

FBI

Date: 7/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) PERSONAL ATTENTION  
FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P) ASST. DIRECTOR ROSEN  
MURKIN

ReLonairtel 7/3/68.

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③ - Bureau (Encls. 4)  
1 - Liaison (direct)  
1 - London  
JTM:cm  
(5)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

LON 88-72

### *FOREIGN AGENCY EXCISIONS*

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At the discretion of the Bureau, all or any of the foregoing may be disseminated to Department of Justice.

Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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FBI

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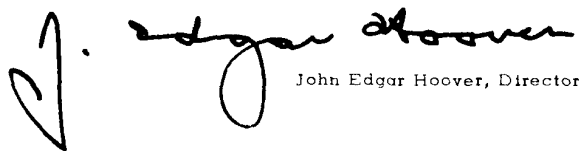
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

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

Date: **July 16, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680712073 JK**

Examination requested by: **Cleveland**  
Reference: **Airtel 7/10/68**  
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**  
Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results  
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q388.**

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**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**  
**2 - Cleveland (44-565) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**JHM:AW (9)**

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

**REPORT  
of the**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Date: **July 16, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **D-680712073 JK**

Specimens received **7/12/68**

**Q388 American Heritage business reply card bearing on reverse side the hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt Loraine Motel Memphis Tenn."**

**Result of examination:**

Significant differences were noted as the result of comparing the questioned hand printing on Q388 with the known hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI # [REDACTED]; however, because of the limited nature of the hand printing involved and the presence of certain characteristics a definite conclusion was not reached.

Q388 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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JHM:AW (9)

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-680712073 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Cleveland (44-565)

Airtel 7/10/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 7/12/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *7/15/68*

*Sg. Aff. J. W. Q388c James Earl Ray - [REDACTED]*  
*Rel. exp. P. 2.*  
*FPE*

Specimens submitted for examination

Q388 American Heritage business reply card bearing on the reverse side the hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt Loraine Motel Memphis Tenn. "

*Rep. to ME (44-1987)*  
*CC: 2-CV (44-565)*

*T. - Rosen (long recd)*  
*Conrad*  
*Lab. File*  
*Mortimer*

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*Lab. rpt.*  
*from [unclear]*  
*7/14/68*

*P. 2*  
*7/14*

Q388 ERIC S. GALT - LORRAINE MOTEL  
MEMPHIS TENN

JAMES EARL RAY (D 405 9426)

E-R-I-C-G-M-P-#

ERIC S. GALT

7/10/68

AIRTEL

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

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)

RE: MURKIN  
CR

OO: MEMPHIS

CV tel to Bureau, 7/3/68.

Enclosed for Bureau and Memphis are 1 and 8 copies respectively of FD-302 reflecting interview of ALVIN R. CARLSON, Marion, Ohio. Also enclosed for Bureau is an American Heritage Business Reply Postcard from ERIC S. GALT, Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee.

Bureau is requested to compare the hand printing appearing on enclosed specifically the name ERIC S. GALT Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, with any known hand printing on file for JAMES EARL RAY, FBI # [REDACTED]

Bureau is also requested to process enclosure for latent prints and if any developed determine if identical with prints of RAY.

Bureau is requested to furnish Memphis and Cleveland results of examination, and return enclosure to Cleveland.

4 - Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)  
2 - Memphis (Enc. 8) (RM)  
2 - Cleveland

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Mr. Conrad

July 16, 1968

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN

CR

OO: Memphis

0386-3871  
L-176 12-42

The Department has forwarded to the Bureau a handwritten letter addressed to the Attorney General under the signature of R. G. Sneyd. A typewritten copy of the contents of this letter and Xerox copies of the envelope and letter are attached hereto.

A comparison of the questioned writing appearing on the letter and envelope with the known handwriting of subject JAMES EARL RAY, FBI [REDACTED] disclosed that the letter in question was prepared by subject Ray.

44-38861

ACTION: None. For information.

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

JHM:AW (7)

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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-680712042 JK

Examination requested by: Bureau

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 7/11/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *7/15/68*

*Id. Q386 & Q387 James Earl Ray - # [REDACTED]  
Retain.*

Specimens submitted for examination

Q386 Air Mail envelope postmarked "Wandsworth 4:30 PM 4 JULY 1968  
S. W. 18" bearing the handwritten address "Mr. Ramsey Clark  
Attorney General, United States Washington, D. C. U. S. A."

