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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

562328

Re Atlanta teletype to Director dated 5/1/68.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Laboratory is Hertz Rental Agreement #939484 executed 4/19/68, signed JAMES E. BODKER and bearing his initials.

For the information of the Laboratory, an employee of Hertz at Albany, Ga. has described BODKER generally the same as JAMES EARL RAY and has viewed his photos and believes possibly identical. The only handwriting appearing on this contract which is in BODKER's handwriting is JAMES E. BODKER and the initials "JEB."

The Laboratory is requested to compare this handwriting with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

It is also requested that the contract be processed for latent fingerprints in this matter re Mr. CHARLES V. TYSON, manager, Hertz, Albany, Ga. who has handled this document. He was in the U.S. Army with serial number 34 976 214. This document should be returned to Atlanta for return to Mr. TYSON unless it becomes of value as evidence in the MURKIN case.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: [illegible]
RE: [illegible]

Enclosed for the Laboratory are two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above. The LHM contains information regarding the activities of the [illegible] in the New York area.

The LHM was prepared by the New York Office and is being furnished to the Laboratory for its information. The LHM is being furnished to the Laboratory for its information.

Very truly yours,
[illegible]
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
RE: MURKIN
OO ME

Enclosed for Bureau and Memphis is one copy of a report by a psychiatric consultant to the Board of Probation and Parole, State of Missouri, dated December 20, 1966, regarding JAMES EARL RAY.

This information is being furnished because of the psychiatrist's comments regarding RAY's increasingly severe, obsessive, compulsive trend which may aid in evaluating RAY's activities.

The information contained in this letter is confidential and cannot be released without a court order.

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THIS INFORMATION IS BEING FURNISHED TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION.
THE ABOVE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE MEMPHIS OFFICE OF THE FBI.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE MEMPHIS OFFICE OF THE FBI IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE MATTER.

RE: OO ME
MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1980)
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

ADMINISTRATIVE: MEMPHIS

7/3/68

Memorandum S. F. Latona to MR. TROTTER,
dated 4/30/68, with 1 enclosure, GJB:bb
Memo is captioned "MURKIN"

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Post card

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KOLB'S GRILL is a friendly convivial place
take one's friends and meet one's acquaintances.
The Bar is located just within the entrance and
is the only place in all New Orleans where
one can be served Lowenbrau Beer on draft.
Here also, still in operation, is the first air-
conditioning apparatus installed in New Orleans
as a fan/wheel/pulley combination originally
operated by hand.

Kolb's is located at
125 ST. CHARLES ST., NEW ORLEANS, LA.
Charles C. Mills, Gen. Mgr.

Galt is professional killer
LIVES off CONTRACTS. This one
FROM SNEED and Right's
LEADERS PAID PARTLY BY
CUBA. GALT and partner
ARE IN CUBA



POST CARD

Address

Federal Bureau of
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Washington, D.C.

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Memorandum

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TO : MR. TROTTER

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : S. F. Latona

SUBJECT: MURKIN

LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION

A picture post card, Q269, postmarked "HOUSTON, TEX PM APR 1968," addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has been examined in Latent Fingerprint Section, and one latent fingerprint of value developed thereon.

The latent fingerprint is not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, or Vernon Elmo Rife, FBI #4558766.

The post card, which is attached, is being retained in Bufiles.

The Laboratory is setting forth the results of its examination in a separate memorandum.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Rosen

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 22, 1968

The attached post card was sent to the Bureau from an anonymous source in Houston, Texas. The card reads as follows:

"Galt is professional killer. Lives off contracts. This one from SNCC and rights leaders paid partly by Cuba. Galt and partners are in Cuba."

MR. TOLSON

MR. DELOACH

MR. MOHR

MR. BISHOP

MR. CASPER

MR. CALLAHAN

MR. CONRAD

MR. FELT

MR. GALE

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MR. TROTTER

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FBI Grumbles

Attorney General Aggravated Bureau By Glowing Report on King Case

By Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

THE DEEP-seated unhappiness of J. Edgar Hoover's Federal Bureau of Investigation with its boss, Attorney General Ramsey Clark, was aggravated by Clark's misleading public optimism about a quick solution of the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

FBI agents working on the King case grumbled privately that Clark's repeated statements hinting at imminent capture of the assassin were not justified by the actual progress of the investigation. On the contrary, some agents complained that what legitimate information the Attorney General did let drop risked drying up the killer's trail.

