AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED (R.R.R.)

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY, DOCUMENT SECTION)

FROM:

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are the following items of an evidentiary nature which were obtained from Herbert G. GREENBERG, 1640 La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, by SA THEODORE M. GARDNER on 4/26/68 and which were both inscribed on the back upper left hand corner, "4/26/68, TMG, LA, CALIF.":

- (1) One air mail envelope, postmarked 2/26/68, addressed to Tiffany Enterprises, 8512 Whitworth Dr., Los Angeles, California, bearing a return address of ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Calif. 90028.
- (2) One typewritten letter dated 2/26/68 bearing the typewritten signature ERIC S. GALT, as well as a written signature.

For the information of the Laboratory, the numerals "998" and all of the writing in what appears to be red ballpoint pen ink were both placed there by either GREENBERG or an employee of Tiffany Enterprises.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the signature appearing on the letter and the type on the letter and envelope with those previously submitted samples in this case in order to determine if the enclosed samples are comparable with the previously submitted samples. Upon completion of the examination, it is requested that the evidence be returned to the Los Angeles Division.

h - Bureau (Encs. 2)(AMSD)(REGISTERED)(RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED)

2 - Los Angeles
TMG:CM
(6)

Mr. Conrad

R. H. Jevons

1-Mr. Conrad_Enc.

1-Mr. Clark-Enc.

1-Mr. Frazier-Enc.

4-29-68

Lab Files-Enc. 1-Office, 7133-Enc.

MURKIN

There is attached a report to the Memphis Police Department covering the examinations of evidence collected and turned over to the Bureau by personnel of that Department in this case. The evidence has been sent to our Memphis Office for return to the Police Department pursuant to Mr. DeLoach's memorandum of 4-24-68.

ACTION: The proposed report is attached for approval.

44-38861

1-Mr. Mohr-Enc.

1-Mr. DeLoach-Enc.

1-Mr. Rosen-Enc.

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REPORT of the

1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Long (Room 2260)

1 - Mr. Conrad

1 - Mr. Griffith (Attn: Mr. Mortimer

l - Mr. Frazier Mr. Stombaugh

- Lab Files - Office, 7133

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Chief of Police

Memphis, Tennessee 38100 April 29, 1968

This examination has been made with the understanding that the evidence is connected with an official investigation of a criminal matter and that the Laboratory report will be used for official purposes only, related to the investigation or a subsequent criminal prosecution. Authorization cannot be granted for the use of the Laboratory report in connection with a civil proceeding.

Re:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., VICTIM; MURDER

Examination requested by:

FBI, Memphis

Reference:

Specimens:

(see below)

Examination requested:

John Edgar Hoover, Directo YOUR NO. FBI FILE NO.

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PC-A5498 BX IZ KS GH

D-560096 JK

E-565 JZ PC-A5505 BX IZ

PC-A5530 BX GH JV

PC-A5694 IZ

Firearms - Microscopic - Spectrographic -Chemical Analyses - Document - Engineering -Fingerprint

LAB. NO.

Evidence personally delivered on 4/5/68, by Special Agent Robert Fitzpatrick, from FBI, Memphis, under cover of letters dated 4/4/68 (PC-A5498 BX IZ KS GH, D-560096 JK and E-565 JZ)

Submitted as recovered by Inspector N. E. Zachary, Memphis Police Department, in vicinity of 424 South Main Street:

- Q1 Rifle box for Browning .243 Winchester caliber rifle, Serial Number 4744Z5
- **Q2** .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington "Gamemaster" slideaction rifle, Model 760, Serial Number 461476, with Redfield telescope sight, Serial Number Al7350, with clip

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- Q3 .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington-Peters cartridge case
- Q4 Q12 Nine .30-06 Springfield caliber cartridges (five Remington-Peters and four R-A-55) in Peters cartridge box, Index Number 3033
- Q13 Large green and brown cloth
- Q14 "Banner" binoculars (Bushnell) 7 by 35, Serial
 Number DQ408664 (allegedly in zipper bag when recovered)
- Q15 Zipper bag
- Q16 Duck-bill pliers and tack hammer marked "MAGNETIC"
- Q17 Box of "BAND-AID sheer strips"
- Q18 Georgia-Alabama Standard Oil map
- Ql9 "Commercial Appeal" Memphis newspaper, first section only, issue of April 4, 1968
- Q20 Standard Gil map of the United States
- Q21 Partial roll of toilet paper
- Q22 Binocular case with instruction booklet, lens cloth and guarantee card
- -Q23 Binocular box, cardboard
- Q24 "Gillette" travel kit purchased at Oliver Rexall Store, Whitehaven, price \$1.89, with razor, lotion shaving cream, deodorant, hair cream and razor blade in dispenser
- Q25 Gray paper sack bearing marking "YORK ARMS CO." with receipt dated 4/4/68 in amount of \$41.55
- Q26 White and yellow towel
- Q27 White handkerchief
- Q28 Tube of "Colgate" toothpaste

