Later, in a night school class at the University of Alabama branch in Mobile on "Man in the Modern World", I found the same young woman, her name by then Oppenheimer, as the importer had ~~by then~~ divorced his wife and children and married her. She also monopolized discussion in that class, thorly belittling all claims of religion and dismissing as false pretence any altruism, nobility or honorable principles in human behavior, calling it pure selfishness in disguise. She told in the class that she and her husband made frequent trips to Birmingham (weekly) to join with a group in hypnotism sessions. Shortly before leaving Mobile, I saw the importer on the street one day. He had changed completely from a crisp, alert, businesslike and rich-minded looking individual to a shuffling, sloppy, indifferent looking wreck slouching along with a silly grin on his face.

The instructor of the class seemed to be a very close friend of the Oppenheimer woman.(*) He made the statement several times that he wanted to find a tract of ground somewhere in that (the Mobile) area for establishing a college. Out of curiosity, I also attended a few times the Sunday morning meetings of a Unitarian group there which the instructor seemed to be head of which were held in a day nursery on Conti Street. The only sentiments I heard there concerning religion were belittling of it and the declaration that the speaker(s) did not believe in God. I do not know whether that is characteristic of Unitarians, but seemed rather odd to me at what was termed a church service.

Following the meetings on world affairs, I saw a number of other people who had attended them (at various times) also looking

(*) A couple of times he remarked in class that if people wanted to make trips to iron curtain countries, it could be arranged through the O. importing firm.

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quite "demoralized". I became very curious about it, wishing that I could find out the cause or causes. My curiosity sometimes leads me into somewhat frightening surroundings, as later I worked for two firms there in Mobile where I felt I had undoubtedly gotten close to the sources, if not the demoralization of those I had observed, at least something very similar.

One was an insurance agency on St. Louis Street downtown in which I worked several months. Employees came and went fast there, those leaving complaining that the place made them nervous. It did me too. Some of those who were longtime employees of the place seemed to me badly fear-ridden.

The woman there who claimed seniority (her first name was Miriam, I do not recall her last) made me wonder sometimes if she was trying to frighten me. She did not do much work, spent most of her time staring fixedly and anything but benignly at others in the room. (All except the President and V.P. worked in one large room). She was more often than not overbearingly unreasonable and unhelpful about work we had to coordinate between us, and likewise with others. She got quite upset one day when the woman next in seniority and I started out to lunch together (the other woman appeared to me one of the fear-ridden ones).

While I was there, Miriam's mother, it seemed, died. As I had no particular regard for Miriam, I would not have gone to the funeral home. But I was <u>told</u> that one of the other girls would pick me up to go at such and such a time, and I went along rather

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than make an issue of it. We went to a handsome, newly built "funeral home" on Old Shell Road not quite all the way up the hill to Springhill.

The figure in the coffin startled me, it looked more like a mannikin of a stereotyped grandmother than anyone's actual mother. And the gathering seemed to me more social than anything, for people to meet people. A great number were brought and introduced to me, as if that was the purpose of it all. I was impressed by the fact that a great many of them had what I thought of as "ravaged" faces.

The VP of the company, named Ludlow, was the one who seemed to command the most fearful, unquestioning submission of the others, with Miriam close behind. He had a small office off the main office, and as I worked as his secretary, I was required to spend considerable time in that office. He dictated usually in a slow monotone, and I would have to fight against going to sleep. So I made a point of leaving the door into the main office open so that the sounds and movements in there would help to keep me awake. We had quite a hassle over that door, I, ~~each time~~, insisting on leaving it open, he insisting it be closed. I jokingly accused him of spraying chloroform around the office before calling me in for dictation in order to put me to sleep. But I began to wonder seriously if it was his intention to put me to sleep, in a manner of speaking. That, combined with the apparent fearfulness toward him on the part of some of the others, I found a bit discomfiting.

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It was a great pill-taking place, someone everlastingly offering you a pill for your nerves, or telling you where you could get them back in a storeroom. I never took any, as I am not much of a believer in pills and tranquilizers.

Mr. Ludlow specialized in marine insurance, on the fishing boats, inland waterway craft, etc., operating in the Gulf and adjacent waters.

He made a number of trips to Mexico, to make business contacts he said with a number of people from Germany. However, although he gave me quite a bit of dictation to some of them at different times, I never saw any evidence of any insurance business with any of them. One of the other long-time employees described him one day as having a typically Russian build and appearance. He claimed to be of Dutch descent, his family all in this country from pre-revolutionary days.

