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Martin Luther King Jr.
Murkin

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EXT - 5775
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	3038	KANSAS CITY AT		1	1												
	3039	NEW YORK AT		5	5				✓								
	3040	AT TO ATLANTA		1	1												
	3041	INTERNAL MEMORANDUM		2	2												
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	3051	LOS ANGELES AT		1	1				/								
	3052	REPORT TO MEMPHIS		2	2												
	3053	NEW ORLEANS TIT		2	2				/								
	3054	ALBUQUERQUE AT		6	6				/								
	3055	AT TO JACKSON		1	1				/								
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	3060	SEATTLE AT		3	3				✓								
	3061	LOS ANGELES AT		2	2				✓								
	3062	JACKSON AT		2	2		✓		✓								
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	3064	ATLANTA TIT		2	2				✓								
	3065	CHICAGO TIT		1	1												
	3066	MEMO		2	2												
	3067	HOUSTON AT		4	4				✓								
	3068	PHOENIX TIT		2	2				✓								
	3069	SAN FRANCISCO AT		11	11				✓	✓							
	3070	SACRAMENTO AT		1	1				✓								
	3071	DETROIT AT		1	1												
	3072	JACKSON AT		6	6				✓								Refer to RGS
	3073	REPORT TO LOS ANGELES		3	3												
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	3079	DALLAS AT		1	1				✓								
	3080	MOBILE LETTER		1	1				✓								
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	3082	DETROIT AT		1	1				✓								
	3083	SAN FRANCISCO AT		2	2				✓								
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	3086	OKLAHOMA CITY AT		2	2				✓								
	3087	TAMPA TIT		3	3				✓								
	3088	MEMPHIS AT		2	2				✓								
	3089	DENVER LETTER		1	1				✓								
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	3094	AT TO ATLANTA		2	2				✓								
	3095	AT TO DENVER		1	1												
	3096	AT TO OMAHA		1	1												
	3097 IC	SAN DIEGO TIT		1	1				✓								
	3097 OG	OG TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY		1	1				✓								
	3098 IC	PHOENIX TIT		2	2				✓								
	3098 OG	OG TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY		2	2				✓								
	3099 IC	DALLAS AT		1	1				✓	✓							
	3099 OG	OG TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY		2	2				✓	✓							
	3100 IC	TAMPA AT		3	3												
	3100 OG	AT TO MEMPHIS		2	2												
	3101	AT TO BIRMINGHAM		1	1				✓								
	3102	ST LOUIS TIT		3	3				✓	✓							
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	3106	SYDNEY TB		1	1												
	3107	PHOENIX AT		2	2					✓							
	3108	TIT TO MOBILE		2	2					✓							
	3109	ST. LOUIS TIT		1	1					✓							
	3110	TIT TO ALL SACS		1	1												
	3111	AT TO ALL SACS		1	1												
	3112 IC	LETTER FROM CETEREN		1	1					✓							
	3112 OC	AT TO LOS ANGELES		1	1					✓							
	3113	AT TO LOS ANGELES		1	1												
	3114	AT TO NEW YORK		1	1												
	3115	INTERNAL MEMORANDUM		1	1												
	3116	HART, MEMO CITY TIT		3	3					✓	✓						
	3117	MEMPHIS TIT		2	2												
	3118	BIRMINGHAM LETTER		1	1					✓							
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

cc Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Rosen
Mr. McGowan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Trotter

Reference is made to the Director's notations, asking why the evidence in captioned case has not been returned to the Memphis Police.

This is my responsibility. I knew of the necessity to return this evidence as soon as logically possible; however, I also realized that the Director would not want the evidence returned only to have the Memphis Office obtain it once again and send it back for further comparison purposes with new evidence.

In compliance with the Director's instructions, the evidence was to be returned as soon as Laboratory examinations were completed. There has been a constant accumulation of evidence, making it imperative that the original items be retained briefly for comparison purposes. The true name of the subject was not known until Friday, 4/19/68.

SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

There has been no request from the Memphis Police relative to the return of this evidence. To the contrary, the police feel that this is strictly an FBI case and have indicated this fact accordingly.

