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2958 Ocean View Blvd
San Diego Calif
April 27, 1968 ⁹²¹¹³

Sirs:

Murkin

Until recently I have had a great deal of respect for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have often said that when the FBI put a net out for anyone, he could stop running for surely he was about to be caught.

I still think you are a very efficient agency, but since you interest the search for the person who killed Dr. Martin Luther King, I have lost all respect for you.

I don't believe you are looking for the real murderer. I think you're looking for a patsy - like Oswald.

Sooner or later you'll come up with your perfect "fall guy."

I predict it will be someone

Who has a perfect alibi for Nov 22 1963 - most likely someone who was in prison at that time. I predict further that he will be mentally retarded and either caught or wanted for some other crime. That way he will probably never be brought to trial for the murder of Dr King.

And so while the FBI are playing hide and go seek with someone who by now could be in Egypt, there is someone who conspires to get rid of persons whose performance they do not like, by shooting them in the head. This vicious killer is still running loose.

I would remind you that the monster nearly always destroys its maker. I would remind you further that sooner or later the FBI will turn in a performance they do not like and they will proceed to get rid of you.
Mattie Sue Branch

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May 13, 1968

AIRMAIL

- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Hudson

~~Mr. Francisco Rodriguez Castro~~
Avenida Bernardo O'Higgins 2510
Santiago, Chile

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter postmarked May 3, 1968, and its enclosure.

Your offer to be of assistance is appreciated. If you should learn of any information which you feel might be of value, it is suggested that you contact the American Embassy, Santiago, Chile. I am enclosing one copy of Wanted Flyer 442-A, which is printed in the Spanish language, relating to James Earl Ray who is being sought in connection with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
 Director

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Enclosure

- 1 - Legal Attache, Buenos Aires (information) (Enc. 3)
- 2 - Office of Security, Department of State (via liaison) (Enc. 6)
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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NOTE: On the basis of available information, correspondent is not identifiable in Bureau files. He indicates he is a retired detective of the Police Investigation Service of Chile and currently a private detective.

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- 1 - Bureau (100-444444-1000) (Info.)
- 2 - Office of Security, Department of Justice (100-444444) (Info.)
- 1 - Texas Airspace, Bureau of Aeronautics (Info.)

TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

Letter contained in envelope addressed to the Director, from Francisco Rodriguez Castro, Avenida Bernardo O'higgins 2510, Santiago, Chile (office address); or Benjamin Labbe No. 224 (Penaflor), Santiago, Chile (home address).

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Murkin

I am a retired detective of the Police Investigation Service, Chile. I would like to cooperate with you in helping capture the murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King. All I require is that you show an interest in my cooperation.

To facilitate my work, I would like you to send me a photograph and pertinent information concerning the accused. With this material, I am certain that within two or three days, I will be able to inform you as to the city or location where the murderer is now hiding.

As an illustrative example of my ability, I can tell you that a few years ago, I furnished precise information on the whereabouts of the Private Secretary of ex-President Peron. The Argentine Embassy was allegedly offering two million pesos for the capture of the above individual. I never received the reward because it was not true that the Embassy was interested in his capture.

I am enclosing a resume about the work I performed when I worked for the Police Investigation Service. Now I am a private detective.

/s/ Illegible

Francisco Rodriguez Castro

My office address in Santiago is Avenida Bernardo O'higgins 2510, and my house is located in a small area near the capital, at Benjamin Labbe No. 224 (Penaflor).

(Translator's Note: Enclosed along with the above letter was a "brief history of the political events which I knew and dealt with personally in Chile from 1931 to 1933.")

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May 7, 1968

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with persons in the state from 1931 to 1933.
a list of the names of the persons which I know and
(Enclosure, note: enclosed along with the above letter was

of Benjamin Parre No. 334 (Benjamin).
3310' and my house is located in a small area near the center,
my office address is 23120' is located in the office of Benjamin

Benjamin Parre No. 334

Benjamin Parre

is Benjamin Parre.

When I worked for the Police Investigation Bureau. Now I am
I am employed as a private investigator for the work I performed

in the service.

