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Modern Enterprises	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-44296-E	"
Japan International	Newport Beach, Cal.	364-44297-E	"
Remco	Las Vegas, Nevada	364-44337-E	"
Blue Star	Reno, Nevada	364-44412-E	Vanden Bosch
James L. Hubbel	Strathmore, Cal.	364-44539-E	" "
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His and Her Club	Savannah, Ga.	364-03123-E	Capps
ABC Publications	Hollywood, Fla.	364-03126-E	Marquette
Jean Marie	Orlando, Fla.	364-03137-E	"
Rebel Florida	Orlando, Fla.	364-41602-E	Richie
Kay Manor	Miami, Fla.	364-48750-E	Marquette
<u>Fort Worth, Texas Division</u>			
Sterling Action Club	Corpus Christi, Tx.	364-39986-E	Marsh
F and T	Fort Worth, Tx.	364-40081-E	"
?	Fort Worth, Tx.	364-40330-E	"
Horizons Correspondence Club	Dallas, Tx.	364-40389-E	"
<u>Boston, Massachusetts Division</u>			
Nutmeg Press	Grosvenor Dale, Ct.	364-23774-E	Allain
Kitten Club	North Adams, Mass.	364-30737-E	"
Action Relationships	Boston, Mass.	364-42967-E	"
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Martin's	Detroit, Mich.	364-43569-E	"
Random House	Warren, Mich.	364-48063-E	Hinckley
<u>Cincinnati, Ohio Division</u>			
Swinger's Travel & Vacation Club	Fort Wayne, Ind.	364-27059-E	Herzog
Vigo Villa	Terre Haute, Ind.	364-28234-E	Herzog
<u>Kansas City, Missouri Division</u>			
Swinging Set	Kansas City, Mo.	364-11096-E	Fay
Club Lolita	Kansas City, Mo.	364-38211-E	Fay
<u>New York, New York Division</u>			
Ram Enterprises	New York, NY	364-32101-E	Miller
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Frenchy	Chinchilla, Pa.	364-44883-E	Similes
Swinger's Life	Enola, Pa.	364-45329-E	Ferguson
The In Crowd	Philadelphia, Pa.	364-45370-E	"
Club Ecstasy	York, Pa.	364-45500-E	"
Stonehill Studios	Berkeley Heights, NJ	364-48312-E	Kallies
<u>Saint Louis, Missouri Division</u>			
R J S	Davenport, Iowa	364-46385-E	Wensman
Ron Williams	Saint Louis, Mo.	364-46572-E	"
<u>Saint Paul, Minnesota Division</u>			
The Group	Wayzata, Minn.	364-39222-E	Gosnell
Action	St. Paul, Minn.	364-47443-E	Gosnell
<u>San Francisco, California Division</u>			
A to Z Club	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-21863-E	Poindexter
Ad Reply Service	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-38729-E	"
The Group	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-38802-E	Vanden Bosch

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FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : RESIDENT AGENTS

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (44-563)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

For your information and investigative assistance, subject JAMES EARL RAY took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968, and prior to his departing Los Angeles in March of 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

All SRAs should immediately assign lead to Agents within their RA to insure all country clubs are contacted and I.O. pictures of RAY left with these individuals.

Memo directed to SA FLETCHER should be submitted. Lead must be covered in 24 hours.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 6-9-68

FROM : BILL AMOS - Security Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 11:38AM this date, Mrs. Ellis, 938 Carroll St., (no Phone), Hammond, Indiana, telephonically contacted this office and advised that she believes photo of JAMES EARL RAY which appeared today in local paper, is photo of her former neighbor, JAMES RAY, who formerly resided at 934 Carroll St., Hammond, Ind.

Mrs. Ellis stated that 934 address is building with 5 apartments, which are used by itinerant southerners, for temporary housing, until they locate ~~other housing~~ other housing. Mrs. Ellis states that individual known to her as JAMES RAY abandoned his family at above address, several months ago, and that his family left area approx. 6 months ago, supposedly to rejoin him in Chicago.

Mrs. Ellis stated she was not personally acquainted with person called JAMES RAY, but had observed him several times in neighborhood, that he matches photo in paper except that ~~he is~~ somewhat thinner.

Mrs. Ellis stated that she is employed during day at the General Refractories, Gary, Indiana, in the shipping Dept., but that she does not recall the phone number.

Mrs. Ellis was advised that she would be contacted by agent in near future re this matter.

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The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, conceal all sources, paraphrase contents.

Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks: ReBulet 5-20-68.

In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has under-written the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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Relaxed Ray Suddenly Panicked

London (AP)—James Earl Ray seemed to be an easy going fugitive until something alarmed him three days before his arrest.

Then, overnight, he was jumpy and sought to hide himself. The bars and restaurants of Lisbon and London saw him no more. He switched to an obscure back street hotel, locked himself in, changed his whole mode of life.

WHEN he went out it was only to buy cold snacks from the shop around the corner. He ate them in his room. And his nervousness seemed to increase when he was twice informed that his planned flights out of England had been delayed.

THE Pax Hotel in Pimlico, where Ray stayed and called himself Ramon George Sneyd, presents a blankly anonymous face to the outside world.

It is a cream-painted three-story building in a street filled with others just like it. A two-minute walk away is the British Overseas Airways terminal and the busy Victoria continental rail depot.

There's no name on the black-painted door and the electric sign above it only says "hotel." The push-button by the knocker is labeled "bell." The telephone number is unlisted. The Pax is discreet.

Anna Thomas, the Swedish-born 54-year-old wife of an Englishman, bought the place

recently, redecorated it from top to bottom, and opened in April. She has seven rooms and can accommodate a total of 12 guests.

SHE saw little of Sneyd during the three days he was with her from last Wednesday to Saturday. He was already lying low.

