-2649

by NORMAN I. WIGHT Date dictated _____

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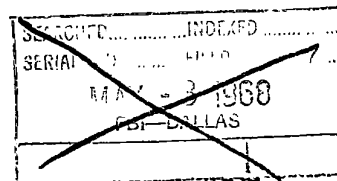
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44-2649 App'd 29, 1968, by SA DONALD W. MARSLAND:
AT LUBBOCK, TEXAS:

The following persons were contacted and could find
~~information~~ records identifiable with SANTIAGO URRUTIA,
308 - West 3rd, Idalou, Texas:

TOMMY WILBANKS, Sergeant, Lubbock Police Department
H. H. JACKSON, Records and Identification, Lubbock Sheriff's
Office

FLO RENE RITZ, Receptionist, Retail Merchants Credit Association,
caused her records to be searched and found that SANTIAGO URRUTIA, 308
~~Exx~~ West 3rd Street, Idalou, Texas, had been in their files since
November 1958. His wife's name is FRANCES, and he is currently employed
at the Johnson Manufacturing Company in Lubbock, Texas. He was
previously employed at the Hancock Manufacturing Co., in Lubbock, Texas,
for about 10 years. There is no derogatory information contained in the
file.

R. G. BOX, Personnel Manager, Johnson Manufacturing Co.,
1802 East 50th Street, advised that he currently has an employee named
SANTIAGO URRUTIA who lives at Idalou, Texas. He has been employed by
the Company for about 2 years. Prior to coming with Johnson, he worked
for the Hancock Co. for 11 years. He has been a very satisfactory
employee. To the best of his knowledge, URRUTIA is honest and trust
worthy.



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Date _____

SANTIAGO URRUTIA, 308 - West 3rd, Idalou, ~~TX~~ was interviewed at his place of employment, Johnson Manufacturing Company, 1802 East 50th Street, at which time he provided the following information:

He has lived and worked in the Lubbock, Texas, area for the last 14 years. Prior to that time he lived near Austin, Texas, where he has some relatives living at this time. He has no relatives living near Uvalde, Texas, nor does he know anyone in that area.

His telephone number is 806 892-2521, and he has had this number for at least one year. He does not remember receiving a long distance telephone call on his phone during December, 1967, that originated in Uvalde, Texas. He asked his wife concerning the matter, and she likewise could not remember receiving any telephone calls from Uvalde, Texas, during that time.

He observed Identification Order 4182 and stated he ~~had~~ did not know the person pictured in that Order either by photograph or by name.

On ³⁰4/~~29~~ - 5/1/68^{at} Lubbock, Texas File # 44-2649

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The following investigation was conducted by SA Joe B. Abernathy:

AT CORSICANA, TEXAS

On 5-2-68 a check of the Corsicana telephone directory revealed #874-3014 was issued to BRENDA L. ATWOOD, 1245 Liveoak.

On 5-2-68 Asst. Chief D. B. Hightower, Corsicana P. D., stated ATWOOD was a nurse at Memorial Hospital, had lived in Corsicana most of her life, and had a good reputation.

On 5-2-68 BRENDA ATWOOD, 1245 Liveoak, recalled she had received a call about 12-17-67 from LANNY WARD, Alpine, Texas, a business man there whom she had known several years.

She stated she was not acquainted with subject RAY, and to her knowledge she had never seen him.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The following investigation was conducted by SA John B. Fulks
AT DENTON, TEXAS

~~ADMINISTRATIVE~~

On 5/14/68, Barbara Kellum (Protect Identity), Secretary to the Manager, General Telephone Company of the Southwest, advised the following:

Telephone number 817-387-9623 is a public ~~xxxxxxx~~ pay ~~xxxx~~ telephone ~~x~~ located at Capps Hall Dormitory, a girls dormitory at Texas Women's University, Denton, Texas.

Telephone number 817-382-9163 is a coin operated public telephone at Oak Street Hall, a girls dormitory, at North Texas State University, Denton, Texas.

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Telephone number 817-387-4511 is the main ~~xxxxxx~~ switchboard number for North Texas State University. It is through this number that all offices on the ~~xxxx~~ campus are connected.

AT MCKINNEY, TEXAS

On 5/14/68, John LaForge, M(Protect Identity), Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, advised telephone number 214-542-9116 is a public ~~xxxx~~ pay telephone located at the Job Corps Center for Women, McKinney, Texas.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN C. KAMMIGAN:

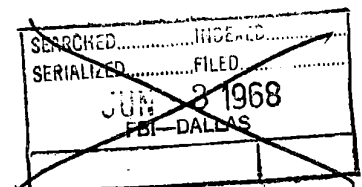
AT LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

On 5/29/68 Mr. RUDY A. AYALA, 249 N. Austin, advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number 385-5322 and that he has lived in town since 1957 when ~~the~~ he brought his family from San Antonio area. He stated that all his relatives live around the San Antonio area and that any one of them could have called him or his family since most of his relative do not have a phone in their own homes. He added that he does not know subject.

AT LUBBOCK, TEXAS

On 5/29/68 many negative attempts were made to find MR. JUAN A. ALVARADO, 3210 Dartmouth, subscriber to telephone number 765-5963.