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- Q29 Q30 Pair of black socks
- Q31 Seven-ounce can of "RIGHT GUARD" deodorant
- -Q32 Channel Master radio
- Q33 Bottle of "BUFFERIN"
- Q34 Elastic belt
- Q35 Tube of "BRYLCREEM"
- Q36 Bottle of "ONE A DAY" vitamins
- Q37 Small bar of "Cashmere Bouquet" soap
- Q38 Hairbrush
- Q39 Bar of "Dial" soap, bath size
- Q40 Tube of "Head & Shoulders" shampoo
- Q41 Can of brown "KIWI" boot polish
- Q42 Can of "PALMOLIVE RAPID-SHAVE" shaving cream
- Q43 Gray-brown button (in sack with beer)
- Q44 Black button (in sack with beer)
- Q45 Toothbrush, "Pepsodent"
- Q46 Safety razor, without blade
- Q47 Plastic bottle of "MENNEN afta" lotion
- Q48 Small bar of "Cameo" toilet soap
- Q49 Small bar of "Cashmere Bouquet" soap, bearing advertisement of Friendship Inns
- Q50 Q51 Two bobby pins
- Q52 Q53 Two cans of "Schlitz" beer, pull tab
- Q54 Plastic "six-pack" carrying device

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Q55 Brown paper sack (containing beer)

Q56 Small brown paper sack, empty

Q57 Key

Q58 Toothpick

Q59 Metal ring

Q60 - Q61 Two coat hangers

Q62 Two links from "ADJUST-O" watchband

Q63 Gray-brown button

Q64 Bullet from body

Q68 Fingerprint card for Bessie Ruth Brewer

Evidence personally delivered on 4/8/68, by Special Agent Robert Fitzpatrick, from FBI, Memphis, under cover of letter dated 4/6/68 (PC-A5505 BX IZ)

Q69 Undershorts

Q70 T shirt

Also Submitted: Ten latent lifts

Evidence received 4/8/68, from FBI, Memphis, under cover of letter dated 4/4/68 (PC-A5530 BX GH JV)

CLOTHING FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Q76 Shirt

Q77 Necktie

Q78 Suit coat

Q79 Trousers

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Q80 - Q81 Pair of socks

Q82 Undershorts

Q83 Undershirt

Q84 - Q85 Pair of shoes

Evidence received 4/16/68, from FBI, Memphis, under cover of letter dated 4/12/68 (PC-A5694 IZ)

Q204 Pillow

Q205 Pillowcase

Q206 Green sofa pillow

Q207 Bed sheet

Q208 Bed sheet

Q209 Black leather strap, 11/32" wide

Q210 Black leather strap, 5/8" wide

Q211 Dried plant material

Q212 Towel with white, blue, green and yellow stripes

Q213 Red, white and blue plastic pin and portion of pin

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RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

FIREARMS - TOOLMARKS EXAMINATIONS

The serial number on the black rifle box, Ql, was determined to be 4744Z5. This box originally contained a .243 Winchester caliber Browning rifle.

The Q3 cartridge case was identified as having been fired in the Q2 rifle. The only marks found on Q3, other than marks made during manufacturing procedures, were one extractor mark which was identified as having been made by the extractor of the Q2 rifle and the marks left on Q3 by the Q2 rifle when Q3 was fired.

The bullet, Q64, from the victim is a .30 caliber metal-jacketed "soft-point" sporting-type bullet of Remington-Peters manufacture which was fired from a barrel rifled with six lands and grooves, right twist. Based on the physical characteristics of the general rifling impressions, the Q64 bullet could have been fired from the Remington rifle, Q2. The Q64 bullet has been distorted due to mutilation and insufficient marks of value for identification remain on this bullet. Therefore, it was not possible to determine whether or not Q64 was fired from the Q2 rifle.