"He arrived in the middle of a violent rainstorm Wednesday evening," Mrs. Thomas said Monday. "There was no one in the hotel because I'd only just returned from visiting my 86-year-old mother in Stockholm.

"He had only an airline bag as luggage, but I gave him No. 1 on the ground floor. We often get single gentlemen with only an airline bag, staying over between flights."

(Police say the R a m o n George Sneyd name used by Ray belongs to a Toronto policeman. Ray used the name to obtain two passports and, when arrested, had both passports with him).



Sneyd

Mrs. Thomas said Sneyd didn't have much to say.

"HE said he was from Toronto. I asked him about Toronto. He said there was a lot of unemployment there."

But she noticed how ner-

vous and ill he seemed.

"He hardly ever went out and then only to buy food, lots of newspapers and aspirins," Mrs. Thomas said.

"HE seemed so ill and stayed in bed all day. He told me he had arrived on an early flight and was very tired. He seemed very, very nervous."

Mrs. Thomas said she only once got into the room while he was there. That was when he'd slipped out for aspirin. She found he'd made the bed and tidied up. And he'd washes his own shirts.

When she brought him breakfast the first morning he refused to open the door and told her to leave the tray outside. She asked him for the hotel register which she'd given him to sign. He put it out later with the tray. But she found he hadn't signed it.

MRS. Thomas said Sneyd had no visitors and only two phone calls—both from a girl at British European Airways about postponed flight bookings to Germany.

"I didn't know who he was when she asked for Mr. Sneyd," said Mrs. Thomas. "I said: 'Do you mean the Canadian?' And that was it."

Sneyd paid his hotel check with a five-pound bill, the equivalent of \$12. Then he went out for the last time through that anonymous looking street door. He was arrested at Heathrow Airport

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a few hours later.

Speculation in Brussels ranged from the suggestion that he might be seeking to enroll as a mercenary for African or Yemen, was en route to Eastern Europe, or just hoped to lose himself in the continental summer vacation crowds.

British police sources said yesterday Ray, when arrested at London, was making the latest of an undisclosed number of trips to Europe to pick up money said to have been deposited for him in a Swiss bank.

The police informants said Ray arrived in Britain May 8, went to Lisbon to pick up money sent there for him from his Swiss bank account and returned to London May 17. The sources said Scotland Yard received an alert to be on the lookout for Ray on May 17 but missed him.

Details of Ray's movements between May 17 and the day he was arrested were shadowy, but the police sources said he ran out of money again and was reported to have flown back to Lisbon. Perhaps because of his inability to receive another cash transfer he then decided to fly to Brussels and was caught as he passed through London.

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Police Weigh Ray Case Accomplices

'Important' Link Theorized In Way Suspect Escaped

FROM WIRE SERVICES

Police investigators are weighing the "important possibility" that James Earl Ray, the man accused of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., had important, perhaps underworld, accomplices helping him make his escape to Europe through Canada.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, whose diligent check of passport applications provided the clue leading to his identification and arrest in London last Saturday, has decided that Ray on his own could hardly have worked so fast and successfully in his month in Toronto.

HIS KNOWLEDGE of laxities in procedures for obtaining birth certificates and passports impressed the police as having been expert, the New York Times News Service reported.

"He didn't come cold into the city. There was help of some kind," said an RCMP spokesman. He noted that many Canadians, seeking passports and related documents in the normal way, often complain that it takes longer than the two weeks it took Ray.

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RCMP sources note that Ray used the loopholes known to espionage agents and other underworld figures to enter and leave the country. Ray had money. He also had been in Canada a year ago. He lived in Montreal for a while last July, signing an apartment lease under the alias of Eric S. Galt, a name he also used in Los Angeles.

The real Eric S. Galt is a supervisor with Union Carbide in Scarboro, a community in metropolitan Toronto.

PEOPLE WHO encountered Ray in Canada say he once was handed an envelope by a fat man and that he visited a bar several times to drink beer and watch go-go dancers.

Mrs. Les Sum Loo, Ray's landlady at one of two Toronto rooming houses where he stayed, said the fat man was the only visitor King's suspected killer had in 16 days.

Ray got the envelope on the day his \$9-a-week rent was due and the day he paid a Toronto travel agency \$345 for a round-trip air ticket to London. Ray arrived in London in mid-May and was arrested there Saturday.

Habitues of two Toronto pool halls said Ray showed up that same day but walked away when asked to shoot a game.

Two waiters at a bar in Toronto's Waverly Hotel said they saw Ray sitting at a front-row table, drinking beer and watching the go-go dancers.

It was believed that Ray was at the bar with another man for two or three consecutive nights between April 30 and May 3.

ONE MYSTERY confronted

ing the police is how it happened that the three men whose names Ray used as aliases all live within a few blocks of each other. They are Galt, Paul Bridgman, a consultant teacher with the Toronto Board of Education, and Ramon George Sneyd, a constable of the Toronto police force.

All three men — Galt, Bridgman and Sneyd — bear certain resemblances, police say, to Ray. All three have dark hair as does Ray. They are about Ray's height — 5 feet 10 inches. Ray is reported to weigh 174 pounds. Galt weighs 172 and Bridgman 190. Galt is 54 years old but passes for a man much younger. Bridgman and Sneyd are 35, Ray is 40.

When Ray was arrested in London he was carrying two Canadian passports issued to Ramon George Sneyd. When he first came to Toronto on April 8, four days after the King slaying, Ray used the name of Paul Bridgman and obtained a birth certificate in this name.

POLICE SAY THEY do not know how Ray obtained vital statistics about Bridgman and Sneyd. But this need not have been difficult. He could have obtained the data from birth announcements in Toronto newspapers.

When applying for a passport, using Sneyd's name on April 16, Ray might have checked the telephone directory to ascertain if Sneyd were still alive.

