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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

MURKIN

Re ERIC STARVO GALT.

Re Bureau telephone call to WFO 4/18/68.

On 4/18/68, Mrs. VIRGINIA GUY, a photographer and journalist with Flair News Service, 1028 Connecticut Avenue, NW, telephonically advised WFO that while covering the funeral of MARTIN LUTHER KING in Atlanta, Georgia, she took pictures during the procession from the church to Morehouse College. Among these pictures were 3 of a group of people standing on an overpass above the procession. It was her impression that one of these individuals in the photographs resembled the FBI poster photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT.

She had furnished the above information to JERRY O'LEARY of the "Evening Star," who suggested that she contact the FBI.

On 4/19/68, Mrs. GUY appeared at WFO with her attorney, PHILIP HIRSCHCOP, 110 North Royal, Alexandria, Virginia. Mrs. GUY brought with her the above-mentioned

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photographs, which she stated were taken approximately ten minutes prior to the funeral procession passing the point in the photograph. Mrs. GUY pointed out one individual whom she believed may be identified as ERIK STARVO GALT. She also had blown-up shots of this individual.

Mrs. GUY's attorney was of the opinion that the individual mentioned by GUY was a much younger man than GALT. SAs JOHN J. CREAMER and JOHN BLAZEK observed these photographs and determined they did not resemble GALT's photograph as it appears on the wanted poster. Mrs. GUY advised that she did not wish to release her photographs, but stated they would be available in the future if a better likeness was obtained and appears to be the same as the individual in her picture.

WFO is taking no further action concerning photographs taken by Mrs. GUY of the unidentified individual, UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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Re JAMES EARL RAY.

On 4/19/68, WFO initiated check^{of} files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State concerning JAMES EARL RAY, nothing identifiable with RAY was located. A further check is underway at the Washington National Record Center at Suitland, Maryland, in retr~~ed~~ passport files and anything of interest located will be reported.

In order to cover the possibility that subject RAY may have recently been issued a passport and the record thereof had not been received in Washington, Mr. EDWARD STOKEN, Passport Office, sent a teletype message to all passport agencies. The Passport Office in Honolulu was checked telephonically with negative results. On 4/19/68, Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Acting Director, Passport Office, telephonically advised SA KENNETH HASER that all passport agencies had teletyped Washington that their records are negative concerning RAY.

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Mr. JOHNSON further advised that he had issued instructions whereby the Account Duty Officer of the Passport Office was alerted concerning RAY and instructions were made to all passport agencies to refer immediately to the nearest FBI office any information concerning RAY and his intended travel.

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Date: 4-22-68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL), CHICAGO AND SAN FRANCISCO
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) LP
MURKIN

WILLIAM E. MAHER, UNCLE OF JAMES EARL RAY LOCATED SEVEN ONE
TWO BROWN STREET, ALTON, ILLINOIS TODAY. STATED PRIOR TO RAY'S ENTRY
INTO ARMY HE WORKED AT SHOE TANNERY HARTFORD, ILLINOIS WHERE HE
BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD PRO-NAZI LEANINGS AND
RAY BECAME ANTI-NEGRO AND ANTI-JEWISH AS RESULT. IN MILITARY
SERVICE RAY WAS IN GERMANY WHERE OPINION CRYSTALIZED.

MAHER SAID HE LAST SAW RAY TEN OR TWELVE YEARS AGO AND TO
HIS KNOWLEDGE RAY HAS NOT BEEN IN ALTON SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYNINE
WHEN INVOLVED IN ARMED ROBBERY. STATED COULD SUGGEST NO ONE IN
ALTON AREA ACQUAINTED WITH RAY OR TO WHOM RAY MIGHT TURN FOR HELP.

SAN FRANCISCO DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE MAHER.

AIRMAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND KANSAS CITY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC: 44-760

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA: Rowen B. Ayers

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following sources were checked for information concerning ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD with negative results: Columbia, Missouri 4/15/68: ROY GALLEMOPE, II, Sheriff's office, POLICE DEPARTMENT, JEAN GILLESPIE, clerk, Credit Bureau, Mary Lee Seaman;

Voters' Registrations, including poll books of last election: MURRY GLASSCOCK, County Clerk.

At Fulton, Missouri: Voter Registrations-from poll books only as no central registration: CLINTON BARTLEY, County Clerk on 4/19/68.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-760)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH E. HOLTSLAG, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKING

at Bethany, Missouri:

On 4/22/68, DON STOCKWELL, Sheriff, Harrison County, advised he was telephonically contacted by FRANCES TRAINER, owner, Tra iner's Hotel, Bethany, and advised that two or three days after the King assassination, a suspicious individual came to her hotel and requested a room and thereafter left without registering. He said TRAINER telephonically gave him the information on 4/19/68, after seeing a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT in the newspaper. TRAINER thought this individual somewhat resembled GALT. STOCKWELL said he has had no other similar calls by citizens. He related that TRAINER is a woman with a good reputation and appears stable.

On 4/22/68, FRANCES L. TRAINER, 1600 Central, Bethany, Missouri, was interviewed at length. The description she gave of the individual who came to her hotel on Friday, April 15, 1968, did not fit that of GALT. She related the individual did not resemble the photograph of GALT which was displayed to her by writer (Photo on Wanted Flyer 442).