The evidence will be returned to the Memphis Police immediately. There will be no consultation with the Department.

ACTION:

To answer the Director's inquiry.

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*I should at least have
advised that my instructions
were not being carried out &
why.*

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(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

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REC'D - CONRAD
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LABORATORY DIVISION
APR 27 12 21 PM '68

La Habra, Calif
5/2/68

Dear Mr Hoover

I Saw this Man on April 10th, as this enclosed letter says- I am a frustated man, what can I Do to get him??

Told the local Police, phoned L A
2 times wrote them this letter-- What else?

They checked the License # and of course no answer, he would Not be, having a License anyone could trace, would He now?

I am enclosing the pictur~~x~~ of the man I saw-only he had a sort of baseball, cap, pulled low on his head. I was very afraid of him, as I do NOT carry a Gun.

Have alway had a Phtographic Mind, so will Not need the picture back, I will soon be 65, but since the age of 9 or 10, can reme;ber anyone- that I have had only a glimpse of--

If You want anything more about this man send someone to see me,,as I observed a million things I cannot tell,you in this letter.

REC-40

Kenneth McB ane 11 MAY 8 1968
641 Galen Dr
La Habra, California 90631

ENCLOSURE

Ken McBane

GOVERNMENT

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REC'D-CORR & TOURS

MAY 6 9 46 AM '68

MAY 7 1 30 PM '68

1340 W 6th St., Los Angeles, Calif TEL 483-3551

(Duty Officer)

La Habra Calif
4/20/68

Dear Sir:

Seems as tho I should keep still about this, but something tells me I should write your office about the Killer of Dr King- I did phone your office yesterday about this, but feel I can express myself better in a letter --

On the Morning of April 10th, 1968 about 9 or 9:30 AM, I was standing in the door of the Texaco Station at the corner of Central Ave., and Beach Blvd waiting for the Mechanics there to Service my Car, In walks this real weird man, he walked as if in a trance looking expressionless, looked almost like a sphinx he looked straight ahead, had on a cap and asked for the Keys to the mens room, as I am a native of L A can quickly pick any accent from another part of the country, he sounded like any native Californian or for that matter maybe the middle west, but definitely none other, than these two regions. He was well dressed as I said he had this cap on, a pull over Grey Shirt and lighter colored trousers, he was about 6 Ft tall he had on boots which may have made him appear taller weighed about 175#, and seemed a well built man, but when I saw this character cold chills ran up my spine and something told me to be very careful of this man, so I acted as if I paid no attention, he stayed in the mens room only a very short while, came out lung the keys exactly as they were, I mean very neat, and correct Then as he turned his back I watched him (He never drove his car into this station) it was pointed North off Beach Blvd., which is also Hiway #39- Now this car was something else-it didn't fit the man, the car was an old maybe 1952 or 1953 Chevy 2 Dr, which was in a bad way, he had a lot of trouble getting it to go but finally did and that was the last I saw of him, the license was Calif.GWD -656- I gave this info. the next day, all they say is, they cannot trace the #, but they were still trying to do so, right before him on Hiway 39 North was La Habra Heights, I don't see how his car could have made it over those Heights, I think then he must have turned East and headed out to Pomona and the Desert Country via the Diamond Bar Canyon Road, and is now around the Desert Country of Calif, Oh yes the man I saw had brown hair and blue eyes (which seemed almost closed) his hair of course was mostly hidden with that funny cap.

ENCLOSURE

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REC-40

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Kenneth R. McBane - complainant.

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from McBane dated 5-2-68 with two copies each of its enclosures. One copy of the letter and one copy of each enclosure is enclosed for Memphis.

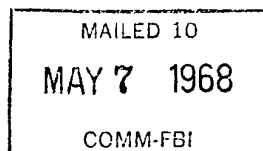
Los Angeles should immediately interview McBane for any information he has regarding the whereabouts of the subject.

Enc. (6)

1 - Memphis (info) Enc. (3)

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Another Herald-Examiner Exclusive ... Viet

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Plane Crash Kills 120

Africa (UPI)—A Boeing 707 crashed and burst into flames. Several persons, including an

airport, which serves Windhoek, believed to have perished in the crash, identified only as Thomas Taylor.

