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(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI LOS ANG.

12:06PM URGENT 4-27-68 NCH

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ST. LOUIS, SAN FRANCISCO, AND
INDIANAPOLIS

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 1P

MURKIN

RE INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY-SIX LAST.

WILLIAM BURGESS, ADJUSTOR, FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY
(FMC), ONE THREE SEVEN ZERO ONE RIVERSIDE DRIVE, SHERMAN
OAKS, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE HIS OFFICE IS CLOSED
FOR WEEKEND; HOWEVER, HE SEARCHED FILES AVAILABLE TO HIM
IN THE OFFICE BUT COULD FIND NO MENTION OF STOUT. OFFICE
MANAGER IS OUT OF TOWN FOR WEEKEND. FMC WILL BE RECONTACTED
APRIL TWENTY-NINE NEXT FOR REQUESTED INFORMATION.

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FBI LOS ANG.

3:42PM URGENT 4-29-68 LLR
TO INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ST. LOUIS, SAN
FRANCISCO, AND LOS ANGELES APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

STOUT NOT KNOWN TO OFFICE MANAGER AND CLAIMS SUPER-
VISOR, FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, ONE THREE SEVEN ZERO ONE
RIVERSIDE DRIVE, SHERMAN OAKS, CALIFORNIA.

INDIANAPOLIS IDENTIFY C. DEMPSEY WHO IS MENTIONED
IN RE TELETYPE AND FURNISH FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING
STOUT'S DELIVERY OF MAYFLOWER MOVING VAN.

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FBI KAN CITY

425 PM URGENT 5/1/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS AND INDIANAPOLIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

MRS. TROY PATRICIA STATLER, CARBONDALE, KS., ADVISED THAT ON
APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST SHE WAS IN MAHOGANY BAR, NINE ZERO ONE NORTH
DORMAN ST., INDIANAPOLIS, IND. THIS BAR IS OPERATED BY JIM
TAYLOR, JIM KELLY WAS WORKING AS THE BARTENDER, AND LUCILLE
DALTON WAS WORKING AS WAITRESS. AT ABOUT THREE THRITY PM, A
MAN RESEMBLING PHOTOS OF SUBJECT CAME INTO THE BAR ALONE,
ORDERED ONE "WEIDEMAN" BEER AND LEFT TWENTY MINUTES LATER.
SHE ASKED THE BARTENDER AND WAITRESS IF THEY HAD EVER SEEN THE
MAN BEFORE AND THEY SAID NO. SHE STATED SHE WAS TOO FRIGHTENED
TO NOTIFY ANYONE, BUT FELT THAT SHE SHOULD CONTACT THE FBI NOW
THAT SHE HAS RETURNED TO KANSAS. SHE WAS SHOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES
EARL RAY AND SHE FEELS HE IS THE PERSON SHE SAW IN THE BAR. SHE
ADVISED THAT HE WAS WEARING BLACK TROUSERS, WHITE SOCKS, BLACK
SHOES, BLUE SWEATER, HAD SCAR ON FOREHEAD, AND HAIR VERY NEAT. 44-56343
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INDIANAPOLIS. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT MAHOGANY BAR
FOR ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT.

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FBI DALLAS

743 PM URGENT 5-1-68 CBB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), INDIANAPOLIS, NEW YORK, BUTTE
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. 00: MEMPHIS.

RE SUBJECT'S CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES EN ROUTE FROM
LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. RE DALLAS TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

FOR INFO OF OFFICES NOT RECEIVING RE TEL, ON THE ABOVE TRIP
SUBJECT RAY ALLEGEDLY MADE SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS FROM COIN
TELEPHONES WHILE IN TEXAS. A CHECK OF TOLL CALLS MADE FROM COIN
TELEPHONES ALONG ROUTE TAKEN BY RAY FOR DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN,
AND SEVENTEEN, OF SIXTYSEVEN, ARE BEING MADE AND THE FOLLOWING HAVE
BEEN DETERMINED TO DATE. EACH OFFICE SHOULD ESTABLISH THE IDENTITY
OF SUBSCRIBERS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS LISTED AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY
BY WHOM THE INSTANT TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM. IF RAY MADE
CALL, OBTAIN ALL AVAILABLE INFO CONCERNING HIM.

BUTTE.

CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE AT SANDERSON, TEXAS

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DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, EIGHT FORTYSEVEN PM, FIVE FOUR THREE
SEVEN EIGHT FOUR ZERO, MISSOUL, MONTANA;

INDIANAPOLIS

CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES AT SANDERSON, TEXAS

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, NINE NINETEEN PM, THREE FOUR SEVEN TWO
THREE EIGHT TWO, RAMSEY, INDIANA;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN, NINE FOURTEEN PM, SIX THREE THREE FOUR SIX
ZERO NINE, MILLTOWN, INDIANA;

NEW YORK CITY.

CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE AT ALPINE, TEXAS.

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, EIGHT EIGHTEEN PM, SIX FIVE TWO NINE FOUR
THREE SIX, BRONX, NEW YOK;

OKLAHOMA CITY.

CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE AT ALPINE, TEXAS.

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, TEN TWENTYFIVE PM, TWO FIVE FOUR SIX
FIVE NINE ZERO, WOODWARD, OKLAHOMA;

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8:02PM URGENT 5-1-68 DPL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38811)
CAF 8:06 JTB 8:10
MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY (44-760)

FROM: INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL FIVE ONE SIXTY-EIGHT, JIM TAYLOR, OWNER
MAHOGANY BAR, AND JIM KELLY, BARTENDWER, FOUR TWENTY FOUR SIXTY-
EIGHT. TAYLOR AND KELLY CAN NOT RECALL SUBJECT, NOR CONVERSATION
WITH MRS. STATLER. PICTURES EXHIBITED BUT NEITHER COULD MAKE
IDENTITY. WAITRESS NOT AVAILABLE.

AREA IS BUSINESS AREA- OFFICES CLOSED FOR TODAY. WAITRESS
AND OFFICES WILL BE CANVASSED AM FIVE TWO SIXTY EIGHT.

END.

SVW

FBI WASH DC

FBI INDAPOLS

FBI NEW YORK

4:43 PM URGENT 5/2/68 WPK

TO INDIANAPOLIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 2P

MURKIN

REGARDING INSURANCE CLAIMS IN NAME OF JAMES RAY.

BERNARD L. HINES, JR., DIRECTOR "THE INDEX SYSTEM" FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING INSURANCE CLAIMS BY INDIVIDUALS NAMED JAMES RAY.

