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Date: 4/26/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO: NEWARK  
FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)  
MURKIN

RE SAVANNAH TELETYPE TO JACKSONVILLE APRIL TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE TELETYPE STATED QUOTE CAPTAIN REX STONE, SAVANNAH PD, ADVISED COLONEL JAMES<sup>A.</sup> EVANS, USAF, RETIRED, ADVISED HIM THAT A SIXTYSEVEN OR SIXTYEIGHT BROWN PLYMOUTH STATION WAGON, A RENTAL CAR FROM FLORIDA, BEARING FLORIDA LICENSE THREE E FIVE SIX FOUR THREE, MET HIM HEAD ON ON U. S. HIGHWAY SEVENTEEN SOUTH, TURNED AROUND AND FOLLOWED HIM TO HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT ON BAY STREET, SAVANNAH, GA., WHICH WOULD BE U. S. HIGHWAY SEVENTEEN NORTH. HE GOT A GOOD LOOK AT THE DRIVER AND BELIEVED HIM TO BE IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY EXCEPT THAT THE DRIVER OF THIS VEHICLE WORE HORN RIMMED GLASSES. UNQUOTE.

RECORDS, MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., REFLECT FLA. LICENSE THREE E FIVE SIX FOUR THREE ISSUED TO AUTOMOTIVE RENTALS, INC., CARE OF HENRY ERWIN, JR.,

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*44-769-252*

Approved: *REC*  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent *5:53 PM* Per *mg*

JK 44-769

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SEVEN FOUR ELEVEN MAPLE AVE., PENNSAUKEN, N. J.

NEWARK, AT PENNSAUKEN, N.J., WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY  
DRIVER OF PLYMOUTH STATION WAGON BEARING FLA. LICENSE THREE  
E FIVE SIX FOUR THREE AND SET OUT LEADS TO ASCERTAIN IF  
IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

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TO: KNOXVILLE (44-696)  
FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

MURKIN.

RE MOBILE TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY FOUR, LAST.  
REFERENCE IS MADE TO IRS FORM SEVENTEEN RECEIVED  
FROM POSTMASTER, ALBERTA, ALA.

INSPECTOR JOHN BREWSTER, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, ADVISED  
THIS DATE THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBLE WAY TO IDENTIFY THE  
INDIVIDUAL MAILING REFERENCED FORM.

MRS. R. B. MOORE, IRS, PENSACOLA, ADVISED THEIR FORM  
SEVENTEEN IS FEDERAL INCOME TAX FORM AND FORM THREE THIRTY  
FOUR IS TAX GUIDE FORM FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. SHE STATED  
THAT THESE FORMS ARE LEFT ON COUNTER AT IRS FOR THE GENERAL  
PUBLIC AND THERE IS NO WAY OF IDENTIFYING WHO OBTAINS THESE  
FORMS AS THEY ARE NOT NUMBERED OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIABLE.

MOBILE ADVISED AM.  
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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746 PM URGENT 4/26/68 LCC  
TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 IP

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU  
AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN  
PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS  
CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE  
MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY  
BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND  
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO  
ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE  
FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS.  
THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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FBI JACKSVLE

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FBI NEWARK  
8:06 PM URGENT 4-26-68 JON

TO JACKSONVILLE 44-769 IP  
FROM NEWARK 44-854

MURKIN

REJKTTEL TO NK , FOUR TWO SIX, INSTANT.

INQUIRES AT AUTOMOTIVE RENTALS, INC., DETERMINED IT WILL  
BE NECESSARY TO HAVE VIN FOR PLYMOUTH HAVING FLA. LIC. # THREE E FIVE  
SIX FOUR THREE, IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN ADDRESS F HENRY ERWIN, JR.  
AUTO AGENCY DESIRES CHECK BE MADE PRIOR TO TEN A.M. FOUR TWO SEVEN NEXT.

-LEAD-

JACKSONVILLE AT DMV OBTAIN VIN AND FURNISH TO NEWARK BEFORE  
INDICATED TIME.

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FBI JACKSVLE

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*Tampa advised VIN is P25226760*

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: NEWARK (44-854)  
FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN

RE YOUR TEL TODAY.

TAMPA DIVISION ADVISED TODAY THAT CHECK WITH TAMPA TAG  
AGENCY INDICATED APPROPRIATE VIN FOR PLYMOUTH BEARING FLA.,  
LICENSE THREE E FIVE SIX FOUR THREE WOULD BE P TWO FIVE TWO TWO  
SIX SEVEN SIX ZERO EIGHT.

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Approved: REN/73/16 Sent 8:57 PM Per J  
Special Agent in Charge

FBI JACKSVLE

FBI SAVANNAH

209PM URGENT 4/26/68 MFH

TO JACKSONVILLE

FROM SAVANNAH (44-1768) 1P

MURKIN

CAPTIONED REX STONE, SAVANNAH PD, ADVISED COLONEL JAMES A. EVANS, USAF, RETIRED, ADVISED HIM THAT A SIXTYSEVEN OR SIXTYEIGHT BROWN PLYMOUTH STATION WAGON, A RENTAL CAR FROM FLORIDA, BEARING FLORIDA LICENSE THREE E FIVE SIX FOUR THREE, MET HIM HEAD ON ON U.S. HIGHWAY SEVENTEEN SOUTH, TURNED AROUND AND FOLLOWED HIM TO HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT ON BAY STREET, SAVANNAH, GA., WHICH WOULD BE U. S. HIGHWAY SEVENTEEN NORTH. HE GOT A GOOD LOOK AT THE DRIVER AND BELIEVED HIM TO BE IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY EXCEPT THAT THE DRIVER OF THIS VEHICLE WORE HORN RIMMED GLASSES.

JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSE, FLA., WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY DRIVER OF PLYMOUTH STATION WAGON BEARING FLA. LICENSE THREE E FIVE SIX FOUR THREE AND SET OUT LEADS TO ASCERTAIN IF IDENTICAL WITH RAY. -P-

END.

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SAC (44-769)

4/26/68

SA CECIL M. FRANKLIN

MURKIN

Re Savannah teletype to Jacksonville 4/26/68.

At 3:45 pm, 4/26/68, SA HAGY, Tampa, Fla., advised that the current Tampa telephone directory showed Automotive Rentals, Inc., maintained an office at 1720 - 3rd Ave., Tampa.

Information contained in re teletype was furnished to SA JAGY by WATS.

At 4:04 pm 4/26/68, SA JESSE HAGY, Tampa, telephonically contacted this office and advised that contact with the Automotive Rentals, Inc., had determined that this company did not own any Plymouth automobiles, and that it was not the holder of Fla. License 3E-5643.

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**AIRTEL            AIRMAIL**

**TO:            SAC, TAMPA**  
**FROM:        SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)**  
**RE:           MURKIN**

Re Buffalo airtel to Jacksonville 4/23/68,  
re suspect driving vehicle containing Fla. License 4W-69100.

MVA, Tallahassee, Fla., reflects vehicle registered  
JAMES PETERSON, 4628 Eighth Ave., NE, St. Petersburg  
Fla., for 1964 Ford.

Tampa ascertain if suspect identical with RAY.

Enclosed for information Tampa is one copy of  
referenced communication.

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2-Tampa (Enc. 1)  
2-Jacksonville  
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
MEMPHIS  
WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND MOBILE  
APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST, AND MOBILE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU  
AND KNOXVILLE APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

CONFIRMING TEL CONVERSATION BETWEEN SA DONALD L.  
STOUT, KNOXVILLE, AND W. L. MARTINDALE, SOG, THIS DATE.

J. ROBERT SIMS, ASSISTANT POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE,  
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, THIS DATE FORWARDING UNDER PERSONAL  
COVER TO A. J. MURRAY, POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, WASHINGTON,  
D. C., ORIGINAL OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE ORDER FORM  
DESCRIBED IN RE TELS. UPON RECEIPT, PERSONAL DELIVERY WILL  
BE MADE BY POSTAL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE TO U. S. GOVERNMENT  
PRINTING OFFICE.

END PAGE ONE.

1 - Mobile (AM)  
2 - Jacksonville (AM)  
1 - Knoxville

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Lambert

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SIMS SUGGESTS BUREAU AGENT BE PRESENT AT TIME OF DELIVERY TO ARRANGE FOR CUSTODY OF INSTANT MAIL ORDER FORM.

WFO MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH OFFICE POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, WASHINGTON, D. C., TO OBTAIN INSTANT MAIL ORDER FORM AND THEREAFTER FURNISH TO FBI LABORATORY FOR LATENT FINGERPRINT AND HANDWRITING EXAMINATION.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT TO MOBILE AND JACKSONVILLE.

END.

4/25/68

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) ST. LOUIS  
FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) ( 3 P)

MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TELS APRIL TWENTYONE, TWENTYTWO AND TWENTYFOUR, LAST, RE DAVID L. WILSON.

WILSON'S RELATIVES, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, ADVISED TODAY CALLER ON TAPED ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL TO COCONINO COUNTY SO, FLAGSTAFF, SOUNDS LIKE DAVID WILSON HIMSELF. WILSON'S WIFE NOW STATES WHEN SHE FIRST HEARD TAPE SHE THOUGHT IT SOUNDED LIKE HER HUSBAND BUT WAS AFRAID TO SAY SO. ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST, WILSON SENT WIFE TO PARENTS AT FLAGSTAFF AND TOOK OFF. WILSON'S SISTER DOROTHY MEYER OR DOROTHY BURNHAM, EMPLOYED NYCRR, SALINE, MICHIGAN, TELEPHONE FOUR TWO NINE NINE THREE EIGHT ZERO, RESIDING IN TRAILER ON ANN ARBOR STREET, ADVISED VIA LONG DISTANCE THAT DAVID WILSON IS KOREAN VETERAN

1 - Detroit (AM) (Enc 3)  
1 - Dallas (AM)  
① - Jacksonville (AM)  
1 - Phoenix  
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1 - Kansas City (AM)  
1 - Little Rock (AM)  
1 - Los Angeles (AM)

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WHO WAS WOUNDED IN KOREA BY GRENADE AND SHELLSHOCKED AND SPENT TIME IN VA HOSPITALS IN PENNSYLVANIA AND KENTUCKY, CITIES UNKNOWN. SHE STATED DAVID IS PSYCHOTIC AND GIVEN TO TELLING TALL TALES. THIS CONDITION LED TO DAVID'S DIVORCE FROM FIRST WIFE MARY HAMMONDS, CLINTON, TENN., DAUGHTER OF DEPUTY SHERIFF BILL HAMMONDS, AND MARY CAN FURNISH DETAILS AND IDENTITY OF HOSPITALS. MEYERS STATES DAVID ENLISTED FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, AND DISCHARGED SEVERAL MONTHS LATER AT FT. CAMPBELL OR FT. KNOX.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION CHECK FOR MILITARY FINGERPRINTS OF WILSON, NOTING SAME NOT ON HIS RECORD UNDER FBI SEVEN NINE TWO TWO FOUR TWO C.

