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Referenced Miami airtel set forth results of initial contacts at the Sun Castle Motel wherein it was noted that EARL B. SHIELDS was employed there through 4-1-68. SHIELDS furnished Social Security No. [redacted] and a permanent address of 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass. Boston was requested to conduct investigation at this address to eliminate SHIELDS as the subject in this matter.

On 4-30-68, HERB BLONSTROM, Assistant Manager, Sun Castle Motel, 1380 South Ocean Boulevard, advised he had located an application for EARL B. SHIELDS of Randolph, Mass., Social Security No. [redacted]. The application showed SHIELDS' previous employment as Plaza East, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and previous residence at 1325 N. E. 5th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

On 5-1-68, MARY BACHMAN, 1333 N. E. 5th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, advised her records show that EARL SHIELDS resided in an apartment building managed by her for approximately a two-week period. She recalled SHIELDS and his roommate, DAVID WATTIER. WATTIER rented the room 3-16-68, and rent was paid through 4-6-68. After WATTIER moved in, BACHMAN met SHIELDS who informed her that he was staying with WATTIER. WATTIER is believed to have left on 3-30-68, and Mrs. BACHMAN cannot recall specifically which dates after WATTIER departed that SHIELDS remained. She believes SHIELDS stayed another day or two but the exact length of time is unknown.

When WATTIER left he was driving a dark blue automobile, make unknown, and believed to have Florida license plates. WATTIER indicated he was from Minneapolis and was en route Indiana. While at her residence, both WATTIER and SHIELDS drove in WATTIER's auto and were believed to be employed in the same motel.

Mrs. BACHMAN and her husband, ALBERT J. BACHMAN, viewed photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and expressed the opinion that SHIELDS and GALT are not identical. Mrs.

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BACHMAN described SHIELDS as 5' 10" and heavy set.

On 5-2-68, Mrs. IRA M. WOLFE, Personnel Office, Plaza East Condominium, 4300 North Ocean, Fort Lauderdale, made available her records which contained the following:

EARL B. SHIELDS, Social Security No. [redacted] of 1313 N. W. 14th Court, Fort Lauderdale, was employed at instant condominium as an outside guard from 3/5-15/68. He listed his date of birth as [redacted] height, 5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; weight, 170; brown hair, blue eyes, and marital status as divorced. SHIELDS listed previous employment at Dunworth Electric, Fort Lauderdale; Hotel Kenmore, Boston, Mass., as doorman; Yankee Fisherman, Boston, Mass., as bartender; and 1280 Beacon Street, Brooklyn, New York, as bartender. He indicated in case of emergency JOSEPHINE BUTLER, 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass., should be contacted.

DAVID H. WATTIER, Social Security [redacted] who furnished his address as 1325 N. E. 5th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, was employed at Plaza East Condominium at approximately the same time as SHIELDS, having apparently begun employment 2-13-68. WATTIER listed his DOB as [redacted] 6', 170 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. He indicated he was from Randolph, Nebraska. He listed previous employment as December, 1967, Dunworth Electric.

On 5-2-68, JOE BLEIER, Head Doorman, Plaza East, advised both SHIELDS and WATTIER worked under his supervision. Both individuals reportedly resided together and definitely came to and departed work in WATTIER's 1966 Chevelle Super Sport, light blue in color.

Both BLEIER and Mrs. WOLFE viewed photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT and both stated in their opinion SHIELDS is not identical with GALT. SHIELDS was a trouble-maker and caused employee discontent over low wages and left after an argument with the management.

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AT RANDOLPH, MASSACHUSETTS

If not previously done, contact JOSEPHINE BUTLER, 15 Almond Drive, and develop information to eliminate SHIELDS as a suspect in this case. Advise Miami if SHIELDS located or sufficient identifying data obtained to eliminate SHIELDS so that additional inquiries Miami need not be made.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Holmes
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FBI KAN CITY

433 PM URGENT 5/6/68 PHM
TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY.

SUSPECT LARRY C. SIMPSON, ONE FOUR FIVE ZERO FIVE E.
THIRTYSEVENTH ST., INDEPENDENCE, MO., HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY
EMPLOYED BY BENDIX CORP., KANSAS CITY, MO., SINCE MARCH SIXTYTHREE.
HE WORKED THE FULL WEEK DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD IN THIS CASE.
PHYSICAL OBSERVATION OF THE SUSPECT REVELAS HE DOES NOT IN ANY
WAY RESEMBLE SUBJECT IN THIS MATTER.

GLEN JEFFERSON ^BBUCKLER, CURRENTLY INCARCERATED JACKSON COUNTY
JAIL FOR BAD CHECKS BEING RELEASED THIS DATE. HE INDICATED HE
SERVED TIME WITH SUBJECT AND HIS "BROTHER FROM TOPEKA" IN THE
MSP FROM JAN. SIXTYFIVE UNTIL OCT. SIXTYSEVEN. HE ADVISED THAT
HE FELT SURE HE WOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE SUBJECT SHORTLY AFTER HIS
RELEASE AND WOULD KEEP FBI ADVISED. FACTS FURNISHED BY BUCKLER NOT
SUBSTANTIATED.

