

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA JAMES F. POLATTIE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/10/68

The below listed informants were contacted on 4/30/68 and the IO and Wanted Flyer photos were exhibited to them. All stated if any information received, they would immediately contact the writer or the Knoxville FBI Office.

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Date: May 9, 1968

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Via Airtel _____
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To: All SACS
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

In order to cover the possibility that subject may have died since commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted and they advised that no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested that each state may maintain such a record in their Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency.

There is no known Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information; and it is possible that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would only be maintained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities, or the like.

Each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if such records are maintained, and if so, should check records for the period from 4-5-68, to date, for any information which might possibly identify subject Ray with unidentified deceased person over that period.

If there is no central record repository maintained in the various states or nationally in the case of Mexico and Canada, you should, in connection with your contacts with law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, make appropriate inquiries relative to

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RE: MURKIN

unidentified dead for the period beginning 4-5-68; and if fingerprints on such dead are maintained, they should be compared with those on the Identification Order on Ray in order to effect identification or nonidentification. This should be handled in the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines.

The Identification Division has placed an appropriate stop on unidentified deceased inquiries it may receive. If feasible, appropriate offices and Legats, Mexico City and Ottawa should place similar stops with appropriate state, local or national agencies in your territories.

Armed and Dangerous.

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To: **All SACS
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JS
From: **Director, FBI**

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

This should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and Dangerous.

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Cleve. <i>JS</i>	Tulsa. <i>JS</i>
J. C. <i>JS</i>	KX #1 <i>JS</i>
K'port. <i>JS</i>	KX #2 <i>JS</i>
M'town. <i>JS</i>	KX #3 <i>JS</i>

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Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

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

MORRISTOWN GAZETTE-MAIL
MORRISTOWN, TENNESSEE

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Date: 5/13/68
Edition: FINAL
Author:
Editor: JOHN HELMS
Title: III

MURKIN

Character:
or
Classification:
Submitting Office: KNOXVILLE

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5/14/68

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861) NAD MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM RICHMOND (44-657)

MURKIN

RE ERIC RAY, AKA. EARL RAY, FRIEND OF SHELBY GEAN BALDRIDGE
TO
RE EL PASO TEL BUREAU AND MEMPHIS APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST;
CHARLOTTE TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS, MAY ONE THREE LAST.

SHELBY GEAN BALDRIDGE, NEE FAUCETTE, AKA. MRS.
ALBERT BALDRIDGE, SEVEN ZERO SEVEN FAIRVIEW ST., BRISTOL, VA.,
DENIES SHE AND PATSY OWENS, NEE BUNN, CLARKSVILLE, VA., EVER
MADE A TRIP TO TAMPA, FLORIDA, IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN; EVER
PLANNED A TRIP WITH HER HUSBAND TO GO TO FLORIDA IN SIXTYFOUR
AND HAS NEVER BEEN TO FLORIDA.

THE ONLY PERSON SHE KNOWS BY NAME OF EARL IS EARL
WILKERSON, CLARKSVILLE, VA., A FORMER CLASSMATE OF HERS AT
THE BLUESTONE HIGH SCHOOL, SKIPWITH, VA.

SHE DENIES KNOWING ANYONE NAMED ERIC RAY.

ON MAY FOUR LAST, SHE WAS IN HER TRAILER AT HAYES TRAILER
COURT, RT. ONE, SPRING LAKE, N.C., WITH DANIEL MARVIN COLLEY,
POPE AFB, N.C., WHEN SHE FIRST HEARD OF KING'S DEATH OVER TV.