On 5/29/68 Mr. ROCHELLE, 3207 Dartmouth, advised that Mr. ALVARADO/ and his wife went north for a couple of months to work on the beet harvest. ~~and wife/~~ He also said that the ALVARADO's had a married son living near San Antonio, Texas.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 6/27/68

FROM : SA LARRY J. STEGING

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 5/20/68

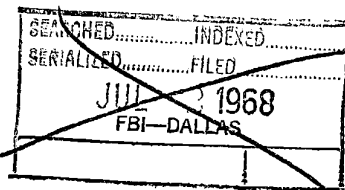
AT AMARILLO, TEXAS

The city directory Amarillo, Texas, lists JAMES R. HAWS, wife JUANITA, residing 2913 Wichita Ave., Amarillo, Texas, as having telephone # 373-1108.

On 6/27/68, JUANITA HAWS, 2913 Wichita Ave., advised the telephone call must have been made to their number by SHERMAN LITTLEFIELD to her daughter, BARBARA HAWS. She advised her daughter was living at home during December, 1967, and she recalls LITTLEFIELD did make several call during the month of December from San Antonio and the San Antonio area to Barbara. She advised LITTLEFIELD lives in San Antonio and she believes he works as a cook, place unknown.



5010-108-01



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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 7/2/68

FROM : SA LARRY J. STEGING

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 5/20/68

AT HEREFORD, TEXAS

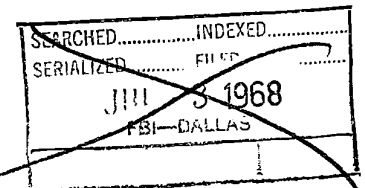
Telephone number 364-4789 is listed to PALBLO MARINEZ, 318 Ave.,
"I", Hereford, Texas.

On 7/1/68, PALBLO MARINEZ, 318 Ave., "I", advised that he was
in South Texas during the months of December and January. He advised he
made several calls to his home during the time he was away from many
different places. He advised he is quite sure the call to his home on
12/16/67, was placed by him.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

ROUGH Draft airtel

TO : SAC Memphis(44-1987)

6/4/68

DATE:

FROM : SAC Dallas 44-2649(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO Memphis

Reference San Antonio airtel dated 5-21-68
AT Ft Worth Texas:

Following investigation conducted by SA Earle Haley:

BU3-1546 Listed to Allied Van Lines Terminal Highway 157. Company

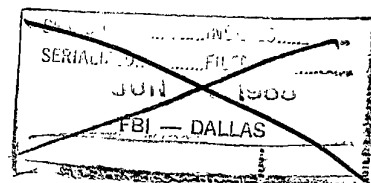
advises receive calls from drivers all over Texas and impossible
to trace a particular call. for last December.

AX 4- 5422 Mr Bill Wray, Security Supervisor advised May 28, 1968
there is no such number as AX4-5422 out of Ft Worth District.

MA6- 5763 Leo H Jimenez, 1500 Grand St advised June 3, 1968 he and his
brother have large business interests in San Antonio Texas and
receive numerous phone calls from there for business purposes
He is not acquainted with James Earl Ray.

TE4-4482 Mrs Edith W Smith, Negro, 2756 Rouse advised June 4, 1968
she has a friend named Dottie Henderson who now resides in
San Antonio Texas. She receives calls from Henderson regularly
and received a call from her just before Xmas of 1967.

E Haley.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Memphis (44-1987)P

FROM : SAC Dallas (44-2649)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE:

OO Memphis

Reairtel from Houston dated 5-6-68

AT Ft Worth Texas

Following investigation conducted by SA Earle Haley.

TE 1-1487 Mrs John Lee McMicken advised 5-15-68 they have phone
TE 1-1487 in their home at 2118 King Ave. She and her husband not
acquainted with James Earle Ray, and he never called them. They know a
number of people in Houston and receive calls from that city frequently.

JE 4-1645- Mrs W F Oder, 316 Sargent St advised 5-28-68 she received a call
from Houston in December 1967 from a man who wanted to rent a house she had
vacant at the time in Houston. She did ~~not~~ have his name but threw it away. ^{recently}
It was not Ray and she is not acquainted with Ray.

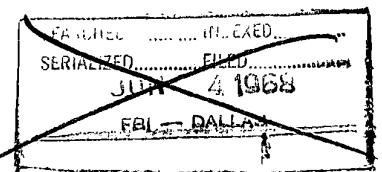
WA6-5947- W W Spears, 3708 Echo Trail. advised 5-24-68/ This number
is a phone for his two children. His daughter has a close friend in
Houston and she calls this number all the time. Spears not acquainted with
Ray and stated they never received any phone call from Ray.

WA7- 2086 Edward P Munson, Jr. 3916 Ann Arbor Ct advised on 5-17-68
this number is his home phone number. Munson is in the oil business as an
independent operator. He receives frequent calls from Houston but could not
recall particular call on 12-17-67. He is not acquainted with James Earl Ray
and stated did not receive a call from Ray.



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ED5-5871 MR L M Weldon, Mgr Meadowbrook Drive Inn, 1701 Riverside Dr advised May 23, 1968 this number is phone at drive in theatre. He does not recall phone calls from Houston ^{in December 1967} but one of his employees named Wilbur Hicks has a brother in Houston and he talks to this brother once or twice a week. He is certain these calls came from William Hicks in Houston. Weldon not acquainted with James Earl Ray and never received anycalls from Ray.

Mr Wilbur Hicks, Meadowbrook Drive Inn Theatre advised May 23, 1968. He has a brother in Houston named William Hicks. They talk to each other every week. His brother called him two or three times just before Xmas of 1967. Hicks advised he was not acquainted with James Earl Ray and never received a phone call from Ray.

