

MURKIN CASE

6-25-68

Note markings on  
inside of expansion  
links only:

"ADMIRAL U.S.A."

The part which fits  
around the pins for  
attaching the band to  
the wrist watch bears  
the marking:

"STAINLESS STEEL PAT. NO.  
2515817"

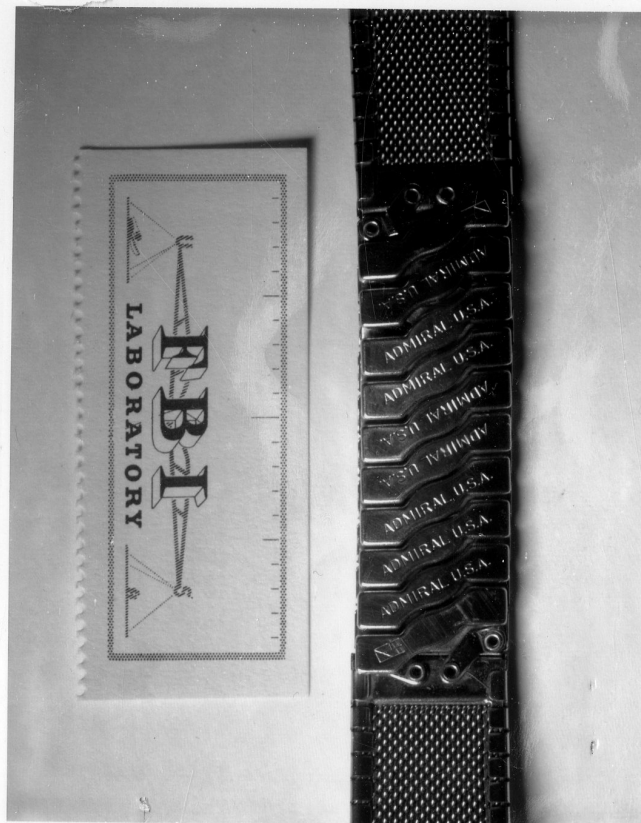
The steel is actually  
below the word "STAINLESS."

The following marking  
appears 2 places on the  
underside of the band, see photo 1: RA

There is an Admiral Watch Band Company, Inc., 9 desbrosses St.,  
New York 13, New York (See page 477 of the June 21, 1965 issue  
of the Jewelers' directory Issue of the Jewelers' circular - Keystone.  
In their ad they show their insignia as an A inscribed inside  
a fancy shield — not the insignia I sketched above.

The case opens from the front, not the back by removing the  
crystal and then removing the friction fitted crown. 000122

No movement serial number. 17-jewel movement <sup>incabloc</sup>  
Wittnauer stainless steel case marked in addition to  
The Wittnauer Watch Co. etc there are the #5 8001 → probably  
"11 K" also appears on movement. ③ 11 K a model #