END PAGE ONE

1 - Richmond (44-657) ① - Knoxville, 1 - El Paso, 1 - Charlotte

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advise any interested agent
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RONNIE O'NEIL, WHO LIVED IN NEXT TRAILER, COULD VERIFY SHE WAS AT SPRING LAKE. SHE LEFT NORTH CAROLINA ON APRIL EIGHT LAST AND WENT TO SALTVILLE, VA., STAYING WITH MRS. AISTROP, GRANDMOTHER OF COLLEY UNTIL SHE RETURNED TO NORTH CAROLINA ON APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST. AFTER SECURING HER THINGS SHE DROVE TO FT. BLISS, TEXAS, ARRIVING THERE ON MAY FOUR LAST. SHE LEARNED FROM THE CID, FT. BLISS, TEXAS, HER HUSBAND WAS LIVING WITH A GERMAN WOMAN AND HER HUSBAND TOLD HER THE FBI WAS LOOKING FOR HER IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF KING.

ON MAY EIGHT LAST, SHE LEFT HER HUSBAND AND RETURNED TO BRISTOL, VA. SHE DENIES ANYTHING OF KING'S MURDER AND FEELS HER HUSBAND HAS MADE THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HER BECAUSE OF MARITAL DIFFICULTIES. HER HUSBAND ALLEGEDLY IS ENDEAVORING TO SECURE A DIVORCE FROM HER.

RICHMOND CONDUCTING NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION RE THIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AM COPIES TO KNOXVILLE, EL PASO AND CHARLOTTE.

END.

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Date May 13, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

For information Retention optional For appropriate action Surep, by _____

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

Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed for assistance of each office in connection with any laundry checks being made are photographs of laundry marks placed on shirt and bed linen for James Earl Ray while using the name of Eric Starvo Galt in the Los Angeles area.

Sent to any agents reading these
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Date: 5/14/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: SAC, KNOXVILLE
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)
MURKIN

On 5/10/68, Mr. BERT VANDE VUSSE, 86 South Wilson Boulevard, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, advised that during March of 1968, while en route from Florida to Michigan, he and his wife spent the night of 3/11/68 at the Holiday Inn, 2100 South Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee. They occupied Room 212.

At the time of their arrival, Mrs. VANDE VUSSE noticed the occupant of Room 202 watching them park their car. She mentioned this individual to her husband, and they moved the car to another spot in front of their room. This individual was also observed in deep conversation with one of the motel employees. During the night of 3/11/68, several pieces of luggage were stolen from their car, and this matter was reported to the Chattanooga PD.

Mr. and Mrs. VANDE VUSSE both are of the opinion that the man who stayed in Room 202 of the Holiday Inn at Chattanooga on the evening of 3/11/68 bears a strong resemblance and may be identical with JAMES EARL RAY, whose picture they observed in recent edition of Life Magazine.

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- 1 - Memphis (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Detroit

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Special Agent in Charge

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KNOXVILLE

AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Will ascertain the occupant of Room 202, Holiday Inn, 2100 South Market Street on evening of 3/11/68, and attempt to ascertain if this individual might be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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With Squibb . . .
SQUIBBLING

By GERALD SQUIBB

After great thought and deliberation, I have come to the conclusion that anybody wishing to collect the reward money for information leading to the arrest of Martin Luther King's killer is wasting his or her time if they are bounty hunting for James Earl Ray, or Eric Starvo Galt, because when this man is turned over to the law — if ever — he will have an airtight alibi. Besides, I don't believe Ray (alias Galt) did the shooting.

The way I see it any man who went to the trouble to establish a double identity — working at it for some time — any man who had this much sense would certainly be cool-headed enough not to leave behind a gun with his fingerprints on it. Neither would he leave a suitcase, for that matter.



GERALD SQUIBB

Now gentlemen of the law, if you want my opinion (You don't? Well, you'll get it anyway, and if you don't want to read this, change the channel. Because I feel that the rest of my readers — mother, sister, brother, wife and cousins John, Freddy, and Carl as well as Evelyn, Edna, and Aunt Nola, not to mention Uncle Hugh, Aunt Estelle, BB and Pearl, and old Dee. Oh, I almost forgot Cousin Ruth and Cousin Mae and that's about all . . . wait, I made a mistake, all of these relations are not readers of mine. In fact, they're not readers of nobody because they can't read much except big letters and little short words.) New back to my theory.