JAMES E. RAY, BOX NINE FIVE, EIGHT ONE SIX NORTH SUMNER, BELLE PLAINE, KANSAS, A SALESMAN, AGE THREE NINE, SUFFERED AN ACCIDENT JANUARY TWO THREE, LAST, WHEREIN A SMALL BONE PUNCTURED THE EAR DRUM SLIGHTLY. CLAIMANT'S PHYSICIAN WAS DOCTOR WILLIAM H. MITCHELL, TWO THREE NINE WEST FIFTH, BELLE PLAINE, KANSAS. THE INSURED WAS THE ADVANCE PRODUCTS COMPANY AND INSURER WAS THE EMPLOYERS MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY, TWO FOUR THREE ONE EAST DOUGLAS, WICHITA, KANSAS.

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JAMES RAY, TWO SEVEN WEST FIFTH STREET, SEYMOUR,
INDIANA, AGE FOUR TWO, SUFFERED AN ACCIDENT APRIL TWO TWO,
ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, AT THE KEENELAND RACE TRACK, LEXINGTON,
KENTUCKY, WHEREIN HE BRUISED HIS RIGHT LEG. THE INSURED
WAS KEENLAND ASSOCIATION AND THE INSURER WAS THE TRAVELERS
INSURANCE COMPANY, FOUR TWO FIVE SOUTH FIFTH STREET,
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

KANSAS CITY AND INDIANAPOLIS ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY
ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
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MEMPHIS (44-1957)
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL MAY ONE LAST; INDIANAPOLIS TEL MAY
ONE LAST.

LUCILLE DALTON, ONE TWO ONE NINE E. MICHIGAN ST., APT.
EIGHT, WAITRESS MAHOGANY BAR, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., ADVISED
HAD KNOWN PATRICIA STATLER AS A CLOSE FRIEND FOR A NUMBER OF
YEARS. STATLER RECENTLY STAYED WITH HER AT INDIANAPOLIS.

DALTON SAID STATLER WAS IN MAHOGANY BAR APRIL TWENTYSIX
LAST DRINKING. STATLER ASKED DALTON SOMETIME DURING AFTERNOON
IF SHE KNEW A MAN WHO HAD COME INTO THE BAR TO WHICH DALTON
ANSWERED " I DON'T KNOW HIS NAME BUT I KNOW THE FACE AND SO
DO YOU HE HAS BEEN IN HERE A NUMBER OF TIMES BEFORE."

① - Indianapolis

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DALTON SAID THAT THE PICTURES OF RAY WERE CERTAINLY NOT IDENTICAL WITH THE INDIVIDUAL. STATLER KNOWN TO DRINK QUITE A BIT AND BE UNDEPENDABLE.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED ALONG THIS LINE.

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LONG DISTANCE CALLS

CLASS
K - Station Day
S - Station Night
B - Station
(Late Night)
L - Person - Day
T - Person - Night
C - Person
(Late Night)

TYPE
1 - Sent Paid
2 - Third No.
3 - Credit Card
4 - Collect Call
9 - Misc.

CODE T. C.	FROM	PLACE CALLED	TELEPHONE NUMBER		DATE	MIN.	AMOUNT
			AREA	NUMBER			
6 B	0050 05	EL PASO TEX	915	772 3398	12 14	2	50
6 B	0050 05	EL PASO TEX	915	772 6668	12 14	4	50
6 K	0070 05	EL PASO TEX	915	778 6411	12 14	1	70
6 K	0115 10	UNIVERSLCYTEX	512	658 6825	12 14	2	115
6 K	0120 10	TEMPLE TEX	817	778 7275	12 14	3	120
6 B	0115 10	CANOGAPARKCAL	213	347 2094	12 14	5	115
6 B	0085 10	DREXELHILLPA	215	789 5286	12 14	4	85
6 C	<i>PX</i> 0160 15	TUCSON ARIZ	602	299 6532	12 15	4	160
6 K	0080 10	ODESSA TEX	915	337 2231	12 15	2	80
6 K	0070 05	FABENS TEX	915	764 3540	12 15	2	70
6 B	<i>PX</i> 0065 05	TUCSON ARIZ	602	887 1351	12 16	3	65
6 S	0060 05	EL PASO TEX	915	598 4293	12 16	3	60
6 B	<i>IP</i> 0075 10	MUNCIE IND	317	288 0107	12 17	4	75
6 B	<i>PX</i> 0065 05	TUCSON ARIZ	602	298 0748	12 17	3	65

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LONG DISTANCE CALLS

CLASS
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B - Station
(Late Night)
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C - Person
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TYPE
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9 - Misc.

CODE T. C.	FROM	PLACE CALLED	TELEPHONE NUMBER		DATE	MIN.	AMOUNT
			AREA	NUMBER			
6 B	<i>SD</i> 0190 20	DEL MAR CAL	714	755 2498	12 17	2	190
6 B	0050 05	KERMIT TEX	915	586 6374	12 17	2	50
6 B	<i>DL</i> 0100 10	ABILENE TEX	915	674 4535	12 17	5	100
6 B	0050 05	EL PASO TEX	915	598 8018	12 17	2	50
6 B	0050 05	FABENS TEX	915	764 3775	12 17	2	50
6 B	0065 05	UNION CITYOKLA	405	483 5368	12 18	3	65
6 C	0205 20	CAMPBELL CAL	408	377 5914	12 18	3	205
6 K	0065 05	LAS CRUCESNMEX	505	524 1953	12 18	1	65
6 B	0085 10	PHOENIX ARIZ	602	274 6637	12 18	4	85
6 B	0080 10	BURKBURNETTEX	817	569 3282	12 18	2	80
6 B	0050 05	ODESSA TEX	915	337 4813	12 18	2	50
6 K	0080 10	ODESSA TEX	915	366 7033	12 18	2	80
6 K	0080 10	MCCAMEY TEX	915	652 3192	12 18	2	80
6 K	0070 05	EL PASO TEX	915	533 2211	12 18	1	70

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LONG DISTANCE CALLS

CLASS
K - Station Day
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(Late Night)
L - Person - Day
T - Person - Night
C - Person
(Late Night)

TYPE
1 - Sent Paid
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4 - Collect Call
9 - Misc.

