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WHILE IN OKEECHOBEE SMITH,, AN AVID READER OF NOVELS FREQUENTLY MENTIONED A CHARACTER BY THE NAME OF ERIC, IN A JAMES BOND TYPE NOVEL. WHEN HE LEFT OKEECHOBEE ON THREE TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT HE LEFT PEACOCK A NOTE AND IN THE NOTE HE REFERRED TO A PASSAGE FROM THE BOOK "ATLAS SHRUGGED" WHERE JOHN GALT WAS SPEAKING.

PEACOCK DESCRIBED CARPENTER AS WM, BORN [REDACTED], FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE/HALF INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS, DARK BROWN HAIR, BLUE-BLOODSHOT EYES, OCCUPATION WELDER, ALLEDGEDLY SERVED ONE YEAR IN VIET NAM, ATTENDED SCHOOL IN LESLIE, GA. AND MOTHER MRS. ALICE CARPENTER LIVES IN LESLIE. CURRENTLY EMPLOYED CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE CO, GRAY, GA. EXWIFE , MRS. VIRGIL SALTER, RESIDES AMERICUS, GA. TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE TWO FOUR FIVE ONE THREE THREE.

SHE DESCRIBED SMITH AS WM, BORN [REDACTED], AT MARIANNA, FLA., SIX FEET, ONEHUNDRED SEVENTYTWO LBS., STRAIGHT SANDY HAIR, LONG SIDEBURNS, AND WORE A BEARD, BLUE-GRAY EYES, EMPLOYED CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE CO. GRAY, GA. HIS FATHER RUNS SMITH SERVICE CENTER, MARIANNA FLA.

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ATLANTA ATTEMPT LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CARPENTER AND SMITH THROUGH CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE CO., GRAY, GA. FOR ELIMINATION AS SUSPECTS. IF ATLANTA UNABLE TO LOCATE, REQUEST APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION BIRMINGHAM AND JACKSONVILLE DIVISIONS. IF ATLANTA UNABLE TO ELIMINATE, MIAMI WILL FORWARD NOTE TO FBI LAB FOR EXAMINATION.

SMITH TOLD PEACOCK ON NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTYTHREE SIXTYEIGHT THAT IF SOMEONE CAME LOOKING FOR HIM SHE SHOULD POINT TOWARD HIS BEDROOM AND GET OUT OF THE WAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SAA MILTON T. CUMMINGS, JR. *Two*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/1/68, Chief of Police CARL STUCKI, Atlantic Beach, Fla., telephonically contacted the writer and advised that he had a Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD P. CONNORS in his office and they both believed that they had observed subject, JAMES EARL RAY, at the Georgia Package Store Bar in Jacksonville Beach, Fla. at about 6:00 p.m. Mr. CONNORS had obtained a beer can the individual he felt was identical with RAY had been drinking from.

Mr. and Mrs. CONNORS were interviewed at the Atlantic Beach PD subsequent to receipt of this information by SAs MILTON T. CUMMINGS, JR., and GEORGE A. McBRIDE at which time Mr. CONNORS furnished the following information:

He and his wife, EDNA CONNORS, reside at 620 Plaza, Atlantic Beach, Fla., and he is employed at the Arlington Branch of the U. S. Post Office. His wife is employed as a day-time barmaid in the lounge at the Georgia Package Store at Jacksonville Beach. CONNORS said he went to the Georgia Package Store at approximately 5:00 p.m. on 5/1/68 to pick up his wife, however, she did not get off until 6:00 p.m. He said he had a beer while he was waiting for her and that before she got off work the individual whom he felt was identical with RAY entered the bar and ordered a beer. When his wife got off she came to the bar and sat down beside him and he pointed this individual out to her and she also felt he resembled RAY. CONNORS said he then left the bar and went to the men's room and on his return this individual had departed. He said he immediately obtained the beer can he had been drinking from and preserved it. He estimated the individual left the bar at about 6:15 p.m. He described him as being dressed in a white shirt, dark trousers with no tie or hat. He said he resembled the center picture of RAY on the Identification Order issued 4/20/68, with the exception that his hair was much longer than the crew cut appearance this picture gives. He added that the left ear of the individual at the bar protruded noticeably.



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Mr. and Mrs. CONNORS identified other individuals in the bar as customers at this time as DOC TUTTLE, a college Professor who is in charge of the University of Florida's extension program at Jacksonville; JESSIE PACE, a retired Army man; The night bartender, JACKIE, and the girl who operates the package store at night whose first name is DOTTIE.

The beer can furnished by CONNOR was processed for latent fingerprints by SA McBRIDE with negative results.

Upon completion of the interview with CONNORS, DOC TUTTLE was located at his residence, 217 Oceanwood Dr., Neptune Beach, and JESSIE PACE, JACKIE LOWE and DOTTIE OAK were located at the Georgia Package Store. Each of these individuals was interviewed in detail and each observed photos of RAY with negative results. None of them felt they had observed RAY in the bar although all recalled Mr. and Mrs. CONNORS' presence in the bar at the time he had stated.

It is noted that PACE, upon seeing the pictures immediately identified them as being "Galt" and he was very positive in his statements that no one fitting subject's description had been in the bar.

On 5/2/68, subject's photograph was displayed to officers at the Jacksonville Beach PD and at the Atlantic Beach PD with the request that they be particularly alert for anyone in the area fitting subject's description. In addition, they were displayed to the day manager at the Georgia Package Store with negative results. There does not appear to be any additional logical investigation that can be conducted at this time on this lead.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Re TP teletype to Director and JK, 5/2/68, regarding 1967 or 1968 brown Plymouth bearing Florida License 3E-5643, seen by man in Savannah, Georgia, 4/26/68 being driven by man described as resembling subject.