The way I see it Ray was in on the plot somehow. He probably planted his fingerprints on the gun sometime before the actual shooting and then was paid off either in money or lead, and at this writing is sitting somewhere having a ball with all of that money or else he's lying somewhere with a mouth full of sod.

Mr. Agent — you know where to reach me if there's anything you want cleared up. My fees are high, but I try harder.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)
 Page 13
 Press-Chronicle
 Johnson City, Tennessee

Date: 5/15/68
 Edition: City
 Author: GERALD SQUIBB
 Editor: GEORGE KELLY
 Title: MURKIN

Character:
 or
 Classification:
 Submitting Office: KX

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CLINTON COURIER-NEWS

Clinton, Tennessee

Date: May 16, 1968

Edition: Weekly

Author:

Editor: Horace V. Wells, Jr.

Title: MURKIN

Character:

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Classification: 44-696

Submitting Office: Knoxville

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Minneapolis
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Little Rock
St. Louis
Springfield

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

John Eugene Gawron was interviewed by St. Louis Office and advised he taught Ray to be a burglar. He stated that on or about 6/23-24/67, he read in the Chicago "Tribune" of a \$50,000 bank burglary in a southern state and recalled that he and Ray cased the same bank in 1958 or 1959, but did not rob the bank at that time because he injured his leg. A few days after reading this article Gawron claims he was visited by a man whom he refuses to identify and whom he believes he introduced to Ray in 1959. This man told Gawron he and others had robbed the bank, displayed a valise full of money and gave Gawron \$250. About six weeks ago this man again visited Gawron and allegedly indicated to him that Ray and one or more other persons had been involved with him in the bank robbery.

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Airtel SACs, Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, Jackson,
Kansas City, Knoxville, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis,
New Orleans, Omaha, Little Rock, St. Louis, Springfield

RE: MURKIN

During this interview Gawron refused to identify the bank or the man who visited him. He did say that the bank was in the deep South in a State like Mississippi, but not in Mississippi, in a city that is not small and is near a river. The robbers were out of state in five minutes and the loot amounted to \$50,000, plus or minus two thousand.

Based upon available information, the Chicago "Tribune" and the Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed without finding any reference to a robbery such as Gawron described.

Gawron has now been reinterviewed and he denies having any contact with Ray since Ray's escape. Regarding the southern bank robbery Gawron previously alleged Ray was involved in, Gawron now states that this could have occurred in July, 1967, instead of June, and was in a city on the east bank of the Mississippi River.

Each office receiving this communication should make a review of their records to determine if such bank robbery or any other robbery coming within the jurisdiction of the Bureau occurred. You should make inquiry at appropriate police departments to determine if a robbery of this magnitude exists in their files.

Armed and dangerous.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA THOMAS W. CREAL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On May 11, 1968, JACK BOYCE telephonically advised that he and two companions, BOB SHELTON and KEN CAYCE, had been in the Lucky 13 Tavern on 9th Street in Chattanooga this morning at approximately 10:00 a.m. He had observed two men sitting together one wearing gray work clothes, in his late 20's, medium height and stocky build and light colored hair. The other man was in his early 30's, approximately 5'10" tall, 150 pounds, with black color hair and dressed in a dark brown suit, white shirt and tie. BOYCE said that the man strongly resembled the person who was sought in connection with the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

BOYCE said that he and his friends were students at the University at Sewanee, Tennessee and were visiting in Chattanooga this weekend and could be reached through his girl friend KATHY LOVINGOOD, telephone number 266-9642.

On the same date, Miss ELLEN LEDFORD, Bar Maid, Lucky 13 Tavern, #6 W. 9th Street, telephone 266-9231, advised SAS CREAL and DONALD L. STOUT that three college students had been in the tavern earlier this morning and at the same time, a Yellow Cab Company driver called "BO" had been in the tavern accompanied by a white male wearing a dark brown suit, white shirt, and tie.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY on IO #4182, were displayed to Miss LEDFORD and she stated that she did not believe the person with "BO" was identical with RAY.