CODE T. C.	FROM	PLACE CALLED	TELEPHONE NUMBER		DATE	MIN.	AMOUNT
			AREA	NUMBER			
6 B	0170 15	DAYTON OHIO	513	228 1076	12 10	8	170
6 S	0105 10	SOMERSET TEX	512	429 2191	12 11	2	105
6 S	0100 10	SANANTONIOTEX	512	735 7419	12 11	3	100
6 S	0160 15	HOUSTON TEX	713	944 5750	12 11	3	160
6 K	0140 15	LOSANGELESCAL	213	233 3192	12 11	2	140
6 B	0075 10	STAR CITY IND	219	595 3218	12 13	3	75
6 K	0160 15	RICHMOND VA	703	232 2359	12 13	3	160
6 S	0110 10	TAMPA FLA	813	877 6392	12 13	3	110
6 K	0070 05	EL PASO TEX	915	533 8339	12 14	1	70
6 B	<i>NK</i> 0135 15	PAULSBORO NJ	609	423 5022	12 16	5	135
6 L	<i>DL</i> 0215 20	EULESS HSTTEX	817	283 1541	12 16	1	215
6 L	0115 10	EL PASO TEX	915	532 8763	12 16	2	115
6 C	0255 25	HAZARD KY	606	436 2527	12 18	7	255
6 B	0115 10	GULFBREEZEFLA	904	932 2488	12 18	5	115

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LONG DISTANCE CALLS

CLASS	CODE	FROM	PLACE CALLED	TELEPHONE NUMBER		DATE	MIN	AMOUNT
				AREA	NUMBER			
Person - Day	6 B	0085 10	AUSTIN TEX	512	478 5265	12 11	3	85
Person - Night	6 B	0090 10	OAKGRV MILWORE	503	654 8062	12 12	3	90
Person - Day	6 B	0075 10	RIO LINDA CAL	916	991 5053	12 12	4	75
Person - Night	6 B	0090 10	BGGALUSA LA	504	735 5160	12 13	4	90
Person - Day	6 B	0085 10	NORFOLK VA	703	340 1796	12 13	3	85
Person - Night	6 B	0070 05	SANTA ANA CAL	714	836 5332	12 13	2	70
TYPE	6 L	0115 10	EL PASO TEX	915	533 6911	12 14	1	115
ent Paid	6 L	0115 10	EL PASO TEX	915	543 2801	12 14	2	115
rd No.	6 K	0115 10	EL PASO TEX	915	772 0556	12 14	5	115
edit Card	6 K	0070 05	EL PASO TEX	915	778 6411	12 14	1	70
lect Call	1 C	VAN HRN TX	FTUACHUCAARIZ	602	538 5432	12 15	4	150
ic.	6 S	0065 05	LAS CRUCES NMEX	505	526 2323	12 16	2	65
	6 B	0085 10	SOUTHFIELD MICH	313	356 3329	12 17	3	85
	6 B	0095 10	TELL CITY IND	812	547 3141	12 17	4	95

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LONG DISTANCE CALLS

CLASS	CODE	FROM	PLACE CALLED	TELEPHONE NUMBER		DATE	MIN	AMOUNT
				AREA	NUMBER			
Person - Day	6 B	DL 0060 05	ABILENE TEX	915	692 8203	12 17	2	60
Person - Night	6 B	SA 0060 05	BATESVILLE TEX	512	376 9295	12 17	2	60
Person - Day	6 S	LA 0070 05	LOS ANGELES CAL	213	587 4471	12 17	2	70
Person - Night	6 B	0070 10	FT HANCOCK TEX	915	769 3877	12 17	4	70
Person - Day	6 B	0105 10	OKLA CITY OKLA	405	232 9171	12 18	5	105
Person - Night	6 B	0065 05	PAULS VLY OKLA	405	238 6278	12 18	2	65
TYPE	6 B	0065 05	NORMAN OKLA	405	534 3004	12 18	3	65
ent Paid	6 B	0085 10	NEW CASTLE PA	412	652 3983	12 18	3	85
rd No.	6 B	0090 10	NEW ORLEANS LA	504	488 9085	12 18	4	90
edit Card	6 B	0080 10	LOCKHART TEX	512	398 3803	12 18	2	80
lect Call	6 B	0100 10	ABILENE TEX	915	692 1985	12 18	5	100
ic.	6 K	0070 05	MONAHANS TEX	915	943 5525	12 18	1	70
	6 B	0065 05	TUCSON ARIZ	602	325 1156	12 19	3	65
	6 B	0150 15	SEATTLE WASH	206	364 4041	12 19	9	150

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LONG DISTANCE CALLS

CLASS	CODE	FROM	PLACE CALLED	TELEPHONE NUMBER		DATE	MIN	AMOUNT
				AREA	NUMBER			
Person - Day	6 L	0100 10	EL PASO TEX	915	532 3572	12 13	2	100
Person - Night	6 K	0070 05	PECOS TEX	915	447 2197	12 15	2	70
Person - Day	6 B	0040 05	VAN HORN TEX	915	283 2030	12 17	2	40
Person - Night	6 B	0050 05	EL PASO TEX	915	584 2382	12 17	1	50
TYPE	6 B	0215 20	PORT ARTHUR TEX	713	982 7605	12 18	8	215
ent Paid	6 S	0040 05	VAN HORN TEX	915	283 2030	12 18	1	40
rd No.	6 K	0045 05	VAN HORN TEX	915	283 2343	12 19	3	45
edit Card	6 K	0100 10	DEL RIO TEX	512	775 6704	12 20	2	100
lect Call	6 S	0045 05	LAS CRUCES NMEX	505	524 1953	12 20	1	45
ic.	6 B	0090 10	CLOVIS NMEX	505	763 4945	12 20	5	90
	6 B	0080 10	MANSFIELD TEX	817	273 4966	12 20	2	80
	6 S	0050 05	EL PASO TEX	915	532 3451	12 21	1	50
	6 C	0205 20	WICHITA FL TEX	817	723 7616	12 21	2	205

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY ENROUTE
 FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Re Bureau tel to EP, HO, and SA, 4/25/68.

Enclosed for the offices receiving copies of this airtel, are the indicated number of copies of pages listing long distance telephone calls.

3-Bureau (Encl. 5) (AMSD)
 2-Albuquerque (Encl. 2) (AMSD)
 2-Atlanta (Encl. 1) (AMSD)
 2-Birmingham (44-1740) (Encl. 5) (AMSD)
 2-Dallas (Encl. 4) (AMSD)
 2-Detroit (Encl. 1) (AMSD)
 2-Houston (Encl. 1) (AMSD)
 ②-Indianapolis (Encl. 2) (AMSD)
 2-Los Angeles (Encl. 5) (AMSD)
 2-Memphis (44-1987) (Encl. 5) (AMSD)
 2-Newark (Encl. 1) (AMSD)
 2-Oklahoma City (Encl. 2) (AMSD)
 2-Phoenix (Encl. 4) (AMSD)
 2-Sacramento (Encl. 1) (AMSD)
 2-San Diego (Encl. 2) (AMSD)
 2-San Antonio (Encl. 2) (AMSD)
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[Signature]

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EP 157-186

Referenced Butel reads as follows:

During automobile trip of subject RAY and CHARLES STEIN departing Los Angeles on 12/15/67 and arriving New Orleans on 12/17/67, subject RAY made about six telephone calls from various pay stations in Texas.

They traveled via automobile on Interstate 10 through El Paso to Van Horn, Texas, and went south on Route 90 to San Antonio, then Route 90 or Interstate 10 to Houston, Texas, and to New Orleans.

Each office should check with telephone company and determine the long distance calls placed at each public telephone on the above mentioned routes during period of 12/15, 16, and 17, 1967, and have each call checked out.