In Justice Department conferences, Clark justified his contribution to the credibility gap on the grounds that optimistic talk about closing the case "would help morale"—that is, calm down Negro anger in the turbulent days immediately following the murder.

Simultaneously, there is considerable skepticism inside the Justice Department and FBI that the present renewed investigation of Black Power-extremist Stokely Carmichael will result in any action.

FBI agents are making detailed probes into Carmichael's role in fomenting the Washington, D.C., riots of April 4-6 following Dr. King's death, but many feel Clark will never push for a Carmichael prosecution. The Justice Department staff overwhelmingly recommended a year ago that the Government seek an indictment of Carmichael, but the Attorney General vetoed the advice on grounds that it would only make him a martyr.

Barkan's Mission

THE LATEST secret mission by Al Barkan, organized labor's top political action agent, to Mr. Sen. Robert Kennedy's drive for the presidential nomination wound up a complete failure.

Barkan, head of the AFL-CIO's Committee on Political

Education (COPE), flew from Washington to Indianapolis for a closed meeting last Tuesday of the Indiana AFL-CIO executive board. His mission: to win support for Gov. Roger Branigan, the favorite son candidate, against Kennedy and Sen. Eugene McCarthy in Indiana's May 7 primary.

Barkan was supported in this view by the United Steel Workers, powerful in the Gary area—but few other unions. While many Hoosier labor leaders said they would back Vice President Humphrey if he were on the ballot, they opposed supporting Branigan. Against Barkan and the Steel Workers were the United Auto Workers, machinists, plumbers, packinghouse workers, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, oil and chemical workers, teachers and municipal employees.

The result was neutrality by Indiana labor, a victory for Kennedy—thanks largely to his brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who had spent the previous week urging Indiana union heads not to commit themselves.

Miller in South

WILLIAM E. Miller, the former New York Congressman who was Barry Goldwater's running mate in 1964, will be hunting delegates for Gov. Nelson Rockefeller in the South this spring.

As former Republican national chairman, Miller has plenty of political ties in the conservative South although lining them up for Rockefeller will be most difficult.

Miller's impending travels mark the slow upswing in Rockefeller's unannounced candidacy for the nomination.

The moderate Republican political pro, Al Abrahams, has been signed on as Washington-based trouble-shooter. He'll

be making quick swings west, setting up Rockefeller for President state and local campaigns. Some Rockefeller strategists want Abrahams to work into a key political intelligence job for the Governor as the pipeline between Washington and the New York-based Rockefeller staff.

Abrahams has excellent credentials for the job. He served as executive director of Republicans for Progress, a post-Goldwater organization that provided financing and research help for moderate-to-liberal Republican candidates.

Rockefeller's personal top-level research will be handled by New York attorney Oscar Rubhausen. The highly respected Richard Nathan, on leave from the Brookings Institution, will be chief of domestic affairs and Henry A. Kissinger of Harvard will handle foreign affairs.

Without fanfare, Rockefeller's Washington headquarters will be opened this week on Connecticut Avenue—but without the usual political fanfare and flag-waving.

A footnote: Gov. George Romney of Michigan attended a high-level strategy breakfast by Rockefeller supporters Thursday morning at Washington's Mayflower Hotel (at the invitation of Sen. Jacob Javits of New York) but remained uncommitted. He explained that he had to keep his favorite son status to keep Michigan's 48-member delegation from splintering. The consensus of others present was for a Rockefeller announcement of candidacy as soon as possible.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(Attn.: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Albany airtels to Bureau, 4/11/68 and
4/12/68.

LAUNDRY MARKS

Enclosed herewith for examination by the FBI Laboratory are samples of laundry marks obtained from Thermo-Seal machines of laundry establishments within the Boston Division, which are described and itemized as follows:

Item #1

Post Exchange Laundry
Newport Naval Base
Newport, Rhode Island -
machines SN 33137
and SN 33138

Item #2

U. S. Naval Exchange Laundry
U. S. Naval Air Station
Quonset Point, Rhode Island -
machines SN 33431
and SN 32296

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 27, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - Mr. McDonough
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

With respect to the Director's inquiry regarding the variances in description between James Earl Ray and Eric Galt the following is set forth. James Earl Ray who used the alias Eric Starvo Galt has been identified as the subject in the King case. Ray is an escaped convict from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri. His description is based on information in the official records of the penitentiary where he was photographed and his description was recorded. He is forty years old having been born [redacted] at Alton, Illinois. This has been verified through official birth records.