African airways jetliner broke apart to the earth in rugged terrain. The airport is about 30 miles

off on the second leg of a flight

that 136 persons were aboard the crash. Officials further said that 120 were known to have survived.

Officials later amended the figures for the plane. The exact number was not certain, but officials believe at least 120 died.

The scene of the crash in South Africa. Appeals for blood donors for the crash. Authorities in the South



F B I

Date: 4/30/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIR TEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)
MURKIN

Transmitted hereto to the Bureau are three Multilith reproductions of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. These were produced on a Multilith machine from a Xerox master and enabled the Buffalo Office to disseminate all known photographs of RAY to all Agents. Considerable economy was effected by utilizing this process. The Bureau may desire to advise other Offices of this method of reproducing photographs.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
EXTREME LY DANGEROUS.

Tidepool
Tidepool

REC-52

3 - Bureau (Encs. 3)
1 - Buffalo
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1 MAY 2 1968

79 MAY 14 1968

Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

REC'D
FBI

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MAY 2 10 23 AM '68

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

RE: [illegible]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *FD*

DATE: April 18, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

McGowan
McDonough
Long

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4/4/68.

SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

SAC Robert Jensen of the Memphis Office has advised that he was contacted by Inspector N. E. Zachary of the Memphis Police Department. Memphis authorities have obtained a warrant for the arrest of Galt on a murder charge but are desirous of meeting with the FBI so that the matter can be presented to a local grand jury. Inspector Zachary advised that the Attorney General of the Memphis District, Phil Canale, is desirous of presenting the matter to a grand jury as soon as possible. Inspector Zachary has advised that perhaps Canale would be calling the Attorney General concerning this matter.

It is noted that the Memphis Police Department is aware of the items which were abandoned near the scene of the shooting in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. These articles had first been turned over to the Memphis Police and were made available to the FBI by Inspector Zachary. It has been publicly stated in the press that the FBI has traced the rifle to a gun shop in Birmingham, Alabama, and also that the telescopic sight which was mounted on the rifle had been purchased from the same dealer. The Memphis police are, of course, aware that the binoculars abandoned at the scene were purchased in Memphis, Tennessee.

It has also been publicly stated that Galt is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang which had been abandoned in Atlanta and was located on 4/11/68.

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APR 19

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DIVISION

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RECEIVED CONRAD

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Inspector Zachary and the Memphis Police Department have been most cooperative. They turned the original material over to us which they found abandoned at the scene of the crime. They could have retained this if they desired to; however, they did not. They turned it over to the FBI Office in Memphis. The Prosecutor has filed murder charges against Galt, which are presently outstanding.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

It is recommended the SAC at Memphis advise the Prosecutor of information which is contained in our press release. In the event he asks for a report in order to present the matter to a grand jury, he should be advised the FBI is presently conducting an all-out investigation in the matter and at the appropriate time will cooperate fully.

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JRM

*OK. I assume we have
already returned to Police
the evidence which they
previously turned over
us with the Laboratory
Report upon such.
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F B I

Date: 5/7/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

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

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

562709

Re Denver airtel and teletype 5/4/68.

Re CARL RAY and HERMAN J. SCHUMACHER.

Enclosed for FBI Laboratory are two originals of Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing signature of CARL RAY in upper left corner of each, and original of Frontier Credit Application which CARL RAY reportedly filled out and signed. Also enclosed are three originals of Frontier Transportation Receipts, each bearing signature of HERMAN J. SCHUMACHER in upper left corner.

The Laboratory is requested to compare handwriting of CARL RAY and SCHUMACHER with handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. The Laboratory is also requested to compare the handwriting of CARL RAY with that of SCHUMACHER to determine if CARL RAY and SCHUMACHER could possibly be one and the same person.

