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ry Transmittal Form

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer



(1) LAB FILE

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

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

Date: **April 22, 1969**

Re: **MURKIN**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-690417097 JK**

Examination requested by: **Memphis**

Reference: **Airtel 4/16/69**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2-Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1-Jackson (157-9586) Enclosure (Lab report)

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 22, 1968

Re: MURKIN

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-690417057 JK

Specimens received 4/17/68.

Qc412 Two Xerox copies of registration card in the
name "Eric S. Galt." #242 15555

Result of examination:

It was concluded that Qc412 was prepared by
the writer of other similar registration cards, Q28
(New Rebel Motor Hotel) and Q141 (Provincial Hotel),
which were previously submitted.

It was further determined that the "Eric S.
Galt" signature on Qc412 was prepared by the writer of
the signatures in this name appearing on Q261 and Q262.
(Sartender School items). The signatures on Q261 and
Q262 have been authenticated through investigation as
known signatures of JAMES EARL RAY. FBI#485342G.

Qc412 has been retained.

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4/15/69

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Buairtel 4/7/69.

Transmitted herewith are two Xerox copies of a registration card located on April 11, 1969, at the Birmingham Travellodge Motel, 821 South 20th Street in the Five Points South area of Birmingham recording the registration of ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, on 3/29/68 who is undoubtedly identical with RAY. Registration card reflects he was assigned Room 307, one in party, and charged for one day, departing at an unspecified time on 3/30/68. He was in possession of a 1966 Mustang with Alabama license 138993 which has previously been identified as having been registered by RAY at Birmingham on 10/2/67 under the alias ERIC S. GALT with the same residence address indicated. Since guest registrations are maintained in a very haphazard manner at the Travellodge Motel, it was difficult to locate this card since an entire package of guest registrations with the numerical series 18500 could not be located in a storeroom box where other registration cards for the year 1968 were examined.

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2 - Jackson (157-9586) (Enc. 1)
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Mr. and Mrs. WALTER C. MADDOX, Managers of the Travellodge, preferred to retain possession of the registration card for GALT after suitable Xerox copies had been made in the Birmingham Office.

No local or long distance telephone calls were charged to the room and no information obtained which indicated any association on the part of GALT with any other guests.

Upon completion of the investigation of motels in the Florence, Alabama area, appropriate FD-302's will be furnished the Memphis Office. A copy of GALT's registration is being furnished the Memphis Office at this time and a similar copy furnished Jackson for possible assistance in conducting investigation of motels in the Corinth, Mississippi area.

Request of the Bureau:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the handwriting appearing on the attached Xerox copy of Registration Card #18586, noting that GALT wrote all entries down through the description of the Mustang. Request that Birmingham and Memphis be advised of the result.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
MURKIN

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-690417057 JK

REF TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

Examination requested by: *Birmingham* (44-1740) A. 4/15/69

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 4/17/69

Result of Examination:

Examination by: *4/21/69*
Mortimer

Id. Qc 412 to writer of other same reg. cards, Q86 (New Rebel Motel/Hotel) and Q141 (Provincial Motel), New sub.

Just det. "Eric S Galt" sig Qc 412 by writer sigs thin name Q261 & Q262 (Bartender School items). sigs Q261 & Q262 authentic than unit in K. sigs J.E.R. # 405942 G.

Retain Qc 412.

Specimens submitted for examination

Qc412 Two Xerox copies of registration card in the name "Eric S. Galt," #242 18586

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4-22-69
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cc: 2 - BH (44-1740)

1 - JN (157-9586)

cc: Taw C.

W.D.G.

A.R.

J.H.M.

L.F.

T.C.C.

