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NO 157-10673

WAS EXHIBITED A PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND SHE ADVISED SHE HAD NEVER SEEN THIS INDIVIDUAL BEFORE. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT SHE WAS AWARE THAT CHARLES STEIN HAD MADE A TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER OF SIXTYSEVEN AND PICKED UP THE OTHER TWO CHILDREN BUT REITERATED SHE DID NOT SEE STEIN NOR DID SHE KNOW ANY DETAILS OF THIS TRIP.

LOS ANGELES VERIFY THAT BOVIA'S CALLS TO FOUR SEVEN TWO SEVEN SEVEN ZERO NINE WERE OVERSEAS CALLS. ALSO REINTERIVEW
RITA AND CHARLES STEIN REGARDING TELEPHONE CALLS ENUMERATED ABOVE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI NEW ORLS

516PM URGENT 4/27/68 OLP

DIRECTOR(44-38861), HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES(44-1574) AND PHOENIX (44-371)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 1P MURKIN.

> RE PHOENIX TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYSIXTH LAST. RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM YUMA, ARIZONA DECEMBER FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN TO SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE ONE EIGHT, SEVEN FOUR SIX. FOUR TWO ZERO ZERO

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The bulk with Ivis MRS. CAMILLA TEASLEY, MANAGER, SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, ADVISED TODAY CHECK OF ALL AVAILABLE RECORDS FAILS TO INDICATE THAT NUMBER THREE ONE EIGHT, SEVEN FOUR SIX, FOUR TWO ZERO ZERO WAS A WORKING NUMBER ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND IS NOT PRESENTLY A WORKING NUMBER AND PROBABLY NEVER HAS BEEN.

PHOENIX WILL RECHECK TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADVISE NEW ORLEANS.

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FBI LOS ANG.

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FBI-HOUSTON

226PM URGENT 4-27-68 KOB

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS,

LOS ANGELES. AND SAN ANTONIO

FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN; CR.

RE HOUSTON TEL, APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST.

RE LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES/STEIN.

HOUSTON CHRONICLE REPORTER ON APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST ACCOMPANIED LOMAX AND STEIN ON AUTO TRIP FROM HOUSTON TO SAN ANTONIO ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE TELEPHONE BOOTH ALLEGEDLY USED BY RAY. TELEPHONE BOOTH NOT LOCATED.

CHRONICLE REPORTER, DON MICHAELS, ADVISED THAT HE LEFT
LOMAX AND STEIN IN SAN ANTONIO AT FOUR THIRTY PM, APRIL
TWENTY SIX, LAST. STATED LOMAX AND STEIN RENTED AUTOMOBILE
FROM SAN ANTONIO AVIS CAR RENTAL, COWNTOWN OFFICE, AND
INDICATED THEY INTENDED TO SEARCH FOR TELEPHONE BOOTH WEST
OF SAN ANTONIO. MICHAELS ADVISED IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT
STEIN WAS TAKING LOMAX "FOR A RIDE" AND BOTH APPEARED TO BE
COMPLETELY LOST AS FAR AS LOCATION OF TELEPHONE BOOTH.
MICHAELS ALSO STATED THAT STEIN HAD INDICATED THAT HE HAD
SLEPT MOST OF THE TRIP FROM CALIFORNIA TO NEW ORLEANS WITH RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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FBI LOS ANG.

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Date: 4/28/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT

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Via TELETYPE

URGENT

(Priority)

TO::DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

HIS DATE

At 8:15 a.m., TWA FICKET AGENT, CLUTTER, ADVISED THAT TWO

INFO TO MARION, OHIO, VIA OZARK, AIRLINES. HE IS CARRYING A BLUE FLIGHT BAG AND IS SITTING MIDWAY ON COACH SECTION ON RIGHT SIDE. HE ALSO HAS TWO OTHER PIECES OF LUGGAGE CHECKED.

ST. LOUIS WILL DETERMINE WHETHER GEORGE RUDE IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/28/68

FROM :

SA DOUGLAS RAY LUND

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Teletype dated 4/28/68 (5:33 p.m., Houston time) received from Houston Office requesting identity of subscriber to telephone number (408) 842-2014. This telephone number is covered by the San Francisco Office.

SA WILLIAM BEAVERS of San Francisco Office telephonically advised of above and SA C. V. BENAVIDZ of Houston Office also advised. San Francisco will handle and was in telephonic contact with Houston.

