

**REPORT
of the**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 16, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560466 JK
D-560467 JK
PC-A 5616 IZ
PC-A 5618 IZ

Specimens received 4/11/68, from FBI, San Francisco

- K11 Piece of white cloth containing three samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal Model H5K1, Serial Number 31353, obtained from Superior French Laundry, 1284 West Grand Avenue, Oakland, California
- K12 Seven samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal, Model RMH 65401, Serial Number 34163, obtained from Highland Cleaners, Inc., 1201 La Salle Avenue, Seaside, California
- K13 Five samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal, series 106C4, Serial Number 34690, obtained from Sterling Cleaners & Laundry, 140 Howard Avenue, Burlingame, California
- K14 Two Sanford Cleaners laundry lists containing eleven samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal, Model H5L4, Serial Number 32506, obtained from Stanford Drive In Cleaners, 2875 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, California
- K15 Twelve samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal, Model H5L4, Serial Number 32503, obtained from Cherry Chase Cleaners (Golden State Dry Cleaners) 2175 Winchester, Campbell, California

Specimen received 4/11/68, from FBI, Albany

- K16 Three samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal Machine, Model #H5K1, Serial Number 31358 which were returned to Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, on 3/15/68, by Superior French Laundry, 1284 W. Grand Avenue, Oakland, California

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Result of examination:

The three purple tapes in K11, five orange tapes in K13, and the light pink tapes in K14, are different from the laundry tapes removed from Q69 and Q70 in color and length.

All the other tapes in K11 through K15 are similar to the Q69 and Q70 tapes in color, construction and composition.

The three laundry tapes, K16, are similar to the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes in color, construction and composition. One of these tapes is the same length as the Q69 and Q70 (1 1/16 inches); the other two are longer.

The printing characteristics in the laundry tags represented by K11 through K16 were found to differ from the impressions appearing on the Q69 and Q70 laundry tags.

Specimens K11 through K16 have been retained.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-560467 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Albany (44-493) Airtel 4/9/68

Examination requested: Document, Microscopic
(Hairs and Fibers)

Date received: 4/11/68

Result of Examination: Miscellaneous

Examination by: Mortimer

N.I.

see D - 560 466 JK

Specimens submitted for examination

KL6 Three samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal Machine, Model #H5K1, Serial Number 31358 which were returned to Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, on 3/15/68, by Superior French Laundry, 1284 W. Grand Avenue, Oakland, California

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4/16/68
Jhm/staw*

4/9/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)

RE: MURKIN
CR

(OO: Memphis)

Re Albany teletype to Bureau 4/8/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are three tapes from Thermo-Seal Machine, Model #H5K1, Serial Number 31358, which were returned to Textile Marking Machine Co., Syracuse, N.Y., on 3/15/68, by Superior French Laundry, 1284 W. Grand Ave., Oakland, California.

The Laboratory is requested, in accordance with Bureau instructions, to compare the enclosed tapes with tapes on T-shirt and shorts recovered on 4/4/68, and to furnish results of Memphis.

4-Bureau (Encs. 3) (RM)
2-Memphis (44-1987)
2-Albany
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

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CR.
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-560466 JK
D-560467 JK
PC-A 5616 IZ
PC-A 5618 IZ

Examination requested by: SAC, San Francisco (173-65)

Airtel 4/9/68

Examination requested: Document, Microscopic
(Hairs and Fibers)

Date received: 4/11/68

Result of Examination: Miscellaneous

Examination by: Mortimer

2 PFC IP's

The ptg. char. of the laundry tags no. by K11 → K16 were found to differ from the impressions
appear on the 469 & 470 laundry tags.

Return K11 → K16.

TO ME (44-1987)

TICK. MR. ROSEN (MK. LOW 2260)

2. SP (173-65)

MR. CONRAD

2. AL (44-493)

LAB FILE

MORTIMER

Specimens submitted for examination

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- NI KL3 Five samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal, series 10604, Serial Number 34690, obtained from Sterling Cleaners & Laundry, 140 Howard Avenue, Burlingame, California
- NI KL4 Two Sanford Cleaners laundry lists containing eleven samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal, Model H5L4, Serial Number 32506, obtained from Stanford Drive In Cleaners, 2875 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, California
- NI- KL5 ~~Seven~~ twelve samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal, Model H5L4, Serial Number 32503, obtained from Cherry Chase Cleaners (Golden State Dry Cleaners) 2175 Winchester, Campbell, California

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4/11/68
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4/9/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReButel, dated 4/8/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are five envelopes containing tape samples obtained from the firms listed in referenced Bureau teletype located in San Francisco territory.