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 Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER 751 195 A, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Bossier City La	Richard B. Harrell #136	8-17-49	inv	rel
SO Shreveport La	Richard Burnham Harrell #12215	6-20-51	inv	
PD Winslow Ariz	Richard Burnham Harrell #--	7-9-52 sleeper		rel
SO Flagstaff Ariz	Richard B. Harrell #4839	8-12-53	non-sup of wife	
SO Phoenix Ariz	Richard Burnham Harrell #62349	6-13-54	2 cts CT	7-15-54 6 mos Co Jail
St Board of Wardens and Parole Phoenix Ariz	R. B. Harrell #18140	1-6-55	failure to prov for wife	1 1/2 yrs to 2 yrs 11-23-55 rel by parole usual rel
SO Flagstaff Ariz	Richard B. Harrell #6311	12-11-55	inv missing person	
PD Selma Calif	Richard Burnham Harrell #14623	7-12-57	C F w/o lic susp rob A	
SO Fresno Calif	Richard Burnham Harrell #56012	7-12-57	Ct. 1-PC 836/211 & Ct. 2-PC 12025 (Robbery)	
SO Silver City Mex	Richard Burnham Harrell #12571	12-24-57	CT	

Notations indicated by * ARE NOT BASED ON FINGERPRINTS IN FBI Files. The notations are based on data furnished this Bureau concerning individuals of the same or similar names or aliases and ARE LISTED ONLY AS INVESTIGATIVE LEADS.

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J. Edgar Hoover
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Kern Co B of I Delawarefield Calif	R. B. Harrell #103468	8-14-63	No opr's lic in poss; fail to appear (wrnt #77224)	jail 4 das F \$20 on chg of 12951 40508
SO Riverside Calif	R.B. Harrell #A88585	1-20-67	647f PC drk	\$17 F
SO Riverside Calif	R. B. Harrell #A 96769	6-14-67	1-242 PC (Battery) 2-40508 CVC (Fail to appear)	1-10 das susp \$56 Fine 2-\$29 Fine
SO San Luis Obispo Calif	R.B. Harrell #23469	9-10-67	hit & run (property)	60 das susp 2 yrs NLV

Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished FBI by fingerprint contributors. Where final disposition is not shown or further explanation of charge is desired, communicate with agency contributing those fingerprints.
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

TO:

Date 4/23/68

SAC, Kansas City

Your inquiry
PX - teletype
4/22/68

MURKIN. CR.

- Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- Attached furnished in compliance with request from SAC, Phoenix
- Only record available attached.
- This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
- Records FBI # are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
- Fingerprint files fail to disclose
- Confirming FBI wire of
- A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
- When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
- If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
- Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
- If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
- Your communication is returned.
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

DATE: 4-23-68

FROM : SA BERTIE L. SAPP -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo by SAC dated 4-15-68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA BERTIE L. SAPP:

AT LAWRENCE, KANSAS:

On 4-17-68, MRS. NANCY ANDERSON, Director, Lawrence Dance Studio, 11 W. 9th, advised she has had no students possibly identifiable with suspect GALT etc.

On 4-18-68, ANDERSON advised the photograph of GALT is unfamiliar to her.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI, SAC, CLEVELAND, AND SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

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RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE, FOUR TWENTY LAST.

CHARLES WILLIAM MOATS, JR., LOCATED FOUR TWENTYTWO LAST,
AT DIXIE HOTEL, WESTON, W. VA. HE SUPPLIED SUFFICIENT
INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY HIM AS PERSON MENTIONED RE CLEVELAND
TELETYPE. MOATS EMPLOYED ON AN ORE BOAT "MIDDLETON" OUT OF
TOLEDO, OHIO, THREE ELEVEN THROUGH FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST. FROM
DESCRIPTION AND IDENTIFICATION IN HIS POSSESSION, MOATS
DETERMINED AS NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT THIS CASE.

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TO : SAC (44-760) (P)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA THOMAS H. WEAVER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

FRANK JOSEPH GUINAN, MSP #09297, Mo. State Pen, Jefferson City, Mo., advised SA WEAVER, 4/23/68 JAMES EARL RAY was most closely associated in MSP so far as he knows with NEAL EDGAR AEBY. He said AEBY gave RAY the idea of escaping in a bread box from MSP and AEBY and RAY were in together on receiving barbituates and amphetamine at MSP, and he thought their source was a guard since fired, possibly named STOUT, whose wife operates a beauty parlor in Jefferson City, Mo. GUINAN said AEBY seemed to be RAY's closest associate in the main kitchen at the MSP and RAY would have been aware of the names of AEBY's brothers and their general whereabouts and aware of the fact some of AEBY's brothers were, themselves, involved in narcotics. He said one of the brothers was arrested at Dallas, Tex. on a narcotics charge in about 1966, and he believes no conviction followed this arrest. He said this was possibly AUBREY AEBY. He mentioned that RAY stated that he had served time in the USP, Leavenworth, Ks., with one of AEBY's brothers, possibly BILL AEBY.

GUINAN said that he believes AEBY is presently on the streets as he had received a postcard about two weeks ago from NEAL AEBY mailed in Oklahoma City, Okla. He said that AEBY had told him before AEBY was extradited to Texas that he would try to get in touch with GUINAN's family in St. Louis, Mo., following his release.

GUINAN said that his mother is MILDRED GUINAN, 2728 Accomac, St. Louis, Mo., and his sisters are: DORIS STULHMAN, 10121 Jett Drive, and Mrs. RON (SHERRY) DZURIAN, 4065 Giles both St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. LARRY (MILDRED) WARNER, 114 Marion Drive, Savannah, Ga.

GUINAN said he would have no idea where RAY might go but he liked bennies and amphetamine, and could possibly contact some of the AEBYs in Texas.

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GUINAN stated that RAY never talked to him about Oregon or Canada, and any liking for fishing and hunting. He said most of all RAY spoke of a brother in Chicago, Ill. who owned a bar and of fact he would like to go to Chicago on release and work as bartender for his brother.

On 4/23/68 review of file at MSP for NEAL EDGAR AEBY, MSP #02917, reveals he is white male, born [redacted] 6'2", 170 lbs., blue eyes, brown, greying hair, FBI #2851175, address in 1961, 6748 Plaza Drive, Houston, Texas; Dallas, Tex. PD #22624, and lists following relatives:

Wife, JUDY AEBY, 7214 Village Way, Houston, Texas;
Sister-in-law, MARY C. AEBY, Box 64, Seagrville, Texas;
Brother, JAMES AEBY, Dallas, Texas;
Daughters, LINDA SUE and SHEALAH AEBY, 2100 South Ervay, Dallas, Texas
"In-law", ODASSA FLANIGAN, 2100 S. Ervay, Dallas.