Q387 Accompanying sheet of prison stationery bearing handwritten letter  
beginning "Dear Sir, I am at present....." and signed "R. G. Sneyd"

cc: Mohr  
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Rosen (Long 2260)  
Cov.  
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Mr. Ramsey Clark - Attorney General,  
United States - Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir; I am - Therefore - Honor - the - at -  
my - to - read - will - I - of - Sincerely  
that - R. L. Sneyd - no

JAMES EARL RAY (\*)

I - The - of - Harkov - Ray - Dear Sir; - am  
Mussouri - st - D.C. - the - my - at - to - resides  
warst - f - of - Sincerely - C. that  
Washington - I - no

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM <sup>24</sup> : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Mr. Tolson   | ✓ |
| Mr. DeLoach  |   |
| Mr. Mohr     | ✓ |
| Mr. Bishop   |   |
| Mr. Casper   |   |
| Mr. Callahan | ✓ |
| Mr. Conrad   |   |
| Mr. Felt     |   |
| Mr. Gale     | ✓ |
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| Mr. Trotter  |   |
| Tele. Room   |   |
| Miss Holmes  |   |
| Miss Gandy   |   |

DATE: July 10, 1968

FMV:mfc  
95-100-473

680712042

Attached you will find an original letter and envelope received by the Attorney General yesterday, purporting to be from R. G. Sneyd. I also attach a copy of my acknowledgement to Ray's attorney.

It occurred to me that you might wish this for your file in the event handwriting exemplars are needed.

Attachments

2 ENCLOSURE

EXP. PROC.  
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

July 10, 1968

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7/11/68  
J. Edgar Hoover  
5-100-171

July 10, 1968

Arthur J. Hanes, Esquire  
Hanes and Hanes  
617 Frank Nelson Building  
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Hanes:

Enclosed is a Xerox of a letter received  
by the Attorney General yesterday, which purports  
to be from your client, James Earl Ray, also known  
as R. G. Sneyd.

Sincerely,

Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

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

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

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

Date: **July 8, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**  
**CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

*Q385*

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680705006 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel 7/1/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results  
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q385.**

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Washington Field Office (44-703) Enclosure (Lab report)**

**JHM:AW (12)**

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Date: **July 8, 1968**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

Lab. No. **D-680705006 JK**

Specimens received **7/5/68**

**Q385 Sheet of paper bearing typewritten letter dated 2/4/68,  
beginning "I RECENTLY RECEIVED..." and signed  
"Eric S. Galt"**

**Result of examination:**

The typewritten impressions on Q385 are the same style as those appearing on other items received in this matter attributed to "Eric S. Galt."

Because of the lack of identifying features it could not be definitely determined that the same typewriter was employed to prepared Q385 and the other items but no significant differences were noted.

It was concluded that the "Eric S. Galt" signature on Q385 was prepared by the writer of other signatures in this name appearing on specimens previously received some of which have been investigatively identified as having been prepared by James Earl Ray.

Q385 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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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-680705006 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574) Airtel 7/1/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 7/5/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *7/5/68*

*The TX impress same style as those on other items rec'd. in this matter  
attest to "ERIC S. GALT." Lock id effects.*

*ID. "GALT" ing. 4385 to sign their name after items rec'd, some of which have  
been id. most as having been signed by JAMES EARL RAY.  
Ret. up. P'd.*

*FPE*

Specimens submitted for examination

Q385 Sheet of paper bearing typewritten letter dated 2/4/68, beginning  
"I RECENTLY RECEIVED....." and signed "Eric S. Galt".

CC: 2-LA (44-1574)

1-BH (44-1740)

1-WFO (44-703)

*1- Room (Long)*

*1- Conrad*

*1- Lab File*

*1- Mortimer*

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Eric S. Galt

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PREV. Q261 & Q262

Eric S. Galt - Eric S. Galt

Eric S. Galt

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Laboratory is a typewritten letter dated 2/4/68 addressed to Mr. HEWITSON and signed by ERIC S. GALT. It is requested that this document be examined for handwriting and typing comparisons with other materials submitted in this matter. This document has been handled only by Mr. HEWITSON and SA LEON J. MEYER.

On 7/1/68 RONALD G. HEWITSON, 9692 Imperial Street, Garden Grove, California, furnished the following information. He advised that he is Sales Manager of the Terene Corporation, 2815 South Halladay Street, Santa Ana, California, and President of the Orange County, California, Chapter, Friends of Rhodesia, P. O. Box 613, Garden Grove, California.