Police say Ray intended to get his passport in Bridgman's name, but after obtaining the appropriate birth certificate and passport photo found that this man already held a passport. How did he find this out? The investigators are trying to learn the answer.

IN LONDON yesterday a judge ordered Ray held without bail on charges of illegally entering Britain and gave the go-ahead for American authorities to begin extradition proceedings.

The legal machinery was set

in motion when guards swept the neatly-dressed ex-convict into packed Bow Street Magistrate's Court. He was sulien and scowling.

The hearing on the British charges that Ray entered the country with a loaded .38 caliber pistol and forged passport lasted 1 minute and 22 seconds.

The magistrate ordered Ray held for another hearing on June 18 and informed sources said he granted United States authorities a "provisional warrant" for extradition.

THE PROVISIONAL document gave the U.S. Justice Department the green light to prepare a full, formal application for extradition. Authoritative sources said this will be done at a hearing in Bow Street Court on Thursday. Ray will be present, these sources said.

Immediately after the brief hearing yesterday, guards hustled Ray off to Brixton Prison and transferred him later in the day to the maximum security wing of Wandsworth Prison. Informed prison sources said two guards were posted to watch Ray's cell to

maintain a 24-hour clock watch.

In addition to the murder charges in Tennessee, Ray faces possible trial in Missouri as an escapee from the State Penitentiary there.

With head partially lowered, Ray spoke only twice and both times his voice was barely audible. He had one word to say each time — "No." The judge asked if Ray objected to restrictions on news coverage of the hearing and if he had a statement of his own to make.

THOMAS BUTLER, the Scotland Yard detective who arrested Ray at Heathrow Airport last Saturday morning, handed Magistrate Frank Milton a request for counsel for Ray.

Court sources said the Bow Street magistrate appointed the British law firm of Michael Dresden and Co. to represent Ray. The firm was chosen because it stood next in line on the court's legal aid roster.

Ray could waive opposition to extradition, or the British Home Office could simply report him to the United States, it was reported.

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King Killer Suspect

Is Caught

In London

Carrying

Loaded Gun

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

The Indianapolis News

Indianapolis, Indiana

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Ex-Convict Ray Seized After Tip

LONDON (UPI) — Scotland Yard detectives today arrested James Earl Ray, accused of murdering civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., ending a 65-day manhunt.

Officers said Ray was carrying a loaded pistol and two Canadian passports.

Scotland Yard, working closely with the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, announced Ray was seized at the London airport as he was going through British customs after his arrival on a flight from Lisbon, Portugal.

Informed sources said the arrest was made on a "tip"—possibly from the FBI or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police after an examination of more than 100,000 passport photos in Washington and Ottawa, Canada. It involved going through every photo of every passport issued in each country since April 6. The total was in excess of at least 100,000.



JAMES E. RAY

He was rushed from the airport to Cannon Row Police Station in London, where he was charged with possessing a forged passport and a firearm without a certificate.

The arrest of Ray was first announced in Washington by Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and then confirmed in London by the famed Scotland Yard.

Clark said extradition proceedings would be initiated shortly to return Ray to the United States, to face murder charges in Memphis, where King was shot April 4.

The arrest of Ray meant police now had in custody both alleged killers in two assassinations which have horrified the United States in recent weeks. In Los Angeles, the alleged assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Sirhan B. Sirhan, was being held under heavy guard after his indictment for murder.

King's widow, Coretta, attended Kennedy's funeral in New York today and upon leaving St. Patrick's Cathedral was informed of Ray's capture. She moved on impassively without comment.

The Scotland Yard authorities said Ray had been planning to go on to Brussels, Belgium. His forged Canadian passports were in the name of Raymon George Sneyd, 35, of Toronto, Ontario.

The arrest ended a manhunt that was one of the most intense in American history. The escaped Missouri convict was placed on the FBI's most wanted list on an emergency basis 16 days after King was cut down by a rifle shot as he stood on a hotel balcony in Memphis. Ray was indicted for first-degree murder by a Memphis grand jury on May 7.

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TO DIRECTOR AND INDIANAPOLIS (MAIL)
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

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REBUTEL TO NK, THIS DATE.

NORMAN MC CABE, DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, RCA, CAMDEN, NJ, ADVISED THAT MANUFACTURER'S SERIAL NUMBERS AS FURNISHED OF TWO ONE SIX V S THREE ONE TWO AND J I S ZERO ZERO SIX P ARE NUMBERS FOR RCA BATTERIES AND NOT FOR TRANSISTOR RADIOS. THE FIRST NUMBER IS THE BATTERY SERIAL NUMBER AND THE J I S NUMBER IS A VOLTAGE DISCLOSURE CODE NUMBER. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE SUCH NUMBERS. MC CABE ADVISED THAT INSIDE THE CASING OF RCA PRODUCED TRANSISTOR SETS IS PLACED ON A PIECE OF GLUED PAPER THE SERIAL NUMBER, MODEL NUMBER, AND BATTERY INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SET. OCCASIONALLY A SERIAL NUMBER OR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IS PLACED ON THE PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD OF THE SET. THESE NUMBERS MUST BE OBTAINED TO EFFECT ANY POSSIBLE TRACING OF AN RCA MADE TRANSISTOR RADIO. THE ACTUAL POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING WHERE THE RADIO WAS SOLD IS REMOTE BUT IF RCA COULD OBTAIN THESE NUMBERS THEY WILL

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DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN THIS REGARD. IF THE NUMBERS ARE OBTAINED AT LEAST THE DATE AND PLACE OF MANUFACTURE CAN BE ESTABLISHED. MR. MC CABE ADVISED THAT THE TRACING OF A TRANSISTOR RADIO MANUFACTURED BY THAT COMPANY WILL BE DONE BY RCA AT INDIANAPOLIS AND HE SUGGESTED THAT TO EXPEDITE SUCH A TRACING ANY FUTURE CONTACTS THIS REGARD BE HANDLED AT INDIANAPOLIS.