On 4/30/68, Mrs. HELEN ORNELAS, Service Representative, West Texas Telephone Company, Pecos, Texas, made available duplicate bills on pay stations from Van Horn, Valentine, and Sierra Blanca, Texas.

Noted that these bills reflect the telephone numbers of the individuals receiving the telephone calls from the pay stations in the above mentioned communities. As noted above, the pertinent dates are 12/15, 16, and 17/67. The teletype codes of the respective offices have been added to these duplicate bills, indicating the telephone numbers to be checked out by the various offices receiving this airtel.

LEADS

ALL OFFICES

Review the enclosed duplicate bills for telephone numbers located in their divisions and conduct appropriate investigation as instructed in referenced Butel, set out above.

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4/30/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)
RE : MURKIN

ReBHTel to Bureau, 4/25/68 and Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 4/26/68.

Referenced Birmingham teletype suggested that Bureau consider having an article on JAMES EARL RAY prepared for publication in the publications captioned "Journeyman Barber," which is published monthly by the Journeyman Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmetologists and Proprietors International Union of America (JBHCP), 1141 North Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind., and "Master Barber and Beauticians Magazine," published monthly by the Associated Master Barbers and Beauticians of America (AMBB), 219 Greenwich Road, Charlotte, N. C.

It is felt that such an article would receive nationwide publicity with barbers and barbershop owners since the JBHCP publication is sent to each member of the International within the U. S. and AMBB publication is sent to each barber-shop owner within the U. S.

The results of such publication may be of great value in determining whereabouts of subject since, in all probability, subject will use the services of a barber.

Since the above publications are printed by the JBHCP and the AMBB, the cost to the Bureau of having such

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an article published would be nil. If the Bureau considers authorizing such an article to be published, arrangements for such publication can be made through JOSEPH N. DePAOLA, Managing Editor of the "Journeyman Barber," 1141 North Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Ind., and arrangements for publication in the "Master Barber and Beauticians Magazine" could be made by contacting the editor, THOMAS H. BROUGHTON, AMBB, 2199 Greenwich Road, Charlotte.

Information copies are being furnished to Charlotte and Indianapolis.

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FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
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ReButel 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

Set forth by field division are telephone calls made from the Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. Recipient offices will determine from the subscriber, or person receiving call, the identity of caller. If caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information.

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<u>INDIANAPOLIS:</u>			
12/16/67	835-9040 (Beaumont, Texas)	<i>Murriel Jones</i> <u>317-872-4551</u>	Mexico, Indiana
<u>KANSAS CITY:</u>			
12/17/67	835-9443 (Beaumont, Texas)	913-989-4468	Wathena, Kansas
<u>LITTLE ROCK:</u>			
12/17/67	673-9950 (Houston, Texas)	501-753-7404	Little Rock
12/16/67	468-9864 (Houston, Texas)	501-247-4890	Pine Bluff, Ark.
12/15/67	468-9818 (Houston, Texas)	501-623-2692	Hot Springs, Ark.
12/15/67	682-9114 (Houston, Texas)	501-535-1373	Pine Bluff, Ark.
12/15/67	682-9333 (Houston, Texas)	501-729-3283	Judsonia, Ark.
<u>LOS ANGELES:</u>			
12/16/67	892-9993 (Beaumont, Texas)	213-399-9676	Santa Monica, Calif.
12/17/67	452-9133 (Houston, Texas)	213-830-0453	San Pedro, Calif.
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12/17/67	452-9133 (Houston, Texas) (Three calls same date)	213-320-9921	Torrance, Calif.

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12/17/68	452-9133 (Houston, Texas)	213-320-9921	Torrence, Calif.
12/17/67	452-9133 (Houston, Texas)	213-328-2380	Torrence, Calif.
12/17/67	673-9974 (Houston, Texas)	213-927-3989	Downey, Calif.
12/16/67	673-9395 (Houston, Texas)	213-927-3989	Downey, Calif.
12/16/67	468-9725 (Houston, Texas)	213-435-3662	Long Beach, Calif.
12/15/67	468-9725 (Houston, Texas)	213-421-4002	Long Beach, Calif.
12/17/67	468-9063 (Houston, Texas)	213-843-3747	Burbank, Calif.
12/16/67	468-9725 (Houston, Texas)	213-876-7897	Los Angeles
12/16/67	886-9976 (Orange, Texas)	805-256-2296	Rosamond, Calif.
12/16/67	682-9120 (Houston, Texas)	805-323-2660	Bakersfield, Calif.
12/16/67	682-9248 (Houston, Texas)	415-841-0501	Berkeley, Calif.

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12/15/67	453-9577 (Houston, Texas)	205-479-7378	Mobile, Ala.
12/16/67	452-9133 (Houston, Texas)	205-479-8740	Mobile, Ala.

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12/15/67	886-9976 (Orange, Texas)	205-459-2461	Butler, Ala.
12/17/67	682-9322 (Houston, Texas)	205-342-1435	Mobile, Ala.
<u>OKLAHOMA CITY:</u>			
12/15/67	453-9646 (Houston, Texas)	918-446-6041	Tulsa, Okla.
12/15/67	453-9646 (Houston, Texas)	918-446-6041	Tulsa, Okla.
12/16/67	452-9247 (Houston, Texas)	405-946-2137	Oklahoma City
12/17/67	452-9260 (Houston, Texas)	918-936-3644	Tulsa, Okla.
12/17/67	468-9150 (Houston, Texas)	405-842-5325	Britton, Okla.
12/17/68	673-9118 (Houston, Texas)	918-846-2996	Wynono, Okla.
12/17/67	673-9996 (Houston, Texas)	405-424-4153	Oklahoma City
12/17/67	673-9395 (Houston, Texas)	405-668-2423	Wilson, Okla.
12/17/67	468-9887 (Houston, Texas)	918-446-5042	Tulsa, Okla.
<u>SAN FRANCISCO:</u>			
12/16/67	835-9439 (Beaumont, Texas)	415-538-1726	Hayward, Calif.

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12/15/67	835-9324 (Beaumont, Texas)	415-345-1539	San Mateo, Calif.
12/16/67	673-9501 (Houston, Texas)	408-372-9730	Monterey, Calif.
<u>SAN DEIGO:</u>			
12/17/67	468-9844 (Houston, Texas)	714-469-6604	La Mesa, Calif.
12/17/67	468-9887 (Houston, Texas)	714-745-1548	Esecondido, Calif.
12/17/67	769-9115 (Vidor, Texas)	714-279-1714	San Diego, Calif.
12/17/67	769-9104 (Vidor, Texas)	714-279-1714	San Diego, Calif.