HEWITSON stated that he had recently read a news item indicating that FBI Agents were investigating JAMES EARL RAY's alleged contacts with the American-South African Council, Washington, D. C. He stated that the Friends of Rhodesia work closely with the American-South African Council. He stated that he looked through some of his correspondence and found a letter bearing the signature ERIC S. GALT. This letter is quoted as follows:

① - Bureau (Enc. - 1) (AM-RM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info.) (AM)  
1 - Washington Field (44-703) (Info.) (AM)  
2 - Los Angeles  
TJA:CM  
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CARBON COPY

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

LA 44-1574

"2-4-68

"DEAR MR. HEWITSON.

"I RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOUR OFFICE IN REPLY TO A LETTER I HAD SENT TO YOU REQUESTING INFORMATION ON RHODESIA, THE LETTER CLARIFIED MOST OF MY QUESTIONS REGARDING IMMIGRATION. SUCH AS PASSPORT. IT WAS NOT MY INTENTION TO LEAVE BEFORE NOVEMBER BUT WANTED THE INFORMATION BEFORE HAND, ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU SEND I WOULD APPREACITE. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE TO RHODESIAN COMMENTARY.

"SINCERELY,

"ERIC S. GALT

"1535-N-SERRANO

"L.A. CALIF. 90027.

/s/ "ERIC S. GALT"

HEWITSON stated that he would review his files to determine if any other communications from GALT are contained therein. He stated he was the only person to handle the enclosed letter, as he has no secretary. He stated that the note "ANS" appearing on the lower portion of this letter was made by him.

HEWITSON stated his organization has received much publicity in the Los Angeles area resulting from exposure on the JOE PYNE Show, a daily late nighttime television talk show. He stated the address of the Friends of Rhodesia appears on its literature, which is widely circulated.

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Mr. Conrad

7/2/68

W. D. Griffith

100-680702058

MURKIN

Reference is made to cablegram from Legat, London, dated 7/1/68 requesting that the known hand printing of subject James Earl Ray be compared with the note used in the attempted bank robbery of the National Provincial Bank, 74 Sloane St., London, SW 1, England, on 6/29/67.

As a result of a comparison of the above described note with the hand printing of James Earl Ray it was determined that the note in question was not prepared by subject Ray.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

44-38861

- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long, 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab Files
- 1 - 163-19438

ADDENDUM: Results of above comparison are being furnished Legat, London by Investigative Division.

JHM:mb (7)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work SheetRe: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis (44-1987)File # 44-38861  
Lab. # D-680702058 JK

Examination requested by: Legat, London

Teletype 7/1/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 7/2/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *7/2/68*  
*John**No id. note in Ray.*Specimens submitted for examination

Request for comparison of hand printing in this case with ~~handprint~~ hand printing in the case entitled "Unknown Subject; Attempted Robbery, National Provincial Bank, 74 Sloane Street, London, SW 1, England, June 29, 1967, FPC"

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Qc1 (163-19438)

A LOADED GUN'S IN MY HAND  
THIS IS A HOLD UP  
JUST AHEAD-RICK-YOU

JAMES EARL RAY

L<sup>+</sup> - M<sup>+</sup> - i<sup>+</sup> - S<sup>+</sup> - R<sup>+</sup> - h<sup>+</sup> - J<sup>+</sup> - D<sup>+</sup> - E<sup>+</sup>

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SECRET

STATE 23

IMMEDIATE 7-1-63

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 83

MURKIN.

ENCIPHERED

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| Mr. Tolson   | _____ |
| Mr. DeLoach  | _____ |
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| Mr. Trotter  | _____ |
| Tele. Room   | _____ |
| Miss Holmes  | _____ |
| Miss Gandy   | _____ |

REMYCAB JUNE TWO NINE LAST.

*FOREIGN AGENCY*

PERMISSION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] TO REVEAL INFO IN RECAD TO

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON NEED TO KNOW BASIS AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES  
CAN IT AT THIS TIME BE PUT INTO REALM OF PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. I WILL  
INFORM VINSON ON SAME BASIS AM JULY TWO NEXT.

