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DATE: 6-14-71

TO: MR DOWNING *6*

FROM: Mr. Dewbrough

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING LABORATORY
FILE BE MAINTAINED IN THE LABORATORY FILES UNIT FOR
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FILE NO.

44-38861

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

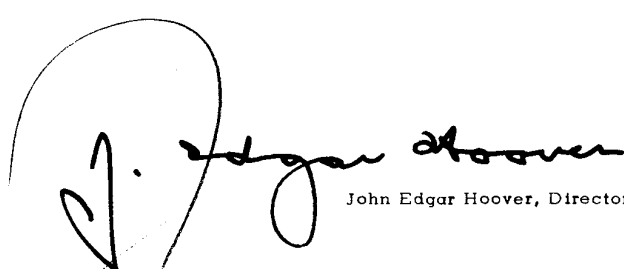
1 - Mr. Newbrough

LAB FILE

To: **FBI, Philadelphia (44-1368)**

Date: **February 2, 1970**

Re: **MURKIN**



John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-700116085 LF**

Examination requested by: **Philadelphia**
Reference: **Airtel 1/15/70**
Examination requested: **Document**
Remarks:

Enclosures (3) (K490, 2 Lab report)
2 Memphis (44-1987) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
WLN:Law (6)

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

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

To: **FBI, Philadelphia (44-1368)**

Date: **February 2, 1970**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Re: **MURKIN**

Lab. No. **D-700116085 LF**

Specimens received **1/16/70**

K490 One envelope and accompanying greeting card, one sheet of blue ruled paper, one photocopy of a portion of an envelope, one photocopy of articles regarding Victoria Craig, and two pages of news letter, all bearing known handwriting of VICTORIA CRAIG

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writing on previously submitted Q413 through Q417 was prepared by the writer of specimen K490.

The submitted material ~~is~~ returned herewith. Photographs have been made.

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1-19-70
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

LAB FILE

Re: MURKIN

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-700116085 LF

Examination requested by: Philadelphia (44-1368)

Airtel 1-15-70

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 1-16-70

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mr. Newbrough

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must note. Photograph -*

Specimens submitted for examination

K490 *greeting* ~~One Christmas card, one piece of paper, and one envelope bearing the known handwriting of E. VICTORIA CRAIG~~

2 pages of news letter, copy of two articles, 2 sheets of paper
Envelope and accompanying greeting card
one sheet of blue ruled paper, photocopy of
of a portion of an envelope, photocopy of
articles regarding Victoria & Craig, and two
pages of news letter all bearing known
handwriting of Victoria Craig

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Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mr. McPherson

Examination requested by: Document

Date received: 1-10-10

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Examination requested by: BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (17-1388)

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1/15/70

AIRTEL

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

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis letter dated 1/5/70.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are sample handwritings of VICTORIA CRAIG, aka "Yankee". The writing is being forwarded to the Laboratory because of the similarity in handwriting in referenced letter and the handwriting of VICTORIA CRAIG.

VICTORIA CRAIG, 4644 Strable Street, Pennypack Gardens, Pa., is employed at the Western Savings Fund Society, Broad and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia. Mrs. CRAIG was first contacted by this office on March 29, 1966, when the name VICTORIA CRAIG, 4644 Strable Street, Pennypack Gardens, Philadelphia, Pa., was found in a group of 4"x6" cards maintained in a file card box at "Minutemen" headquarters. At the time she appeared extremely emotionally unstable and claimed she had been a member of various subversive organizations for over 20 years. She said she had been an informant for HERBERT PHILBRICK in these matters.

She said she lived in Arlington, Mass., for most of her life but her husband and she moved to Florida and through some unexplained misfortune they lost their home. She came to Philadelphia about one year before the interview.

At the time of the interview, Mrs. CRAIG carried a large shopping bag with the official letters from prominent personages which included letters from legislatures, RICHARD Cardinal CUSHING of Boston, General WALKER and some letters from "REBEL", whom she identified as HERBERT PHILBRICK.

- ② - Bureau (44-38861) (Encls. 7) (RM)
- 2 - Memphis
- 2 - Philadelphia (44-1368)
- 1 - 157-1721 (VICTORIA CRAIG)

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PH 44-1368

By letter dated 7/21/65, the Boston Office indicated that Mrs. CRAIG was a notorious letter writer who made generalized allegations of government mishandling and the Communist menace. According to this letter, she is known to use exaggeration, diatribe, and vituperation in her correspondence.

At the time of the interview, Mrs. CRAIG insisted she loved her country and burst into tears at the thought she was being investigated. She insisted the Minutemen were extremely loyal people and that she knew absolutely nothing which she felt might be dangerous in them. Since that time Mrs. CRAIG has forwarded to the Philadelphia Office numerous pamphlets put out by resistance type groups and Quaker groups concerning anti Vietnam war activities. Philadelphia Office accepts information from her but she has never been directed in any way to help the Philadelphia Office.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the handwriting of Mrs. CRAIG with sample handwritings furnished by Memphis. If the Laboratory so desires, they can keep the samples for their records as they need not be returned to Philadelphia.