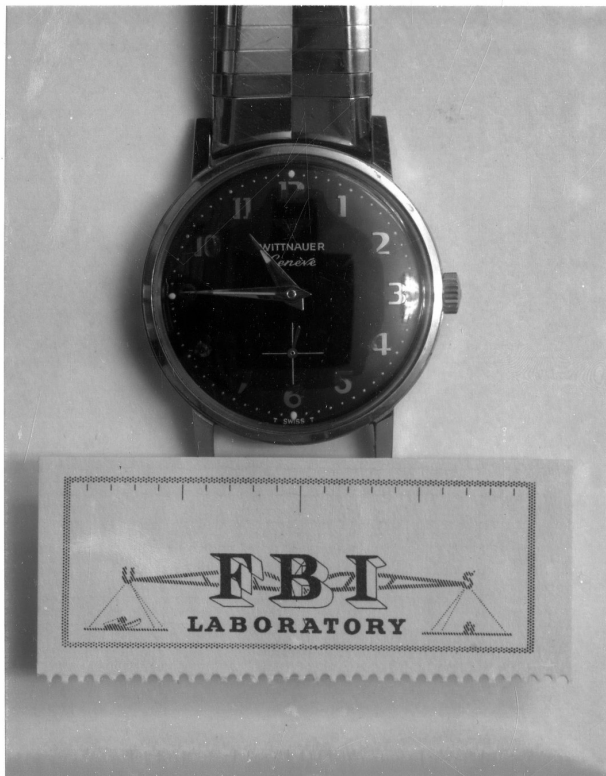


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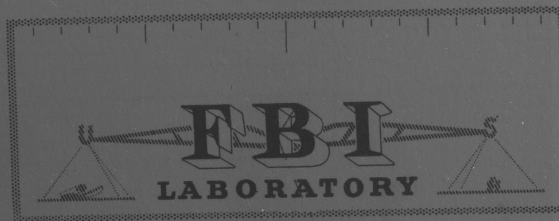




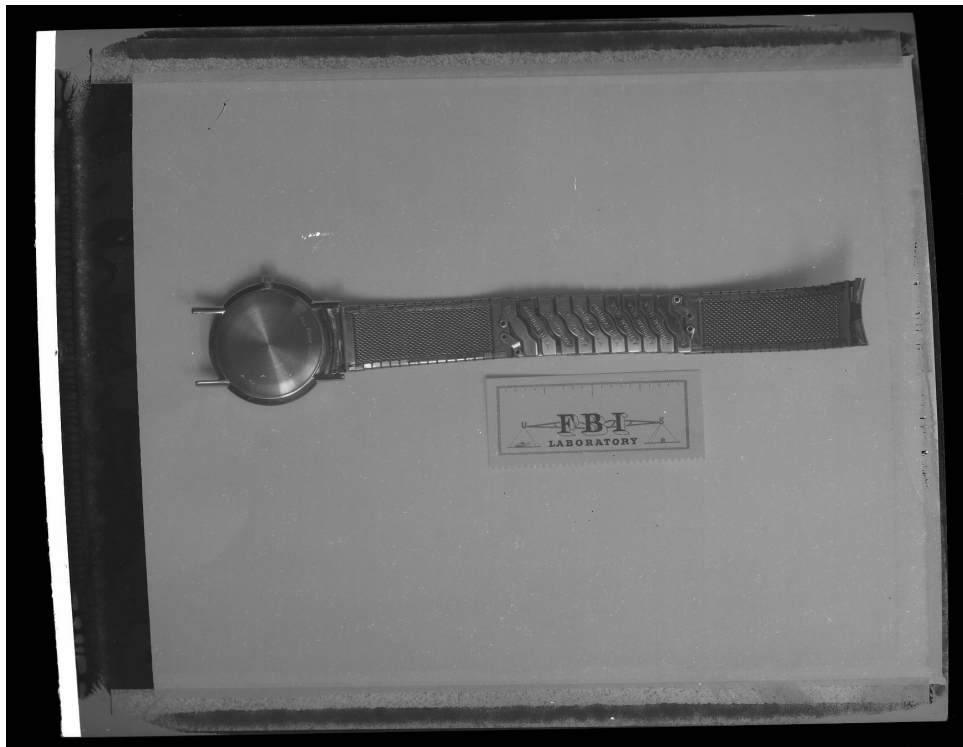
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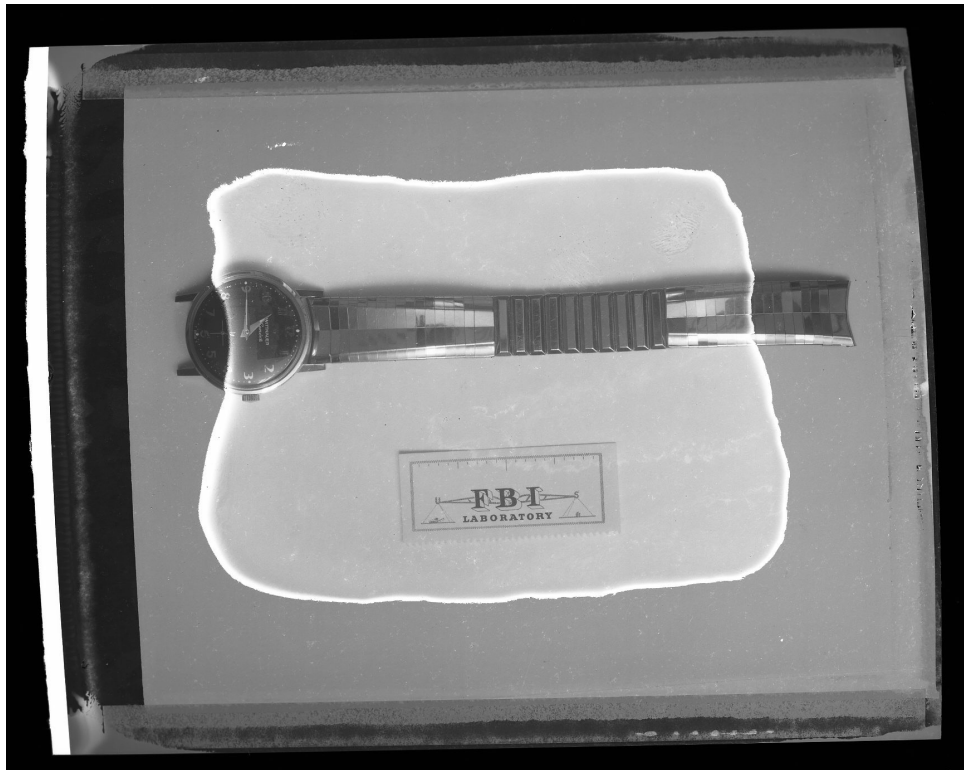
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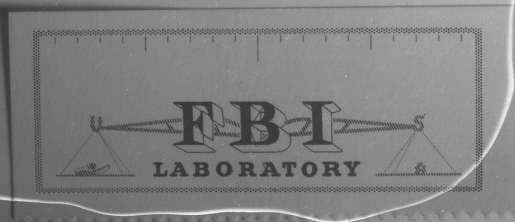
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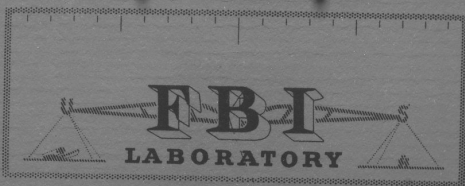
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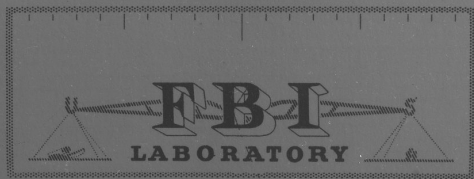
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WATCH NEGATIVES