MYAIRTEL AUGUST ONE, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN "UNSUB, ATTEMPTED  
ROBBERY, NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK, SEVEN FOUR SLOANE STREET,  
LONDON, SW ONE, ENGLAND, JUNE TWO NINE, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, FPC"  
SUBMITTED PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES OF NOTE USED.

SUGGEST BUREAU COMPARE THIS NOTE WITH KNOWN SPECIMENS RAY'S  
WRITING IN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE HIM AS SUSPECT THIS MATTER.

RECEIVED: 3:34 PM LRC

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ORIGINAL MR. ROSEN

100-100000-100000



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

- 1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Trotter  
(Mr. Latona)
- 1 - Mr. Jevons
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Foreign Liaison
- 1 - Lab File

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: July 1, 1968

Q377-Q384  
K486

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680625135 IH  
PC-A7235 BX IZ  
CW

Examination requested by: Legat, London

Reference: Airtel 6/24/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint -  
Firearms - Laundry Marks - Miscellaneous

Remarks:

This report confirms and supplements Bureau airtel to Memphis dated 6/26/68 with copies to Legat, Ottawa and Legat, London. Q377 through Q384 were returned to Legat, London with copies of this airtel. K486 was forwarded to Legat, Ottawa with copies of this airtel.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Legat, Ottawa Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Legat, London (88-72) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
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**REPORT  
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

Date: July 1, 1968  
FBI File No. 44- 38861  
Lab. No. D-680625135 IH  
PC-A7235 BX IZ  
CW

Specimens received 6/25/68

Q377 Scratch pad

Q378 - Q382 One clean and four soiled handkerchiefs

Q383 Wittnauer wrist watch

Q384 TWA message slip for YARUM CHANDRA DUTT

K486 Four test bullets and four cartridge cases from  
"Liberty Chief, .38 Special revolver" serial #715

**Result of examination:**

Q377 was examined for watermarks and indented writing with negative results. The hand printed word "CETERIFICATE" appears on the cover of this pad. Although a number of hand printing similarities were noted in this word when compared with Ray's hand printing indicating it was possibly prepared by the subject, the limited nature of this hand printing precludes a definite identification of Ray as the author of this hand printing.

No visible or invisible laundry marks were found on specimens Q378 through Q382.

Specimen Q383 is a men's 17-jewel Wittnauer wrist watch encased in a Wittnauer watchcase. Both the watchcase and the movement are of Swiss origin. The wrist watch movement does not bear a serial number and there is no physical evidence that the movement has been repaired since there are no jewelers' "scratch marks" inscribed on the inside of the case. The watchcase bears two sets of numbers, one above the other, as follows: 8001

11K

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The Wittnauer factory should be able to advise as to the significance, if any, of these markings. The possibility of tracing the retail sale of specimen Q383 appears remote. No foreign material was located on or in the watch which could assist in tracing the wrist watch.

The wrist watch has a stainless steel expansion-type band bearing the markings "ADMIRAL U.S.A" There is an Admiral Watch Band Company, Incorporated, 9 DeBrosses Street, New York City, which manufactures watch bands.

The test bullets and cartridge cases from the .38 Special caliber "Liberty Chief" revolver, serial number 715 were compared with all similar specimens in the National Unidentified Ammunitions File without effecting an identification.

Two latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q384 but they were not identical with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI # [REDACTED] The questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q384 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY. K486 has been previously forwarded to Legat, Ottawa. Q377 through Q384 have been previously forwarded to Legat, London.

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1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Rosen(Mr. Long)  
1 - Mr. Trotter (Mr. Latona)  
1 - Mr. Conrad

1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Mr. Jevons  
1 - Lab Files

6/26/68

**Airtel**

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

**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

Reairtel 6/24/68 from Legat, London, submitting items of property taken from personal effects of James Earl Ray for Laboratory examination and TWA message slip for latent fingerprint examination. These items were personally delivered by SA W. Martindale, General Investigative Division.

① The scratch pad of blank paper was examined for indented writing and watermarks with negative results. The hand printed word "CERTIFICATE" appears on the cover of this pad. Although a number of hand printing similarities were noted in this word when compared with Ray's hand printing indicating it was possibly prepared by subject, limited nature of this hand printing precludes definite identification of Ray as author of this hand printing. The five handkerchiefs were examined for visible and invisible laundry marks but none were found. Regarding the Wittnauer wrist watch, the back of this watch was removed, no serial number was found on the movement, no foreign material was found and no evidence watch had been subjected to repair. The four test bullets and four cartridge cases from a .38 Special caliber "Liberty Chief" revolver, serial number 718, were compared with all similar specimens in the National Unidentified Ammunition File without effecting an identification.