No samples were obtained from the Marshall Steel Company, Oakland, California, as they last used Thermo-Seal marking machine seven or eight years ago.

Cherry Chase Cleaners is the successor to the Golden State Dry Cleaners, Campbell, California.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct examination of enclosed laundry tape samples as requested earlier by the Bureau and/or Memphis.

3 - Bureau (Encs. 5)(RM)
1 - Birmingham (INFO)(AM)(RM)
2 - Memphis (AM)(RM)(44-1987)
1 - San Francisco
MTG/sms #11
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4-11-68*

4/9/68

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MTC/sms #11
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4-11-68*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Expedite
LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-560466 JK
PC-A 5616 #12

Examination requested by: SAC, San Francisco (173-65)

Airtel 4/9/68

Examination requested: Document, Microscopic
(Hairs and Fibers)

Date received: 4/11/68

Result of Examination: Miscellaneous

Examination by: Mortimer

Stanford
Clark

Specimens submitted for examination

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-560467 JK

PC-A 5618 12

Examination requested by: SAC, Albany (44-493) Airtel 4/9/68

Examination requested: Document, Microscopic
(Hairs and Fibers)

Date received: 4/11/68

Result of Examination: Miscellaneous

Examination by: Mortimer

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Clark

The three laundry tags, K16 are similar to the Q69 and Q70 laundry tags in color, construction and composition. One of these tags is the same length as Q69 and Q70 (1 1/16"), the other two are longer.

4/12/68
[Signature]

Specimens submitted for examination

K16 Three samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal Machine, Model #H5K1, Serial Number 31358 which were returned to Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, on 3/15/68, by Superior Franch Laundry, 1284 W. Grand Avenue, Oakland, California

K16 - Pink - 1/8"
2 - 1 1/8" - 20 1/2"
1 - 1 3/32"

4/12/68
[Signature]

PC-A5616

The three purple tapes in K11, five orange tapes in K13 and the light pink tapes in K14 are different from the laundry tapes removed from Q69 and Q70 in color and length.

All of the other tapes in K11 through K15 are similar to the Q69 and Q70 tapes in color, construction and composition.

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PC-A5616

K11 3 tabs; -21 - 2' pink

1 - 1 1/16" - 20 - 2"

1 - 1 1/4" - 20 - 2"

1 - 1 1/8" - 21 - 2"

3 - 1 1/8" - 20 - 2" - purple color - digg

K12 7 tabs - pink

all 1 1/4" - 20 - 2"

K13 - 5 tabs - orange

all 1 1/4" - 2" 21

digg

K14 - 12 tabs - lt. pink - digg

all 1 3/32" - 20 - 27

K15 - 12 tabs

all 1 1/8" - 20 - 2"

4/12/68

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long Rm. 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- ① - Mr. Mortimer
- ① - Lab File



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 16, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560459 JK
D-560463 JK
D-560464 JK
PC-A5608 IZ
PC-A5609 IZ
PC-A5610 IZ**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles, Las Vegas,
Philadelphia**
Reference: **Airtels, 4/9/68 and 4/10/68,
Letter 4/10/68**
Examination requested:
Remarks: **Document - Microscopic
(Hair & Fibers) Miscellaneous**

**This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype
to Los Angeles in this matter dated 4/11/68.**

- Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
- 2 - Las Vegas (157-133) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
- 2 - Philadelphia (44-1368) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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Lab. No. **D-560459 JK**

D-560463 JK

D-560464 JK

PC-A5608 IZ

PC-A5609 IZ

PC-A5610 IZ

Specimens received **4/10/68, from, FBI Las Vegas**

K8 Three tape strips of marking tape utilized by the Monarch Laundry, 1430 South Main, Las Vegas, Nevada, two of which bear the code O2B-6, and one bearing the code MOX72.

Specimen received **4/11/68, from FBI, Philadelphia**

K9 Piece of white cloth containing six samples of thermo-seal marking tape obtained from Thermo-Seal Identification Machine, Model H5L1, Serial Number 32052, operated by Barclay Laundry, 1478 Broadway, Camden, N.J.

Specimen received **4/11/68, from FBI, Los Angeles**

K10 Piece of paper and a cloth square each containing twelve samples of laundry marking printed by a thermo-seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York, and obtained from Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California

Result of examination:

The three pink tape strips in K8 and K9 are similar to the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes in color, construction and composition.