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QC 412

Eric S. Galt
2608 Highland Ave
Birmingham Ala
mustang - ala

Prev. (Q86) Eric S Galt
(New Rebel) 2608 Highland Ave
Birmingham Alabama - Ala
Mustang

Q261 & Q2262 Eric S. Galt - Eric S. Galt
Eric S. Galt

Q141 (PROVINCIAL MOTEL) Eric S. Galt
2608 Highland Ave
Birmingham
mustang ala

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



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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 29, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-681126110 JK

Examination requested by: Birmingham
Reference: Letter 11/22/68
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q411.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Mobile Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - New Orleans Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - St. Louis Enclosure (Lab report)

Tolson _____
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Tavel _____
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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 29, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-681126110 JK

Specimens received 11/26/68

Q411 Registration card bearing the name and address "John L.
Rayms 1825 Lafayette St. St. Louis Mo."

Result of examination:

Employing K171, K211, and K257 as known standards,
it was concluded that the questioned writings on the Q411
registration card were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Q411 will be returned separately. Photographs were
made.

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

JHM:aw (13)

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐



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

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 26, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-681125011 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 11/21/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the
results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of
Q410.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
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Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

JHM:aw (12)

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **November 26, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-681125011 JK**Specimens received **11/25/68**

Q410 Portion of a cardboard box bearing handwritten notations including the name and address "James Earl Ray 112 Tucker St. Leland, Mississippi"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned handwriting appearing on Q410 was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G. The hand printing on Q410 is too limited for an adequate examination; however, differences were noted between this limited hand printing and the known hand printing of RAY.

Q410 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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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-681125011 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles (44-1574) Airtel 11/21/68

Examination requested: Document, fingerprint

Date received: 11/25/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *11/25/68*
John

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lin. for idg exam; however, deferred.
Ref. reg. p.c.
FBI & dir. 10*

Specimens submitted for examination

Q410 Portion of a cardboard box bearing handwritten notations including the name and address "James Earl Ray 112 Tucker St. Leland, Mississippi"

*Report to ME (44-1987)
cc: ZLA (44-1574)*

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Griffith
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1st John*

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11/26/68*

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James Earl Ray - 112 Yucca St
Leland, Mississippi

11/21/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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

Mr. W. PITMAN, 191 Carlton Avenue, Pasadena, California, advised that his wife is employed at the Crocker-Citizens National Bank, Lake and Green Streets, Pasadena. On 11/12/68 Mrs. PITMAN observed a cardboard box in the rear parking area of the bank. This box bore penciled handwriting as follows:

"JAMES EARL RAY
112 Tucker Street
Leland, Mississippi"

"JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR."

"JOHN WESLEY TUCKER"

The above appeared to have been written by the same person.

Also written on this box were the names "JOHN" and "JONGUR", which appeared to have been written by a different person.

Mrs. PITMAN retained the box, which was furnished to SA PHILIP J. REILLY, Pasadena Resident Agency, by her husband. Mr. PITMAN stated that neither he nor his wife has any additional information regarding the box, who placed it in the parking lot,

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)(Encls. - 2)(AM)
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when it was placed there or how long it had been there.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office contain no reference to JOHN WESLEY RAPFORD, JR., or JOHN WESLEY TUCKER.

Enclosed for the Laboratory is the original portion of the box, as furnished to SA PHILIP J. REILLY, for comparative examination with other samples of handwriting submitted in this matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of a photograph of the handwriting. Two photographs of the above-described handwriting are enclosed for Jackson and Memphis.

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Mr. Conrad

11-19-68

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN

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OO: Memphis

FOREIGN AGENCY EXCISION

Legat, Ottawa, has forwarded to the Bureau the results of investigation conducted by the [redacted] along with photocopies of a registration card of the "Town'n Country Motel," Ottawa, Ontario. This card indicates the registration of Eric Galt at the above motel on August 13, 1967.

A comparison of the handwriting appearing on the above-mentioned motel registration card with the known handwriting of the subject of this matter, JAMES EARL RAY, discloses that the registration card in question was in fact prepared by subject RAY.