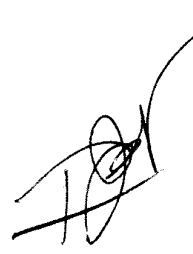
Investigation at Palatka, Florida reflects instant vehicle sold 1/26/68 to HAROLD HAZLETT, 2105 Wesover Drive, Palatka, Florida. HAZLETT has been known to be in Palatka, Florida for past eight years and employed Hudson Pulp and Paper Company. Vehicle has not been out of Palatka, Florida for several months. Vehicle contains same identification number as contained in referenced teletype.

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3 - Bureau  
2 - Tampa (157-3231)  
2 - Jacksonville

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**AIRMAIL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

Re Bureau airtel to Jackson, DL and JK, 4/25/68, regarding alleged offer of \$100,000 by White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Jackson, Mississippi, to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Jacksonville unable through indices checks, City and Suburban Directories, Telephone Directories, Jacksonville PD, Duval County SO, Drivers License Bureau, City Electric records, and Credit Bureau to identify JULIO ROMEO.

Jackson may wish to make direct contact with L.C. BLALOCK, Winona, Miss., for further information regarding ROMEO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Dallas (44-2649)
- 2 - Jackson
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) and TAMPA  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to JK and TP, 5/2/68; re Bailey Mann Sandlin - complainant, 77 East Amelia Street, Orlando, Florida; re Bureau telephone calls to JK and TP, 5/1/68.

MVB, Tallahassee, Florida, advised Florida License 7W-15 registered to JOHN E. CREWS, 1230 Hillcrest Avenue, Orlando, Florida, for use on 1967 Chevrolet Sports Coupe.

Tampa ascertain if registrant could be identifiable with subject.

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3 - Bureau  
2 - Tampa  
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FBI ATLANTA

746 PM URGENT 5-4-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MIAMI (44-1854), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND  
JACKSONVILLE.

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 2P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL MAY THREE CONCERNING LETTER RECEIVED BY  
BIRMINGHAM OFFICE ON FOUR TWENTYNINE FROM HAZEL V. PEACOCK,  
OKEECHOBEE, FLA.

BOTH EMPLOYERS OF CARPENTER AND SMITH POSITIVELY CONFIRM  
THAT THEY WERE AT WORK IN GRAY, GEORGIA APRIL FOUR LAST.

SMITH'S EMPLOYER, LEE WILLIAMS NURSERY, ADVISED SMITH TOLD  
HIM ON APRIL FIVE OR SIX LAST THAT CARPENTER HAD PLAYED JOKES ON  
GIRL FRIEND IN OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA. STATED CARPENTER SAID HE AND  
SMITH HAD KILLED DR. KING AND NEEDED TO BE PUT UP AND HIDDEN  
OUT. WILLIAMS ADVISES HE REPRIMANDED SMITH STATING THAT THIS KIND OF  
JOKING STATEMENTS WOULD CAUSE TROUBLE.

SMITH INTERVIEWED. CONFIRMED JOKE PHONE CALL AND ALSO  
THAT CARPENTER HAS BEEN TELLING GIRL FRIEND HAZEL PEACOCK HORROR  
STORIES AND ALL IS FALSE ABOUT SECRET ORGANIZATION, MURDERS, ETC.  
SMITH REPRIMANDED BY AGENTS AND APOLOGIZED AND PROMISED TO DISASSOCIATE  
SELF FROM CARPENTER. CARPENTER IS SHACKED UP WITH IDENTIFIED  
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AT 44-2386

FEMALE MACON, GEORGIA, NOT TO RETURN TO GRAY, GEORGIA UNTIL MAY  
SIX SIXTYEIGHT. CARPENTER WILL BE CONTACTED.

END.

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FBI JACKSVLE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-769)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : ROBERT W. CLARK

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Stolen autos in Ga.  
recovered in Fla.  
3/23/68 --4/4/68

On 5/2/68, Mrs. Gerry Baldwin, Detective Bureau, Tallahassee Police Department advised that they have no record of any cars being recovered that were stolen in Georgia during 3/23/68 --4/4/68.

With the assistance of JOHN PACE, Dispatcher, Switching Center, Department of Public Safety, FHP, Tallahassee, Florida a review was made of the teletypes that were sent from FHP to other states on recovery of stolen automobiles. It should be pointed out that no record is kept of the recovery of stolen automobiles and that the copies of the outgoing teletypes were not complete as most of them have been destroyed for questioned period. Search was made with negative results.

Mrs. Betty Townsend, Sheriff's Office, Leon County, Tallahassee, Florida advised on 5/3/68 that she could find no cars falling in the above category.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN

Re Jacksonville airtel to Bureau 4/30/68;  
Jacksonville telephone call to Tampa 5/1/68; Tampa  
telephone call to Bureau 5/1/68.

Re BAILEY SANDLIN, Orlando, Fla. - Complainant

For the information of the Bureau and interested offices, the following investigation was conducted at Orlando, Florida, by SAs THOMAS J. WILKES and GORDON W. TINDLE. BAILEY SANDLIN, Insurance Adjuster, 1906 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida, telephonically advised SA WILKES on 4/25/68 that at approximately 8:55 a.m., 4/25/68, he drove up in front of his office and noticed a man sitting in a 1967 or 1968 dark blue, 4-door Chevrolet. He stated the only numbers of the Florida tag he could recall were 7W-15 with rest of numbers unknown and he could not recall how many digits were in the tag number. He advised the Chevrolet was parked in the carport at his office. He said the man who resembled JAMES EARL RAY, pointed a snubnosed revolver at him, and said, "You ain't seen me" and drove east on Colonial Drive to the next street (Vern Drive) where he turned right. SANDLIN stated he got into his car and tried to follow the individual but never saw the Chevrolet again.

