

4/26/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

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

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LAUNDRY MARK "20R-3"

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are four samples of Thermo Seal tapes, two on pale yellow and two on goldish-yellow, obtained from the Deluxe Laundry, 1745 East 14th Street, Oakland, California.

On April 24, 1968, ANSELM GOUIG, Owner, Deluxe Laundry, made available the above samples, two from Thermo Seal Machine Model H5K2, Serial Number 30942, and two from Model H5K2, Serial Number 30948. The samples from Serial Number 30942 are "20P-3" rather than "20R-3" inasmuch as the letters for that roll from R through Z will not print. GOUIG stated he does not know how long ago this happened.

Deluxe Laundry uses the code "20R-3" which is a system suggested by the Thermo Seal Company at the time of installation of the machines. The "20" indicates the lot number, "R" indicates the week of the year, and "-3" indicates the package number. Under the system there are two weeks each year when R is used. The last "R" week was the week of January 15 - 20, 1968, at which time a goldish-yellow Thermo Seal tape was used. GOUIG indicated this firm uses 14 different colors of Thermo Seal tape.

"20R-3" was used around January 17 - 18, 1968. It was processed through a load of sheets and pillow slips which were subcontracted from PETE TAYLOR, a driver for Sparklizing Cleaners

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and Laundry, 3217 Danville Highway, Alamo, California, Ticket Number 45333. The customer for this load was "BOTTO" with address "Estabueno" and the ticket was not dated.

The laundry usually indicates on the ticket which articles of the load are colored and from the ticket it would indicate the sheets and pillow slips were white in color.

On April 25, 1968, LEE TAYLOR advised AL BOTTO, 40 Estabueno, Orinda, California, has been a customer of his for over ten years. He stated that BOTTO is one of his best customers and that his laundry and cleaning bill is usually somewhere between \$125 and \$200 a month. BOTTO owns Art's Buffet Bar and Restaurant, 4023 Broadway, Oakland, California, is now semi-retired, and spends most of his time on his yacht and BOTTO's oldest son, DICK, operates the bar and restaurant. BOTTO has a younger son who is attending college and works nights as a bartender at the restaurant. Both sons are married and do not live with their parents.

On April 25, 1968, AL BOTTO was contacted at the Bridge Marina Yacht Harbor, Antioch, California, and advised that to his knowledge he is not missing any bed linens from either his home or his boat. He also stated that he has not had any burglaries in either his home or his yacht wherein any bed linens were taken.

He viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, and stated he does not recall ever having seen him.

Indices of the San Francisco Office indicate BOTTO is identical with ALBENO LOUIS BOTTO, born 1914 in California and has CII Number 2481361. He was arrested by the Oakland Police Department, their Number 166334, on January 17, 1964, for enticing a minor female for prostitution.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LAUNDRY MARKS

Enclosed are three samples of laundry marks from the Economy Cleaners, San Carlos, California, utilizing the number "20R-3" from three different machines.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct examination as requested by the Bureau and/or Memphis.

On April 24, 1968, ANTHONY LAZETERA, Plant Foreman, Economy Cleaners, 1915 West San Carlos Street, advised that this establishment, the largest of its kind between San Francisco and Los Angeles, uses three Thermo Seal laundry marking machines. These machines bear Serial Numbers 32258, 32279, and 32667.

Mr. LAZETERA had samples of the laundry mark "20R-3" prepared from each of the machines, mentioned above, and furnished these samples to the interviewing Agents, SAs WILLIAM N. KIDWELL, JR., and MALCOLM E. SAMPLE.

Mr. LAZETERA stated he is unable to state at this time how many times during the month the laundry mark code, mentioned above, is used by this company.

In view of the fact that this laundry mark code is used many times during the month, San Francisco will not conduct investigation to determine the identity of the owners of the

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property marked by "20R-3" until the Laboratory advises that this is the mark in question.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Memphis airtel to all continental
offices dated 4/19/68.

Referenced airtel reflects the FBI advised
that pillow case and bed sheet located in
Atlanta on 4/11/68 contained Thermo-seal laundry
tapes, yellow in color, containing the code
"20R-3" with the first three characters of the code
being 15 point type and the last two characters
being 18 point type.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Laboratory
are four pages of sample laundry marks bearing the
code, "20R-3" as made by four Thermo-seal machines,
located at the Oak Park Cleaners, 3210 East Broadway,
Tampa, Florida on 4/25/68. These machines contained
the serial numbers 31689, 31693, 31781, and
32140, and produce a five character laundry mark
with the first three characters being a 15 point type
and the last two characters 18 point type.