The twelve laundry tapes (K10) are similar to the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes in color, construction and composition.

Five of these tapes have the same length (1 1/16 inches) as Q69 and Q70. The other nine are longer, either 1 3/32 inches or 1 1/8 inches in length.

The K8 and K9 tapes were found to differ in printing from the tapes appearing on Q69 and Q70.

The tapes comprising K10 are of varying lengths; however, no significant differences were noted between the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes when compared with some of the K10 tapes indicating they may have originated from the same machine.

Specimens K8, K9 and K10 are retained.

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D-560459 JK
D-560463 JK
D-560464 JK
PC-A5608 IZ
PC-A5609 IZ
PC-A5610 IZ

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR

OO: Memphis

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-560459 JK
D-560463 JK
D-560464 JK
PC-A5608 IZ
PC-A5609 IZ
PC-A5610 IZ

Examination requested by: Las Vegas (157-133) airtel 4-9-68

Examination requested: Document - Microscopic Date received: 4-10-68
(Hairs and Fibers) - Miscellaneous
Result of Examination: Examination by: Mortimer *4/11/68*

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The K8 & K9 tapes were found to differ from the tapes appearing on the Q69 & Q70 laundry tapes.

The tapes comprising K10 are of varying lengths; however, no sig. diffs. noticed between the Q69 & Q70 laundry tapes when compared some of the K10 tapes used. They may have orig. from same source.

Retain K8, K9 & K10.

Confirms & sup. (Airtel to LA 4/11/68)

Specimens submitted for examination

NV K8 Three tape strips of marking tape utilized by the Monarch Laundry, 1430 South Main, Las Vegas, Nevada, two of which bearing the code ϕ 02B-6, and one bearing the code MOX72.

Report to

2-Memphis ~~(1987)~~ (44-1987)

cc: 2-LV (157-133)

2-PH (44-1368)

2-LA (44-1574)

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4/11/68
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MR. ROSEN (MA LONG 2200)

Lab File

MORTIMER

CONRAD

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILES

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO:Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-560463 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)

Letter 4/10/68

Examination requested: Document, Microscopic
(Hair and Fibers)

Date received: 4/11/68
Pers. Del. by SA SMITH

Result of Examination: Miscellaneous

Examination by: Mortimer

See D-560459JK

Specimens submitted for examination

NV

K9 Piece of white cloth containing six samples of thermo-seal marking tape obtained from Thermo-Seal Identification Machine, Model H5LL, Serial Number 32052, operated by Barclay Laundry, 1478 Broadway, Camden, N. J.

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from: ans
4/11/68*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-560464 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574)

Airtel 4/10/68

Examination requested: Document - Microscopic
(Hair and Fibers)

Date received: ~~March 1968~~
4/11/68

Result of Examination: Miscellaneous

Examination by: Mortimer

See D-560459 JK

Specimens submitted for examination

K10 Piece of paper and a cloth square each containing twelve samples of laundry marking printed by a thermo-seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York, and obtained from Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California

*Lab. rpt.
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-560459 JK

PC-A 5608 #12

Examination requested by: Las Vegas (157-133) airtel 4-9-68

Examination requested: Document - Microscopic Date received: 4-10-68

(Hairs and Fibers) - Miscellaneous

Result of Examination: Examination by: Mortimer

The three pink tape strips in K8 are similar to the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes in color, construction and composition.

Clark

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[Signature]

Specimens submitted for examination

K8 Three tape strips of marking tape utilized by the Monarch Laundry, 1430 South Main, Las Vegas, Nevada, two of which bearing the code ϕ 02B-6, and one bearing the code MOX72.

3 pink tapes - 1 1/8" - 21 - 2"

4/12/68

2-Memphis ~~(1987)~~(44-1987)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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LAB FILES

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO:Memphis (44-1987)

File #
Lab. # 44-38861
D-560463 JK
PC-A 5610 12

Examination requested by: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)

Letter 4/10/68

Examination requested: Document, Microscopic
(Hair and Fibers)

Date received: 4/11/68

Result of Examination: Miscellaneous

Examination by: Mortimer

Dict. The tapes in K9 are similar to
the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes in color,
construction and composition.

Clark

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PS*

Specimens submitted for examination

K9. Piece of white cloth containing six samples of thermo-seal marking
tape obtained from Thermo-Seal Identification Machine, Model H5L1,
Serial Number 32052, operated by Barclay Laundry, 1478 Broadway,
Camden, N. J.