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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-680615135 IH**  
**PC A7235 BX 12 CW**

Examination requested by: **Legat, London (88-72)**

**Airtel 6/24/68**

Examination requested: **Document, Fingerprint, Firearms,  
Laundry Marks, Misc.**

Date received: **6/25/68**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **Devine**

*Dict:*  
*(2) No visible or invisible laundry*  
*marks were found on specimens*  
*Q378 through Q382.*  
*No foreign materials were found on specimen Q383.*

*Fraser*  
*Chambers*  
*LeRoux*

*PH/01*

Specimens 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, 3.8  
special revolver" serial #715**

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PC-A7235

4 handkerchiefs & a portion of a  
handkerchief

a) Clean white handkerchief  
16 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 17 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"

a), c) & d) 3 Soiled white handkerchiefs each 14 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 15"

e) Portion of a white handkerchief 14 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 8 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>".  
one edge torn. Deposits of what appears  
to be brown shoe polish.

No visible or invisible laundry  
marks on a) - e) above

No foreign materials found on watches

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A Message

for Mr. TARMU CHANDRA DUTT

FLIGHT 760/27

Mr. Ray to meet you  
at TWA Ticket Desk.

TIME 0800

DATE 28 Jan 1967

FAS 507 (11-62)

Printed in Italy

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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  
PC-A 7235 **OK 12**  
**CW**

Examination requested by: **Legat, London (88-72)**

Airtel 6/24/68

Examination requested: **Document, Fingerprint, Firearms,  
Laundry Marks, Misc.**

Date received: 6/25/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **Devine**

*Dist: The test specimens, K486, were compared with all specimens of similar types in the National Unidentified Ammunition File without effecting an identification.*

*Frayling  
Clenk  
La Park*

*Adm. Pp K486 was forwarded to Legat, Ottawa, for delivery to RCMP in accordance with request of Legat, London.*

*Airtel sent 6/26/68  
to Devine*

Specimens 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 *.38 Special caliber* "Liberty Chief" ~~revolver~~ *revolver* serial ~~number~~ *number 715*.

*6/26/68  
JG*

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6/25/68 - 8:50 PM Rec'd Test bullets and ctg cases from  
SA Frank Reimer - from London

K486 ~~Four~~ Test bullets and Four test cartridge cases from  
a .38 Special "Liberty Chief" revolver,  
Serial Number 715. (Made by Miroku)

- Distributed by Liberty Arms Corp, PO Box 306 Montrose, Calif.

Aug 1966  
S. L. G. News  
#39.95

Tests consisted of 2 Rem-UMC wood-chippers

2 Norma Service loads

G/R 6/Left Load .09 (.058-.062)

Groove .115 (.114 - .116)

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



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

To: **FBI, Birmingham (44-1740)**

Date: **June 26, 1968**

*Q376*

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680624097 JK**

Examination requested by: **Birmingham**

Reference: **Airtel 6/21/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

**Enclosures (4) (Q376, ALSO SUBMITTED, 2 Lab report)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
2 - New Orleans Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report) 00129**

**FMD:AW (12)**

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**REPORT  
of the**



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

To: **FBI, Birmingham (44-1740)**

Date: **June 26, 1968**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

Lab. No. **D-680624097 JK**

Specimens received **6/24/68**

**Q376 Palmer Writers School pamphlet submitted under the name  
"Eric A. Waugh" bearing hand printing**

**ALSO SUBMITTED: Handwritten letter signed AUBRY DEE CHANDLER**

**Result of examination:**

**It was concluded that the handwriting on Q376 was  
not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, K211.**

**Q376 has been photographed and is being returned to  
Birmingham with the ALSO SUBMITTED material.**

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-680624097 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740) Airtel 6/21/68

Examination requested: Document, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Date received: 6/24/68

Result of Examination: *6/25/68*

Examination by: *Just* Mortimer

- ① No indent hp Q376 by James Earl Ray, K211
- ② Q376, phot. ke + net d to BH + jettison with  
also sub ent.

*Do latent exam done -  
not requested +  
material is no indent*

Specimens submitted for examination

Q376 Palmer Writers School pamphlet submitted under the name "Eric A. Waugh" bearing hand printing. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Also Submitted: Handwritten letter signed AUBRY DEE CHANDLER

2 - me 44-1987  
2 - NO.

*cc for* Mr. Rosen  
(Mr Long 2260)  
Mr Conrad  
Mr Mortimer  
Colb f.c

**PHOTOGRAPHED**

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*Ld. rpt.  
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6/24/68*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

June 21, 1968

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL-REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
Attention: FBI Laboratory  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN  
CR  
OO:ME

The Birmingham office is in receipt of a letter from AUBRY DEE CHANDLER, Scottsboro, Alabama, the original of which is being furnished the Bureau, and Xerox copies of same are being furnished New Orleans and Memphis.

CHANDLER was contacted on June 18, 1968, at Scottsboro, Alabama, and furnished a pamphlet concerning which he had written to the Birmingham office. The original of this pamphlet is an application with the Palmer Writers School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, which is being furnished the Bureau, and Xerox copies thereof are being furnished New Orleans and Memphis.

It is noted that the typewritten name ERIC A. WAUGH, which appears above the name CHARLES MARTIN, Inspectors of Petroleum, New Orleans, Louisiana, may have been typed by a different typewriter than MARTIN's address.