238-8098 Eagle Mountain Lake. Mr Jack Douglas, Manager Indian Creek Camp, Newark-Dido Road advised on 5-28-68 this phone number is a pay phone in the office of his camp. His wife has a close friend in Houston named Loraine Echols. Mrs Douglas has been seriously ill in local hospital for several months. Mrs Echols calls every week to inquire as to health of Mrs Douglas. Douglas not acquainted with ~~#####~~ James Earl Ray and never received a phone call from Ray.

Further investigation being conducted in Dallas Division.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC: DALLAS(44-2649)

DATE: 5-28-68

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re San Antonio airtel to Director 5-20-68.

On 5-28-68 an attempt was made to contact ROBERT TULY, Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., Denison, Texas and ANN COTHERN, employee, advised he was out for the day and she did not have authority to furnish identity of subscribers to telephone numbers in Denison, unless they were listed in the Denison City Directory. A check was made of the current Denison City Directory for #465-0015, and same was not listed.

On 5-28-68 a call was placed to Denison #465-0015 and person answering advised she was MRS. CRUZ CASTELLON, 410 S. Houston, Denison, Texas and that she was speaking on #465-0015. She advised she did not know any JAMES EARL RAY, other than what she has read in the local papers about him. She stated her husband was an airman assigned to Perrin AFB at this time. She advised she and her husband moved to Denison, Texas in October, 1967 after he returned from overseas assignment. While her husband was overseas she lived at Uvalde, Texas, the home of her mother. She advised she has reached her mother in Uvalde since arrival in Denison, Texas and has heard from her mother by placing calls from Uvalde telephone # 278-9041, which Mrs. CASTELLON related is a pay phone near her mother home, since she has no phone at home.

On 5-28-68 Sgt. CRUZ CASTELLON, Perrin AFB, Texas verified the above information and related he did not know JAMES EARL RAY, nor has he any connection with him.

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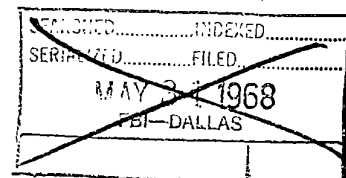
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALIAS (44-2649)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA ALAN L. MANNING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

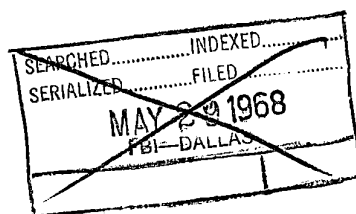
The following investigation was conducted by SA ALAN L. MANNING:

AT Longview, Texas:

On 5/13/68, Mrs. BOBBY MEADOWS, 1915 N. Clinton, telephone number 214-759-1955, advised that in the middle of December, 1967, she received a telephone call from her brother, RAY CHAPMAN from Houston, Texas. She stated she believes the date was 12/15/67, as her brother called to tell her about the birth of his son. She was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised she does not know him and has never received any telephone calls from him.

On 5/13/68, Mrs. J. L. DREW, 1703 Sunbeam Drive, telephone 214-759-9808, advised that in December of 1967, exact date not recalled, she received several telephone calls from her sister, Mrs. LEONARD STEVENS of Daingerfield, Texas, who was in Houston Texas, at the time due to the illness of a member of the family. Mrs. DREW was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised she does not know him and has never received any telephone calls from him.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA RICHARD J. BURNETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 5/22/68 (Serial #552).

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD J. BURNETT.

At San Angelo, Texas

On 5/28/68, NICHOLAS RODRIGUEZ, employee, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and a resident of 226 West Avenue U, advised that he has the unlisted San Angelo telephone number of 653-6884 for his residence phone.

RODRIGUEZ stated that he does not recall who would have called him on 12/17/67 from a pay phone to his home residence phone.

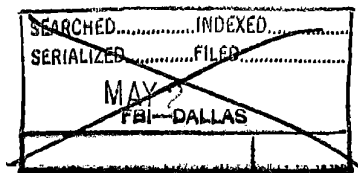
RODRIGUEZ advised that he has viewed photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY and noted that this person is unknown to him personally or by sight.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Dallas (44-2649)

DATE: 5/13/68

FROM : SAA WILTON H. BREMER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Houston airtel 5/6/68 to the Director.

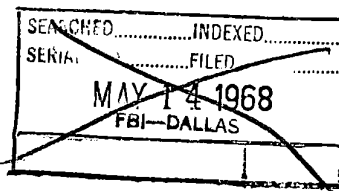
The following investigation was conducted by SAA WILTON H. BREMER on 5/13/68 at Henderson, Texas, to determine the nature or identity of the person who phoned from 886-9897 (Orange, Texas) to 214-657-5906 (Henderson, Texas) on 12/16/67.

ALBERTA JONES, residence 505 Broadway, Henderson, Texas, on 5/13/68 said she is the subscriber to telephone number 214-657-5906 and has had this number for at least one year. Mrs JONES said that she is the only adult in this apartment (No. 9) and only knows her sister at Orange, Texas. She recalled that her sister did call her last December from a neighbor's house but does know the exact date or the telephone from which her sister called.

Mrs. Jones said that her sister is ROBERTA DALLAS, Third Street, Orange, Texas. She said that no white person phoned her from Orange last December or at any other time from Orange.



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Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA RICHARD J. BURNETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo SA BEN S. HARRISON to SAC dated 5/2/68; serial #375.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD J. BURNETT regarding telephone numbers set forth in rememo at San Angelo, Texas, and Big Lake, Texas:

655-8166

This phone is the listed number of Nathan's Jeweler's, 202 South Chadbourne, San Angelo, Texas. This is the largest jewelry store in this part of West Texas.