On 4/23/68 Deputy Sheriff MELVIN LEONARD, Cole County SO, Jefferson City, advised NEAL EDGAR AEBY was held in Cole County Jail following release from MSP, awaiting extradition to Texas and on 4/9/68 he was released to the Texas Department of Corrections, Huntsville, Tex.

It is noted LEONARD advised AEBY specifically had eleven months to go in State Pen., whereas GUINAN in his interview, stated that two weeks ago he had received postcard from AEBY mailed in Oklahoma City, and the possibility exists AEBY could have written card while being transported to Dallas.

On 4/23/68 Mrs. LILLIAN WILLENBRINK, Secretary to Warden, MSP, advised that guard HOMER BELL was the guard who cited RAY for attempting to take cigarettes and other contraband to patient in penitentiary hospital in 1965, however, the violation report did not give any name for patient in hospital. Mrs. WILLENBRINK said HOMER BELL resigned July, 1967, and his address was Box 275, Dixon, Mo., telephone SK 9-6401.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROWEN B. AYRES:

On 4/23/68 records of MSP reflect that WALTER E. NOLAN, MSP #56298, served time intermittently from 1942 until 9/22/67 when he was released on a writ. His sister is NELLIE TURLEY, 504A Elm, St. Louis, Mo. He has uncle, SAMUEL KRAMER, 1742 Crystal, St. Louis, Mo. He lists as friends: L. G. TRITSCHLER, 1742 Crystal, St. Louis, Mo.; LOUIS TRITSCHLER, Bogota, Colombia; BEN RIDPATH, 4460 Rockhill Terr., Kansas City, Mo.; CYNTHIA TRITSCHLER, Bogota, Colombia.

On 4/22/68 JEROME CARPENTER, MSP #0304, advised his mother, RUBY CARPENTER left Quincy several years ago with father of JIMMY RAY, and moved to St. Louis, Mo., where she lived with him. They separated about two years ago. He said her address is now 630 N. 6th St., Quincy, Ill. She formerly resided 1818 S. 12th St., St. Louis, Mo., and was an inspectress at the Jefferson Coronada and Park Plaza Hotels, St. Louis, Mo. He said the father of subject was known to him as JERRY RAY. JEROME CARPENTER is serving a life term in MSP for murder, from St. Louis, and has been a patient in the Psychiatric Department of the State Pen.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760) P

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA JOHN T. MC MURRER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Office Memo 4/15/68.

On 4/16/68, telephone directories for cities listed in the Salina RA were reviewed for dancing schools and dance studios.

The only school listed which was in operation was the Rex School of Dance, United Building, Salina, Kansas. On 4/16/68, it was determined the Rex School of Dance is not open on a daily basis, but usually on Wednesday afternoon and Saturdays.

On 4/17/68, SONIA D. RUSSEAU, Owner, Rex School of Dance, advised she teaches primarily dancing to small children, but does accept individual ballroom instruction. She was furnished with the name ERIC STARVO GALT and other names pertinent in this case and appropriate description. She said she had known no individual possibly identical with GALT based on the above.

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7:01 PM PST URGENT 4/24/68 WEH

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND OKLAHOMA CITY.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) /1P/

MURKIN.

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA.

RAYMOND OWEN, UNEMPLOYED ELECTRICIAN, ONE FOUR TWO THREE SAN PABLO, SEASIDE, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT HE OBSERVED PICTURE OF SUBJECT ON TV WHICH CLOSELY RESEMBLES PERSON WHOM HE KNEW IN WICHITA, KANSAS, IN ONE NINE FIVE FIVE TO FIVE SIX, NAME NOT RECALLED. OWEN STATED THAT EVERETT MORELAND, WHO IS EMPLOYED AS A UNITED STATES POSTAL CARRIER IN WICHITA, HAS A STEPFATHER NAMED DOM COLTS (PHONETIC) WHO, ACCORDING TO OWEN, SERVED TIME IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY WITH SUBJECT IN THIS CASE.

OWEN ALSO ADVISED THAT PERSON HE KNEW WHO RESEMBLES SUBJECT FREQUENTED THE NIGHTCLUB IN WICHITA KNOWN AS THE "BUCKHORN."

OWEN FURTHER ADVISED THIS PERSON HE KNEW WORKED AS A TRUCK DRIVER FOR LOUIE MEYERS, A CATTLE HAULER IN HOMINY, OKLAHOMA, AND THAT MEYERS WOULD BE ABLE TO FURNISH MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING PERSON RESEMBLING THE SUBJECT.

KANSAS CITY AND OKLAHOMA CITY HANDLE. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC (44-760)(P)

DATE: 4-24-68

FROM : SA ROY L. HUMPHREYS, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of SAC 4-23-68 (68-44)

On 4-24-68, the following persons were contacted by the writer concerning the possibility that JAMES EARL RAY might be connected with unsolved burglaries or robberies in the area:

C.A. JENKINS, Buchanan County Sheriff, St. Joseph, Mo.
GLENN THOMAS, Assistant Chief of Detectives, Police
Department, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Neither could connect RAY with any unsolved burglaries with latent prints or unsolved robberies in which unsub might have been RAY.

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Date: 4/23/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEWARK (44-854)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Newark teletype to the Bureau, 4/22/68

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT - LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE RECORDS

On 4/22/68, the search of records at the Fidelity Union Trust Company, Newark, was completed. The following additional item was located.

Canadian Postal Money Order #C31,600,868, purchased July 28, 1967, at Montreal, Canada, in the amount of \$17.50, and signed ERIC GALT.