Some time ago it was not true that the Bureau was interested
for the service of the above individual. I never received the
the above information was allegedly obtained from William Brown
the president of the Police Bureau of ex-president Brown.
You that a few days ago, I interrupted the investigation on
as an investigative example of my service, I can tell

where the individual is now living.

As I will be able to inform you as to the city of location
with this material, I am certain that within two or three
a photograph and pertinent information concerning the subject.
To facilitate my work, I would like you to send me

is that you show an interest in my cooperation.

service the individual of Dr. Martin Luther King. All I require
service, since. I would like to cooperate with you in providing
I am a retired detective of the Police Investigation

Best, Mr. Hoover:

Parre No. 334 (Benjamin), 23120' (home address).
Office 3310' 23120' (office address): of Benjamin
Director, from Benjamin Parre No. 334, 23120' (home address)
letter contained in above address to the

LEGISLATION FROM BENJAMIN

Sr.
Chief
F.B.I.
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WASHINGTON D.C.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE DE 1967.-

Muy señor mío:

El infrascrito, es detective en retiro del Servicio de Investigaciones Policiales de Chile. Pues bien, en atención al ale-
voso asesinato, del Dr. Martin Luther King, el que ha causado conmo-
ción Mundial y por las informaciones dadas por la prensa y radios,
el presunto asesino aun no ha sido capturado, por ignorarse su para-
dero. Desde este lejano país, mucho me agradaría cooperar con Ud.,
a tan noble como patriótico objetivo; para cuyo fin sólo necesito
que Ud. se interese por mi cooperación desinteresada .

Para el mejor éxito de mi trabajo, le ruego, si lo tie-
ne a bien, se sirva enviarme una fotografía del posible hechor y los
antecedentes que estime conveniente. Con este material, estoy seguro
que dentro de pocos días podré informarle, sin necesidad de viajar
a ésa, de la ciudad o sitio que actualmente se encuentra el hombre
que tanto interesa .

Como un dato ilustrativo, cúpleme manifestar a Ud. que
aquí en Chile, hace ya algunos años, fué capturado y luego después
fugado de la cárcel, un político argentino, algo así, como Secretario
Privado del ex Presidente, don Juan Domingo Perón. Se publicó por la
prensa, que la Embajada Argentina pagaba dos millones de pesos, por
su captura o a quien diera algún informe exacto de su paradero. Des-
pués de algunos días de trabajo, pude ubicarlo e indicar el sitio
exato de su paradero; se encontraba a una distancia de más o menos
ciento cincuenta kilómetros, desde donde lo ubiqué; pero el premio
no se me dió, pues no era efectivo que la Embajada se interesaba
por su captura.

Además, me es muy grato adjuntarle a la pte. una pequeña
relación de los trabajos que he sido capaz de hacer dentro y fuera
del servicio. Actualmente estoy dedicado a la profesión, como Detec-
tive Privado.-

En la espera de su pronta y grata respuesta, lo saluda
muy atte.


FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ CASTRO

La dirección de mi oficina es en Santiago Avenida Bernardo O'Higgins
2510 y la de mi casa es en un pueblo cercano a la Capital, Benjamin
Labbé N° 224 (Peñaflor)

Por estar ya más de un mes en huelga los servicios de
Correos y Telégrafos, sólo existe para la primera dirección el Cab-
le o el telégrafo Comercial y para la segunda, solamente el telégrafo
del Estado, pues en este pueblo no existe el Comercial y el del Es-
tado está en funciones; no así el Correo.-

BREVE HISTORIA DE LOS HECHOS POLITICOS REVOLUCIONARIOS ACARCIDOS EN CHILE DEL AÑO 1931 A 1933, DE LOS CUALES TUVE CONOCIMIENTO Y DENUNCIE OPORTUNAMENTE .-

El infrascrito hizo el curso de aspirante a detective, en la Escuela de Carabineros el año 1928. Terminado satisfactoriamente el curso, fui destinado a prestar mis servicios a la Prefectura de Investigaciones de Santiago y luego después a la Sección de San Fernando; en donde después de más o menos un año y medio de servicio, por intrigas de pueblo chico y por mistad personal de mis detractores, con el entonces Director de los servicios, don Ventura Maturana, fui dado de baja por no ser necesarios mis servicios .-