PAUL GRAY, Manager, Yellow Cab Company, advised that "BO" was BERT BOWLES who resides in a side apartment in the apartment building on the southeast corner of 9th and Duncan Avenues.

On the same date, BERT BOWLES and his companion were located at the Post Office Grill, 9th and Georgia Ave. by writer and Detective PAT ROWE of the Chattanooga Police Department. The companion identified himself as JAMES MELVIN SWADER, 109 Lafayette Road, Chickamauga, Georgia, 44-696-303

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telephone 375-4370. His date of birth was ; height 5'10"; weight 160 pounds; brown eyes; and black, curly hair. SWADER did not appear identical with the photographs of RAY and Detective ROWE advised after a fingerprint comparison that SWADER was not JAMES EARL RAY.

F B I KNOXVILLE

Date: 5-18-68

Transmit the following in Plain
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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO BUREAU, ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION AND CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION,
ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, EL PASO, BIRMINGHAM,
KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS, DETROIT, INDIANAPOLIS.
FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TSL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST COPIES OF WHICH BEING
SENT SEPARATELY BY TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, INDIANAPOLIS AND LOUISVILLE
FOR INFO.

THE FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA REFERRED TO BY INFORMANT
MAY BE FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY AKA WILLIAM ROY BRICKLEY, WILLIAM
FRANKLIN BRICKLEY, WILLIAM FRANK BRICKLEY, WILLIAM ROY BRICKLEY,
BILL EDWERT SHAW, BILL SHAW, BILLY SHAW, BILL R. SHAW, FBI NO.
ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C ORIGINALLY FROM CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
AND WHO HAS AN EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD. HE WAS LAST KNOWN TO HAVE
BEEN IMPRISONED AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA AND WAS RELEASED JAN.
SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN UPON COMPLETION OF SENTENCE. TERRE HAUTE PRISON
NO. TWO THREE SIX FOUR TWO DASH TH.

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ME-338 ^a	DT-433 ^a
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Special Agent in Charge

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BRICKLEY DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN [REDACTED]

OR [REDACTED]

AT CHATTANOOGA,

TENN. OR VICINITY. HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, ONE FORTY TO ONE FORTYFIVE LBS., (CIN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE), EYES BROWN, HAIR BROWN, NO TATTOO LEFT WRIST ARM.

IT IS NOTED THAT BRICKLEY HAS SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE AND ATTENTION IS CALLED TO ALLEGATION THAT "SAMUEL LEWIS" SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. POSSIBILITY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THAT BRICKLEY IS TRUE IDENTITY OF SAMUEL LEWIS AND DOJ, LHM, HAS FURNISHED INFORMATION TO LOS ANGELES TIMES. IDENT DIVISION REQUESTED TO AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY COPIES OF MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF BRICKLEY TO LOS ANGELES, EL PASO, MEMPHIS, AND KNOXVILLE FOR DISPLAY BY THOSE OFFICES TO WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES, JERRY GOMEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES, AT THE EL PASO BUS STATION, MEMPHIS BUS STATION AND KNOXVILLE BUS STATION.

INDIANAPOLIS AT TERRE HAUTE REVIEW PRISON RECORDS FOR LEADS AS TO CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF BRICKLEY AND SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED. ALSO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE A MORE RECENT PICTURE THAN THE ONE TAKEN MAY THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND IF SO, OBTAIN AND FORWARD COPIES TO INCL FIELD OFFICES.

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PAGE THREE

NY 44-696

LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES...BRICKLEY WAS ARRESTED PD
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYTHREE UNDER NAME BILL SHAW
NO. 17 FIVE THREE SEVEN ZERO SIX E FOR GT-AUTO AND BY SO LOS
ANGELES AS BILL ROBERT SHAW APRIL NINE, SIXTYTHREE, GT-AUTO, UNDER
NO. 2-NINE EAS ZERO FOUR TWO SEVEN. OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS IF AVAILABLE
AND IF GOOD PHOTOGRAPH CONSIDER DISPLAYING TO THOMAS IMMEDIATELY.
ALSO REVISE ADDRESSES FOR LOCAL LEADS ...IT BEING NOTED THAT HE
ALLEGEDLY IS IN LOS ANGELES AREA AT THIS TIME ACCORDING TO INFO
FURNISHED BY "MOSS" TO THOMAS.