3-Bureau  
1-Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)  
1-Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
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TP 157-3231

It was noted by SA WILKES during the telephone call from SANDLIN that his voice had been unusually hesitant between words and sentences, however, at the time it was believed to be due to excitement.

J. R. SMITH, Detective Bureau, Orlando, Florida Police Department, was immediately informed of the above by SA JAMES B. HAFLEY.

Upon arriving at 1906 West Colonial Drive, BAILEY SANDLIN was interviewed in person by SAs TINDLE and WILKES. As the interview progressed, it became evident through SANDLIN'S behavior and by his own admission that he was under the influence of liquor. He stated that he was an alcoholic and that during the morning of April 24, 1968, his girlfriend, CHARLOTTE McDANIEL had tried to commit suicide in his apartment at 77 East Amelia, Orlando, Florida. SANDLIN asserted he became upset at this and had been drinking beer and Vodka from the morning of April 24, 1968 through the time the agents contacted him in person.

Every effort was made to ascertain if there was any truth in SANDLIN'S statements, however, he continually changed his description of the suspect and varied the sequence of events as well as the times they were alleged to have occurred.

On April 25, 1968, Mrs. ANN WAGNER, 1904 West Colonial Drive, and Mrs. ALFRED PENKACIK, 1919 West Colonial, who are located immediately adjacent to SANDLIN'S office advised that from at least 8:00 a.m. until they were contacted by the agents there had been no other car in SANDLIN'S carport except his Dodge. Both women were positive no Chevrolet, described above, had been in or near SANDLIN'S office that day since at least 8:00 a.m.

TP 157-3231

On April 25, 1968, Mrs. MARGARET TAYLOR, widow of Deputy Sheriff PHILIP TAYLOR, 1113 Santa Anita, advised agents she is the secretary to SANDLIN and that she had received a call from him that morning. She stated he sounded very unusual and she wondered if he had been drinking. She asserted that SANDLIN had previously told her he was an alcoholic and was active in alcoholics anonymous. He has also told her that when he drinks, he has hallucinations thinking he has achieved great success. Mrs. TAYLOR further stated that SANDLIN told her during his phone call that morning that when he arrived at his office he had been accosted by a man in a car in the carport of his office who stuck a gun in his face. According to SANDLIN, this had caused him to be upset.

Mrs. TAYLOR also declared that she talked with the landlord and occupants of the other half of the building, in which SANDLIN'S office is located and Mrs. WILLIAM MURRELL, 1904 West Colonial Drive had advised her that she had arrived at the office at the same time as SANDLIN and there was no car in the carport at that time. During the afternoon of April 25, 1968, RONALD E. ZEIGLER, Ziegler and Associates, Insurance Adjustors, Deland, Florida, telephonically advised SA WILKES he was SANDLIN'S employer. He stated he had gone to SANDLIN'S office a short time previous that same day, in answer to a phone call from Mrs. TAYLOR where he found SANDLIN passed out due to drunkenness. He stated he closed the office, took SANDLIN home and put him to bed.

JAMES FULLER, Detective Sergeant, Orlando PD was apprised of the above.

About mid-morning, April 25, 1968, BAILEY SANDLIN, 1906 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida, telephonically advised SA ROBERT C. BALL at the Orlando Resident Agency that he had previously telephoned the Orlando Residence Agency on the same morning and he had been contacted by two agents whose names he could not recall. He related he was recontacting the resident agency since the individual whom he had talked with the previous time had telephoned him and threatened him.

TP 157-3231

SA BALL contacted the Orlando PD and was met at 1906 West Colonial Drive by Sergeant STRAUB of the Orlando PD and during a short conversation with SANDLIN he stated he was fearful of his life since the previous described individual had threatened to return to his office and to kill him.

During the conversation with SANDLIN it was obvious to SA BALL that SANDLIN had been drinking and such opinion was confirmed by Sergeant STRAUB. SANDLIN was shown the identification order for JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the individual depicted thereon resembled the individual who had threatened him earlier that same day. Due to the obvious intoxicated condition of SANDLIN, no further attempt was made to interview him.

Due to the above set forth facts, no further action has been taken.

FBI JACKSVLE

FBI MIAMI

339PM EST 5-6-68 URGENT RGT

TO JACKSONVILLE AND ATLANTA (44-2386)  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN CR.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO MIAMI DATED MAY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE PAY TELEPHONE LOCATED INSIDE U.S. POST FFICE  
NINETYTWO FOURTEENTH STREET, N.E. ATLANTA.

REFERENCED TELETYPE INDICATES PAY TELEPHONE LOCATED  
INSIDE U.S. POST OFFICE, NINETYTWO FOURTEENTH STREET, N.E.,  
ATLANTA, IN AREA WHERE JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED. CHECK OF  
LONG DISTANCE CALLS REFLECTS FOLLOWING:

MARCH NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, AREA NINE ZERO FOUR - THREE  
NINE EIGHT - ZERO ONE SIX EIGHT, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

SINCE JACSONVILLE HANLES TERRITRY COVERED BY AREA  
CODE NINE ZERO FOUR, JACKSONVILLE IDENPIFY SUBSCRIBER  
AND DETERMINE IF ANY CONNECTIONS GITH JAMES EAL RAY.

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DID U REC ALL OF MY TEL YES

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: BUREAU, MIAMI, MEMPHIS  
FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN

RE UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL ABOARD TRANS CHAPLAIN.