It was in his office that I saw the man of whom the pictures of James Earl Ray remind me. He came in to make a statement in connection with insurance settlement for a collision of a barge or towing craft with a bridge on the inland waterway. He had been at the wheel at the time of the collision, at night, and admitted he had gone to sleep. He also stated that he had only recently been promoted to that responsibility, and it meant a great deal to him. He said he had been working for some years on such craft in that area.

I wondered how he could have gone to sleep at the wheel, es-

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pecially under those circumstances, and knowing that section well, knowing that the bridge was there, unless he had in some way been "put to sleep" by someone.

I was very glad to have an excuse to leave that job shortly thereafter - and in a few days went to work for an insurance adjusting firm for which I had previously worked on a temporary basis; and which I learned was very, very closely associated with the insurance agency I had just left.

In that firm there were about a dozen adjusters and half a dozen stenos. Many of the adjusters and some of the stenos gave me the impression of being "people on strings", or puppets, seemed to move around much of the time in a nearly mindless daze, or occasionally seemed to be futilely fighting against something. Some of them seemed to me to be basically very nice people, and I felt sorry for them. The senior secretary had a decided foreign accent, but when I asked her where she was from, she always named someplace in one of the Carolinas. Another of the secretaries always went to the public library at noon, and only borrowed murder mysteries, she told me.

One of the older men in the company did very little evident work, spent most of the days leaning against a file case, staring at me whenever I looked in his direction. It made my skin crawl, and I wondered when it went on and on if he were trying to hypnotize me.

During my association with the insurance agency, two men who

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had independent agencies through them went broke, one through alcoholism and consequent irresponsible handling of his accounts (his father before him had had such an agency for almost a lifetime), and the other through inordinate extravagance. The second man came to work for the adjusters while I was there.

It seemed, from dictation which the owner of the firm, Chris Hume gave me, that a considerable number of men did some sort of work for him in other parts of the country. At different times some of them came to Mobile and into the office. I was impressed, as I had been with some of the associates at the insurance agency, by the "ravaged" looking faces some of them had. Two of them, of extremely dissimilar appearance, racial type, etc., were called "Fearnow". Both were evidently extremely nervous when they were in the office, left with one or two of the adjusters, and that was the last I ever heard or saw of them.

We had a coffee room in the basement at the adjusters. As I do not drink coffee, I kept Sanka makings down there along with the cups, sugar, etc. But after a time I began to feel, shortly after I would drink my Sanka, that I was drifting around somehow separated from my mind, like some of the others looked to me. It was a weird and helpless feeling, so I kept my Sanka makings in my desk. Same results. So I left the Sanka, powdered milk, etc. as it was in my desk, but carried some more in my purse which I used instead. No more of that "separate from myself" feeling after drinking it.

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When I would go downstairs to make my Sanka, I would ask the girl at the next desk if I could bring her back a cup of coffee. She usually said Yes. But she would not drink it for some time, although I would remind her it was getting cold. After ten or fifteen minutes or so, after I'd drunk my Sanka, she would bring her cup to my desk to drink her coffee. And she would peer at me sharply, looking bewildered and unbelieving at something she apparently saw or didn't see after I began carrying my Sanka in my purse. That made me feel more strongly that my Sanka may have been doctored.

There were a great many murders and suicides going on around Mobile, several in the Saraland area. Not long before I left Mobile, a young man who had a heavy road equipment supply business in Saraland admitted complicity in some of the murders, especially of one man in Saraland name of Stewart (I believe) who had been put out of the way because he had been the triggerman in some other murders and they were afraid he would talk. The owner of the adjusting firm, Mr. Hume, remarked one day at the office that one of the men involved in that had been a visitor at his home not long before. "What nice people I'm associated with," I thought.

While I was working there, a man came from New Orleans and gave a talk, which I attended, on the big business of organized crime in this country. There followed some discussion in the newspaper as to whether Mobile was so afflicted. Law enforcement people immediately and emphatically denied it, and the Grand Jury was called

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to "look into it". It turned out that Mr. Hume was a member of the Grand Jury. One morning he went down to sit on its investigation. When he came back to the office, he was extremely nervous. Several of the man gathered around him to help him out of his coat, etc. He remarked vehemently, "Thank God, that's over".

Several of the people who worked there attended the same church I did, Trinity Episcopal, and Mr. Hume was elected a Vestryman. Shortly before I left Mobile, that church lost by resignation both it rector of ten years and its assistant rector.

At Hume and Company there seemed to be a system of finding or digging out or aggravating or encouraging the weaknesses of people, and/or "brainwashing" them somewhat as Pavlov did with his dogs. I wondered whether Mr. Hume was one of the puppets or a puppeteer, as I wondered at the insurance agency, B.F. Adams Company, about its President, Mr. Peter Beville.

