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



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

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

Date: **June 11, 1968**

To:

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

EX-110 REC 1144-38861-4533  
FBI File No.  
Lab. No. D-680610039 JK

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Examination requested by: **San Diego**  
Reference: **Teletype 6/5/68**  
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**  
Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint comparisons.**

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- Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
- 2 - San Diego (44-387) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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

Re: **MURKIN  
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Date: **June 11, 1968**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **D-680610039 JK**

**Request**

Specimens received **xxxxxx 6/7/68**

**Request comparison of the WILLIAM A. MARSHALL signatures on Q343 and Q344 with the known handwriting of HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., FBI #1971469**

**Result of examination:**

Because of the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations for a satisfactory examination, it could not be determined whether the "William A. Marshall" signatures on Q343 and Q344 were prepared by HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., FBI #1971469.

If available, additional known handwriting of BIRRELL may permit a more definite opinion.

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357PM URGENT 6-5-68 CND

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES

FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387 2P

MURKIN

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RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL (CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS)

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND

LOS ANGELES MAY THIRTY ONE LAST.

MRS. CLARENCE BIRRELL, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA,

ADVISED FROM READING EXPLOITS OF WILLIAM A. MARSHALL IN NEWS-

PAPERS AT CHULA VISTA, SHE FEELS MARSHALL IDENTICAL WITH HER

BROTHER IN LAW HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., FBI NUMBER NINE

SEVEN ONE FOUR SIX NINE, LOS ANGELES FILES TWENTY SIX -

FOUR TWO ZERO TWO NINE AND EIGHTY SEVEN - ONE THREE THREE

FOUR NINE, BUFILE SEVENTY SIX - TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO FIVE JUN 19 1968

MRS. BIRRELL ALSO ADVISED HER BROTHER IN LAW

RECENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH RICHARD TUFTS, A YOUNG SAILOR STATIONED

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, WHO TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED MRS. BIRRELL

THAT HE KNEW HER BROTHER IN LAW AS WILLIAM DE LUCA AS HE HAD

CREDIT CARDS UNDER THIS NAME. TUFTS RECENTLY RECEIVED A POST

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CARD FROM HER BROTHER IN LAW SIGNED BUD BIRRELL INDICATING HE WAS STAYING AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND REQUESTED TUFTS TO PURCHASE HIM A CHEAP AUTOMOBILE.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO COMPARE LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED ON WILLIAM A. MARSHALL FROM EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY SAN DIEGO AND LOS ANGELES AND COMPARE WITH FINGERPRINTS OF HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., FBI NUMBER NINE SEVEN ONE FOUR SIX NINE AND ALSO COMPARE KNOWN HANDWRITING OF BIRRELL WITH HANDWRITING OF WILLIAM A. MARSHALL TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF WILLIAM A. MARSHALL STAYING AMBASSADOR HOTEL UNDER NAME MARSHALL DE LUCA OR BIRRELL.

FOR INFORMATION BIRRELL RECENTLY RELEASED AND IS ON FEDERAL PAROLE, U.S. PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

SAN DIEGO WILL CONTACT RICHARD TUFTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING BIRRELL.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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cc - Mr. Trotter

CALLER: LATENT AND IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Mr. Hoodreau  
By lcc Time 7:45 p

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *S/S*

FROM : J. A. Sizoo *JAS*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 10, 1968

*6 - Copy*

At 11:45 a.m., 6/9/68, John Minnich, Legat, London, telephonically advised Special Agent Howard H. Wallace, Jr., that Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., held an extemporaneous press conference on the steps of the United States Embassy in London. The conference was covered by television and news representatives. Vinson reiterated that he was in London to check security arrangements concerning James Earl Ray and to make sure that such were maximum. He further stated that he was also there to expedite extradition of Ray. He praised New Scotland Yard's handling of the case. Although it was not known whether Vinson was asked whether he had seen Ray, Vinson had agreed with the press officer at the Embassy to say, if he was asked, he saw Ray in his cell but did not speak to him. The above conference was held at 4:40 p.m. London time, 11:40 a.m. our time on 6/9/68. The above information was furnished immediately upon receipt to the Supervisor on duty in the General Investigative Division for appropriate handling.