REC 5

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 6) **ENCLOSURE**
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 1)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
2 - Denver
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Special Agent in Charge

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DN 157-203

One copy of referenced Denver airtel is enclosed for Memphis and one copy of instant airtel is being furnished Los Angeles Office, which office is presently attempting to locate CARL RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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To: SAC,

Date

5-7-68

☐ Albany	☐ Indianapolis	☐ Omaha
☐ Albuquerque	☐ Jackson	☐ Philadelphia
☐ Anchorage	☐ Jacksonville	☐ Phoenix
☒ Atlanta	☐ Kansas City	☐ Pittsburgh
☐ Baltimore	☐ Knoxville	☐ Portland
☐ Birmingham	☐ Las Vegas	☐ Richmond
☐ Boston	☐ Little Rock	☐ Sacramento
☐ Buffalo	☐ Los Angeles	☐ St. Louis
☐ Butte	☐ Louisville	☐ Salt Lake City
☐ Charlotte	☐ Memphis	☐ San Antonio
☐ Chicago	☐ Miami	☐ San Diego
☐ Cincinnati	☐ Milwaukee	☐ San Francisco
☐ Cleveland	☐ Minneapolis	☐ San Juan
☐ Columbia	☐ Mobile	☐ Savannah
☐ Dallas	☐ Newark	☐ Seattle
☐ Denver	☐ New Haven	☐ Springfield
☐ Detroit	☐ New Orleans	☐ Tampa
☐ El Paso	☐ New York City	☐ Washington, D. C.
☐ Honolulu	☐ Norfolk	☐ Quantico
☐ Houston	☐ Oklahoma City	To: Legat, _____

MURKIN
CR

Re your request of Exhibits Specialist
George C. Mumford, Jr., while he was in Atlanta on
4-16-68.

There is being forwarded under separate cover
one blue-line drawing of site plan of Capitol Homes
Housing Project, Atlanta, Georgia. Enclosed in same
package are six photostatic copies of this drawing
prepared by Mechanical Section, Administrative Division,
for your use.

1 - Gen. Invest. Div.

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Admin. Div.
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23 MAY 8 1968

N. P. Callahan

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Date: 5/6/68

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

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

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Reference is made to Birmingham teletype to the Bureau, Atlanta and Mobile, airmail copy to Memphis, 5:53 PM, 4/26/68.

On 5/1 and 5/2/68, Lt. D. C. KIMBRO, Drivers License Division, and Mrs. GAYLORD TURNER, IBM Section, Drivers License Division, Alabama State Dept. of Public Safety, Montgomery, Ala., made available all records pertaining to Alabama driver's licenses issued throughout the State of Alabama, between 3/20/68 and 4/9/68. There were approximately 7500 driver's licenses issued for this period. SA DANIEL W. MC ALLEN, III examined these records and after eliminating applications of the young people, old people, Negroes, females, etc., there were approximately 800 application forms which were then examined by SA MC ALLEN.

Of these 800 applications, 11 persons were found generally fitting the description of subject and whose handwriting was thought somewhat similar to that of the subject. These 11 applications are enclosed herewith for the Bureau, and it is requested that the Laboratory compare the signatures on these applications with the handwriting

- (3) - Bureau (Enc. 11)
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
 - 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)(Info)
 - 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(Info)
 - 2 - Mobile
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of subject to determine if any of these signatures may have been prepared by the subject.

These application forms are for the following individuals:

WILLIAM ELMER JOHNSON
941 8th St., Pleasant Grove, Alabama 35127;

FRANK GARRETT PERRY
215 West Drake Ave., Auburn, Ala. 36830;

JAMES PRESTON RIDDICK
322 First Ave., Saraland, Ala. 36571;

ROBERT CLIFTON SMITH
Rt. 2, Box 221, Lineville, Ala. 36266;

FONTAINE (NMN) STORM
P.C.S.R. (Big R Trailer Park, Lot No. 10)
Greenville, Ala. 36037;

R. (Only) W. (Only) KERR
Rt. 1, Box 109, Cave Springs, Ga. (Ala.) 36275;

CLYDE JUSTIN HILL, SR.
Rt. 1, Box 373
Bryant, Ala. 35958;

WINFORD PRESTON GILMORE
1203 21st St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867;

PAUL EDGAR GOODPASTER, JR.
1323 Perry St., Montgomery, Ala. 36104;

LEE EMERSON BELLAMY
809 Nashville, Ave., Sheffield, Ala. 35660;

ROGER DAVID BROUSSARD
2123 North 12th. Avenue
Birmingham, Ala.