On 5/8/68, NATHAN DANSKY, owner, Nathan's Jewelers, advised that subject JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to him by name and/or as a customer of this store. He stated that his store has several customers in the area of Sanderson, Texas, who frequently telephone in their orders. DANSKY stated that he would attempt to determine through office records if a Sanderson customer might have phoned in an order to the San Angelo store on 12/16/68.

949-2647

This is the home telephone number of ODUS WITTENBURG, 2701 LSU St., San Angelo, Texas. WITTENBURG is in the cattle/sheep trucking and buying/selling business with a lot located on Pruitt Drive, near the San Angelo stockyards.

On 5/8/68, Mrs. ODUS WITTENBURG, 2701 LSU, advised that she does not recall any particular long distance phone call on the night of 12/16/67 to their residence from Sanderson, Texas. She noted that her husband has a trucker living in the Sanderson area by the name of CANSADA who calls frequently from Sanderson. Mrs. WITTENBURG reviewed her telephone call charge records for the month of 12/67, but could not locate any record of a collect call on 12/16/67 from Sanderson, Texas.

On 5/8/68, ODUS WITTENBURG, Wittenburg Livestock Co., Pruitt Drive, advised that he receives "numerous" long distance calls at night at his residential phone from customers, sellers, buyers and cattle/sheep truck haulers.

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WITTENBURG stated that he does not recall a particular long distance telephone call on Saturday night, 12/16/67 from Sanderson, Texas, but it is probable that he did receive such a call from some truck driver or customer; same being a legitimate business call.

WITTENBURG stated that the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, is unknown to him by name or description.

655-8661

This telephone number is unlisted in the San Angelo telephone criss-cross directory.

On 5/8/68, KENNETH E. COMMONS, Director of Security, General Telephone Company of the Southwest, advised that 655-8661 is a pay phone located outside the Long Branch bar at 901 N. Cecil, San Angelo, Texas. COMMONS noted that this location is in the "stockyard" area of the northern section of San Angelo, Texas.

On 5/8/68, ANDREW LOEFFLER, TLCB, San Angelo, advised that the Long Branch Bar at 901 N. Cecil as of 12/15/67 was being operated by a RUBY SIMMONS.

On 5/8/68, RUBY SIMMONS, owner, Long Branch Bar, 901 N. Cecil, advised that she does not know subject JAMES EARL RAY and does not know who would have received a long distance telephone call on Friday, 12/15/67 from Alpine, Texas, to the pay phone (655-8661) located at this bar. Mrs. SIMMONS noted that numerous cattle truck drivers receive telephone calls at this outside pay phone.

884-2239

The telephone criss-cross phone directory for Big Lake, Texas, indicates that this number is assigned to the residence of A. L. DENTON, 403 Utah St., Big Lake, Texas.

On 5/8/68, JAMES PROFFITT, Sheriff, Reagan County, Big Lake, Texas, advised that the A. L. DENTON family are long time, respectable residents of the Big Lake area. He stated that Mr. DENTON is employed by the Marathon Oil Company on their oil leases in the area of Texon, Texas, but resides in Big Lake. Sheriff PROFFITT stated that the DENTON's daughter, ANN, is a senior student at Sul Ross College in Alpine, Texas. The daughter's future "son-in-law", TERRY CARBELL, is from Big Lake and is also a student at Sul Ross.

Sheriff PROFFITT stated that he knows that the daughter is a frequent "contacter" of her parents by telephone from Sul Ross.

The Sheriff further advised on 5/8/68 that the A. L. DENTONS are out of town on vacation and are not due back for several weeks.

Sheriff PROFFITT added that he does not believe that the DENTONS are the "type" who would be acquainted with subject RAY.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA RICHARD J. BURNETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo SA RICHARD J. BURNETT dated 5/8/68 in captioned matter.

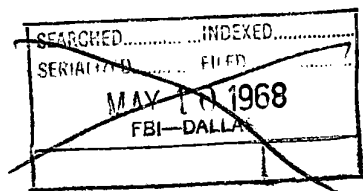
On 5/9/68, JAMES PROFFITT, Sheriff, Reagan County, Big Lake, Texas, telephonically advised that he had spoken on this date to A.L.DENTON, and the latter had advised him that his daughter, ANN, is now enrolled in college at Angelo State, San Angelo, Texas, but her boyfriend, TERRY CARBELL, is still a student at Sul Ross College in Alpine, Texas.

Mr. DENTON advised the Sheriff that TERRY CARBELL had telephoned his daughter on Sunday, 12/17/67, from Alpine, Texas, to his Big Lake residence telephone (#884-2239). Mr. DENTON advised Sheriff PROFFITT that the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, is unknown to him by name or photograph.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA RICHARD J. BURNETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo SA BEN S. HARRISON to SAC dated 5/3/68; serial 384.

The following pertains to a long distance telephone call placed on 12/17/67 at Alpine, Texas, from a toll phone to San Angelo telephone number 949-4122.

This telephone is listed and assigned to PETE O. CHAPA, 2735 Jomar, San Angelo, Texas.