ST. LOUIS CHECK FOR RECORD OF ARMY SERVICE FOR DAVID LINDSEY WILSON, DOB , AT WESTBURN, TENNESSEE.

DETROIT INTERVIEW MEYER AT SALINE, MICHIGAN, AND ARRANGE TO GET ANY INFO SHE RECEIVES AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF WILSON. ENCLOSED FOR DETROIT IS XEROX COPY EACH OF RETELS.

PX 44-371  
EJVL:rs  
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MEMPHIS AT CLINTON INTERVIEW MARY HAMMONDS FOR INFO  
VERIFYING WILSON'S MILITARY SERVICE AND MENTAL CONDITION, AND  
POSSIBLE CONTACT HE MIGHT MAKE WITH HER.

DETROIT, DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE, KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK  
AND LOS ANGELES ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-  
RE: MURKIN  
CR

Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

- 1 - Each Continental Office
- 2 - Memphis

GMR/vtp

JK

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Approved: *RC Jensen* Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/24/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(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.

3-Bureau (Enc. 4)  
2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each)  
2-Kansas City  
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND  
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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| 3 - Bureau       | 2 - Jackson       | 2 - Phoenix        |
| 2 - Albany       | 2 - Jacksonville  | 2 - Pittsburgh     |
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| 2 - Boston       | 2 - Los Angeles   | 2 - Salt Lake City |
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| 2 - Charlotte    | 2 - Miami         | 2 - San Francisco  |
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Approved: *Malsh*  
Special Agent in Charge

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AT 44-2386

For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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Routing Slip  
0-7 (Rev. 9-25)

(Copies to Offices Checked)

TO: SAC,

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- Albuquerque
- Anchorage
- Atlanta
- Baltimore
- Birmingham
- Boston
- Buffalo
- Butte
- Charlotte
- Chicago
- Cincinnati
- Cleveland
- Columbia
- Dallas
- Denver
- Detroit
- El Paso
- Honolulu

- Houston
- Indianapolis
- Jackson
- Jacksonville
- Kansas City
- Knoxville
- Las Vegas
- Little Rock
- Los Angeles
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- Memphis
- Miami
- Milwaukee
- Minneapolis
- Mobile
- Newark
- New Haven
- New Orleans
- New York City

- Norfolk
- Oklahoma City
- Omaha
- Philadelphia
- Phoenix
- Pittsburgh
- Portland
- Richmond
- Sacramento
- St. Louis
- Salt Lake City
- San Antonio
- San Diego
- San Francisco
- San Juan
- Savannah
- Seattle
- Springfield

- Tampa
- Washington Field
- Quantico

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- Bonn
- Buenos Aires
- Hong Kong
- London
- Manila
- Mexico, D.F.
- Ottawa
- Paris
- Rome
- Santo Domingo
- Tokyo

Date April 26, 1968

RE:

**MURKIN**

- For information     Retention optional     For appropriate action     Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_
- 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:

Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

cc: J  
P/A  
KA

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FBI CHARLT

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403 PM URGENT 4-29-68 JTT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI , JACKSONVILLE, AND NORFOLK  
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P) 3P

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NORFOLK, APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST,  
BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS APRIL TWENTYSIX, LAST, AND NORFOLK  
TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND CHARLOTTE APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

RE: JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD  
REBUTEL TO NORFOLK ADVISED REVIEW OF BUFILE ON KING  
REVEALED IT WAS REPORTED THAT JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD, SUFFOLK,  
VA., HAD REPORTED THREE WHITE MEN FROM TYNER, NC, OFFERED HIM  
SHOTGUN AND RIFLE TO SHOOT KING WHEN HE SPOKE AT SUFFOLK, VA.,  
ON JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. AT TIME THIS  
INFORMATION RECEIVED, IT WAS INDICATED SMALLWOOD WAS CONSIDERED  
INTELLIGENT AND VERY DEPENDABLE. BUREAU ADVISED ALTHOUGH RAY  
HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ASSAILANT INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE  
CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF SMALLWOOD OR ANY OF THE THREE PERSONS  
WHO CONTACTED HIM SHOULD BE IMPLICATED AS CONSPIRATORS.  
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ON APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, IT WAS DETERMINED AT SUFFOLK, VA., THAT SMALLWOOD AND FAMILY LEFT AREA IN SIXTYFOUR AND RETURNED TO WIFE'S RELATIVES IN CARE OF HERBERT MODLIN, ROUTE ONE, TYNER, N.C.

CE FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH THREE NINE SIX REFLECTS HORACE WILLARD MODLIN, SELDON BASS, AND IONAS HENDRICKS, AKA. MAC, AS CHOWAN COUNTY, NC, RESIDENTS, CONFIDENTIALLY IDENTIFIED BY SMALLWOOD IN SIXTYTHREE AS PERSONS WHO OFFERED HIM SHOTGUN AND RIFLE TO SHOOT KING AT SUFFOLK, VA., IN SIXTYTHREE.