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TO INDIANAPOLIS

FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

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RE NEW YORK TT TO BALTIMORE, ET AL, FOUR THIRTY SIXTY EIGHT,
CONTAINING INFO FROM MRS. DONOVAN WOODSIDE ABOUT AAL FLIGHT THREE THREE
EIGHT ON FOUR SIX LAST DALLAS TO PHILA., AND DALLAS TT TO PHILA., FIVE
ONE SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR BENEFIT OF INDIANAPOLIS, MRS. WOODSIDE ADVISED SHE SAW AN
INDIVIDUAL ON FLIGHT IN TOURIST CLASS WHOM SHE BELIEVED WAS IDENTICAL
TO JAMES EARL RAY.

RE TT FURNISHED LIST OF NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS
ON THE FLIGHT IN TOURIST CLASS.

LEAD IN RETT WAS TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
TO LOCATE, IDENTIFY, AND INTERVIEW PASSENGERS ON AAL FLIGHT THREE
THREE EIGHT TRAVELING TOURIST CLASS TO DETERMINE IF ANY INDIVIDUAL
IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

RE DALLAS TT REFLECTED THAT ONE INDIVIDUAL ON FLIGHT LISTED AS
MRS. THOMAS WILLIAMS, APT. ONE SEVEN ZERO TWO HOPKINSON HOUSE, WASH-
INGTON SQUAKE, PHILA., PA.

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INVESTIGATION PHILA. REFLECTS MR. AND MRS. WILLIAMS RUN
POLITICAL CONSULTING FIRM AND ARE CURRENTLY STAYING AT ESSEX HOUSE,
ROOM FIVE ONE SIX, PHONE THREE ONE SEVEN SIX THREE NINE FOUR FIVE ZERO
ONE, INDIANAPOLIS, OFFICE PHONE THREE ONE SEVEN SIX THREE SIX FIVE FOUR
EIGHT ZERO. THEY ARE THERE WORKING ON THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES IN
INDIANA.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL.

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TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA
FROM: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

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RE DL TEL TO PH, MAY ONE, LAST, & PH TEL TO IP, MAY
THREE, LAST.

MRS. THOMAS (NORA) WILLIAMS, HOME ADDRESS HOPKINSON HOUSE,
APT. ONE SEVEN ZERO TWO., WASHINGTON SQUARE SOUTH, PHILADELPHIA,
PENNSYLVANIA, WAS CONTACTED BY S.A. LARRY L. GUGGISBERG AT FOUR
FOUR FIVE NORTH PENNSYLVANIA, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA., ON MAY FOUR,
INSTANT. SHE ADVISED THE TICKET FOR AMERICAN AIRLINE FLIGHT THREE
THREE EIGHT ON APRIL SIX, LAST, WAS NEVER PICKED UP BY HER. MRS.
WILLIAMS CANCELLED ON THE ABOVE FLIGHT & DROVE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS,
WHERE SHE THEN FLEW FROM HOUSTON TO PHILADELPHIA. NO FURTHER
ACTION BEING TAKEN AT INDIANAPOLIS.

DALLAS, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND NEW YORK FURNISHED AM COPIES.
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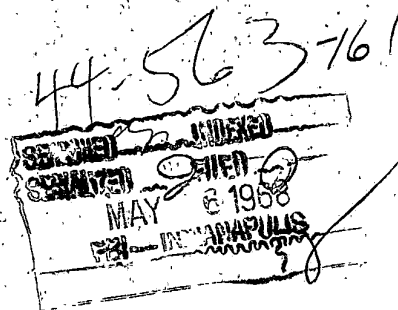
FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

RE: MURKIN
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Re Indianapolis airtel to Louisville, 4/29/68.

On 5/2/68, MISSY FOX, 4402 44th Street, Ashland, Ky., a high school student, advised SA ROBERT L. STOWE, JR., that on 4/20/68, she was on the train between Chicago, Ill., and Ashland, Ky. While on the train she saw a man whom she believed to be identical with RAY. This identification was made from a newspaper photograph. When FOX viewed the photographs appearing on the Identification Order and Wanted Flyer, she stated that the man she saw was certainly was not RAY. She noted that the photographs on the Wanted Flyer and Identification Order are of much better quality than the newspaper photograph she saw and she is now sure that she did not see RAY.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

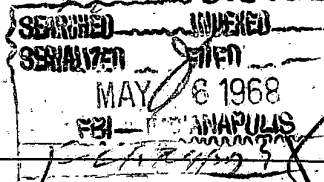
Re: Telephone call to Springfield from Inspector THOMAS
 E. BISHOP, SOG, 4/24/68.

MARGRET CARMICHAEL STRADER, wife of ROBERT HOOD STRADER, was contacted at the residence of her father, E. P. CARMICHAEL, Route #1, Lexington, Illinois, on 4/30/68. Mrs. STRADER advised she and her husband were at the CARMICHAEL residence the weekend of 4/20-22/68. She advised that on the night of 4/21/68 or early morning of 4/22/68 her husband was awakened by the dogs barking outside the farm residence which is located up a farm lane one-half mile from the main rural road. She advised her husband and her father, E. P. CARMICHAEL, upon making a search of the outside area, found that the STRADER's 1967 Oldsmobile Delta "88", cream colored with black vinyl top, had been broken into. Mrs. STRADER advised nothing was missing from the car and no one was located or seen in the area. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband left alone from the CARMICHAEL residence on the morning of 4/22/68 en route Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. STRADER advised that in a short period of time, Mr. STRADER returned to the CARMICHAEL residence. Upon his return,

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STRADER stated he had found a note in the recessed area of the speedometer of his car. (Mrs. STRADER pointed out that the speedometer has been broken; therefore, her husband was not normally attracted to the speedometer). She related this note was made up of words cut from newspapers and pasted on the back of a pocket calendar (unable to describe the calendar). Mrs. STRADER said the note read in substance, "If you go to the police or the FBI you will be killed." Mrs. STRADER advised her husband, after returning with the note, proceeded en route Detroit, Michigan, and after a short period of time had elapsed, he telephonically contacted her, stating he was at the Holiday Inn, Bloomington, Illinois. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband informed her that upon reaching the road one mile north of the CARMICHAEL residence, and Route 66, he saw a 1966 or 1967 Chevrolet, tan in color, no license information, with two men in the car, parked along the road. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her that this car followed him en route Bloomington. However, they did not turn into the Holiday Inn when he did. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband then told her he was proceeding on to Detroit, Michigan,

Mrs. STRADER advised upon discussing above with her parents, her mother, Mrs. E. P. CARMICHAEL, stated she had noticed a late model, tan car, making several trips on the main rural road near the CARMICHAEL residence on the early morning of 4/22/68.

Mrs. STRADER advised that on the night of 4/22/68 her husband telephonically contacted her, but he would not disclose his location as he stated he was afraid to mention his location over the phone. She related her husband told her that he stopped at a rest stop area after leaving Indianapolis, Indiana. Upon leaving his car and walking the direction of the men's restroom, he saw a tan automobile occupied by two men driving very slow. He stated at this time the rider in this automobile fired a shot at him. STRADER told his wife the shot just missed his ear and he, STRADER, hit the ground where he laid as if he had been hit. STRADER stated that the tan car disappeared and he has not seen it since.

