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5-22-68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Pittsburgh airtel to Jacksonville 5-13-68.

On 5-17-68 Mr. HARVEY COBB, Owner, L & M Cylinders, 2078 Lane Avenue North, Jacksonville, Florida, was contacted and interviewed regarding two possible past employees of L & M Cylinder known as "RED" (LNU) and (FNU) FOLKS.

Mr. COBB advised that "RED'S" real name is CHARLES EDWARD UNDERHILL, 2606 Orchard Street, Jacksonville, Florida. UNDERHILL was employed at L & M Cylinders from June until August, 1966, and it was obvious to Mr. COBB that UNDERHILL was a militant hater of the Negro race. Mr. COBB further advised that he had no record for a past employee having the last name FOLKS and feels sure he has never hired anyone by that name.

Mr. COBB stated that a close friend of "RED" (UNDERHILL's) at the time they were working for him was PAUL BRADY DYAL, 275 Willowbranch Street, Jacksonville, Florida. DYAL worked for L & M Cylinders from May until August, 1966, and was also quite adamant for his hatred for the Negro race.

Mr. COBB was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated definitely that neither Mr. UNDERHILL nor Mr. DYAL in any way resembled RAY.

2 - Pittsburgh
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
② - Jacksonville

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It is felt that (FNU) POLKS, the name mentioned by CLARENCE BASHAM in referenced airtel, in undoubtedly WARREN POLKS, a well-known and outspoken segregationist and former member of the Ku Klux Klan in the Jacksonville area. Mr. POLKS' activities have been closely followed by the Jacksonville Office for many months and his whereabouts on the evening that MARTIN LUTHER KING was shot have been established. Furthermore, Mr. POLKS in no way resembles various photographs of suspect, JAMES EARL RAY.

Armed and Dangerous

May 22, 1968

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Reference San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated
5/9/68.

On 5/16/68, JACKIE THOMAS, Title Clerk, Department of Motor Vehicles, Tallahassee, Florida, advised that 1967 Florida License 37-1735 issued to JAMES E. FARMER, 1601 Johnson Street, Perry, Florida, for use on a 1966 Mercury Comet, VIN GH065802653.

On 5/21/68, FARMER was contacted and advised he has been in Perry, Florida, since August, 1967, working for the Buckeye Cellulose Company, Perry, Florida, formerly with the same company in Memphis, Tennessee. He advised his vehicle has not been out of the State of Florida since he left Memphis and license plate has always been attached to vehicle. Vehicle is a powder blue station wagon. FARMER did not fit description of JAMES EARL RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (RM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (173-65) (RM)
- ② - Jacksonville

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

DATE: 5/22/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. BUTTERFIELD, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re mmo to all RAs 4/30/68.

On 4/30/68, a thorough review of all ITSMV cases opened in the Jacksonville Division since 4/4/68 was conducted. It was determined that two cases, #26-19188 and 26-19251, involved vehicles stolen in the state of Georgia.

The subjects of the above two cases have been eliminated as JAMES EARL RAY due to discrepancies in vehicle description.

On 4/30/68, Mr. JACK OCH, Auto Theft, Duval County SO, and Detective Sergeant WADE TAYLOR, Auto Theft, Jacksonville PD, advised that their respective departments have reported to the FBI all abandoned Georgia vehicles located in Duval County, Florida, since 4/4/68.



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Jacksonville, Florida
May 22, 1968

Director
State Beverage Department
Doyle Carlton Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Attention: Intelligence Division

Dear Sir:

Re: JAMES EARL RAY

Please refer to my letter dated April 30, 1968, at which time copies of Identification Order 4182 dated April 20, 1968, regarding James Earl Ray were sent to you.

Enclosed herewith are eighteen copies of two more recent photographs of James Earl Ray. Photograph Number One was taken in Mexico in 1968, and is the photograph of Ray in dark glasses.

Photograph Number Two was taken in California, in 1968. This is the head shot of Ray in a business suit.

Bureau requested to send a copy of each photograph to each of your District Offices so that your Agents will be familiar with these photographs of Ray when they make daily contacts in bars throughout the State.

As previously pointed out, James Earl Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Gebhardt
Special Agent in Charge

2 - Addressee (Encls. 36)
2 - Jacksonville (44-769)
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FBI

Date: 5/20/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)

RE: MURKIN
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Re Butel, 4/25/68, to El Paso, Houston and San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company the long-distance calls placed at each public telephone on Highway 90 and Interstate Highway 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67. Subject reportedly made eight long-distance telephone calls while in Texas.