Pues bien, hasta mediado del año 1931, fué Presidente de Chile don Carlos Ibañez del Campo. Hacía más o menos quince días que había sido dado de baja; una noche mientras dormía, capté con mucha claridad y precisión, la formación de un complot revolucionario, destinado a derrocar al Presidente de la República; figurando como sus principales autores, los estudiantes y políticos desplazados del régimen. Como esta situación a producirse la consideraba de extrema gravedad, viajé especialmente a Santiago, para informar personalmente al entonces Director don Ventura Maturana, pues abrigaba la esperanza que este Jefe reconsiderara mi baja, que era injusta desde todo punto de vista. Muy grande fué mi desilusión, porque en vez de agradecerme; me increpó duramente; me trató de loco y de alarmista; hasta me amenazó con detenerme . Pero cual no sería la sorpresa, para este incrédulo Jefe, que más o menos a los veinte días de haberle dado mis informes, estalló la revolución y el Presidente tuvo que abandonar el país .-

Después de este acontecimiento, ejerció la Vicepresidencia, don Manuel Trucco, y luego después, fué elegido Presidente, don Juan Esteban Montero .- Al poco tiempo de estar en la Presidencia el señor Montero, vuelve a tener conocimiento de un nuevo complot . Como ya no pertenecía a los servicios, sólo me limité a comentarlo con mis compañeros de mi nueva actividad; éstos se limitaron a reírse, pues para ellos no tenía ninguna importancia . A los ocho días estalló la revolución y el Presidente fué depuesto.-

Esta vez se formó una Junta de Gobierno, compuesta de tres miembros : Don Carlos Dávila, don Marnaduque Grove y don Eugenio Matte. A los pocos días de estar estos señores gobernando el país, supe de las desavenencias surgidas entre ellos . Dos días después era sacado de la Moneda, don Marnaduque Grove .

Pasado algunos días, nuevamente vuelvo a captar dificultades, surgida entre los dos miembros que quedaban de la Junta . Esta vez veía claramente que muchos aviones intentaban bombardear la Moneda y que a la vez, ésta era defendida por militares apostados en el mismo Palacio y con cañones anti-aéreos, colocados en el edificio de la Nación y en el del Seguro Obrero. Veinticuatro horas después, estos hechos se produjeron exactamente como yo lo había previsto.-

Después de este acontecimiento, quedó en la Moneda solamente, don Carlos Dávila .- A los pocos días, supe que don Carlos Ibañez, volvía de la Argentina con el ánimo de ocupar nuevamente la Presidencia . Esta vez me acerqué a un amigo , don Luis Herrera Cortines, era Secretario de uno de los Ministros, quien se encontraba conversando con un señor que era reportero de una revista extranjera, de apellido Lara, a quien le di a conocer lo que muy pronto iba a contocer, este amigo, era como Santo Tomás, muy incrédulo, se rió de muy buenas ganas y hasta me trató muy despectivamente; muy poco le duró esta alegría, al día siguiente a las seis de la tarde, llegaba don Carlos Ibañez a la casa de su suegro, calle Morandé, frente al Palacio Presidencial.-

Hago pte. que desde que fui dado de baja, estuve diez años alejado del servicio; me reincorporé en el año 1940, para volverme a retirar nueve años después, muy desilusionado y amargado, por estimar que no se me reconocían mis méritos .-

Hacía más de un año que nuevamente me encontraba en el servicio; esta vez supe de un nuevo complot revolucionario; ahora se trataba de derribar y de asesinar, si era posible, al entonces Presidente, don Juan Antonio Ríos . Con la tan ingrata compensación, que había tenido con el Sr. Maturana, realmente que no hallaba que hacer con tan bombásticas noticias; pero como estimé tan grave la situación, constaté que la lealtad y el deber de funcionario me obligaba a correr el riesgo, de nuevamente hacer el ridículo, fué así como me acerqué al Jefe de la Sección Confidencial, Inspector Olegario Ramírez Guerra, . Este Jefe me escuchó con mucha atención; esta vez pude darle hasta el nombre del principal comple-

tado; del día y sitio en que se iba a tratar de asesinar al Presidente. Antes de despedirme me manifestó que él sabía de algunos rumores; pero que hacía más de quince días que estaba trabajando con cincuenta hombres que tenía a su disposición; que hasta esa fecha no había tenido ningún informe digno de tomarse en cuenta .-