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FBI — LOS ANGELES

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533PM URGENT 4-28-68 EVB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS,

NEW ORLEANS, LOS ANGELES, AND SAN ANTONIO

FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN

RE HO TELS APRIL TWENTY-FIVE, TWENTY-SIX AND TWENTY-SEVEN LAST.

RE LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN

HUGH AINSWORTH OF NEWSWEEK CONTACTED TELEPHONE CO., HOUSTON,
TEXAS AND ADVISED LOMAX AND STEIN HAD IDENTIFIED A COIN TELEPHONE
LOCATED AT ENCO SERVICE STATION, ROUTE NINETY, UVALDE, TEXAS
AS ONE ALLEGEDLY USED BY RAY TO MAKE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS
BETWEEN HOURS OF SIX PM AND NINE PM TWELVE SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN.
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THIS PHONE IS BR EIGHT NINE ZERO FOUR EIGHT.
AINSWORTH REQUESTED TOLL CALLS FROM THIS PHONE BE CHECKED TO
DETERMINE IF ANY CALLS MADE TO NEW ORLEANS TWELVE SIXTEEN
SIXTYSEVEN AND HE BE ADVISED. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AT TELEPHONE
CO. HAS ADVISED THIS OFFICE NO CALLS MADE TO NEW ORLEANS FROM
THIS PHONE DURING ENTIRE MONTH OF DEC. SIXTYSEVEN. DURING
HOURS SIX PM TO NINE PM TWELVE SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN ONLY ONE
INTERSTATE CALL MADE FROM THIS PHONE WHICH WAS MADE BY A

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408-842-2014

PERSON IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS BEN GOMEZ

TO THE RESIDENCE OF GUADALUPE MATA(PH) IN CALIFORNIA, PHONE FOUR ZERO EIGHT DASH EIGHT FOUR TWO DASH TWO ZERO ONE FOUR.

OTHER EIGHT CALLS DURING THIS PERIOD WERE TEXAS CALL WHICH WERE OBTAINED FROM TELEPHONE CO. AND WILL BE CHECKED OUT.

LOS ANGELES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK OUT THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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FBI PHOENIX
954PM 4/28/68 UN MENT JDD

TO DIRECTOR(44-38861), HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES(44-1574), NEW ORLEANS(157-10673), AND MEMPHIS(44-1987)(AIRMAIL)

FROM PHOENIX(44-371)

MURKIN

REMYTEL APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST AND NO TEL APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM YUMA, ARIZONA DECEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTYSEVEN

TO SHREVEPORT, LOUISTANNA TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE ONE EIGHT 
SEVEN FOUR SIX - NINE TWO ZERO ZERO. (NOTE CORRECTION)

INSTANT DATE, MR. JACK GRAHM, SECURITY, MOUNTAIN STATES
TELEPHONE CO., PHOENIX, ARIZONA, ADVISED, AFTERA RECHECK OF YUMA
AREA PAY PHONE CALLS DURING DECEMBER FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN,
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, THAT THE CORRECT NUMBER FOR THE YUMA PAY
PHONE CALL MADE TO LOUISIANNA AT TEN PM, DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST
IS THREE ONE EIGHT, SEVEN FOUR SIX, NINE TWO ZERO ZERO AND NOT
FOUR TWO ZERO ZERO AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

GRAHM FURTHER ADVISED THAT A CHECK WITH THE LOUISIANNA SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE OFFICIALS INDICATES THIS NUMBER IS LISTED TO CURTIS PARK BAR, TEXAS ST., BOSSIER CITY, LA. WHICH IS ALLEGEDLY JUST OUTSIDE OF SHREVEPORT, LA. GRAHM IS CONTINUING THE CHECK OF COLLECT CALLS MADE FROM YUMA TO LOUISIANNA ON ABOVE DATES.

PX DIVISION WILL REPORT RESULTS OF SUCH COLLECTION CHECK.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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#### PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SACS, EL PASO, HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

DURING AUTOMOBILE TRIP OF SUBJECT RAY AND CHARLES
STEIN DEPARTING LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN
AND ARRIVING NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN,
SUBJECT RAY MADE APPROXIMATELY SIX TELEPHONE CALLS FROM
VARIOUS PAY STATIONS IN TEXAS.