Mrs. STRADER stated her husband believed this action was due to his being in the men's restroom at the Gulf Truck Stop, Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/27/68, where he allegedly overheard five men planning to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her that one of the men in the restroom was RAY, whom he recognized after RAY's photograph was published. She stated he further informed her that he would be able to recognize the other men he saw in the restroom. Mrs. STRADER advised she recalls being at the Gulf Truck Stop at Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/29/68. She stated upon their leaving the truck stop, her husband did not mention to her anything of hearing of the plan to kill KING. She stated she does recall her

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husband remarked, "If King goes back to Memphis he will be killed." Mrs. STRADER advised her husband did say he wanted to see CARL STERN of NBC, Washington, D.C, whom he knew but did not state why he desired to see STERN.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband returned to the CARMICHAEL residence at Lexington, Illinois, on Friday, 4/26/68, where he stayed until the morning of Saturday, 4/27/68, at which time STRADER and his mother-in-law had an argument over Mrs. STRADER's son by a previous marriage. Mrs. CARMICHAEL told STRADER to leave, which he did.

Mrs. STRADER stated she told her husband she had contacted Mr. DONALD T. SULLIVAN, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Springfield Office of the FBI, and that he, STRADER, should call Mr. SULLIVAN and set up an appointment; that Mr. SULLIVAN had informed her he would make an appointment to meet STRADER at any location or at any time when STRADER was available. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her he was afraid to attempt to meet with FBI Agents, as he felt he was being followed. Mrs. STRADER stated she was unable to convince her husband to make arrangements for a meeting with the FBI. She advised her husband is very much interested in obtaining protection.

Mrs. STRADER advised of some of her husband's activities, which are not concerning the murder of Dr. KING. She advised that she does not know all of her husband's business and that she is sure he has not told her all he knows.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is acquainted with RAYMOND STARNES of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who told STRADER in the summer of 1967 that there were several businessmen in the area of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who were taking up a collection to obtain money to have KING assassinated. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is well acquainted in the Baton Rouge and Denham Springs, Louisiana, area. She stated he was, in the summer of 1967, connected with the E.C. Donnell Construction Company of Denham Springs, La., which was doing construction work for the telephone company. She related E. C. DONNELL lives in Dallas, Texas. She related DONNELL had an equipment rental business and while STRADER and DONNELL were attempting to rent the equipment they were trying to gain financing for a recreational park in Louisiana similar to "Six Flags Over Texas." She related that some way they came in contact with a CHARLES and LILLIAN SHAPIRO (ph) of Miami, Florida, who advised they could finance same but were not interested, in a recreational park but would be interested in financing a horse racing track. Mrs. STRADER advised Mr. DONNELL obtained RAYMOND STARNES to help locate his land which could be used as a horse racing park. He also obtained sanction of the sheriff, (FNU) IRWIN and SAM BOSKO, both of Slidell, La; however, "things got out of hand" and an article

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appeared in "Life" magazine, and the Governor of Louisiana placed a stop to the entire operation.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is in telephonic contact with her daily but declines to furnish information as to his location over the telephone, as he is very afraid. Mrs. STRADER was advised to inform her husband if he has any information he desires to furnish to the FBI, he can contact any FBI Field Office, who will then arrange for an interview with him.

For information receiving offices, Inspector THOMAS E. BISHOP, SOG, on 4-24-68 advised he had received a telephone call from CARL STERN, Washington, D. C., NBC Office, who told him that a man (FNU) STRADER, whom he had met on one occasion while covering a story in the South, had, on 4-24-68, telephoned him from someplace around Toledo, Ohio. STRADER informed him he was en route to the home of his wife's parents in Lexington, Illinois. He then told STERN a "fantastic tale" about him, STRADER, overhearing a conversation on 3-29-68 in Lebanon, Tennessee, concerning the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Apparently STRADER was of the impression that the people involved in the conversation knew he had overheard them, and they had taken his license number. STRADER believed there had been at least one shot fired at him since that time. STRADER informed STERN he had vital information concerning KING's murder and called STERN for advice as to what he should do. STERN advised STRADER to call the Springfield Office of the FBI and they would make arrangements to have someone meet him at his convenience in their territory. According to Mr. STERN, BISHOP stated that STRADER is afraid to approach any office and may desire to have someone meet him at a location other than an office.

The files of the Springfield Office contain the following references to ROBERT STRADER, however, it cannot be determined at this point whether or not they refer to ROBERT HOOD STRADER of Lexington, Illinois:

On 11-19-65 ROBERT STRADER, 6'1" - 2", 175 lbs., employed cutting timber near Edwardsville, Illinois, and in construction work at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois, was considered a suspect in the robbery of the Hamel State Bank, Bufile 91-20560, Sifile 91-2642.

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In 10-66 prosecution of ROBERT H. STRADER was declined in an ITSMV matter which involved a rental car. ROBERT H. STRADER had represented himself as an employee of General Telephone Co., of Illinois, registering at two motels at Bloomington, Illinois, and had skipped without properly checking out and without paying for his room. SHRADER could not be located at that time but was described as a white, male, 35 - 40, 5'10" - 6', 150 lbs., dark brown hair, medium build and medium complexion. He was subject of Sifile 26-29006.

One ROBERT HOOD STRADER was subject of an ITSMV; UFAP - AUTO THEFT case in which Milwaukee was OO,9/63, Bufile 26-316708, Sifile 26-23403. This individual had a rather extensive arrest record dating back to 11/48 at which time he was AWOL and which involved record of arrest for issuing worthless checks, mail fraud, investigation of forgery, and defrauding an innkeeper. ROBERT H. STRADER, whose FBI No. was given as 244 633 A, was twice a patient at hospitals, one as a patient at the Patton State Hospital concerning which fingerprints were furnished by the State Bureau of Identification, Sacramento, California, on 8-3-60 and subsequently again on 9-21-60, was a patient at Atascadero State Hospital, California. That individual was described as white, male, approximately 6'3", 190 lbs., fair complexion, hazel eyes, brown hair and was considered to have suicidal tendencies.

A check through NCIC on 4-30-68 indicated ROBERT STRADER was not currently wanted.

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ALVAREZ, J. L., AN. 1974-1975

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THE REG. CO., AND MILITARY RECORDS FIVE HUNDRED
AND FIFTEEN. CHECK-REPORT MADE IN ATLANTA BY A. J. BROWN. IN THE CASE OF
THE CO., ATLANTA, REFLECT COLLEGE GRADUATE. BIRTH DATE FEB 20, 1908.
OF THE STATE, MINN. CREDIT CARD NO. REPORTED TO BE 1018 AND
AS ENTERED IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

4/25/68, DEL. AT 10:00 AM, TENN. LODGE WALKED TO REAR OF
OF AMERICAN AIRLINES, 100-100 ATLANTA, ALA. SEVEN, LA 1, AND
LEAVING THE AIRPLANE. WALKED TO WALKED TO THE IN FRONT
CONNECTED WITH CAPTIONED MATTER AND IF HE AND AN OTHER, IDENTICAL
IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT.

