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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LATENT CASE NO. **92993**

June 3, 1968

TO: **SAC, Richmond**

RE: **UNSUB., AKA
DAVID COOPERMAN,
LALAH COOPERMAN;
ITSP**

Member

REFERENCE: **Airtel 5/21/68**
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Richmond**
SPECIMENS: **Q1, check #147**

Two latent fingerprints developed on enclosed check.

Latent fingerprints are not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. Latent fingerprints also compared but are not identical with fingerprints of following individuals, one of whom may be person whose name appears in title of this case:

Enc.

- 1 - Richmond (44-657)
- 1 - Baltimore (44-493)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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SAC, Richmond

June 3, 1968

David Cooperman, born
New York, N. Y.
David Cooperman, born
Buffalo, N. Y.

Basis of information furnished, no fingerprint record located Identification Division files for Lalah Cooperman.

Latent fingerprints lack sufficient pattern detail for search in single fingerprint file.

Laboratory report separate.

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LC #92993

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Gale

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to Mr. Gale's conversation with Cliff Sessions today concerning the proposed meeting which the Attorney General plans to have with representatives of CBS this afternoon.

It was indicated that CBS was going to do a program on Martin Luther King and one of the comments would pertain to Rev. Ralph Abernathy's comment concerning the fact that the FBI was doing nothing to bring about the arrest of King's murderer.

ACTION RECOMMENDED

The Attorney General according to Cliff Sessions desired some statement which might be suggested which he could make or give to CBS representatives.

It is believed that any statement which we might give to the Attorney General should be brief and succinct and we, therefore, recommend for your consideration the brief comments which are attached. All of the information in the attached statement has previously been publicly released.

Enclosure

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ENCLOSURE

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The record of the FBI in connection with the investigation into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of substantial achievement.

Starting with an unknown subject, the man known as Eric Galt was identified by the FBI as a prime suspect within five days. Within another week the FBI had obtained a photograph of the subject and the Attorney General considered sufficient evidence had been developed to warrant Federal process. Three days later, as a result of a project to check latent fingerprints against the fingerprints of more than 53,000 fugitives, James Earl Ray was determined to be identical with Galt.

The total facilities of the FBI have been fully committed to this case from the outset. Investigation has proceeded around-the-clock on a top priority basis throughout the United States and in various foreign countries. Thousands of interviews have been conducted and hundreds of suspects have been processed. A tremendous number of examinations have been conducted by the FBI Laboratory and the FBI Identification Division. Every logical investigative approach is being vigorously pursued and there will be no let up until Ray is apprehended.

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ENCLOSURE

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

The report of the FBI in connection with the investigation into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. is one of substantial importance.

Starting with an unknown subject, the investigation was conducted by the FBI as a direct result of the information received from the FBI in the field. The subject and the investigation are of substantial importance and the investigation is being conducted as a matter of priority. The investigation is being conducted as a matter of priority and the investigation is being conducted as a matter of priority.

The total number of the FBI have been fully committed to this case from the outset. Investigation has proceeded since the time of the initial report and the investigation is being conducted as a matter of priority. The investigation is being conducted as a matter of priority and the investigation is being conducted as a matter of priority.

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NOTE: Legat, Ottawa had previously advised an application had been filed for a passport in the name of Ramon George Sneyd for travel to London on May 6 and returning to Toronto on May 21, 1968. Legat, Ottawa has now received information that person using name of Sneyd did travel from Toronto on May 6 and an individual using the same name returned to Toronto on May 21, 1968.

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June 4, 1968

Airtel

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SACs, Memphis (44-1987)
St. Louis (44-775)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RE: Suspects, W. Davis, B. Chidlow, Vincent Walker, and Lawrence Rand.

For the information of St. Louis, Memphis investigation on 4-5-68 developed that a cab driver picked up a white male at the William Len Hotel, Memphis, around 12:05 a.m., 4-5-68, who first requested to go to West Memphis, Arkansas. Immediately after starting to that destination the suspect instructed the cab driver to take him to the Memphis Municipal Airport. On arrival at the airport suspect told the cab driver to wait for him while he checked flight departure schedule. He then returned in the same cab to the William Len Hotel. The cab waited and the suspect returned with another white male and requested they be taken back to the Memphis Municipal Airport.