It was determined through exhaustive investigation that King's slayer was an individual who had used the names John Willard, Harvey Lowmyer and Eric S. Galt. The description of this individual and information on his past activities were developed through witnesses, some of whom had only fleeting contact with or observation of the subject, resulting in variations in the descriptions furnished. On painstaking reconstruction of the subject's background we secured a photograph which had been taken in connection with his completing a bartending course in California in March, 1968.

In order to afford the most extensive and widespread publicity to the subject to possibly assist in his early location and apprehension, this photograph and description and past activities, as then reported, were released to the general public.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Upon identification of Ray as being Galt we were then enabled to furnish more precise description and background information from official records.

The descriptions of the then unknown subject developed in the initial stages of this investigation were based upon extensive interviews of witnesses in varied locations reaching from Tennessee to California. The remarkably close resemblances which we developed and the information elicited which revealed the true extent of the subject's physical description shows that a most commendable job was done by the Agents in their investigative activity.

The Associated Press article had been the subject of a previous memorandum in which it was indicated that Assistant Chief Bill Price of the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, denied making the statements attributed to him and this was submitted to the Director in a letter from Frank Holloman, former Special Agent who is now in charge of the Memphis Police Department.

ACTION:

For information.

Spec
JRM
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There has been very little difference in physical descriptions from the start of this case.
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|| SEE ATTACHED NEWS ITEM FROM WASH. POST OF 4-27-68

FBI Discounts Conflicting Reports on King Suspect

By Gaylord Shaw
Associated Press

FBI officials are quietly trying to play down contradictory descriptions of the appearance and habits of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, the elusive escaped convict charged with the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The discrepancies have fueled speculation that perhaps Ray and Galt actually are two persons, or that two or more persons used the name Galt.

No official statement has been issued to rebut this theory. But FBI sources insisted that Ray and Galt are the same person.

"We know there's only one person involved here," said one official.

"We've got his fingerprints and we know who he is."

Although the FBI now insists the man it seeks is Ray, it has not amended a conspiracy complaint against Galt—charging that Galt had conspired with "an individual he alleged to be his brother" to violate Dr. King's civil rights—to change the name to Ray.

In enlisting the public's help in the manhunt, the FBI has distributed thousands of flyers. The first set bears Galt's name, the second Ray's.

Puzzling aspects of the case continue to pop up.

Atlanta residents said cigarette or cigar ashes were scattered on the carpeted floor of a white 1966 Mustang that FBI agents impounded there a week after Dr. King was slain. They also said a cigar butt fell out of the car when agents opened the door. The FBI has said the car was owned by Galt. But a number of people who knew Galt say he does not smoke.

Reporters showed copies of the FBI-released picture of Galt to the Birmingham witnesses, and to residents of the Memphis rooming house from which the fatal shot was fired. Almost all said the photo didn't resemble the man they saw.

Varying ages have been given for the hunted man, from 25 on up. The FBI said Galt gave his age as 36. It said Ray is 40.

Estimates of the fugitive's height have ranged from 5-feet-8 to 6-feet, his weight from 160 to 175 pounds. His eyes have been described as either blue or hazel, his hair as either brown or sandy.

An FBI official brushed off the

varying descriptions, saying "you run into this every time — it's human nature."

"Anyway, this guy is a professional con. He can change his hair line in three minutes with a razor, and he can gain or lose 20 pounds when he wants to."

There are conflicts, too, in descriptions of Galt's habits, including:

Appearance: The FBI reported Galt "is said to be a neat dresser," while others who knew Ray said he was careless in his dress.

Speech: The Memphis rooming house manager said the man to whom she rented a room three hours before Dr. King was slain had a Southern drawl. An inmate who knew Ray in the Missouri penitentiary said Ray, a native of Illinois, had no Southern accent.

Money: Galt appeared to spend money freely, and paid \$2000 cash for the white Mustang. Ray, said the inmate, "was tight as a tick . . . if you owed him money, even a few cents, he would bug you to death."

Music-dancing: The FBI said Galt "is a fan of western and country music" and "is said to be an avid dancer." The inmate said Ray "never expressed any liking" for music or dancing.