Copies of the investigation conducted by the [redacted] and the registration card of the "Town'n Country Motel" are attached hereto.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Foreign Liaison
- 1 - Lab File

ADDENDUM: Results set forth in this memorandum and [redacted] report have been furnished separately to Memphis with the admonition that, as yet, no clearance has been received from RCMP for dissemination outside the Bureau.

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1 - Foreign Liaison

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 20, 1968

Re:

MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-681115108 JK

Examination requested by: Bureau

Reference: None

Examination requested: Document

Remarks: **FOREIGN AGENCY EXCISIONS**

Enclosed for the information of Memphis is a copy of [redacted] report relative to Qc409. Legat, Ottawa, has advised, that as yet, clearance has not been received from the [redacted] for dissemination outside the Bureau of the results of this examination or the information in the [redacted] report.

Enclosures (3) (2 Lab report, copy of [redacted] report)

1 - Legat, Ottawa Enclosure (Lab report)

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**REPORT
of the**



- SA. ROSEN
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab file
1 - Foreign Liaison

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

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

Date: **November 20, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **D-681115108 JK**

Specimens received **11-15-68**

**Qc409 Photocopy of registration card of Town'n Country Ltd.
Motel & Restaurant bearing the name and address
"Eric Galt, 507 Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill."**

Result of examination:

**It was concluded that the questioned writings
appearing on Qc409 were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY,
FBI #405942G.**

**Specimen Qc409 has been retained in the files
of the Bureau.**

JHM:aw (12)

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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-681115108 JK

Examination requested by: Bureau

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 11/15/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *11/18/68*
*jm**Id Qc409E JAMES EARL RAY, #4059429**Qc409 reference*

Encl for info in copy of RCMP report relation to Qc409. Legat, OT, has advised that, as yet, doc. has not been rec'd from RCMP for dissemination outside the Bureau of the results of this exam. or info. in RCMP report.

Specimens submitted for examination

Qc409 Photocopy of registration card of Town'n Country Ltd. Motel & Restaurant bearing the name and address "Eric Galt, 507 Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill. "

*MEC(44-1987)(enc.)**Legat, OT***000016**

*Memorandum to General
+ Mr. [unclear]
J. Edgar Hoover
11/18/68*

Qc 409

Eric Galt - 507 Chestnut St
Chicago Ill.
Plymouth

KN. JAMES EARL RAY -

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RE:
OBJET:

Dr. Martin Luther KING -
Murder of
Assistance to the F.B.I.

31 OCT 68

1. This date, Claire KEATING was re-interviewed and the following signed statement was obtained from her:

STATEMENT OF: Claire (Mrs. Michael) KEATING, nee CLOUTIER

DOB:

35 Woodridge Crescent, Apt. #512, Ottawa, Ontario

Further to my statement dated 15 OCT 1968, I wish to state that James Earl RAY never mentioned anything about Passports to me. The first time the subject was mentioned was when William Bradford HUIE came to see me. He said that RAY had told him that he intended to use me to obtain a Canadian Passport, but changed his mind because he figured that I would turn him in to the Police. In my position as a Secretary with the Department of Transport, I would not risk my job by helping someone fraudulently obtain a Canadian Passport. The article in Look Magazine is factual with a few minor discrepancies. I did not show RAY the R.C.M.P. Headquarters and only received one letter from him, not letters as mentioned in the article. After reading the article, I remembered that the name of the hotel where we stayed with him in Montreal was the Har-K on Notre-Dame Street. I have a sister, Yvette CHARLEBOIS, who is secretary to the Registrar of Citizenship, but I am positive that I never mentioned her name or employment to RAY. I told her about my involvement with RAY only after HUIE'S visit.

SIGNED: Claire KEATING

WITNESS: A. SYNNETT, Cpl.