This money order accounts for the two payments of \$10.00 and \$7.50 that Locksmithing Institute records indicate were received on July 31, 1967. All payments have now been accounted for.

A copy of the above money order is enclosed inasmuch as the Laboratory may be able to further identify which Post Office was utilized by subject.

Information copies to Albany, Memphis, Birmingham, Kansas City and Atlanta in the event further investigation is required.

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SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

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On 4/20/68, JOHN STASNY, Supervisor, Wisconsin State Patrol, Communication Center, Madison, Wisconsin, telephonically advised he was going through his old wanted cards checking the alias regarding JAMES EARL RAY and observed the following which he thought may be of interest to the FBI:

~~WILLIAM WALTON, wanted by the Richmond, Virginia PD, item dated 5/15/59, number 7720, file 5-1089, for forgery. He stated the description on WALTON is very similar to RAY.~~

~~EUGENE RAY, wanted 6/18/64, Hobbs, New Mexico PD, and item number 3819KCC. This individual was 34 years of age at the time.~~

The above information is being furnished to the Albuquerque and Richmond Divisions for whatever action may be deemed necessary.

- 2 - Albuquerque
- 1 - Richmond (Info.)
- 1 - Minneapolis (Info.)
- ① - Kansas City (Info.)
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957PM CST URGENT 4/24/68 JWS

TO DIRECTOR / 44-38861 / MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND ST. LOUIS
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY / 44-686 / 2P

MURKIN

EVERETT WAYNE COX, FBI NUMBER ONE TWO SEVEN ONE ONE FIVE C,
INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF INFORMATION
FROM AN INFORMANT HE HAD MADE REMARKS IN A LOCAL BAR INDICATING
HE WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF JAMES EARL RAY IN THE MISSOURI STATE PEN.

COX ADVISED HE WAS INMATE AT MSP FROM NINETEEN SIXTYONE UNTIL JUNE
TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, WHEN RELEASED AND DURING THIS PERIOD
WAS FRIENDLY WITH RAY. STATED HE WORKED WITH RAY IN PRISON BAKERY AND
WAS PARTNER WITH RAY IN OPERATING PRISON POKER GAMES. HE DESCRIBED RAY
AS A "LONER" WHO HAD NO CLOSE FRIENDS IN THE PRISON. STATED RAY
INDICATED SOME INTEREST IN LEARNING TO SPEAK SPANISH AND SPENT SOME
TIME STUDYING SPANISH FROM A SPANISH DICTIONARY BELONGING TO COX. HE
RECALLED RAY ALSO READ SOME BOOKS ABOUT MEXICO WHICH HE OBTAINED FROM
THE PRISON LIBRARY.

COX RECALLED EXCHANGING ADDRESSES WITH RAY IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO
HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, WITH NO SPECIFIC
UNDERSTANDING THAT EITHER WOULD EVER ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE OTHER.

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HE BELIEVED RAY GAVE HIM THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF A BROTHER IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE WROTE THIS NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE BACK OF SOME GIRL'S PHOTOGRAPH AND HAS SINCE LOST OR DISCARDED THIS PHOTOGRAPH. HE STATED HE HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM RAY SINCE BEING RELEASED FROM MSP AND DOES NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM.

SUBSEQUENT TO INITIAL INTERVIEW OF COX, HE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE HAD SEARCHED HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND LOCATED THREE NAMES AND ADDRESSES WHICH HE HAD WRITTEN ON PHOTOGRAPHS WHEN LEAVING MSP WHICH COULD POSSIBLY BE PERTINENT TO LOCATION OF RAY. THESE NAMES ARE (FNU) COLE, ROBBY'S BAR, FOUR FOUR SIX TAYLOR STREET, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI; ERIC LARSON, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, AND SMILEY GENOVESE, PERSHING ROOM, FOUR NINE ZERO ZERO NATURAL BRIDGE, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. COX IDENTIFIED ERIC LARSON AS AN INMATE SUPERVISOR AT THE MSP BAKERY WHO WOULD BE THE MOST LIKELY PERSON AT MSP TO KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF RAY. COX STATED HE DOES NOT KNOW COLE OR SMILEY GENOVESE BUT BELIEVES HE OBTAINED BOTH THESE NAMES FROM RAY.

COX IS A WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] AND HAS A VERY EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD. THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE HE WOULD BE COOPERATIVE OR TRUTHFUL WITH ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

KANSAS CITY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE FNU COLE AND ERIC LARSON AND INTERVIEW FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING RAY.

ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SMILEY GENOVESE FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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649PM URGENT 4-24-68 BJP

TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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FBI ATLANTA

10:45 PM URGENT 4/24/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS
CITY, SPRINGFIELD AND MIAMI.

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT:
NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS
HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY. SUCH CHECKS
CONCLUDED TODAY AND ALL NEGATIVE. PROJECT OF CONTACTING
INDIVIDUALS ADVERTISING AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE THROUGH NEWSPAPER
ADS BETWEEN MARCH TWENTYFOUR AND APRIL FIVE LAST UNDERWAY,
NEGATIVE TO DATE, CONTINUING.

CAR RENTAL AGENCIES IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS
CONCLUDED TODAY WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY EXHIBITED WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS.

CONTACTS WITH CREW MEMBERS ON EASTERN AIRLINES FOREIGN
FLIGHTS THREE TWO ZERO AND THREE TWO EIGHT ON APRIL FIVE LAST
CONCLUDED EXCEPT FOR ONE STEWARDESS WHO WILL BE INTERVIEWED APRIL
TWENTYFIVE NEXT. SUCH CHECKS ARE NEGATIVE.