On 5/8/68, Mrs. PETE CHAPA, 2735 Jomar, San Angelo, advised that her parents own and operate a Pizza Inn at Alpine, Texas, in which is located a pay telephone. She stated that her folks call her several times a week from this pay phone, and she does remember that they had called her on Sunday, 12/17/67 from Alpine, Texas.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 5-8-68

FROM : URAL E. HORTON JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN,
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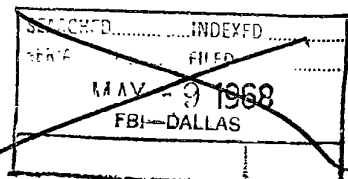
Re Memo SA⁴ Ben S. Harrison, Dallas 5-2-68

On 5-3-68, WARREN DODSON, NA Chief of Police, Abilene Police Department, Abilene, Texas, advised that Abilene telephone number 6775930 is listed to BILLY M. ROUSH formerly of 1942 S. 7th St, who moved recently to 1710 N. Mockingbird lane, Abilene, Texas. He is an Airman 2nd Class with the 96th OMS Dyess AFB, Abilene, Texas, and had this phone number in December 1967.

On 5-3,6-68 efforts to contact BILLY M. ROUSH met with negative results.

On 5-6-68, JUANITA WOODELL, Secretary, OSI, Dy ss AFB, Abilene, Texas, advised that BILLY M. ROUSH is away from the base however will return in a few days.

On 5-8-68, BILLY M. ROUSH, 1710 N. Mockingbird, advised that the calls made to his home from Alpine, Texas on 12-15 and 17-68 were made by JIMMY OWENS, who was a student attending Sul Ross College in Alpine, Texas. He advised that BRENDA BOSTER a close friend of his wife was staying with his wife while he BILLY was IDY and OWENS was to marry BRENDA and had to call and talk with her. He advised he does not know JAMES EARL RAY and OWENS in no way resembles RAY. He could furnish no further information.



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The following investigation was conducted by SA URAL E. HORTON JR,
At Abilene, Texas.

On 5-6-68, MR. OREN DENNIS, Manager, Dennis Magnolia Service, Station, Albany, Texas, telephonically advised that he has observed an individual who is working for the Tompkins Construction Co., out of Cisco, Texas on a pipeline north of Albany, Texas, who closely resembles photos he observed of JAMES EARL RAY.
At Albany, Texas.

On 5-6-68, MR. OREN DENNIS, upon viewing photos of JAMES EARL RAY stated in his opinion this individual whose name he does not know does closely resemble JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that this individual resides at the Palace Courts in Albany, Texas.

On 5-6-68, MR. JAMES ALEXANDER, Operator of the Palace Courts Albany, Texas, upon viewing photo of JAMES EARL RAY, stated that the photos closely resemble an individual registered in motel room #1 who gave his name as HENRY LEMBKE and is driving an Buick Station wagon with Washington State license BHF 469 and is working on a pipeline construction about 7 miles North of Albany, Texas.

On 5-6-68, JACK MOBERLEY Sheriff and JERRY TUCKER, Patrolman Texas department of public safety advised they have never seen HENRY LEMBKE and do not have a record on him or the above auto.

On 5-6-68, HENRY KLAUS LEMBKE, was located working for the TOMPKINS pipeline about 10 miles north of Albany, Texas, He was interviewed and it was determined he is a German having come to this

country 11 years ago. He worked as a commercial fisherman in Spokane, Washington and was last employed at the American Smelter and Refining Co, Hayden, Arizona where he was working on April 4, 1868. He is described as a White male born 6-29-68 at Hamburg Germany, 5' 5", 140 lbs, Blond Hair, Blue Eyes, accompanied by BESSIE BARNETT, Devils Lake North Dakota, SSN [REDACTED] Sponsored by JOHN ELLERS, Devils Lake North Dakota, wife TINI ELLERS.

LEMBKE was eliminated through his fingerprints it being noted that LEMBKE has whorls in his right thumb and index finger whereas the subject JAMES EARL RAY has loops in his right thumb and index finger.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC DALLAS (44-2649

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA SAM C. COTTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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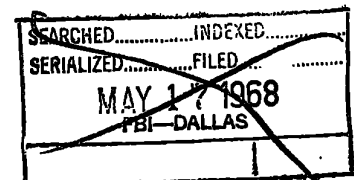
Reference: Houston Airtel to Bureau dated 5/6/68

The following investigation was conducted by SA SAM C. COTTON at Hughes Springs, Texas, on 5/15/68

Telephone number 639-2361 was determined to be listed to THOMAS FOLLIS, 225 West Third, Hughes Springs, which is where MRS. FOLLIS operates a beauty shop. Mrs. FOLLIS was unable to recall the telephone call specifically but stated that it must have been made by her son who was in college at Lamar Tech in December, 1967. She stated that CHARLES STEIN or JAMES EARL RAY were unknown to her.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH B. KILLGORE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE Houston airtel to Bureau 5/6/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH B. KILLGORE.

AT LUFKIN, TEXAS.

On 5/15/68 Mrs. LILA BAIRD, Lufkin Telephone Exchange, furnished the following listings:

634-3184, Mrs. W. C. BOOK, 405 Ridgecrest St., Lufkin, Texas
634-7454, RAYMOND WILLMON, Rt. 4, Box 1055, Lufkin.
634-3317, CHILTON R. & BENTON C. MUSSLEWHITE, Attorneys, 106 N. First St.,

On 5/15/68 Mrs. W. C. BOOK, 405 Ridgecrest St., advised subject was unknown and instant call was undoubtedly made by one of her daughters who live in Houston.

On 5/15/68 RAYMOND WILLMON, Rt. 4, Box 1055, advised subject was unknown and instant call came from his son in Houston.

On 5/15/68 Mr. CHILTON R. MUSSLEWHITE, Attorney, 106 N. First St., advised JAMES EARL RAY, aka., was unknown to his firm and instant call could have come from any one of their clients or associates.