ON MAY FIVE LAST MR. JAMES OWENS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED AN INDIVIDUAL HE BELIEVES SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY WAS DRINKING IN THE GOLDEN EARRING LOUNGE, DUNNS AVENUE, JACKSONVILLE. UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL DEPARTED DURING TELEPHONE CALL IN VEHICLE LATER ASCERTAINED TO BE REGISTERED TO JAMES C. JOWERS, JACKSONVILLE. JOWERS IS ELDERLY RETIRED MERCHANT SEAMAN AND MET UNSUB AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, NAME UNKNOWN, WHO IS REPORTEDLY CHIEF ENGINEER OF TRANS CHAPLAIN, A T TWO TANKER UNDER MSTs CHARTER ON MAY FIVE LAST. UNSUB REPORTEDLY DECK MAINTENANCE MAN ABOARD ABOVE SHIP.

JOWERS SPENT MOST OF DAY WITH TWO SEAMAN. JOWERS STATED HE WAS NOT GOOD AT IDENTIFYING PHOTOGRAPHS OF INDIVIDUALS

① - Jacksonville  
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AND WOULD BE UNABLE TO FURNISH AN OPINION AS TO SIMILARITY IN APPEARANCE BETWEEN UNSUB AND SUBJECT. UNSUB ABOUT FORTY, DRESSED IN SUIT AND TIE, VERY NEAT IN APPEARANCE, SHORT HAIR, AND CASHED ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILL FOR PAYMENT OF DRINKS. TRANS CHAPLAIN DEPARTED JACKSONVILLE FOR KEY WEST, FLORIDA, TEN P.M. MAY FIVE LAST. APPROXIMATE RUNNING TIME TO KEY WEST THIRTY SIX HOURS.

EDMOND BARZYK, OWNER, GOLDEN EARRING, WHO CASHED ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILL RECALLED UNSUB BUT WAS UNABLE TO RECALL SUFFICIENTLY TO EXPRESS OPINION AS TO SIMILARITY TO SUBJECT.

MIAMI AT KEY WEST ASCERTAIN IF UNSUB REPORTEDLY DECK MAINTENANCE MAN ON TRANS CHAPLAIN IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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Special Agent in Charge

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604PM URGENT 5/6/68 GJM

TO MIAMI 44-1854 JACKSONVILLE 44-769

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

REJKAIRTEL MAY TWO LAST SUBMITTING COPY OF  
AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION AND MMAIRTEL MAY TWO LAST  
SUBMITTING ITMS RELATING TO BOAT RENTALS ALL BEARING  
SIGNATURE MICHEL ST. PIERRE.

CONCLUDED MICHEL ST. PIERRE SIGNATURES ON DOCUMENTS  
SUBMITTED NOT PREPARED BY JAMES EARL RAY. LATENT REPORT  
AND DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE FURNISHED SEPARATELY. COPY  
MAILED TO MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, KANSAS CITY AND ALBANY.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)  
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Miami tel Jacksonville and Atlanta 5/6/68,  
re pay telephone located inside U.S. Post Office, 92  
14th Street, Northeast, Atlanta.

                    Jacksonville telephone #398-0168 listed to  
J. V. GUIDRY, 6056 Harvin Road, Jacksonville, Florida.  
GUIDRY is salesman for United Airlines. Mrs. GUIDRY  
advised telephone call in referenced communication  
undoubtedly came from her oldest son living in Atlanta  
to wish his younger brother a happy birthday on 3/19/68.  
They are not familiar with subject.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Re Birmingham tel 5/3/68 re JAMES CURTIS WOODS.

Records Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville, Florida, reflect no death record on information or dates supplied in referenced tel.

Records ~~do~~ reflect JAMES CURTIS WOODS died 11/7/67 at Inverness, Citrus County, Florida. He was a resident of Starnes Park, Gadsden, Alabama. He was described as white male, age 56, born Alabama, unemployed and died of a heart blockage. He was buried at the Clayton Cemetery, Clayton, Alabama.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis  
2 - Birmingham (44-1740)  
② - Jacksonville (1 - 66-297)  
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)(P)  
MURKIN  
RE: SUSPECT JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD

Re Charlotte teletype to Bureau, 4/29/68

On 4/30/68, Mrs. MYRA DODD, Personnel Manager, Lipton Tea Company, Holland Road, Suffolk, Virginia, was contacted by SA JOHN B. MCNABB regarding HORACE WILLARD MODLIN. She stated that MODLIN has been employed at their plant since 6/2/64, in the Production Department. She further advised that MODLIN, according to company records, has been present for work on every work day during March and April, 1968.

3- Bureau  
1- Charlotte (44-1365)(info)  
①- Jacksonville (info)  
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TO: SAC(44-769)  
FROM: SA George A. Mc Bride  
MURKIN

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ReButel to all SAC's 4/29/68.

All SRA's were advised of contents of retel on 4/29 and 4/30/68 and all have advised that those agencies having unidentified Latent Fingerprint files have checked those prints acquired since 4/23/67 against prints on the I.O. for RAY. Jacksonville PD and Duval County SO prints have also been checked, per Lt. W. H. KNIGHT and J. R. TILLEY, respectively.

No identifications have been reported.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA TED R. TUCKER

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO:ME)

ReJK serials 271 and 276.

On 4/30/68, Mr. BAILEY SANDLIN, Room 8, Mount Dora Motor Lodge, telephone number ~~383-2181~~, was telephonically contacted by the writer.

From SANDLIN's conversation, the writer gained the impression that he was either under the influence of alcohol or was possibly mentally disturbed.

SANDLIN advised on Friday, April 26, 1968, an individual whom he believes to be JAMES EARL RAY, the assassin of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, pulled a gun on him at his carport in his office located at 1906 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, Fla. SANDLIN advised he reported this matter to the FBI in Orlando and to the Ocala PD on that date, 4/26/68.