The TWA message slip was examined for latent fingerprints. Two latents of value were developed but these are not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray. It was also determined that writing on this slip was not

**Enclosure**

2 - Legat, Ottawa Enclosures (3)  
2 - Legat, London Enclosures (3) (88-72)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

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Airtel to Memphis  
MURKIN  
44-38861

prepared by James Earl Ray. A copy of referenced incoming communication is attached for information of Memphis. The four test bullets and four cartridge cases are being forwarded herewith to Legat, Ottawa, for appropriate delivery to RCMP for comparison with any unidentified bullets they may have. The scratch pad, five handkerchiefs, wrist watch and TWA message slip are being forwarded herewith to Legat, London, for return to Scotland Yard. Report follows.

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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-680625135 IH

Examination requested by: Legat, London (88-72) Airtel 6/24/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint, Firearms, Date received: 6/25/68  
Laundry Marks, Misc.

Result of Examination: *6/26/68* Examination by: *Devine*

- ① Q377 examined for use + incl. rev. with by rev. 115.  
word "CERTIFICATE" appears on cover. The  
HP and containing same with HP Ray underwriting  
cor. prep. by Ray but 115. nature of this  
HP precludes definite identification of Ray as author.
- ② Lw + hp Q384 no ident by James EARL RAY,  
7/12/68 [redacted] submitted for examination

Q377 Scratch pad

Q378 - Q382 One clean and four soiled handkerchiefs

Q383 Wittnauer wrist watch

Q384 TWA message slip for YARUM CHANDRA DUTT

K486 Four test bullets and four test cartridge cases from "Liberty Chief, 38  
special revolver" serial #715

- ③ LFP exam of Q384 - (Per Mr. Latimer LFPs  
two LFP of value developed on Q384 no ident as Ray  
Airtel 266 Legat London (88-72)  
2cc to Legat Ottawa.  
7/10 to me (44-1987) with cc of incoming

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Personally delivered by SA W. Martindale  
to Inv. Div. to SA Robert Pettigrew

6/25/68 to SA Frank Hudson, 7:00 PM, 6/25/68  
Gen. Inv. Div.  
to SA Frank Devine, Lab 7:47 PM 6/25/68

0384 (this message slip delivered by SA Devine

to Lt. F. P. Examin. Dan Buckley 8:30 PM 6/25/68

K486 (bullet delivered to SA R. Franier Lab

9:00 PM 6/25/68

0378 → 382 Delivered to SA M. S. Clarke, Lab, 8:15 AM  
6/26/68

0383 (note delivered to SA Leon LaRue 6/25/68  
(by SA G. M. Wright, Lab duty supervisor)

all material returned to SA Devine, Lab 6/26/68

Mr. Conrad

6/26/68

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN

Legat London by airtel 6/24/68 and personally delivered by SA W. Martindale, General Investigative Division, submitted the following items of property taken from personal effects of James Earl Ray for Laboratory examination.

1. A scratch pad of blank paper. This pad was examined for indented writing and watermarks with negative results. The hand printed word "CETERFICATE" appears on the cover of this pad. Although a number of hand printing similarities were noted in this word when compared with Ray's hand printing indicating that it was possibly prepared by the subject, the limited nature of this hand printing precludes a definite identification of Ray as the author of this hand printing.
2. One clean and four soiled handkerchiefs. These items were examined for visible and invisible laundry marks but none were found.
3. A Wittnauer wrist watch. The back of this watch was removed, no serial number was found on the movement, no foreign material was found and there was no evidence the watch had been subjected to repair.
4. Four test bullets and four cartridge cases from a .38 Special "Liberty Chief" revolver (subject's revolver). These items were searched in the National Unidentified Ammunition File without effecting an identification.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long, 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Trotter (Mr. Latona)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab Files
- 1 - Mr. Jevons

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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad

Re: MURKIN

In addition, a TWA message slip was submitted for latent fingerprint examination. The Identification Division has advised that two latent fingerprints of value were developed on the slip but are not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray. This slip bears handwritten message addressed to "Mr. Yarum Chandra Dutt" as follows: "Mr. Ray to meet you at T.W.A. ticket desk." It has been determined that this writing was not prepared by James Earl Ray.