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1-Memphis (Info) (44-1987)
1-Birmingham (Info) (44-1740)
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The laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed samples of laundry tapes with the laundry tapes mentioned in referenced airtel to determine if they have been produced by the same machine.



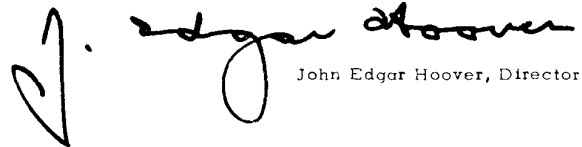
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

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

Date: **May 1, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**


John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561775 JK**

Examination requested by: **Kansas City**

Reference: **Airtel 4/27/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Kansas City (44-760) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)

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Date: **May 1, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
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FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **D-561775 JK**

Specimens received **4/29/68**

K211 Various documents comprising thirty-four pieces of paper bearing purported known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY, obtained from his file at Missouri State Penitentiary

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned hand printing appearing on items attributed to Eric S. Galt was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, K171 and K211.

Because of the presence of characteristics which cannot be explained on the basis of the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, it cannot be definitely determined whether the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 was prepared by this individual; however, significant handwriting similarities were noted.

Specimen K211 has been photographed and is temporarily retained.

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Date: 4/27/68

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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

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

MURKIN
(OO-Memphis)Re FBI Laboratory transmittal form to SAC, Memphis
dated 4/24/68.

561775

Enclosed herewith are 34 pieces of paper containing
purported handwriting and handprinting of JAMES EARL RAY.
These items were contained in the Missouri State Penitentiary
file of RAY, and were furnished to SA ROWEN B. AYERS on 4/26/68
by Mr. HARRY LAUF, Records Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary,
Jefferson City, Mo. They are to be returned upon completion
of use by FBI.

Referenced communication identified the "GALT" writings
with K171, previously submitted; however, were unable to make
positive identification between K171 and "LOWMYER" signature
on Q72.

REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY:

It is requested that the Laboratory compare handwriting
samples being submitted with Q72.

Kansas City Office is currently reviewing handwriting
samples and will submit leads for necessary investigation
arising from this review.

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ENCLOSURE 34

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

Date: **May 1, 1968**

K212 → K214

Re: **MURKIN
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OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561857 JK
D-561858 JK
D-561817 JK**

Examination requested by: **Tampa, Charlotte,
Jacksonville**

Reference:

Airtels, 4/26/68

Examination requested:

Document

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Tampa (157-3231) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Charlotte (44-1365) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Jacksonville (44-769) Enclosure (Lab report)

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Date: **May 1, 1968**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Re: **MURKIN
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Lab. No. **D-561857 JK
D-561858 JK
D-561817 JK**

Specimens received **4/29/68, from FBI, Jacksonville**

**K212 Piece of cloth containing fourteen samples of laundry
tape obtained from Tillman Laundry and Cleaners,
Jacksonville, Florida**

Specimen received **4/29/68, from FBI, Charlotte**

**K213 Eight sample laundry tapes obtained from two
Thermo-Seal machines located at Canton Laundry,
Canton, North Carolina**

Specimen received **4/29/68, from FBI, Tampa**

**K214 Three sample laundry tapes obtained from Winter Park
Laundry, Winter Park, Florida**

Result of examination:

**Differences were noted between the laundry tags
represented by K212, K213 and K214 when compared with the
laundry tags appearing on Q97 and Q99, but the lack of significant
characteristics precluded a definite determination regarding
these specimens.**

K212, K213 and K214 have been retained.