SANDLIN advised he resides at 77 E. Amelia St., Orlando, but that on 4/29/68, he came to Mt. Dora, Fla., because he was fearful of "getting his brains blown out".

SANDLIN then advised he was not a "nut" and he was getting tired of people saying he was a nut. He then stated that he had to get dressed and was going out to get something to eat.

SANDLIN stated he has a brother who is close to President JOHNSON and Vice President HUMPHREY in Washington, D. C., and that he intends to contact his brother to get some action.

SANDLIN was advised since he had indicated that he had previously reported this incident to the

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**FBI in Orlando that the FBI in Orlando would be handling  
this matter.**



Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

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

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

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Atlanta
- 2 - Albuquerque
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Special Agent in Charge

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| <u>DATE</u>         | <u>CALLING NUMBER</u>         | <u>CALLED NUMBER</u> | <u>PLACE</u>            |
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| <u>ATLANTA:</u>     |                               |                      |                         |
| 12/17/67            | 835-8273<br>(Beaumont, Texas) | 404-876-5551         | Atlanta                 |
| <u>ALBUQUERQUE:</u> |                               |                      |                         |
| 12/17/67            | 682-9177<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 505-243-1331         | Albuquerque             |
| 12/15/67            | 468-9836<br>(Houston)         | 505-864-8204         | Belen, N.M.             |
| <u>BOSTON:</u>      |                               |                      |                         |
| 12/16/67            | 468-9009<br>(Houston)         | 617-944-1569         | Reading, Mass.          |
| 12/16/68            | 835-9546<br>(Beaumont, Texas) | 401-723-1085         | Pawtucket,<br>R. I.     |
| <u>CHARLOTTE:</u>   |                               |                      |                         |
| 12/15/67            | 673-9255<br>(Houston)         | 919-599-9083         | Roxboro, N.C.           |
| 12/15/67            | 886-9976<br>(Orange, Texas)   | 704-667-4670         | Enka, Candler,<br>N. C. |
| <u>CHICAGO:</u>     |                               |                      |                         |
| 12/15/67            | 769-9108<br>(Vidor, Texas)    | 312-832-4895         | Elmhurst, Ill.          |
| 12/17/67            | 835-8273<br>Beaumont, Texas   | 309-786-1824         | Rock Island,<br>Ill.    |
| <u>CINCINNATI:</u>  |                               |                      |                         |
| 12/17/67            | 892-9963<br>(Beaumont, Texas) | 513-681-2839         | Cincinnati              |
| 12/16/67            | 453-9015<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 614-551-2363         | Bartlett, Ohio          |
| 12/17/67            | 468-9844<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 513-653-6666         | Urbana, Ohio            |

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| <u>CLEVELAND:</u> |                               |                      |                       |
| 12/17/67          | 468-9727<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 614-389-3058         | Marion, Ohio          |
| 12/17/67          | 468-9727<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 614-389-3058         | Marion, Ohio          |
| 12/15/67          | 682-9317<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 216-641-1461         | Cleveland             |
| <u>DETROIT:</u>   |                               |                      |                       |
| 12/17/68          | 673-9872<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 616-861-2456         | Shelby, Mich.         |
| <u>EL PASO:</u>   |                               |                      |                       |
| 12/16/67          | 673-9501<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 915-532-9146         | El Paso               |
| 12/16/67          | 682-9348<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 915-362-4789         | Odessa, Texas         |
| 12/17/67          | 468-9878<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 915-682-3697         | Midland, Texas        |
| <u>JACKSON:</u>   |                               |                      |                       |
| 12/15/67          | 453-9611<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 601-582-3734         | Hattiesburg,<br>Miss. |
| 12/16/67          | 453-9015<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 601-372-3537         | Jackson               |
| 12/15/67          | 453-9611<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 601-722-4497         | Seminary,<br>Miss.    |
| 12/16/67          | 886-9011<br>(Orange, Texas)   | 801-684-6794         | McComb, Miss.         |
| 12/17/67          | 468-9731<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 601-428-8829         | Laurel, Miss.         |
| 12/17/67          | 835-9023<br>(Beaumont, Texas) | 601-625-8547         | Forest, Miss.         |

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| <u>JACKSONVILLE:</u> |                               |                      |              |
| 12/15/67             | 673-9050<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 904-623-2008         | Milton, Fla. |
| 12/15/67             | 673-9419<br>(Houston, Texas)  | 904-675-4970         | Jay, Fla.    |
| <u>LAS VEGAS:</u>    |                               |                      |              |
| 12/17/67             | 835-9587<br>(Beaumont, Texas) | 702-384-7271         | Las Vegas    |

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

FROM : SA ROBERT P. ROMANS

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: Memphis)

DATE: 5/7/68

Re Tampa airtel to the Bureau, dated 4/30/68.

On 5/2/68, JERRY W. KIRKLAND, Duval County Fire Department Co-ordinator, Jacksonville, Fla., advised SA ROBERT P. ROMANS his records reveal that in 1963 a JAMES JACKSON RAY was involved with his brothers, JOE and ROBERT, in the misuse and/or mishandling of Duval County funds and property through the Oakwood Villa Volunteer Fire Department of which JAMES JACKSON RAY was President.

KIRKLAND advised that as a result of the RAY brothers actions, he disbanded the volunteer fire department. KIRKLAND stated that JAMES JACKSON RAY spent time in Raiford Prison for B & E some years ago and has a record with the FBI.

KIRKLAND advised although he has not seen JAMES JACKSON RAY in about 5 years he still remembers RAY's face as a result of all the difficulty he had with him.