ON APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, SHERIFF M. EARL GOODWIN, CHOWAN COUNTY, EDENTON, NC, ADVISED THREE WHITE MALES MENTIONED ABOVE STILL RESIDENTS OF CHOWAN COUNTY AND BELIEVED TO BE IN AREA DURING MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST THROUGH APRIL FOUR LAST. GOODWIN ADVISED HE WOULD CONTACT CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES RE BASS AND HENDRICKS AND VERIFY ABOVE.

ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, HERBERT MODLIN, ROUTE ONE, TYNER, NC, ADVISED SMALLWOOD MARRIED TO HIS SISTER AND BOTH RESIDE ONE ZERO SEVEN ONE ZERO WAKE FOREST ROAD (HIGHLAND SECTION), JACKSONVILLE, FLA., AND EMPLOYED AT THE SOUTHSIDE SHIPYARD, JACKSONVILLE. MODLIN ADVISED SMALLWOOD HAS RESIDED IN JACKSONVILLE ABOUT FIVE YEARS.  
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ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, HORACE MODLIN, BROTHER OF HERBERT MODLIN AND WIFE OF SMALLWOOD, CONTACTED AT RESIDENCE OF HERBERT. MODLIN ADVISED EMPLOYED LIPTON TEA CO., SUFFOLK, VA.,

ON APRIL TWENTYNINE, SHERIFF EARL GOODWIN ADVISED IONAS HENDRICKS IS FARMER IN TYNER, NC, AND SELDON BASS IS SELFEMPLOYED CARPENTER FROM ROCKY HOCK SECTION OF CHOWAN COUNTY, NC.

GOODWIN SAID HIS SOURCE DETERMINED THAT BOTH HENDRICKS AND BASS WERE IN CHOWAN COUNTY DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. HE SAID HENDRICKS, PARTICULARLY, HAD PLANTING RESPONSIBILITIES AND UNABLE TO LEAVE FARM DURING THIS TIME.

JACKSONVILLE AT JACKSONVILLE, VERIFY EMPLOYMENT OF SMALLWOOD AT SOUTHSIDE SHIPYARD DURING PERTINENT PERIOD OR OTHERWISE ELIMINATE HIM AS CO-CONSPIRATOR.

NORFOLK, AT SUFFOLK, VA., VERIFY EMPLOYMENT OF HORACE MODLIN AT LIPTON TEA COMPANY, SUFFOLK, VA., DURING PERTINENT PERIOD TO ELIMINATE HIM AS CO-CONSPIRATOR.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

MMH  
FBI JACKSVLE

FBI JACKSVLE

FBI MIAMI

432PM PM URGENT 4/29/68 CAB  
TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN  
FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 IP

MURKIN

ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE IO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE SIXTY-SEVEN.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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MMH

FBI JACKSVLE

*Arrange  
Coverage  
above  
immediately*  
*all SAs advised 4/29-30/68*

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*G. W. Duke*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA TED R. TUCKER

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

Re Tampa teletype 4/19/68.

AT MOUNT DORA, FLA.

On 4/20/68, Mr. JOHNNIE GORE, 1385 Northland, Mount Dora, Fla., advised he is acquainted with Mr. EDWARD A. JOINER of Tampa, Fla. Mr. GORE advised, however, that nobody has contacted him recently concerning affiliation with a country band.

AT WILDWOOD, ILL.

On 4/22/68, Mr. GLENN HOENIG, 602 Gray Ave., Wildwood, owner and operator of the Family Diner, advised in 1957 or 1958, he employed as a cook and dishwasher for a short period of time a parolee from the Illinois State Prison at Menard, Ill., one HARVEY LOWMYER. According to HOENIG, LOWMYER only worked for him for a short period of time and this was at his night club that he, HOENIG, operated at Chester, Ill.

HOENIG advised he believes LOWMYER was serving a sentence for "armed robbery" when he was paroled.

He recalled that LOWMYER indicated he had a sister in El Cajon, Calif. HOENIG was of the opinion that LOWMYER went to California after leaving his employment.

According to HOENIG, he never had any further contact with LOWMYER after he left his employment in Illinois. He advised, however, the Illinois State Prison System should have a file regarding LOWMYER.

HOENIG described LOWMYER as a white male, 25 to 26 years of age in 1957, small, no distinguishing features. He stated he believes that LOWMYER was single.

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*A/T sent TP.  
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A/T sent Springfield  
and Wildwood  
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HOENIG was shown wanted flyer of ERIC STARVO GALT and advised he could not state whether or not this photograph resembled HARVEY LOWMYER that worked for him in Illinois in 1957 or 1958.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
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BIRMINGHAM  
KANSAS CITY  
ST. LOUIS  
MEMPHIS

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR, ET AL., APRIL TWO SIX,  
LAST. RE LEO BARNETT ASSOCIATE OF RAY IN MISSOURI STATE  
PRISON.