From a layman's comparison of the handprinting on the pamphlet under Parts A, C, and D,

3-Bureau (Enc.2)(AM-RM)  
2-New Orleans (Enc.2)(AM-RM)  
2-Memphis (AM-RM)(Enc.2)  
2-Birmingham  
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together with background information furnished by WAUGH, the possibility exists that same may have been written by subject RAY, based upon photographic specimens of his handprinting furnished the Birmingham office by the Bureau, by Routing Slip dated June 17, 1968. This, together with the fact it is known that RAY was visiting in New Orleans on March 22, 1968, which was the date indicated the Palmer Writers School pamphlet was executed, plus RAY's known propensity for correspondence courses, makes it desirable that investigation be conducted at New Orleans, as set forth below.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to make a handprinting comparison of the executed portions of the Palmer Writers School pamphlet filled in by ERIC A. WAUGH, with known handprinting specimens of subject RAY and that Birmingham, New Orleans, and Memphis be advised of the results.

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

1. Will conduct investigation at Apartment No.3, (upstairs) 2928 Tulane Avenue, and determine occupant on the date of March 22, 1968. Determine whether subject RAY may possibly have rented the apartment temporarily or may have been visiting the normal occupants thereof.
2. Will interview CHARLES MARTIN, Inspectors of Patroleun, P.O. Box 19465, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70119, regarding the pamphlet of the Palmer Writers School, and

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determine whether he was acquainted with the ERIC A. WAUGH, whose name appears above that of MARTIN, as desiring to be enrolled in the Palmer Writers School. Will determine from MARTIN whether he is acquainted with anyone by the name of ERIC A. WAUGH or whether he might recognize photographs of subject RAY. (New Orleans refer to its previous report regarding RAY's presence in New Orleans on the date in question).

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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 [REDACTED] 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 Writ" "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-LIEDONS, 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.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)  
1 - Liaison (direct)  
1 - London  
WLM:ew  
(5)

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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-suiter".

[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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London 88-72

FOREIGN  
AGENCY

In removing outdated messages from their bulletin board at Heathrow International Airport, London, TWA noted that one of their message forms, dated 5/28/68, at 8:00 AM, was addressed to Mr. YARUN 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.

TW/SP  
sub  
TWA  
meeting  
w/ing  
for

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

- Q3776
- 50
- 16
- (K)
- (1) A scratch pad to be examined for indented writing.
  - (2) One clean and several soiled handkerchiefs to be examined for fluorescent laundry marks.
  - (3) Wittnauer Wristwatch. The back should be removed from the watch to obtain the serial number and any possible foreign material.
  - (4) Test bullets fired from subject's revolver to be checked against any available bullets recovered from unsolved crimes.
- 1415  
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The above property, with the exception of the test bullets, should be immediately returned to Legat, London for

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**FOREIGN AGENCY EXCISIONS**

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

2-Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Shroder 5710,  
Mr. Long 2260)  
1-Mr. Conrad  
1-Mr. Mortimer  
1-Lab File

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To: **FBI, San Diego (44-387)  
(44-394)**

Date: **June 21, 1968**

*Q375, K485*

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis  
KENSALT  
OO: Los Angeles**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680619073 JK**

Examination requested by: **San Diego**  
Reference: **Airtel 6/17/68**  
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**  
Remarks:

**A separate report is being furnished on the latent  
fingerprint examination and return of Q375 and K485.**

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**  
**2 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**  
**2 - Los Angeles (56-156) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**  
**1 - Bufile (62-587)**

**FMD:AW (14)**

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FBI, San Diego (44-387)  
(44-394)

MURKIN  
CR  
KENSALT

June 21, 1968  
44-38861  
D-680619073 JK

6/19/68

Q375 Sheet of paper bearing a hand printed note which begins "If the F.B.I. wants Ray's buddy go to....," and ending "...in Big Stone Gap Virginia by the F. B. I."

K485 Sheet of paper bearing the known hand printing of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

**Result of examination:**

It was concluded that the hand printing on Q375 was prepared by GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, K485.

The submitted material was searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

Q375 and K485 have been photographed and are being returned to San Diego separately.