Set forth by field divisions are some of the telephone calls made from the San Antonio Division, 12/15-17/67, which were obtained from available Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records. The various field division will determine from the subscriber or person receiving the call, the identity of the caller. If the caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain

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5-Bureau	2-Little Rock
(2-Legat, Mexico City)	3-Los Angeles
2-Albuquerque	2-Memphis (44-1987)
2-Atlanta	2-New Haven
2-Baltimore	3-New York
2-Chicago	2-Oklahoma City
3-Dallas	2-Omaha
2-Denver	2-Pittsburgh
3-Detroit	2-San Francisco
3-Indianapolis	2-San Antonio
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2-Kansas City	

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Special Agent in Charge

SA 44-1242

all available information. Further, determine if the subscriber or the person receiving the call has any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to furnish Legat, Mexico City two copies of this airtel and set forth the same lead for Legat, Mexico as set forth for the other recipient offices listed above.

<u>DATE</u> <u>LEGAT, MEXICO</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
12/16/67	223-8252	1227	Sabinas, Coahuila, Mexico
12/17/67	278-9068	1250	Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico
12/15/67	223-7920	427056	Records show to "Lerdo, Mex." Place "Monty"
12/16/67	223-8252	427056	Monterrey, Mexico
12/17/67	223-8252	468515	Mexico City
<u>ALBUQUERQUE</u>			
12/16/67	563-9704	505-877-9947	To JENNY SHOUP
<u>ATLANTA</u>			
12/15/67	875-9087	404-544-2190	Columbus, Georgia
<u>BALTIMORE</u>			
12/15/67	563-9793	301-675-0381	
12/16/67	563-9719	301-675-0381	
<u>CHICAGO</u>			
12/16/67	223-8252	312-847-4122	
12/16/67	432-9322	312-533-1084	

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
<u>DALLAS</u>			
12/16/67	278-9012	214-247-6949	
12/17/67	432-9277	214-295-5689	
12/16/67	278-9194	214-351-6970	
12/15/67	223-8148	214-374-6379	
12/15/67	278-9041	214-465-0015	
12/15/67	278-9086	214-748-5851	
12/17/67	278-9194	806-362-7797	
12/16/67	278-9030	806-364-0709	
12/16/67	278-9066	806-364-4789	
12/15/67	223-0300	806-373-1108	
12/15/67	223-7271	806-385-5322	
12/17/67	278-9068	806-765-5963	
<u>DENVER</u>			
12/17/67	379-9059	303-641-1586	Gunnison, Colorado
<u>DETROIT</u>			
12/17/67	379-9953	517-867-3781	Gustine
12/17/67	432-9447	616-236-5598	Miss SNEAA WATKINS Tolman, Michigan
<u>INDIANAPOLIS</u>			
12/15/67	674-9919	317-473-7263	

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
12/15/67	875-9079	317-963-2331	Sharpville, Indiana
12/17/67	379-9925	219-456-2832	Fort Wayne, Indiana

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling No.</u>	<u>Called No.</u>	<u>Place and/or Person Called</u>
<u>JACKSON</u>			
12/17/67	674-9919	601-475-7722	
12/17/67	432-9005	601-762-3813	
<u>JACKSONVILLE</u>			
12/17/67	875-9055	904-433-1459	Pensacola, Fla.
<u>KANSAS CITY</u>			
12/15/67	674-9761	913-539-4300	
<u>LITTLE ROCK</u>			
12/16/67	223-7271	501-375-6561	
12/16/67	432-9005	501-624-4536	VELMA THOMPSON
12/17/67	432-9277	501-835-3481	WORKMAN
<u>LOS ANGELES</u>			
12/15/67	223-8266	213-231-5482	
12/17/67	988-7491	213-429-9378	
12/17/67	223-7271	213-663-3675	
12/16/67	379-9092	714-540-7240	Santa Ana, Calif.
<u>MEMPHIS</u>			
12/15/67	223-8080	901-947-1819	Memphis, to RUBY SIMONS or SIMORS
<u>NEW HAVEN</u>			
12/17/67	223-7689	203-754-6121	Waterbury, Conn., from Miss JAMES, Room 319, Palace Hotel

SA 44-1242

<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling No.</u>	<u>Called No.</u>	<u>Place and/or Person Called</u>
<u>NEW YORK</u>			
12/16/67	432-9407	212-588-7147	
12/16/67	379-9059	914-343-3240	Middletown, N.Y.
<u>OKLAHOMA CITY</u>			
12/17/67	674-9919	405-771-3268	
<u>OMAHA</u>			
12/17/67	379-9084	515-388-4928	
<u>PITTSBURGH</u>			
12/17/67	432-9595	304-727-8137	St. Albans, West Virginia
<u>SAN FRANCISCO</u>			
12/17/67	223-7765	415-654-4366	

Unless pertinent information is developed during the course of the investigation requested above which pertains to the San Antonio Division, it is not necessary to advise the San Antonio Division of the results.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

F B I

Date: **May 21, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **Airtel** _____
(Priority)

To: All SACs
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

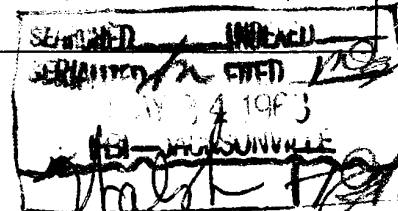
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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and dangerous.