At 12:03 p.m. John Minnich, Legat, London, telephonically advised that he had been in contact with one of his press sources who told him Assistant Attorney General Vinson had advised at the above press conference that he would not discuss what tactics would be used to return Ray to the United States. Vinson paid tribute to New Scotland Yard and the FBI. He said he had seen Chief Superintendent Butler at New Scotland Yard and had seen Ray but he had not talked to him. Vinson did not know if he, Vinson, would attend court 6/10/68. Vinson was asked if he was going to return to the United States on the same plane as the subject. Vinson's reply was that it was doubtful. He said he would have further talks with New Scotland Yard

HHW:gmt (7)

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. J. A. Sizoo
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. H. H. Wallace

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Memorandum J. A. Sizoo to W. C. Sullivan  
RE: MURKIN

on the morning of 6/10/68. This information was immediately transmitted to the Supervisor on duty in the General Investigative Division for appropriate handling.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM HOUSTON 1P

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REMYTEL TODAY.

FURTHER CONTACTS WITH RELIABLE HOUSTON ATTORNEYS FAILED TO  
FURTHER IDENTIFY JAMES EDDIE TATUM. IN VIEW OF INFO SET FORTH  
IN RETEL AND SINCE IT APPEARS POSSIBLE THAT TATUM ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT  
RAY FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

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FOR INFORMATION OF THE DIRECTOR AND THE SAC, NEW YORK, THE  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE NEW YORK OFFICE  
ON JUNE TWELVE LAST. THE NEW YORK OFFICE HAS BEEN ADVISED  
THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NAME IS BEING KEPT UNDER CLOSE  
SURVEILLANCE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO  
OFFERS HIM \$5000 TO ASSIST IN THE ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN  
CERTAIN DOCUMENTS FROM THE NEW YORK OFFICE.

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

TO SAC, NEW YORK

RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE 6-12-68

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FBI HOUSTON

1031 AM URGENT 6-12-68 MBH

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW YORK

FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN.

RE NY TEL, JUNE ELEVEN, LAST.

RE JAMES EDDIE TATUM.

JERRY SLAUGHTER (FORMER SA) SECURITY DEPT., SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO. (PROTECT), HOUSTON, ADVISED J. E. TATUM LISTED AS SUBSCRIBER FOR TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN ONE THREE SIX SIX SEVEN SIX TWO EIGHT SEVEN AT ONE ONE SEVEN PAMELLIA, BELLAIRE (GREATER HOUSTON), TEXAS, OCCUPATION ATTORNEY AND FORMERLY SCHOOL TEACHER, HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DIST. TATUM OWES TELEPHONE CO. BILL IN EXCESS OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS. TATUM UPON RECEIVING DELINQUENCY NOTICE FROM TELEPHONE CO. FUSSED AND CURSED TELEPHONE CO. EMPLOYEES.

HOUSTON CREDIT BUREAU ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

JAMES EDDIE TATUM, ONE ONE SEVEN PAMELLIA, BELLAIRE, TEX. KNOWN TO FILES SINCE MARCH, SIXTY FOUR. FILE LAST CHECKED NOV. SIXTY SEVEN. TATUM BORN NINETEEN THIRTY NINE, WIFE ELIZABETH.

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EMPLOYED AS SCHOOL TEACHER, HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL  
DIST. IN SIXTY FOUR TRUCK DRIVER FOR A HOUSTON CONTRACTOR.  
ALSO SIXTY FOUR EMPLOYED AS OFFICE AIDE FOR DAHL AND REED,  
HOUSTON LEGAL FIRM.

HOUSTON INDICES, HOUSTON PD AND HARRIS COUNTY SO RECORDS  
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DIST\* IN SIXTY EIGHT EMPLOYED FOR A HONOLULU CONTRACTOR\*

EMPLOYED VS SCHOOL TEACHER\* HONOLULU INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

DAVID W. GIBSON SINCE OCT\*\* SIXTY SIX\* MON\* SIXTY SEVEN

OCCUPATION VIOLATION\* AMERICAN BUREAU\* HONOLULU WITH FIRM OF

NO 44-1908

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June 17, 1968

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*Ohio*  
Honorable ~~Brady~~ Black  
Editor and Vice President  
The Cincinnati Enquirer  
617 Vine Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

COPIES MADE, DATE 5-4-78 BY  
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FOR REVIEW AT 10002 AND/OR DELIVERY  
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 2-3-78  
(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

Dear Mr. Black:

Special Agent in Charge Morgan has furnished me the editorial, "The Ray Apprehension," which appeared in the June 12th issue of your paper.