While working at the adjusters, I was accused by Mr. Beville of making harrassing telephone calls to the agency personnel; he said I dialed the people, but wouldn't answer them when they picked up the phone. I have wondered whether he really believed that, whether he thought it up or someone else there did. He said they "knew" it was me because whenever anyone said "Hello Jeanne", that "I" hung up. Another employee who had left while I was working there at the agency was similarly accused by Miriam. I began to wonder if she had not made those calls. I had received some myself, at home.

A few months before I left Mobile, Hume and Company bought ~~some~~

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some property for an office out on Dauphin Street which adjoined at the back fence the lot/ on which my apartment was located. I had been planning to leave Mobile, to move up this way to be nearer some of my family. Definitely not wishing to be living just across the fence also from that weirdly pitiful and sometimes rather frightening lot, I made haste to move to Atlanta, where I lived and worked two years before coming up to Toledo.

In Atlanta I wondered whether I should try to report the above to you. But as I had nothing I could present proof about, I felt it would probably be regarded as imaginings signifying nothing. But with James Earl Ray's picture reminding me so strongly of that man I saw in the office of the insurance agency in connection with the collision with the bridge, I wonder if I might have helped to avert Dr. King's murder if I had, and possibly/have saved some other lives. If James Earl Ray was one of "their" puppets (whoever they may be), it might help to explain many things about him - and some others - burdened with problems/and trying to get along in the world against what/may have seemed to them like too many cards stacked against them, accepting a helping hand which they mistakenly thought would help them escape the consequences of their handicaps or weaknesses - victims on both sides of the picture.

I have read that Communist subversives make a point of seeking out those who seem to be alone, or in need of friends or a helping hand, to use as tools.

A man I worked for in Houston who was from Germany, when asked one day in the office if/he believed Germany would go with Russia if Germany were re-united, answered emphatically that he <u>knew</u> it would. Might

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that somehow tie in with the business contacts Mr. Ludlow said he made in Mexico with some men from Germany?

I do not, of course, know that any of the above has any connection with the Dr. King murder. But I am offering it on the chance that it may offer some clue as to the how, why and wherefore of it, and possibly of some other acts of violence. I have wondered often since being in Mobile how many of the weird and terrible things that are done these days by people around us may be the result of people being "separated from their minds" as I sometimes felt and some of those around me appeared to be there in Mobile, or how many people have been induced thereby to compromise themselves, or "indebt" themselves in such ways that they see no chance of extricating themselves as honest, respectable, law-abiding people, (as example, the homosexual racket; I heard the statement made more than once in the adjusters office that homosexuals were well-known to be unreliable, unpatriotic individuals).

A brother of Mr. Peter Beville was one of the adjusters at the adjusting firm. One company stored the past years' files of the other.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Clark

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 6/20/68

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In order to determine if a Swiss bank account or Swiss numbered account has been opened in favor of Ray, the following suggestion is offered.

Consideration should be given to requesting Department of State confer with Swiss Government officials in United States to determine if Swiss Government would review bank accounts and numbered accounts opened in Switzerland between April 4 and June 7, 1968, to determine if an account may have been opened in favor of Ray or if Swiss could locate an account which they considered suspicious which could be related in some way to this case. Although it is realized that the Swiss Government has always considered information concerning their bank accounts and numbered accounts to be highly confidential information, it is felt that such a review could be made by the Swiss Government itself as a matter of international cooperation. The finding of such an account, of course, would indicate the probable presence of a conspiracy in this investigation. Although there is some indication that the British, in their investigation of Ray, may have made inquiries through banking circles concerning the existence of a Swiss bank account it is not felt that they could go to the Swiss Government and make such a request officially since they do not have primary jurisdiction in this investigation and the charges that they have lodged against Ray are not the type that would cause the Swiss Government to undertake such a review.

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1 - ~~Mr. C. D. DeLoach~~
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 24, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

PURPOSE:

To request the Liaison Section of the Bureau to discuss with the State Department the feasibility of determining if subject, James Earl Ray, had an account at a bank in Switzerland.

BACKGROUND:

We have been, during the entire course of the investigation, endeavoring to account for the source of subject's funds. It has been estimated that since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, up to his apprehension in London, England, on June 8, 1968, he has spent approximately $12,000. We have not been able to locate any gainful employment of the subject. Unverified rumors from newspaper accounts in London mentioned the fact that subject possibly had a bank account in Switzerland; however, New Scotland Yard has not been able to locate any information whatsoever which would indicate a bank account in Switzerland.