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had in his possession A "MERC" TRANSISTOR
Radio manufactured by RCA. Bureau desirous
of TRACING SAME.*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

FROM : SA SETH F. KAMINSKY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

The following laundries were canvassed re Laundry Mark "20 R - 3" made with a Thermo-Seal Marking Machine. The following laundries in Porter County and rural Lake County were contacted:

American Laundry & Dry Cleaning
152 Lafayette
Valparaiso, Ind.

American Laundry & Dry Cleaning
810 W. Ridge Rd.
Hobart, Ind.

Chesterton Park Laundry
303 S. 5th
Chesterton, Ind.

Dres-Well Cleaners & Laundry
105 Porter Co.
Chesterton, Ind.

East Town Launderette
11711 E. US 20
Portage, Ind.

East Gary Washerette
925 Central Ave.
E. Gary, Ind.

Joy & Sons Cleaning Center
435 E. 3rd
Hobart, Ind.

Superior Cleaners & Launderers
13 Washington
Valparaiso, Ind.

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Likens Laundries & Cleaners
Lowell-Cedar Lake Rd.
Cedar Lake, Ind.

Lowell Cleaners and Laundry
127 Washington
Lowell, Ind.

Mickey's Laundry and Cleaners
Lake Shore Drive
Cedar Lake, Ind.

The result of all the above contacts was negative.

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Via RADIO DEFERRED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR(44-38861)
SAC, NEW YORK(44-1609)
SAC, MEMPHIS(44-1987)

FROM: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS(44-563)

SUBJ: MURKIN

RE: DONALD STOUT
SUSPECT-CO-CONSPIRATOR

RE: NEW YORK TELEPHONE CALL JUNE 4, 68. ON JUNE 4, 68.

INVESTIGATION AT AVIS RENT-A-CAR, SOUTH BEND, IND. REVEALED
INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION WAS RAY C. STOUT, 3751 MC KINLEY, DEARBORN,
MICHIGAN. STOUT IS EMPLOYED BY VANDA COSMETICS, ORLANDO, FLA.
HE USED AMERICAN EXPRESS CREDIT CARD [REDACTED] HE IS 36
YEARS OF AGE, 6 FEET 2 INCHES, WEIGHT 225 LBS. IN VIEW HIS
DESCRIPTION DOES NOT MEET THAT OF DONALD STOUT, NO FURTHER ACTION
BEING TAKEN.

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 1135 A M Per BRFH

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-563)

FROM : SA IRVIN K. OWEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-12-68

Re. survey requested to identify ERIC STARVO GALT.

Sources, contacted on the dates indicated below, advised that they could find no record and had no personal recollection of any individual or family by the name of GALT in their county. In view of the stringent time limitation caused by banking hours and bank holiday on Good Friday, some of the financial institutions listed below were contacted telephonically.

The following contacts were made by SA OWEN on 4-11 & 12-68:

MONROE COUNTY:

RUTH P. KARSELL, Monroe County Clerk (Voters Reg.)
ELLEN LINDSEY, Bloomington P.D.
MARY DOUGLAS, Credit Bureau of Bloomington
City and County Directories (& Telephone)
William Knapp, First National Bank, Bloomington
W.R. ADAMS, Bloomington National Bank
W.E. PETERSON, Monroe County State Bank
HAROLD GIFFORD, Peoples State Bank, Ellettsville

MARTIN COUNTY:

FRANK STRANGE, MARTIN CO. CLERK, Shoals
Sheriff OSCAR ALLBRIGHT, Shoals
Chief JACK LENZ, Loogootee P.D.
JOHN T. PRATHER, The Union Bank, Loogootee
LEO HARDING, Martin Co. State Bank, Shoals
Telephone directories and Utility Records, Loogootee

DAVIESS COUNTY:

City & County & Telephone directories
HARRY BURKHART, Washington P.D.
Sheriff RALPH MORGAN, Washington
KAREN STEEN, Daviess Co. Clerk's Office, Washington
JAY MYERS, Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Washington
DON BULLOCK, Peoples National Bank, "
RALPH WHITE, The State Bank of Washington
JACK COLBERT, Washington National Bank
HERB McCANN, Farmers State Bank, Plainville
MARCEL AMMER, Bloomfield, Newberry
MARLIN POINDEXTER, First National Bank, Odon

GREENE COUNTY:

HAZEL GROMER, Washington Credit Bureau
CLAUDE STOREY, Greene Co. Clerk
Sheriff DALE HORN, Bloomfield

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Chief NORMAN HALL, Bloomfield P.D.
City and telephone Directories
LELAND BARKELEY, Bloomfield State Bank, Bloomfield
JACK WATSON, Linton P.D.
EVA ROBEY, City Utility Office, Linton
HELEN PHILLIPS, Linton Credit Bureau
AL TRUITT, Citizens National Bank, Linton
HAROLD JONES, Peoples Trust Co., Linton

OWEN COUNTY:

D/S DERoy GRAHAM, Owen Co, Sheriff's Office
ROBERT LUCAS, Owen Co. Clerk's Office, Spencer
Telephone Directories and Post Office
LYLE BRIGHTON, Owen Co. State Bank, Spencer

The following individuals were contacted by SA WILLIAM R. TURNER on 4/11 & 4/12/68 with the same results.