Con mi informe le fué muy fácil descubrir y detener a los implicados, desbaratando todo el movimiento; comprobándose exactamente todo lo informado al respecto .-

Este funcionario, fué calurosamente felicitado y ascendido en tres meses, dos veces por méritos extraordinarios; mientras tanto el suscrito siguió ignorado, como el último y más inútil de los subalternos.-

Estos aciertos narrados, es como se puede apreciar a hechos políticos; en cuanto a casos netamente policiales; como descubrimientos de robos y la detención de delincuentes, son innumerables las diligencias practicadas con resultados positivos, sin tener necesidad de recurrir al clásico dato, por el que se rige el ciento por ciento de los flamantes funcionarios, que tan rápidamente ascienden y llegan a ocupar los primeros puestos, pues son bien calificados, porque a falta de méritos como investigadores, son muy buenos intrigantes y bastreros; como yo carecía de este mérito; llegaban las calificaciones y era calificado generalmente en lista tres.- Fué por eso, que estimé que estaba perdiendo lo poco que me quedaba de juventud y de energía y obté por presentar voluntariamente mi renuncia .-

Antes de terminar, quiero narrar otro caso muy curioso; más o menos treinta días antes que en la isla de Santo Domingo asesinaron al benefactor Trujillo, fui a las diferentes Embajadas extranjeras ofrecer mis servicios, en el sentido que aseguraba que yo estaba en condiciones de descubrir con anticipación, cualquier conato revolucionario. Demás estará decir, que hice el más espantoso de los ridículos. El más grande fué en la Embajada de Santo Domingo. Me recibió el primer Secretario, una vez que se impuso de mi visita, se largó a reír estrepitosamente, para luego decirme: señor, el Benefactor Trujillo, no necesita de esta clase de servicios; no tuve más que retirarme, pidiendo muy humildemente que se me disculpara, pues mis intenciones no eran otras, sino el deseo de poder servirlos lealmente. Más o menos quince días después, el Benefactor Trujillo era asesinado. A los pocos días fui a pedir una nueva audiencia; el Secretario que antes me había recibido, ya no estaba; el que me recibió le expliqué el motivo de mi visita; mi sorpresa fué mayúscula; este funcionario después de oírme, me dijo: bueno señor, allá no ha pasado nada; como la respuesta fué tan sin sentido, me paralogisé un poco; pero luego reaccioné y le manifesté: "señor, aquí hay una cosa bien clara, soy yo el loco o es Ud., porque no hace a penas unos quince días que le asesinaron a su Benefactor Trujillo? ¿ah sí, sí; pero eso fué una cosa netamente familiar?; a lo que yo agregué, "Señor, con su filosofía estoy perdiendo lamentablemente el tiempo .-

Santiago, 30 de Setiembre de 1967


FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ CASTRO
Benjamín Labbe 224 (Peñaflor)

D.P. Ahora estoy dedicado a la profesión, como Detective Privado con oficina en Testinos 754 Fono 85023 .-

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re ERNEST S. GALT - Suspect.

Re Bureau airtel to New York, 5/9/68.

New York airtel to Bureau dated 4/24/68, identified referenced suspect as ERNEST STANLEY GALT who was eliminated as a suspect in instant matter by New York in investigation conducted on 4/10-11/68.

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Date: 5/13/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (~~RM~~)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Miami airtel dated 5/6/68.

The Randolph, Mass., List of Persons by Streets listed the following as residents of 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass:

JAMES BUTTE, 20, at home
JOSEPHINE, 45, waitress

Personnel, Randolph, Mass. PD, on 5/7/68, advised their records contained no information concerning EARL B. SHIELDS.