8 pink tags - (2 lines)

all 1 1/8" - 20 - 2"

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File #
Lab. # 44-38861
D-560464 JK

PC-A 5609 *512*

Examination requested by:

SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574)

Airtel 4/10/68

Examination requested:

Document - Microscopic
(Hair and Fibers)
Miscellaneous

Date received:

~~Mortimer~~

Result of Examination:

Examination by: 4/11/68

Mortimer

The twelve laundry tags (K10) are similar *Clark*
to the Q69 and Q70 laundry tags in color,
construction and composition. Five of these tags are the
same length (1 1/16") as Q69 and Q70. The other nine are
longer, in length either 1 3/32" or 1 1/8"

Specimens submitted for examination

4/12/68
[Signature]

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of laundry marking printed by a thermo-seal marking machine manufactured
by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York, and obtained from
Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard,
Los Angeles, California

K10 - 12 tags - all pink in color

4 - 1 3/32" }
5 - 1 1/16" } 20 1/2"
3 - 1 1/8" }

4/12/68
[Signature]

4/10/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed are a paper sheet and a cloth square, each containing 12 samples of laundry marking printed by a Thermo Seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York. These samples were obtained on 4/10/68 from Miss LUCY PINELA, manager, Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

The paper sample was obtained by SA's FRANCIS G. KAHL and LLOYD D. JOHNSON. The cloth sample was obtained by SA's FRANCIS G. KAHL and DENNIS LEMASTER.

The Bureau is requested to compare these samples with markings on the clothing that was apparently abandoned by Unsub in Memphis. Samples need not be returned, and more can be obtained if the Bureau so desires.

Information copy being furnished Memphis, inasmuch as that office is origin.

4 - Bureau (44-38861)(Encs. - 2)(AM-RM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info.)(AM-RM)
1 - Los Angeles
GJM:CM
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4-10-68*

4/9/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133) (P)

MURKIN

Re Las Vegas teletype 4/8/68.

Enclosed herewith are three tape strips of marking tape utilized by Monarch Laundry, 1430 South Main, Las Vegas, Nevada. The tapes were made available to SA DONALD M. HOLLAND by ROBERT KELLER, owner, Monarch Laundry.

Two of the tapes bear the code which appeared on the laundry believed to be that of Unsub, 02B-6. One tape bears the code used by Monarch, MOX 72. The tapes are being forwarded for comparison with the tapes located on the clothing of Unsub.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 3) (RM)
1 - Las Vegas

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(4)

Director, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

4/10/68

SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)

MURKIN

There is transmitted herewith by Special Agent courier six samples of Thermo Seal marking tape obtained from Thermo Seal Identification Machine, Model H511, Serial Number 32052. This machine was operated by the Barclay Laundry, 1478 Broadway, Camden, N.J. JACK OSOKOW, Manager, Barclay Laundry, advised that his firm does not utilize the letter "O" in its identification markings and that D2B-6 was utilized by one of his sub-contractors, JACK STEIN, 307 South 23rd Street, Philadelphia.

JACK OSOKOW, Manager, Barclay Laundry, 253 South 10th Street, was recontacted by SA EDWARD A. SMITH and advised that there were many Thermo Seal marking machines utilized by major laundries in the Philadelphia area. He stated each of the users may utilize their own particular coding system and in his case D2B-6 indicated that D represented the fourth week, 2B the lot number, and 6 the customer number. He stated this code system has a one-time use and is utilized for inventory control and location of lost laundry articles. He advised there are 10 plain colors utilized in Thermo Seal machines plus three striped colors and that under the present system it would be possible to re-use the same number after a 72-week cycle. He stated it is probable that in laundries throughout the United States there could be several instances of this exact code number coming up on red Thermo Seal tape. He further advised there were no restrictions on utilization of any specific code on this machine.

3 - Bureau (44-38861)
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

EAS:ELS
(4)

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Barclay Laundry also utilizes a Thermo Seal machine which must use six digits rather than five. Samples of this machine were not obtained.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare sample tapes with evidence obtained in MURKIN case.

Mr. Conrad

April 15, 1968

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN
CR

The General Investigative Division has forwarded to the Laboratory an anonymous letter which was received from the Department, dated April 9, 1968 addressed to the Attorney General. This letter names one Edward Gerst as the individual responsible for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. The letter further describes this individual as an East German communist who is now in Cuba trying to return to England where he will find friends who will get him back to East Germany.

As the result of an indices search, a reference was located for one Edward Sherman Gerst, Bureau File 67-418747, who was a Bureau applicant in 1947 at which time he was 18 years of age.