THEY TRAVELED VIA AUTOMOBILE ON INTERSTATE TEN
THROUGH EL PASO TO VAN HORN, TEXAS, AND WENT SOUTH ON
ROUTE NINETY TO SAN ANTONIO, THEN ROUTE NINETY OR INTERSTATE
TEN TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND TO NEW ORLEANS.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD CHECK WITH TELEPHONE COMPANY AND DETERMINE THE LONG DISTANCE CALLS PLACED AT EACH PUBLIC TELEPHONE ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED ROUTES DURING PERIOD OF DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN, SIXTY-SEVEN AND HAVE EACH CALL CHECKED OUT. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. COPIES MAILED BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES. 44-1574-

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FBI — LOS ANGELES

APR 29 1968

Airtel

To: SACs, Atlants
Birmingham
Chicago
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From: Director, FBI

MUREIN

Bureau has received requests from receiving field divisions to circularize various business establishments either on a state wide or nation wide basis. The requests have not been specific as to what is to be accomplished but have been general in nature.

The suggestions already submitted, as well as any future such suggestions, should be fully evaluated by you as to nature of the circularization, what is expected to be accomplished, scope of the directlarization, any disadvantages as weighed against advantages, costs, if any, involved and any other factors on which the Bureau can base an evaluation of the suggestions.

Subject armed and dangerous.

Airtel

To: SAC's, Chicago (44-1114) Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel 4/19/68, submitting major case prints of Jerry William Ray, aka Jerry William Ryan, FBI #862651A.

The remaining unidentified latent prints in this case are not identical with finger or palm prints of Ray.

Laboratory report and disposition of submitted known handwriting and hand printing specimens separate. The prints of Ray are being retained.

1 - Birmingham (44-1740)

1 - Atlanta (44-2386)

(1) - Los Angeles (44-1574)

4/26/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO:

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

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN.

RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND CLEVELAND, CLAUDE C. COFFEY

APRIL TWENTYSIX, INSTANT.

CLAUDE CHARLES COFFEY, WHITE MALE, BORN (b) (6)

, RD FIVE, UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, STEADILY EMPLOYED (b) (6) AT GALION IRON WORKS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, NORTH SANDUSKY STREET, BUCYRUS, OHIO, SINCE AUGUST TWELVE, SIXTYFIVE, AS AN ASSEMBLER. EMPLOYER'S TIME CARD RECORDS SHOW COFFEY EMPLOYED ON PERTINENT DATES AND ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, ON DUTY FROM SIX FORTYSEVEN AM TO THREE THIRTY PM. SUPERINTENDENT OF PLANT STATES NATURE OF COFFEY'S JOB IS SUCH HE COULD NOT BE AWAY FROM HIS SPECIFIC JOB ANY LENGTH OF TIME AND NOT BE MISSED. COFFEY'S WORK RECORD IS EXCELLENT AND IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY SUPERINTENDENT. COFFEY IN U.S. ARMY ON ACTIVE DUTY FROM MAY FOURTEEN, FIFTYFOUR TO APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, FIFTYSEVEN, AND FROM EARLY SIXTYTWO TO JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYFIVE.

END PAGE ONE.

- Los Angeles (AM) - Kansas City (AM)

CV 44-565

PAGE TWO

COFFEY INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS THIS DATE AT WORK AND ELIMINATED BY FINGERPRINTS AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO LOS ANGELES AND KANSAS CITY.

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END.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

то :

SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM:

SUPERVISOR NEAL MC GINNIS

SUBJECT:

JAMES RAY; ET AL

This is to advise that at 9:02 a.m. LOWIS LOMAX called and spoke to the writer.

LOMAX stated he was attempting to get the phone calls from the telephone booths at the St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood, from the phone company but understood that the FBI "had moved in."

LOMAX was informed that all the information available concerning this matter was in the press releases made by Washington. It is noted that a press release was left at the reception desk on a previous date on request of LOMAX and he failed to pick it up.

LOMAX said he appreciated the Bureau's position.

The above is being submitted for the record.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

### Memorandum

TO

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

**DATE:** 14/26/68

FROM

SA RICHARD J. RAYSA

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re FD 71 of IC LARRY E. MULLINS dated 4/23/68.

On 4/25/68 personnel, Coberly Car Leasing Company, 966 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles advised that their 1967 Chevrolet bearing California license WCN 392 was leased five months ago to BRIAN SHANE GILBERT, 28027 Oaklan Drive, Saugas, California, who owns and operates Imperial Plastic Company, 2628 Brooklyn, Los Angeles.