It is reassuring to know of your approval of our work in the case involving James Earl Ray. Your high regard, not only for the work of the FBI but also for the other law enforcement agencies which gave such splendid cooperation in this investigation, is gratifying.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Cincinnati (157-1893)  
Reurlet 6-12-68.

NOTE: Mr. Black is on the Special Correspondents' List, and our relations with this newspaper have been cordial.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/12/68

Attention: Crime Records Division

FROM : SAC, Cincinnati (157-1893)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

*Cincinnati, Ohio*  
Enclosed is an editorial taken from the Cincinnati Enquirer dated 6/12/68, page 6, captioned "The Ray Apprehension."

BRADY BLACK is the Editor, and he points out the arrest of the prime suspect comes as an immense relief to those who had begun to fear that the KING assassination might go unpunished, and its accomplishment is a tribute to the FBI and to the other agencies whose assistance it enlisted.

Bureau may desire to send a letter to SAC Contact BRADY BLACK, Editor and Vice President, The Cincinnati Enquirer, 617 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

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*Letter Black  
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REURTEL, CIA AIR MAIL, DIRECTOR, ON 7/10/68.  
BRUCE WALKER, EDITOR AND ALSO PRESIDENT, THE DIRECTOR  
WALKER HAS REQUESTED TO SEND A LETTER TO SAC CONTACT

REURTEL.  
THE FBI AND TO THE OTHER AGENCIES WHOSE ASSISTANCE IS  
NEED TO BE OBTAINED, AND THE ACCOMPANIMENT IS A LETTER TO  
THOSE WHO ARE BEING TO TEST THAT THE KING ASSASSINATION  
THE ALLEGED OF THE BLAME SUBJECT COMES IN AN IMMENSE LETTER  
BRUCE WALKER IS THE EDITOR, AND HE BEINGS OUT

THE NEW INFORMATION.  
DIRECTOR, REURTEL, ON 7/10/68, HAS A COPY OF  
ENCLOSURE IS AN EDITORIAL TAKEN FROM THE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DIRECTOR (100-100000)

ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

BY: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/10/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

## The Ray Apprehension

THE LONDON ARREST of James Earl Ray came last weekend as the culmination of perhaps the most prodigious manhunt in the nation's recent history.

Now begins the painstaking business of returning Ray to the jurisdiction in which the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. occurred.

Just as there was widespread impatience with the long and complex procedure through which the prime suspect was tracked down, so will there now be widespread impatience with the equally complex procedures through which he will be returned to stand trial in Memphis.

First of all, Ray must face charges of entering Britain on a false passport and with a concealed weapon. And the offense on which the Federal Bureau of Investigation entered the case—the denial of Dr. King's civil rights—is not one on which he is extraditable. Ray, of course, is also wanted for the completion of a prison term in Missouri.

Even when all of the legal knots are unraveled and the case against Ray presented, there will be dozens of questions to which the nation and the world will want answers.

Was the assassination of Dr. King the handiwork of one man—Ray or someone else? Or did it involve an elaborate conspiracy in which the actual assassin was only a part? And where did Ray obtain the \$12,000 he is alleged to have spent during the months preceding Dr. King's assassination?

As the legal steps unfold, as authorities seek answers to these and related questions, it is an important matter that Ray be accorded his full measure of constitutional rights, lest a technical error contribute to an ultimate denial of justice.

The arrest of the prime suspect comes as an immense relief to those who had begun to fear that the King assassination might go unpunished. Its accomplishment is a tribute to the FBI and to the other agencies whose assistance it enlisted.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Times Star  
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Dayton Daily News  
Dayton, Ohio

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Date: 6/12/68

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Editor: Brady Black

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Date: 6/13/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 5/27/68.

Referenced airtel suggested that the Mobile Office consider interviewing former Sheriff HARVEY SADLER for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING. This lead was based upon a letter from Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX, Lomax Poll and Tribune, Los Angeles, Calif., to SA LLOYD JOHNSON of the Los Angeles Office. In this letter, Mrs. LOMAX points out that former Sheriff HARVEY SADLER of Macon County, Ala., is a supporter of former Governor GEORGE WALLACE of Ala. She expressed the opinion that the KING assassination was plotted by the WALLACE forces "to provoke Negroes to riot to further WALLACE's political ambitions."