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COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM MSP
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WALTER E. NOLAN AND EARL HARRIS, ALL FORMER INMATES SAME TIME
AS SUBJECT.

TWENTYTWO PAGES OF HANDWRITING AND HANDPRINTING SPECIMENS
OF SUBJECT'S WRITINGS OBTAINED FROM USP, LEAVENWORTH, AND ONE
PAGE BEARING SIGNATURE OF JAMES EARL RAY OBTAINED FROM US
PROBATION OFFICER, KANSAS CITY, MO., ALL HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO
FBI LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON.

MATS CONCERNING SUBJECT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM BUREAU AND
ARE BEING FORWARDED TO ALL NEWS MEDIA THIS AREA.

LOCAL LEADS BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 5/7/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM
OO: TAMPA

Re Bureau airtel to Jacksonville and Tampa dated May 2, 1968. Tampa airtel to Bureau dated May 2, 1968. Jacksonville airtel to Bureau and Tampa dated May 3, 1968.

Check of auto registration and drivers license at Orlando, Florida, identified owner of Florida license 7W 15 as DR. JOHN EDWARD CRENS, a physician and surgeon, being a white male, born [redacted] His office is located at 1250 Hillcrest Avenue and his residence 640 Manor Road, Maitland, Florida. Attempts to interview him on instant vehicle negative.

On May 7, 1968 DUDLEY F. TRASEK, VSPC,

- ① Bureau (44-38861) (RM)
 - 1- Birmingham (44-1740) (info) (RM)
 - 1- Memphis (44-1987) (info) (RM)
 - 1- Jacksonville (44-769) (info) (RM)
 - 2- Tampa (157-3231)
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Maitland, Florida, stated he is personally acquainted with DOCTOR CREWS and advised that he looks even older than his 54 years of age. TRASEK viewed wanted flier 442A and stated DOCTOR CREWS is definitely not identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY.

No further action being taken concerning DOCTOR CREWS.

SUBJECT IS ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - Mr. McGowan, 272
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer
5/7/68

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SACS DENVER (157-203)
~~LOS ANGELES (44-1574)~~
~~MEMPHIS (44-1987)~~

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

VIA TELETYPE
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REBUTEL TO LOS ANGELES TODAY SETTING FORTH RESULTS
EXAMINATION OF AIR TRAVEL CREDIT CARD IN NAME OF CARL RAY AND
DENVER AIRTEL MAY FOUR LAST.

FOR INFORMATION MEMPHIS AND DENVER RETEL ADVISED
DIFFERENCES NOTED BETWEEN HAND PRINTING AND CARL RAY
SIGNATURE ON CREDIT CARD WHEN COMPARED WITH KNOWN WRITING
OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY BUT LIMITED NATURE OF QUESTIONED
MATERIAL PRECLUDED DEFINITE OPINION.

REDNAIRTEL SUBMITTING FRONTIER AIRLINES
TRANSPORTATION RECEIPT BEARING SIGNATURE "CARL RAY"
PURCHASED BY UTILIZING TEMPORARY CREDIT CARD

REFERRED TO ABOVE. NO CONCLUSION WHETHER

CARL RAY SIGNATURES ON CREDIT CARD AND FRONTIER AIRLINES

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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TELETYPE TO DENVER, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS
RE: MURKIN
44-38861

TRANSPORTATION RECEIPT BY SAME PERSON BUT DIFFERENCES
NOTED SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY OF DIFFERENT WRITERS.

NO CONCLUSION WHETHER SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY
WROTE "CARL RAY" SIGNATURE ON FRONTIER AIRLINES
TRANSPORTATION RECEIPT, HOWEVER, SOME HANDWRITING
CHARACTERISTICS IN COMMON NOTED BETWEEN THIS "CARL RAY"
SIGNATURE AND KNOWN WRITING OF SUBJECT RAY. LIMITED
NATURE OF QUESTIONED SIGNATURE AND LACK OF SIGNIFICANT
HANDWRITING CHARACTERISTICS PRECLUDED DEFINITE OPINION.

RESULTS OF LATENT EXAMINATION OF FRONTIER
AIRLINES TRANSPORTATION RECEIPT WILL BE FURNISHED
SEPARATELY,

5/4/68

AIRTEL

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

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re LA tel to Director, 5/4/68.

Re investigation concerning possible look-a-like of JAMES EARL RAY by name of CARL RAY.

When individual using name CARL RAY obtained the two round-trip tickets from Las Vegas to St. Louis, at Frontier Airlines Ticket Counter, Stapleton Airport, Denver, Colorado, on 5/1/68, he did so by using temporary Frontier Airlines credit card [REDACTED] and therefore, had to sign a Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt. The original of this Transportation Receipt, bearing the signature of CARL RAY, in the upper left-hand corner is enclosed.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare this handwriting with any known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. It is noted that according to referenced teletype, the temporary credit card [REDACTED] which may bear additional handwriting of CARL RAY is also being forwarded to the Bureau by Los Angeles.