It is virtually impossible to determine if an individual has a bank account in Switzerland as the Swiss Government very jealously guards this information. It is also known that accounts in these banks are numbered and cannot be identified under any names. In view of the magnitude of this case, the State Department may have had similiar situations in the past in which an official request was made by them to the Government of Switzerland regarding information from the banks.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Liaison Section of the Bureau discuss with the State Department in line with the above in order to determine if an inquiry by the State Department with the Government of Switzerland could be made.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYSIX LAST.

INVESTIGATION ALTON DISCLOSES HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON NOT AT USUAL HAUNTS AND SOURCES ACQUAINTED WITH HIM CANNOT PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISED TODAY TWO DAYS AFTER BR AT BANK OF ALTON ON JULY THIRTEEN LAST, COVINGTON AND PERSON STAYING WITH HIM WHO IS UNKNOWN, WENT TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS; COVINGTON RETURNED ALONE ON JULY TWENTYONE LAST DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTYSIX CHEVROLET IMPALA HARDTOP, BLUE IN COLOR, INDIANA LICENSE. UNKNOWN PERSON DESCRIBED FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, THIRTY TO FORTY YEARS, BLACK HAIR, THIN MUSTACHE, STOCKY BUILD, CHAIN SMOKER.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP.1)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED TODAY HE HAS DEVELOPED INFORMATION HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON RESIDED WITH ROBERT COATES, ONE THREE THREE ZERO A - FOURTH STREET AND WITH CAROLYN BLANKENSHIP, ONE FOUR TWO SIX - FOURTH STREET DURING NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, EXACT PERIODS UNKNOWN.

INFORMANT STATES RONNIE BELL, BILL AVERY, ART THATCHER AND WILLIE LEE STATE COVINGTON OWNED DARK BLUE NYLON WINDBREAKER TYPE JACKET SIMILAR TO THAT RECOVERED AFTER ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON. FURTHER COVINGTON GAVE DELMAR GRINDSTAFF SET OF LIGHT BLUE AIR FORCE TYPE COVERALLS, SIZE FORTY, STATING AN UNKNOWN FRIEND COULDN'T WEAR THEM.

ABOVE INFORMATION BEING FOLLOWED UP TODAY TO VERIFY.

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1 - Mr. Rosen
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1 - Mr. Conrad
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(Mr. Latona)
1 - Mr. Jevons
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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

Date: **July 1, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**
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OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680625135 IH**
PC-A7235 BX IZ
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Examination requested by: **Legat, London**

Reference: **Airtel 6/24/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint - Firearms - Laundry Marks - Miscellaneous**

Remarks:

This report confirms and supplements Bureau airtel to Memphis dated 6/26/68 with copies to Legat, Ottawa and Legat, London. Q377 through Q384 were returned to Legat, London with copies of this airtel. K486 was forwarded to Legat, Ottawa with copies of this airtel.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: July 1, 1968
FBI File No. 44- 38861
Lab. No. D-680625135 IH
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Re: MURKIN
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Specimens received 6/25/68

Q377 Scratch pad

Q378 - Q382 One clean and four soiled handkerchiefs

Q383 Wittnauer wrist watch

Q384 TWA message slip for YARUM CHANDRA DUTT

K486 Four test bullets and four cartridge cases from "Liberty Chief, .38 Special revolver" serial #715

Result of examination:

Q377 was examined for watermarks and indented writing with negative results. The hand printed word "CETERFICATE" appears on the cover of this pad. Although a number of hand printing similarities were noted in this word when compared with Ray's hand printing indicating it was possibly prepared by the subject, the limited nature of this hand printing precludes a definite identification of Ray as the author of this hand printing.

No visible or invisible laundry marks were found on specimens Q378 through Q382.

Specimen Q383 is a men's 17-jewel Wittnauer wrist watch encased in a Wittnauer watchcase. Both the watchcase and the movement are of Swiss origin. The wrist watch movement does not bear a serial number and there is no physical evidence that the movement has been repaired since there are no jewelers' "scratch marks" inscribed on the inside of the case. The watchcase bears two sets of numbers, one above the other, as follows: 8001
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The Wittnauer factory should be able to advise as to the significance, if any, of these markings. The possibility of tracing the retail sale of specimen Q383 appears remote. No foreign material was located on or in the watch which could assist in tracing the wrist watch.

The wrist watch has a stainless steel expansion-type band bearing the markings "ADMIRAL U.S.A" There is an Admiral Watch Band Company, Incorporated, 9 Debrosses Street, New York City, which manufactures watch bands.

The test bullets and cartridge cases from the .38 Special caliber "Liberty Chief" revolver, serial number 715 were compared with all similar specimens in the National Unidentified Ammunitions File without effecting an identification.