Mrs. JOSEPHINE BUTTE, 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass., on 5/8/68, advised that EARL B. SHIELDS was a roomer at her residence for about 3 or 4 months during the Spring of 1967. She said SHIELDS was an electrician and worked somewhere on Cape Cod, place unknown. When he left, she did not know where he went nor did she know his current whereabouts.

She described SHIELDS as follows:

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
 - 1 - Birmingham (info) (RM)
 - 1 - Kansas City (info) (RM)
 - 2 - Memphis (RM)
 - 2 - Miami (RM)
 - 1 - Milwaukee (info) (RM)
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White male, about 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds, receding brown hair, blue eyes, 2 inch scar under right side of nose, age about 38.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was exhibited to Mrs. BUTTE and she stated that SHIELDS positively was not RAY and that he did not resemble him.

On 5/10/68, EARL B. SHIELDS telephonically contacted the Boston FBI Office and said that he could be reached at 110 Squantum St., Milton, Mass.

SHIELDS was interviewed on 5/10/68 and advised the following:

He said that he left Pompano Beach, Florida, on 4/2/68 and that he is an electrician. He travelled to Chattanooga, Tennessee, with a fellow worker, EARL HARE, Pompano Beach, Florida, to secure a job with the TVA. He arrived at Chattanooga the same night. Union Hall told him there was no immediate work. He left Chattanooga, Tennessee, on 4/3/68 and went to Hamilton, Ohio, and checked into the Country Club Motel on Route 4 on 4/3/68. He secured work through the Union with Armco Steel Corp., Middletown, Ohio, where he worked for about two weeks.

SHIELDS is staying at the residence of his brother, 110 Squantum Road, Milton, Mass., before departing for New York City, N.Y., to seek employment.

The following is a description of SHIELDS:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB	<input type="text"/>
POB:	Boston, Mass.
Height:	5 feet 10½ inches
Weight:	165 pounds
Hair:	Brown, receding
Eyes:	Blue

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Complexion: Dark, tanned

Scars and Marks: 1 inch scar left jaw;
2 inch scar under right
side of nose

Inasmuch as SHIELDS has accounted for his whereabouts on 4/4/68 and is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, no further action is contemplated.

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May 13, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

2 - Mr. McDonough

James Earl Ray is being sought in connection with the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On May 9, 1968, Mrs. Emillie R. Snider, a dependent of an Air Force sergeant assigned to Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico, advised that she was on vacation on the island of Curacao on April 25, 1968, and while having lunch in the Lido Restaurant, Curacao, between 12 noon and 1 p.m., she observed two men in the restaurant, one of which bore a striking resemblance to the newspaper photograph of James Earl Ray. She stated this person sat with his back to the wall at the second table to the right of the entrance doorway into the restaurant section of the Lido.

Mrs. Snider stated she overheard this person ordering his meal and he had a very definite southern accent. Mrs. Snider noted that she is of the Negro race and she felt she might have been prejudiced in thinking this individual resembled Ray. However, after careful thought and consideration, she feels that this person could very well have been Ray. Mrs. Snider described this person as wearing slacks of unknown color and rumpled white shirt. According to Mrs. Snider he was about 37 years of age, approximately six feet tall, 180 to 185 pounds, very dry sandy colored hair and complexion ruddy around the cheeks and nose. The only distinguishing feature of the person was a definite cleft in the center of his chin. This person had a fleshier face than that of Ray as indicated in newspaper photographs.

Mrs. Snider advised she had not seen the person described either before or after the encounter on April 25, 1968, and she could not furnish any additional information.

You are requested to conduct any logical and appropriate investigation at Curacao in order to possibly resolve the identity of the person observed by Mrs. Snider.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) (PLAINTEXT)
FROM SAN JUAN (157-61) 2P

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ON MAY NINE INSTANT MRS. EMILLIE R. SNIDER, DEPENDENT OF AIRFORCE SGT., RAMEY AFB, PUERTO RICO, PERSONALLY ADVISED SHE WAS ON VACATION ON ISLAND OF CURACAO ON APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST AND WHILE HAVING LUNCH AT LIDO RESTAURANT, CURACAO, BETWEEN TWELVE NOON AND ONE P.M. SHE OBSERVED TWO MEN IN THE RESTAURANT, ONE WHO BORE STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO NEWSPAPER PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY. SHE STATED THIS PERSON SAT WITH HIS BACK TO THE WALL, AT THE SECOND TABLE TO THE RIGHT OF THE ENTRANCE DOORWAY INTO THE RESTAURANT SECTION OF THE LIDO.

