

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad *June*

DATE: May 2, 1968

FROM : W. D. Griffith *h*

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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The Bureau has received an anonymous hand printed letter and envelope postmarked in Arlington, Virginia on April 26, 1968. The anonymous letter states "Dr. King's assassin is working with a group down in New Orleans, Louisiana and the blond haired woman that the assassin or his brother had the date with in California is the leader of the group, and is a communist."

Differences were noted between the hand printing on the anonymous letter and envelope when compared with the known hand printing of James Earl Ray and other similar anonymous communications which have been received in connection with this investigation; however, the distorted nature of the hand printing on these two items referred to above prevented a definite conclusion from being reached.

The anonymous letter and envelope were searched in the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file and no identifying characteristics were noted on these items which might indicate their immediate source.

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The anonymous letter and envelope have been forwarded to the Latent Fingerprint Section for appropriate examination.

Recommendation: 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

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: *W/W* SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
RE: MURKIN

ReButel 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

Today Mr. JERRY SLAUGHTER, SAC Contact, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, furnished the enclosed list of telephone calls made for the above period from coin telephones within the Houston Division, on Interstate 10 and Route 90 to Louisiana. These numbers were obtained through computer equipment programmed by the telephone company. It is noted that there are approximately 300 telephone calls.

New Orleans should have each call checked out.

- ENCLOSURE**
- 3 - Bureau (encl 1)
  - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)(encl 1)
  - 2 - New Orleans (encl 1)
  - 1 - Houston

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, & ST. LOUIS  
 FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

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RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE MAY ONE LAST.

BIRMINGHAM ADVISED FORMER MSP INMATE JAMES W. BROWN  
 INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF RAY AT MSP,  
 JEFFERSON CITY, MO., WERE JOHNNY VELLANTI, JOHNNY JOHNSON  
 SERVING TWENTY YEARS FROM KANSAS CITY; MONEE EDEN SERVING  
 FIVE YEARS, RICHARD BEEMAN AND FRANK MAYBERRY FROM WEST  
 PLAINS, MISSOURI.

RICHARD BEEMAN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED MAY TWO INSTANT  
 BUT COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION AND DID NOT KNOW RAY WELL.  
 JOHNNY VELLANTI NUMBER ZERO ZERO TWO THREE THREE, PAROLED  
 MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, SIXTY SEVEN, AND LAST ADDRESS IS ONE SIX  
 THREE TWO SOUTH EIGHTEENTH STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WHERE  
 HE IS EMPLOYED BY WMARY FM RADIO. MONEE EDEN NOT IDENTIFIED.

JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON NUMBER ZERO ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SIX SERVING  
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*cc Long*

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TWENTY FIVE YEARS FROM JACKSON COUNTY ASSIGNED MENS TRAINING SCHOOL AT MORELY JANUARY TWENTY THIRD, SIXTY SEVEN, AND FORMERLY WAS IN MORELY JUNE TWENTY FOUR, SIXTY FOUR, TO AUGUST TWENTY THREE, SIXTY SIX WHEN HE WAS PAROLED. RETURNED ON REVOCATION DECEMBER TWO SIXTY SIX. FRANK MAYBERRY NUMBER ONE THREE SEVEN SIX THREE ALSO ASSIGNED TO MORELY.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW JOHNNY VELLANTI CONCERNING BACKGROUND ASSOCIATES FOR WHEREABOUTS OF RAY.

AT MORELY, WILL SIMILARLY INTERVIEW JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON AND FRANK MAYBERRY. INQUIRY MSP DOES NOT REFLECT WALTER E. NOLAN DISCIPLINED FOR HAVING AMMUNITION IN HIS POCKET. MAJOR BERNARD POLPY RECALLS INCIDENT THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN AMMUNITION FOUND IN WORK SHOP OF PENITENTIARY AND THIS TRACED TO JIMMY Z. BRADLEY WHO HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS "KING PEN" IN AMPHETAMINE BUSINESS IN MSP AND WHO IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF RAY. ST. LOUIS BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY WITH BACKGROUND DATA ON NOLAN AND VELLANTI.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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

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Enclosed for the Bureau for latent fingerprint examinations with those of JAMES EARL RAY and for handwriting comparison with samples previously furnished in this matter are the following items:

(1) Frontier Airlines, 30 Day Temporary Air Travel Credit Card No. 31088 dated 4/26/68 and issued to Mr. CARL RAY, Ray Land and Cattle Company, Route 4, Box 868, Pecos, Texas.

(2) One Frontier Airlines, Incorporated passenger ticket dated 5/1/68 issued to Mr. C. RAY, ticket number 1 028 201829753 6.

(3) Frontier Airlines, Incorporated ticket dated 5/1/68 issued to Mrs. C. RAY, ticket number 1 028 201829754 0.

These enclosures were furnished by JOAN KEPP, United Airlines Ticket Agent, Los Angeles International Airport, to SA HOWARD A. PAULSEY. She was the only airline personnel who handled the enclosures. Enclosures are to be returned to Los Angeles for return to United Airlines, Los Angeles.

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 1 - Denver (Info)  
 1 - El Paso (Info)  
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This date, KEPP furnished the following information to SA HOWARD A. PAULSEY:

Individual attempted to exchange enclosed tickets for a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii and used enclosed Frontier Airlines Credit Card. KEPP took the tickets and the credit card and told the individual she would have to check the credit card. Individual had previously asked KEPP if he could use two Frontier Airlines tickets, enclosed, as credit toward ticket to Honolulu.

Individual identified himself as Mr. RAY. KEPP and two United Airlines employees who viewed Mr. RAY furnished the following description:

|        |                      |
|--------|----------------------|
| Race   | White                |
| Sex    | Male                 |
| Height | 6 feet               |
| Weight | 185 pounds           |
| Age    | 35 - 40 years        |
| Hair   | Dark or golden blond |
| Eyes   | Greenish-blue        |

Other investigation, Los Angeles International Airport, this date, negative to locate person using enclosed credit card. Photos JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to United Airlines employees and they advised photos somewhat similar to RAY but could make no positive identification.

Inquiry at El Paso, Texas reflects credit card is apparently fictitious.

Denver, Las Vegas and Albuquerque Divisions all attempting to identify holder of credit card and purchaser of Frontier Airlines tickets.

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The Attorney General

May 6, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Martindale  
1 - Mr. McDonough

**ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

Reports in the captioned matter submitted by our Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles, and Memphis Offices are being forwarded to the Civil Rights Division as well as to the United States Attorney in Birmingham, Alabama.

The Civil Rights Division and the United States Attorney, Birmingham, are being advised that the reports and/or the contents thereof should not be disseminated outside the Department or the office of the United States Attorney at Birmingham.

This is for your information.

- The Deputy Attorney General
- Mr. Stephen J. Pollak  
Assistant Attorney General

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RE *smk*  
FOR REVIEW AT *...* DELIVERY  
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5-3-88  
(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

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NOTE:

See memo Rosen to DeLoach dated 5/2/68, captioned "MURKIN,"

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