1-Lab File



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

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

Date: **January 21, 1970**

Re: **MURKIN**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-700109058 LF**

Examination requested by: **Memphis**

Reference: **Letter 1-5-70**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (8) (Q413 - Q417, ALSO SUBMITTED, 2 Lab report)

1 - Philadelphia Enclosure (Lab report)

WLN:pjb (5) ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

**REPORT
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1-Lab File

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **January 21, 1970**FBI File No. **44-38861**Re: **MURKIN**Lab. No. **D-700109058 LF**Specimens received **1-8-70**

- Q413** Envelope postmarked "PHILADELPHIA PA A AM 30 DEC 1969" bearing handwritten address "U.S. DistFict Court Judge, Robert M. McRae, Jr. Memphis, Tennessee"
- Q414** First page of handwritten letter beginning "Dear Judge McRae, Jr; As a Government Informer, I am giving..." and ending "...The truth is that"
- Q415** Second page of handwritten letter beginning "I attended Communist schools..." and ending "... Learn to pray to 'God'"
- Q416** Envelope postmarked "PHILADELPHIA PA. DEC 17 P.M." bearing handwritten address "U. S. District Court Judge, Robert M. McRae, Jr. Memphis, Tenn."
- Q417** Accompanying Christmas card bearing hand printed message beginning "Judge McRae, Jr. You are wrong..." and ending "...with his Commie Negroes."

ALSO SUBMITTED: Newspaper clipping; Leaflet entitled It Can Happen Here**Result of examination:**

Specimens Q413 through Q417 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies are not being added at this time.

Specimens Q413 through Q416 contain no watermarks, indented writing of significance or any other identifying characteristics which would assist in determining their source. Specimen Q417 and the ALSO SUBMITTED material contain no indented writing of significance.

The postage stamps on specimens Q413 and Q416 originated from sheets of stamps.

The submitted material is returned herewith. Photographs have been made.

WLN:pjb (5)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Recorded 1/15/70 eap

Laboratory Work Sheet

Lab File

Re: MURKIN

✓ File # 44-38861
✓ Lab. # D-700109058 LF

Examination requested by: Memphis (44-1987) L. 1/5/70

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 1/8/70

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Newbrough

Q413 - Q417 neg ATF. Copies not added at this time
Q413 - Q416 no marks, incl writing of neg or other id re source
Q417 & also no incl writing.
stamp Q413 & Q416 sheets of stamps
Retail Photos

Specimens submitted for examination

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ALSO SUBMITTED: Newspaper clipping

Leaflet entitled It Can Happen Here

SEARCHED 34H Pa, W Va, NY, N.J., Ohio, MO, Del, Tenn, Ky, W.C., Miss, Mo
SE, Ala, Ark, Va, Ga - results neg, added to Pa + Tenn 34H
GIP results neg. 1/17/70

- Q413 White envelope 4.2" x 9.5", .0044 no watermarks
or indented writing, stamp from sheet 01
- Q414 w/Sheet of white paper .0027 7.99" x 4.97
no watermarks or indented writing
- Q415 w/Sheet of white paper .0027 7.98" x 4.97
no watermarks or indented writing
- Q416 White envelope (Torn) 5.52" x 3.63", .0044
no watermarks or indented writing - Stamp from
a sheet
- Q417 hollow card no indent writing

DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)(44-38861) 1/5/70

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

MURKIN

The following items are enclosed herewith to the Bureau:

- (1) Envelope postmarked Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dec. 30, 1969, addressed, "U. S. District Court Judge, Robert M. Mc Rae, Jr. Memphis, Tenn."
- (2) Xerox copy of Item No. 1.
- (3) Original 2-page letter dated December 29, 1969, addressed to U. S. District Court Judge, ROBERT M. McRAE, JR., and ending "Learn to pray to 'God'," which was received in Item No. 1.
- (4) Newspaper article captioned, "James Earl Ray Loses Court Suit," which was contained in envelope described as Item No. 1.
- (5) Pamphlet entitled, "It Can Happen Here," which also was contained in envelope described as Item #1.
- (6) Xerox copies of Items 3, 4, and 5.
- (7) Envelope postmarked Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dec. 17, 1969, addressed, "U. S. District Court Judge, Robert M. McRae, Jr., Memphis, Tenn."
- (8) Christmas card which was received in Item No. 7. This card contains a handwritten message beginning, "Judge McRae, Jr. You are wrong..." and ending, "U. S. Security Training 1942 - 1969."
- (9) Xerox copies of Items 7 and 8.

Xerox copies of Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are also being forwarded with copies of this communication to the Philadelphia Office.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc.-12)(REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - Philadelphia (Enc.-6)(Info.)
2 - Memphis
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United States District Judge ROBERT M. McRAE, JR., Memphis, Tenn., made the original items described above available to the Memphis Office, January 2, 1970. Judge McRAE stated that obviously these communications were directed to him as a result of newspaper publicity about his having ruled against JAMES EARL RAY in RAY's suit seeking to void a series of contracts between JAMES EARL RAY and his former attorneys and to forbid publication of certain information in connection with the slaying of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Judge McRAE gave this ruling in U. S. District Court, Memphis, Tenn., 12/1/69.

Judge McRAE stated he realizes that the contents of the two communications in question do not constitute a violation of any Federal Law and that these communications do not contain threats to do bodily harm. He stated that these communications have been handled by numerous friends and that he wanted to make these communications available to the FBI in view of the fact that perhaps the same anonymous person may have written similar communications to other people connected in some way with this case. Judge McRAE was also of the opinion that the FBI perhaps maintained a file on such anonymous communications. Judge McRAE stated he would abide by any decision the FBI makes in connection with action to be taken on these letters. In summary, he stated his reason for referring the letters to the FBI is merely informative and that he does not desire to know the results of any possible action taken.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Laboratory is requested to search the handwriting on the original communications through the Anonymous Letter File.

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THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Copies of this communication and copies of the enclosures described above are being made available to Philadelphia inasmuch as the envelopes bear the Philadelphia postmark and it is possible the same anonymous person may have written other letters to the Philadelphia Office.