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STORAGE GARAGES, CITY OF ATLANTA, CONTACTED AND RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL OPEN PARKING LOTS VICINITY OF ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET HAVE BEEN CONTACTED WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY SHOWN TO OWNERS AND ATTENDANTS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

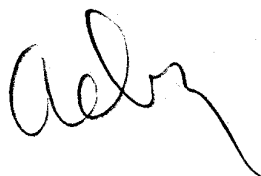
REMAINING CREW MEMBERS OF EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE, APRIL TWELVE LAST INTERVIEWED REGARDING A PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THEY CONFIRMED INFORMATION FURNISHED APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYEIGHT, BY OTHER CREW MEMBERS WHO STATED GILCHRIST WAS IN ERROR BY STATING ONLY ONE PASSENGER DEBARKED AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. THEY STATED NO ONE ON PLANE RESEBLING RAY.

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, GARNER'S SISTER AND WOMAN LINEN CHANGER AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET, REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND FURNISHED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA CONFINED COUNTY JAIL, MARIETTA, GEORGIA, ON ARMED ROBBERY CONVICTION INTERVIEWED. DOWDA WAS ACQUAINTED WITH RAY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FOR THREE
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YEARS, ENDING SEPTEMBER TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSIX, WHEN DOWDA
RELEASED. DOWDA STATED RAY WAS DOPE ADDICT, USING INJECTIONS
AND WAS ADDICTED PRIOR TO INCARCERATION. RAY USED AMPHETIMINE.
DOWDA STATED HAROLD SCHAEFER, GUARD ON GATE AT THAT
PRISON, WAS FRIENDLY WITH RAY AND BELIEVED BY SOME TO BE SELLING
THE AMPHETIMINE. DOWDA CLAIMED RAY HAD UNKNOWN OUTSIDE SOURCE OF
INCOME TO SUPPORT A THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY DOLLAR PER WEEK DOPE HABIT
AS WELL AS FIFTEEN TO TWENTY DOLLARS PER WEEK OTHER EXPENDITURES.
DOWDA CLAIMS THREE NEGRO PRISONERS KILLED IN PRISON AFTER
PROTESTING DENIAL OF BLACK MUSLIMS TO WORSHIP. CLAIMED RAY
KILLED THE NEGROES OR KNOW WHO DID. DESCRIBED RAY AS RACIST WHO
FELT ALL NEGROES IN THAT PRISON SHOULD BE KILLED AND SAID RAY
MADE SEVERAL STATEMENTS TO EFFECT IF PRICE WAS RIGHT WOULD KILL
MARTIN LUTHER KING. DOWDA STATED RAY'S CLOSEST FRIEND IN PRISON
WAS NEIL ABBEY (PHONETIC) WHO HANDLED DOPE AND GOT RAY A JOB IN
THE KITCHEN. DOWDA DOES NOT KNOW NEIL ABBEY'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS
BUT ABBEY WAS AT ONE TIME CHIEF COOK AT THE PRISON. ANOTHER
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CLOSE FRIEND WAS ^{probably} DONALD DEAN RIGGER FROM CALIFORNIA WHOSE WIFE WAS A PSYCHIATRIST AT NAPA STATE HOSPITAL LOCATED ABOVE SAN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. DOWDA STATED RAY WOULD ONLY HAVE AN ADDRESS FOR HIM IN CARE OF DOWDA'S FATHER, CHARLES ALFRED DOWDA, FORMELY ROUTE ONE, SANFORD, FLORIDA, BUT PRESENTLY ONE ONE ZERO SOUTH CHANDLER STREET, DELAND, FLORIDA. DOWDA DENIES CONTACT IN ANY MANNER WITH RAY SINCE DOWD'S RELEASE. STATED ANOTHER FORMER INMATE, PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., AKA PAUL ALVIN CARTER, THIRTYFOUR BARBODOS DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, WAS FRIENDLY WITH RAY AND DOWDA SAW LAIL EARLY MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT NO MENTION MADE OF RAY. DOWDA HAS NO IDEA WHY RAY WOULD GO TO ATLANTA.

MIAMI, CONTACT CHARLES ALFRED DOWDA. ONE ONE ZERO SOUTH CHANDLER STREET, DELAND, FLORIDA, AND PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, TO DETERMINE IF RAY HAS CONTACTED THEM.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., INTERVIEW GUARD, HAROLD SCHAEFER, CONCERNING RAY. ALSO DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF INMATE MEIAL ABBEY (PHONETIC) AND DONALD DEAN RIGGER AND
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SET OUT LEADS FOR THEIR INTERVIEW CONCERNING POSSIBLE CONTACT BY
RAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS, MIAMI, ST LOUIS
FROM: KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN.

W. L. RUDDELL, POST OFFICE INSPECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MO., ADVISED IN ADDITION TO INFO. IN PRE-SENTENCE REPORT FOR JAMES EARL RAY DATED APRIL TWENTYSIX, FIFTYFIVE, USDC, WDM, *PREVIOUSLY* FURNISHED YOUR OFFICE, HE COULD FURNISH FOLLOWING INFO.:

SUBJECT AND WALTER RIFE, WHEN ARRESTED ON MARCH TWENTYTWO, FIFTYFIVE, IN HANNIBAL, MO., WERE DRIVING FORTYNINE LINCOLN, WHICH HAD BEEN PURCHASED AMACKER MOTORS, ONE THREE FIVE NE THIRTYSIXTH ST., MIAMI, FLA., AND ON THIS CAR THEY TRADED ~~IN~~ A FORTYSIX OR FORTYSEVEN NASH. THIS PURCHASE POSSIBLY COULD HAVE BEEN MADE ON ABOUT MAY FOURTEEN, FIFTYFOUR. HE ALSO STATED WHEN APPREHENDED, SUBJECT AND RIFE HAD BEEN STAYING AT PARK HOTEL, MONTGOMERY CITY, MO.

MIAMI, AT MIAMI, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT AMACKER MOTORS, FOR ANY INFO. THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT.