MRS. SNIDER STATED SHE OVERHEARD PERSON ORDERING HIS MEAL AND HE HAD A VERY DEFINITE SOUTHERN ACCENT.

MRS. SNIDER NOTED SHE IS OF THE NEGRO RACE AND SHE FELT SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN PREJUDICED IN THINKING THIS INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLED RAY; HOWEVER AFTER CAREFUL THOUGHT AND CONSIDERATION SHE FEELS THAT THIS PERSON COULD VERY WELL HAVE BEEN RAY.

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ESM. y/h

cc. Long

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MRS. SNIDER DESCRIBED THIS PERSON AS WEARING SLACKS OF UNKNOWN COLOR, RUMPLED WHITE SHIRT, ABOUT THIRTY SEVEN YEARS OF AGE, APPROXIMATELY SIX FEET TALL, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTYFIVE LBS., VERY DRY SANDY COLORED HAIR, COMPLEXION WAS RUDDY AROUND THE CHEEKS AND NOSE. THE ONLY DISTINGUISHING FEATURE OF PERSON WAS A DEFINITE CLEFT IN CENTER OF CHIN. PERSON HAD A FLESHIER FACE THAN THAT OF RAY SHE HAD OBSERVED IN NEWSPAPER PHOTOS.

MRS. SNIDER ADVISED SHE HAD NOT SEEN PERSON DESCRIBED PRIOR TO THE ABOVE ENCOUNTER AND DID NOT SEE AFTER THE ENCOUNTER ON APRIL TWENTY FIVE LAST. SHE ADVISED SHE COULD NOT FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

ABOVE INFORMATION FURNISHED TO BUREAU FOR APPROPRIATE HANDLING.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad *Conrad*

FROM : W. D. Griffith *Griffith*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/13/68

Tolson

DeLoach

Mohr

Bishop

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Gandy

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By teletype Friday, 5/10/68, Washington Field Office (WFO) proposed to the Bureau a program involving review of the files of the Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, in an effort to identify a possible passport application that may have been made by the subject in a name other than his own or known aliases he has used. Such a review would involve examinations of photographs appearing on the applications, typewriting, possibly hand printing and the amount of script involved in the applicant's signature. Such a program involves literally thousands of documents. General Investigative Division has approved this program.

WFO has requested the Laboratory's assistance in preparing a packet of writings, typewriting and photograph suitable for issue to each Agent participating in the survey that would facilitate the search. This material has been prepared along with a chart pointing out the more unusual characteristics involved in the handwriting, hand printing and typewriting attributed to the subject. In addition, Supervisor James H. Mortimer has met with members of the squad distributed the requested material, described and explained the characteristics they should look for and answered questions posed by them. WFO has been instructed that any applications selected by virtue of this screening should be promptly submitted to the Laboratory for an examination by our experts. Attached is one set of photographs depicting the material furnished to WFO Agents.

RECOMMENDATION: None For info *5-16-68*
 COPIES MADE DATE *5-16-68* BY *[Signature]*

Enclosure

44-38861

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer

TWB: sps RE *MURKIN*
 FOR REVIEW AT BUREAU AND DELIVERY
 TO HQA RE *5-16-68*
 (SEE BUREAU 44-117250)

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JAMES EARL RAY

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10-5-67

DEAR SIR:

I RECEIVED YOUR ORDER OF FOUR ITEMS THE 4th.

I WAS WELL PLEASED WITH EVERY THING EXCEPT
THE CAMERA, which i am returning.

THE CAMERA YOU SENT HAS ONLY ONE FILM SPEED
AND I WANTED THE KODAK M8 WHICH HAS 4.