For the information of the Bureau and Los Angeles, former Sheriff HARVEY SADLER of Macon County, Tuskegee, Ala., during his term of office, was cooperative and forthright with the Mobile Office of the FBI. On more than one occasion, he was instrumental in averting violent confrontations between Negro marchers seeking to integrate white churches and opposing groups of white persons. At no time was he known to display a hostile attitude toward Negro citizens of that community.

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Approved: 79 JUN 21 1968 Agent in Charge

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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442611) (P)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-158741) (P)  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

RE: [Illegible]

ADMINISTRATIVE: [Illegible]  
ACTION: [Illegible] (5)  
INFO: [Illegible] (5)

ATTENTION: [Illegible]

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On the other hand, Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX, while residing in Tuskegee, Ala., acquired a reputation as a fanatic. Her Tuskegee Tribune made many irresponsible charges against leading citizens of the community, both Negro and white, particularly against those seeking to bring about racial harmony through bi-racial groups. Her paper supported the militant actions of Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which then was gaining a foothold at Tuskegee Institute.

In the letter accompanying the referenced airtel, Mrs. LOMAX characterizes her expressions as "scuttlebutt." Upon review, her letter does not appear to make any accusation that ex-sheriff HARVEY SADLER was connected with the slaying of Dr. KING; rather it is speculated that the WALLACE forces might be responsible for the slaying because they profitted therefrom. SADLER is associated with this alleged "plot" only in that he has been a WALLACE supporter in the past.

There does not appear to be any more basis for interview of former Sheriff SADLER than for interview of GEORGE WALLACE or other WALLACE supporters. UACB no interview of SADLER will be conducted.



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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DN*

DATE: June 13, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *K*

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| 1 - Mr. Rosen   | 1 - Mr. Bishop   |
| 1 - Mr. Malley  | 1 - Mr. Conrad   |
| 1 - Mr. Gale    | 1 - Mr. Sullivan |
|                 | 1 - Mr. Long     |

SUBJECT: MURKIN

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

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

Reference is made to Mr. DeLoach's memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated June 10, 1968, in which Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak made inquiry concerning whether Laboratory reports were included in FBI investigative reports which had already been sent to the Department of Justice in the United States Attorney's Office in Memphis and Birmingham. Mr. DeLoach told him he felt these reports were included as this was the usual procedure; however, a check would be made concerning this point. This was in conversation with Mr. Pollak on June 9, 1968.

Mr. Nathan Lewin, of Mr. Pollak's Office, was advised June 9, 1968, that his department was sent eight reports and the identity of these reports was verified. He was also advised that the Laboratory findings based upon evidence left near the scene of the crime were included in the reports of Memphis authorities in his possession. Mr. Lewin was also advised that copies of the report were furnished the United States Attorney in Birmingham in view of the fact Federal process was obtained from Birmingham. He was specifically advised that reports were not furnished the United States Attorney in Memphis as process was not obtained there.

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RE *MURKIN*  
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June 14, 1968

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- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Foreign Liaison  
(cleared through  
SA Graham Day)

To: Legat, Ottawa  
 From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

According to recent accounts by newspapers regarding the activities of the subject during his stay in Toronto, Canada, the names of Eric St. V. Galt, Paul Bridgeman and Ramon George Sneyd have appeared. It is possible that a common denominator exists as to the reason subject Ray has assumed each of these names while in Toronto. It is also possible that subject was in Toronto after his escape on April 23, 1967, up to the middle of July, 1967, at which time he appeared in Montreal, Canada.

Legat Ottawa will consider requesting the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to conduct background investigations of the three individuals heretofore named considering that the three individuals may have, in one particular spot at a certain time, all did business at one particular bank or any item that would put the three of them in one location. Legat Ottawa, in the request, should consider if Galt had a checking account and examine the same to determine when he did, in fact, discontinue signing his name as Eric St. V. Galt.

Armed and dangerous.