The Q64 bullet is identical in all remaining observable physical characteristics to the 150 grain bullets in the five loaded .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington-Peters cartridges, Q4 through Q8.

Based on physical characteristics, specimen Q64 and the cartridge case, Q3, could originally have been portions of the same cartridge, which would be the same as the Q4 through Q8 cartridges. No marks are present on Q64 of the type which would permit determining positively whether or not the Q64 bullet was originally a portion of the cartridge represented by Q3.

The five cartridges, Q4 through Q8, conform in description to the type of cartridges packaged by the manufacturer in the Peters cartridge box in which they were submitted. Because of the manner in which cartridges are boxed at the factory, it is not possible to determine whether or not the cartridge represented by Q3 or any of the

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Q4 through Q8 cartridges were packaged in the same box by the manufacturer.

The Peters cartridge box in which Q4 through Q8 were submitted also contained four U. S. Military cartridges, containing full-metal jacketed 150 grain bullets, different from Q64. The manufacturer's headstamp on these cartridges is "R A 55." The "R A" indicates that these cartridges were manufactured by Remington Arms Company, Incorporated, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Cartridges bearing "55" are those normally manufactured in 1955.

Examination of the four cartridges, Q9 through Q12, revealed no marks indicating these cartridges had ever been loaded into a weapon. The only marks on these cartridges appear to be marks produced by the manufacturer's machines and marks of the type produced by metal-link ammunition belts of the type used with machine guns. The link belt marks on Q9 through Q12 are suitable for comparison with the metal links from which the cartridges were withdrawn. In metal-link belts, each cartridge serves to hold adjacent links together. As each cartridge is withdrawn, a link (which is expendable) separates from the rest of the belt.

No aluminum, screen-type scratches, paint, wood or other foreign material was found on the muzzle or side of the barrel of the Q2 rifle.

No record was located in the National Stolen Property Index or the National Crime Information Center for a Browning rifle, Serial Number 4744Z5, as originally contained in Q1; for the Q2 rifle; for a Redfield 2X-7X variable telescope sight, Serial Number A17350 (which is mounted on Q2), or for the Bushnell binoculars, Q14, Serial Number DQ408664.

No serial number which would facilitate tracing was found on the Weaver telescope sight mount and base on Q2. The screws used to secure the sight tube to the mount were "finger" tight. No tool was required to loosen them and no toolmarks of value for comparison are present.

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The magnification setting of the telescope sight tube was " $6\frac{1}{2}x$ " when the Q2 rifle was received. Therefore, objects viewed would be enlarged to approximately $6\frac{1}{2}$ times normal size.

HAIR EXAMINATION

Numerous brown head hairs of Caucasian origin were found on or in specimens Q13, Q15, Q26, Q29, Q30 and Q38. Numerous dark brown to black beard fragments of Caucasian origin were removed from the Q24 and Q46 razors. All of these hairs and beard fragments have been mounted on glass slides for comparisons with any specimens you may develop.

Several Caucasian head hairs were found on the Q206 sofa pillow and on the Q208 sheet and numerous such hairs were found on the Q207 sheet. Some of these hairs are like the previously described hairs from the Q38 hairbrush and other items and could have come from the same person. It is pointed out that hairs do not possess enough individual microscopic characteristics to be positively identified as originating from a particular person. Most of the hairs from Q206, Q207 and Q208 are different from the previously described hairs from Q38 and other items and did not originate from the same person.

No hairs were found on the Q69 undershorts or Q70 T shirt.

FIBER EXAMINATION

Brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers and lustrous green viscose fibers like those composing the Q13 bedspread were found on the Q2 rifle and in the debris removed from the Q1 box. These fibers could have originated from specimen Q13.

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Brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers and lustrous green viscose fibers that could have come from the Q13 bedspread were found on Q207 and Q208. None were found on Q204, Q205, Q206 or Q212.

SOIL EXAMINATION

Fine smears and deposits of brown silty soil having the appearance of being deposited while wet were found on Q13. The soil in these smears and deposits is suitable for comparison purposes. The specific origin of the soil cannot be determined by a Laboratory examination.

BLOOD EXAMINATION

Group "O" human blood was identified on Q76, Q77, Q78, Q79 and Q83.