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1/2 recorded  
6/19/68 dt

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

File # 44-38861  
Lab. # D-680619073 JK

L A T E N T

KENSALT  
OO: Los Angeles

Examination requested by: San Diego (44-387) (44-394) A. 6/17/68/

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint Date received: 6/19/68

Result of Examination: 6/20/68

Examination by: [Signature]

- ① Ident to Q375 by K485 Letringer
- ② A.L. not identical in A.L.F.
- ③ Q375 + K485 photo + not 2 sep (sept rept on latent)

Specimens submitted for examination

Q375 Sheet of paper bearing a hand printed note which begins "If the F.B.I. wants Ray's buddy go to....," and ending "...in Big Stone Gap Virginia by the F. B. I."

K485 Sheet of paper bearing the known hand printing of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

Searched A.L.F. : Note Hand printing, Mixture, Upper Case, Lower Case, California & surrounding states, Washington state and Virginia. no ident. 6/19/68 dt

apx  
T02-Rosen (a.k.a. 2250  
Shredded 5710)

1. Curved

1. Blank file

1. Ident. PHOTOGRAPHED

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ME -  
2cc - 44-1987  
2cc - LA - 56 - 156  
extra yellow 62-587  
+ 1/2 copy

Lab. rpt.  
final an 6/20/68

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AIRTEL

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

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO {44-387}  
{44-394}

MURKIN  
OO: Memphis

KENSALT  
OO: Los Angeles

Re San Diego teletype dated 6/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a handprinted note written in green ink and a known handprinting sample of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, FBI No. [REDACTED]

For the information of the Laboratory, enclosed note was received in the mail at the U. S. Post Office, San Diego, California, 6/11/68.

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was subsequently arrested by the San Diego Police Department 6/12/68 on an outstanding warrant issued at Seattle, Washington, for grand larceny.

On 6/13/68 GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was interviewed, at which time handprinting was taken from him since circumstances seemed to indicate he had written the note himself, although he denied having written this note.

- (4) - Bureau (Enc.2)(REGISTERED)  
1 - Memphis  
1 - Los Angeles  
4 - San Diego (2 - 44-387) (2 - 44-394)

AWO: jkw  
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*Rec'd 6-19*  
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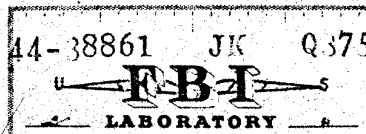
The Laboratory is requested to conduct handwriting examination on enclosures and advise the San Diego Office of the results.

The Bureau is requested to return enclosed items to the San Diego Division.

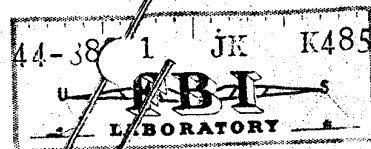
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I / THE F.B.I. WANTS RAY'S  
BUDDY. GO TO 124 BROADWAY METRO-  
POLE HOTEL. ROOM. 117. HE MAY BE  
UNDER THE NAME. GEORGE. LETSINGER  
OR GEORGE. ANDERSON. HE KNOWS ABOUT  
KENNEDY AND ALSO KINGS DEATHS.  
HE MAY HAVE PART IN KINGS. DEATH. I KNOW  
HE WAS IN TENN BEFOR AND AFTER KING,  
WAS KILLED. I KNOW. LETSINGER IS WANTED  
IN SEATTLE. ALSO IN BIG STONE GAP VIRGINIA  
BY THE F.B.I.

6/12/68  
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POST OFFICE  
POSTMASTER

IF THE F.B.I. WANTS RAY: BUDDY  
GO TO 124 BROADWAY METROPOL HOTEL  
ROOM 117. HE MAY UNDER NAME GEORGE  
LETSINGER OR GEORGE ANDERSON. HE KNOW  
ABOUT KENNEDY ALSO KINGS DEATH HE  
MAY PART IN KINGS DEATH. HE WAS IN  
TENNESEE BEFORE AND AFTER KING WAS  
KILLED I KNOW LETSINGER IS WANTED  
IN SEATTLE ALSO BIG STONE GAP VIRGINIA  
BY THE F.B.I.

Handprinting of George R. Letsinger, taken 6/13/68.

Special Agent Arnold W.  
O'Brien, F.B.I.