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- 1 - Buffalo

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NOTE:

The investigation is being suggested to Legat Ottawa is being done in light of the fact that the alias used by Ray of names of Galt, Bridgeman and Sneyd possibly originated from Toronto, Canada, and it is proper that a common denominator will exist as to the reason why these names were used.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

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MURKIN

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Lofy*

RE BUFFALO TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU THIS DATE.

ROBERT JOHNSTONE, REPORTER, "TORONTO STAR," TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BUFFALO OFFICE THIS DATE INQUIRING AS TO ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING FUGITIVES WALTER PATRICK PEYSON AND ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH BEING IN CANADA. HE STATED INQUIRY MADE ON BASIS OF STATEMENT ALLEGEDLY MADE BY U.S. ATTORNEY IN MISSOURI CLAIMING INDICATIONS WERE THAT FUGITIVES WERE IN CANADA.

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NO INFORMATION IN THIS CONNECTION WAS GIVEN TO JOHNSTONE.

DURING THIS TELEPHONE CALL, JOHNSTONE ADVISED THAT "TORONTO STAR" EXPECTS TO RELEASE WITHIN THE NEXT TWENTY FOUR HOURS DETAILED STORY ESTABLISHING ASSOCIATION BETWEEN JAMES EARL RAY AND MINUTEMAN ORGANIZATION. ACCORDING TO JOHNSTONE THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT FOR PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS TO A MONTH DURING EXPO SIXTY SEVEN RAY LIVED WITHIN ONE BLOCK OF ONE KNOWN MEMBER OF MINUTEMAN ORGANIZATION IN MONTREAL, CANADA.

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THIS MINUTEMAN, WHOSE ~~IDENTITY~~ JOHNSTONE WOULD NOT DISCLOSE PRESENTLY BEING INTERVIEWED BY "TORONTO STAR" REPORTER IN UNDISCLOSED CITY IN THE U.S. TO WHICH HE RETURNED AFTER HIS STAY IN MONTREAL.

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*cc - Long*

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-111111)  
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THIS INTERVIEW BEING CONDUCTED FOR PURPOSE OF SUBSTANTIATING RAY'S ASSOCIATION WITH THIS UNKNOWN MINUTEMAN AND IS BEING CONDUCTED IN PRESENCE OF MINUTEMAN'S ATTORNEY, WHO IS ALLOWING CLIENT TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS IMMEDIATELY AND INSTRUCTING HIM NOT TO ANSWER OTHER QUESTIONS UNTIL ATTORNEY HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER THEM. IDENTITY OF ATTORNEY NOT DISCLOSED.

BUFFALO IN NO POSITION TO EVALUATE RELIABILITY OF JOHNSTONE BUT ABOVE INFORMATION AS FURNISHED BY HIM HAS BEEN GIVEN BY BUFFALO TO RCMP, TORONTO.

AMCC SEATTLE.

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THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING FURNISHED TO YOU BY THE  
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THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN.  
YOUR REQUEST FOR THIS INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED ON  
JUNE TWELVE LAST AND THE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM  
THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ON JUNE THIRTEEN LAST.  
THE INFORMATION IS BEING FURNISHED TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION.  
PLEASE ADVISE THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OF ANY  
CORRECTIONS TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

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1031PM URGENT 6/14/68 OLP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 2P

MURKIN.

*McCluskey*  
*Long*

REBUTELCALL JUNE FOURTEEN INSTANT.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH JULES ROCCO KIMBALL.

NEW ORLEANS BELIEVES THAT KIMBALL MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH JULES RICCO KIMBLE, WHO WAS IDENTICAL WITH FORMER NO ONE FIVE ONE THREE DASH R (PROB), WHO WAS DISCONTINUED IN NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN FOR INSTABILITY AND UNRELIABILITY, NEW ORLEANS FILE ONE SEVEN ZERO DASH TWO SIX FOUR, BUREAU FILES ONE SEVEN ZERO DASH ONE FOUR FOUR ZERO AND ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH FOUR FOUR ZERO THREE, FBI NUMBER TWO SIX ZERO FIVE FIVE SEVEN F. KIMBLE'S IDENTIFICATION RECORD SHOWS NUMEROUS ARRESTS IN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT BATON ROUGE, LA., AND NEW ORLEANS, LA., FOR THEFT AND FORGERY, THE LAST BEING ON JUNE FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, BY THE NEW ORLEANS PD, THE IDENTIFICATION RECORD ALSO SHOWS ARRESTS AT MIAMI, FLA., AND NEW ORLEANS, LA., IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND PRIOR ARRESTS AT ALEXANDRIA, LA., AND BOSSIER CITY, LA.