Human blood, too limited in amount for grouping purposes, was found on Q82, Q84 and Q85.

Preliminary chemical tests for blood indicated the possible presence of blood on Q80 and Q81. However, there was an insufficient amount of material on these items to permit the necessary additional chemical tests to definitely establish the presence of blood.

DOCUMENT EXAMINATION

Specimens Q18, Q19, Q20, Q23, Q25, Q55 and Q56 were examined for writings and pertinent indented impressions, but nothing of significance was found.

The Q55 bag is imprinted "HOMESTEAD" and "STUBBY." Information available in the Laboratory shows that the "HOMESTEAD" brand name is registered to the Graham Paper Company, 1014 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102, while "STUBBY" refers to the type of bag.

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MISCELLANEOUS EXAMINATIONS

Specimen Ql is a black cardboard box measuring 6 3/4" x 2 1/2" x 44 1/4". Printing on the box indicates it contained a Browning Mauser rifle, "SAFARI" grade. The number "130712" is printed on the end of the box and "474425" has been hand printed on the same end.

Specimen Q13 is a large green and brown bedspread. It is composed of approximately 50% brown cotton, 25% green cotton and 25% lustrous green viscose fibers. It measures 106 1/4" x 85 1/4" and has a herringbone design. The ribs of the herringbone have a 40° angle and each rib is 3/4" in width. No visible, invisible or manufacturer's markings were found on Q13. It exhibits above-average wear and is of the type sometimes found in hotels or motels.

The Bushnell Q14 binoculars were manufactured in Japan. Bushnell binoculars are distributed by Bushnell and Company, Incorporated, 639 Bushnell Building, Pasadena, California. Specimen Q14 bears number "DQ408664." A paper label on the center post indicates Q14 was passed by the "Japan Telescopes Inspection Institute."

The Q15 zipper bag measures 15" x 20" x 5 1/4" and is an inexpensive bag of Japanese manufacture. The bag is a "Tel-Star" model that retails for about six to seven dollars. This model bag comes in six different sizes, 16", 18", 20", 22", 24" and 26". The importer or jobber for "Tel-Star" luggage is the United Products Corporation, 2500 Genessee, Kansas City, Missouri 64141.

The Q16 duck-bill pliers are 7 3/4" in length and the jaws are 1 3/8" long. A price tag on one handle bears "ROMPAGE HARDWARE \$1.98." Just above the word "Rompage" are three characters printed in blue. Two characters on the left appear to be "10." The single character on the right appears to be "0." No other data was noted on the label.

Also in Q16 is a small tack hammer with a metal head 4 1/8" long. Imprinted on the wooden handle is "MAGNETIC." The handle is painted white with a blue band around the end of the handle. The U. S. Patent Office has no record of the trademark on this hammer.

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The Q17 metal "BAND-AID" box contains twenty-one regular adhesive bandages and ten "JUNIOR" adhesive bandages. The number of bandages in the box agrees with the count printed on the box. A small round price tag on top of Q17 has the numerals ".57."

Nothing of significance was noted concerning the partial role of toilet paper, Q21.

Specimen Q22 is a black binocular case for Bushnell binoculars. Inside Q22 was found an instruction booklet, lens cloth and guarantee card.

Specimen Q23 is a cardboard box for Bushnell binoculars. A price tag on Q23 has the numerals "11-67" and "\$39.95" printed on it. Also on this box was hand printed:

"3995 160 4155"

Specimen Q24 is a travel kit manufactured by Gillette. It is clear plastic and contains the following:

- 1 Safety razor with double-edge blade
- 2 Package of "Gillette" stainless steel double-edge blades
- 3 1.3 ounce can of "foamy" shaving cream
- 4 1 ounce can "RIGHT GUARD" deodorant
- 5 1/2 ounce bottle "Sun Up" after shave lotion
- 6 3/8 ounce tube "HEADS UP" hair dressing

A price tag on the top of Q24 has the following printed on it: "OLIVER REXALL," "WHITEHAVEN PHONE 397-2301," "\$1.89," "E" and "OO."

The Q25 gray paper bag has the name and address of the "YORK ARMS CO." of Memphis printed on it. Inside this bag was found a cash register receipt dated "APR 4" in the amount of "\$041.55 CBH." The numerals "083" also appear on the receipt.

The Q26 white and yellow checkered towel is 26" \times 15". No labels or visible or invisible markings were found on Q26.