ATLANTA INTERVIEWING 1. WHEBEN E. CHECK-IN OF MIKE A. J.

A. 487 AND RANGE-300.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (157-400)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 5/1/68.

Enclosed for Indianapolis is one copy of referenced teletype.

On 5/2/68 Mrs. JOHN J. HOLMES ROYER, 524 Woodlawn Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised SA ASLEY A. ANDERSON: J. ELEANOR COMSTOCKER, age 25, is her son and he is presently attending Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana. He is a U. S. Army veteran who served a year in Vietnam. During early April, 1968, he was in Atlanta and vicinity with a fellow student, JOHN JERRY, for the purpose of writing a story for the "New World Magazine" at Notre Dame. He will be returning to the Notre Dame campus on Sunday, 5/5/68.

The COMSTOCKER family are long-time residents of St. Paul and have excellent reputations, according to the Credit Bureau of St. Paul.

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AT FOWAN BEND, INDIANA

Interview WOHLENFLOER and ABNEY for anything they might have observed while in Atlanta and possibly Birmingham about 4/7/68.

This lead is being set up by airtel rather than teletype inasmuch as they are not returning to the Notre Dame campus until sometime Sunday, 5/5/68.

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Brother Appeals To Ray To Give Up In King Case

Chicago (AP)—The brother of James Earl Ray, the man sought on a charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., appealed to his brother to surrender, the Chicago Sun-Times reported yesterday.

The Sun-Times interviewed Jerry Ray, 32 years old, in the room he occupies at a north suburban country club where he works as a maintenance man.

Ray expressed fears that his brother was dead and said other members of the family also doubted that he was alive.

The Sun-Times quoted Ray as saying: "If he is still alive, I urge him to surrender himself to the FBI or to contact someone in the family and ask them to make surrender arrangements."

HE DESCRIBED his brother as "the hottest man in the country . . . the most wanted man there ever was," the Sun-Times said.



(AP Wirephoto)

**JERRY RAY
Fears Brother Dead**

Ray told the interviewer he found it difficult to believe his brother shot King because "he

never was a man of violence."

His brother's criminal record shows that he never fired a gun or hit anyone, Ray said. But he was reported as saying that his brother could have been used in a conspiracy to kill the civil rights leader.

The Sun-Times said Ray related that his brother obviously received a large payoff at some time.

"Look at all the money he came into all of a sudden," the story quoted him as saying. "Buying Mustangs, taking dancing lessons, taking trips to Mexico."

"YOU DON'T GET that kind of money from sticking up grocery stores, and my brother wasn't the kind to stick up currency exchanges," Ray was quoted as telling the paper.

Ray said that if his brother tries to contact the people who "used him," he would be killed.

The story quoted him further: "If he's still alive, the FBI's going to get him, you can be sure of that."

Prison records show James Earl Ray was considered a model prisoner while in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kas.

By the time Ray was released on April 5, 1958, he had earned—in addition to time off for good behavior—an extra 45 days early release for meritorious conduct.

He served two years and nine months of a three-year, nine-month sentence imposed by a Kansas City Federal court for forging postal money orders.

NOTHING could be found to show how Ray earned the extra 45 days early release—and Bureau of Prisons officials refused to make his record public. But other sources did.

In contrast to his Leavenworth record, Ray currently is an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary and received a general discharge rather than an honorable discharge from the Army in 1948 because of ineptness and lack of adaptability, the FBI has reported. While in the Army he served three months at hard labor for being drunk and resisting arrest, the FBI said.

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WERE RELEASED TODAY TO NEWS MEDIA IN WASHINGTON. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN IN MEXICO)." THIS IS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN DARK GLASSES AND SPORT SHIRT. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT IN CALIFORNIA)." THIS IS HEAD SHOT OF RAY IN BUSINESS SUIT WHICH SHOWS MARKED CLEFT IN CHIN. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE COPIES OF THESE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS LOCALLY AND YOU SHOULD INSURE THEY RECEIVE WIDE-SPREAD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ALL MEDIA CONTACTS. FIVE COPIES OF EACH OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ALL OFFICES. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO ADVISED.

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FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (THREE PAGES)

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RE MYTEL MAY FOUR LAST. 7-589+

RE: JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, AKA; FORMER ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION UNABLE TO VERIFY AUSTIN'S DEATH.

REVIEW OF MENARD STATE PENITENTIARY, ILLINOIS REVEALED AUSTIN,
AKA JAMES FREELEY, "SHARKEY" < "BLACKKEY", FBI NUMBER EIGHT TWO
ONE SEVEN THREE THREE, DISCHARGED FEBRUARY TWENTY THREE NINETEEN
SIXTY FIVE TO ST. LEONARD'S HOUSE, TWO ONE ZERO ZERO WEST
WARREN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AND RECEIVED FINAL PAROLE
DISCHARGED ON JULY ELEVEN NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN THROUGH PAROLE
OFFICE ONE SIX ZERO NORTH LA SALLE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. AUSTIN
FURTHER DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH

FIVE FEET TEN AND ONE HALF INCHES TALL,

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, GREY HAIR, DARK

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COMPLEXION, OCCUPATION FARMER, SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD.
FAMILY INCLUDES BROTHER CHARLES, WAVERLY, ILLINOIS, BORTHER,
BERT, SPRINGFIELD, NIECE, MRS. JOE REESE, THREE ONE SIX NORTH
HOOSIER, BRAZIL, INDIANA, NEPHEW RALPH TANNEHILL, ONE FOUR THREE
TWO FOURTH STREET, MADISON, ILLINOIS, SISTER MRS. DOROTHY
SEYMOUR, FRANKLIN, ILLINOIS, COUSIN GERTRUDE WALLING, NINE ZERO
FOUR LIND STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS. AUSTIN'S CORRESPONDENCE
FILE ALSO REFLECTS THE FOLLOWING; ROBERT REED, CASE WORKER,
AND FATHER DOUGLAS WOLFE, BOTH FROM ST. LEONARD'S HOUSE,
TWO ONE ZERO ZERO WARREN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ATTORNEY
J. EDWARD JONES, ONE FOUR THREE TWO WEST HARRISON STREET, CHICAGO,
A. A. FERRIS COMPANY, INC., ONE TWO TWO WEST LINCOLN, GOSHEN,
INDIANA, ST. ANTHONY'S INN, INC., TWENTY NINE SOUTH LA SALLE
STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, GIRARD LETTMAN, WARREN CLINIC, TWO
FOUR FOUR NINE WEST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
MR. AND MRS. (FNU) MYRICK, CASEYVILLE NURSING HOME, CASEYVILLE,
ILLINOIS, A. B. ROBERTSON, TWO ZERO ONE ONE ROAD STREET, MADISON,
ILLINOIS, WAUKEGAN RESCUE MISSION, WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS, WILLIE
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MAE MORGAN, WAVERLY, ILLINOIS, MYRTLE COOK, ACME HOTEL, ST.
LOUIS, MISSOURI.