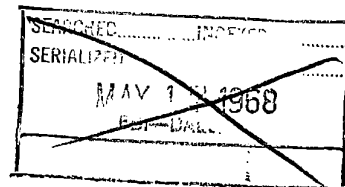
AT CENTER, TEXAS.

On 5/14/68 Mrs. LOUISE GAMBLE, Telephone Co., furnished the following listings:

598-9358, Billie's Toledo Cafe, San Augustine Rd., Center.
598-3889, LEE BRITAIN, 210 Watlington St., Center.

On 5/14/68 Mrs. BILLIE WALL, Billie's Toledo Cafe, advised subject was unknown and the telephone at the cafe is used by many patrons.

On 5/14/68 Mrs. LEE BRITAIN, 210 Watlington St., advised subject was unknown and she had no recollection of a call from Houston in Dec., 1967.



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AT NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

On 5/13/68 DICK MAYFIELD, Bell Telephone Co., advised # 564-2514 is listed to GAYLA NORTHUTT, a freshman student at SFASC, Dorm 15, whose father is B. G. NORTHUTT, 5603 Acorn St., Houston, Texas.

On 5/13/68 Miss GAYLA NORTHUTT, Dorm 15, SFASC, advised subject was unknown. She did not recall receiving a telephone call from Houston about 12/16/68 but noted her roommate or a friend may have received such call.

AT ALTO, TEXAS.

On 5/13/68 Mrs. PAULINE BYNUM, Telephone Co., advised # 858-4266 is listed to Jim Lindsey Motor Co., Hwy. 69.

On 5/13/68 H. W. ANSEL, Jim Lindsey Motor Co., advised ~~XXXX~~ subject was unknown. He noted the company receives many long distance telephone calls and the owner frequently goes to Houston.

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Memorandum

TO : DAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. SHERMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: TELEPHONE CALL CHECKS (FROM ALPINE, TEXAS)

The following investigation was conducted on 5/4/68

AT DALLAS, TEXAS,

Mrs ROBERT ELLINGER, 6239 Town Hill Lane, 368-7182, advised any telephone calls received at her residence from Alpine, Texas were undoubtedly from JAMES CAMPBELL, a student at Sul Ross University at Alpine, who dates her daughter, Denise. CAMPBELL calls once or twice a week, and usually calls on a weekend. ELLINGER advised she has seen the photos of JAMES EARL RAY in the newspapers and knows noone that looks like RAY.

ARIAN BRODHEAD, Manager, Hamilton House Apartments, 7140 Gaston Ave., advised V. MAI TEDDER has the apartment # 103 and telephone DA 8 5533. TEDDER is a woman over 40, and spends little time at the apartment. BRODHEAD has never seen TEDDER although TEDDER has been a resident more than three years, and during the time BRODHEAD has been manager, more than a year. TEDDER has talked to her on the phone, and pays her rent regularly. She spends most of her time on a ranch in Oklahoma, believed to be the "Biffo" Ranch (phonetic). BRODHEAD stated when TEDDER is gone her (TEDDER'S) nephew stays at the apartment. She described him as approximately 22 yrs, 5'10", slight build, dark headed. BRODHEAD could furnish no information as to occupation, relatives, current whereabouts, or the name of the nephew. She described TEDDER as obviously wealthy.

Attempts were made to contact someone at apartment 103 7140 Gaston, without success, on 5/4/68-5/7/68.

On 5/7/68, BIRDIE SUE BELCHER, Credit Bureau Services, advised her organization has no record of V. MAI TEDDER.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. SHERMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

TELEPHONE CHECKS - 287-9654

Re: Mymemo dated 5/8/68; and memo of SA W. H. WILKINSON dated 5/3/68

5/8/68

Telephonic contact with SA BEN S. HARRISON at Lubbock, Texas indicates the correct telephone number should be 387-9654.

Referenced memo for investigation conducted at Denton, Texas by SAs JOHN B. FULKS and W.J. WILKINSON JR., indicates telephone 387-9654, is a pay phone in Stoddard Hall, Texas Womens University, Denton, Texas.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. SHERMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: TELEPHONE CHECK - 287- 9654

Re; Memo of SA W. H. WILKINSON JR., dated 5/3/68.

The following investigation was conducted on 5/6/68.

At DALLAS, TEXAS

A check of the Cris Cross Directory failed to reveal a listing for the number 287 9654.

BARBARA HUNT, Security Department, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, 308 S. Akard (Protect identity) advised numbers in the 287 Exchange, Seagoville, Texas, do not go above 5000. She advised numbers such as that in question have never to her knowledge been issued.

A call to the number 287-9654 was made with the ~~xx~~ result of getting a special operator that stated the number was not in service.