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

Date: **May 13, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**


John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562015 JK**

Examination requested by: **Columbia**
Reference: **Airtel 4/29/68**
Examination requested: **Document**
Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1 - Columbia (44-299) Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

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

Re: **MURKIN
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Date: **May 13, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562015 JK**

Specimens received **4/30/68**

Samples of laundry tapes obtained from twelve Thermo-Seal machines located in the State of South Carolina, further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>LAUNDRY</u>
K215	33487	Post Laundry, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island
K216	33486	"
K217	32571	Deluxe Cleaners and Laundry, West Columbia
K218	34424	Navy Exchange Laundry, U.S. Naval Station, Charleston
K219	34422	"
K220	31837	Doughty Dry Cleaners, Inc. Columbia
K221	31962	Lane's Dry Cleaners and Laundry, Charleston
K222	32363	Georgetown Laundry, Georgetown
K223	32658	Port City Laundry and Cleaners, Charleston
K224	33643	Newberry Steam Laundry, Newberry
K225	32436	White's Cleaners, Shaw AFB
K226	34096	Summerville White Swan Laundry, Summerville

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Result of examination:

It was concluded that the laundry tags appearing on Q69 and Q70 were not prepared with any of the machines used in the preparation of K215 through K226. These known samples are not adequate for comparison with other laundry tags appearing on Q97 and Q99.

The submitted items have been retained.

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY (D-560301 JK)

4/29/68

SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299)

MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau teletype to All Offices, 4/9/68, Albany teletype to Columbia, 4/9/68, Tampa teletype to Columbia, 4/10/68, and Albany airtel to Director, 4/10/68.

A survey of all laundries in the State of South Carolina disclosed that 12 thermo seal marking machines are located in this State.

Enclosed are samples from these machines as indicated:

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
1. Post Laundry Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S. C.	33487
2. Post Laundry Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S. C.	33486
3. Deluxe Cleaners and Laundry 310 State Street West Columbia, S. C.	32571
4. Navy Exchange Laundry U. S. Naval Station Charleston, S. C.	34424
5. Navy Exchange Laundry U. S. Naval Station Charleston, S. C.	34422

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2-Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
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| 6. | Doughty Dry-Cleaners, Inc.
1410 Taylor Street
Columbia, S. C. | 31837 |
| 7. | Lane's Dry-Cleaners and
Laundry
350 Meeting Street
Charleston, S. C. | 31962 |
| 8. | Georgetown Laundry
Georgetown, S. C. | 32363 |
| 9. | Port City Laundry and
Cleaners
Palmetto Shopping Center
Charleston, S. C. | 32658 |
| 10. | Newberry Steam Laundry
Newberry, S. C. | 33643 |
| 11. | White's Cleaners
Shaw AFB, S. C. | 32436 |
| 12. | Summerville White Swan
Laundry
Summerville, S. C. | 34096 |

These enclosures are being sent to the Bureau for comparison with known specimens obtained in this case. The Bureau may retain these samples for future use.

Regarding Albany airtel to the Bureau, 4/10/68, the following information is being furnished for the Memphis Office:

Inquiry at Robinson Laundry and Cleaners, 2547 Forest Drive, Columbia, S. C., disclosed that they sold their thermo seal marking machine to the Newberry Laundry mentioned above and that Robinson had never used markings such as located in instant case.

CO 44-299

On 4/15/68 Miss NELL TAYLOR, Center Supply Company, 915 Lady Street, Columbia, S. C., advised that this concern has not sold thermo seal marking machines for about three years. He said that this type machine with serial number 32571 was sold to Deluxe Cleaners and Laundry, West Columbia, S. C., new, several years ago. Regarding thermo seal machine with serial number 32568 she said that this machine was burned and completely destroyed in their warehouse on 3/7/63 and is no longer in use. She said these are the only two thermo seal machines ever delivered to this company as the others sold by them were delivered directly to the purchaser.

For information of Memphis Office, an insert will be submitted concerning these machines, none of which appear to be pertinent to this investigation.

1 - Mr. Rosen
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1 - Mr. Conrad
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1 - Lab File



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

Date: **May 14, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
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OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562096 JK**

Examination requested by: **Baltimore**

Reference: **Airtel 4/30/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Memphis teletype 4/25/68 advised to discontinue further efforts to obtain laundry tags with the markings "20R-3;" therefore, no additional investigation should be conducted to secure tags with this marking from K236, K237 and K238.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Baltimore (44-669) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 14, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562096 JK

Specimens received 4-30-68

Twelve sample laundry tapes obtained from Thermo-Seal machines located in laundries in the Maryland-Delaware area, further described as follows:

SPECIMEN	SERIAL NUMBER	LAUNDRY
K227	32988	Holland Cleaners, Baltimore, Md.
K228	33510	Kirsch Cleaners, Lutherville, Md.
K229	R32566	Sparkle Cleaners, Glen Burnie, Md.
K230	R32450	"
K231	32851	Archers Laundry, Baltimore, Md.
K231A	32940	"
K232	34336	Pilgrim Laundry, Baltimore, Md.
K233	32212	"
K234	33705	Ruxton Cleaners, Towson, Md.
K235	32925	"
K236	-----	East-West Valet, Rockville, Md.
K237	-----	Sayer Laundry, Wilmington, Delaware
K238	-----	Lincoln Cleaner, Wilmington, Delaware

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Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Result of examination:

It was concluded that none of the machines used to prepare K227 through K238 was employed in preparing the laundry marks appearing on Q69 and Q70 and that the machine used to prepare K228 was not used to prepare the laundry marks appearing on Q97 and Q99.

Differences were noted between the tapes designated K227 and K229 through K235 when compared with the laundry marks appearing on Q97 and Q99, but the lack of sufficient identifying features precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

Specimens K236, K237 and K238 are not adequate for comparison with the laundry marks on Q97 and Q99. The submitted items have been retained.



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1 - Mr. Rosen
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1 - Mr. Mortimer
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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 14, 1968**

K239

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562066 JK**

Examination requested by: **Richmond**
Reference: **Airtel 4/29/68**
Examination requested: **Document**
Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Richmond (44-637) Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

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Date: **May 14, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
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FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **D-562066 JK**

Specimens received **5/1/68**

**K239 Slip of ruled paper containing four laundry tapes,
Code 20R-3, obtained from Smith's One Hour Cleaners,
Lynchburg, Virginia**

Result of examination:

**It was concluded that the machine used to prepare
specimen K239 was not used to prepare the laundry tags appearing
on Q69 and Q70.**

**Some differences were noted between the tags represented
by K239 when compared with the laundry tags appearing on Q97 and
Q99, but the lack of identifying features precluded a definite
determination from being reached.**

Specimen K239 has been retained.

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4-29-68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

ReMEairtel, 4-19-68.

On 4-26-68 JAMES E. SMITH, Smith's One Hour Cleaners, 2300 Fort Avenue, Lynchburg, Va., advised his laundry uses Thermo-Seal tapes and the code number would be included in numbers utilized about four months ago. He could furnish no information on the identity of the customer involved inasmuch as, when marking, one tape is affixed to item, and identical numbered tape to store's copy of call-ticket, which is destroyed after customer pick up. He added tapes can be any of at least 6 colors.

SMITH furnished samples of tapes bearing number 20R-3. It is requested these samples be compared with known tapes in this case.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Richmond
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 (Mr. Long 2260)
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1 - Mr. Mortimer
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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 14, 1968**

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Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562100 JK**

Examination requested by: **Boston**

Reference: **Airtel 4/30/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Boston (157-644) Enclosure (Lab report)

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

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Date: **May 14, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562100 JK**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Specimens received **5/1/68**

Twelve samples of laundry tapes obtained from Thermo-Seal machines located in laundries in the Boston, Massachusetts area, further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>LAUNDRY</u>
K240	R32865	Sparkel Cleaners, Brighton
K241	33287	Holly Cleaners, Newton
K242	R32176	C. G. Howes, Newton
K243	R31762	Superior Laundry, Cambridge
K244	R32116	"
K245	R32119	"
K246	R32118	"
K247	33014	Shea's Dry Cleaners, Cambridge
K248	33700	"
K249	R31984	"
K250	R31585	"
K251	34548	Shea's, Brookline

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the laundry tags appearing on Q69 and Q70 were not prepared by any of the machines represented by K240 through K251 and that the tags appearing on Q97 and Q99 were not prepared by the machines used in the preparation of K242 through K246.

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Differences were noted between the laundry tags represented by K240, K241 and K247 through K251 when compared with the laundry tags designated Q97 and Q99, but the lack of significant identifying features precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

K240 through K251 have been retained.



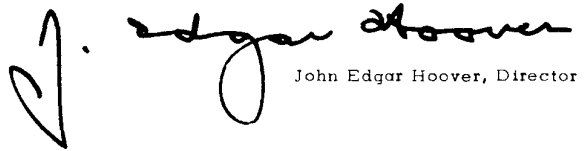
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Date: **May 14, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
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FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562361 JK**

Examination requested by: **Boston**

Reference: **Airtel 5/2/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Memphis teletype 4/22/68 advised to discontinue further efforts to obtain laundry tags with the markings "20A-3;" therefore, no additional investigation should be conducted to secure tags with this marking from K253 through K256.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Boston (157-644) Enclosure (Lab report).