2. Her sister, Yvette CHARLEBOIS, was interviewed and the following statement was obtained from her:

STATEMENT OF: Yvette (Mrs. Maurice) CHARLEBOIS

DOB:

232 Whitton Crescent, Ottawa, Ontario

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Dr. Martin Luther KING

I have been employed as Secretary to the Registrar of Citizenship, Mr. Ross MARTIN, for the past 3 years. About one and a half months ago, my sister Claire told me about her involvement with James Earl RAY. It was after HUIE'S visit to Ottawa to see her. At no time did my sister ever ask me to help her obtain a passport for anyone. In fact, she never mentioned the word passport during the course of our conversation. The reason that she came to me after HUIE'S visit was that she was very worried and needed to confide in someone close to her. Claire is a very honest and dependable person, and her only fault is that she is a little too naïve.

SIGNED: Yvette CHARLEBOIS

WITNESS: A. SYNNETT, Cpl.

3. I am satisfied that RAY did not mention anything about Passports to Mrs. KEATING and that the fact that her sister is Secretary to the Registrar of Citizenship is only a co-incidence. Mrs. KEATING has been most co-operative and I am positive that she is an honest person, placed in a very embarrassing position by her association with RAY.

4. In compliance with instructions received, I also re-interviewed Ruth CHAPPELL and asked her for a written statement. Mrs. CHAPPELL is a widow with a 19-year-old son. She is desperately afraid of her name being made public and only reluctantly agreed to give the following signed statement:

STATEMENT OF: Ruth CHAPPELL

DOB:

143 Longpre Street, Eastview, Ontario

During the first long week-end in August, I accompanied Claire KEATING to St-Jovite, P.Q., where we stayed at the "Petit Manoir" Inn. During the evening, we motored up to the Grey Rock Inn where we met a man who introduced himself as Eric GALT. I did not pay much attention to him and after a few drinks I went back to the Manoir. Claire stayed with him. I did not see GALT again until we visited him in Montreal the following Monday. Since it was impossible to find a room in Montreal because of Expo, we stayed with him during the two nights that we spent in Montreal. He took us out to the Acapulco Club. He seemed to have enough money to

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get along, but he did not strike me as being very prosperous. He never mentioned friends or associates and did not introduce us to anyone. He appeared to be a quiet and regular sort of a guy. He never mentioned the word passport to us. I never saw him again after we left Montreal. I heard from Claire later that he had been to Ottawa to see her. After James Earl RAY'S arrest, she called me and asked if I thought that he could be the man we had met. I did not think so at the time and was surprised when it turned out to be him.

SIGNED: Ruth CHAPPELL

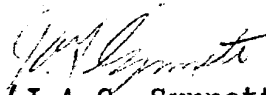
WITNESS: A. SYNNETT, Cpl.

5. Discreet enquiries at the Town and Country Motel, 1476 Richmond Road, Ottawa, revealed that Eric GALT registered there on the 18th of AUGUST 1967 and left on the 20th of AUGUST 1967. He gave his address as 507 Chestnut Street, Chicago, Ill., and was driving a Plymouth, Licence No. LM5942. He stayed in Cabin No. 30, which is not equipped with a telephone. Any calls made by him from one of the several pay phones at the Motel would not go through the Motel Switchboard and be recorded. Although he registered as Mr. & Mrs. Eric GALT, Mrs. KEATING did not stay with him at the Motel, as mentioned in her statement dated 15 AUG 68. The Desk Clerk on duty at the Town and Country Motel when RAY, alias GALT, registered, Mrs. Edythe COBLEY, is reported to be dying from terminal cancer and will not be interviewed. It is extremely doubtful that she could remember anything of any significance about RAY. Copies of the Motel Registration Card are attached hereto.

CONCLUDED HERE

(J.S.W.) S/Sgt.
N.C.O. i/c G.I.S.