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Date: 5/22/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

To: SACs, Jacksonville
Little Rock (157-1215)
Tampa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Subject as James Earl Ray and his associate Walter Terry Rife were arrested on March 23, 1965, by the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Hannibal, Missouri, and were charged with cashing stolen U. S. Postal Money Orders. Ray and Rife were subsequently incarcerated at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas on these charges.

Review of these money orders indicates they were all cashed during the month of March, 1955, and included in the cities where they were cashed are Hot Springs, Arkansas; St. Petersburg, Daytona Beach, Tampa and Tallahassee, Florida.

The Little Rock Office at Hot Springs; the Tampa Office at St. Petersburg and Tampa; and Jacksonville Office at Daytona Beach and Tallahassee bear in mind that subject, as a result of cashing these stolen U. S. Postal Money Orders, is somewhat acquainted with these places and it is possible that subject could return to same.

Armed and dangerous.

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

*cc: routed to
Clark + F. Gordon
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Date 5-22-68

RE: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by

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

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA dated

Remarks: ReBulet 5-20-68.

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

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2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

5/23/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, PHOENIX
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)
SUBJ: MURKIN
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re DONALD JAMES NISSEN, aka (Phoenix file
26-25693).

For information of Phoenix, Jacksonville
conducted investigation regarding NISSEN in the MURKIN
case. Xerox copy of Jacksonville investigation regarding
NISSEN is enclosed herewith for your information in the
event Phoenix may have a pending case on subject.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Phoenix (Enc. 1)
③ - Jacksonville
(1 - 76-1108)
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Re Bureau airtel dated 5/9/68.

Re records unidentified deceased.

Mrs. ELSIE HYATT, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville, Fla., advised they maintain a list of unidentified deceased individuals. However, this list is not current. The alphabetical index for the month of April regarding all unidentified deceased individuals in State of Florida will be on file prior to 5/10/68. The index for the month of May will be complete approximately 7/10/68.

County lists submitted as of 5/17/68 reflected only two unidentified deceased individuals to date and both were Negro males.

LEAD

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AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Tampa (Info)
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Will maintain contact with Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville, and obtain the list of unidentified deceased individuals for the month of April when filed and thereafter conduct appropriate investigation regarding these individuals.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-769)

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA THOMAS J. WALSH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

TONY ENGLE, Baggage Room, Greyhound Bus Station, was contacted at approximately 2:00 am, 5/24/68. He had previously contacted the Jacksonville Office and advised an individual similar in appearance to JAMES EARL RAY was observed by him in the Posthouse Restaurant, located in the bus station. The photograph he had which he believed the individual was somewhat similar in appearance to was the photograph of RAY taken in 1960 and on the Identification Order. He described the man as being in his late 20's, very short cut hair, but was not as certain this individual resembled recent pictures exhibited to him.

WILLIE WESTON, Detective, Duval County SO, advised he believes he recalled the individual referred to by ENGLE sitting with another youth in the Posthouse Restaurant and said these two youths were in their early 20's. He did not believe either was similar in appearance to RAY.

JOAN WALLACE, waitress, Posthouse Restaurant, advised she had waited on the individual referred to by ENGLE. She said he and another youth were drinking orange juice. She described both as being in their early 20's and did not believe either was identical to RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-769)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : IC R. EUGENE HERRING

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated 5/9/68.

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

On 5/16/68, JACKIE THOMAS, Title Clerk, Department of Motor Vehicle, Tallahassee, Fla., advised that 1967 Florida license 37-1735 was issued to JAMES E. FARMER, 1601 Johnson, Perry, Fla., for use on 1960 Mercury Comet, VIN OH065802653.

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

At Perry, Fla.

Will conduct appropriate investigation.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (137-1847)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA GEORGE A. PARE

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: ROBERT J. HIDALGO

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Dates of Contact		
4/15/68 & 5/1/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
ROBERT ANDREW THOMAS - FUGITIVE		26-12194
"MURKIN"		44-769
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE		
☐ POSITIVE		
☐ STATISTIC		
On 4/15/68, PCI was shown a photograph of ROBERT ANDREW THOMAS and advised of the fugitive status of this individual. He advised he had never seen this individual before, but will notify the FBI if ever seen.		
On 5/1/68, PCI was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised he had never seen this individual before in the Jacksonville area and could offer no information pertaining to his whereabouts. He further advised he had no information of value to furnish the FBI.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Same	Coverage Same
1 - (137-1847) ① - (44-769) (WALSH)		44-769-403

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (137-1633)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA GEORGE A. PARE

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: NICK FARAH

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Dates of Contact		
4/15/68 & 5/1/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
ROBERT ANDREW THOMAS	26-12194	
"MURKIN"	44-769	
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE		
☐ POSITIVE		
☐ STATISTIC		
On 4/15/68, PCI was advised of the fugitive status of ROBERT ANDREW THOMAS and shown a photograph of this individual. He stated this individual is unfamiliar to him and he will immediately notify the FBI if ever seen.		
On 5/1/68, PCI was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised except for what he has seen and heard from the news media, this individual is unknown by him. He added that if he receives any information concerning this individual he will immediately notify the FBI.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Same	Same
1 - (137-1633)		
① - (44-769) (WALSH)		