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POST OFFICE  
POST MASTER

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



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

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

Date: **June 18, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680617084 JK**

Examination requested by: **New York**  
Reference: **Airtel 6/13/68**  
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**  
Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results  
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q373 and Q374.**

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

**2 - New York (44-1809) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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**REPORT  
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)****Date: June 18, 1968****Re: MURKIN  
CR****FBI File No. 44-38861****Lab. No. D-680617084 JK**Specimens received **6/14/68**

**Q373 Envelope postmarked "New York, N.Y. AG - PM 11Jun 1968," bearing the handwritten address "Federal Bureau of Investigation 201 E. 69 St. N.Y.C., N.Y."**

**Q374 Accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "Federal Bureau of Investigation June 10.68 Gentlemen: I believe it to be of interest to you,..." and ending "...I am deeply concerned and hope no one is hurt."**

**Result of examination:**

Specimens Q373 and Q374 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File and against items which have been submitted in the "MURKIN" case but no identification could be made.

No watermarks, indented impressions or other identifying characteristics were noted on Q373 and Q374 which might indicate their immediate source.

Physical characteristics of the two items submitted have been noted for possible future reference.

The two items submitted will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN  
CR

File # 44-38861  
Lab. # D-680617084 JK

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00: Memphis

Examination requested by: New York (44-1609) A. 6/13/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint Date received: 6/14/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer *6/17/68*

Q373 & Q374 reach ALF's against items sub. in con. "MURKIN" case, returned.

No w.m. print ind. impressions or other id. characteristics.

Phys. char. noted.

Ref. exp. P'd.

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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q373 Envelope postmarked "New York, N. Y. AG -PM 11Jun 1968," bearing the handwritten address "Federal Bureau of Investigation 201 E. 69 St. N.Y.C., N. Y. "
- Q374 Accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "Federal Bureau of Investigation June 10.68 Gentlemen: I believe it to be of interest to you..." and ending "...I am deeply concerned and hope that no one is hurt."

Searched ALF- Group 111 A (Hate) - New York and surrounding states 6/17/68 dt.

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2-NY (44-1609)

T. - Room (Long 2260)

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Mortimer

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Mortimer  
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4373 - Bus. - window - white - 3.75" x 8.88" x .0048"

4374 - yellow - gelatin tablet 12.45" x 7.95" x .0034" - blue lines

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concerned the probe that no one is put...  
to be of interest to you... the enclosed... I successfully  
business of investigation since 10.08 captioned: I believe it  
accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "Enclosed"  
301 E. 84th St. N.Y.C. N.Y. 10019  
resulting the handwritten address "Enclosed" business of investigation  
enclosed postmarked "New York, N.Y. 10019 - 10/11/68"

Result of Examination: Examination not performed  
Examination requested by: Document - fingerprint This received: 10/11/68  
Examination requested by: New York (44-1000) A. 10/11/68

OO: Memphis

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Re: MURKIN

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Paraphrase work sheet

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PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
(ATT: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE THREAT AGAINST LIFE OF JAMES EARL RAY.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau is an anonymous letter dated June 10, 68 which is set forth in full below. The envelope in which the letter was received is also enclosed.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to determine if any fingerprints of value are on either the letter or the envelope. It is requested that results of this examination be furnished to the Memphis Office.

The letter is as follows:

"Federal Bureau of Investigation                      "June 10, 68

"Gentlemen:

"I believe it to be of interest to you to know of a plan afoot to take Ray from the authorities upon his arrival in the U.S. The people involved have expressed themselves as being undaunted if he is surrounded by 100 Federal

④ Bureau (Encls.2)  
✓ (1- Latent Fingerprint Section)  
1- Memphis (44-1987)  
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"Marshals or FBI personel. They anticipate a large protective force but will not be stopped and expect to lose several in the attempt but there will be martyrs. They have anticipated his surprise return and have placed watchers at every conceivable airport including Air Force landing areas.

"Because of possible reprisals I must abstain from signing this note to you. I am deeply concerned and hope that no one is hurt."