Records at the William Len Hotel revealed Vincent Walker, 449 Steiner, San Francisco, California, and Lawrence Rand or Rend, 2532 Polk, Kansas City, Kansas, checked into the hotel at 2:38 p.m., 4-4-68 and checked out approximately 12:10 a.m., 4-5-68. Investigation revealed Walker and Rand identical to individuals transported by cab to Memphis Municipal Airport.

Delta Airlines advised two individuals going by names of W. Davis and B. Chidlow departed Memphis at 1:57 a.m., 4-5-68, en route to Houston, Texas.

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Suspect number one described as white male, 25 to 28 years old, 5'10", 150 pounds, brown hair parted on the side and wearing a gray suit.

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RE: MURKIN**

Suspect number two described as 25 to 30 years, 6'2", 200 pounds, blond hair, ruddy face, dressed in white shirt and dark trousers, carrying a dark blue coat in hand.

Addresses listed at Kansas City, Kansas, and San Francisco, California, were nonexistent. Investigation to date has not identified the suspects.

Identification Division records disclose one Vincent Joseph Walker, FBI number 52651D, born [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri, and described as being 68 inches tall and having brown hair and blue eyes. His weight has varied from 116 pounds to 145 pounds. He has been arrested at least six times by the St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department, their number 78042. The last arrest was on 8-15-67 for peace disturbance. The last address shown is 5471 Oriole, apparently St. Louis, Missouri. Ident record indicates photograph is available at the police department.

St. Louis, locate, identify, and determine if individual having Ident records could possibly be identical with Vincent Walker who was in Memphis, Tennessee, on 4/4-5/68. Furnish Memphis copies of the photographs which Memphis will exhibit to witnesses.

NOTE:

Fingerprints of Vincent Joseph Walker, FBI number 52651D, are not identical with latents located on registration cards at the William Len Hotel, Memphis, according to Bailey, Identification Division. Ident also checked latents against prints of Lawrence Earl Williams, aka, Lawrence Rand, FBI number 213797, age approximately 59; Herbert J. Walker, aka, Vincent Walker, FBI number 908780C, age approximately 62; and Vincent John Walker, FBI number 70584B, age approximately 35. All checks were negative. Unknown suspects are reportedly between ages of 25 and 30. Laboratory will check signatures against registration cards from the William Len Hotel.

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FBI SPRNGFLD

1047AM URGENT 6-1-68 KJF

TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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MURKIN

REFERENCE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU FIVE THIRTYONE LAST.

MABLE FULLER STATES SUBJECT HAS NO COUSIN NAMED FRANCES E.

RAY AND SHE KNOWS NO ONE RESIDING IN HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA.

FULLER STATES SUBJECT HAD TWO UNCLES, NOW DECEASED, AND NO CHILDREN BY EITHER UNCLE.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

259PM URGENT 5-29-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LOS ANGELES 44-1574

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

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MURKIN; CR.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST,
CONCERNING JAMES C. HARDIN.

JAMES WILBOURN ASHMORE, AKA JAMES C. HARDIN, FBI NO.
FOUR EIGHT SIX NINE FIVE TWO NINE, LAST KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN
ARRESTED APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTY.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE LAST KNOWN ARREST, CHARGE,
LOCATION AND DISPOSITION OF ASHMORE. BUREAU FURTHER REQUESTED

TO FURNISH MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH
ASHMORE FOR VIEWING MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. ARMED AND
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1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Jackson (157-9586)
New Orleans (157-10673)
EX-105 REC-38
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

Long

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated May 30, 1968.

New Orleans, if not already done, will obtain background information regarding Dr. J. C. Hardin as this individual could possibly be identical with Hardin referred to by Allan O. Thompson, Manager of St. Francis Hotel.

Jackson will check all references to name of Hardin and account for current whereabouts of James Hardin who was at University of Mississippi. Jackson should continue to check out names or variations of Hardin contained in their files.