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (137-1808)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA GEORGE A. PARE

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: JOANN CHEROK

☐

Dates of Contact		
4/15/68 & 5/1/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
ROBERT ANDREW THOMAS - FUGITIVE	26-12194	
"MURKIN"	44-769	
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE		
☐ POSITIVE		
☐ STATISTIC		
On 4/15/68, PCI was shown a photograph of ROBERT ANDREW THOMAS by SA PARE. She advised she has never seen this individual before but will notify the FBI if she ever see's him. She added she had no information of value to furnish the FBI at the present time.		
On 5/1/68, PCI was contacted by SA PARE and shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. She advised she has never seen this individual before except on television and in the newspaper. She stated if she receives any information concerning RAY she will immediately notify the FBI.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Same	Coverage Same 44-769-405
1 - (137-1808) 1 - (44-769) (WALSH)		SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED MAY 3 1968 FBI-JACKSONVILLE Walsh

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC , JACKSONVILLE (137-1445)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA GEORGE A. PARE

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: AUBREY TALMADGE DAVIS

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Dates of Contact		
4/15/68 & 4/30/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
ROBERT ANDREW THOMAS - FUGITIVE	26-12194	
" MURKIN "	44-769	
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
On 4/15/68, PCI was shown a photograph of ROBERT ANDREW THOMAS by SA PARE. He advised the subject if unfamiliar to him and he could offer no information pertaining to him. On 4/30/68, PCI was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated the only information he had concerning this individual was what he had read in the newspaper. PCI advised that any information he receives concerning this individual he will immediately notify the FBI. He further advised that at the present time he had no information of value to furnish concerning criminal matters.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Same	Coverage Same
1 - 137-1445 (1) - 44-769 (WALSH)		44-769 - 406

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jacksonville (137-1687) DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA Thomas J. Baker

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: NEAL E. DAVIS

Dates of Contact		
5/2/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
Luther Rice Williams	25-5556	
Sherman Chadwick Kaminsky		
"murkin"	44-769	
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
On 5/2/68, PCI was recontacted concerning Williams. He advised that he could recall nothing more about subject.		
On the same date PCI was shown photos of subjects Kaminsky and JAMES EARL RAY. PCI advised that he had no information to furnish concerning these persons. PCI advised that any information he receives concerning subject RAY he will immediately notify the FBI.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	SAME	SAME
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1-44-769 (WALSH)		

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM LEE BOLYARD

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Memo to all resident agents dated 4/30/68.

On 5/2/68, the following persons advised that their departments have not recovered any stolen cars from the State of Georgia subsequent to March 23, 1968:

Sergeant JIMMY LOVE,
FHP, Panama City, Florida

BILLY SELLERS,
Identification Officer,
Bay County SO,
Panama City, Florida

VIRGINIA BROCK,
Identification Clerk,
Panama City, Florida PD

Sergeant R.G. RUSSELL,
FHP, Marianna, Florida

Deputy Sheriff J.J. McCRARY,
Jackson County SO,
Marianna, Florida

Chief of Police W.G. PITTMAN,
Marianna, Florida Police Department

(2) - Jacksonville
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(2) *Open*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-1693)

DATE: 5-10-68

FROM : SA Ronald C. Riley

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: Warren Lee Paleman

☐

Dates of Contact

5-10-68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

Murkin

44-769

CR

Purpose and results of contact

- ☒ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

ACI was displayed all current photos
& the general description of Ray &
advise to be alert for subject.

☒ Informant certified that he has
furnished all information obtained
by him since last contact.

Rating

Good

Coverage

44-76-88

1-137-1693
1-44-769 (None to)

44-76-409

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-1472)

DATE: 5-10-68

FROM : SA *Ronald C. Riley*

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: JK-245-C

☐

Dates of Contact <i>5-10-68 -</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>Murkin</i> <i>44-769</i> <i>CR</i>		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE <i>CI was displayed the current photos of Ray & his general description & he indicated he would be alert for the subject.</i> ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Excellent</i>	Coverage <i>1 TSMU. Deserter - Fug.</i>
<i>1-137-1472</i> <i>1-44-769 (Hoverton)</i> <i>& Walsh</i>		<i>44-769-410</i> SEARCHED <i>h</i> INDEXED <i>h</i> SERIALIZED <i>h</i> FILED <i>h</i> MAY 13 1968 FBI - JACKSONVILLE <i>Walsh</i>

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Memorandum

TO : SAC JACKSONVILLE (137-1646) DATE: 5-20-68

FROM : SA THOMAS J. BAKER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: MACK PARKER - PCI