ST. LOUIS, AT MONTGOMERY CITY, CONTACT PARK HOTEL FOR ANY INFO. THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT. *armed + dangerous*

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA WALTER A. WITSCHARD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JAMES EARL RAY, aka;
FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST

On 4/19/68 W. L. RUDELL, Post Office Inspector, Kansas City Division, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that he had been the case agent of the Post Office case involving JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE. He stated that the file is somewhat in less than desired shape and should have been destroyed previously. From memory and the file in the office RUDELL furnished the following information:

He stated that on 3/22/55 JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE were arrested in Hannibal, Missouri, by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and were charged with forgery of U. S. Postal Money Orders. Investigation revealed that these money orders had been stolen in a burglary at the Kellerville, Illinois, Post Office approximately 1:30 a.m. 3/7/55. At least 66 blank postal money orders and validating stamps were stolen. 34 of these money orders had been recovered and were cashed at St. Petersburg, Florida; Miami, Florida; Tallahassee, Florida; St. Louis, Missouri; New Orleans, Louisiana; Memphis, Tennessee; Hot Springs, Arkansas; and Kansas City, Missouri. Subjects had been driving a 1946-47 Nash, which they traded for a 1949 Lincoln, Amacker Motors, 135 Northeast 36th Street, Miami, Florida, on 5/14/55. Upon interview RAY and RIFE claimed to have obtained the stolen money orders from an unknown man in Quincy, Illinois.

Both subjects admitted to their guilt in a signed statement and were convicted in United States District Court. The following descriptive data was obtained through memory of RUDELL and from the files:

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Name JAMES EARL RAY, aka
James Walton,
Willard J. Mc Bride,
Vernon Mc Bride
Residence 1429 Cherry; and
215 Oak, Quincy, Illinois
Employment Painter
Birth [redacted] at
Alton, Illinois
Race White
Sex Male
Height 5'10"
Weight 170
Hair Brown
Eyes Blue
Complexion Medium
Education Two years high school
Military service U. S. Army, three years,
general discharge under
honorable conditions
Arrests May, 1952, Chicago, Illinois,
two years robbery served at
Pontiac, Illinois, released
March, 1954
FBI number 306443A
Associates Mrs. KATHERINE DORIS BUSKIRK,
Age 18 (1955), claimed met on
March 22, 1955

Name WALTER TERRY RIFE, aka
Willard J. Mc Bride,
Walter T. Berry
Race White
Sex Male
Height 5'9 3/4"
Weight 160 pounds
Hair Brown
Eyes Gray
Scars and marks Tattoo of cross on left arm
Birth [redacted] at Quincy, Illinois
Education Eighth grade
FBI number 4558766
Military service U. S. Army, two years,
dishonorable discharge,
served four years U. S.

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Arrests

Disciplinary Barracks, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. March 1, 1950, sentenced in Illinois for forgery and while serving as trustee furnished hacksaw blades to prisoners, received 1 to 14 years additional. Sentences served at Menard Branch, Illinois State Penitentiary. Released on 1/18/55 on five year parole.

Residences

Quincy, Illinois;
Park Hotel, Montgomery City, Missouri

RUDELL advised that when apprehended these subjects had been staying at the Park Hotel in Montgomery City, Missouri. He furnished a list of places where the money orders had been cashed by the subjects.

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MEMPHIS (44-1987) 10:27
OKLAHOMA CITY 10:28
FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-

MURKIN

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST, SUGGESTING LOOK ALIKE FOR JAMES EARL RAY AT WICHITA, KANS. IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE TO FIFTYSIX. SINCE RAY WAS IN FEDERAL CUSTODY INCLUDING USP, LEAVENWORTH, KANS., FROM MARCH TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE TO HIS CONDITIONAL RELEASE MAY TWENTY, NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT, SAN FRANCISCO REINTERVIEW RAYMOND OWEN AND IF HE IS CERTAIN THE LOOK ALIKE HE SUGGESTED WAS IN WICHITA DURING PERIOD OF RAY'S INCARCERATION, THE LOOK ALIKE CAN BE ELIMINATED ON THIS BASIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ESCAPE PROPENSITIES.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
MURKIN
OO: Memphis

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

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

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

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

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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

OO: Memphis

Mr. HAROLD SWENSON, Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo. furnished the cell assignments of JAMES EARL RAY and RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS.

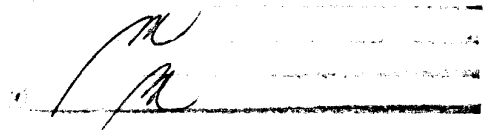
RAY was in the penitentiary from 3/17/60 to 4/23/67 when he escaped.

He occupied the following cells:

April 12, 1960 - July 28, 1960	B-24
July 28, 1960 - March 15, 1961	K-178'
March 13, 1961 - November 22, 1961	K-118
November 22, 1961 - May 25, 1962	E-224
May 25, 1962 - June 8, 1962	B-16
June 8, 1962 - July 23, 1962	E-66
July 23, 1962 - August 10, 1962	K-15
August 10, 1962 - August 15, 1962	K-161
August 15, 1962 - March 8, 1963	K-168
March 8, 1963 - October 22, 1965	K-172
October 22, 1965 - December 16, 1965	K-2
December 16, 1965 - March 4, 1966	J-42
March 4, 1966 - March 14, 1966	CB-6
March 14, 1966 - June 11, 1966	BB-9
June 11, 1966 - September 8, 1966	State Hospital #1

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RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS, #04849, served from May 15, 1962 to June 27, 1966 when he was paroled. He occupied the following cells:

June 21, 1962 - June 29, 1962	C-46
June 29, 1962 - July 1, 1962	C-45
July 1, 1962 - July 19, 1964	J-134
July 19, 1964 - September 5, 1964	C-60
September 5, 1964 - September 24, 1964	C-58
September 24, 1964 - September 26, 1964	F-6
September 26, 1964 - January 3, 1966	F-40
January 3, 1966 - June 27, 1966	F-3

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FBI ST LOUIS

234 PM URGENT 4-25-68 MJD
TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS, AND KANSAS CITY
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1-P

MURKIN. CR.