Copy of this letter if furnished to Birmingham, so that Birmingham may be aware that this license check for the State of Alabama, has been made, and a copy is furnished to Atlanta in view of the interest of the Atlanta Division in this particular phase of the investigation.

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Mobile is not retaining copies of these application forms, and if any investigation is needed concerning any of these application forms by either Birmingham or Mobile, the Bureau should furnish Birmingham or Mobile with the pertinent application.

Results of this review should be furnished to Memphis, Atlanta, Birmingham and Mobile. In the event the examination is negative, these forms need not be returned to Mobile.



**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: **May 14, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

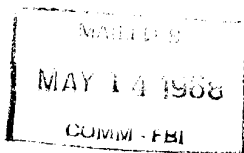
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FBI File No. **44-38861-2012**
Lab. No. **D-562678 JK**

Examination requested by: **Detroit**
Reference: **Airtel 5/6/68**
Examination requested: **Document**

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Remarks:

**Detroit should obtain laundry tapes from the K269
and K270 machines in the sequence "O2B-6" for comparison with
the laundry tapes on Q69 and Q70.**



Enclosure (Lab report)

- 1 - Detroit (44-989) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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

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

Date: **May 14, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **D-562678 JK**

Specimens received **5/8/68**

**K269 Three samples of laundry tape appearing on left portion
of white handkerchief, obtained from Paw Paw Laundry,
Paw Paw, Michigan**

**K270 Three samples of laundry tapes appearing on right
portion of white handkerchief, obtained from Paw Paw
Laundry, Paw Paw, Michigan**

Result of examination:

**It was concluded that the laundry tapes appearing on
Q97 and Q99 were not prepared with the K269 machine while
differences were noted between the tapes produced by the K270
machine and the laundry tapes on Q97 and Q99. These known
specimens are not adequate for a comparison with the "02B-6"
markings which appear on the tapes which were attached to
Q69 and Q70.**

Specimens K269 and K270 have been retained.

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Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

582678

Re Memphis airtels to All Continental Offices,
dated 4/19/68 and 4/25/68.

On 5/1/68, NORMAN BUCHANAN, General Manager,
Paw Paw Laundry, Paw Paw, Michigan, advised that prior to
4/68, his company used the code similar to that contained
on pillow case and bed sheet found in vehicle registered to
GALT. He informed no yellow tapes were used in 1968, but had
one orange tape issued with this code on 1/25/68 which came
out of sub-station known as the Norge Cleaners, 1614 West
Main Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan. BUCHANAN informed this
was a bundle of six shirts belonging to one "GRIFFIN", 1206
Summit, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Enclosed herewith is one handkerchief containing
colored samples of tape with the printing of the machines
utilized by the Paw Paw Laundry.

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory compare
the printing found on the markings of sheet and pillow case
with the samples appearing on the enclosure. In the event
there is no direct comparison, the material may be destroyed.
It is requested that the results be furnished to Detroit and
Memphis.

Investigation continuing Kalamazoo for further
identity of "GRIFFIN".

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Attention: FBI Laboratory

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FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith are 22 pages of handwriting as obtained from USP, Leavenworth, Kansas and one copy of a form dated 4/4/58, signed by JAMES EARL RAY obtained from the U.S. Probation Officer, Kansas City, Missouri.

The 22 pages of handwriting-handprinting are mostly that of the subject, however, some of the writing under the heading "disposition" maybe that of a supervisor or official.

The form obtained from the Probation Officer just bears the subject's signature and this is the only handwriting by the subject in the file of the U.S. Probation Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

All the above documents are to be returned to the Kansas City Office when they are of no further use to the FBI.

These samples are being forwarded to the Laboratory for comparison with other known handwriting specimens submitted in this matter.