The writings appearing in the personnel file of Edward Sherman Gerst have been compared with the writings submitted in this matter attributable to the unknown subject also known as Eric S. Galt. Nothing of significance was noted between the available writings of Edward Sherman Gerst and the afore-mentioned writings of Eric S. Galt; however, these known writings were prepared over twenty years ago when Gerst was 18 years of age.

1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen (Mr. Bates 22558)
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Griffith
1-Mr. Mortimer
1-Bufile 67-418747

JHM:AW (8)

① LAG FILE

CONTINUED - OVER

Memorandum to Mr. Conard
Re: MURKIN
CR

The fingerprints of Gerst have been compared with unidentified latents in this matter and found not to be identical.

The above-mentioned letter has been searched in the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions included in this file.

This letter is also being processed for latent fingerprints.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

File # 44-38861
Lab. # 10560668 JK

Examination requested by: Bureau

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 4/12/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer

No ident A.L.F. Ans. by memo dated
4-15-68 JHM/ak

Specimens submitted for examination

Q136 Air Mail envelope postmarked at Clarksville, Tenn., April 9, 1968, addressed to "Mr. Ramsey Clark Att. General, U. S. Washington, D. C."

Q137 First sheet of accompanying handwritten letter dated April 9, 1968, beginning "The man you are seeking....."

Q138 Second sheet of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "...that this man...." ending "...our country."

PHOTOGRAPHED

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Q1 - Q3 no ident A.L.F. II A, II E, II,
II B, C, D

Q1 Air Mail end
no w m

Measures 3.6" x 6.1"

Q2-Q3 Two sheets of white paper
containing no w m. Measures
5.7" x 9.0" x 10.2"

TRUE COPY

Apr. 9 '68

Att. General Ramsey Clark
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The man you are seeking who killed Martin L. King is named Edward Gerst. He is an East German Communist, and is now in Cuba trying to return to England where he will find friends who will get him back to E. Germany.

He must be found for he will strike again. He is tall, fair haired, blue eyed, scar like a dagger on left hand. Hair now dyed black to disguise himself. He walks very rapidly.

This is not a crank letter. It is urgent that this man be found before he strikes again as he seeks revolution in our country.

(Anonymous)

1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long Rm. 2260)



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 15, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-33861**
Lab. No. **D-560575 JK**
D-560573 JK

Examination requested by: **Jackson, Baltimore**

Reference: **Airtels, 4/10/68, 4/10/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Jackson (157-9586) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Baltimore (44-699) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

JHM:AW (11)

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **April 15, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-33861**Lab. No. **D-560575 JK
D-560573 JK**Specimens received **4/11/68, from FBI, Jackson****K17 Piece of blue cloth containing eleven samples of
yellow tape markings of "O2B-6," "MIF14" and "MIF15"****K18 Four strips of tape with no lettering and two sample
marking tapes with lettering "W 2H 13" and XEP 15"**Specimen received **4/11/68, from FBI, Baltimore****K20 Four samples of tape markings printed with Thermo-Seal
Machine, Serial Number 32500, obtained from Star
Laundry, 908 N. Salisbury Boulevard, Salisbury, Maryland****Result of examination:**

It was determined that neither of the machines used to prepare the markings on K17 and K20 was employed to affix the markings appearing on the laundry tapes which were affixed to Q69 and Q70, while the strips of tape, represented by K18, were found to differ in size from the questioned tapes.

K17, K18 and K20 have been retained.**JHM:AW (11)**

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
 CR
 OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-33861
 Lab. # D-560575 JK
 D-560573 5/K

Examination requested by: SAC, Jackson (157-9586)

Airtel 4/10/68

Examination requested: Document, ~~Microscopic~~
 (Hair and Fibers)

Date received: 4/11/68

Result of Examination: Miscellaneous

Examination by: Mortimer ^{4/12}

*No id. markings K17 & K20 & the markings on laundry tapes affixed to 44-1987-1070,
 while the strips of tape, by K18, found to differ in size from Q tapes.
 Refrain.*

Specimens submitted for examination

- NI* K17 Piece of blue cloth containing eleven samples of yellow tape markings of "02B-6", ~~and~~ "MIF14" and "MIF15" with no lettering
- NI* K18 Four strips of tape and two sample marking tapes with lettering "W 2H 13" and "XEP 15"

Report. to Me (44-1987)

cc: 2 - JN (157-9586)

2 - BA (44-699)

1 - AL (44-493)

TICK - MR. CONRAD

" - MR. ROSEN (MR. LONG - 2260)