ERNEST GLAZIER, PROTECT, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE
COMPANY, ST. LOUIS, ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE, LAST THAT A
CALL WAS MADE FROM ST. LOUIS PHONE M I FIVE TWO NINE FOUR EIGHT,
ALBERT AND CAROL PEPPER, TWO ZERO TWO FIVE BELLEVIEW, TO JEFFERSON
CITY, MISSOURI, PHONE NUMBER SIX THREE FIVE SIX EIGHT THREE ONE.
MRS. PEPPER IS A SISTER OF JAMES EARL RAY. THE DATE OF THE CALL
IS NOT AVAILABLE EXCEPT IT WAS AROUND APRIL TENTH, LAST.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER
TO ABOVE TELEPHONE AND DETERMINE IF THIS INDIVIDUAL HAS ANY
CONNECTION WITH MURKIN.

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FBI ALBANY

11:51 AM URGENT 4/25/68 PXB

TO DIRECTOR (44-3886), BUFFALO, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

CHICAGO (44-1114), KANSAS CITY, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM ALBANY (44-493) 1P

MURKIN.

RE ALBANY TT, APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

ERNEST THRIFT, WHO HAS BEEN MANAGER ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB, GUILDERLAND, NY, FOR THREE YEARS, STATES NO RECORDS KEPT OF OLD EMPLOYEES. ROBERT LA FAVE, MAINTENANCE ENGINEER, ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB; DUANE SKINNER, FORMER MANAGER, ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB; CHARLES G. CAMPBELL, ASSISTANT PRO, ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB, ALL ADVISED RECALLED EARL EVERET RAY, WHO WAS EMPLOYED AT OLD ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB THEN LOCATED ALBANY, NY, AS HOUSEMAN FOR PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS WITH RESIDENCE AT COUNTRY CLUB. COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON HIM. KNEW OF NO VISITORS HE HAD AND WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT, JAMES EARL RAY. ALL ADVISED NO OTHER EMPLOYEES PRESENTLY AVAILABLE WHO WOULD HAVE KNOWN EARL EVERET RAY. P

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TO MEMPHIS 44-1987 KANSAS CITY

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

BUREAU DESIGNATES OFFICE OF ORIGIN AS MEMPHIS IN THIS ENTIRE MATTER. KANSAS CITY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY FORWARD APPROPRIATE COPIES OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN YOUR FILE ENTITLED "JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - UFAC - ROBBERY" TO MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS WILL, UPON RECEIPT OF SAME, IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT A SUMMARY TO ALL OFFICES IN ORDER THAT SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION MAY BE CONDUCTED.

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TO KANSAS CITY

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN.

REBUTEL APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT.

REFERENCE BUTEL REQUESTED KANSAS CITY INTERVIEW FORMER
 TOP TEN SUBJECT EDMONDSON FOR PERTINENT INFO. IN THIS CONNEC-
 TION, MEMPHIS REQUESTS EDMONDSON ALSO BE INTERVIEWED TO
 DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT HE HAS ANY INFO RE PLANNED ROUTE TO
 CANADA BEING AVAILABLE FOR ESCAPEES, WHETHER OR NOT THE
 POSSIBILITY OF SETTLING IN CANADA IS COMMON TALK AMONG
 PRISONERS, AND IF HE HAS ANY INFO INDICATING THAT SUCH A
 PROCEDURE MIGHT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH RAY WHILE HE AND
 EDMONDSON WERE IN MISSOURI STATE PEN TOGETHER. ALSON AK
 ASK EDMONDSON THE BASIS UNDER WHICH HE CHOSE THE NAME HE USED
 WHILE IN CANADA. HE SHOULD ALSO BE ASKED REGARDING THE PROCEDURES
 UNDER SHICH HE OBTAINED A CANADIAN PASSPORT AND WHETHER OR NOT HE
 HAD ASSISTANCE IN HIS SECURING CANADIAN
 PASSPORT..

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FBI MINNAPLS

430 PM 4-25-68 URGENT LBD
TO KANSAS CITY
FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 1P

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MRS. SHIRLEY BALFLEY, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, FORMER
RESIDENT OF FULTON, MISSOURI, ADVISES ABOUT FIFTEEN YEARS
AGO, SHE KNEW A MRS. JAMES RAY AT FULTON, WHOSE HUSBAND,
JAMES RAY, WAS IN STATE PRISON AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI.
ON ONE OCCASION, HE ESCAPED AND CAME TO FULTON. MRS. RAY,
WHO IS IN HER LATE FIFTIES, IS NOW MRS. RUSSELL (FRANCES)
DAVIS OF FULTON, WHERE SHE FORMERLY WORKED FOR THE STATE
HOSPITAL. SHE ALSO HAD A SON, JAMES RAY, WHOSE WHEREABOUTS
ARE UNKNOWN.

MINNEAPOLIS UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF MRS. DAVIS IS
RELATIVE OF SUBJECT.

KANSAS CITY, AT JEFFERSON CITY, CHECK BACKGROUND OF
FORMER INMATE JAMES RAY AND INTERVIEW MRS. DAVIS AT FULTON
IF APPROPRIATE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760) P

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA GEORGE T. CRONIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation conducted by
SAs GEORGE T. CRONIN & THOMAS F. JENKINS on 4/20/68:

ED BECK, Desk Clerk, Estill Hotel, 1018 Broadway,
was contacted and advised that LARRY DUNCAN, Room 14,
was out of the hotel and had been out most of the day. He
advised that he had no idea where DUNCAN might have gone or
when he might return. He further indicated that DUNCAN would
most likely be available Monday forenoon.