Two latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q384 but they were not identical with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G. The questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q384 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY. K486 has been previously forwarded to Legat, Ottawa. Q377 through Q384 have been previously forwarded to Legat, London.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

On 6/21/68 ARTHUR J. HANES and his son, who practices law with him, visited Scotland Yard where they saw a Chief Inspector. We have been advised in confidence that HANES requested an interview with RAY and was told he could not see him. He was asked the source of his fee and replied that he expected to collect his fee from RAY. When he was told that RAY is practically without funds, he apparently [illegible] t interest in seeing him and requested that RAY be given HANES' business card, on the back of which he wrote, "Dear Mr. Sneyd. We made an effort to see you but will see you immediately upon arrival in the USA."

In the transistor radio in the possession of RAY at the time of his arrest was a torn piece of paper jammed against the battery, apparently to hold the battery right. This paper has parts of notations, apparently in RAY's handwriting, as follows: "Consul for ", "Then Writ" "Portuguese know about" "MERIUND". It would appear likely that these notes pertain to RAY's efforts to go to Africa as a mercenary. Chief Inspector THOMPSON has determined that "MERIUND" is meaningless to IAN COLVIN and Major WICKS.

IAN COLVIN has advised New Scotland Yard that the organization in Brussels known as CRISP, which is mentioned in COLVIN's previously submitted statement, is a research organization that attempts to keep track of mercenaries in Africa. COLVIN's mention to RAY of CRISP and M. JEAN GIRARD-LIMBORS, who is connected with CRISP, was in the context of suggesting a possible means of locating RAY's brother whom RAY had alleged was a mercenary in Angola and missing. In this regard it is noted that COLVIN did not provide RAY with the address of the above individual or organization.

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It was alleged that when RAY left the Pax Hotel on the morning of his arrest he carried a small flight bag over his shoulder and no other luggage. When arrested he had no luggage, having already checked one suitcase to Brussels. This suitcase was recovered by Scotland Yard and is a square, plaid, fabric zipper bag somewhat larger than the usual "two-suiter".

Scotland Yard conducted an exhaustive search of all baggage rooms and lockers in London without locating any luggage identifiable with RAY. All indications are that at the time of his arrest RAY was on his way to Brussels for the purpose of making the necessary contacts to go to Africa as a mercenary and it would therefore seem unlikely that he was leaving anything of value behind.

An examination of RAY's airline tickets shows that the number of pieces and weight of luggage was not entered on the ticket for the flight from Toronto to London. From London to Lisbon he checked one piece weighing 12 kilos (26.46 pounds). On the return flight fromLisbon to London he checked one piece weighing 15 kilos (33.07 pounds); and on the intended flight to Brussels he checked one piece weighing 13 kilos (28.66 pounds). Scotland Yard has advised that his bag in its present condition weighs 28 pounds and 12 ounces. A raincoat he was carrying when arrested weighs an additional two pounds. Articles removed from his bag for his use in prison, not counting what he actually wears, consist of a suit, a shirt, a pair of socks, an undershirt and a pair of shorts, having a total estimated weight of 3 pounds.

Scotland Yard has advised that airline employees often fail to take time to precisely weigh luggage unless overweight charges are involved (the allowance is 20 kilos) and they often estimate the weight while the scale is fluctuating. This could readily account for an error of one or two kilos. It is noted that his raincoat may have been in the suitcase on the flight from Lisbon to London; therefore it is not apparent that any of his personal effects are missing.

The Atlantic edition of "TIME" Magazine, 6/21/68, has been withdrawn from sale in England because of an article on Pages 22-23 captioned "RAY's Odd Odyssey." This article includes details of the subject's prior criminal activities as well as a detailed summary of this case and his activities since July, 1967. Publication of such material concerning a defendant under pending charges is strictly prohibited by British law.

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In removing outdated messages from their bulletin board at Heathrow International Airport, London, TWA noted that one of their message forms, dated 5/28/68, at 8:00 AM, was addressed to Mr. YAMUN CHANDRA DUTT, Flight 700 on 5/27/68, advising DUTT that "Mr. RAY will meet you at TWA ticket desk." Scotland Yard believes that the message is in the handwriting of a TWA employee but all TWA employees have been contacted without identifying the person taking the message and without developing any information concerning DUTT, "Mr. RAY" or the subject.

TWA Flight 700 is from Kennedy Airport, New York, to London. The name DUTT does not appear on the passenger list of Flight 700 on 5/27/68 and no record could be found of DUTT's arrival in London.

Enclosed is the original message which should be examined for latent fingerprints to be compared with the subject's fingerprints. Also enclosed is the passenger list for TWA Flight 700, 5/27/68. New York should check with TWA for any information regarding DUTT and determine if he has any connection with the subject. Since DUTT is an uncommon name, apparently of Indian or Pakistani origin, INS records should also be checked.