LEO BARNETT, AGE THREE SEVEN, FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI,  
PRESENTLY INCARCERATED FLORIDA STATE PRISON, RAIFORD, FLA.,  
ADVISED KNEW RAY IN MISSOURI STATE PRISON FROM ABOUT ONE NINE  
SIX TWO TO AUGUST, ONE NINE SIX SIX, HOWEVER, NOT WELL. RAY  
WAS IN DIFFERENT CELL BLOCK AND WORKED IN KITCHEN WHILE  
BARNETT WORKED IN SOAP FACTORY. BARNETT ~~COULD~~ ONLY SEE RAY  
APPROXIMATELY ONCE A WEEK. HE MET RAY THROUGH MUTUAL FRIEND,  
BILLY MILES, AND ONLY ASSOCIATED WITH RAY BECAUSE OF MILES  
WHO IS PRESENTLY AT NEW PENITENTIARY, MOBERLY, MISSOURI.

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(1) *kgb*

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HE RECALLED RAY AS QUIET, NOT SAYING MUCH, AND BOTHERING NOBODY, A LONER, WITH NO CLOSE FRIENDS. DESCRIBED HIM AS HAVING BAD NERVOUS CONDITION AND A DEFINITE MENTAL PROBLEM. RAY IN HIS OPINION WAS TAKING POWDERED AMPHETAMINE WHILE IN PRISON AND ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF AMOUNT RAY WAS USING, HE SUSPECTED GREAT QUANTITY AT TIMES WHEN THE SUPPLY WAS AVAILABLE AND AT OTHER TIMES NONE DUE TO WEIGHT LOSSES AND GAINS OF TEN TO FIFTEEN POUNDS OVER SHORT PERIODS. BARNETT NOTED THAT AMPHETAMINE TAKEN IN QUANTITIES WOULD PRODUCE A SUBSTANTIAL RAPID WEIGHT LOSS. THE SUPPLY OF AMPHETAMINE PRIOR TO ONE NINE SIX FOUR WAS READILY AVAILABLE AT FIVE DOLLARS A SHOT OR LESS. AFTER ONE NINE SIX FOUR WAS VERY SCARCE BUT WHEN AVAILABLE REMAINED AT FIVE DOLLARS A SHOT. BARNETT WAS CERTAIN RAY WAS NOT INVOLVED IN KILLING OF THREE NEGROES IN ONE NINE SIX FOUR SINCE HE WAS AWARE OF THOSE INVOLVED. THE ONLY PLACE HE HEARD RAY SPEAK OF WAS RAYTOWN, NEAR KANSAS CITY. BARNETT FOUND IT HARD TO BELIEVE RAY WAS COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTANT KILLING SINCE HE THOUGHT HIM TOO STUPID WITH NOT ENOUGH INITIATIVE. OTHER THAN MILES, ONLY INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW WHO WOULD KNOW RAY WELL WOULD BE LOUIE QUOTE WHITEY UNQUOTE DALTA PAREN PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED CLOSE PAREN.

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Date:

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Via \_\_\_\_\_ JK 44-769  
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CLOSE PAREN.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge - S -

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ST LOUIS, AT NEW PENITENTIARY, MOBERLY, INTERVIEW

BILLY MILES REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH RAY.

KANSAS CITY, AT RAYTOWN, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION

RE RAY, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
ST LOUIS, AT NEW PENITENTIARY, MOBERLY, INTERVIEW (Priority)

BILLY MILES REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH RAY.  
 KANSAS CITY, AT RAYTOWN, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION  
 RE RAY, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE.  
 ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Jacksonville, Florida  
April 29, 1968

MEMORANDUM TO ALL AGENTS

No. 123

Case Information

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: Memphis)

DO NOT PUT ASIDE, REFER TO LEADS

For assistance of Agents handling leads in this case, the following background information is furnished:

At about 6 PM, on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry St., Memphis, Tenn., Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422 1/2 South Main St., Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 PM, on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422 1/2

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South Main St., Memphis, Tenn., and paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 PM on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man, presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main St. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main St. disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

Found abandoned in front of 424 S. Main St. was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68, by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Ala.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Co. in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tenn., and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Ala. license 1-38993. Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on 8/30/67, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 S. Highland Ave., Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Ala. The driver's license identifying data listed:

DOB	[REDACTED]
Height	5' 11"
Weight	170 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown



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The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Ala. tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68, and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 AM on 4/5/68.

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and recommended bond in the amount of \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

JAMES EARL RAY, age 40, was reported missing from Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, since 4/23/67. He had been received at that institution 3/17/60, to serve a 20 year sentence following conviction in St. Louis for armed robbery and illegally operating a motor vehicle. He has served terms in Los Angeles County Jail in 1949 and State Prisons at Joliet and Pontiac, Ill., in 1952 - 1954 and in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, 1955 - 1958.

RAY, under the name GALT took dancing lessons in Birmingham during September and October, 1967, and in Long Beach, Calif., from December, 1967 to February, 1968. He left Los Angeles 12/15/67, and drove his white Mustang to New Orleans. He left New Orleans December 19, 1967, and arrived back in Los Angeles 12/21/67. In the Los Angeles area this year GAULT took a course at a School of Bartending and was graduated on 3/2/68.

RAY's last known whereabouts were in Atlanta, Ga. area, 4/5/68.

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The Bureau has instructed all leads must be covered within 24 hours and all leads must be set forth by telephone or teletype.

LEAD:

ALL AGENTS

Contact all Criminal Informants and appropriate racial and security informants.