☐

Dates of Contact 5-17-68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN	44-767	
JONES	25-5608	
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
MACK PARKER PCI James advised that the photos of James Ray were unknown to him. PCI PARKER also advised that he is still on the lookout for Jones who he thinks is still in town. He thinks he may have seen him over the past weekend in a negro section at Park St. Jacksonville.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating SAME	Coverage SAME
1- 137-1646 - T. Baker 1- 44-769 - WALSH		

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC JACKSONVILLE (137-1075) DATE: 5-22-68

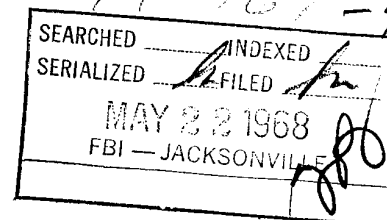
FROM : SA THOMAS J. BAKER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: PCI - SNOW OLLIE JAMES

Dates of Contact 5-22-68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN	44-767	
C. D. SIDENSTICK	76-1759	
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC PCI James advised that the photo of James Ray was unknown to her. James advised that she has had no additional information about subject Sidenstick's wife.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating SAME	Coverage SAME
1-137-1075 - T. BAKER ① 44-769 - WALSH		



May 22, 1968

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AIRMAIL

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

Reference Director airtel to JK, 5/7/68;
Philadelphia airtel to Director, 5/9/68.
Re E. RAYMOND, R.D. 2, Coudersport, Pa., Complainant.
Information copies furnished Philadelphia and Memphis
due to their interest in this matter.

On 5/13/68, JOYCE HARRINGTON, Post Office Clerk,
Oklawaha, Florida Post Office, advised that there is no
listing at that post office for a J. FERGUSON, or JOHN FARRELL.
She advised that JOHN FERRELL, formerly resided at Route 1,
Box 98, Little Lake Weir and now receives his mail through
Route 1, Box 259, Forest Lake Park, Oklawaha, Florida. Also
receiving mail at Route 1, Box 259 are the WILLIAMS and JESSIE
FERRELL.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were furnished to Mrs.
HARRINGTON and she advised she did not recognize anyone as
being identical to RAY.

Negative attempts were made on 5/15 and 5/17/68 to
contact anyone at Route 1, Box 259, Oklawaha, Florida, a remote
cabin settlement in a wooded area.

On 5/20/68, Mrs. BETTY WILLIAMS, Route 1, Box 258,
advised that she is a neighbor and close personal friend of
JOHN FERRELL and that they have been residents in that location
for the past six years.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Memphis (Info)
- 1 - Philadelphia (Info)
- ② - Jacksonville

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OKlawaha
L.S.
to

W.M. Baker WMB

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She advised that FERRELL permanently moved to the Oklawaha area from Miami, Florida, and that he currently works for the Scotty Craft Boat Company, Miami Beach, Florida. She advised that he is on a sea going trip to Oceanside, Maryland presently and will return during the last week in May, 1968. Mrs. WILLIAMS advised that she knew of no other JOHN FERRELL in the Oklawaha area and that JOHN FERRELL, her neighbor, is a man of some fifty-one years, who is not outspoken in racial matters or politics. She was furnished photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that they were not familiar to her at all and that no one fitting the description of RAY has visited FERRELL'S cabin to her knowledge.

LEAD:

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION:

AT OKLAWAHA, FLORIDA:

Will interview JOHN FERRELL, Route 1, Box 359, upon his return from Oceanside, Md.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/23/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re marriage records for JERRY RAYNES or RAYNS and
LUCILLE MAHER.

On 5/17/68, the files of Bureau of Vital Statistics,
Jacksonville, Fla., were checked under the names JERRY RAYNES,
JERRY RAYNS, and LUCILLE MAHER negatively regarding a record
of marriage for the years 1929 to 1941.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - St. Louis
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Jacksonville
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SAC (44-769)

5/23/68

ATTN: SA THOMAS J. WALSH

SA ROBERT W. CLARK

MURKIN
CR
(ME 00)

Major C. W. KEITH, Department of Public Safety (DPS), Fla. Highway Patrol, Tallahassee, Fla., advised on 5/23/68 that approximately nine hundred thousand new Florida drivers licenses were issued in the State each year. For the months of April and May there would be approximately 150 thousand new drivers licenses issued.

The following is the procedure for the issuance of new drivers licenses in the State of Fla.:

There are 110 examining points in the State. After an applicant has successfully passed his tests, the application and the fee go to the County Judge's Office. At The County Judge's Office, the Florida drivers license is issued, the original and two copies. The applicant receives the original and a copy with the application is forwarded to the DPS at Tallahassee, and the 3rd copy is filed at the County Judge's Office.

The county Judge's Office forwards the copy of the license and application about every 30 days; some of the larger counties are more prompt, others go as long as two months before forwarding same. The licenses at the County Judge's Office, as are those at the DPS in Tallahassee, are filed alphabetically and there is no numerical order of the record. The Department of Public Safety Examining Points file once a month, usually on the 5th, Form DL 16, which report lists the name of the applicants for drivers licenses for the previous month and if the fee has been paid. There is no other information on this DL 16, a copy of which remains at the examining point. At this point, the only possible reasonable check that could be made would be as follows:

1. Contact made with the senior examiner, who is an employee of the DPS, at the 110 examining points throughout the State of Fla.