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IN THE MATTER CAPTIONED QUOTE UNSUB, EXPLOSION AT RESIDENCE OF VICTOR BUSSIE, EIGHT ONE FIVE SOUTH ARCADIAN THRUWAY, BATON ROUGE, LA., JULY NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, BM END QUOTE, NEW ORLEANS FILE ONE SEVEN FOUR DASH THREE SEVEN TWO, BUREAU FILE UNKNOWN, IT WAS REPORTED IN THE SYNOPSIS OF REPORT OF SA CLEMENT J. HOOD, DATED SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AT NEW ORLEANS, THAT AT A KLAN MEETING ON JULY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, IT WAS INDICATED THAT KIMBLE FLED STATE OF LOUISIANA ALLEGEDLY TO MONTREAL, CANADA

KIMBLE'S NEW ORLEANS ONE SEVEN ZERO FILE REVEALS THAT HE WAS CONTACTED BY AGENTS OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE ON JUNE NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, REGARDING ALLEGED INFORMATION HE HAD ABOUT THE BOMBING AT THE BUSSIE RESIDENCE. THIS FILE ALSO REVEALS A PREVIOUS CONTACT ON JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYSEVEN. NEW ORLEANS FILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT KIMBLE WAS EVER CONNECTED WITH THE MINUTEMEN AND ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION IN THE NEW ORLEANS FILES, IT IS INDICATED THAT KIMBLE IS TOTALLY UNRELIABLE AND HAS A PAST HISTORY OF INSTABILITY.

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TO DIRECTOR FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)  
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) LOS ANGELES (44-1574) *John*

SAN DIEGO (44-387) (44-394)

FROM RICHMOND (44-657) (62-2248)

MURKIN; KENSALT

RE RICHMOND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE THIRTEEN

LAST.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, RECORDS AT THE ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, NORTON, VA., REVEALED THAT GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] CATHOLIC RELIGION, ENTERED THAT HOSPITAL ON DECEMBER FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE AND WAS RELEASED ON DECEMBER FOURTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. THE RECORDS REVEALED THAT LETSINGER WAS A NATIVE OF MISSOURI WHO LISTED A FRIEND BY THE NAME OF MRS. G.B. STURGILL, P.O. BOX THREE ZERO SEVEN, (CITY NOT LISTED), MISSOURI, TELEPHONE M U THREE DASH TWO TWO SEVEN ZERO. LETSINGER WAS TREATED FOR AN ULCER, SPASTIC COLON, A LOW BACK STRAIN, AND PHARYNGITIS. HE REPORTEDLY FELL ON THE STEPS OF THE POST OFFICE AT BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA, AND INJURED HIS BACK. DOCTORS STATED IN RECORDS

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THAT LETSINGER PROBABLY DRINKS AND THAT HE HAS A PARTICULAR TYPE DELIVERY (REFERRING TO SPEECH). LETSINGER CARRIED HOSPITALIZATION WITH SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, ONE NINE ZERO FOUR FARNAM STREET, OMAHA, NEBRASKA. HOSPITAL RECORDS INDICATED HE HAD BEEN TREATED PRIOR TO THE ABOVE AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI FOR A NERVOUS STOMACH. ON SAME DATE, SHERIFF SHELBY MULLINS, WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ADVISED THAT BOBBY LETSINGER HAD BEEN ARRESTED JULY THIRTH NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR ON A PEACE WARRANT IN A PEACE BOND CASE AND HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM THE WISE COUNTY JAIL ON JULY TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AFTER THE CASE HAD BEEN DISMISSED.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, THELMA MURRAY, AUNT OF LETSINGER, EAST FIFTH STREET, BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA, STATED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF LETSINGER, BUT THAT SHE HAD HEARD FROM

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RECEIVED AT 10:00 AM 14 JUN 68

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442600)

RE: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE THIRTEEN LAST.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE FOUR LAST.

