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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 3, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Conrad
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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

It has previously been reported that Ray resided at Harkay Apartments, 2589 Rue Notre Dame Est, Montreal, Canada, for about six weeks, moving out about Labor Day, 1967, but that no record of his tenancy could be located. The apartment owner has found a six months' lease executed by Eric S. Galt on 7/17/67 for Apartment 18. The lease was for the period of 7/18/67 to 1/18/68. Total rent was \$450 payable at \$75 a month.

The apartment owner has no record as to when the subject left but believes he skipped out on 9/2/67. A neighborhood investigation conducted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police did not develop any pertinent information concerning the subject.

Various allegations have been made that while Ray was in Missouri State Penitentiary he was well supplied with money and regularly received money from outside the prison. A review of Ray's account in the prison shows the following total cash deposits for each year:

1960	\$ 33.06
1961	31.00
1962	50.00
1963	314.10
1964	102.50
1965	50.50
1966	71.10
1967	15.00

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Most of the above deposits were in small amounts, the largest deposit being \$65 on 4/16/63. Only eight deposits were in amounts of more than \$25 and the total of all deposits of \$20 or more is \$390.

It is noted Ray reportedly escaped 4/23/67. The last cash deposit to his account was in the amount of \$15 on 2/3/67 after which the balance was \$30.35. Various small withdrawals were made between 2/3/67 and 4/21/67 when the last withdrawal of \$9.75 was made, leaving a balance of \$4.36 when Ray escaped.

The official version of Ray's escape from Missouri State Penitentiary is that on 4/23/67 he concealed himself in a truck carrying bread from the prison to a prison farm. There have been allegations that he actually escaped in some other manner and on some other date.

In a report dated 5/3/67, Captain Danton Steele advised the Associate Warden he had investigated Ray's escape, the means of which had "remained a mystery for ten days" because of gross dereliction of duty by three and possibly five prison personnel. Steele reported the following details.

The guard who drove the truck watched inmates load the bread box for the farm and the box did not appear unusually heavy. The driver watched another guard check the truck before leaving the prison and the bread in the box for the farm was still neatly stacked near the top of the box; however, the report noted that the box holds sixty loaves and since only forty loaves were being sent to the farm, the bread should have extended only two-thirds the distance to the top of the box.

En route to the farm the truck stopped to deliver another box of bread and nothing unusual was noticed. Upon arrival at the farm, the bread was found to be torn and crushed so that only a few loaves were usable. This fact went unreported for ten days.

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Although Captain Steele concluded that Ray escaped in the bread truck, he pointed out that it would have been necessary for Ray to use a false bottom in the bread box if the bread was neatly stacked as described by two guards. No false bottom was found and Steele raised the question, "Why should the inmate dispose of the false bottom when the bread was mangled beyond use?"

Carmen E. Ramage, Oklahoma City, advised that she is acquainted with Robert Dale Porter who was released from Missouri State Penitentiary, 12/8/67. Porter told Ramage that Ray had not escaped in a bakery truck as reported in the newspapers but had escaped in a guard's uniform which he obtained when he was working in the dry cleaning plant at the prison. Porter said that Ray and the guard had been good friends and that the guard has since been fired. It is noted that one inmate previously interviewed stated that Ray had actually walked out the front door instead of hiding in a bread truck.

ACTION:

Vigorous investigation is continuing to locate Ray as quickly as possible.

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The Postal Inspector at Los Angeles has made available a letter and photograph Ray mailed to Patricia K. Anderson, Los Angeles, 2/17/68. The letter was written as a result of Anderson's inclusion in a list called "The Local Swinger" which is compiled by a correspondence club. Anderson is being located for interview. The letter is set out below.

"Dear Miss:

"I am ansering your listing in The Local Swinger since I think I share most of your interest, with emphasis on French cult. and swing sessions. I have just returned from Mexico after five yrs. and the few females I have met don't go for the swing parties and it takes two to swing. The same routine gets boring, don't you think. Will close until I here from you.

"5-11 - 170 lb. 36 yrs.

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Sincerely

Eric S. Galt"

Owners of "The Local Swinger" recalled Eric Galt had sent one dollar for a list of swingers and subsequently submitted five letters for transmittal to persons identified on the list by symbol number. No record is maintained that would identify the persons the subject wrote but additional investigation is being conducted in this regard.