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2. With the senior examiner, go to the County Judge's Office and examine all Fla. drivers licenses that they have not as yet forwarded to Tallahassee.

3. With a copy of the DL 16 kept on file at the examining point, check the names alphabetically with the drivers licenses on file at the County Judge's Office. For the month of April the DL 16 would be complete, while the month of May would only be partially completed and not complete until around 6/5/68.

Each FBI Field Division, if the above system is practical, could cover their own leads after checking out the drivers licenses, which would save considerable paper work by one Division.

The above procedure is the only way that a complete search could be made, as it will be the end of June or the middle of July before such a search can be made at the DPS at Tallahassee.

In addition, it is to be pointed out that a search of the names on the DL 16 in the County Judge's Office would be much faster than a search at DPS, Tallahassee, as it would mean fewer licenses to be checked.

It should be noted that ~~not~~ not all the names on the DL 16 will be found to have drivers licenses as many applicants file and don't return, while others fail to pass.

Maj. KEITH advises the following counties have not forwarded their license returns for April:

Bradford, Citrus, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Taylor.

The following counties have already made returns through 5/13/68: Broward, Dade and St. Johns.

Maj KEITH advised because of the present work load at the drivers license division of the DPS it would be impossible for them to pull that many files during the regular work day. The Major explained that their personnel would have to be the ones to pull the files because of their new mechanical and electrical filing system although the FBI personnel could review the license.

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The Major explained that some plan would have to be worked out to have their personnel work nights, which would mean time and half or double time, as far as pay is concerned.

Maj. KEITH advised he now has his personnel attempting to come up with some figure as to how long it would take and how much personnel it would take to review the estimated number of Fla. drivers licenses.

F B I

Date: 5/23/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/22/68, JAMES S. COBB and G. D. CROCKETT, Independent Life Insurance Company, 906 Drayton Street, Savannah, Ga., advised that on 4/25/68 an individual driving a late model Chevrolet pickup truck, light blue, with unknown Florida license, bearing a sign on the door "Tanner's Survey", no address, in front of the Jewish Synagogue just south of the insurance company. The individual walked past the front of the insurance company with a "hippie" man with a full beard. The hippie apparently was not in the truck, but was walking along the street and this man who got out of the truck was observed talking to the hippie character.

As COBB and CROCKETT exited from the insurance company office, this fellow detached himself from the hippie character and walked back to them asking them for the location of Joe's Restaurant. They advised him there was a Joe's Drive-In about four or five blocks south on Drayton Street. The man then started walking in a southerly direction toward Joe's Restaurant rather than driving his truck which they thought was peculiar. They examined the truck observing the name on the door and that in the back of the truck there were two large metal drums, a large quantity of heavy aluminum wire, a heavy mallet, a chain hoist and an acetylene torch. It also seemed peculiar to them that a surveyor would have use for such equipment.

They advised that the man getting out of this truck was about 40 years of age, about 5'8-9", 145 pounds, blue eyes, very dark hair, thin on top, receding and his upper

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2 - Savannah
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Hernandez

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Special Agent in Charge

T. G. 12

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teeth were a little crooked in front. He appeared to resemble the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, particularly the one with sunglasses except that his hair was a little thinner.

COBB and CROCKETT stated they have not seen this individual or the truck since that time.

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA:

Will attempt to locate a license registration in the name of Tanner's Survey" and set out appropriate leads to attempt to identify the individual driving instant truck in Savannah, Ga., and determine if he may be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

Print or Type
Full Name

Street and
Number

First Name

Middle or Maiden

Last Name

City or
Postoffice

County

Date of Birth

Race

Color Eyes

Height

Weight

Mo. Day Year

Ft.

Ins.

Lbs.

Date of Application

Sex

Color Hair

Occupation

Mo. Day Year

EXPIRES ON LAST

DAY OF

BIRTH MONTH IN 19.....

CHECK TYPE OF LICENSE WANTED

☐ Restricted Operator

☐ Operator

☐ Chauffeur

AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT: After having read, or had explained to me; the information contained herein, I do hereby certify that such information is true and correct.

Attest:.....

Examiner

First and Last Name Only

(For Department Use Only)

RESTRICTIONS:.....

I or We certify that applicant has met all requirements and is qualified for Driver's License.

Inside Examiner

Badge No.

Outside Examiner

Badge No.

FOR PARENTS OR GUARDIAN AND EMPLOYER: (Must be signed by both parents if living and having custody.)

We hereby consent that

the above minor, be granted a license to operate a motor vehicle and do hereby assume the obligations imposed by law.

Father's or Guardian's Signature

Mother's Signature

Employer's Signature

State of Florida,

State of Florida,

State of Florida,

County of.....