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1 - Memphis (info)

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NOTE:

Allan O. Thompson, Manager, St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, a former residence of the subject, advised that in March of 1968, an individual by the name of J. C. Hardin attempted to get in contact with the subject and allegedly made calls to him from Atlanta and New Orleans. We are currently endeavoring to identify Hardin, and Jackson and New Orleans are being instructed to further identify individuals by the name of Hardin located in their territory.

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TO : DIRECTOR

NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947)

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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE MAY TWENTYNINE LAST, TO DIRECTOR JACKSON, AND LOUISVILLE.

RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

PHOTO RECORD FILM REFLECTS DR. J. C. HARDIN, ONE TWO NINE ARDMORE, SHREVEPORT, LA.

LOUISVILLE INDICES NEGATIVE RE ANYONE IDENTIFIABLE WITH JAMES C. HARDIN, J. C. HARDIN OR JAMES HARDIN.

JACKSON, ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - (Mr. Long-2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File

To: **FBI, Richmond (87-NEW)**

Date: **May 29, 1968**

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44-38861

Re: **UNSUB, aka
DAVID COOPERMAN,
LALAN COOPERMAN
ITSP
OO: Richmond**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **D-680523082 JK**
Lab. No.

Examination requested by: **Richmond**

Reference: **Airtel 5/21/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q1.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Richmond (44-657) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 2 - Baltimore (1-44-493) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 2 - Washington Field Office (1-44-703) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Richmond (87-NEW)**

Date: **May 29, 1968**

FBI File No.

Re: **UNSUB, aka
DAVID COOPERMAN,
LALAH COOPERMAN
ITSP**

Lab. No. **D-680523082 JK**

Specimen received 5/23/68

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>SIGNED</u>	<u>BANK</u>
Q1	147	\$175.00	4/15/68	Valerie Dawn Miller	David Cooperman	Suburban Trust Company, Hyattsville, Md.

Result of examination:

Specimen Q1 was searched through the appropriate sections of the National Fraudulent Check File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

Where fingerprint cards were located for individuals using the name "David Cooperman" the signatures thereon were compared with Q1 but no identification could be effected. No fingerprint cards were located for individuals using the name "Lalah Cooperman."

It was concluded that the questioned writings on Q1 were not prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Q1 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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Date: 5/21/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (87-NEW) -P-
SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
David Cooperman,
Lalah Cooperman
ITSP

(OO: RH)

Re WFO airtel to Richmond and Baltimore, 5/9/68
under caption "MURKIN."

Enclosed for the Bureau is one check in the amount of \$175.00, drawn on the Suburban Trust Company, Hyattsville, Md. Enclosed for the Baltimore Division is one Xerox copy of same check. Enclosed for each office is a copy of re airtel.

For the information of the Bureau, re airtel advised DAWN MILLER, apartment 504, Landmark Towers, 101 Lincolnia Rd., furnished information that an individual resembling JAMES EARL RAY identified himself as DAVID COOPERMAN and purchased a used sofa from her on approximately April 14, 1968. COOPERMAN paid for the purchase with a check which is enclosed, and the check was subsequently returned to Miss MILLER marked, "Insufficient funds."

On 5/16/68, Miss MILLER was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, by SA RICHARD D. BATISTE, JR. and she indicated that she could not positively state that the unsub is identical with RAY. She furnished the check received from

- 5 - Director (Enc. 1) (KAT) (38861)
 - 1 - Baltimore (info) (Enc. 2)
 - 1 - Memphis (info) (Enc. 1)
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Special Agent in Charge

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COOPERMAN to SA BATISTE for latent fingerprint and handwriting examination by the FBI Laboratory.

Inasmuch as Miss MILLER was not positive in her identification of COOPERMAN as RAY, and the apparent ITSP violation, the laboratory is requested to make a latent fingerprint and handwriting for comparison with the known prints and handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY and search the enclosed check through the National Fraudulent Check file. //

Results of the above examination should be furnished all offices receiving this communication and the check returned to the Richmond Division.

Pending determination of an ITSP violation, by the Baltimore Division, no further leads are being set forth at this time. Information copies are being forwarded to those offices having an investigative interest in this matter.