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1 - CHIEF MAIL ROOM 5-18-78 BY
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Both Charles Stein and Rita Stein have stated the above photograph is the best likeness of the subject they have seen. Identifying numbers on the back of this Polaroid print indicate the film was manufactured in August, 1967.

Gene Turner, Los Angeles "Free Press," an avant-garde newspaper, made available the following advertisement placed by Eric S. Galt by mail on 1/30/68 and printed 2/8/68:

"Single male cauc. 36 yrs. 5-11 - 170 lb, digs Fr. cult. desire's discreet meeting with passionate married female for mutual enjoyment, and/or female for swing sessions apt. furn. will ex. photo.

"Write

Eric S. 406-So. 2nd. Alhambra. 91802."

The address used in the above advertisement is that of a mail forwarding service subscribed to by Ray. The owner of this service has previously advised no mail was ever received for the subject.

John Larry Ray, subject's brother, St. Louis, has been reinterviewed and appeared cooperative. He believes the subject started using narcotics in the Army and said he has not seemed right since. He again denied any knowledge of the subject subsequent to his escape.

Albert Pepper, brother-in-law of the subject, married Ray's sister, Carol, while Ray was in Missouri State Penitentiary. He denies ever meeting Ray or having any knowledge of his whereabouts. Pepper stated he had run off a "Life" magazine reporter with a club.

John Gawron, who previously advised he had taught Ray burglary, advised that on three occasions while Ray was in Missouri State Penitentiary, Ray contacted him through Carol to purchase a case of cold inhalents, probably benzedrine. The inhalents were picked up each time by an unidentified prison guard who received \$100 for each trip. Gawron also alleged Ray operated a loan racket in prison.

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The Los Angeles Police Department furnished the Los Angeles Office a letter dated 5/1/68 which was addressed to the Editor in Chief of the "Los Angeles Times." The letter is typed single spaced and signed James Ray. The writer stated he has been in the Los Angeles area but was departing as of the time he mailed the letter, 5/1/68. He alleged he is sick over having slain King, but states he killed him for \$3,000. He additionally states that he is disgusted with articles which have been appearing in the press concerning him, particularly derogatory comments made about him by Warden Harold Swensen of the Missouri State Penitentiary and Cathy Norton, a dance instructor who was quoted as saying that "Ray was clumsy." In the letter he alleges that while he is remorseful over having slain King he will not go back to prison again and will kill himself before doing so. The letter does not indicate where Ray stayed in Los Angeles or what other cities he may have been in since the assassination.

The letter was flown to the Bureau and examined last night by the Laboratory and the Identification Division. Significant differences indicate the James Ray signature probably was not made by James Earl Ray, however, a definite opinion was precluded by limited questioned handwriting. No latent fingerprints were developed on the specimens.

Chicago has advised that various news media converged on Sportsman's Country Club to interview Jerry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray, and as a result Jerry left his employment. He has contacted the Chicago Office, stating he plans to visit other relatives in Missouri for three or four days and will probably return to his employment thereafter when news media interest has abated.

ACTION:

Vigorous investigation is continuing to locate Ray as quickly as possible.

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Date: 5-6-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

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Mrs. BETTY JEAN SANDERS, 1541 Bay Point Road, Sarasota, Fla. on 5-3-68 advised while reviewing the 5-3-68 issue of Life magazine concerning the article on subject RAY she noticed her photograph in the group picture on page 20.

She is in the fourth row, first on the left. She remembers this being taken during her first teaching assignment at Ewing, Mo. when she was 19 years of age. She only taught at Ewing from September, 1937 to May, 1938 and only taught part of the third grade, and did not remember the subject or anything about him, and could not remember anyone else in the photograph that might be connected with him.

She stated her maiden name which was the name she used in 1937, was BETTY JEAN RHEA. She was furnishing this information in the event she was being sought for interview in this case.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
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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.

Set forth by field division are telephone calls made from the Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. Dallas will determine from the subscriber or person receiving call, the identity of caller. If caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka obtain all available information.

DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/16/67	Houston 673-9369	214-421-9971	Dallas, Texas
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8079	214-391-1429	Dallas
12/16/67	Houston 673-9564	214-374-9446	Dallas
12/17/67	Houston 682-9208	817-831-1487	Fort Worth

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12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9631	817-534-1645	Fort Worth, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 468-9875	817-926-5947	Fort Worth
12/17/67	Houston 468-9020	817-926-5947	Fort Worth
12/17/67	Houston 468-9020	817-927-2086	Fort Worth
12/15/67	453-9555 Houston	817-335-5871	Fort Worth
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12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9631	806-744-4431	Lubbock, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 468-9838	806-742-8991	Lubbock
12/17/67	Houston 468-9838	806-742-8991	Lubbock
12/16/67	Orange 886-9776	806-744-4739	Lubbock
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9065	713-634-3184	Lufkin
12/16/67	Houston 468-9898	713-634-7454	Lufkin
12/15/67	Houston 468-9076	713-634-3317	Lufkin
12/15/67	Houston 673-9720	214-286-0702	Rylie, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 673-9535	214-286-1199	Rylie

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12/17/67	Houston 673-9604	214-286-0702	Rylie
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8273	817-387-9623	Denton, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 682-9123	817-382-9163	Denton
12/17/67	Houston 682-9123	817-382-9163	Denton
12/16/67	Houston 468-9903	817-387-4511	Denton
12/16/67	835-9162 Beaumont	915-694-3606	Midland, Texas
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9162	915-694-3606	Midland
12/16/67	Houston 673-9757	214-723-7173	Palestine, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 673-9757	214-723-7173	Palestine, Texas
12/15/67	Houston 682-9310	214-759-1955	Longview, Texas
12/17/67 (two calls, same date)	Beaumont 892-9054	214-759-9808	Longview
12/17/67	673-9171 Houston	713-598-9358	Center, Texas
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9571	713-598-3889	Center, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 682-9123	806-224-6992	Plainview, Texas

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/16/67	Houston 673-9822	806-224-9069 (This may not be a <u>6</u> - illegible)	Plainview
12/15/67	Houston 468-9139	817-692-3812	Wichita Falls, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 468-9796	817-767-1746	Wichita Falls
12/15/67	Beaumont 825-9041	214-794-7101	Texarkana, Texas
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9041	214-794-7439	Texarkana
12/15/67	Houston 452-9294	713-687-4641	Grapeland, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 673-9716	214-542-9116	McKinney, Texas
12/15/67	Houston 468-9814	214-247-9006	Farmersbranch
12/16/67	Houston 673-9829	713-544-3800	Crockett, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 673-9535	214-279-3661	Crystal, Texas
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9631	214-639-2361	Hughes Springs, Texas
12/16/67	Vidor 769-9126	214-455-5449	Greenville, Texas

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12/16/67	Houston 468-9857	214-239-8624	Addison, Texas
12/15/67	Houston 468-9933	817-936-2766	Marlin, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 453-9500	713-858-4266	Alto, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 682-9097	214-796-3973	Atlanta, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 673-9650	915-776-2773	Roby
12/15/67	Houston 468-9009	817-492-9878	Paducah, Texas
12/16/67	Orange 886-9897	214-657-5906	Henderson, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 468-9968	214-231-2014	Richardson, Texas
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9065	214-563-6276	Terrell, Texas
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9749	817-594-2183	Weatherford, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 673-9976	214-937-5861	Waxahachie, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 682-9117	713-564-2514	Nacogdoches, Texas

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/17/67	Vidor 769-9155	214-722-4455	Rockwell, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 682-9307	817-238-8098	Eagle Mountain Lake

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FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
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RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau, 4/30/68 to ascertain
identity and nature of phone call from West Texas area on
12/17/67, to phone No. 713-829-5382 at Diboll, Texas.

It was determined on 5/4/68, that the subscriber to
this phone number is JESS PARKER, Diboll, Texas.

On 5/4/68, MRS. ANNA PEARL PARKER, Diboll, Texas,
said that her husband, JESS, is deceased and that she had
telephone No. 829-5382 for several years. She recalled that
on 12/17/67, her son and his wife telephoned her from a small
town in West Texas on that date to inform her that they were
unable to arrive on Monday (12/18/67). MRS. PARKER explained
that her son is in the U. S. Navy stationed in California and on
12/17/67 was en route by automobile to visit her over the Christmas
holidays.

MRS. PARKER said she is aware of the photographs of
JAMES EARL RAY, the alleged killer of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING,
but does not know RAY and has not received any phone calls from him.

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