KIRKLAND was exhibited Wanted Flyer # 442-A, dated 4/19/68, of JAMES EARL RAY and KIRKLAND advised JAMES JACKSON RAY does not resemble JAMES EARL RAY.

KIRKLAND stated his records reflect the following descriptive and background data for JAMES JACKSON RAY:

|            |                                      |
|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Race       | White                                |
| Sex        | Male                                 |
| DOB        | <input type="text"/>                 |
| Eyes       | Brown                                |
| Hair       | Brown                                |
| Occupation | Brick layer                          |
| Wife       | LENA                                 |
| Address    | 8625 Galveston Ave.,<br>Jacksonville |

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On 5/2/68, ROSILYN DANESE, Identification Section, Duval County SO, Jacksonville, Fla., advised her files reveal the following record and information on JAMES JACKSON RAY:

|               |  |
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| Height        | 6' 2 1/2"  |
| Weight        | 150 lbs.   |
| FBI #         | 485 906 9  |
| Marks         | Tattoo - right upper arm.  |
| Arrest Record | Three years at Raiford Prison, Fla., 1947, for B & E with intent to commit Grand Larceny |

On 5/2/68, CLARK WILSON, Jacksonville PD, Jacksonville, Fla., advised his files reflect a record for one JAMES JACKSON RAY, under number 28775B:

|               |   |
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| POB           | Atlanta, Ga.  |
| Occupation    | Welder  |
| Height        | 5' 11 1/2"  |
| Weight        | 150 lbs.  |
| Eyes          | Brown   |
| Hair          | Brown   |
| Tattoo        | Heart with ribbons and initials "MT" - upper right arm.                                 |
| FBI #         | 485 906 9   |
| Arrest record | Navy deserter, 1943. B & E, 1947 - 3 years in Raiford Prison, June, 1947. Paroled 1948. |

Jacksonville indices negative on JAMES JACKSON RAY.

On 5/2/68, a review of the 1967 Jacksonville City Directory revealed JAMES J. RAY (wife LENAS) residence 8625 Galveston Ave.

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In view of the fact that JAMES JACKSON RAY has been a resident of Jacksonville, Fla., for the past several years, has a police record which reflects he has a record with the FBI under number 485 906 9, and has been positively identified as not being identical with JAMES EARL RAY by JERRY KIRKLAND, no further investigation is being conducted on JAMES JACKSON RAY.

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710 716PM URGENT 5/7/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN  
FROM DIRECTOR IP

MURKIN

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

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-769)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA THOMAS J. WALSH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re my teletype to Director, Atlanta, etal, 5/1/68.

Re Hertz Rent-A-Car Abandoned at Birmingham Airport  
4/7-8/68:

Instant teletype set out lead for Jacksonville  
at Pensacola to determine address of passenger D. WORNICA  
from reservation records.

At 9:07 am, 5/2/68, Supervisor CHARLES HARDING,  
Atlanta Division, telephonically advised this lead can  
be discontinued at Pensacola, and he was following this  
verbal discontinuance by teletype.

*Action = info advised by WATS to disc. this lead*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-769)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA THOMAS J. WALSH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, etal, 5/1/68.

Re subject's calls made from coin telephone en route from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Referenced teletype sets out lead for Jacksonville to ascertain identity of subscriber to telephone No. 7526460, Lake City, Fla.

SA ROBERT W. COOK telephonically advised SA WALSH 5/2/68 at 9:30 am that above telephone number listed to ROBIN C. SHIVER, Westwood Acres, Lake City, Fla. SHIVER, he said, is owner Phillips "66" Service Station, and reliable individual. He is also in the poultry business with GARLAND STROBLE, age 35. SHIVER said in December, 1967, exact date unknown, he received a telephone call from his partner, STROBLE, from Texas regarding the poultry business, and this was the only telephone call he received from the State of Texas.

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TELETYPE

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. OO: ME.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE, TEN THIRTYONE AM, APRIL THIRTY  
LAST, AND SAN JUAN TELETYPE, MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT.

INVESTIGATION, MONTGOMERY, ALA., REFLECTS RUFUS RAY,  
TWENTYFIVE E. SOUTH ST., A RETIRED INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
EMPLOYEE, KNOWN TO SRA SPENCER H. ROBB APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-  
THREE YEARS, ADVISED HIS SON, LT. COL. JAMES EARL RAY  
PRESENTLY SERVING WITH U. S. ARMY IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AND  
GRANDSON, JAMES EARL RAY, JR., CURRENTLY IN U. S. NAVY IN  
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. RAY STATES SUBJECT OF THIS CASE NOT  
RELATED IN ANY WAY TO HIS FAMILY AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIM.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED AT, JK AND SJ. P

1 - Atlanta (AM)(44-2386)  
① - Jacksonville (AM) (44-769)  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JK (44-769) ATT: SA WALSH

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : ROBERT L. CRONGEYER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: BU TEL TO ALL SACS 4/29/68:

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT L. CRONGEYER at Pensacola, Florida 4/30/68:

WALTER STEINSIEK, Identification Officer, Pensacola Police Department reported that he maintained a latent fingerprint file. He caused a check to be made of latents he had on file with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he was unable to identify any of his latents with RAY's fingerprints.