JAGS:mtr

 Cpl.
(J.A.G. Synnett) 19024

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**REPORT
of the**



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

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

To: **Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.
Attorney General
County Office Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38101**

October 8, 1968

Attention: Mr. Robert Dwyer

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: **Assassination of
Martin Luther King, Jr.**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR NO.
FBI FILE NO. **44-38861**
LAB. NO. **D-680928019 JK**

Examination requested by: **FBI, Memphis**

Reference: **Letter 9/26/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Specimens:

K488 Three sheets of yellow ruled paper and one sheet of white ruled paper to "Sheriff Morris" and one sheet of white ruled paper to "Lt. Smith" bearing purported handwriting and hand printing standards of JAMES EARL RAY

Result of examination:

The examinations reported in this communication are those requested during a conference with Mr. Robert Dwyer, Mr. James Beasley and Mr. John Carlyle of your office on September 26, 1968.

- 2 - FBI, Memphis (44-1987) - Enclosure**
- 1 - FBI, Los Angeles (44-1574)**

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Specimen Qc288, a Canadian Money Order, is too indistinct for a satisfactory examination; however, differences were noted between the writings on this item and K211, K488, Q261 and Q262.

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K488 is returned to FBI, Memphis. Photographs were made.

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ATTN: DOCUMENT SECTION
FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

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LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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~~OR~~

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OO: Memphis (44-1987) Report To: MR. PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
ATTORNEY GENERAL
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38101

Examination requested by: FBI, Memphis Airtel 9/26/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 9/28/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *10/2/68*

The examinations reported in this communication are those requested during a confer. held MR ROBERT DWYER, MR. JAMES BECKLEY and MR. JOHN CAREY of Memphis on 9/26. Qc 288 - Diff. indistinct
The conclusions reported in follow are the result of comp the print of items & KN Hw of JER rep by K 214 (Rec. of Most IR), Q2615 & Q262 (~~Rec. of ind. school in LA, Calif~~)
The "GALT" alone appear on Q36, Q131, Q132, Q141, Q173, Q216, Q219, Q221, Q223, Q226, Q258, Q260, Q327, Q337, Kc 4 FKS, ad E JAMES EARL RAY, Q261 & Q262 (Rec. of ind. school in LA, Calif)
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Specimens submitted for examination

K488 Three sheets of yellow ruled paper and one sheet of white ruled paper to "Sheriff Morris" and one sheet of white ruled paper to "Lt. Smith" bearing ~~known~~ ^{purported} handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY ^{standards}

The items were also comp to the Hw of JER rep by K488, prior described, Q2615 & Q262. As a result of these comp. it was conc. that the 3 Hw Hw of Sign, were by JER, on Q133, Q134, Q215, Q260, Q326, Q327 and K5 by JER.

Spec. Q337, the location of which L rep Mr. Dwyer, ad to LA after this B. on 9/17/68 E result. FFK.

K489 to FBI, ME. P'd.

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CC: 2 - FBI, ME (44-1987)

1 - FBI, LA (44-1574)

	4261f4262 Id SIG. ONLY	Id K211f0261f4262	Id E K488f4261f4262	
Q 86	✓			
Q 130	N.C.			
Q 131	✓			
Q 132	✓			
Q 133	NONE	✓	✓	
Q 134	NONE	✓	✓	
Q 141	✓			
Q 173	✓			
Q 215	NONE	✓	✓	
Q 216	✓	✓		
Q 217	N.C.	N.C.		
Q 218	N.C.	N.C.		
Q 219	✓	✓		
Q 221	✓	✓		
Q 223	✓	✓		
Q 226	✓			
Q 258	✓			
Q 259	N.C.			
Q 260	✓	✓	✓	
Q 288				DIFFS.
Q 326	NONE	✓	✓	
Q 327	✓	✓	✓	
Q 337	✓			000025
K 4	✓			
K 5	✓	✓	✓	

K211 - Q261 & Q26

Q261 & Q262 (BARTENDER SCHOOL MATERIAL)

Eric S. Galt

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K211 (MO. ST. PRISON) - LOUIS - C - M - J - QUALIFIED (2.17.18)
S - A - UNITED (P.12) - COURT - DE - W - MAKE - GROUNDS
7 - F