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FBI ST LOUIS

TELETYPE

950PM URGENT 5-31-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON. REINTERVIEWED. PHOTO OF JAMES H. CARPENTER, FBI NUMBER THREE ZERO TWO FOUR THREE EXHIBITED. GAWRON POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED SAME AS BEING OF PERSON WHO VISITED HIM JULY SIXTYSEVEN, TOLD HIM HE AND RAY HAD ROBBED ALTON ILL., BANK, AND GAVE TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS. IDENTIFIED POSITIVELY AS PERSON WHO VISITED HIM ^MRAY THIRTEEN DASH FOURTEEN LAST WITH JOHNNIE (LNU). WAS THEN ADVISED THAT PERSON WAS IN JAIL AT TIMES OF ROBBERY AND ALLEGED VISITS SIXTYSEVEN.

GAWRON HESITATED, THEN SAID HAD REALIZED PAST EIGHT DAYS HE HAD GIVE FBI QUOTE BUMSTEER UNQUOTE AND QUOTE BUM BEEF UNQUOTE ON ALTON BANK AND CARPENTER, WHOSE NAME HE THEN RECALLED. STATED HAD BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT AND DECIDED IT WAS ANOTHER JIMMIE (LNU), WHOSE IDENTITY WOULD BE KNOWN ONLY TO RAY, WHO HAD VISITED AND TOLD HIM OF RAY PARTICIPATION IN ALTON ROBBERY. WAS REMINDED THAT IF HE HAD LIED ABOUT CARPENTER, HE MIGHT ALSO BE LYING ABOUT RAY PARTICIPATION. HE INSISTED THE OTHERWISE UNKNOWN JIMMIE(LNU) HAD VISITED HIM IN SIXTY-

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SEVEN AS PREVIOUSLY STATED AND TOLD HIM OF RAY PARTICIPATION IN ROBBERY. COULD THINK OF NO ONE OTHER THAN RAY WHO WOULD KNOW THIS INDIVIDUALS IDENTITY.

AS THE BUREAU HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, GAWRON IS SEVENTY YEARS OLD, ON VERGE OF SENILITY, EXTREMELY RAMBLING IN CONVERSATION, WITH SA'S EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY KEEPING INTERVIEWS ON PERTINENT TRACK, AS WELL AS SEPARATING POSSIBLE FACT FROM CONJECTURE. JERRY RAY HAS DESCRIBED HIS AS KOOK, AND OTHER SOURCES REGARD HIM AS CRAZY OLD MAN WHO TALKS TOO MUCH.

RE EX-CON RUSSELL PERRY BRANNEN.

EX-CON JOHN PAUL VELANTI HAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED OF EX-CON WHOSE IDENTITY HE HAD BEEN ASKED NOT TO REVEAL FROM WHO HE HAD RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT RAY HAD BEEN SEEN BRIEFLY IN SL BY HIM TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING MSP ESCAPE. ON LAST INTERVIEW VELANTI REVEALED IDENTITY OF THIS PERSON AS RUSSELL BRANNEN. BRANNEN INTERVIEWED. WAS IN MSP FIFTY TWO TO SEPTEMBER SIXTYFOUR. UNABLE TO RECALL RAY BUT BELIEVED PHOTO VAGUELY FAMILIAR. BELIEVED RAY MUST HAVE SPENT MUCH TIME IN SOLITARY OR WOULD KNOW HIM. POSITIVELY DENIED HAVING SEEN RAY AFTER ESCAPE OR HAVING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS. VOLUNTEERED RECENT CONVERSATION WITH VELANTI CONCERNING RAY IN WHICH THEY BOTH UNSUCCESSFUL IN RECALLING RAY AT MSP. REMEMBERED THEY SPECULATED ON METHODS HE MIGHT

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USED TO ESCAPE.

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

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**Re: Locksmithing Institute applications submitted
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RE: Buairtel to Newark dated 5/22/68.

The records of the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N.J., were reviewed on 5/23-24/68. Approximately 2000 documents were examined. This consisted of enrollment and confidential information forms received from applicants since 4/5/68.

All documents from students listing addresses outside the continental U.S. were obtained. Documents bearing possible similarities with known handwriting and typewriting of subject were also obtained.

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