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AT LUBBOCK, TEXAS, Recheck records of the telephone company to be sure number in question is correct.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC: DALLAS(44-6249)

DATE: 5-3-68

FROM : SA W. J. WILKINS, JR:

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo SA BEN HARRISON to SAC 5-2-68 and telephone call of SAC to Sherman RA 5-3-68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA's JOHN B. FULKS & W.J. WILKINSON, JR; on 5-3-68

1. Telephone # 652-3268 MCKINNEY, TEXAS: Lt. JAMES MCCARLEY, McKinney PD advised 652 is not the prefix for McKinney and a check of the City directories for Plano, Princeton, Anna, and Allen, Texas reflect it is not the prefix for any of them. A check with information operator, McKinney, Texas telephone Co. reflects 652 is the prefix for telephones at McCamey, Texas. McKinney telephone prefix is 542.
2. Telephone # 287-9654, Denton, Texas. Detective BOB MILLS, Denton PD advised Denton has no prefix 287 but does have 387-9654, which a check reflects is the pay phone to Stoddard Hall, Texas Womens University, Denton. A check with information operator reflects prefix 287- is for Seagoville, Texas telephones.
3. Attempt to Contact G.I. CRIDER at Denton County Electric Cooperative, highways 24 & Interstate 35 was negative. CRIDER is a Director of this Cooperative and was in Washington DC on April 4-6, 1968, flying via American Airlines.
CRIDER, Route 3, Lewisville, advised he flew to Washington DC from Dallas, leaving Love Field via American Airlines on April 4, 1968 and arriving Friendship Airport, Baltimore the same day. He caught a shuttle bus operated by the airlines and rode to Washington, DC where he spent evening of April 4 and 5 at Hotel Washington. On April 6, 1968 he left Wash, via the "Shuttle bus again, and spent night of April 6 at Friendship airport motel and left from Baltimore on April 7 to return to Dallas via American Airlines. CRIDER is about 60 to 65 years of age and 4 photos of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to him with negative results.

LEAD: DALLAS AT SEAGOVILLE. Ascertain subscriber to 287-9654 and interview in accordance with lead set forth in rememo of HARRISON.

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Memorandum

TO : DALLAS (44 - 2649)

FROM : IRLAND D. STEPHENS, SA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: May 10, 1968

Re memo 4/23/68.

It is noted the Federal Government and State Government does not maintain Narcotics Agents in Lubbock. This area is worked out of Dallas, Texas, and Austin, Texas, respectively.

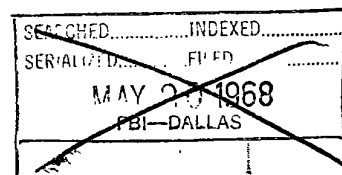
On April 26, 1968, BILLY BESSENT, ~~DETECTIVE~~ Detective Sergeant, PD, Lubbock, Texas, was furnished copies of the wanted flyers on subject JAMES EARL RAY and promised to be alert for any information concerning him.

It is noted that Det. BESSENT handles narcotics for the city of Lubbock.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. SHERMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: TELEPHONE CHECKS, VAN HORN, VALENTINE and SIERRA BLANCA, TEXAS

Re: El Paso airtel to Director, dated 4/30/68

The following investigation was conducted by the above agent from 5/4/68 to 5/8/68.

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

376-2312
On 5/4/68, JEWELL JOHNSTON, 1318 Garza, Tel. 376-2312, advised she works at the Highland Park Cafeteria as a cook, and has been so employed for 17 years. She advised she probably received a telephone call from a friend that was driving a mail truck in West Texas at the time just before Christmas, 1967. She could not recall the exact call, but assured that he had called her regularly during that time. She was shown I.O. 4182 and furnished a copy of same, but could not recall anyone that looked like RAY. She expressed a very cooperative attitude, and promised to notify the FBI immediately should she see RAY.

339-1752
On 5/8/68, BARBARA HUNT, Security Office (project identity) Southwest Bell Telephone, advised telephone no. 339-1752 is currently listed to MARTY JEAN KEARNEY, 1126 McLean, and is a non-published service. This number was listed to ROBERT L. KEARNEY at the same address in December 1967. The employment of the latter was listed as self-employed truck driver, for Frozen Food Express.

On 5/8/68, EILEEN RUNZEL, 1126 McLean, advised she was staying with the KEARNEY children. She stated Mr and Mrs KEARNEY travel together in KEARNEY'S truck, and usually they get someone to stay with their children, in return for free rent. She advised that during December 1967, RAY DANSER's wife was staying with the children. DANSER can be reached at 2411 S. Ewing. She viewed O.I. # 4182 and advised she did not know the person pictured.

On 5/8/68, MRS GWEN DANSER, 2411 S. Ewing, advised she had been staying with the KEARNEY children at 1126 McLean in Dec. '67 and had received a call from her husband RAY DANSER from Van Horn Texas on 12/17/67. He was driving for Frozen Food Express. She checked his I.C.C. Log Book, and determined he was in Van Horn on that date. She viewed I.O. 4182 with negative results.

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On 5/7/68, KENNETH JOE RODDY, 923 Epanard, advised he was an insurance adjustor, and in December 1967 was with Allstate insurance. He advised a call to his former telephone number, 339-1752, at 2643 Aster, from Van Horn, Valentine or Sierra Blanca, Texas was probably made by him while he was out of town, on business. He advised he could not recall any particular call, he made, but is certain he must have made the call. He viewed I.O. 4182 and stated he did not know RAY. He expressed a cooperative attitude and promised to notify the FBI should he learn of RAY'S whereabouts.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. SHERMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: Houston airtel to Director dated 5/6/68.

RE: TELEPHONE CALLS BY RAY DURING LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS TRIP
(CALLS FROM HOUSTON DIVISION)

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

421-9971 - Dallas

On 5/10/68, DORIS FELTON, 2403 Garden Dr., Tel HA 1 9971, advised she and her husband, HORACE, had that telephone number in December 1967. She stated calls to that number from Houston, Texas at that time were undoubtedly from the brother of her husband's nephew. The nephew, MIKE SMITH was staying with the FELTONS in Dallas at the time, and his brother was in Houston. She advised SMITH is presently in Monroe, La. She advised she had seen photographs of RAY in the newspapers and has never seen anyone that looked like him. She stated if she learned of RAY's whereabouts she would notify the FBI.