Senior Resident Agents will be responsible for the following leads

All appropriate stops previously placed should be renewed on JAMES EARL RAY and under all of his known aliases as set forth in the Identification Order and Wanted Flyers.

This is to insure the Bureau will be immediately notified if the subject is arrested or comes to the attention of authorities with whom stops placed.

DO NOT DIVULGE ABOVE INFORMATION OUTSIDE BUREAU.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

*Robert E. Gebhardt*  
ROBERT E. GEBHARDT  
SAC

4/25/68

AIRTEL

To: SACs Jackson  
Dallas  
Jacksonville

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau telephone call to Jackson 4/24/68.

The main file on King contains the following threats:

Jackson office, by teletype, 9/17/66, entitled "UNSUB; ALLEGED PLAN TO KILL REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTERS," reported that the Reverend Emmett Barfield, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Grenada, Mississippi, who requested his identity be concealed, claimed an attorney in his parish told him two white residents of Grenada planned to assassinate King on 9/19/66, at Grenada. These men allegedly wanted to retain the attorney should they be charged.

Sam Holloway Bowers, Jr., aka Sam, Imperial Wizard, wkkkom, reportedly made a statement at a Klan meeting near Harrisville, Mississippi, on 11/15/64, that two men had requested his permission to shoot King. Bowers reportedly told the men not to take any chances and stated that any American citizen would consider it his patriotic duty to shoot King if given the opportunity.

Bureau airtel 6/15/67, captioned "ALLEGED OFFER OF \$100,000 BY WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, TO ANYONE WHO KILLS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM, RACIAL MATTER," refers to information received from

2 - Memphis

*Reported by Powell has lead*

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Airtel to Jackson  
Dallas  
Jacksonville

RE: MURKIN

the Dallas office that one Donald James Nissen, FBI Number 370320A, then an inmate of the County Jail, Sherman, Texas, reportedly knew of an offer of \$100,000 to kill King which had been made by the KKK.

Bureau files indicate that on 4/28/67, JN 265-R (PROB) advised that L. C. Blalock, owner of Curley's Place, Winona, Mississippi, had indicated that one Julio Romeo of Jacksonville, Florida, would pay the source \$100,000 cash to kill King. At the time this information was received, Jacksonville was unable to identify Romeo and Bureau files were negative on Blalock and Romeo. All offices conduct logical investigation to determine if above persons and incidents are implicated in King's death.

Although subject Ray has been identified as the assailant, you should conduct investigation to determine if any of the above might be implicated as a conspirator.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FBI JACKSVLE

FBI ATLANTA  
1027A EDT URGENT 4/30/68

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE AND MOBILE  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 IP

MURKIN

EARL FUOSS, REGIONAL INSPECTOR, IRS, ATLANTA, GA., ADVISED  
APR, THIRTY, INSTANT, HE DISCOVERED TAX RETURN FOR JAMES EARL  
RAY, JR., SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN RETURN INDICATES RAY, JR. IS  
WITH U. S. NAVY, JACKSONVILLE, FLA., AND HAS ADDRESS OF TWO FIVE  
EAST SOUTH ST., MONTGOMERY, ALA.

JACKSONVILLE AND MOBILE IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION  
TO DETERMINE IF INDIVIDUAL RELATED TO SUBJECT RAY. P

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NHM

FBI JACKSVLE

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*read 12:20 PM SA/Murphy*  
*chd*  
*radiogram sent 4/30/68*

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343P EDT URGENT 4/30/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, ALBANY, JACKSONVILLE, MIAMI, AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 3P

MURKIN

ALBANY, JACKSONVILLE AND MIAMI REFER TO YOUR FILE ENTITLED  
UNSUB; SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC DEVILLE, VIN F SEVEN ONE ONE TWO SEVEN

NINE FIVE, SIXTYSEVEN-SIXTYEIGHT FLORIDA LICENSE ONE W ONE SEVEN  
NINE ONE THREE ZERO, ITSMV. ALBANY FILE TWENTYSIX - ONE THREE

ZERO THREE THREE; JACKSONVILLE TWENTYSIX - ONE EIGHT THREE NINE

NINE; AND MIAMI TWENTYSIX - THREE THREE FOUR ZERO ONE.

FOR INFO THESE OFFICES, CAPTIONED CAR FOUND ABANDONED  
ATLANTA AIRPORT, NOV. THIRTEEN, 'SIXTYSEVEN. CAR LEFT AT AIRPORT

ANYWHERE FROM THIRTY - SEVENTYFIVE DAYS AND INVESTIGATION REFLECTS

CAR REPORTED STOLEN AUG. TWENTYFIRST, 'SIXTYSEVEN, FROM CHARLES  
GILL AND TARDIVEL STREETS, MONTREAL, CANADA, WHILE IN POSSESSION  
OF LOU EISENBERG, TWO TWO EIGHT FIVE CHARLES GILL STREET, MONTREAL.