CHICAGO DIVISION AT CHICAGO AND WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS,
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION AT BRAZIL AND GOSHEN, INDIANA, AND
ST. LOUIS DIVISION AT ST. LOUIS, INVESTIGATE IN AN EFFORT TO
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW AUSTIN. SPRINGFIELD CONDUCTING INVESTI-
GATION AT MADISON, WAVERLY, CASEYVILLE, FRANKLIN, QUINCY, AND
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RE MY TEL THIS DATE.

RE JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, AKA.

AUSTIN'S BROTHER, CHARLES, LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED, WAVERLY,
ILLINOIS, AND WAS IN RECEIPT OF LETTER MAY SEVEN FROM AUSTIN
WITH RETURN ADDRESS, TWO ZERO THREE WARREN BOULEVARD,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. CHARLES AUSTIN WAS NOT SURE IF HIS
BROTHER IS EMPLOYED.

CHARLES AUSTIN INTERVIEWED RE SUBJECT RAY AND SHOWN
PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY BUT ADVISED HE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT
NOR HAD HE EVER HEARD HIS BROTHER MENTION SUBJECT.

CHICAGO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOSEPH ELMER ^{AUSTIN} SUSTIN FOR ANY
INFORMATION RE SUBJECT RAY.

COPIES MAILED MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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TO: SAC Chicago

FROM: SAC Indianapolis

MURKIN; CR

Re Springfield tels 5-9-68.

Re: Joseph Elmer Austin, aka

Sandra Miller, daughter of Wanda Reese, niece of Joseph Elmer Austin advised Austin's last known address 2056 Washington Blvd., Chicago as of Christmas 1967.

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2 New King Murder Suspect Photos Posted

Washington (UPI)—The FBI distributed yesterday two more photographs of the accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King—one of them "an extremely good likeness."

Both were snapshots of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, an escaped convict accused of shooting King to death at Memphis April 4.

The "extremely good likeness" is a candid photograph of Ray in a business suit and tie and shows almost his full face, taken in late January or early February somewhere in California.

THE other, which the FBI said was taken last November somewhere in Mexico, shows him wearing sun glasses and what appears to be a white sports shirt.

The FBI said Ray is known to wear sun glasses frequently.

The two new photographs—the FBI refused to say where or how they were obtained—will be displayed throughout the country along with three other pictures of Ray which



(AP Wirephoto)

JAMES EARL RAY PICTURES RELEASED
Photo (Left) Made In 1967, (Right) In February

now appear on FBI's wanted posters.

One of the earlier photographs was taken when Ray was graduated from bartending school at Los Angeles early this year. His eyes were closed when the shutter snapped, but they were sketched in by an FBI artist. The picture shows him wearing a white shirt and black bow tie.

THE other two photographs

were made when Ray entered the Missouri State Prison in 1960 to serve a 20-year sentence for armed robbery.

Ray, who escaped from prison April 23, 1967, by hiding in a truck, is wanted by the FBI for illegal flight to avoid prosecution in Tennessee for King's murder.

The Civil Rights leader was shot to death on a motel balcony, evidently by a rifleman 200 feet away in a rooming house bathroom.

THIRTEEN days later the FBI announced it had issued a warrant for Galt, but after checking some 53,000 fingerprints, the FBI said two days afterwards that Galt and Ray were the same man.

Ray was added to the FBI's list of 10 most wanted criminals April 20. There have been reports of the search extending to various foreign countries, including Australia, and authorities along the United States borders have been alerted to watch for him.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), INDIANAPOLIS, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND
SPRINGFIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN

RE: SUBJECT'S BROTHER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

JOHN LARRY RAY CLAIMS SERVED SIX YEARS, EIGHT MONTHS,
MENARD PENITENTIARY (23401) IN ILLINOIS; AND TWO YEARS, THREE
MONTHS, INDIANA STATE PRISON (35297).

INDIANAPOLIS AND SPRINGFIELD, REQUESTED TO MAKE CONTACT
PRISON OFFICIALS, OBTAIN COMPLETE DATA IN FILE REGARDING JOHN
LARRY RAY INCLUDING ANY CHRONOLOGICAL DATA SHEETS SHOWING
ACTIVITIES WHILE IN PRISON, ANY DATA REFLECTING DISCIPLINARY
ACTION, MENTALITY TESTS, OR DIAGNOSTIC REPORTS FROM EVALUATION
COMMITTEES AND OR PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION. THIS DATA TO BE USED
FOR EVALUATION AND ASSISTANCE IN CONTINUING CONTACTS AND
INTERVIEWS WITH JOHN LARRY RAY.

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IF JOHN LARRY RAY KNOWN TO ANY SOURCES AT THESE TWO PRISONS, OBTAIN FROM THESE SOURCES ANY INFO THAT WOULD IDENTIFY CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF JOHN LARRY RAY, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO MIGHT BE FROM OR RESIDING IN THE ST. LOUIS AREA.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Records of United States Post Office, Indianapolis, Indiana, reflect that JAMES M. RAY, formerly of 848 South Belleview Place, now residing 5214 East 11th Street, has been in continuous employment as a carrier since 1960. RAY's date of birth is

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

FROM : SA JOSEPH CARL MC DONALD

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/26/68

Re: JAMES EARL RAY, aka

This is to record that in response to NY tel to IP 4/23/68, all auto dealers in Richmond, Indiana were contacted in an effort to locate information regarding ORVILLE D. EWING for interview as requested in re matter. All persons contacted advised that EWING not known to them as an auto dealer in Richmond, Indiana. A credit and arrest record check was made with negative results. A review of city and telephone directories, public utilities (gas, water, electricity etc.) voters registration and local parole officer were made with negative results.

The above information was telephonically furnished to Sup. WILLIAM T. TULLER 4/24/68, who advised that on the basis of a review of records at USP Terre Haute, Indiana, it had been determined that subject had a relative named FRANK RICHMOND rather than the city of Richmond, Indiana, being involved in this matter and that Richmond was located in Fort Wayne, Indiana, he also instructed that a memo be submitted in response to the above tel.

This is to further record that all laundries in Wayne, Union and Fayette Counties have been contacted with negative results concerning markings 02B-6 D 2b-6 and 20R-3. Photos have been displayed with negative results.

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