The FBI said Galt took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965. But after reporters pointed out Ray was in prison these two years, FBI officials said the statement should have read "reportedly" took dancing lessons.

Galt graduated from a Los Angeles bartending school last March, the FBI said. Reporters determined that at this same time a duplicate driver's license was mailed to Galt at the Birmingham rooming house.

Dr. Donald B. Peterson, superintendent of a Missouri state hospital where Ray was examined for six weeks in 1966, said "We didn't find anything to indicate he was a killer or had tendencies to kill."

The penitentiary warden, Harold Swenson, said he remembered Ray. "It's odd, but I won't believe he did it (killed Dr. King) until it is proven."

But in Dalton, Ga., a former cellmate quoted Ray as once saying he would be willing to kill Dr. King for a \$1 million bounty.

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The Sun (Baltimore) _____
The Worker _____
The New Leader _____
The Wall Street Journal _____
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TO : MR. TROTTER *lts.*

DATE: 4-30-68

FROM : S. F. Latona *SF*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION

An envelope postmarked Montreal, Canada, and addressed to the Director, Q270, and an accompanying sheet of notebook paper bearing a hand printed message and a visible palm print, Q271, and three blank sheets of notebook paper have been examined in the Latent Fingerprint Section.

The visible palm print on Q271 is not identical with the latent palm prints previously reported in this case. No latent prints of value were developed on any of these items.

The envelope and four pieces of paper, which are attached, are being retained in Bufiles.

The Laboratory is setting forth the results of its examination in a separate memorandum.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Enclosures (5) ENCLOSURE

44-38861

1 - Mr. Rosen

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EX 109

REC-19

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FBI

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Miami (44-1854) - Enclosures (5)
REC-128 Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)-2642

MURKIN EX-1167

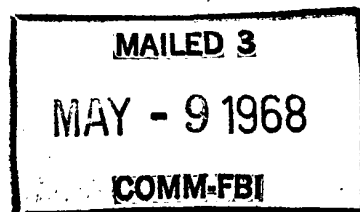
Re Miami airtel 5/2/68, submitting two boat rental agreements, Q317 and Q318, and three credit card invoices, Q319 through Q321, for examination.

Four latent fingerprints of value were developed on the boat rental agreement dated 9/2/67, Q317. No latent impressions of value developed on remaining items.

The four latent fingerprints on Q317 are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, or with latent fingerprints previously reported in this case.

Q317 through Q321 enclosed to Miami.

Laboratory reporting separately.



1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
1 - Kansas City (44-760)

1 - Mr. Rosen

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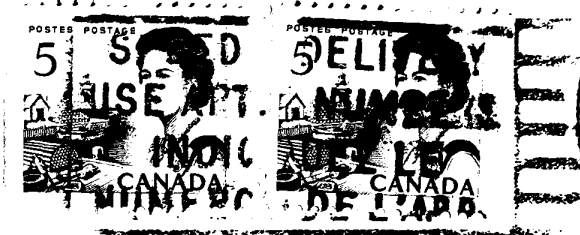
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EX 100

**Memorandum S. F. Latona
to MR. TROTTER dated
4-30-68 with five enclosures**



DIRECTOR
F.B.I.
WASHINGTON - D.C.
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AIR
MAIL

44-38861

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LABORATORY

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

MONTREAL
APRIL 21, 1968

DIRECTOR,

F.B.I.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ABOUT JAMES EARL RAY.

YOU WILL FIND HIM AT

A PLACE ABOUT 14 MILES

SOUTH OF MILLEN, GEORGIA.

~~ALONE 121.~~

44-38861

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Q271



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Date: 5/2/68

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

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

Re Atlanta teletype to the Bureau dated 4/30/68,
and Kansas City teletype to the Bureau dated 5/1/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are two boat rental agreements between Crafts Limited, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and MICHEL ST. PIERRE dated 9/2-3/67, bearing renter signature, MICHEL ST. PIERRE. Also enclosed are three Shell credit card invoices in payment of above contract plus gas and oil, also bearing signature of MICHEL ST. PIERRE.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to determine if these items contain any latent fingerprints identifiable with those of JAMES EARL RAY. Thereafter it is requested the handwriting comparisons be performed to determine if the signatures of MICHEL ST. PIERRE on enclosed items were written by JAMES EARL RAY.