ATLANTA REVISE YOUR FILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO FOUR ONE TWO FOR
LEADS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRICKLEY.

ROCKVILLE WILL INTERVIEW RELATIVES AND KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF
BRICKLEY IN CHATTANOOGA AREA.

LOUISVILLE AT LEXINGTON AT OFFHOURS OFFICE, EIGHT ZERO ONE
LINGTON, REVISE COPIES OF AGENCY'S SERIES OF TICKETS ISSUED AT
ANDOVER, TENN. TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF TICKET AGENT
SELLING TICKET NO. THREE THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO
AND TRACE HOLD TWO ON APRIL ELEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT
ROCKVILLE AND TRANSPORTATION AGENCYVILLE TO LOS ANGELES VIA
RECORDS AND BE PASS AND FOR ANY OTHER DATA AVAILABLE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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TO INDIANAPOLIS, ATLANTA, LOUISVILLE..

FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

MURKIN

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, INDIANAPOLIS AND OTHER
OFFICES MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

THE REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TELETYPE OF MAY SEVENTEEN LAST
IS AS FOLLOWS...

"RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES,
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC LOS ANGELES TODAY AND
ADVISED PAPER HAD INFORMATION WHICH THEY FELT MIGHT BE OF
ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN THIS MATTER. SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP
AND SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN CONTACTED MR. THOMAS
AND REPORTER JERRY COHEN AT LOS ANGELES TIMES OFFICE. THEY
ADVISED EARLY IN THE WEEK, MONDAY OR TUESDAY, THE PAPER
HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE
HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN
CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THOMAS
ADVISED THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS, AND HE
MADE NOTES DURING THE CALLS, AND ON THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN,

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WFE/WTB Special Agent in Charge

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FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947)

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RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE.

C. M. BAYHI, AUDITOR, SOUTHERN GREYHOUND, LEXINGTON, KY.,
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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

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RE DETROIT TELETYPE MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

WILLIAM HIGDON, MANAGER, HOLIDAY INN, SOUTH, TWENTY ONE HUNDRED SOUTH MARKET STREET, CHATTANOOGA, ADVISED MAY EIGHTEEN FROM RECORDS ROOM TWO ZERO TWO WAS VACANT MARCH ELEVEN LAST. RECORDS SHOW ROOM TWO TWELVE OCCUPIED BY MR. AND MRS. VANDERVUSSE EVENING MARCH ELEVEN NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. THEY CHECKED OUT FOLLOWING MORNING.

BILL HALL, CHIEF PORTER, STATED ROOM POSITIVELY WAS NOT OCCUPIED BY UNREGISTERED PERSONS. HIGDON AND HALL, AS WELL AS HAROLD FELDER, ASSISTANT MANGER; ROSE POSEY, SECRETARY; MARILYN CLOWERS, WAITRESS; AND ANN GRIFFITH, HOUSEKEEPER STATED THEYHAVE SEEN NO ONE ABOUT THE MOTEL RESEMBLING THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY.

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RECORDS OF CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOW LUGGAGE
THEFT WAS REPORTED BY VANDERVUSSE AT EIGHT FORTY AM, MARCH
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TO: MEMPHIS (AIR MAIL)
LOS ANGELES

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696)