CAR PROPERTY OF NEPEAN MTRS., LTD., SEVENTY RICHMOND RD., OTTAWA,

ONTARIO, CANADA. EISENBERG PARKED CAR ON STREET NEAR HOME AT ONE

AM, AUG. TWENTYFIRST, 'SIXTYSEVEN, AND CAR MISSED ELEVEN THIRTYSEVEN

AM, AUG. TWENTYFIRST, 'SIXTYSEVEN, AT WHICH TIME COMPLAINT NUMBER

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*W. J. [unclear]*

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AT 44-2386

P SEVEN - TWO ZERO - THREE FIVE THREE SEVEN SIX NINE, MADE TO MONTREAL PD. INVESTIGATION MIAMI REFLECTED CAR REGISTERED TO MICHAEL ST. PIERRE, TWO ONE FIVE ONE N.W. ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ST., WHICH IS LOCATION OF THE FAMOUS DOOR LOUNGE. ST. PIERRE UNKNOWN AT THAT ADDRESS; HOWEVER, PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED MAIL, PARTICULARLY CORRESPONDENCE FROM PHILLIP SIXTYSIX PETROLEUM CO. INVESTIGATION CAPTIONED MADE REFLECTS RAY LAST MONTREAL, CANADA, SOMETIME IN AUG. 'SIXTYSEVEN. POSSIBILITY EXISTS CADILLAC RECOVERED ATLANTA, USED BY RAY IN TRAVELS TO SOUTH.

ALBANY RECONTACT MONTREAL PD FOR ANY FURTHER INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE THEFT REPORT ON 'SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC. CONSIDER DOING APPROPRIATE NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AND INTERVIEW LOU EISENBERG, DISPLAYING PHOTOS TO ASCERTAIN IF RAY KNOWN IN AREA OF THEFT.

JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSEE. RECONTACT MVB, OBTAIN ORIGINAL REGISTRATION AND FORWARD TO LAB FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISON WITH SUBJECT RAY.

MIAMI AT ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ST. CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, DISPLAY PHOTOS OF RAY, CONTACT POST OFFICE AUTHORITIES. ALL IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY RAY AS POSSIBLY USING ALIAS OF MICHAEL ST. PIERRE.

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AT 44-2386

MIAMI NOTE RAY REPORTEDLY IN BIRMINGHAM, AUG. TWENTYNINE,  
'SIXTYSEVEN AND LOOKED AT 'SIXTYSIX MUSTANG, WHICH HE SUBSEQUENTLY  
PURCHASED FOLLOWING DATE. REGISTRATION FOR CADILLAC ALSO INDICATES  
DATE AUG. TWENTYNINE, 'SIXTYSEVEN.

SEPARATE COMMUNICATION DIRECTED TO KANSAS CITY TO CONTACT  
PHILLIP SIXTYSIX PETROLEUM CO. RE ST. PIERRE.

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GWC  
FBI JACKSVLE

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Date: 4/30/68

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Via Radio gram \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: <sup>DIRECTOR</sup> BUREAU, MEMPHIS, MOBILE, ATLANTA, SAN JUAN

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE APRIL THIRTY INSTANT.

RE JAMES EARL RAY, JR.

RE TELETYPE ADVISED REGIONAL INSPECTOR, IRS, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, DISCOVERED TAX RETURN FOR JAMES EARL RAY, JR., SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. RETURN INDICATES RAY, JR., WITH U. S. NAVY, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

PERSONNEL RECORDS NAS, CECIL FIELD, REFLECT RAY, JR., DEPARTED APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST FOR TEMPORARY ACTIVE DUTY TO ROOSEVELT ROADS, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, AS MESS COOK FOR FOUR WEEKS.

SAN JUAN IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF INDIVIDUAL RELATED TO SUBJECT RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

BUREAU + SAN JUAN ADVISED VIA RADIO

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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 AT (SVP) (VSC) Per *J. J.*  
 WVE (SVP) (OMO)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SUPV. CHARLES M. BLALOCK

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

At 1:05 p.m., Supervisor CLEM McGOWAN, SOG, telephonically advised that an attorney at the Department of Justice had received a telephone call this morning from a man by the name of BAILEY SANDLIN of Mt. Dora, Fla. (Lake County), telephone 383-2181. The Departmental Attorney advised the Bureau that SANDLIN claimed he had seen subject JAMES EARL RAY and that he had or was contacting the FBI. No other details were known to McGOWAN.

At 1:15 p.m. this information was telephonically furnished to SA TUCKER, Ocala RA by SA THOMAS J. WALSH with instructions that same be handled immediately.

CMB:jeb

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*Case assigned Walsh*

*Handled TB*

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re HARVEY LOWMYER

Mr. GLENN HOENIG, 602 Gray Ave., Wildwood, owner and operator of the Family Diner, advised in 1957 or 1958, he employed as a cook and dishwasher for a short period of time a parolee from the Illinois State Prison at Menard, Ill., one HARVEY LOWMYER. According to HOENIG, LOWMYER only worked for him for a short period of time and this was at his night club that he, HOENIG, operated at Chester, Ill. *Shaida*

HOENIG advised he believes LOWMYER was serving a sentence for "armed robbery" when he was paroled.

He recalled that LOWMYER indicated he had a sister in El Cajon, Calif. HOENIG was of the opinion that LOWMYER went to California after leaving his employment.

According to HOENIG, he never had any further contact with LOWMYER after he left his employment in Illinois. He advised, however, the Illinois State Prison System should have a file regarding LOWMYER.

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2 - Memphis  
2 - Jacksonville  
TJW:vlp  
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*JJ*

*walsh*

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HOENIG described LOWMYER as a white male, 25 to 26 years of age in 1957, small, no distinguishing features. He stated he believes that LOWMYER was single.