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- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 5) (AMRM)
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info) (RM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (RM)
1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Info) (RM)
2 - Miami
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C. C. Bishop

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC
FROM: DIRECTOR (44-38861) (INFO) (RM)
SUBJECT: (44-38861) (INFO) (RM)
RE: (44-38861) (INFO) (RM)

FBI LABORATORY DIVISION

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11-15-88 BY 1511 JH

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BEING FURNISHED TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION:
A COPY OF THE REPORT OF THE FBI LABORATORY DIVISION, DATED MAY 1, 1968, IS BEING FURNISHED TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION.
THE FBI LABORATORY DIVISION IS REQUESTING TO BE RECONTACTED TO OBTAIN THE RESULTS OF THE ANALYSIS OF THE SAMPLES SUBMITTED TO IT FOR ANALYSIS.

RE: (44-38861) (INFO) (RM)
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TO: SAC
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SUBJECT: (44-38861) (INFO) (RM)
RE: (44-38861) (INFO) (RM)

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Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED R.R.R.
(Priority)

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

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN 562332

Re Los Angeles telephone call to Bureau today.

Enclosed herewith in a cellophane envelope is a type-written letter captioned "Dear Editor" and ending "JAMES RAY; an envelope attached addressed to the "Editor in Chief, the Los Angeles Times Newspaper, Los Angeles, California"; and a Los Angeles Police Department original record card in the name of JAMES E. RAY, which card bears his description, prints and samples taken on 10/11/49 of his handwriting.

The letter was received from Deputy Chief of Police ROBERT HOUGHTON, Los Angeles Police Department, by SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP and Supervisor WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN on 5/3/68. HOUGHTON advised that he had received the letter from JERRY COHEN, a staff writer for the Los Angeles Times, who had brought the letter to Deputy Chief HOUGHTON in the hopes of being able to determine if it had any authenticity. Deputy Chief HOUGHTON advised that he desired to make this available to the FBI for examination, and also that COHEN had requested of him that COHEN be advised if the letter is authentic or the work of some prankster. Deputy Chief HOUGHTON has advised COHEN that he has turned the letter over to the FBI.

The Bureau is requested to compare the signature on the enclosed letter with all known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY

4 - Bureau (Encls. - 3) (AM-RM) (RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED)
 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (AM)
 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (AM)
 2 - Los Angeles
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Special Agent in Charge

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- 1 - Mr. Tolson (44-38861) (RM)
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 1 - Mr. Tele. Room (44-38861) (RM)
 1 - Mr. Holmes (44-38861) (RM)
 1 - Miss Gandy (44-38861) (RM)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-311111) (URGENT) (P)

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in an effort to determine whether or not this is an authentic letter. Also, the Bureau is requested to conduct a latent fingerprint examination for fingerprints of RAY. In addition, a typewriter examination should be conducted, as well as a comparison of the contents, spelling, spacing, typing ability, etc., to determine if RAY is the author. The Bureau is also requested to examine and advise of any data pertaining to the paper and the envelope and to conduct all other possible examinations to develop the fullest amount of information.

The letter has been touched by Deputy Chief HOUGHTON, whose prints should be on record; JERRY COHEN, staff writer, Los Angeles Times; JACK GOULDING, Assistant City Editor, and one MIKE STRAZER (or STRAUZER), also of the Los Angeles Times; and their female secretary. Of the male individuals involved, it is believed that they have all served in the military.

The original police card is to be returned to Los Angeles for return to the Los Angeles Police Department.

The Bureau is requested to advise Los Angeles of results.

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ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

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FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Albany, Jacksonville, Miami, and Memphis dated 4/30/68, regarding 1967 Cadillac DeVille, Florida License 1W179130.

Referenced teletype requested Jacksonville to obtain original registration for above vehicle and forward to Laboratory for handwriting comparison with subject JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/1/68, Mr. ARCH LIVINGSTON, Director, Department of Motor Vehicle, Tallahassee, Fla., advised that he would be unable to release Florida Title Number 6626969, which covers 1967 Cadillac convertible, VIN F7112795, in the name of MICHAEL ST. PIERRE, inasmuch as this document is a permanent record in his files. He stated that in order to release this document, a subpoena duces tecum would be necessary.

Mr. LIVINGSTON made available photostatic copy of instant Florida Title.

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1 - Albany (44-493)
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)
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