BROWN COUNTY

HAROLD MATHIAS, Sheriff, Brown County
MARTIN K. SAARI, Executive Vice Pres., Nashville
State Bank

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY

GARY REECE, Deputy Sheriff, Bartholmew County
RUBY MC MAHAN, Records Clerk, Columbus Police Dept.
DAVID WHALLEY, Mgr., Credit Bureau of Columbus
ELMER MILLER, Bookkeeping Dept., First National Bank
PAUL NOLTING, Vice President, Irwin Union Bank & Trust
FRANK M. RUNGE, County Clerk

JACKSON County

JOHN K. LAYTON, Records Clerk, ISP, Seymour Post
JAMES FLYNN, Dispatcher, Seymour Police Dept.
MARILYN BLISH, Seymour Credit Bureau
JAMES WEAVER, V. Pres., Jackson County Bank
George E. KRIENHAGEN, Cashier, Seymour National Bank
HAROLD O. CROQUART, Sheriff, Brownstown
DONALD E. MANION, County Clerk
DONALD NORMAN, Pres., The Peoples Bank, Brownstown
RUSSELL SHERRILL, Pres., State Bank of Medora, Medora
JOHN KOMMAN, Pres., Citizens State Bank, Brownstown

LAWRENCE COUNTY

ERNEST MATHEWS, Chief of Police, Bedford
LEVI HATFIELD, Sheriff, Lawrence Co.
BARBARA STEVENS, Bedford Credit Bureau
PAULINE CRAIG, County Clerk
PAUL CHASE, Pres., Bedford National Bank
ROBERT BROWN, Ex. Vice Pres., Stone City National Bank

LAWRENCE COUNTY (Continued)

ARCHIE VORIS, JR., Pres., Citizens National Bank
LEE HUPP, Ass't Mgr., Bank of Mitchell, Mitchell
GEORGE MC CAMERON, Pres., First National Bank, Mitchell

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The following investigation was conducted at New Castle, Indiana by SA DONALD H. KIDD:

On June 5, 1968, EARLETTE GARNER, Clerk, New Castle Credit Bureau, New Castle, Indiana, advised according to her records WALTER and CORA KOGER, Route 2, New Castle, enjoyed a satisfactory credit rating with the New Castle Credit Bureau. KOGER's employment was shown with the Dana Corporation, Perfect Circle Division, Hagerstown, Indiana.

On June 5, 1968 the following individuals advised from their records that WALTER and CORA KOGER were unknown to them: Detective HAROLD SWIM, New Castle Police Department, Sheriff ROBERT PAGETT, Henry County Sheriff's Office, and Det. MARTIN WERLING, Indiana State Police, all of New Castle, Indiana.

WALTER RAY KOGER, Route 2, New Castle, Indiana, advised on June 5, 1968, that his nephew, PAUL OSBORN BRIDGMAN, was born at Winchester, Indiana, possible in [redacted], the son of JAMES and IRENE BRIDGMAN. PAUL OSBORN BRIDGMAN resided in Winchester, Indiana until he was approximately six years old, after which time his parents moved first to Madisonville, Kentucky and then to Warrensburg, Illinois, and subsequently to a town on the Arkansas/Missouri line. BRIDGMAN was raised and possibly attended the public school system of an Arkansas school. BRIDGMAN's only sister, JANET (LNU), still resides in Missouri, town unknown.

KOGER stated that he last saw PAUL OSBORN BRIDGMAN in August of 1963 at the funeral of BRIDGMAN's parents at Monticello, Kentucky. BRIDGMAN's parents were the subject of a murder/suicide death in Daytona Beach, Florida, at which time BRIDGMAN's father allegedly killed his wife and then committed suicide. KOGER felt the circumstances of these deaths were mysterious and noted that BRIDGMAN, who received some money as a result of the deaths, refused to pay the funeral expenses of his father and mother.

KOGER advised that since August, 1963, he had not seen or heard from BRIDGMAN. BRIDGMAN's wife, name unknown, but who is now separated or divorced from BRIDGMAN and possibly resides in Bloomington, Illinois, on one occasion, possibly in September or October, 1963, contacted him by telephone

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and requested that she be loaned \$400 to pay hospital expenses incurred by her husband, PAUL OSBORN BRIDGMAN. KOGER refused to make this loan of money and learned later, possibly from BONNIE DAVIS who resides at Madisonville, Kentucky, that BRIDGMAN needed this money for either fine or bail money. Apparently, BONNIE DAVIS had contacted several hospitals at Bloomington, Illinois and had been able to find that BRIDGMAN had never been admitted as a patient.

KOGER stated that this was his last contact, either directly or indirectly, with BRIDGMAN and he had no idea where this individual might presently be located. He denied any knowledge of BRIDGMAN's present whereabouts and stated that if he should receive any information about this individual, he would immediately make it available.

He furnished the following list of relatives who might be able to assist in locating BRIDGMAN:

Uncles

ROBERT KOGER,
Box 196,
Latham, Illinois

WALTER BRIDGMAN,
R. R. Rushville,
Indiana

EARNIE BRIDGMAN,
Monticello, Kentucky

Aunts

PERNIE HARMON
(Manager of nursing
home)
Monticello, Kentucky

ALTA HICKS (husband
LOGAN), R. R., Dayton,
Ohio

ROXIE CATRON (husband
LAWRENCE), Walla Walla,
Washington

BONNIE DAVIS,
615 Price St.,
Madisonville, Ky.

KOGER noted that he was not aware of BRIDGMAN's sister's name, although knew she resided in the state of Missouri.

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He further advised that he was not acquainted with BRIDGMAN's ex-wife, but in 1963 this individual was believed to reside in Bloomington, Illinois.

At Rushville, Indiana

On June 5, 1968, JAMES RAVENSCRAFT (NA), Assistant Chief of Police, Rushville, Indiana Police Department, advised a review of their records failed to reflect any traffic or arrest records for WALTER BRIDGMAN. He noted that he was employed by the city gas company and resided at R. R. 6, Rushville, Indiana.