AS I THINK I TOLD YOU ON THE PHONE I WILL
HAVE TO LEAVE FOR MEXICO SATURDAY AND WILL
BE UNABLE TO WAIT. DUE TO MEXICO HIGH CUSTOMS

I WOULD NOT WANT IT SENT THEIR.

UPON MY ARIVAL IN MEXICO I WII SEND YOU
MY ADDRESS AND YOU CAN MAIL WHAT EVER REMITTANC
THEIR.

SINCERELY

John
10/9

Eric D. Hall

INVOICE NO. I79530

TYPEWRITING:

STYLE OF LETTERS:

HIGH CENTER

M

5 4

W

LOW CENTER

m

no serif on center bar

t ← offset to right

CAPITAL "E" PRINTS TO RIGHT - USE OF LETTER "I" FOR NUMERAL "1" - ALMOST ALL INSTANCES

HANDPRINTING:

G - F - M - C - K - Y - A

USE OF SMALL LETTER "h" - 7 (NUMERAL SEVEN)

HANDWRITING:

D - so - I - m - n - A -
th - to - my - w - of -

Therth - ur - by - S - S - H -
J - J - 7 - B

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MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

(WRITE ON THIS SIDE OF SHEET ONLY)

DATE 10 24 66

Dr. Earl C. Hepler

James E. Ray

TO Biggs Bldg.

FROM 00416

MISSOURI STREET AND NUMBER CITY

REGISTER NO

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Business

RELATIONSHIP

BOX 900, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65102

B.B.

HALL

CELL NO 9

Dear Sir;

ON or about the 7 of Sept 1966 I was committed to the Biggs Building on order of the Cole County Circuit Court. On my arrival at Biggs Building I had with me my trial transcripts and other legal papers valued at about \$300.00 I also had \$9.00 in currency books. Mr. Perry said I could not take them to the work that they would be kept in my personal property upon leaving Biggs bldg. Mr. Perry said they could not find them and that they might have been sent back to the prison, the officials said they wasn't returned here either. I would appreciate it if you would have some one to see if they could find this property as I can't replace it. I know before I left the receiving office it was put in a desk drawer in the receiving office.

Thanks

James E. Ray

PLEASE READ REVERSE SIDE

DEAR SIR;

WOULD YOU SEND THESE ITEMS
SPECIAL DELIVERY.

THE MANUAL DID NOT LIST THE
SHIPPING WT. ON THE ITEMS I
ORDERED SO I ADDED \$10.00 IF
IT IS MORE WILL PAY ON RECEIVING.

ON SENDING ORDER WOULD YOU SEND
ME ANY MANUALS YOU MIGHT HAVE ON

1. SOUND STRIPERS. *Set*
2. DESCRIPTIVE CIRCULAR ON
L & F AUTOMATIC CINE PRINTER.
3. THE PRICE OF THE EUMIG MARK
S SOUND PROTECTOR. THANKS

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ERIC J. GALT
2608 HIGHLAND AVE.
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

I WOULD LIKE THIS ORDER
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANKS

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Date: 5/8/68

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

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

Attached to the Bureau copies of this communication and to receiving offices are Xerox copies of two items which appeared in the Auckland, New Zealand press on the dates 3/14/68 and 4/30/68. These clippings had been received by Mr. BILL MOBLEY, a friendly reporter for the Birmingham Post Herald who had considered writing an article about them but after determining from the Birmingham Police Department that no CHARLES TAYLOR or THOMAS TAYLOR is employed as a patrolman, he discontinued his efforts.

Mr. MOBLEY made the news clippings available on the bare possibility that the overseas telephone calls may have been made by fugitive RAY. It is believed that the following action by Los Angeles is warranted.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES

AT SAN BERNADINO, CALIFORNIA.

Will attempt to determine from telephone

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TO: SAC, [illegible] (44-7361) (6)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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BH 44-1740

company records the identity of the CHARLES TAYLOR who evidently completed a call to the Auckland, New Zealand Police Department at 5 AM their time on March 14, 1968, and if identity established will determine whether possibly identical with subject.