Specimen Q27 is an inexpensive common man's handkerchief measuring 14 1/2" x 15". No labels or markings were found on Q27.

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Specimen Q28 is a partial tube of "Colgate" toothpaste, 3.25 ounce size.

The Q29 and Q30 socks are a pair of black knee length synthetic stretch socks. No markings or labels were found on these socks.

The Q31 can of "RIGHT GUARD" deodorant is a 7 ounce size. "M313" is printed in black on the bottom of the can.

Specimen Q32 is a Channel Master radio receiver. A label affixed to the inside of the rear cover indicates that the receiver is Model 6502, 6 transistor, super hetrodyne, with a frequency range of 535-1605 Kc/s and operates on a 9-volt battery supply. The words "CHANNEL MASTER CORP." are imprinted on the bottom of the label. The words "HONG KONG" are molded on the outside of the light-colored plastic cover; however, some components are marked "JAPAN." A 9-volt Eveready battery, #216, was connected inside the case. The front of the case is made of polished or plated metal and is stamped "6 TRANSISTOR CHANNEL MASTER." The remainder of the case, about one-third down each side, is maroon-colored plastic. The case measures approximately 4" x 2 3/8" x 1 1/4".

Radio products bearing the Channel Master name are very common.

When received, the dial indicated approximately "10" and was turned to approximately 1020 Kc/s. The tuning range of the receiver is approximately 530 Kc/s to 1660 Kc/s, which covers the regular broadcast band. The receiver was operational when received.

The Q32 radio bears scratches on one end interpreted to read "00416."

The Q33 plastic "BUFFERIN" bottle is a 60-tablet size and contained 10 whole tablets and 2 partial tablets, all bearing the letter "B."

Specimen Q34 is a man's elastic belt bearing Greek or Roman heads on the buckle. The belt is 3/4" wide and 31" long, unstretched. The waist measurement of the wearer could not be determined in view of the type of belt.

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Specimen Q35 is a partial tube of "BRYLCREEM" hair dressing, 3 ounce size.

Specimen Q36 is a bottle of "ONE A DAY" vitamins, 25-tablet size. There were 21 tablets in the bottle.

Specimen Q37 is a small hotel-size bar of "Cashmere Bouquet" soap.

Specimen Q38 is a clear plastic hairbrush with white synthetic bristles. "U.S.A." has been molded to the underside of the handle.

The Q39 bar of "dial" soap is a 4 7/8 ounce size and has the price "2/45¢" stamped on one end in blue ink.

The Q40 tube of "Head & Shoulders" shampoo is a 2.7 ounce size. It bears a price label with "LIGGETT-REXALL 1678 1.10" on the side.

The Q41 can of "KIWI" brown boot polish is a 1 1/8 ounce size. Some of the polish has been used.

A price tag on the Q42 can of "PALMOLIVE RAPID-SHAVE" menthol shaving cream bears "LIGGETT-REXALL 3478 .79."

Nothing of significance was noted about the Q43, Q44 or Q63 buttons; however, they are suitable for comparison with other buttons present on suspect garments.

Specimen Q45 is a used red-handled "Pepsodent" brand toothbrush. "U.S.A. M K5" is present on the underside of Q45.

The Q46 razor is a "Gillette" make and has no blade in it.

A price tag is on the Q47 3.75 ounce bottle of "MENNEN afta" after shave and skin conditioner lotion bearing "\$1.00 PLS TAX." "202x" is printed in blue ink on the bottom of Q47.

Specimen Q48 is a small bar of "Cameo" soap manufactured by the Brunswick Soap Company, Brooklyn, New York.

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Specimen Q49 is a small bar of "Cashmere Bouquet" soap, a product of Colgate-Palmolive Company, New York. A shield with "Member Friendship Inns" has been printed on the wrapper.

The Q50 and Q51 bobby pins are light brown colored, common pins.

Specimens Q52 and Q53 are full cans of Schlitz beer. "MISSISSIPPI TAX PAID 4 CENTS" has been printed in black on the bottom of each can. "03 has been stamped into the 158"

metal in the bottom of each can. Both cans are alike. These cans were found attached to the Q54 carrying device in the Q55 paper bag.

Nothing of apparent significance was noted about the 4"by 6" brown paper Q56 bag.

The Q57 key fits the lock on the Q15 zipper bag and probably belongs to this bag.