WALTER S. BRIDGMAN, Route 6, Rushville, Indiana, advised on June 5, 1968 that PAUL OSBORN BRIDGMAN was his nephew. He stated that he had met BRIDGMAN on only one occasion within the last few years and that was in August, 1963 at the funeral of BRIDGMAN's parents at Monticello, Kentucky. He stated that on this occasion, he had only a limited conversation with BRIDGMAN and with BRIDGMAN's sister, name unknown. He stated that he had no idea where BRIDGMAN presently resided or could be located. Prior to the funeral of BRIDGMAN's parents, he had no contact with PAUL OSBORN BRIDGMAN for at least fifteen years.

BRIDGMAN stated that he had only limited contact with his family and was not certain of the addresses of any relatives of PAUL OSBORN BRIDGMAN, but suggested that BONNIE DAVIS, who resides at Madisonville, Kentucky, could possibly provide such a list which might assist in the location of this individual.

BRIDGMAN advised that should he receive any information on the present whereabouts of this individual, he would immediately make it available.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-563)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA ERIC C. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/23/68, the following places of business were contacted and all advised that their firms do not use a "20R-3" laundry mark:

Artistic Cleaners, 3767 Broadway, Gary
B & H Washette, 1304 Washington, Gary
Eighth Ave. Cleaners, 123 W. 8th Ave., Gary
Emma B Laundry, 1114 W. 25th, Gary
General Overall Supply Service, 1529 Madison, Gary
Hoosier Cut-Rate Cleaners, 2115 Broadway, Gary
Kennedy Laundry & Dry Cleaners, 1609 W. 9th, Gary
New Way Laundry & Cleaners, 917 Jefferson, Gary
Peerless Cleaners & Shirt Laundry, 900 W. 25th, Gary
Royal Cleaners, 1120 Aetna, Gary
Slick's Laundry & Cleaners, 38 E. 5th, Gary
Barney's Cleaners & Launderers, 4622 Magoun Ave., E. Chicago
Calumet Launderers & Dry Cleaners, 1701 Broadway, E. Chicago
Sing Sam Laundry, 613 W. Chicago Ave., E. Chicago
Stan's Washerette, 3714 Deodar, E. Chicago
Whiting Laundry & Dry Cleaners, 1912 IP Blvd., Whiting, Ind.
Paul Wing's Laundry, 4841 Alexander, E. Chicago
Whiting Laundomat, 1423 119th, Whiting
Day & Night Launderama, 2929 Highway Ave., Highland
Highland Laundry, 2641 Highway Ave., Highland
Like-Nu Cleaners, 6616 Kennedy, Hammond
Melody Cleaners, 132 Ridge Rd., Munster
Thrifty-Kleen Laundry Center, 8620 Kennedy, Highland
Chapman Dry Cleaners, 1475 Summer, Hammond
Conkey Cleaners & Laundry, 6837 Calumet, Hammond
Fabrikleen Dry Cleaners & Launderers, 1475 Summer, Hammond
Highland Laundry, 2641 Highway Ave., Highland
Hohman Coin-Clean, 6921 Hohman, Hammond
Monarch Laundry Co., 6233 Hohman, Hammond

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Bring file

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Correct

Deadline _____

Deadline passed

Delinquent

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File

For information

Handle

Initial & return

Leads need attention

Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

Open Case

Prepare lead cards

Prepare tickler

Return assignment card

Return file

Search and return

See me

Serial # _____

Post

Recharge

Return

Send to _____

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LAUNDRY TAGS "20R-3" - negative
w/ all laundries this area.

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Office Evansville RA

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, IP (44-563)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM R. TURNER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Ip memo of SA PATRICK J. FLETCHER, 4/9/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM R. TURNER at Bloomington, Indiana, 4/23/68.

ROBERT LEONARD, Proprietor of Home Launderers & Dry Cleaners, 300 E. 3rd St., advised the laundry marking 20R-3 is not one of his laundries markins. He stated his laundry uses two letters before the number.

Previous investigation in this case has determined the Home Launderers & Dry Cleaning, Bloomington, is the only laundry in the Bloomington RA territory that uses the Thermal Marking Machine, for marking their laundry.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
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In view of subject's apprehension, any office having outstanding leads or requests for circularization in any publication of any kind should cancel outstanding request now.

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1 Memphis

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King Murder Probe Continues

By Paul Scott

Washington

AGENTS OF THE Federal Bureau of Investigation went through one very tense period and spent more than \$5 million during their brilliantly conducted two-continent man hunt for James Earl Ray, the accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King.

After successfully tracking and locating Ray in London early in May, the G-men temporarily lost his trail when he slipped through their surveillance network and flew to Portugal.



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While Ray's disappearance almost caused a near panic among top Justice Department officials here, cooler-headed FBI agents directing the search kept the search from collapsing by immediately setting up a new dragnet.

With only the lead that Ray, alias Raymon George Sneyd, had apparently fled to Europe, the FBI agents reasoned that because of his temperament and the foreign language barrier he would soon return to an English-speaking country.

SPECIAL WATCHES for Ray were then carefully organized at all ports of entry in Great Britain, Canada, and the U.S., on the belief that the suspect would try to return to one of those nations.

Before any heads within the agency could roll, the swift chain of events that followed proved the effectiveness of the FBI strategy.

Eleven days after his second disappearance, Ray, alias Sneyd, flew back to London from Lisbon. With the help of British authorities, the FBI again picked up his trail.

Ray was then kept under close surveillance until he suddenly prepared again to depart Great Britain for Europe—this time for Brussels. He was arrested at London Airport before he could board his plane.

Despite Ray's capture, the FBI investigation of King's assassination is far from being closed.

One agent involved in the inquiry says privately that "the arrest of Ray is only the beginning of this inquiry." He points out that "Ray is the key to determining the others involved in the assassination plot."