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

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 14, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-562361 JK**Specimens received **5/6/68**

- K253 Two pieces of cloth containing two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 33137, obtained from Post Exchange Laundry, Newport Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island.**
- K254 Two pieces of cloth containing two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 33138, obtained from Post Exchange Laundry, Newport Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island.**
- K255 Two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 33431, obtained from U. S. Naval Exchange Laundry, U. S. Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Rhode Island.**
- K256 Two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 32296, obtained from U. S. Naval Exchange Laundry, U. S. Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Rhode Island.**

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the machines used to prepare specimens K253 through K256 were not used to prepare the questioned laundry tags appearing on Q69 and Q70. These known specimens are not adequate for comparison with the "20R-3" designations appearing on the Q97 and Q99 laundry tags.

K253 through K256 have been retained.

JHM:AW (10)

5/2/68

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(Attn.: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Albany airtels to Bureau, 4/11/68 and
4/12/68.

LAUNDRY MARKS

Enclosed herewith for examination by the FBI Laboratory are samples of laundry marks obtained from Thermo-Seal machines of laundry establishments within the Boston Division, which are described and itemized as follows:

Item #1

Post Exchange Laundry
Newport Naval Base
Newport, Rhode Island -
machines SN 33137
and SN 33138

Item #2

U. S. Naval Exchange Laundry
U. S. Naval Air Station
Quonset Point, Rhode Island -
machines SN 33431
and SN 32296

③ - Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Boston
RMK:mej
(6)

*Recd.
5-6-68*

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



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

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

Date: **May 9, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861
FBI File No. **D-562610 JK**
Lab. No.

Examination requested by: **Kansas City**
Reference: **Airtel 5/6/68**
Examination requested: **Document**
Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Kansas City (44-760) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

JHM:AW (10)

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

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CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-562610 JK**Specimens received **5/7/68**

K257 Twenty-one sheets of paper and one copy of a form dated 4/4/58, bearing known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY

ALSO SUBMITTED: One "Inmate Request To Staff Member" form for JACK M. RAY, No. 59602

Result of examination:

The additional known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, represented by K257, does not sufficiently augment the known handwriting of this individual previously received to permit the identification of the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 with this individual.

K257 is temporarily retained.

JHM:AW (10)

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____



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

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

Date: **May 10, 1968**

Re:

**MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

[Handwritten signature: J. Edgar Hoover]
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562676 JK**

Examination requested by: **Mobile**

Reference: **Airtel 5/6/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1 - Mobile (157-2627) Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)

JHM:AW (11)
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Re: **MURKIN
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Date: **May 10, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562676 JK**

Specimens received **5/8/68**

Photocopies of documents obtained from Alabama State Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama, comprising the known handwriting of eleven individuals, further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Kc258	WILLIAM ELMER JOHNSON
Kc259	FRANK GARRETT PERRY
Kc260	JAMES PRESTON RIDDICK
Kc261	ROBERT CLIFTON SMITH
Kc262	FONTAINE STORM
Kc263	R. W. KERR
Kc264	CLYDE JUSTIN HILL
Kc265	WINFORD PRESTON GILMORE
Kc266	PAUL EDGAR GOODPASTER, JR.
Kc267	LEE EMERSON BALLAMY
Kc268	ROGER DAVID BROUSSARD

Result of examination:

Nothing of particular significance was noted from such comparisons as could be made between the writings on Kc258 through Kc268 when compared with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, whose known handwriting appears on specimens K171, K211 and K257.

The submitted items have been retained.