County of.....

County of.....

Sworn and subscribed to before me this

Sworn and subscribed to before me this

Sworn and subscribed to before me this

.....day of.....19.....

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{ Affix
Seal }

Notary Public

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Notary Public

My commission
expires:.....

My commission
expires:.....

My commission
expires:.....

Note to County Judge: Do Not Issue License Unless Above Has Been Notarized or Witnessed by the Examiner

This Application will be checked against the records of the Department in Tallahassee for suspensions and revocations.

Rose

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

Answer all questions below by marking squares opposite each. If any answer is "Yes," fill in required details to that question as carefully as you possibly can.

No Yes

☐ ☐ Do you speak English?

☐ ☐ Read it?

☐ ☐ Write it?

☐ ☐ Were you ever licensed to drive? When? (date)....., 19.....
What State?.....

☐ ☐ Have you ever taken any part of an examination for a Florida driver's license?
When? (date)....., 19..... Where?.....

☐ ☐ Has your driving privilege been revoked, suspended, cancelled, or denied? When
last? (date)....., 19..... Where? (City and State)
..... Why?.....
Reinstated?..... When (date)....., 19.....

☐ ☐ Have you ever been a patient in an institution for the insane or feeble-minded?
When? (date)....., 19..... Name location of institution
..... Were you discharged as cured?.....

☐ ☐ Have you ever suffered from epilepsy, fainting, or dizzy spells?.....

☐ ☐ Have you ever been addicted to narcotic drugs or intoxicating liquor? Which?
.....

☐ ☐ Do you have any physical defects that would make it difficult for you to operate
an automobile safely? What are they?.....

☐ ☐ Do you wear contact lenses?

☐ ☐ Have you ever been involved as a driver in an automobile accident? When last?
(date)....., 19..... Where?.....

☐ ☐ How long have you known how to drive?.....

☐ ☐ Have you had Driver Training in public school?

RECORD OF EXAMINATION					
RECEIPT NO.	Car: Make.....		Year	Lights ☐	Horn ☐
	R.V. Mirror ☐		Brakes ☐	Windshield Wiper ☐	Muffler ☐
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE IN FULL	Registration Number.....		Accompanying Driver No.		
	Name.....				
DATE	Vehicle Handling		Good	Needs training	
	Start	Car readiness..... Location controls..... Motor operation.....			
TIME	Quick stop				
	Backing	Speed..... Lane.....			
PLACE	Parking	Signal..... Positioning..... Backing..... Placement.....			
	Turn about	Positioning..... Maneuvering.....			
TIME	Stop on up grade	Braking..... Wheel turn.....			
	Start on up grade	Signaling..... Brake control..... Motor operation.....			
TIME	Posture	Body..... Arms.....			
TIME	Traffic Problems				
	Following	Distance..... Observation..... Placement.....			
TIME	Overtaking	Judgment..... Signal..... Speed..... Return.....			
	Being overtaken	Speed..... Yielding.....			
TIME	Use of horn	Helpful..... Unnecessary.....			
	Right of way	Yielding..... Taking.....			
PHYSICAL CONDITION					
VISION: Breadth.....			NEW PRESCRIPTION		
COLOR:	Red ☐	Green ☐	Normal ☐	With Glasses.....	Right Left Both 20/ 20/ 20/
Acuity	Right Left Both	20/ 20/ 20/	Without.....	20/ 20/ 20/	
RESULTS OF TESTS					
Signs: No. Shown.....			Road Rules: No. Tried.....		
Ones Missed.....	1st.....		Ones Missed.....	1st.....	
Second Test.....	2nd.....		Second Test.....	2nd.....	
Third Test.....	3rd.....		Third Test.....	3rd.....	
Fourth Test.....	4th.....		Fourth Test.....	4th.....	
Fifth Test.....	5th.....		Fifth Test.....	5th.....	
First Test.....			Fourth Test.....		
Second Test.....			Fifth Test.....		
Third Test.....					

DL FORM 4

DEPARTMENT ACTION
Examinations; Suspensions; etc.

DATE		
Mo.	Day	Year

DRIVER'S ACTION

DATE		
Mo.	Day	Year

DRIVER'S PERMANENT RECORD

LICENSE No.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA CLIFTON BROWNING, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference Director radiogram to all field divisions dated 5/13/68.

Enclosed for Pensacola is photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to victims of the following unsolved bank robberies in the Jacksonville Division with unsuccessful results:

UNSUB; Duval Federal Savings and Loan Association, 4343 Roosevelt Blvd., 4/19/66, Bank Robbery.

UNSUB; First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Orange Park, 6/20/66.

LEAD:

JACKSONVILLE:

AT PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

Will display photographs of JAMES EARL RAY in Pensacola case captioned, "UNSUB; Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association, Town and Country Plaza Branch, Town and Country Plaza, Pensacola, Florida, 4/21/66, BR."