Specimen Q58 is a common, round, used toothpick.

The metal split ring, Q59, has overlapping ends. It appears to be the type of ring that new keys are attached to.

Nothing of significance was noted about the Q60 and Q61 coat hangers.

Specimen Q62 is a two-link portion of an "ADJUST-O" silver-colored watchband. The links may be compared with the watchband should same be recovered.

The Q69 undershorts and the Q70 T shirt each bears a laundry tag with what appears to be the characters "O2B-6." Only a portion of the first character is present on each tag. The Laboratory does not maintain a file of visible laundry marks. No invisible laundry marks were found on the undershorts or T shirt.

The pair of undershorts is small in size while the T shirt is large.

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The pair of undershorts does not have a brand label. The T shirt has a "JOCKEY" brand label.

The T shirt label is held flat with a folded piece of 3/4" wide cellophane tape. The piece of tape is about 1" long. One end has been cut, and the other end has been torn.

The crotch seams of the undershorts have been repaired in two places with brown thread. The repaired areas are hand stitched.

The Q209 strap, which appears new, measures 37 1/2"in length. This strap fits the strap guides on the Q14 binoculars and could be the strap for Q14. No strap is presently on Q14.

A short hand strap is presently on the Q22 binoculars, case. The Q210 strap has the same appearance as the hand strap on Q22 except that it is longer. Specimen Q210 could be the shoulder strap for the Q22 case. The Q210 strap appears new and measures 37" in length.

No marks to indicate source were found on Q213. The Q213 pin appears to be a patriotic emblem.

There is a large hole in the right front portion of the collar of the Q76 shirt. The Q77 necktie has been forcibly torn apart in the right front neck portion also. The object or objects causing the damage were larger than a bullet of .30 caliber size and irregular in shape as all of the yarns were broken, not cut. One or more segments of bone could not be eliminated as the cause of the damage.

The right lapel of the Q78 coat has three damaged areas on the surface of the fabric. These areas have been torn by some object or objects, but the damage does not extend through the lapel. The torn areas vary from 1/4" to 1" in length and the condition of the yarnsindicates the object or objects struck the coat from above and probably glanced off the coat.

Due to the sizes and ragged edges of the damaged areas of the Q76 shirt, Q77 necktie and Q78 suit coat, it was not possible to recognize any bullet holes or to

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determine from visual examination whether or not a bullet or any bullet fragments had passed through or struck these items.

No bullet holes were found in Q79 through Q85.

The edges of the hole torn in the Q76 shirt collar, the edges of the three tears on the collar of the Q78 suit coat and the material near the ends of the Q77 necktie were contaminated with traces of lead which could have come from a bullet or from bullet fragments. The lead contamination of these items could not be associated with a particular bullet or lead source.

FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION

Specimens Ql through Q63, Q69, Q70, Q209, Q210, Q213, and ten transparent lifts of latent prints from room at 420 Scuth Main Street examined and latent prints of value found or developed as follows:

One palm print on black rifle box, Q1

One fingerprint on side of rifle, Q2

One fingerprint on telescopic sight on rifle, Q2

One fingerprint on binoculars, Q14

One fingerprint on front page of newspaper, Q19

One fingerprint on after shave lotion bottle, part of Q24

One fingerprint on Schiltz beer can, Q53

One fingerprint on lift marked in part "Lifted from Dresser top"

One fingerprint on lift marked in part "Rt. side of fireplace (front)"

No other latent impressions of value found or developed.

The latent fingerprint on the rifle, Q2, the latent fingerprint on the telescopic sight of the rifle, Q2, the latent fingerprint on the binoculars, Q14, the latent fingerprint on the newspaper, Q19, the latent fingerprint on the after shave lotion bottle, part of Q24, and the latent fingerprint on the Schiltz beer can, Q53, have all been identified as fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI#405942G.

The latent palm print on the rifle box, Ql has been identified as the right palm print of Birmingham gun store clerk Donald F. Wood. The latent fingerprint on the lift marked in part "Lifted from Dresser top" has been identified as a fingerprint of Memphis police officer Glynn King.

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The remaining latent fingerprint is not identical with the fingerprints of RAY or with the fingerprints submitted for elimination purposes. Photographs of this latent fingerprint are being retained in our files for any additional comparisons you may desire.

DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE

The submitted evidence will be returned to you by our Memphis Office.