JHM:AW (11)



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1 - Mr. Mortimer
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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 14, 1968**

K269-270

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562678 JK**

Examination requested by: **Detroit**

Reference: **Airtel 5/6/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

**Detroit should obtain laundry tapes from the K269
and K270 machines in the sequence "Q2B-8" for comparison with
the laundry tapes on Q69 and Q70.**

Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Detroit (44-989) Enclosure (Lab report)

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

JHM:AW (10)

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

Date: **May 14, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **D-562678 JK**

Specimens received **5/8/68**

K269 Three samples of laundry tape appearing on left portion of white handkerchief, obtained from Paw Paw Laundry, Paw Paw, Michigan

K270 Three samples of laundry tapes appearing on right portion of white handkerchief, obtained from Paw Paw Laundry, Paw Paw, Michigan

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the laundry tapes appearing on Q97 and Q99 were not prepared with the K269 machine while differences were noted between the tapes produced by the K270 machine and the laundry tapes on Q97 and Q99. These known specimens are not adequate for a comparison with the "02B-6" markings which appear on the tapes which were attached to Q69 and Q70.

Specimens K269 and K270 have been retained.

JHM:AW (10)



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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

1 - Mr. Rosen
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1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

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

Date: **May 17, 1968**

K271- K274

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680515052 JK**

Examination requested by: **Baltimore**

Reference: **Airtel 5/14/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

**It should be noted by Baltimore that only six
samples of laundry tapes were received in the Laboratory.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Baltimore (44-669) Enclosure (Lab report)

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

JHM:AW (10)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 17, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680515052 JK**Specimens received **5/15/68**

- K271** Three pieces of paper each bearing three sample laundry tapes, Serial No. 33607, obtained from Colesville Cleaners, Silver Spring, Maryland
- K272** Yellow piece of paper bearing two sample laundry tapes obtained from Waldorf Laundry, Waldorf, Maryland
- K273** White card bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Lustre Cleaners, Suitland, Maryland
- K274** White card bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Morningside Laundry, Hyattsville, Maryland

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the machines used to prepare specimens K271 through K274 were not employed to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on Q69 and Q70 and that the machines designated K272, K273 and K274 were not used to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on Q97 and Q99. Differences were noted between the laundry tapes represented by K271 and those appearing on Q97 and Q99 but the lack of identifying features precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

K271 through K274 have been retained.

JHM:AW (10)



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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
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- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File

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

Date: **May 28, 1968**

K276- K277

BP

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680527062 JK**

Examination requested by: **Baltimore**
Reference: **Airtel 5/24/68**
Examination requested: **Document**
Remarks:

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Baltimore (44-669) Enclosure (Lab report)

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 28, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680527062 JK

Specimens received 5/27/68

K276 Four slips of white paper each bearing a sample laundry tape obtained from L & H Cleaners, Havre de Grace, Maryland

K277 Slip of white paper bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Camelot Cleaners, Laurel, Maryland

Result of examination:

It was concluded that neither of the machines, K276 nor K277, was used to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on Q69 and Q70.

Specimens K276 and Q277 are retained.

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

JHM:AW (9)

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1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab file

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

Date: **June 3, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CK**

OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680529081 JK**

Examination requested by: **Kansas City**
Reference: **Airtel 5/28/68**
Examination requested: **Document**
Remarks:

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Kansas City (44-760) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

JHM:pb (9)

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Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Date: **June 3, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680529081 JK**

Specimens received **5/29/68**

**K278 through K453 One hundred seventy-six applications to the
Belsaw Locksmithing Institute, Kansas City,
Missouri, for the months of April and May, 1968,
bearing known handwriting of various individuals**

Result of examination:

**The handwriting, hand printing and typewriting appearing
on K278 through K453 were compared with respective portions of
known and questioned items submitted in connection with the
"MURKIN" investigation, but no identification could be made.**

**K278 through K453 will be returned by separate cover.
These items were not photographed.**

JHM:pb (11)



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- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- ① - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File

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

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

Date: **June 7, 1968**

K 454-484

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680604198 JK**

Examination requested by: **Newark**

Reference: **Airtel 5/31/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

**The items designated K454 through K484 were
obtained from the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls,
New Jersey.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Newark (44-854) Enclosures (31) (K454-K484, 2 Lab report)

JHM:AW (10)

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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**
Re: **MURKIN**
CR

Date: **June 7, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680604198 JK**

Specimens received **6/4/68**

**K454 through K484 Known handwriting, hand printing and
typewriting of thirty-one individuals
appearing on various documents**

Result of examination:

The typewriting, hand printing and handwriting appearing on items designated K454 through K484 were compared with items received in connection with the "MURKIN" investigation, but nothing of particular significance was noted.

K454 through K484 are returned to Newark. These items were not photographed.