Attempts were made to contact BRIAN SHANE GILBERT on 4/25/68 with negative results.

On 4/26/68 BRIAN SHANE GILBERT was contacted at his place of business, Imperial Plastic Company, 2628 Brooklyn, Los Angeles. GILBERT acknowledged that he leases a 1967 Chevrolet from Coberly Leasing Company, 966 South Western, and that on the evening of 4/22/68 he registered at the Holms Motel, 3711 South Western. GILBERT volunteered that he was accompanied to this location by a female acquaintance, and that "to avoid embarrassment" he registered under the ficticious name of PAUL R. GULD.

It was noted that GLBERT does not fit the description of JAMES EARL RAY.

In view of the above information, no further investigation re BRIAN SHANE GILBERT is warranted.

RJR/rjr (1) Die Grand 18

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder. Indices: Negative See below Subject's name and aliases Address of subject Character of case UNKNOWN "MURKIN" Complainant's address and Complainant Complaint received telephone number MAMYH APTS #1, 5612 HAROLD WAY, Telephonic MGR., APT. Personal HOLLYWOOD TEL. HO-5-5873 Date 4/27/68 Time 6:00PM Race Height Hair Build Birth date and Birthplace Sex W X Male Subject's Description Weight Eyes Complexion Age Female Scars, marks or other data Facts of complaint LUNKNOWN MALE ARRIVED IN FRONT ABOVE APARTMENTS ON FRIDAY, 4/26/68 ABOUT 2:00PM IN OLD MODEL WHITE CAR, BEARING PLATES (CALIF.) OUM 047 OR QUM 047. ASKED IN QUIET VOICE FOR SINGLE APARTMENT; TURNED HIM DOWN AS NONE AVAILABLE. STEMED VERY NERVOUS. ALSO ABOVE APTS. JUST AROUND CORNER FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL WHERE "GALT" WAS ONCE. MAN WAS UNKEMPT AND "BAGGY". SOMEWHAT RE\* SEMBLED THE 1952 PHOTO BUT NOT AT ALL THE 1959 AND 1968 PHOTOS OF RAY, AKA "GALT", WHICH APPEARED ON PAGE 20, TIME MAGAZINE DATED 4/26/68. Action Recommended CHECK OUT POSSIBILITY WM. J. McCAULEY (Agent)

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TO

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 427/68

FROM

SA JOSEPH J. ROSS, JR.

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

EDWARD J. MG DONNA, Division 6, SOG telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Division on 4/27/68 at 1:45PM. He advised the Bureau had received a communication concerning LOUIS LOWAX to the effect that "the FBI may compare handwriting in the form of doodling on or in a telephone booth with handwriting on the back of a television set XX which RAY had previous access."

MC DONNA asked if investigation previously conducted at Los Angeles determined XX that handwritting was contained on the rear of a television set. MC DONNA continued that the television set in question XXXX is a set of MARIE's.

Supervisor NOLAN was contacted and advised that the television set in question had been forwarded to the Bureau, and that he knew of no handwritking contained on the back of the set.

MC DONNA was recontacted at 2:25PM, and the above information furnished to William KISH, Division 6, SOG.

MC DONNA had requested a sutelcal.

JJR/

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder. Indices: Negative See below Subject's name and aliases Address of subject Character of case MURKIN Complainant's address and Complaint received Complainant telephone number Personal X Telephonic MRS. D. PHILLIPS 1027 GRAMERCY PLACE, LA. 737-1578 TEL: Date 4/27/68 Time 10:45 PM Height Hair Build Birth date and Birthplace Race Sex Male Weight Complexion Eyes Age Female Scars, marks or other data Facts of complaint C. STATED SHE WAS AT HOLLY PARK THIS AFTERNOON. THERE, ABOUT 4:30PM, SHE NOTICED TWO MEN SEATED. ONE MUCH RESEMBLED PHOTOS OF RAY OBSERVED TONITE ON TV. OTHER WAS A HIPPY TYPE, TALL, ROBUST, LONG BLOND HAIR. SUSPECT WAS ABOUT #5, HAD "COLORATED" SKIN. SMALL EYES, THOUGH WORE WRAP-AROUND DARK GLASSES, SANDY BROWN HAIR, PIGMENTATION MARKS OR SPOTS ON HANDS. ACTED SUSPICIOUSLY, AS IF WATCHING EVERYONE, WAS VERY NERVOUS. C. WATCHED HIM FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES, AND HE SEEMED TO BECOME INCREASINGLY CONSCIOUS OF HER AND FINALLY MOVED AWAY. FBI - LOS ANGELLS Action Recommended ROUTE TO SUPVR. FOR INFO.