CHARLES GRANT, Identification Officer, Escambia County Sheriffs Office also reported that he maintained a latent fingerprint file and that as a result of a check he caused to be made was unable to identify any of these prints with the fingerprints of RAY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561857 JK

D-561858 JK

D-561817 JK

Specimens received 4/29/68, from FBI, Jacksonville

K212 Piece of cloth containing fourteen samples of laundry tape obtained from Tillman Laundry and Cleaners, Jacksonville, Florida

Specimen received 4/29/68, from FBI, Charlotte

K213 Eight sample laundry tapes obtained from two Thermo-Seal machines located at Canton Laundry, Canton, North Carolina

Specimen received 4/29/68, from FBI, Tampa

K214 Three sample laundry tapes obtained from Winter Park Laundry, Winter Park, Florida

Result of examination:

Differences were noted between the laundry tags represented by K212, K213 and K214 when compared with the laundry tags appearing on Q97 and Q99, but the lack of significant characteristics precluded a definite determination regarding these specimens.

K212, K213 and K214 have been retained.

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

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

Date: **May 1, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-561857 JK  
D-561858 JK  
D-561817 JK**

Examination requested by: **Tampa, Charlotte,  
Jacksonville**

Reference: **Airtels, 4/26/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

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- Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
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- 1 - Charlotte (44-1365) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Jacksonville (44-769) Enclosure (Lab report)

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SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

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SA THOMAS J. WALSH

MURKIN

Re GEORGE CHRIST.

On 5/2/68, Lt. JAMES HAMLIN, Duval County SO, advised he had received a telephone call from THELMA LAWSON, telephone 359-6826. Mrs. LAWSON advised she believed an individual living in the garage apartment 1743 Landon Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida, was similar in appearance to subject. CHRIST moved into this apartment the Saturday after MARTIN LUTHER KING was shot. CHRIST she said is a TV repairman for Penney's Department Store.

On 5/3/68, Mr. KENNETH HANDY, Service Department, Penney's Department Store, advised CHRIST has been regularly employed directly under him since 2/19/68 and has taken no days off, including Saturdays. He said the photographs of RAY are similar to that of CHRIST, however, he has known CHRIST for a longer period than February.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jacksonville

DATE: April 29, 1968

*JRM* : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE  
I. O. #4182; W. F. #442-A  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY  
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM  
NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 120.

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.

*Mats sent 5/14*

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TO: BUREAU 44-38861, JACKSONVILLE

FROM, CHARLOTTE 44-1365 3P

*Powell checked  
BVS on 5780 found  
no death record  
on this book  
Maynard Ray*

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO CHARLOTTE APRIL TWENTY-SIX LAST,  
AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SAC'S SAME DATE.

IN REFERENCED TELETYPE TO CHARLOTTE, BUREAU ADVISED  
MAIN FILE ON KING WAS REVIEWED AND IT WAS NOTED THAT  
IN CHARLOTTE TELETYPE MARCH TWENTY-FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY-  
FIVE, IT WAS REPORTED THAT JACK MAYNARD RAY, DURHAM,  
N. C., FBI NUMBER EIGHT SIX FOUR - SIX EIGHT FOUR, CLAIMED  
HE WAS APPROACHED TO SHOOT KING AND JAMES FARMER BY GEORGE  
MC LAMB, REPORTEDLY PRESIDENT OF DURHAM CITY COUNCIL.  
RAY IS REPORTEDLY AN EX-CON AND POSSIBLY AN ALCOHOLIC.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT DURHAM, N. C. REVEALS  
JACK RAY HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE  
WHEN HE LEFT DURHAM AREA. ON MAY SEVEN LAST RAY'S  
WIFE, MAE HELMS, WAS LOCATED AT CHARLOTTE, N. C., AND  
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ADVISED SHE DIVORCED JACK RAY TWO YEARS AGO. SHE SAID THE LAST TIME SHE HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT HIM WAS IN JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS REPORTEDLY CONFINED TO A HOSPITAL IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA, SUFFERING FROM CONVULSIONS. SHE STATED HE IS AN ALCOHOLIC AND IS POSSIBLY DEAD.

AN AIRTEL CONTAINING FULL DETAILS REGARDING THREAT AND INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY CHARLOTTE TO LOCATE RAY BEING PREPARED AND COPY WILL BE FURNISHED JACKSONVILLE. RAY IS DESCRIBED AS WM, BORN , FIVE FEET TEN INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT POUNDS, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, GRAY EYES.

// Description

JACKSONVILLE, AT DAYTONA BEACH, CHECK WITH HOSPITALS IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JACK MAYNARD RAY, CONCERNING THREAT TO KING IN NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALTHOUGH JAMES EARL RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSASSIN; INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THIS AND SIMILAR MATTERS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF OTHERS INVOLVED AS CONSPIRATORS.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

MM

FBI JACKSVLE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

FROM : SPC JASPER L. CARTER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

DATE: 5/8/68

SA HENRY SNOW, Birmingham office, telephonically furnished the following information this date:

A witness advised the Birmingham office this date that a white male, who resembled subject RAY, has been coming into a restaurant that he frequents for the past week. Witness advised that this person was driving a 1963 or 64 Chevy II bearing 1967-68 Florida license 43-3771.

Birmingham requested that JK determine to whom this tag registered and determine owner's present whereabouts and if identical to subject RAY.

SA HAGERTY determined 1967-68 Fla. license 43-3771 registered to ROY M. GOLDSMITH, 181 Ferry Rd., NE, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. for a 1963 Buick, 2 door, coupe, VIN OK1163425.

GOLDSMITH has moved from Ft. Walton Beach to Destin, Fla.

Contact with GOLDSMITH this date by SA HAGERTY determined that GOLDSMITH removed 67-68 Fla. tag 43-3771 from his 1963 Buick on 5/1/68 and replaced it with his 1968-69 Fla. tag. He threw the 1967-68 Fla. 43-3771 in garbage can. During conversation with SA HAGERTY, GOLDSMITH checked his garbage can and 1967-68 Fla. tag 43-3771 still in garbage can.