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LETSINGER'S MOTHER, ETIA LEE LETSINGER, ON MARCH TWENTY,  
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, AND AT THAT TIME HIS MOTHER ADVISED  
HER THAT HE WAS A COOK IN HONOLULU, HAWAII. SHE STATED  
THAT BOBBY LETSINGER HAS INFORMED HER SEVERAL TIMES THAT  
HE PREFERS BOYS INSTEAD OF GIRLS, WHICH INDICATES TO HER  
HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES. SHE STATED THAT LETSINGER 'S MOTHER  
HAS MOVED TO AVA, MISSOURI AND IS NOW RESIDING AT AN

~~UNKNOWN ADDRESS~~

~~CORR WILL SEND 1ST SENTENCE AGAIN~~

UNKNOWN ADDRESS TO HER IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

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*cc - Mrs. Shuder*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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*[Handwritten Signature]*

TO : Mr. DeLoach *[Handwritten Initials]*

DATE: June 14, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *[Handwritten Signature]*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

ASAC Wason G. Campbell of the Buffalo Office has telephonically furnished the following information:

Robert Johnstone, a reporter for the "Toronto Star" a daily Toronto, Canada, newspaper, contacted the Buffalo Office this afternoon (June 14, 1968) and requested detailed background information concerning Robert DePugh, the former Minutemen official currently being sought as a Bureau fugitive for bank robbery (conspiracy). No information was furnished to Johnstone.

During the contact, Johnstone stated he is about to break a story tying James Earl Ray in with the Minutemen. He stated that through inquiry he has established that an unnamed Minuteman, whom he declined to identify, has resided in the same block in Montreal as Ray did during the time of the world's fair, Expo 67. Allegedly this unnamed Minuteman was in contact with Ray during this period.

Johnstone added that the unnamed Minuteman was represented by an attorney who sometimes allowed him to answer Johnstone but on other occasions advised him against doing so.

According to Johnstone the unidentified Minuteman has now left Canada and is back in the United States.

ASAC Campbell advised that Johnstone is the son of a former Toronto Police officer but that the indices of the Buffalo Office contain no information identifiable with him.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

It should be noted that our investigation established that Ray resided at 2589 Notre Dame Rue, Montreal, Canada, from July 18 through approximately August 25, 1967. At that time he falsely claimed that he was employed at Expo 67.

In connection with the foregoing, Inspector Louis Pantry, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) telephonically advised today (June 14, 1968) he had received a call from Bob Reguly, Washington correspondent of the newspaper "Toronto Mail Star." Reguly mentioned that he was trying to obtain information relative to one Jules Rocco Kimball. Reguly claimed Kimball had been in New Orleans and associated with Ray in New Orleans, as well as with Ray in Canada, place in Canada not indicated. He likewise alleged Kimball impersonated a Secret Service Agent in New Orleans and was supposed to be doubling as an agent in Klan activities. Bureau files were checked relative to Kimball and there is nothing based on the information available identifiable with him.

Inspector Pantry advised Reguly has written several exposes wherein he has been critical of authorities including the story concerning Bertha Munsinger, the German girl who was associating with a member of the Canadian cabinet a few years ago. He also wrote an expose concerning a Bureau fugitive, Hal Banks, who was located in Canada and his whereabouts was known to both the RCMP and the FBI, but an arrest could not be made pending necessary legal ramifications. This case could not be readily identified in Bureau files without additional research. Reguly's article indicated it required <sup>WIRE</sup> a newspaper man to locate Hal Banks.

Inspector Pantry advised his office in Canada has no knowledge of any association of Kimball and Ray while Ray was in Canada.

ACTION:

Pertinent information set forth above as furnished by Johnstone was furnished by the Buffalo Office to the RCMP at Toronto which is checking the matter out.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

Bureau files are being checked in an effort to identify the unnamed Minuteman referred to by Johnstone. Legal, Ottawa has been advised of information furnished by Johnstone and instructed to follow the matter closely with the RCMP.

New Orleans is being instructed to conduct appropriate inquiry concerning Kimball's possible association with Ray.

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*DJS* *Kimball*

# Legal Obstacles to Ray's Extradition Seen

By STAN CARTER  
Special Correspondent of THE NEWS

London, June 14—The lawyers for James Earl Ray in any extradition fight could conceivably claim that the slaying of American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was "political."