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

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - (Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. McQuarrie
- 1 - Liaison Unit
- ① - Lab File

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

Date: **June 18, 1968**

*Q369-372*

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*[Signature]*  
*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680614107 JK**

Examination requested by: **Legat, London**

Reference: **Airtel 6/9/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Because of the nature of the documents submitted, these were not treated for latent fingerprints. Should such an examination be desired, these items should be forwarded to the Bureau, attention Latent Fingerprint Section.

Enclosed for the information of Memphis is a copy of incoming communication from Legat, London.

- Enclosures (3) (2 Lab report, copy of incoming communication)
- 2 - Legat, London (88-72) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
  - 1 - Legat, Paris Enclosures (5) (Q369-Q372, Lab report)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **June 18, 1968**Re: **MURKIN  
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680614107 JK**Specimens received **6/14/68**

- Q369** Form A-0-Application for Canadian Passport, in the name **RAMON GEORGE SNEYD**, stamped "Cancelled," Affidavit signed "Ramon George Sneyd" and attached carbon copy of a letter to the Canadian Passport Division dated 5/17/68
- Q370** Card entitled "Policia Internacional E De Defesa Do Estado Entrada De Estrangeiros," signed **RAMON GEORGE SNEYD**
- Q371** International Embarkation/Disembarkation Card, in the name **RAMON GEORGE SNEYA**
- Q372** International Embarkation/Disembarkation Card, in the name **RAMON GEORGE SNEYD**

**Result of examination:**

Excluding the hand printing on Q370 and considering the signature on this item together with the other specimens described above, it was concluded that the questioned handwriting, hand printing and "Sneyd" signatures on Q369 through Q372 were prepared by **JAMES EARL RAY, FBI** [REDACTED].

Specimens Q369 through Q372 are forwarded with a copy of this report to Legat, Paris. Photographs were made.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

File # 44-38861  
Lab. # D-6806146107 JM

Examination requested by: Legat, London (88-72) A. 6/9/68

Examination requested: Document ~~Fingerprint~~ Date received: 6/14/68

Result of Examination: Examination by: Mortimer

*Handwritten notes:*  
Look up on 42258 inside hang. on the floor by door. No. 42258  
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at 2. 42258. P. 42258

*Handwritten notes:*  
Handwritten notes on the floor by door. No. 42258  
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at 2. 42258. P. 42258

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q169 Form A-0 - Application for Canadian Passport, in the name RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, stamped "Cancelled," and attached carbon copy of a letter to the Canadian Passport Division dated 5/17/68
- Q370 Card entitled "Policia Internacional E De Defesa Do Estado Entrada De Estrangeiros, signed RAMON GEORGE SNEYD
- Q371 International Embarkation/Disembarkation Card, in the name RAMON GEORGE SNEYD
- Q372 International Embarkation/Disembarkation Card, in the name RAMON GEORGE SNEYD

*Handwritten notes:*  
To: Mr. (at 10/11/68)  
2- Legat, London (88-72)  
1- Legat, Paris  
1- Legat, Rome

*Handwritten notes:*  
To: Mr. (at 10/11/68)  
1- Legat, London (88-72)  
1- Legat, Paris  
1- Legat, Rome

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*Handwritten notes:*  
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Ramon George Sneyd

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MR. RAMON GEORGE SNEYD

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8 October 32 TORONTO CANADA

Concession - Employed by auto agency

962 Dundas - av - Toronto, Canada

FILE FOR MR. SNEYD

AS INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION/REGISTRATION ONLY IN THE NAME

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RAMON GEORGE SNEYD - 8 10 1932

TORONTO CANADA

EMPLOYED BY AUTO COMPANY

962 DUNDAS ST TORONTO CANADA

Specimens submitted for examination

Pass. App.  
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RAMON GEORGE SNEYD - 962 DUNDAS ST. W.

TORONTO CANADA - BLACK - PAUL - 170

Ramon George Sneyd

Ramon George Sneyd - Lisboa Portugal

2 am only visited here on vacation

Ramon George Sneyd

Research Examination:

Examination by: 7011101

Examination requested:

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Date received: 0/11/08

Examination requested by:

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