*Lab. rpt.
 J. H. C. W.
 4/11/68*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
 CR

OO: ~~Baltimore (44-699)~~
 Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861
 Lab. # D-560573 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Baltimore (44-699)

Airtel 4/10/68

Examination requested: Document, ~~Macroscopic~~
~~(Hairs and Fibers)~~

Date received: 4/11/68

Result of Examination: ~~Miscellaneous~~

Examination by: Mortimer

See D-560573 - JK

Specimens submitted for examination

ns K20 Four samples of tape markings printed with Thermo-Seal Machine,
 Serial Number 32500, obtained from Star Laundry, 908 N. Salisbury
 Boulevard, Salisbury, Maryland

*Lab report
 John Lewis
 4/11/68*

4/10/68

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-699)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Albany teletype, 4/8/68.

STAR LAUNDRY, SALISBURY, MARYLAND

Enclosed are four (4) samples (Code O2B-6) obtained from Thermoseal Machine, SN 32500, located at Star Laundry, 908 N. Salisbury Boulevard, Salisbury, Maryland, 4/8/68, by SA RICHARD F. MAYO.

ALFRED H. SMITH, JR., President, Star Laundry, furnished these samples and stated O2B-6 is not his code.

4 - Bureau (Encls. 4) (REGISTERED MAIL)

1 - Baltimore

ERT:rlj

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F B I

Date: 4/10/68

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

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re Bureau teletype 4/9/68 and Albany teletype
4/9/68.

RE THERMO-SEAL MACHINES MANUFACTURED BY
TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Enclosed for the Bureau is one piece of cloth with
several samples of tape markings, yellow in color, of "02B-6"
and "MIF14" and "MIF15." Also enclosed are several strips of
dark-red and light-red tape with no lettering and strips of
dark-red tapes with black lettering.

ROME A. EMMONS, JR., President, Phoenix Laundry
Corporation, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, advised 4/9/68 that
his company is the only laundry in Mississippi he knows of
which uses the Thermo-Seal laundry-marking machine. He said

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- ④ - Bureau (Enc. 2) (AMRM)
 - 1 - Albany (44-493) (Info)
 - 2 - Memphis
 - 1 - Birmingham (Info)
 - 2 - Jackson
- JOI:mif
(10)

*Rec'd
4-11-68*

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

JN 157-9586

"O2B-6" or "D2B-6" are not markings of his company. His tape is 5/16 inch laundry-marking tape made by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. His laundry purchases this tape from F. H. Ross and Rudolph Ramelli, both of Jackson, Mississippi. This tape comes in eight to ten colors; however, red is not a good color, in that the ink from the machine tends to fade and run on red tape.

EMMONS made available a sample of cloth with several samples of tape markings, yellow in color. He numbered the lettering on the tape as "O2B-6", "MIF14," and "MIF15." He made available other items described in paragraph one which are enclosed for the Bureau.

The managers of the Rudolph Ramelli Company and F. H. Ross Company, both of Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the only machine handling Thermo-Seal to his knowledge in the central and southern portions of the state is the Phoenix Laundry in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. They do not handle northern Mississippi.

LEAD:

AT BUREAU

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare lettering and strips of tape enclosed with the two articles recovered at the scene of the shooting 4/4/68, a white Jockey T-shirt and checkered print undershorts, containing cloth laundry tags allegedly made by a Thermo-Seal marking machine manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. Results should be immediately furnished Memphis and interested offices.

L - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad
① - Lab Files
1 - Mr. Clark, 7132
1 - Office, 7133

4/13/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987)
ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA LETTERS APRIL ELEVEN AND TWELVE CONCERNING ITEMS
FROM MUSTANG AND BUTEL APRIL TWELVE.

PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BEDSPREAD COMPOSED OF BROWN COTTON,
GREEN COTTON AND GREEN RAYON. FIBERS LIKE THOSE COMPOSING BEDSPREAD
AND WHICH COULD HAVE COME FROM BEDSPREAD FOUND ON SWEATSHIRT, TWO
BED SHEETS, SHIRT JACKET, PILLOWCASE, SLACK SHIRT, WALKING SHORTS,
RUG, PILLOW AND SOCKS FROM MUSTANG.

BROWN HEAD HAIRS OF CAUCASIAN ORIGIN WERE PREVIOUSLY FOUND ON
BEDSPREAD, IN BLUE SUITCASE AND ON HAIRBRUSH AND SOCKS FROM BLUE
SUITCASE. HEAD HAIRS LIKE THE ABOVE HAIRS AND WHICH COULD HAVE
COME FROM SAME PERSON FOUND ON SWEATSHIRT, BED SHEETS AND RUG FROM
MUSTANG. HAIRS CANNOT BE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS ORIGINATING
FROM A PARTICULAR PERSON.