The following items of property have been taken from the subject's personal effects and are being separately submitted for Laboratory examination:

(1) A scratch pad to be examined for indented writing.

(2) One clean and several soiled handkerchiefs to be examined for flourescent laundry marks.

(3) Wittnauer Wristwatch. The back should be removed from the watch to obtain the serial number and any possible foreign material.

(4) Test bullets fired from subject's revolver to be checked against any available bullets recovered from unsolved crimes.

The above property, with the exception of the test bullets, should be immediately returned to Legat, London for

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return to Scotland Yard. The test bullets should be forwarded Legat, Ottawa, for appropriate RCMP comparison with any unidentified bullets they may have.

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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough

CABLEGRAM URGENT

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REC- 51

EX 106

REURCAB JUNE TWENTY-NINE LAST.

FOR THE PERIOD COVERING FROM THE DATE OF RAY'S ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY IN APRIL, SIXTY-SEVEN, UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY CASES HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY EACH FIELD OFFICE, LATENT FINGERPRINTS IN MURKIN CASE HAVE BEEN CHECKED AGAINST LATENTS IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY CASES, HANDWRITING AND HANDPRINTING SPECIMENS IN MURKIN CASE HAVE BEEN COMPARED WITH BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND ALL FIELD OFFICES HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO CONSIDER RAY AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES DURING APPROPRIATE PERIOD. THE FIELD CONTINUES TO BE ALERT TO THIS POSSIBILITY AND ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE FULLY RUN OUT.

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1087)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (cleared through D. J. Brennan)

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CABLEGRAM LEGAT LONDON
RE: MURKIN

WITH RESPECT TO YOUR REQUEST THAT KNOWN HANDPRINTING OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY BE COMPARED WITH WRITING ON NOTE USED IN ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY OF NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK, LONDON ON SIX TWENTY-NINE, SIXTY-SEVEN, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE FBI LAB THAT NOTE IN QUESTION WAS NOT PREPARED BY SUBJECT RAY.

COPY MAILED MEMPHIS.

NOTE: Legat, London on 6/29/68, advised that New Scotland Yard has identified Ray through fingerprints with a bank robbery in Fulham, England, on 6/4/68. Legat, London suggested Bureau review unsolved bank robberies with similar MO, namely, lone armed robber exhibiting note, since Ray's escape and that we request RCMP to do likewise. This MO is not unique and the major portion of bank robberies are committed utilizing this MO, however, the possible bank robbery aspects have been blanketed as indicated in this cablegram. Legat, Ottawa has already been instructed to request RCMP to conduct appropriate bank robbery survey.

Legat, London has been requested to obtain, if possible, photograph of note utilized in bank robbery on 6/4/68, that Ray has been identified with, for appropriate comparison with handwriting specimens in Murkin case. This is for purpose of further substantiating Ray's involvement in that robbery. Copies will also be forwarded to Legat, Ottawa when received for assistance of RCMP in its bank robbery survey. Legat, London requested that note in attempted bank robbery in London on 6/29/67, be compared with handprinting of subject. Lab determined that note in question was not prepared by subject Ray.

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FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 83

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REMYCAB JUNE TWO NINE LAST.

PERMISSION RECEIVED FROM YARD TO REVEAL INFO IN RECAB TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON NEED TO KNOW BASIS AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN IT AT THIS TIME BE PUT INTO REALM OF PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. I WILL INFORM VINSON ON SAME BASIS AM JULY TWO NEXT.

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SUGGEST BUREAU COMPARE THIS NOTE WITH KNOWN SPECIMENS RAY'S WRITING IN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE HIM AS SUSPECT THIS MATTER.

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IMMEDIATE 7-1-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 53

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memo W. Raymond to Mr. Conrad 7/2/68

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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 6-28-68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ANONYMOUS LETTER DATED 6-10-68 TO SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY CONCERNING AN ASSASSINATION PLOT

The Office of Senator Edward Kennedy (D - Mass.) has forwarded to SA Bowers the enclosed anonymous letter dated 6-10-68, addressed to Senator Kennedy. This was received on 6-26-68.

The writer identifies himself as a former prisoner at the Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City, Missouri. He writes that in 1960, while at the prison, he tried to make a deal with an FBI Agent out of Jefferson City or St. Louis, possibly named Gray. He said he told this Agent he had been contacted in Kansas City about "a Assassin plot." The writer asked that his story be checked out to insure the fact that he did converse with an FBI man is on the record, for if the Agent did not record his story, "everyone would say I was lying." He said that if it was known he had or was going to talk to the Senator or the FBI, his life or the lives of his family "wouldn't be worth 2¢."