I - have - the - not - you - my -

Dear Sir; - Thompson - Building - Informant
Laurie

Hickory - possible - Fulton - concerning - plus

K488 -

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Q86 Eric S. Galt [Id. sig. E 4261 & 4262] [N.C. ENTIRE WTGS. E K211]
[NEW REBEL]
2608 Highland Ave
Birmingham Alabama - ala. Mustang

[NEW. MODEL]
Q141 Eric S. Galt [Id. sig. E 4261 & 4262] [N.C. ENTIRE WTGS. E K211]
2608 Highland Ave
Birmingham Alabama - ala. Mustang

[NEW. TO LOCK. SIG.]
Q215 LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE - LITTLE FALLS,
NEW JERSEY - U.S.A. - ERIC GALT - QUEBEC - Q -
[Id. H.P. 4215 E K211]

[FORM 1543 - MAIL TO AG.]
Q337 Eric S. Galt - [Id. sig. only 4337 E 4261 & 4262 - N.I. OTHER H.P.]

[LET. TO MOD. PMRD]
Q327 Dear Sir; - I recently - a - from your
house - not - my - the - Thompson
Eric S. Galt - your - Book

[Id. HW E K211] [Id. sig. E 4261 & 4262]
+ sig. 4261, 4262

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Q133 ERIC S. GALT - SUPE - MODEL - THE - WILL
[ORDER FORM TO SUPERIOR
BOLIC FILM CO.] J - I - [Id. H.P. Q133E K211]

Q134 ERIC S. GALT - 2589 RUE NOTRE DAME EST,
[APPL. LOCK SCHOOL] MONTREAL, CANADA QUEBEC [Id. H.P. Q134E K211]

Q216 Locksmithing Institute
[M.O. TO LOCK. IN.] Eric S. Galt [Id. H.W. § 516 Q216E K211 § Q261 § Q262]
[Id. Sig. Q216E Q261 § Q262]

Q217 Free Press Newspaper
[M.O. TO FREE PRESS] Eric Galt [N.C. H.W. § 516 Q217E K211 § Q261 § Q262]
[N.C. Sig. Q217E Q261 § Q262]

Q218 Mr Hedgpeth, - Eric Galt
[N.C. H.W. § 516 Q218E K211 § Q261 § Q262]
[N.C. Sig. Q218E Q261 § Q262]

Q219 Locksmithing Institute Little Falls, N.Y.
Eric S. Galt [Id. H.W. § 516 Q219E K211 § Q261 § Q262]
[Id. Sig. Q219E Q261 § Q262] 000028

4221 Locksmithing Institute -
[M.O.] Eric S. Salt [Id. HW§514.4221 & K211 §4261§4262]
[Id. Sig. 4221 & 4261§4262]

4223 Locksmith Ledger
[M.O.] Eric S. Salt [Id. HW§514. & K211§4261§4262]
[Id. Sig. & 4261§4262]

4258 Eric Salt [Id. Sig. & 4261§4262]
[CARD-DANCE]
STUDIO

4259 Eric S. Salt [N.C.E 4261§4262]
[CONTRACT-]
DANCE STUDIO

4288 Eric Salt - [Too INDISTINCT - DIFFS. & K211, 4261§4262]

K24 Eric S. Salt - Eric S. Salt.
Eric Storo Salt - Eric Storo Salt
[Id. Sig. K24 & 4261§4262]

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[Mo. Photo Order Form]

Q326 ERIC S. GALT - 2608 HIGHLAND AVE.

BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA - 35205 [Id. HP Q326 K211]

Q260 Eric S. Galt - GALT ERIC - 1535 - N - SERRANO
[P.O. Add. Chg.]
[Id. Q.H.P.F. ^{Q260} S16, E Q261 f Q262 f K211] [Id. S16 E Q261 f Q262]

Q173 (T.W.) Eric S. Galt
[P.O. Add. Chg.]
[Id. S16, ^{Q173} E Q261 f Q262]

Q226 Eric S. Galt
[From 1583 - Mail to Ag.]
[Id. S16, Q226 E Q261 f Q262]

Q130 (T.W.) Eric S. Galt
[Let. Re Cam. Return]
[Id. S16, ^{S16, Q130} E Q261 f Q262] [S16.]

Q131 (T.W.) Eric S. Galt
[Let. Re. Send. Cam. to]
[Max. Add.]
[Id. S16, Q131 E Q261 f Q262]

Q132 (T.W.) Eric S. Galt
[Re. Cam. Ref. - Chg.]
[Add. to Calif.]
[Id. S16, Q132 E Q261 f Q262]

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K5 Karl Salt - St. Louis
Eric S. Salt - Eric S. Salt
Eric S. Salt

Dear Sir; Inclosed - Two - you -
th - of - Thanks - Eric S. Salt

[Id. H.W. f'sigs. E K211 f 4261 f 4262]

[Id. sigs. E 4261 f 4262]

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K 488 (SHERIFF LETTERS)

J-L-E-T-U-I-G-W-A-R-R-K-N-Y
M-S-, -A

I - have - my - you - also - The
money - wish - if - send - on - comes
to - want - in - on - federal - in
security -

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K488 (SHERIFF LETTERS)

Q86 (New Rebel)

[N.C. E K488] [Id. sig. E Q261, Q262]

Q141 (Rev. Mor.)

[N.C. E K488] [Id. sig. E Q261, Q262]

Q215 (Env. To Lock.) LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE
LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY,
U.S.A. - ERIC S. GALT - 2589 - RUE NOTRE
DAME EST - MONTREAL, CANADA QUEBEC

[Id. Q215 E K488]

Q337 (P.O. Form - Mail thru Ag.)

GALT SIG ONLY

[N.C. E K488] [Sig. Id. E Q261, Q262]

Let. To Mod. Photo

Q327

Dear Sir; I recently order a Book
from your FOCAL ENCYCLOPEDIA - you
have not tho - my - Albrecht - moving
will - If - send - me - correct - Eric S. Galt

[Id. Q327 E K488]

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Q133 [ORDER TO SUP. BUREAU FILM]

[Id. H.P. Q133 & K488]

Q134 [LOCK. APPL.] ERIC S. GALT - RUE NOTRE DAME EST.

MONTREAL, CANADA QUEBEC

[Id. H.P. Q134 & K488]

Q216 [M.O. TO LOCK. INS.] - Locksmithing Institute -

Eric S. Galt [N.C.H.W. Q216 & K488-516 Id. & Q261 & Q262]

Q217 [M.O. TO FREE PRESS NEWS.]

Free press Newspaper

Eric Galt [N.C. Q217 & K488]

Q218 [M.O. TO HEDGETH]

Mr. Hedgeth [N.C. Q218 & K488]

Eric Galt

Q219 [M.O. TO LOCK.]

Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N.J.

Eric S. Galt [N.C.H.W. Q219 & K488] [Id. & Q261 & Q262]

Q221 [M.O. TO LOCK INS.]

Locksmithing Institute

Eric S. Galt [N.C.H.W. Q221 & K488] [Id. & Q261 & Q262]

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Q223 [M.O. TO LUCK LEADER]

Locksmith Ledger

Eric S. Galt

[N.C. HW Q223 E K488; Id. Sig. E Q261 f Q262]

Q258 [DANCE STUDIO CARD]

Eric Galt

[Sig. Ed. E Q261 f Q262]

1535 Serrano

Q259 [DANCE STUDIO CARD]

Eric S. Galt

[N.C. Sig. E Q261 f Q262]

Q288 [CAN. M.O.]

Eric Galt [DIFF. E K488]

Kc4 [Ala. Lic. Docs.]