SCRAPINGS FROM UNDER GLOVE COMPARTMENT DO NOT CONSIST OF
BLOOD.

MSC:SAW (8)

TELETYPE TO SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987)
ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

LIQUID FROM WINDSHIELD WASHER BAG IDENTIFIED AS WATER. NO
TRACES OF ANY ALCOHOLS SUCH AS USED IN WINDSHIELD WASH WAS
IDENTIFIED IN THIS SPECIMEN.

SOILS FROM MUSTANG AND DEBRIS FROM FLOOR OF MUSTANG DIFFER
FROM SOIL FOUND ON BEDSPREAD AND DID NOT COME FROM SAME SOURCE.
IF FEASIBLE MEMPHIS SHOULD OBTAIN SOIL SAMPLES FROM WHERE
BEDSPREAD WAS ABANDONED AND WHERE CAR WAS PARKED PRIOR TO
GETAWAY AND SUBMIT TO LABORATORY FOR ELIMINATION PURPOSES.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long Rm. 2260)



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 12, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560380 JK
D-560340 JK
PC-A5564 JV
PC-A5571 JV**

Examination requested by: **Atlanta, Boston**

Reference: **Letter 4/8/68, Airtel 4/8/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Microscopic
(Hair and Fibers)**

Remarks: **Miscellaneous**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Boston (157-644) Enclosures (2) (2 Labreport)

2 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Albany Enclosure (Lab report)

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of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 12, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560380 JK
D-560340 JK
PC-A5564 JV
PC-A5571 JV

Specimens received 4/9/68, from FBI, Atlanta

K1 Five sample laundry tapes bearing Code #02B-6, from machine used by Blum's Individual Laundry and Dry Cleaning Co., Macon, Ga.

Specimens received 4/9/68, from FBI, Boston

K2 Four pieces of paper each containing laundry marks on red tape obtained from four separate thermo-seal machines manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc. and used by Superior Laundry Co., Inc.

K3 Partial roll of unused red tape obtained from Superior Laundry Co., Inc. 625 Concord Ave., Cambridge, Massachusetts

Result of examination:

The printing on the K1 and K2 tags was found to differ from that appearing on the laundry tags affixed to the Q69 shorts and the Q70 T-shirt.

The fabric tape in K1, K2 and K3 is similar in color, construction and composition to the fabric tape used on the two laundry tags attached to Q69 and Q70. The submitted items have been retained.

JHM:AW (8)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-560380 JK

D-560340 JK

PC - A5564 JV

PC - A5571 JV

Examination requested by: SAC, Boston (157-644)

Airtel 4/8/68

Examination requested: Document, Chem (~~Miscellaneous~~)

Date received: 4/9/68

Result of Examination: *MICROSCOPIC (HAIR & FIBERS)*
MISCELLANEOUS

Examination by: Mortimer *4/10/68*

The ply on K15K2 tape found to differ from the laund. tape affixed to the 469 shorts & 470 T-shirts.

P & C II

Blair

Specimens submitted for examination

- K2 Four pieces of paper each containing laundry marks on red tape obtained from four separate thermo-seal machines manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc. & used by Superior Laundry Co., Inc.
- K3 Partial roll of unused red tape obtained from Superior Laundry Co., Inc., 625 Concord Ave., Cambridge, Massachusetts

Report to ME (44-1987)

2 - BS (157-644)

2 - AT (44-2386)

*lab. rpt.
jhm:aw
4/10/68*

469 1070 .25" x 1.08" x } 469 - .0105 - .0115 } material ad bearing
470 - .0098 - .0109 } D2B-61

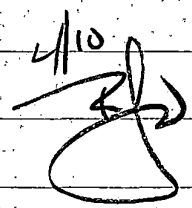
K1 ZB
K2 ZB

K3- .25" x .0085

PC-A 5564
PC-A 5571

Dist.

The fabric tape in K1, K2 and K3 is similar in color, construction and composition to the fabric tape used on the two laundry tags attached to Q69 and Q70.

4/10


FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-560340 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Atlanta (44-2386) Letter 4/8/68

Examination requested: Document, Chem(Miscellaneous) Date received: 4/9/68

Result of Examination: Examination by: Mortimer

See D - 560380 JK

Specimens submitted for examination

K1 Five sample laundry tapes bearing Code #02B-6, from machine used by Blum's Individual Laundry and Dry Cleaning Co, Macon, Ga.