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1 - Mr. Rosen (Long 2260)

1 - Mr. Conrad

1 - Lab File 1 - Mr. Mortimer



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 29, 1968

Re: MURKIN

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FBI File No.

44-38861

Lab. No.

D-561599 JK

Examination requested by: San Francisco

Reference:

Airtel 4/23/68

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the result of the fingerprint examination and disposition of the submitted items.

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Re: MURKIN CR

Specimens received 4-25-68

Q289 Registration card bearing handwritten address and the signature "Tom Rozell".

K197 White sheet of paper containing ten thermo-seal laundry tapes obtained from Bariteaus Laundry, Santa Cruz, California

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings on Q289 were not prepared by JAMES BARL RAY, K171.

It was concluded that the marking machine used to prepare specimen K197 was not used in preparing the tapes previously designated Q69, Q70, Q97 and Q99.

The evidence submitted is temporarily retained. A photograph of Q289 was made.

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LABORATORY #

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K197 White sheet of paper containing ten thermo-seal laundry tapes obtained from Bariteaus Laundry, Santa Cruz, California

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings on Q289 were not prepared by JAMES BARL RAY, K171.

It was concluded that the marking machine used to prepare specimen K197 was not used in preparing the tapes previously designated Q69, Q70, Q97 and Q99.

The evidence submitted is temporarily retained. A photograph of Q289 was made.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN

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Lab. # D-561599 JK

Examination requested by:

(173–65) SAC, San Francisco

Airtel 4/23/68

Examination requested:

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Date received: 4/25/68

Result of Examination:

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TO:

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

FROM:

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed is one envelope containing ten thermo seal tabs from Bariteaus, Santa Cruz, California. The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct examination of these laundry tabs as requested by the Bureau and Memphis.

Enclosed also for the FBI Laboratory is a copy of a YMCA registration ticket signed in the name of TOM ROZELL. This registration card should be returned to San Francisco when the Laboratory's examination is completed. The Laboratory is requested to conduct handwriting examination of this registration ticket to determine if the signature TOM ROZELL appearing on it could have been made by JAMES EARL RAY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date:

April 29, 1988

Re:

MURKIN

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

Lab. No.

44-38861

PC-A5498 BX IZ KS GH

D-560000 JK

E-565 JZ

Examination requested by:

Memphis

Reference:

Remarks:

Airtels 4/4/68

Examination requested:

Firearms - Microscopic - Document - Engineering - Fingerprint - Miscellaneous - Spectrographic

This report supplements Laboratory report PC-A5498 BX to the Memphis Office dated 4/17/68.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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Lab. No. 44-38861

PC-A5498 BX IZ KS GH

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Specimens received

4/5/68

For a complete listing of the evidence, refer to Laboratory report PC-A5498 BX, previously submitted to the Memphis Office.

Results of examination:

The lead cores of the bullets in the five cartridges, Q4 through Q8, were found to vary in composition even though they were all from the same manufacturer.

The core portion of the Q64 bullet fragment from the victim's body is similar in composition to the lead core of the bullet in the cartridge designated Q4 and could have come from a source such as represented by the lead core of the bullet in Q4.

The bullet jacket portion of specimen Q64 is similar in composition to the metal of the jackets of the bullets in the Q4 through Q8 cartridges and could have come from the source represented by these bullets.

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Re:

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44-38861 File # Lab. # PC-A5498 BX JY KS 6H 1-5 60096 JK EXPEDITE E 565 JZ

Examination requested by:

FBI, Memphis (44-1987) Airtels 4-4-68

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Date received:

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Result of Examination:

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Submitted by Airtel #1 as recovered by Inspector N. E. Zachary, Memphis Police Department in vicinity of 424 South Main Street:

- Ql Rifle box for Browning .243 Winchester caliber rifle, Serial Number 4744Z5
- Q2 .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington "Gamemaster" slideaction rifle, Model 760, Serial Number 461476, with Redfield telescope sight, Serial Number Al7350, with clip
- Q3 .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington-Peters cartridge case
- Q4-Q12 Nine .30-06 Springfield caliber cartridges (five Remington-Peters and four R-A-55) in Peters cartridge box, Index Number 3033
- Q13 Large green and brown cloth

Submitted by Airtel #2 as recovered by Inspector N. E. Zachary, Memphis Police Department in vicinity of 424 South Main Street:

- Q14 "Banner" binocular (Bushnell) 7 by 35, Serial Number DQ408664 (allegedly in zipper bag when recovered)
- Q15 Zipper bag

ITEMS FROM OUTSIDE COMPARTMENT OF ZIPPER BAG

- Q16 Duck-bill pliers and tack hammer marked magnetic"
- Q17 Box of "Band-Aid Sheer Strips"
- Q18 Georgia-Alabama Standard Oil map
- Q19 "Commercial Appeal" Memphis newspaper, first section only, issue of April 4, 1968
- Q20 Standard Oil map of the United States

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ITEM INSIDE ZIPPER BAG, IN POCKET

Q21 Partial roll of toilet paper

ITEMS LOOSE INSIDE ZIPPER BAG

- Q22 Binocular case with instruction booklet, lens cloth and guarantee card
- Q23 Binocular box, cardboard
- Q24 "Gillette Travel Kit" purchased at Oliver Rexall Store, Whitehaven, price \$1.89, with razor, lotion shaving cream, deodorant, hair cream and razor blade in dispenser
- Q25 Gray paper sack bearing marking "York Arms Co." with receipt dated 4-4-68 in amount of \$41.55
- Q26 White and yellow towel
- Q27 White handkerchief
- Q28 Tube of "Colgate" toothpaste
- Q29-Q30 Pair of black socks
- Q31 Seven-ounce can of "Right Guard" deodorant
- Q32 Channel Master radio
- Q33 Bottle of "Bufferin"
- Q34 Elastic belt
- Q35 Tube of "Brylcreem"
- Q36 Bottle of "One-A-Day" vitamins
- Q37 Small bar of "Cashmere Bouquet" soap
- Q38 Hairbrush
- Q39 Bar of "Dial" soap, bath size
- Q40 Tube of "Head and Shoulders" shampoo

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ITEMS LOOSE INSIDE ZIPPER BAG (continued)

- Q41 Can of brown "Kiwi" shoe polish
- Q42 Can of "Palmolive Rapid Shave" shaving cream
 - Q43 Gray-brown button (in sack with beer)
- Q44 Black button (in sack with beer)
- Q45 Toothbrush, "Pepsodent"
- Q46 Safety razor, without blade
- Q47 Plastic bottle of "Mennen Afta" lotion
- Q48 Small bar of "Cameo" toilet soap
- Q49 Small bar of "Cashmere Bouquet" soap, bearing advertisement of Friendship Inn
- Q50-Q51 Two bobby pins
- Q52-Q53 Two cans of "Schlitz" beer, pull tab
- Q54 Plastic "six-pack" carrying device
- Q55 Brown paper sack (containing beer)
- Q56 Small brown paper sack, empty
- Q57 Key
- Q58 Toothpick
- Q59 Metal ring
- Q60-Q61 Two coat hangers
- Q62 Two links from "Adjust-O" watchband
- Q63 Gray-brown button

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Submitted by Airtel #3:

- Q64 Bullet from body
- Q65 Twenty dollar Federal Reserve Note, Series 1963A, Serial Number F14002844A
- Q66 Twenty dollar Federal Reserve Note, Series 1963A, Serial Number H16164663A
- Q67 Twenty dollar Federal Reserve Note, Series 1963, Serial Number F06445143A
- Q68 Fingerprint card for Bessie Ruth Brewer

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON. D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date:

April 29, 1968

Re:

MURKIN CR John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

Lab. No.

44-38861 D-561587 JK

Examination requested by:

Seattle

Reference:

Airtel 4/22/68

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q286 and Q287.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Seattle (44-371) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

JHM: NB (9)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: APT1 29
FBI File No. 44-38861

April 29, 1968

Lab. No.

D-561387 JK

Re: MURKIN CR

Specimens received 4/24/68

Q286 Piece of cardboard on which is printed the word "CANADA"

Q287 Texaco road map of California

Result of examination:

No indented writing or other markings of significance were noted on either Q286 or Q287.

Large printing, such as the word "CANADA" on Q286, is more a form of art than hand printing. Because of this, the hand printing characteristics of the individual who prepared Q286 are not apparent and therefore this printing could not be satisfactorily compared with the hand printing on specimens received in this case.

Q286 and Q287 are temporarily retained. This material was not photographed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Memphis (44-1987)

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