The writer indicates he will contact Senator Kennedy again as soon as he thinks "you may want to talk to me." There is a possibility this letter may have some connection with the investigation concerning James Earl Ray, suspect in the Martin Luther King assassination since Ray also was an inmate at Missouri State Prison in 1960.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this matter be referred to the General Investigative Division for appropriate action.

Enclosure
1- Mr. DeLoach
1- Mr. Bishop
1- Mr. Rosen

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1 - Mr. McDonough

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TO: SAC, Kansas City

FROM: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Enclosed are two copies of an anonymous letter forwarded to the Bureau by the office of Senator Edward Kennedy.

Since James Earl Ray was incarcerated in Missouri State Penitentiary in 1960, you should make appropriate efforts to identify the FBI Agent "Gray" and/or the prisoner and endeavor to resolve this matter and advise the Bureau of details with appropriate recommendations if warranted.

Handle promptly.

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1 - SAC, Memphis (for info) (Enclosure - copy of incoming)

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June-10-1968
Director, Bureau
FBI DC

Dear Mr Kennedy

I am writing you something I have never told befor in fear of having my name in the paper's or on T.V. As I am now married and have 2 children, I also have heart Condion, I can't spell too good But hope you can make this out. I am not a nut And I am not after Anything, And just so you won't think I'm lying, I will not give you my name, But if my story check's out I would be glad to talk to you as I am a Ex Con. And I know you get all kind's of letter's, I am a little happy about it all now. But it may surprise you to know I tried to make a deal in 1960 while I was still on rec. Cell in the Mo State Pen at Jeff City Mo. with a F.B.I man, And I told him I had been Contacted in Jeff City about a Assassin plot. But that I had turn the deal down. this F.B.I man was either out of Jeff City or St-Louis I think his name was Gray.

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As he was writing everything I said down on a big pad, I think It was Sept of 1960, It should be on the visitors record's at the Pen What F-B-I man seen, who, Otherwise It would be my word agin his. that is why I want It check'ed out befor I talk to anyone, For if he didn't tell them at his office, Everyone would say I was lying, And if It was ever knew I was going to talk or had all ready talk'ed to you or the F-B-I my Life or my family wouldn't be worth 2¢. As I have gone stright since I'v been out, And I'm happy with my home life, But maybe you will Check my story out, and I will Contack you again as soon as I think you may want to talk to me.

I Remain

P.S. I know the F-B-I can find me, But at least I'll know they checkid And found I wasn't lying. And I have nothing to hide,

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IMMEDIATE 7-2-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 85

MURKIN.

CONFIRMING TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION WITH ASST. DIRECTOR ROSEN TODAY.

COURT CONVENED TEN THIRTY AM. DEFENSE FINISHED SUMMATION CONCERNING POLITICAL ASPECTS OF MURDER OF KING. PROSECUTION TOOK OVER AT ELEVEN AM, DEALT WITH POLITICAL ASPECTS AND DEFINITION OF ROBBERY BY VIOLENCE. AT TWELVE TEN PM MAGISTRATE SAID COURT WOULD RECESS UNTIL TWO PM. COURTROOM CLEARED. WITHIN FIVE MINUTES CLERK OF COURT ASKED PEOPLE TO RETURN AS RAY WISHED TO MAKE STATEMENT.

EX 109 REC-4 44-38861-4776

AT TWELVE TWENTY SIX PM RAY MADE STATEMENT NOT UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION (HIS COUNSEL ADVISED THIS AGAINST HIS ADVICE BUT RAY STRONG WILLED AND DOES NOT READILY ACCEPT GUIDANCE). RAY IN ESSENCE STATED AS FOLLOWS: HE DID NOT WANT TO REPEAT HIMSELF BUT WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT TO CHIEF SUPT. BUTLER'S TESTIMONY ONCE AGAIN ESPECIALLY IN VIEW FACT THIS WILL BE GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY IN U.S. ESPECIALLY IN SO CALLED LIBERAL PRESS. HE WOULD URGE COURT TO TAKE THE TOTALITY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES. HE DID NOT

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SIGN ANY KIND OF STATEMENT WHATSOEVER, ALSO HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED HE DID NOT WANT CONVERSATION WITH ANY MEMBER U.S. GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY MR. VINSON OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. ONE OTHER THING HE OBJECTED TO, THOUGH NOT SURE IT IS RELATED TO THIS CASE BUT BELIEVES THIS HEARING WILL HAVE EFFECT ON HIS TRIAL IN UNITED STATES, WAS SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARREST HE ENGAGED ATTORNEY FROM U.S., MR. ARTHUR HANES, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. HANES MADE TRIP TO LONDON TO CONSULT WITH HIM. THIS DENIED BY BRITISH HOME SECRETARY. HE WROTE TO OPPOSITION LEADER EDWARD HEATH BUT WAS INFORMED BY PRISON GOVERNOR THIS NOT PERMITTED. HIS LETTER WOULD BE SENT TO HOME SECRETARY WHO WOULD DECIDE WHETHER HEATH WOULD BE PERMITTED TO READ LETTER.