The Laboratory is requested to return the Transportation Receipt to Denver after completion of the examination.

③ - Bureau (Enc.1)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
2 - Denver
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Date: 5/3/68

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Via AIRTEL

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

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. [REDACTED] 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 201829753 6.

These enclosures were furnished by JOAN NEPP, United Airlines Ticket Agent, Los Angeles International Airport, to SA HOWARD A. MURPHY. 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.

④ - Bureau (Encl. 3) (AM) (RM)
 1 - Denver (Info)
 1 - El Paso (Info)
 1 - Memphis (Info)
 1 - Los Angeles
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This date, KEPP furnished the following information to SA HOWARD A. DAUFSEY:

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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- 1 - Mr. McGowan, 2712
 - 1 - Mr. Conrad
 - 1 - Mr. Griffith
 - 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 5/7/68

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
 FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

RELAIRTEL MAY THREE LAST SUBMITTING AIR TRAVEL
 CREDIT CARD AND TWO AIRLINE TICKETS. DIFFERENCES WERE NOTED
 BETWEEN THE HAND PRINTING AND CARL RAY SIGNATURES ON CREDIT
 CARD WHEN COMPARED WITH KNOWN HANDWRITING OF SUBJECT
 JAMES EARL RAY. LIMITED NATURE OF QUESTIONED MATERIAL
 PRECLUDED DEFINITE OPINION.

RESULTS OF LATENT EXAMINATION OF CREDIT CARD AND
 OTHER ITEMS SUBMITTED WILL BE FURNISHED SEPARATELY. AIRMAIL
 COPIES SENT TO MEMPHIS, DENVER AND EL PASO.

- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) - Airmail
- 1 - Denver (157-203) - Airmail
- 1 - El Paso () - Airmail

NOTE FOR MEMPHIS: No Laboratory report will be submitted
 regarding the results of the examination
 set out above.

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Date: 5/7/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-³⁸⁸⁶⁷33861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re San Diego airtel to Bureau 4/30/68 and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 5/2/68.

RE: LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA

For the information of Bureau, Office of Origin, and Atlanta, Mr. ROBERT E. GRAHAM, uncle of DOWDA's wife, advised on reinterview 5/3/68 that he had consulted his wife concerning the particulars of the DOWDA's visit to the GRAHAM residence during the Thanksgiving Season, 1967.

GRAHAM stated that LEWIE DOWDA and Mrs. DOWDA arrived at the GRAHAM residence, 5419 Diversity Drive, Palos Verdes, California, driving a Volkswagen automobile bearing Georgia license plates the date prior to Thanksgiving, 11/28/67, as he recalled. After having Thanksgiving dinner with the GRAHAMS, the DOWDA's left in their Volkswagen at approximately 4:00 p.m. to see a friend of DOWDA's who allegedly worked in a hospital, believed in Santa Barbara, California. DOWDA also expressed his consideration of seeking employment at this hospital.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Atlanta
- 1 - Memphis
- 2 - Los Angeles

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The DOWDA's returned to the GRAHAM residence on Friday, 12/1/67. and immediately upon arrival, Mrs. GRAHAM telephoned GRAHAM at his office telling of the DOWDA's arrival from Northern California.

DOWDA advised that he had lost his wallet in Santa Barbara, California, while swimming and GRAHAM had to ban or give DOWDA sufficient funds to drive back to Atlanta. The DOWDA's left the GRAHAM'S residence on Saturday, 12/2/68, enroute to Atlanta via San Diego, California.

GRAHAM stated that he knew DOWDA by first name "WHITEY". DOWDA stated he was a dietician and had attended three years college in the State of Missouri, perhaps the University of Missouri.

GRAHAM stated that he was of the opinion that DOWDA was prone to stretch the truth and he, GRAHAM, personally doubted his veracity for the short period of time he was acquainted with him.

The above information is furnished to Atlanta in slight variation of re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau.

GRAHAM stated that the information furnished in this communication was more nearly correct as to exact dates inasmuch as he had contacted his wife and the two of them had more accurately pinpointed the times and dates in question.

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Date: 5/7/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, HOUSTON
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Houston teletype to Kansas City, 5/1/68,
regarding WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS.

Credit, criminal teamsters union locals and all
other logical investigation in Kansas City Division
negative. Identification record obtained and shows last
entry as 5/11/66 and discharge from Department of Corrections,
Huntsville, Texas.

It is noted that JACOBS on 3/25/65, was sentenced
to 2 years and released after just over 1 year on 5/11/66.

Houston is requested, if not already done, to
check possibility JACOBS paroled and later whereabouts
could be ascertained. If this investigation negative,
suggest lead be set out to locate and interview J.W.
JACOBS, brother, regarding the present whereabouts of
WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS.

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- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)
 - 2 - Houston
 - 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
 - 2 - Kansas City
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