For instance, FBI and Canadian authorities are still investigating how Ray was able to exploit legal loopholes like a pro in obtaining his Canadian passport.

Several dozen agents are probing Ray's alleged contacts with the U.S.-based American South African Council, which he wrote on Dec. 30, 1967, to ask about emigrating to Rhodesia. Also, being carefully checked is Ray's contact with a person whom the FBI photographed with King at a major U.S. airport.

ONE OF THE IRONIES of the successful FBI investigation is that just two months before the King assassination, the bureau was obliged to cut in half the number of agents in Europe, including those in London as a result of President Johnson's order slashing overseas personnel of all government security and intelligence.

When Ray's trail led to London, however, many of these agents were sent back overseas with instructions to forget about the economy move until the suspect was picked up.

In their intensive search for King's killer, the FBI spent more than \$5 million in the first nine weeks of its investigation. At times, upwards of 3,000 agents were assigned to the case.

Half that number of agents still are involved in the continuing investigation. In addition to running down new leads, they are rechecking Ray's travels to and from Memphis, the scene of the assassination.

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One of the most important decisions that President Johnson will make before leaving office next January concerns possible publication of sealed documents from the Warren Commis-

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sion inquiry on the assassination of President Kennedy.

At least 20 per cent of the commission's file remains locked in the National Archives, where the full record of the Kennedy assassination probe is filed.

A list of more than 250 of the sealed documents was prepared recently by attorneys of the Justice Department for further re-examination to determine if their publication should be recommended to the President.

Most intriguing are reports of the Central Intelligence Agency dealing with the private reaction of high Cuban officials to the assassination.

Another deals with a top secret CIA memorandum from Richard Helms (now CIA director) to J. Lee Rankin, chief counsel of the Warren Commission. It is listed under the heading: "Report of Conversations Between Cuban President and Cuban Ambassador."

Also still under seal is a CIA memorandum from Helms to the Commission which carries the following notation: "Discussions between Soviet Premier Khrushchev and Drew Pearson re Lee Harvey Oswald." Neither Helms nor Pearson ever commented publicly on this memorandum or its contents.

STILL UNPUBLISHED among the many FBI reports in the archives is the agency's interview with Yuri Nosenko, a high-ranking member of the KGB, the Soviet secret police, who defected to the U.S. 10 weeks after the assassination of President Kennedy.

The 36-year-old defector had been questioned at length about the KGB's handling of Oswald during the time the ex-Marine lived in Russia.

Before his defection to the West, Nosenko worked in a sector of the KGB which handled U.S. defectors, including Oswald's case.

Another of the FBI investigative reports still sealed in the archives, is titled:

"The investigation concerning telephone numbers found on the 47th page of Oswald's address book."

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A I R T E L

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Boston dated 5/31/68.

For information of Cincinnati, St. Louis has advised that JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, alleged JAMES EARL RAY and an unnamed man, robbed a bank in June - July, 1967. GAWRON subsequently revealed the location as the Bank of Alton, Illinois, and the unnamed man as JIMMIE (LNU), and that he was visited by JIMMIE (LNU) the night of 5/13 - 14/68. One JAMES H. CARPENTER, FBI #230 243 is known to have visited GAWRON on these dates, however, CARPENTER was in St. Louis City Jail from 0/5/67 - 3/1/68, and could not have participated in the Alton bank robbery.

The bank of Alton, Illinois was robbed by 2 unknown subjects on 7/13/67, wearing nylon stocking masks and using a sawed off shotgun. They escaped with \$27,230. Description of the number 2 man could fit RAY.

Subsequent to the bank robbery a shotgun and items of clothing were found in a vacant lot in Alton, including a white Van Heusen Van-Guard shirt with markings "NU" or "NO", "JOH - U" or "JOH - O", inside collar; a pair of tan pleated trousers with the markings "44--" and "3107-3" on the right front pocket and "T6276" and "U7703" on the right rear pocket.

- 2 - Springfield
- 2 - Cincinnati (157-1899) (Info)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
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- 2 - Chicago
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Bureau has instructed that certain offices are to canvas laundry and dry cleaning establishments regarding these laundry and dry cleaning marks.

Mr. RALPH YONKE, American Laundry and Dry Cleaning Institute, Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois, advised these marks were probably made by a machine manufactured by the National Marking Machine Company, 4026 Cherry Street, Cincinnati, Ohio and that they could indicate the location of machines making the above described markings. He does not know of any such markings being used in the Chicago area.

LEADS

SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. Will furnish Cincinnati, Chicago and other interested offices specific information re the laundry and dry cleaning markings on the recovered clothing as to whether they were machine or hand made, the color of the ink used and whether they were stamped in the clothing or on material pinned to the clothing.

CINCINNATI

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO. Will contact the National Marking Machine Company, 4026 Cherry Street, and obtain all available information regarding the above described laundry and dry cleaning markings.

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URGENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BALTIMORE
(44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD JUNE TWO FIVE SIXTY
EIGHT.