HOENIG was shown wanted flyer of ERIC STARVO GALT and advised he could not state whether or not this photograph resembled HARVEY LOWMYER that worked for him in Illinois in 1957 or 1958.

LEAD:

SPRINGFIELD:

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS:

If not previously done, contact the Department of Public Safety and ascertain if a HARVEY LOWMYER was previously in the Illinois State Prison System.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Jacksonville, Florida  
April 30, 1968

**MEMORANDUM TO ALL RESIDENT AGENTS**  
Instructions

**MURKIN**  
**CIVIL RIGHTS**

Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Division to date has not established mode of transportation JAMES EARL RAY may have used after 4/5/68. It is pointed out RAY was last known to be in the Atlanta, Ga., area on 4/5/68.

The Bureau has requested that all offices check cars recovered in their divisions that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and recovered in their divisions subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider subject, RAY, as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that subject, RAY, may have been person transporting car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

The files of the Jacksonville Office are being reviewed for reported cars recovered in our division since 4/4/68.

All RAs are requested to double check law enforcement agencies covered by them to ascertain if all Georgia cars found abandoned have been reported.

The following agents are responsible for coverage of above lead:

JACKSONVILLE

SA W. H. BUTTERFIELD will be responsible for Headquarters City, including a review of each 26 case file opened since 4/4/68.

1 - Each RA  
1 - SA BUTTERFIELD

① - 44-769  
TJW:pat

par JB

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AREA COVERED BY FOLLOWING RESIDENT AGENCIES  
DAYTONA BEACH

SA STEVEN E. HUGILL

FORT WALTON BEACH

SA WILLIAM H. HAGERTY, JR.

GAINESVILLE

SA GERARD R. HALE

LAKE CITY

SA ROBERT W. COOK

OCALA

SA TED R. TUCKER

PANAMA CITY

SA WILLIAM LEE BOLYARD

PENSACOLA

SA ORVILLE R. SHOOK

ST. AUGUSTINE

SA CARL E. BEASON

TALLAHASSEE

SA ROBERT W. CLARK

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4/30/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Tampa teletype, 4/19/68.

Re hitchhiker picked up by EDWARD A. JOYNER.

Mr. JOHNNIE GORE, 1385 Northland, Mount Dora, Florida, advised he is acquainted with Mr. EDWARD A. JOYNER, of Tampa, Florida. Mr. GORE advised however that nobody contacted him recently concerning affiliation with a country band.

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2 - Tampa  
2 - Jacksonville  
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(4) vef

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*4/30/68*  
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4/30/68

**AIRTEL**

**AIRMAIL**

**TO: SAC, MIAMI**  
**FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)**  
**SUBJ: MURKIN**  
**CIVIL RIGHTS**  
**(OO:ME)**

ReMEairtel to Jacksonville regarding Florida license 6-75466 and variations thereof.

Enclosed herewith for Miami is one copy of referenced airtel.

The following investigation was conducted by IC R. EUGENE HERRING at Tallahassee, Florida:

On 4/24/68, JACKIE THOMAS, Title Clerk, Department of Motor Vehicle, Tallahassee, Florida, furnished the following information:

1967 Florida license 6-75466 - No such number. This number is too high for the particular county indicated.

1967 Florida license 6-74566 - No such number. This number is too high for the county indicated.

1967 Florida license 6-57466 was issued to RUSSELL FOX, 1549 Canal North, Belle Glade, Florida, for use on 1949 Chevrolet, VIN GAA91755.

1967 Florida license 6-54766 was issued to

2 - Miami 2 - Memphis (44-1987)

2 - Jacksonville

TJW:cag

(4)

*cag* *JH*

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*  
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SAMUEL I. BROLA, Box 1520, Delray Beach, Florida, for use on 1958 Willys Station Wagon, VIN 5416834059.

1967 Florida license 6-45766 was issued to JAMES W. CAMPBELL, 729 N. "F" Street, Lake Worth, Florida, for use on 1955 Chevrolet, VIN B55A083948.

1967 Florida license 6-47566 was issued to RAY MORRIS, 2052 Lake Osborne Drive, Lake Worth, Florida, for use on 1965 Ford Mustang, VIN 5F07F151955.

LEAD

MIAMI

AT LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA

Identify registered owner of 1965 Mustang, Florida tag 6-47566 and ascertain if identical to subject.

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4/30/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)  
SUBJ: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Bureau telephone call from Supervisor  
CLEM MC GOWAN 4/30/68; telephonic complaint from BAILEY  
SANDLIN to Department of Justice.

BAILEY SANDLIN, Mt. Dora, Florida, telephone  
383-2181, contacted Mt. Dora Motor Lodge 4/30/68; his  
permanent address is 77 East Amelia Street, Orlando,  
Florida. He advised an individual, possibly JAMES EARL  
RAY, had pulled a gun on him in the carport of his office,  
1906 West Colonial Street, Orlando, Florida, on 4/26/68.  
He contacted the FBI, Orlando, and Orlando Police  
Department the same date regarding this information.

Resident Agency Orlando contacted telephonically  
4/26/68 and advised they had received complaint and  
investigated situation with negative results.

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3 - Bureau  
1 - Tampa (Info)  
2 - Jacksonville  
TJW:mhw  
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*Walsh*  
*44-769-278*

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