The test bullets and cartridge cases from the subject's revolver are being expeditiously forwarded to Legat, Ottawa, for appropriate RCMP comparison. All other submitted items mentioned are being expeditiously returned to Legat, London, for return to Scotland Yard.

ACTION: None. For information.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

**FOREIGN AGENCY EXCISIONS**

On 6/21/68 ANTHONY J. HANES and his son, who practices law with him, visited [REDACTED] where they saw a [REDACTED]. We have been advised in confidence that HANES requested an interview with RAY and was told he could not see him. He was asked the source of his fee and replied that he expected to collect his fee from RAY. When he was told that RAY is practically without funds, he apparently lost interest in seeing him and requested that RAY be given HANES' business card, on the back of which he wrote, "Dear Mr. Sneyd. We made an effort to see you but will see you immediately upon arrival in the USA."

In the transistor radio in the possession of RAY at the time of his arrest was a torn piece of paper jammed against the battery, apparently to hold the battery right. This paper has parts of notations, apparently in RAY's handwriting, as follows: "Consul for ", "Then Write" "Portuguese know about" "MERIUND". It would appear likely that these notes pertain to RAY's efforts to go to Africa as a mercenary. [REDACTED] has determined that "MERIUND" is meaningless to IAN COLVIN and Major WICKS.

IAN COLVIN has advised [REDACTED] that the organization in Brussels known as CRISP, which is mentioned in COLVIN's previously submitted statement, is a research organization that attempts to keep track of mercenaries in Africa. COLVIN's mention to RAY of CRISP and M. JEAN GIRARD-LIEBORS, who is connected with CRISP, was in the context of suggesting a possible means of locating RAY's brother whom RAY had alleged was a mercenary in Angola and missing. In this regard it is noted that COLVIN did not provide RAY with the address of the above individual or organization.

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1 - Liaison (direct)  
1 - London  
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### *FOREIGN AGENCY EXCISIONS*

It was alleged that when RAY left the Pax Hotel on the morning of his arrest he carried a small flight bag over his shoulder and no other luggage. When arrested he had no luggage, having already checked one suitcase to Brussels. This suitcase was recovered by [REDACTED] and is a square, plaid, fabric zipper bag somewhat larger than the usual "two-suitor".

[REDACTED] conducted an exhaustive search of all baggage rooms and lockers in London without locating any luggage identifiable with RAY. All indications are that at the time of his arrest RAY was on his way to Brussels for the purpose of making the necessary contacts to go to Africa as a mercenary and it would therefore seem unlikely that he was leaving anything of value behind.

An examination of RAY's airline tickets shows that the number of pieces and weight of luggage was not entered on the ticket for the flight from Toronto to London. From London to Lisbon he checked one piece weighing 12 kilos (26.46 pounds). On the return flight from Lisbon to London he checked one piece weighing 15 kilos (33.07 pounds); and on the intended flight to Brussels he checked one piece weighing 13 kilos (28.66 pounds). [REDACTED] has advised that his bag in its present condition weighs 28 pounds and 12 ounces. A raincoat he was carrying when arrested weighs an additional two pounds. Articles removed from his bag for his use in prison, not counting what he actually wears, consist of a suit, a shirt, a pair of socks, an undershirt and a pair of shorts, having a total estimated weight of 3 pounds.

[REDACTED] has advised that airline employees often fail to take time to precisely weigh luggage unless overweight charges are involved (the allowance is 20 kilos) and they often estimate the weight while the scale is fluctuating. This could readily account for an error of one or two kilos. It is noted that his raincoat may have been in the suitcase on the flight from Lisbon to London; therefore it is not apparent that any of his personal effects are missing.

The Atlantic edition of "TIME" Magazine, 6/21/68, has been withdrawn from sale in England because of an article on Pages 22-23 captioned "RAY's Odd Odyssey." This article includes details of the subject's prior criminal activities as well as a detailed summary of this case and his activities since July, 1967. Publication of such material concerning a defendant under pending charges is strictly prohibited by British law.

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In removing outdated messages from their bulletin board at Heathrow International Airport, London, TWA noted that one of their message forms, dated 5/23/68, at 8:00 AM, was addressed to Mr. YAHUM CHANDRA DUTT, Flight 700 on 5/27/68, advising DUTT that "Mr. RAY will meet you at TWA ticket desk." [REDACTED] believes that the message is in the handwriting of a TWA employee but all TWA employees have been contacted without identifying the person taking the message and without developing any information concerning DUTT, "Mr. RAY" or the subject.