*lab. rpt.
John A. ...
4/10/68*

DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention: FBI Laboratory

4-8-68

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Memphis and Albany,
dated 4/8/68.

Transmitted herewith are five sample laundry tapes
bearing Code # 02B-6.

Enclosed sample tapes were obtained from from Thermoseal
tape machine, Serial Number 31973, Model R5L1, owned and operated
by Blum's Individual Laundry and Dry Cleaning Co., 463 Cotton
Avenue, Macon, Georgia.

Investigation at Blum's revealed this establishment does
not use a code similar to Code #02B-6. Their code consist of
1- through 99 for lot number, a letter for week and last two
digits for bundle numbers running -1 through 20. Red tape is
used by Blum's for special work. They do not ordinarily place
a tape on small items such as shorts unless the work only consists
of two or three items. Blum's machine has only five characters.
The tape is cut one and one eighth inch long and there is no
indication that the machine has malfunctioned in the past causing
tape to be cut one and one sixteenth inch long.

FBI Laboratory is requested to compare enclosed sample
tapes with tape from suspect's shorts previously submitted by
the Memphis Office.

3 Bureau (AMSD) (Encls. 5)
1 Memphis (Info)
1 Albany (Info)
2 Atlanta (44-2386)
TLL/tl
(7)

4/8/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(Attention: FBI Laboratory)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re Boston teletype to Bureau 4/8/68.

Enclosed for the Laboratory are four pieces of paper each containing laundry marks on red tape which were obtained from four separate thermo-seal machines manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., Syracuse, N. Y., and a partial roll of unused red tape, furnished by PAUL CAMPBELL, President and General Manager, Superior Laundry Co., Inc., 625 Concord Ave., Cambridge, Mass.

For the information of the Laboratory, CAMPBELL advised that his machines print six digit numbers. He advised that his company prior to 9/67 or 10/67 used a code whereby all six digits were used as follows:

First three digits would be numbers;
then two dashes;
followed by a letter.

His company presently uses a code of six digits as follows:

3 - Bureau (Enc. 5)(RM)
1 - Memphis
2 - Boston
WJW:maf
(6)

BS 157-644

first two digits are numbers;
then a dash;
then one number;
then a dash; and
then a letter.

CAMPBELL viewed a photograph of laundry tape which was on the tee shirt and undershorts, the color photograph made available to Boston, and CAMPBELL said this tape definitely is not his marking.

FBI Laboratory is requested to make comparisons of the enclosed sample tapes with those found on the under-clothing of unsub in Memphis, Tenn.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Expedite

Re: MURKIN

File #
Lab. # *44-38861*
D-560340 JK
PC-A 5564 JV

Examination requested by: SAC, Atlanta (*44-2386*) Letter *4/8/68*

Examination requested: ~~Document, Chem (Miscellaneous)~~ Date received: *4/9/68*

Result of Examination: *Micro (HAF) - Misc* Examination by: *Mortimer*

Stonfaugh

Specimens submitted for examination

K1 Five sample laundry tapes bearing Code #02B-6

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

LAB FILE

Expedite

Re: MURKIN
cl
OO: ME

File # *44-38861*
Lab. # *D-560380 JK*
PC-A 5571 JV

Examination requested by: SAC, Boston (157-644)

Airtel 4/8/68

Examination requested: Document, Chem (Miscellaneous)

Date received: 4/9/68

Result of Examination:

Miscellaneous (HFF)
Misc

Examination by: Mortimer

Stouffer

Specimens submitted for examination

- K2 Four pieces of paper each containing laundry marks on red tape obtained from four separate thermo-seal machines manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc.
- K3 Partial roll of unused red tape obtained from Superior Laundry Co., Inc., 625 Concord Ave., Cambridge, Massachusetts

PCA 5564

PCA 5571

Q69 -

83 x 21 y/c - "Z" twist

1 1/16" x 1/4"

79/cm

Q70 - 83 x 21 y/c - "Z" twist -

1 1/16" x 1/4"

K1 - tags -

(a) 84 x 20 y/c - "Z" twist

1 1/8" x 1/4"

(b) 86 x 20 y/c - "Z" twist

1 1/8" x 1/4"

(c) 85 x 20 y/c - "Z"

1 1/8" x 1/4"

(d)

85 x 20 y/c - "Z"

1 1/8" x 1/4"

(e)

84 x 20 y/c - Z - 1 1/8" x 1/4"