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248P URGENT 4/25/68 VSC

TO BUREAU 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, AND KANSAS CITY
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

SUGGESTION MADE THAT BUREAU INSTRUCT ALL OFFICES
COVERING STATE CAPITOLS ATTEMPT THRU CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES
STATE EMPLOYMENT OFFICES TO MAKE CHECK OF RECORDS TO
DETERMINE WHETHER SUBJECT APPLIED FOR EMPLOYMENT OR
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS THRU SUCH AGENCIES. IN ORDER TO
FACILITATE SUCH SEARCH DEEMED URGENT TO DEVELOP SOCIAL
SECURITY NUMBER FOR SUBJECT.

KANSAS CITY DETERMINE THRU RECORDS USP, LEAVENWORTH, STATE
PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., WHETHER SOCIAL SECURITY NO.,
RECORDED IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT IN PRISON INDUSTRIES.
MAKE CHECK AT STATE HOSPITAL NO. ONE, FULTON, MO., TO DETERMINE
IF SOCIAL SECURITY DATA AVAILABLE IN CONNECTION WITH PATIENT
TREATMENT SPETEMBER EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, AS JAMES EARL
RAY, NO. THREE SEVEN ZERO FOUR FIVE C - FIVE.

END

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN
CR

(OO Memphis)

Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Memphis PD, has been contacted by an individual at Memphis who possesses yearbooks for the years 1940-1943 of the Eldorado Township High School, Eldorado, Ill. These yearbooks contain photographs of one JAMES RAY, who may or may not be identical with the subject.

LEAD:

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT ELDORADO, ILL.

Determine if the subject RAY attended the Eldorado Township High School and obtain all pertinent background information.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Springfield
① - Kansas City (Info)
1 - Memphis
JCH:nmr
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA PRINCE G. MELTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

I am in receipt of a letter dated 4/21/68 from MAURICE BLOCK, former PCI, now incarcerated at Leavenworth Federal Pen after revocation of parole for post Office robbery. This letter, actually addressed to J. T. WILLINGHAM, Warden, states that BLOCK knew JAMES EARL RAY while he was in the pen at Jefferson City and RAY "did indeed have deep racial feelings", RAY stating at one time that colored Lt. BILLY BALE should be dead.

BLOCK also wrote that RAY had two very near and dear friends whom he trusted and walked with, these being BOB POWELL and J. R. RUSSELL. BLOCK heard POWELL say that he wanted RAY to go to Doe Run, Mo. and beat up a woman named FRANKIE BARBARA. BLOCK indicated that POWELL also was a deep feeling guy (apparently of the racial question). BLOCK believed that RUSSELL was from Farmington, Mo. BLOCK wrote that the above friends of RAY helped RAY get out in the bread box. BLOCK worked with them and was somewhat trusted.

I furnished this info telephonically to SA ROWEN AYERS at Jefferson City on 4/24/68 and he said he had heard that POWELL helped RAY escape. SA AYERS said he planned to interview both POWELL and RUSSELL or set out leads to have them interviewed.

BLOCK in the first paragraph of this letter asked that these facts be furnished to SA MELTON and the Warden's office at Leavenworth turned it over to SA OUSLEY and thus to SA MELTON.

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FBI MIAMI

4:38PM EST 4-25-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND

KANSAS CITY (44-760)

FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, ST.
LOUIS, APRIL TWENTYFIVE, INSTANT.

RE PURCHASE OF AUTOMOBILE BY JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER
RIFE ON OR ABOUT MAY FOURTEEN, FIFTYFOUR, AT MIAMI, FLA.

LUKE SELLARS, PROPRIETOR, LUKE SELLARS MOTORS, MIAMI,
FLA., ADVISED HE WAS THE PROPRIETOR OF AMACKER MOTORS, ONE
THREE FIVE N.E. THIRTY SIX ST., MIAMI, IN NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR.
HE DISSOLVED THIS BUSINESS IN NINETEEN SIXTYONE AND HAS
SINCE DESTROYED ALL RECORDS.

SELLARS ADVISED WHEREABOUTS OF FORMER EMPLOYEES AMACKER
MOTORS UNKNOWN. SELLARS STATED DOES NOT RECALL SALE OF VEHICLE
TO SUBJECT AS MENTIONED IN REFERENCE TEL, HOWEVER, IF THERE
WAS SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT SALE, HE WOULD RECALL CIRCUMSTANCES.
SELLARS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT AND
RIFE.

SUSPECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

ST. LOUIS ADVISED AM.

END

PHM

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[Handwritten signatures and initials over the stamp]

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

4-23-68 124 LJP

J. Edgar Hoover
 Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Illinois St Ref	Earl Ray #A-2632	3-27-20	petty larceny	1 yr
PD Quincy Ill	Earl Ray #--	6-1-21	vag	sent to WH for 134½ das
PD Sacramento Calif	Earl Ray #9782-A	7-3-22	inv	rel 7-5-22
PD Keokuk Iowa	Earl Everett Ray #38	12-17-22	rape and rob (at Quincy Ill)	taken to Quincy Ill by Sheriff of Adams County
SP Menard Ill	Earl Ray #5786	2-18-23	rape	1 yr
PD Lincoln Nebr	Earl Ray #1083	7-14-24	inv stole car in Foul Co Kans robbed 4 homes in Kans and Nebr	turned over to St Sheriff Lincoln Nebr
SP Menard Ill	Earl Ray #6588	2-11-25	assault to kill	1 to 14 yrs *8 yrs and 3 mos disch
SO Bloomington Ill	Earl Ray #--	8-23-33	carrying concealed weapon	
SF Vandalia Ill	Earl Ray #B-370	9-4-33	carrying concealed weapons	6 mos
PD Quincy Ill	James Ryan #--	3-4-34	grand larceny	\$1000 bond to circuit court
SF Vandalia Ill	Earl Ray #B-1202	5-25-34	tamp with motor vehicle	6 mos

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