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Via AIRTEL

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

582677

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Relet from ERIC S. GALT, dated 9/26/67, to Modern Photo Bookstore.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, attention Latent Fingerprint Section, are the following:

1. Letter dated 4/29/68 to ERIC S. GALT from Modern Photo Bookstore.
2. Coupon, undated, from ERIC S. GALT, to Modern Photo Bookstore.
3. Letter dated 9/26/67 from ERIC S. GALT.

For information of receiving offices, the Knoxville Office advised NY by teletype, 5/3/68, as follows:

- 4 - Bureau (Encs. 3) (RM)
- (1- Latent Fingerprint Section)
- 1 - Birmingham
- 1 - Memphis
- 1 - Knoxville
- 1 - New York

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"Mr. ROBERT SIMS, Assistant Postal Inspector in Charge, Chattanooga, Tenn. this date advised SA M. JAY HAWIINS that he has been informed by a postal inspector in Birmingham, Alabama that a letter is in possession of the postal inspectors there addressed to ERIC S. GAULT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, bearing a return address of Modern Photo Book Store, 166 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10010. It bears a metered postmark of 4/30/68. Mr. SIMS telephonically contacted Mr. ROBERT HICKEY, Postal Inspector in Charge, New York, and informed him that he was instructing the postal inspector in Birmingham to forward this letter registered air mail to the attention of Mr. HICKEY and that Mr. HICKEY would hold the letter in the event agents wish to examine it before it was returned to the sender. Mr. SIMS advised that since the letter was first class it could not be opened. Mr. SIMS advised that the above information was being furnished on a highly confidential basis inasmuch as he has no authority to disclose this type of information to the FBI, and that any investigation which may be made as a result of this information must be conducted in such a manner that it cannot be attributed to its source. This information is being furnished for any investigation deemed advisable by New York."

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN F. SHANLEY on 5/4/68 at New York:

The address 166 5th Avenue, NYC, is a mail operation for Modern Photo Bookstore, which company is actually located at 915 Broadway, NYC. Mr. SEYMOUR USLAN, President, advised that American Photo Bookstore is a division of American Photographic Book Publishing Company, Inc. (Amphoto), which is also located at the same address. The company specializes in supplying photography books.

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Mrs. RUTH KOENIG, Manager, Order Department, Amphoto, searched her files and located a coupon clipped from Modern Photography Magazine, which coupon requested that book number 633 be sent to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. The coupon indicates that a money order in the amount of \$8.95 was enclosed. Mrs. KOENIG stated that this coupon was presumably clipped from the September, 1967 issue of Modern Photography.

Book number 633 distributed by Modern Photo Bookstore, is titled, "Focal Encyclopedia of Photography". The book jacket for this book describes it as a one-volume photographic library. It consists of 2,000 entries written by 197 experts from 23 countries and covers every aspect of photography: photographic science, industrial photography, cinematography, portraiture, equipment, history, and current activities of workers in foreign countries.

Mrs. KOENIG located a letter, which is set forth in full as follows:

"9-26-67

"Dear Sir:

"I recently order a Book from your store titled FOCAL ENCYCLOPEDIA-No. 633 for \$8.95.

"If you have not allready mailed the book (PLEASE DO NOT MAIL IT) I am moving and will shortly send you my correct address Thanks

"Eric S. Galt
"2608 Highland Ave
"Birmingham Alabama"

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Mrs. KOENIG stated that during a routine review of the company's files, it came upon the coupon and accompanying letter of ERIC S. GALT. The company did not believe that it had shipped the requested book to GALT prior to receiving his letter. As a follow-up the company wrote to GALT by letter dated 4/29/68, asking him what action he wished the company to take regarding the \$8.95. The letter is set forth in full as follows:

"April 29, 1968

"Mr. Eric S. Galt
"2608 Highland Avenue
"Birmingham, Alabama

"Dear Mr. Galt:

"In going through our records we note a request of yours stating your intention to move from the above address, and to please withhold sending the book you ordered (Focal Encyclopedia \$8.95) until further notice.

"Please advise us when you receive this letter as to what course of action you wish us to take so that we may clear our records. (Or have you already received the book?)