Speculation about such a possibility grew today when the respected British magazine The Economist commented that "the case is likely to spotlight the complexities of British extradition law, long overdue for revision."

A hearing of the United States' application for Ray's return may be held in Bow St. police court next week.

The magazine said it had seen the intention of Parliament to exclude political assassination from the extradition act when it was passed in 1870, but that the lawmakers "failed to use language restricting the scope of the concept in this way."

### "All Sorts of Problems"

The Economist's legal correspondent said today that despite the order by Home Secretary James Callaghan yesterday authorizing extradition proceedings against Ray, the Missouri penitentiary escapee accused of the April 4 assassination of King in Memphis, Tenn., "all sorts of complicated problems could still conceivably arise."

The magazine noted that "if the man concerned is merely suspected of the crime there is no machinery under the extradition act for his surrender. If evidence of the man's guilt could only be produced after the American author-

ities have interrogated him, then a request for his surrender would fail.

### "Utmost Vagueness"

"In any event, the act permits the person sought to argue that the offense with which he is charged is an offense of a political character, a concept of the utmost vagueness."

If Ray waived extradition he could be returned to the U.S. within a week. But if his court-appointed British attorney uses all the delaying procedures available under British law Ray could stave off extradition for at least six weeks—possibly much longer.

Solicitor Michael Eugene, named by Metropolitan Chief Magistrate Frank Milton to represent Ray, told THE NEWS he expected a hearing on the extradition order to be held at Bow St. on Tuesday, at the same time that a hearing is scheduled on British charges of possessing an unregistered firearm and a false Canadian passport.

### The American Reaction

American officials said they would be pleased by such a speedy hearing, but they had expected the British charges to be heard as scheduled on Tuesday and the request for extradition to come up late in the week, or possibly not until the following week.

Solicitor Eugene declined to say whether he would fight extradition.

Ray, in Wandsworth Prison, was reported to be talking freely about his activities in Britain in the three weeks before his arrest last Saturday.

But Scotland Yard detectives pointedly refrained from questioning him about King's murder to avoid complicating the case against him in the United States. American FBI agents have refrained for the same reason from asking permission to question him.



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## Canadian Passports **A4**

The saga of James Earl Ray, as told by United States authorities, has brought to the attention of the general public what has apparently been well known to every crook and spook worthy of the name. Canada, it seems, is the place to go if you're anxious to establish a new identity and to get the credentials necessary for a quick international getaway.

Ray, so the official account goes, left the United States shortly after the assassination of Martin Luther King and headed north of the border. In no time at all, he had the documents in hand to prove that he was Ramon George Sneyd of Toronto and a passport identifying him to the world as a Canadian citizen.

The exact procedure to be followed in establishing this instant citizenship may well have been learned by Ray during his term in prison. In any event, it was, it seems, common knowledge in criminal

and spy circles that Canada's passports are easy to come by. They have, according to some accounts, become the diplomatic equivalent of Panamanian ship registry among those who, for one reason or another, are not anxious to bother with a lot of bureaucratic questions and answers.

Canada has, in the wake of the Ray case, ordered a study of means by which the illegal traffic in passports can be curbed. Perhaps a system of regional passport offices, similar to that in the United States, will replace the present mail order setup whereby all passports are issued from Ottawa, with no requirements for an applicant's appearance before any official. Surely some new method must be devised — and promptly — that will honor Canada's dedication to individual liberty, and at the same time stem the flow of undesirables to and from the North American continent.

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## Ray Extradition Faces Hurdles

LONDON UPI—Efforts to return James Earl Ray to the United States for trial in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. may run into a sea of delay and difficulty because of Britain's complex extradition laws, legal sources said today.

The language of the 1870 law is vague on the subject of political assassination, the sources said, and it will require U.S. authorities to present strong evidence that Ray is responsible for the civil rights leader's death.

The legal sources said framers of Britain's extradition laws sought to exclude political assassination from offenses of a "political character"—and therefore not subject to extradition—but the language used was vague.

They also said that if U.S. authorities are permitted to question Ray in his prison cell prior to the extradition hearing it could jeopardize their case.

They must go before the court with prima facie evidence of his guilt—not just suspicion—before he can be sent to America, the sources said.

Lawyers from both nations planned to meet Monday to set a date for the hearings on America's extradition request.

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