391-1429 - Dallas

JIMMY J. WHITE, 1839 Yucca, Tel EX 1 1429, advised he had that tel. number in December 1967. He stated he could not recall the specific call, but that since his sister-in-law lives in Beaumont, and they call bank and forth all the time he was certain the call came from her. Her name is SHIRLEY JEAN MARTIN. She might easily use a pay station to make a call. WHITE stated he had seen the photographs of RAY that appeared in the newspapers, and advised he had not seen anyone that looked like RAY. He advised he would immediately notify the FBI should he see someone similar in appearance.

AT FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS

247-9006 - Farmers Branch

On 5/10/68, MRS DOUGLAS STEWART, 3028 Phyllis, advised she had telephone CH 7 9006 in December 1967.

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INSERT - HOUSTON TELEPHONE CALLS - (continued)

AT FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS (cont)

Mrs STEWART stated telephone calls in December 1967 were undoubtedly from DON FUCHS, Dallas, Tel. UN 1 3774, who was in the Houston area at that time. FUCHS was handling some business in conjunction with the STEWARTs and was in frequent contact from Houston. Also, Mrs STEWART advised her sister-in-law, MRS JAMES R. ELLIS lives in Pasadena, Texas, and possibly could have made the call. She stated she could not recall the specific call, but knows it was not from RAY, as she has seen his picture in the newspaper, and does not know anyone that looks like that. She pledged cooperation with the FBI should she learn of RAY's whereabouts.

AT BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS

286-1199 - Rylie

On 5/10/68, BOBBY J. SIMONS, 4112 Forest Lawn, advised he lives in a section of Balch Springs known as Rylie. He stated he had telephone 286-1199 in December 1967. He stated he could not remember any particular call 12/16/67, but since all his wives relatives live in Houston it could have been from any of them. He suggested the most likely one to have called would be OLIN NOTTINGHAM, his brother in law. He was shown a copy of I.O. 4182 and advised he did not know anyone that looked like RAY. He stated he did not know RAY and would immediately notify the FBI should he learn of his whereabouts.

286-0702 - Rylie

On 5/10/68, An examination of the 1968 Telephone Book revealed A.J. NORRIS, 2602 Sheilah had telephone 286-0702. ~~XX~~ A call to this number indicated the number was not in service, having been disconnected.

Observation of the residence at 2602 Sheilah indicated no one was at home, but the residence appeared to be occupied.

AT ADDISON, TEXAS

239-8624

On 5/10/68, examination of the 1968 Telephone book indicated 239-8624 is listed to HAL T. PATRICK, 4715 Nashwood. A call to this number indicated the number had been changed to 239-2984. Attempts to contact PATRICK at this telephone or address were negative from 5/10 to 5/14/68.

On 5/15/68m HAL T. PATRICK, 4715 Nashwood, advised he had been on ~~xx~~ a shotr vacation. He stated he had telephone number 239-8624 in December 1967 but had had it changed because of some annoying telephone calls. He stated he could not recall any specific call from Houston on 12/16/68, and does not know anyone who would call from Houston. He stated however, his son, HAL PATRICK JR. might have made the call, as he was down in Houston

HOUSTON TELEPHONE CALLS

ADDISON, TEXAS (cont)

at that time, to the best of his recollection. The son is a student at Texas Technological College at Lubbock, Texas, but was probably off for Christmas Vacation, and down with one of his friends that lives in Houston at that time. He stated he has seen the photos of RAY that appeared in the newspapers and does not know anyone that looks similiar. He will contact the FBI should he see such a person.

AT BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS

286-0702 - Rylie

Observation of and attempts to contact someone at 2602 Sheilah from 5/11/68- 5/13/68 were negative.

On 5/14/68, LOIS PEARCE, 2606 ~~XXXX~~ Sheilah advised the people next door had moved out in March, 1968. She stated she had no idea where they had gone, and after viewing I.O. 4182 advised she had never seen anyone that looked like RAY next door.

On 5/15/68, JOHN T. PATE, Pate's Food Market, 2603 Hickory Tree Rd., advised he had dealt with the people living just up Lake June Road, and could not recall their names. He recalled that they had lots of children, and had a grandmother living with them. He recalled the grandfather had died in January, 1968. He could not recall their names, but advised he would try to remember. The name NORRIS was unfamiliar to him. He viewed I.O. 4182 and advised he had never seen RAY. He stated they had moved out several weeks ago, and he thought they were going to Houston.

On 5/15/68, MRS W.E. MILLER, Rt. 1, ~~MESQUITE, XXXXX~~ Mesquite, Texas advised her husband owns the house at 2602 Sheilah and that the person that was renting the house was LEONARD UPCHURCH. She stated A.J. NORRIS was the name of the grandparents who ~~lived~~ lived with them. She stated UPCHURCH paid the rent. She had no idea where the family went when they moved out, and did not know where UPCHURCH was employed as he had lost his job just prior to moving out.

On 5/16/68, JOHN T. PATE, telephonically advised he did recall the name UPCHURCH, but did not know where they were.

On 5/16/68, a check of the arrest records of the Mesquite, Texas P.D., the department that covers Balch Springs, was negative regarding LEONARD UPCHURCH. The city directory of Mesquite was also negative.

On 5/17/68, BIRDIE SUE BELCHER, Credit Bureau Services, advised she had a record of LEONARD UPCHURCH, but the last entry was in 1959. Regarding A.J. NORRIS, she had no record of such