GOLDSMITH has been residing in area since 1965 and definitely not identical with subject RAY.

43W and 43D-3771 also checked and neither one registered for a 1963 or 64 Chevy II.

Above information telephonically furnished to ASAC RAMPTON Birmingham, this date.

Supervisor BUOL aware of above.

JLC/jlc



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FBI JACKSONVILLE

FBI BIRMGHAM

12:19PM URGENT 5-9-68FAS

TO DIRECTOR AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 P

MURKIN, CR.

RE BH TELEPHONE CALLS TO JK FIVE EIGHT LAST.

ROBERT W. COLLINS, MANGER, ALBERTA BECKWITH, COOK, AND MATTIE WILLIAMS, COOK, SHOCKLEY'S PANCAKE HOUSE, ONE ONE ONE EAST LIMESTONE STREET, FLORENCE, ALA., EIGHT INSTANT, OBSERVED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATED A PERSON CLOSELY RESEMBLING HIM WAS IN THAT RESTAURANT TWO PM, EIGHT LAST, AND ALSO ON SOME PREVIOUS OCCASIONS. THEY FURNISHED DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE HE WAS USING AND A FLORIDA TAG NUMBER WHICH WAS LATER DETERMINED TO BE INCORRECT. ALL HOTELS AND MOTELS IN FLORECE, ALA., CHECKED. PERSON REFERRED TO ABOVE WAS LOCATED AND DETERMINED TO BE PAUL JONUS PHILLIPS, WHITE, MALE, BORN [REDACTED], FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, DISTINCT BROWN EYES, GOLD FILLINGS ON FRONT TEETH. HE IS MASTER SERGEANT IN U. S. AIR FORCE, EGLIN FIELD, FLA., SN AF ONE NINE SIX NINE FOUR  
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ZERO ONE FIVE HAS BEEN IN AIRFORCE TWENTY YEARS AND IS ENROUTE TO VIET NAM NINETH INSTANT. PHILLIPS SOMEWHAT RESEMBLED NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO OF SUBJECT WHICH APPEARS ON IO. PHILLIPS DETERMINED TO BE NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT ON BASIS OF VISUAL OBSERVATION AND FINGERPRINT COMPARISON. ABOVE WITNESSES OBSERVED PHILLIPS AND VERIFIED HE WAS PERSON RESEMBLING SUBJECT.

END

LCC

FBI WASH DC

GWC

FBI JACKSVLE

LOOK FOR RAY IN OKLAWAHA FLA.  
CR RECORDS FOR ADDRESS S.S. PAYMENTS  
SENT TO JOHN FARRELL, ALIAS JAY FERGUSON,  
M.L. KING JR NEAR Ocala FLA.

FOR IDENTIFICATION  
I HAVE MATCHING  
CORNER.

ANY REWARD IF NOW THERE  
WILL GO TO CHARITY,  
ANOM.

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Airtel

To: SACs, Philadelphia (Enc. 2)  
Jacksonville (Enc. 2)

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re E. Raymond, R.D. 2, Coudersport, Pennsylvania, -  
complainant.

Enclosed for Philadelphia and Jacksonville are  
two copies of an unsigned letter which was postmarked 5-3-68,  
at Oil City, Pennsylvania. The envelope bore the return  
address of E. Raymond, R.D. 2, Coudersport, Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia should immediately contact Raymond  
to obtain any information he may have relating to this  
case.

Jacksonville, conduct pertinent investigation at  
Ocala, Florida.

One copy of the letter is enclosed for Memphis.

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FBI TAMPA

FBI KAN CITY

1105 AM URGENT 5/1/68 JLN

TO DIRECTOR 44-3886L, MEMPHIS, TAMPA, ST. LOUIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST.

RECORDS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY REVEAL LEO BARNETT,  
FBI NO. TWO SEVEN THREE SIX EIGHT SIX B WAS PAROLED ON  
AUGUST ELEVEN, SIXTY SIX, TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., WITH PAROLE TIME TO BE SERVED CON-  
CURRENTLY WITH FLORIDA SENTENCE AND BARNETT WAS FORMERLY  
AT RAYFORD PRISON, FLA., UNDER NO. SIX SIX THREE TWO THREE.

THESE RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL A FRED MILLER NO. ZERO TWO  
TWO SEVEN THREE, FORMER INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY,  
WAS TRANSFERRED TO MISSOURI TRAINING CENTER FOR MEN, MOBERLY,  
MO. ON MAY TWENTY NINE, LAST AND FRED HENRY MILLER,  
NO. SIX SIX FIVE THREE FIVE WAS ASSIGNED TO MOBERLY MARCH  
FOUR, LAST.

TAMPA AND ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW FORMER INMATES  
CONCERNING ANY INFORMATION THEY HAVE REGARDING SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI TAMPA

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—TIMES-UNION/UPI TELEPHOTOS

**Recent Pictures of Ray Circulated by FBI**

**FBI Distributes 2 More Photos of Ray**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The FBI distributed Tuesday two more photographs of the man accused of killing Dr. Martin Luther King — one of them “an extremely good likeness.”

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

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

The other, which the FBI said was taken last November

somewhere in Mexico, shows him wearing sun glasses and what appears to be a white sports shirt. The FBI said Ray is known to wear sun glasses frequently.

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

which now appear on FBI wanted posters.

Ray was added to the FBI's list of 10 most-wanted criminals April 20. There have

been reports of the search extending to various foreign

countries, including Australia, and authorities along the U.S.

borders have been alerted to watch for him.

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FLORIDA TIMES-UNION  
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Date: 5/8/68 Page A-6

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JAMES EARL RAY  
aka.

Character: CR

or

Classification: 44-769 -341

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Jacksonville

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