TWA Flight 700 is from Kennedy Airport, New York, to London. The name DUTT does not appear on the passenger list of Flight 700 on 5/27/68 and no record could be found of DUTT's arrival in London.

Enclosed is the original message which should be examined for latent fingerprints to be compared with the subject's fingerprints. Also enclosed is the passenger list for TWA Flight 700, 5/27/68. New York should check with TWA for any information regarding DUTT and determine if he has any connection with the subject. Since DUTT is an uncommon name, apparently of Indian or Pakistani origin, INS records should also be checked.

The following items of property have been taken from the subject's personal effects and are being separately submitted for Laboratory examination:

- 0377 G
- (1) A scratch pad to be examined for indented writing.
  - 50 (2) One clean and several soiled handkerchiefs to be examined for fluorescent laundry marks.
  - 16 (3) Wittnauer Wristwatch. The back should be removed from the watch to obtain the serial number and any possible foreign material.
  - K (4) Test bullets fired from subject's revolver to be checked against any available bullets recovered from unsolved crimes.

The above property, with the exception of the test bullets, should be immediately returned to Legat, London for

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return to [REDACTED]. The test bullets should be forwarded Legat, Ottawa, for appropriate [REDACTED] comparison with any unidentified bullets they may have.

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The test bullets and cartridge cases from the .38 Special caliber "Liberty Chief" revolver, serial number 715 were compared with all similar specimens in the National Unidentified Ammunition File without effecting an identification.

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The test bullets and cartridge cases are being forwarded, <sup>with a copy of this airtel</sup> to Legat, Ottawa, ~~Canada~~ for delivery to RCMP for comparison with any unidentified bullets they may have.

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Send 8x10 clasp envelope for enclosing test bullets & cartridge cases to Ottawa

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MURKIN CASE

6-25-68

Received Ray's wrist watch from McWright this evening who is the late duty supervisor.

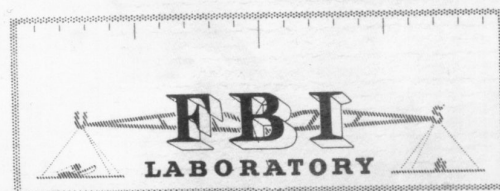
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condition.  
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not running  
when received  
and it registers  
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Men's  
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wrist watch,  
black dial,  
silver-colored  
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Case and wrist  
band also silver  
colored.



Close-up view of  
front of wrist  
watch

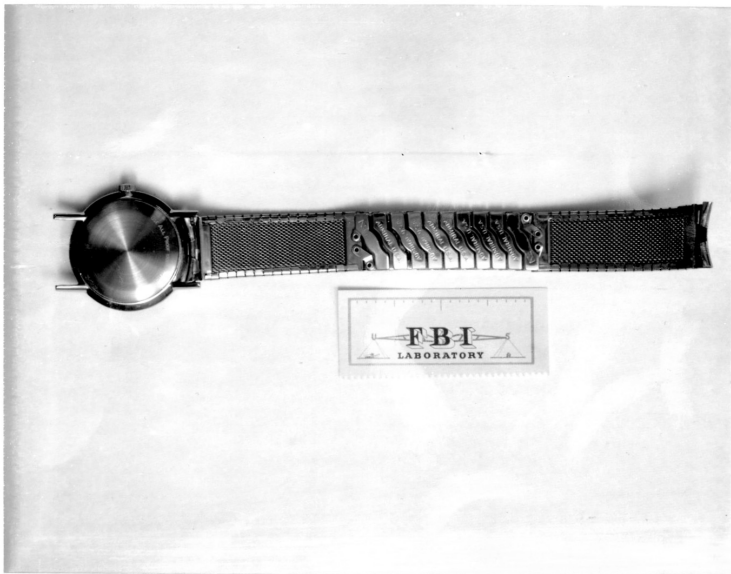
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Geneve"

Luminous dots at  
"12", "3", "6" and "9"  
and slender luminous  
lines on hands.



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MURKIN CASE

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Back of Ray's  
wristwatch and  
expansion-type  
metal band.

Back of wrist  
watch. No.  
engraved inscriptions.

Note the marking

"USE ALL PROOF 1200 WRENCH"

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