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

EDNA B. WILBURN, TWO EIGHT ZERO EIGHT EAST THIRTY-NINTH STREET, CHATTANOOGA, HIS SISTER, AND JOHN DOVER FOUR THREE ZERO TWO NINTH AVENUE, CHATTANOOGA, A FRIEND, REPORTED FRANK BRICKLEY IN CHATTANOOGA AREA CONSTANTLY FOR OVER TWO MONTHS UNTIL TWO WEEKS PREVIOUS WHEN HE LEFT THE AREA BY BUS. HIS WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN, BUT HE HAS PHONED HIS MOTHER AT ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA SINCE LEAVING. MRS. WILBURN SAID HER HUSBAND HAS MARRIED SISTERS AT HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA BUT NO RELATIVES THERE WITH WILBURN SURNAME. REPORT BRICKLEY HAS ONLY ONE BROTHER, ROY JR., WHO IS LIVING AT ROSSVILLE AND WORKING AT CHATTANOOGA. NO FRIEND OR ASSOCIATE OF BRICKLEY WITH NAME BOB IS KNOWN TO THEM.

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NO ADDITIONAL ARREST RECORD LOCATED MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT AT CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT EXCEPT DRUNK ARREST FEBRUARY FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN. HE WAS THEN DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, THIRTY, HEIGHT - SIXTY-NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, OCCUPATION - LABORER.

NO ARREST RECORD FOR ROY BRICKLEY, JR., ROBERT OR BOB BRICKLEY, OR ANY OTHER FRANK BRICKLEY LOCATED. NO RECORD LOCATED AT CREDIT BUREAU OF CHATTANOOGA INSTANT DATE FOR THESE NAMES.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA JOE H. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/18/68

Re Los Angeles teletype to Director 5/18/68.

Referenced communication reflects telephone call made during June, 1967 from home of LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, Los Angeles, California, by either FRANK BRICKLEY or BOB BRICKLEY to Knoxville telephone number 524-1315.

A review of the Knoxville City Directory disclosed that this number is listed for CLARENCE T. HAMILTON, JR., Route 6.

Mrs. CLARENCE T. HAMILTON, JR. was contacted by the writer on 5/18/68, at which time she advised that she is not acquainted with FRANK BRICKLEY or BOB BRICKLEY and cannot recall having received any call from either of them.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, KNOXVILLE (44-696), LOS ANGELES,

LOUISVILLE

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

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RE KNOXVILLE TEL TO INDIANAPOLIS, ATLANTA AND LOUISVILLE
MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT; KNOXVILLE TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA AND OTHER
OFFICES MAY EIGHTEEN INSTA.

REVIEW OF PRISON RECORDS AT TERRE HAUTE, IND., THIS DATE RE-
VEALED BRICKLEY'S FILE HAS EITHER BEEN PULLED MISFILED. FULL
WORKING FORCE AT PRISON, WHICH WILL BE NECESSARY TO LOCATE FILE,
WILL NOT BE ON UNTIL MONDAY MORNING NEXT, AT WHICH TIME A SEARCH
FOR FILE WILL BE CONDUCTED.