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AIRMAIL

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

Re Bureau radiogram dated 5/21/68 regarding Drivers License Bureau checks for all drivers license applications for months of April and May, 1968.

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3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
2 - Tampa (Enc. 1)
2 - Miami (Enc. 1)
1 - Memphis (Enc. 1)
1 - Jacksonville
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INFO

The County Judge's Office forwards the copy of the license and application about every thirty days; some of the larger counties are more prompt, others go as long as two months before forwarding same. The licenses at the County Judge's Office, as are those at the DPS in Tallahassee, are filed alphabetically and there is no numerical order of the record. The Department of Public Safety examining points file once a month, usually on the 5th, Form DL 16, which report lists the name of the applicants for drivers licenses for the previous month and if the fee has been paid. There is no other information on this DL 16. A copy of this form remains at the examining point. At this time, the only possible reasonable check that could be made would be as follows:

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JK 44-769

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The Major explained that some plan would have to be worked out to have their personnel work nights, which would mean time and a half or double time, as far as pay is concerned.

He was unable to estimate the length of time, the number of personnel, or cost involved to review these licenses.

Due to the above, and since most counties still have their applications for May, it is suggested that necessary

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information be obtained through examining points and County Judge's Offices rather than attempt to handle the review at the State Capitol, Tallahassee.

For the Bureau's information, both Major KEITH and HOMER SMOTHERMAN, Senior Drivers License Examiner, Jacksonville, Florida, have advised no identification is necessary to obtain a license and therefore a great number of licenses are issued using false names and addresses for faulty identification purposes. Duval County alone had between 3,000 and 5,000 applications submitted for the month of April according to Mr. SMOTHERMAN.

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FBI

Date: 5/23/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) & (26-43489) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

UNSUB;
1968 DODGE
VIN LH41D8B323249
1968 GEORGIA LICENSE 1D48283
ITSMV
(OO: ST. LOUIS)

Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68, under MURKIN caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one National Car Rental Agreement # 7044348, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, dated 4/2/68.

For information of San Francisco, Jacksonville, and Knoxville, captioned 1968 Dodge located abandoned Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport, St. Louis, Missouri, on 5/16/68. Captioned Dodge rented in Atlanta on stolen credit cards on 4/2/68, in name of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad Road, Richmond, Illinois, which credit cards were taken in an armed robbery in Kansas City, Missouri. Captioned car rented and located during pertinent period of time re investigation re MURKIN, and leads being logically pursued in an attempt to eliminate or identify renter with JAMES EARL RAY.

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1-Chicago (Info) RM

1-Memphis RM

4-Atlanta

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MARGIE CURTIS, 1838 Dunlap Avenue, East Point, Georgia, employed by National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia, advised on 5/17/68, she was the individual who rented the 1968 Dodge Dart to S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN on 4/2/68. She described SCHNEIDERMAN as being in his late 30s or early 40s, approximately 5' 7' 8" tall, of small build, weighing approximately 140-145, with dark hair, possibly black. She viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated from her recollection, did not believe RAY identical to SCHNEIDERMAN, however, photograph of RAY, particularly the hair, did resemble SCHNEIDERMAN.

SCHNEIDERMAN appeared at the National Car Rental Office at the Atlanta Airport at approximately 9:42 am, wearing a business suit and presented 3 Millionaire Club credit cards, 2 in plastic covering, and 1 plain paper card, all in the name of S. SCHNEIDERMAN. She could not recall if SCHNEIDERMAN had luggage, and stated she was sure that he was not accompanied by anyone. She stated she obtained the DL # from SCHNEIDERMAN's Illinois DL, and also listed the Holiday Inn at the Atlanta Airport as SCHNEIDERMAN's place of contact.

DAVE ROGERS, National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia Airport, produced National Car Rental System Rental Agreement # 7044348 for this company, Station 070-2, dated 4/2/68, at 9:42 am, indicating one S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN rented car # 701371 with Georgia license 1D98283, which is a Dodge Dart, which rental agreement reflects an address of 6535 North Richmond, Illinois. Also listed on this agreement, DL # W5-570-018, from the state of Illinois. The agreement reflects the car will be returned on 5/1/68, and indicates a credit card was used from the Millionaire Club National Limited, Chicago, Illinois, # 96968.

ROGERS stated that a 20% cash discount was given to SCHNEIDERMAN and stated that according to records of this office, their vehicle 701371 is a 1968 Dodge Dart, VIN LH41D8B323249, bearing 1968 Georgia license 1D48283.

ROGERS stated that SCHNEIDERMAN apparently, after obtaining this automobile, later went to the Tallahassee, Florida area, and was staying at the Holiday Inn in Tallahassee, inasmuch as he, ROGERS, had received an inquiry from a Lt. DAVIS of the Tallahassee, Florida PD, who was checking on SCHNEIDERMAN through the Georgia license plate on his car. ROGERS also stated that he later received information that SCHNEIDERMAN was locked out of his room by the Holiday Inn # 2, Knoxville, Tennessee.