FOR INFO BALTIMORE, ST. LOUIS ADVISED THAT JOHN
EUGENE GAWRON HAS ALLEGED JAMES EARL RAY AND UNNAMED MAN
ROBBED BANK OF ALTON, ILLINOIS ON JULY THIRTEEN SIXTY SEVEN.
THIS BANK WAS ROBBED ON THAT DATE BY TWO UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
WEARING NYLON STOCKING MASKS AND USING SAWED OFF SHOTGUNS.
LOOT TWENTY SEVEN ^{THOUSAND} TWO HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS. SUBSEQUENT
TO BANK ROBBERY SHOTGUN AND CLOTHING ITEMS FOUND IN VACANT
LOT IN ALTON AND LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING MARKS LOCATED IN

- 1 - Springfield (44-561)(Info)(AM)
- 1 - St. Louis (44-775)(Info)(AM)
- ① - Indianapolis (44-775)(Info)(AM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)
- 2 - Chicago
(1 - 91-5375)

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* CLOTHING. BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS TO CANVAS LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS RE THESE MARKS. CIRCULAR BEING PREPARED BY BUREAU TO FURNISH TO LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS. ADDRESSOGRAPH PLATES AVAILABLE FOR LAUNDRY CIRCULARIZATION IN ILLINOIS. LIST OF DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN ILLINOIS AND OTHER STATES WHERE CIRCULARIZATION DESIRED CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRY CLEANERS, NINE ZERO NINE BURLINGTON AVENUE, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND. APPROXIMATELY ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO DRY CLEANERS LOCATED IN STATE OF ILLINOIS. BALTIMORE CONTACT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRY CLEANERS AT SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, OBTAIN LIST OF DRY CLEANERS IN TERRITORIES OF CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS. DETERMINE IF ADDRESSOGRAPH AVAILABLE. IF NOT, DETERMINE IF COUNTY BREAKDOWN CAN BE OBTAINED FOR INTERESTED OFFICES.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING SENT TO SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, INDIANAPOLIS, AND MEMPHIS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Indianapolis (44-563)
(ATTN: Supv. TILLER)

DATE: 6-28-68

FROM : SA MARTIN V. HALE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On above date, GEORGE W. HARRIS, 2109 N. Dexter, Indianapolis, Telephone 635-4709, telephonically contacted this office and inquired as to whether JAMES EARL RAY is known to own a German shepherd police dog and whether RAY is known to have been in Indianapolis during March 31, 1968.

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HARRIS added that he is employed as a medical technologist at the Bahr Treatment Center, Central State Hospital, 3000 W. Washington, and would be agreeable to being interviewed there.

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*Harris contacted Lud no info
re can - Saw someone in DP 3/31/68
whom he thought was Ray but does
not believe so now.*

*Records indicate Ray in Beniga on
date indicated*

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
FROM: *hm* SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel to Springfield, dated 6/25/68.

Re laundry marks on clothing related to Alton, Illinois bank robbery.

On 6/27/68, Mr. WILLIAM S. GECKS, Sales Administrator, National Marking Machine Co., (NATMAR, Inc.), 4026-30 Cherry St., Cincinnati, Ohio, was contacted relative to type of specific information needed concerning the laundry marks found on the clothing related to the Alton, Illinois bank robbery on 7/13/67.

Mr. GECKS advised it would be best to have color photos of the laundry markings taken alongside a ruler or other fine measuring device. GECKS stated from the information furnished him from Chicago airtel that the markings appear to have been made by a 16 digit machine which can be coded by the user for his own specific purposes. With the use of color photos, GECKS may be able to identify the size of the type used by the machine and other details which would possibly identify the model of the machine used to make the markings. NATMAR can then furnish a list of laundries or dry cleaners in a specific area that are utilizing NATMAR machines that could possibly have made these markings. GECKS stated it would not be possible to identify the markings with a specific location around the country.

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2-Chicago (44-1114) (RM) *44-563*
1-Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (RM) 1-Indianapolis (Info) (RM)
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GECKS is willing to make every effort to be of assistance in this matter.

LEADS:

SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Along with complete description of the laundry markings in question, furnish color photographs for viewing by Mr. GECKS.

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Date: 6/26/68

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

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

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

Re Springfield airtel to Chicago dated 6/17/68.

Being transmitted under separate cover by registered mail are the following items of clothing previously submitted by Springfield under caption, "Unsubs (2); The Bank of Alton, Alton, Illinois, 7/13/67"; Springfield file 91-3699, Bufile 91-27506.

Man's Van Heusen Vanguard shirt,
Item Q3 (PC-A1071 JV).

Man's brown trousers, Item Q6
(PC-A1071 JV).

The above-named shirt bears laundry marks in collar; the trousers bear laundry marks on right front and rear pockets.

The laboratory is requested to photograph these laundry marks for suitable reproduction in circular letter, the preparation of which is being requested of the Mechanical Section by this airtel, and the text of which is set out below.

The above-described evidence is being submitted and the preparation of circular letter requested, in order to fully explore laundry and dry cleaning marks on the

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1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)	(10)
1 - St. Louis (44-775) (Info)	

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Special Agent in Charge

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submitted items, since allegations have been made by JOSEPH EUGENE GAWRON, St. Louis, Missouri, which indicate JAMES EARL RAY cased The Bank of Alton in 1959 and may have been involved in bank robbery at that bank July 13, 1967. The Bureau is vitally interested in ascertaining source of RAY's funds since his escape from MSP, April, 1967.

The Mechanical Section is requested to prepare, upon receipt of photographic facsimiles from the Photographic Section, the following circular letter:

"To all Laundries and Dry Cleaning Establishments

On July 13, 1967, two unknown males, wearing stocking masks, robbed The Bank of Alton, Alton, Illinois, at gunpoint and obtained over \$27,000. Investigation of this crime led to the recovery of a white Van Heusen Vanguard shirt and a pair of tan trousers among other items.

The shirt bears laundry marks and the trousers dry cleaning symbols, facsimiles of which appear below. The laundry marks appear on the shirt collar, the dry cleaning symbols appear on the front and rear pockets on the right side of the trousers.

(Facsimile photos inserted at this point)

If, after review of the above facsimiles, you feel you have information which would be of assistance to the Bureau, please call the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which is in the front page of your telephone directory."

Offices receiving information copies of this airtel are instructed to hold leads requested in referenced airtel in abeyance pending receipt of above circular letter.

The Laboratory is requested to send direct to Chicago 1800 copies, to Indianapolis 1800 copies, and to St. Louis 700 copies of the prepared circular letter.