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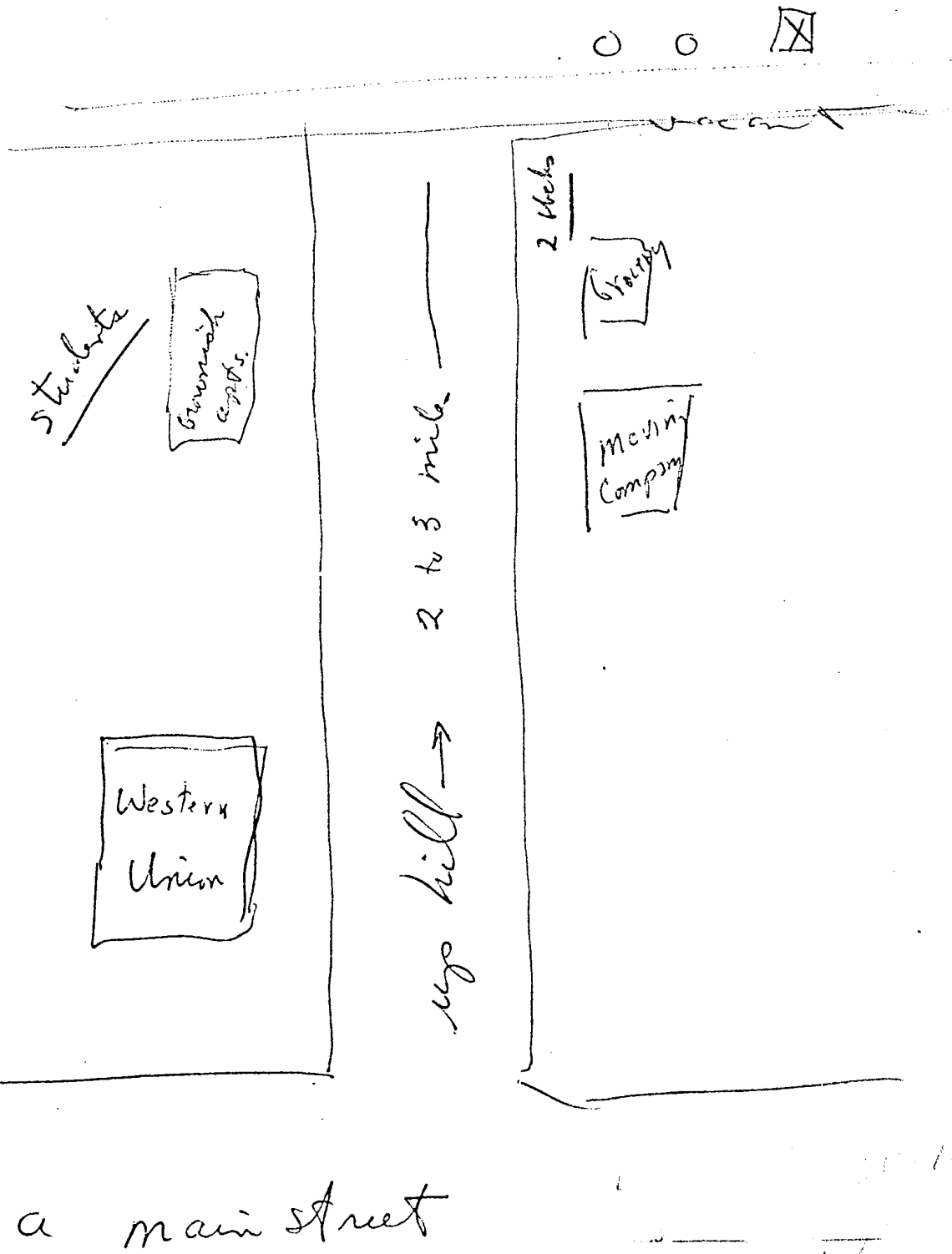
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Drawn by City Editor WILLIAM THOMAS,
"Los Angeles Times", 5/17/68, and
given to SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP and
Supervisor WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN as to
possible location of hideaway house
allegedly utilized by RAY at Kansas
City. (See Item 5, page 1)



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype 5/17/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is one Greyhound Bus ticket, No. 3 00062229 42, covering passage from Knoxville to Los Angeles via Memphis and El Paso.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Kansas City and other offices is one rough map drawn by City Editor WILLIAM THOMAS of the "Los Angeles Times" based on information furnished to him by their informant, known as "BOB" (LNU), which supposedly depicts the location of the house in Kansas City where JAMES EARL RAY allegedly stayed overnight. This appeared as Item 5, Page 1, of Mr. THOMAS's notes, as set forth in referenced Los Angeles teletype. The reference is as follows:

"5. In Kansas City, RAY stayed overnight at a home. It is a small, gray, shingled, one-bedroom house about three miles from central Kansas City. (We have rough location.)"

The Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to examine the bus ticket in question for any

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- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Enc. - 1)(AM)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(Enc. - 1)(AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760)(Enc. - 1)(AM)
- ① - Knoxville (Enc. - 1)(AM) *Rec'd 6*
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)

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possibility of latents or any other information that could be gleaned that would relate to other data in this case. The envelope has been handled by numerous persons, and City Editor WILLIAM THOMAS advised that the ticket has been handled by quite a number of persons on his staff. The pertinent examination would seem to be whether or not JAMES EARL RAY left a latent print on this ticket.