"Sincerely,

"MODERN PHOTO BOOKSTORE

"Ruth Koenig
"Order Department"

NY 44-1609

The American Photo Bookstore has received no further communications from ERIC S. GALT since his letter of 9/26/67.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine enclosures #2 and #3 above, to determine if fingerprints of subject, JAMES EARL RAY aka Eric Starvo Galt appear thereon.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4-20-68

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To: SAC's Atlanta (44-2386)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

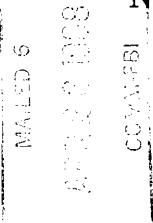
SUBJECT

Re Atlanta teletype 4-25-68.

Latent fingerprints this case later identified as fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, were searched all sections of single fingerprint file. In addition, Ray's fingerprints have been compared with latent prints in bank robbery section of National Unidentified Latent File and are being compared with latent prints in all current cases (both in and outside contributor cases). The comparison of latent prints in current cases with Ray's fingerprints will continue until his apprehension.

Atlanta's suggested lead to have all law enforcement agencies compare fingerprints of Ray against their unidentified latents is being considered and you will be separately advised.

Note: Division 6 is considering Atlanta's suggested lead as referred to above.



1 - Mr. Rosen

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 22, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. Conrad

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

SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

With respect to the evidence in this case obtained from the Memphis Police Department, SAC Jensen of our Memphis Office has advised that on the evening of the shooting, 4/4/68, and the morning of 4/5/68, he contacted Frank Holloman, Director of Fire and Police, and inquiry was made of the evidence collected. Holloman advised that all of the material he knew of was at that time in custody of Homicide Division, Inspector N. E. Zachary. He was told that the SAC would take possession of the evidence collected and would prepare it for submission to the FBI Laboratory immediately. No discussion was had with Holloman as to whether or not the FBI Laboratory report would be furnished to him and no request was made by him on arrival at the Homicide Division where the pertinent material had been maintained in a small room off the Homicide Squad rooms under custody of Inspector Zachary. Much of the material had not been identified as two of the officers had secured the pertinent material and arrangements were immediately made with Inspector Zachary to secure the names of the officers who could identify the evidence. Officers properly identified evidence.

The major part of the evidence was submitted by Inspector Zachary who had personally brought it to the police department, however, other miscellaneous items had been secured by individual officers. SAC Jensen advised Inspector Zachary that he would take custody of the material and insure that it was submitted to the FBI Laboratory immediately for appropriate and necessary examination. Inspector Zachary was advised that if he desired a police officer to accompany the Agent this could be arranged, and Inspector Zachary stated he did not feel it was necessary.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach:
RE: MURKIN

The Memphis Police Department has not asked for the return of the evidence in this case. SAC Jensen, shortly after Mr. DeLoach's trip to Memphis on April 5, 1968, expressed to DeLoach the fact that the Police Department might soon begin wondering whether they would receive a report. DeLoach later mentioned this thought on Jensen's part in conversation with the Director. Both SAC Jensen and Inspector Joe Sullivan have indicated that there has been no request whatsoever on the part of the Memphis Police Department for this evidence to be returned.

Inspector Zachary, Memphis Police Department, has expressed the opinion that ultimately the case would have to be tried as a murder case in local courts. The First Assistant State Attorney General, Robert Dwyer, has indicated an interest in the evidence but has not made any request for its return.

The evidence has been maintained in the FBI Laboratory in view of the exhaustive and intensive investigation being conducted by the FBI and principally because evidence continues to be accumulated as we develop additional information on the background, prior movements and activities of the subject. Retention of the evidence has been particularly important from the standpoint that many of the items contained latent fingerprint impressions. It was, of course, necessary that these impressions be compared with previously obtained material.

OBSERVATIONS:

The individual known as Eric Starvo Galt has now been identified as James Earl Ray, a Bureau fugitive. This important identification, of course, places the case in a different light. We, therefore, now feel that it is not necessary to retain the evidence, which has been already fully examined, and recommend that the evidence recovered by the Memphis Police Department be returned to that agency at this time. It is suggested, however, that the Department be consulted prior to this action being taken.

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