IN CONCLUSION, IN VIEW OF SERIOUSNESS THIS CASE, HE FELT HE SHOULD HAVE HAD LITTLE MORE FREEDOM TO WRITE AND RECEIVE VISITS FROM PEOPLE UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES. HE CONCLUDED THIS WAS ALL HE HAD TO SAY AND THANKED COURT FOR PERMITTING HIM TO MAKE STATEMENT.

COURT RECONVENED TWO FIFTEEN PM. STATEMENT READ TO FULL COURT. MAGISTRATE COMMENTED THIS STATEMENT WOULD HAVE NO BEARING ON HIS DECISION. ALSO THAT ONLY ENGLISH BARRISTERS OR SOLICITORS HAD RIGHT OF AUDIENCE IN HIS COURT AND THAT RAY HAD BEEN ABLY

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DEFENDED BY MR. FRISBEE.

MAGISTRATE THEN ORDERED RAY EXTRADITED ON BOTH CHARGES. INFORMED HIM OF HIS FIFTEEN DAY APPEAL PERIOD. ASKED HIM IF HE WANTED TO APPLY FOR LEGAL AID AND SIGNED FORM FOR LEGAL AID. MAGISTRATE AGAIN REMANDED RAY ON THE ENGLISH CHARGES UNTIL JULY NINE NEXT.

COUNSEL FOR STATES TENNESSEE AND MISSOURI ADVISED HE ANTICIPATED RAY'S COUNSEL WILL FILE FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER APPEAL PROCEDURE ON OR ABOUT JULY SIXTEEN NEXT WITH MATTER THEN GOING TO QUEEN'S BENCH COURT AND HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD GO FROM THERE TO HOUSE OF LORDS. HE PREDICTED FINAL ACTION THIS MATTER SHOULD BE CONCLUDED IN TWENTY ONE DAYS.

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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 7/2/68

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to cablegram from Legat, London, dated 7/1/68 requesting that the known hand printing of subject James Earl Ray be compared with the note used in the attempted bank robbery of the National Provincial Bank, 74 Sloane St., London, SW 1, England, on 6/29/67.

As a result of a comparison of the above described note with the hand printing of James Earl Ray it was determined that the note in question was not prepared by subject Ray.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long, 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab Files
1 - 163-19438

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ADDENDUM: Results of comparison set out above are being included in cablegram being sent to Legat, London, by the General Investigative Division.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: July 2, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
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Legat Minnich, London, called to advise that James Earl Ray has been ordered extradited on both charges by decision of the Magistrate. It is recalled these charges are (1) that he was wanted in connection with the murder of Rev. Martin Luther King and (2) to complete the sentence pending in Missouri State Penitentiary from which he escaped.

The proceedings began at 10:30 a. m. London time (5:30 a. m. our time). The defense was based upon the political aspects of the case and the prosecution answered the arguments raised by defense counsel. In addition, the Magistrate asked for and received the definition of robbery according to U. S. law, inasmuch as time which Ray was serving in Missouri Penitentiary was based upon a robbery charge. Court was adjourned at 12:10 p. m. London time, to be reconvened at 2:00 p. m. Immediately thereafter everyone left the Magistrate's Courtroom and apparently the press scurried out first.

Subject Ray then asked the Magistrate if he might be able to make a statement. This came unexpectedly and everyone had left the courtroom. Ray was then allowed to make a statement and this was contrary to the advice of his counsel. His statement was to the effect that he did not want to repeat himself but that he wanted to note a very strong objection to the testimony of Butler (Butler was the police officer who told the court that Ray, in his presence, made the comment "Oh God, I feel trapped.").

Ray explained that he especially objected to this comment because it would be given wide press coverage in the liberal press and the press would not "take into totality all of the circumstances." He also added he had made no statements to anyone in the U. S. Government and would not desire to. He said he had had no conversation with Vinson. He said he had engaged an attorney, one Arthur Hanes, and had not been allowed to consult with him; that he had made known his desires to the Home Secretary to whom he appealed and he felt he should have had more freedom of discussion with persons of his choice. This statement of Ray's was subsequently given to the press at 2:15 p. m. when the Magistrate summoned the court to reconvene.

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