AT SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA.

Will conduct similar investigation regarding the call to Auckland reportedly made on Sunday night (their time) 4/28/68.

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU :

1. Xerox copy of items appearing in Auckland, New Zealand newspaper on 3/14/68 and 4/30/68.

RE: MURKIN

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WHEN IN DOUBT HE ASKED A POLICEMAN

A San Bernadino (California) man, Mr Charles Taylor, apparently believes that the best way to find out something is to ask a policeman—even if it means a \$60 transpacific telephone call.

Mr Taylor rang the Auckland police at 5 a.m. today to ask about New Zealand and the living conditions here.

"I'm thinking of coming out to Australia or New Zealand," he told Senior Sergeant R. V. Downie, officer in charge of the communications section.

Mr Taylor wanted to know about the climate, the terrain, wages, prices,

taxes, jobs, hunting and fishing.

"I told him that we had a good climate and that in Auckland we've just had record temperatures for March," said Senior Sergeant Downie.

"I said there was little snow in the North Island but plenty in the high country of the South Island in the winter.

"I told him the country

was mainly farmlands—the best in the world — with a mountain range down the centre of the South Island.

Enthusiastic

"He seemed enthusiastic when I told him about the fishing and hunting here."

For his \$60 Mr Taylor learnt that butter costs 28c a pound, shoes about \$10 to \$12, suits about \$30 to \$50 and that an average wage was \$40 to \$50.

He found out that there were about 6000 registered unemployed but plenty of employment vacancies were being advertised and a qualified man should have little trouble in getting a job.

Mr Taylor even wanted to know what was going to happen in Vietnam.

Senior Sergeant Downie said: "I don't know and there are a lot of important people about who would like an answer to that question too."

Senior Sergeant Downie added: "I don't think the call was just a rich whim as he finished up by saying he would have to go because the call was costing him a lot of money."

March 14/68

Policeman calls NZ again (\$150)

America's phoning policeman was on the job again on Sunday night with another transpacific call to his Auckland counterparts for a discussion about New Zealand.

Patrolman Thomas Taylor, of Birmingham, Alabama, rang from Santa Barbara, California, where he is on holiday.

He spoke to Senior Sergeant R. V. Downie, in charge of communications, for 40 minutes, a call which would have cost him more than \$150.

He first rang Senior Sergeant Downie six weeks ago to inquire about conditions in New Zealand with the idea, he said, of immigrating.

Last night he was content just to have a friendly talk. He spoke of the

Wahine disaster, which he had heard about, and asked questions on the work done by the Auckland police.

Patrolman Taylor said it would be four or five years before he came to New Zealand, if he came, but said he would ring Senior Sergeant Downie three or four more times.

"I didn't ask him if he was married or had a family or how long he had been in the force," said Senior Sergeant Downie. "I'll save that for next time."

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1 - Mr. McDonough

To: All SACS
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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
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In order to cover the possibility that subject may have died since commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted and they advised that no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested that each state may maintain such a record in their Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency.

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There is no known Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information; and it is possible that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would only be maintained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities, or the like.

Each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if such records are maintained, and if so, should check records for the period from 4-5-68, to date, for any information which might possibly identify subject Ray with unidentified deceased persons over that period.

If there is no central record repository maintained in the various states or nationally in the case of Mexico and Canada, you should, in connection with your contacts with law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, make appropriate inquiries relative to

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- Mohr _____
- Bishop _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- Felt _____
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- Trotter _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holmes _____
- Gandy _____

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NOTE: See Memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated 5-9-68, same caption
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Airtel to All SACS and [LEGATS, Mexico City and Ottawa] (S) (U)
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unidentified dead for the period beginning 4-5-68; and if fingerprints on such dead are maintained, they should be compared with those on the Identification Order on Ray in order to effect identification or nonidentification. This should be handled in the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines. (S) (U)

The Identification Division has placed an appropriate stop on unidentified deceased inquiries it may receive. If feasible, appropriate offices and Legats, Mexico City (U) and Ottawa should place similar stops with appropriate state, local or national agencies in your territories. (S)

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