[SIGS. ONLY]

Q326 [Geo. Bk. -]
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ERIC S GALT

[Id. HP Q326 E K488]

2608 HIGH AND

Q260 [CHG. OF ADD.]

GALT ERIC - N-SERRANO

Eric S. Galt

[Id. HP E K488; Sig. ID E Q261 f Q262]

Q173 [CHG. OF ADD.]

SIG. ONLY

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Q226 [MAIL TO AG.]

SIG. ONLY

Q130 [TW LET. RE. MOVE]
TO MEX - CAMERA.]

SIG. ONLY

Q131 [TW LET. - REQ.]
REARND TO MEX.]

SIG. ONLY

Q132 [TW LET RE.]
CALIF. ADD.]

SIG. ONLY

K5 [SAFE DEPO. BOX - AG.]
SIGS. X-CEPT LET.]

Dear Sir,¹ - Inclosed is two

rented from you - moving - want - if

Thanks - in - containers - is - destroy

Eric S. Galt

[ID. H.W. f SIGS E K 988 f Q261 f Q262]

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K 489 (JUDGE LETTERS)

Q 86 (New Rebe)

[N.C. Q 86 E K 489] [Id. sig. E Q 261 & Q 262]

Q 141 (Prov. Motel)

[N.C. Q 141 E K 489] [Id. sig. E Q 261 & Q 262]

Q 215 (Env. To Lock.)

[Id. Q 215 E K 489] (Prev. Id. E K 488)

Q 337 (PO Form - Mail To AG.)

GALT SIG. ONLY [N.C. Q 337 E K 489] [SIG. Id. E Q 261 & Q 262]

Q 327 (H.W. Let. Re: Book) -

(Prev. Id. E K 488)

Q 133 (Order To Sup. Film)

(Prev. Id. E K 488)

Q 134 (Enroll. Form Lock)

(Prev. Id. E K 488)

Q 216 (M.O. To Lock. Ins.)

(No Further Help From K 489)

Q 217 (M.O. To Free Press News.)

(No Further Help From K 489)

Q 218 (M.O. To Hedgpeth)

(No Further Help From K 489)

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Q219 [M.O. TO LOCK. INST.] (NO FURTHER HELP FROM K 489)

Q221 [M.O. TO LOCK. INST.] (NO FURTHER HELP FROM K 489)

Q223 [M.O. TO LOCK. INST.] (NO FURTHER HELP FROM K 489)

Q258 [DANCE STUDIO CARD] SIG. ONLY - [SIG. ID: Q261 & Q262]

Q259 [DANCE STUDIO CONTRACT] SIG. ONLY [N.C. ID: Q261 & Q262]

Qc 288 (CANADIAN M.O.) (NO FURTHER HELP FROM K 489)

Kc 4 (ALA. LIC. MAT.) (NO FURTHER HELP FROM K 489)

Q326 (ORD. COUPON - MO. BK. ST.) (NO FURTHER HELP FROM K 489)

Q260 (CHG. ADD. CARD) (NO FURTHER HELP FROM K 489)

Q173 (CHG. ADD. CARD) SIG. ONLY

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4226 [P.O. FORM - MAIL TO AG.] - SIG. ONLY

4180 [T.W. LET. - RE. CAMERA TO MEX.] - SIG. ONLY

4131 [T.W. LET. - RE.] - SIG. ONLY
REFUND TO MEX.

4132 [T.W. LET. - RE.] - SIG. ONLY
CALIF. ADD

K5 [SAFE DEP. BOX MAT.] - (NO FURTHER HELP FROM K 489)

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - LAB FILE

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

Date: **October 4, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab. No.

**44-38861
D-680928070 JK**

Examination requested by: **Memphis**

Reference: **Airtel 9/26/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:
///// Specimen received 9/28/68

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Examination requested: Document

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Examination by: Mortimer *10/2/68*
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