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### Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

(44-1574)

DATE: 4/28/68

FROM : SA B. Bruce Bradford

SUBJECT: MURKING:

MISC. INFO. CONCERNING

On 4/28/68, Sunday, at about 11:30 A.M., a woman telephonically contacted the FBI Office. She gave her name and office address as follows, stating she is an attorney:

Mrs. LENORA BROWN 641 W. 115th St., Los Angeles, Calif. tel. no. PL.6-5745

She stated she was quite upset because she had just read an article in the Los Angeles Times, Sunday edition, regarding the killing of KING entitled, "King's Killer's Route Retraced in Memphis; Escape Found Easy", written by VINCENT J. BURKE and NICHOLAS C. CHRISS. She said this article refers to FRANK C. HOLLOMAN as a "former high-ranking FBI official".

Mrs. BROWN stated she previously had telephoned a Mr. BEAN, radio announcer on KABC who reportedly has an audience participation 2-way radio show after midnight. She had called him the night of the riot in Memphis when Dr. KING made his first appearance in Memphis. BEAN reportedly made telephonic contact with HOLLOMAN that same evening or early morning the next day. She said her complaint is that HOLLOMAN referred to Dr. KING as a "Nigger".

Mrs. BROWN wanted to know if HOLLOMAN is, in fact, a former FBI employee. She was advised that identities of any FBI employee, past or present, could not be divulged. She was advised that FBI employees would not refer to any negro as a "nigger".

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TO : SAC. LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/28/68

FROM : SA B. Bruce Bradford

SUBJECT: MURKING

On 4/28/68, Sunday, at 1:24 P.M., DEMAR PILKINGTON, Detective, Los Angeles PD, telephonically contacted the writer. He advised that he had just received a telephone call from ILENE HANSON who said she was sitting in Bob's Cafe and Bar located at Venice and Grandview in downtown L.A. and the telephone no of the pay phone there was given by her as 397-9135. She stated to PILKINGTON that she had been talkin to a man at the bar. She didn't know his name but stated he said he had been in Memphis and St. Louis recently. She stated he resembled the pictures she has seen of GALT or RAY. She said she would wait for an agent to contact her. This man was reportedly wearing a white sweater and dark pants and a mustache.

Supervisor W. J. NOLAND advised 4/28/68.

SAs RAY LINDSTROM and STAN MILLER were in the office and stated they would handle the above lead and contact HANSON for further information .

Later, above SAs LINDSTROM and MILLER called and advised no such address exists and that Venice and Grandview do not intersect. Meanwhile, telephone no. 397-9135 was called but no answer was received.

#### LEAD: AT LOS ANGELESM CALIFORNIA:

Determine subscriber to 397-9135 and interview re above information reportedly received from an ILENE HANSON.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1-Los Angeles bbb/bbb

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder. Indices: Negative See below Subject's name and aliases Address of subject Character of case MURKIN Complainant Complainant's address and Complaint received telephone number R. LEE DERRY Personal Telephonic 981 S. Hoover St., Los Angeles DU 6-0934 Date 4-28-68 Time 10:15 PM Hair Build Race Sex Height Birth date and Birthplace Male Weight Eyes Complexion Age Female Scars, marks or other data Facts of complaint PERRY advised he had watched the TV Program about the FBI this evening. Shortly before calling the office he saw a man hanging around the front of the Boys Market on South Hoover Street who somewhat resemles the picture of JAMES EARL RAY. This person has deep lines in his face and a ruddy complexion. He was wearing a dark suit. Action Recommended

H. R. McCULLOUGH

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder. Indices: Negative See below Subject's name and aliases Address of subject Character of case MURKIN Complainant Complainant's address and Complaint received telephone number JAMES H. ROBERTS 744 S Catalina Telephonic Personal Los Angeles 388-4952 9:11 PM Race Height Hair Build Sex Birth date and Birthplace Male Subject's Description Weight Eyes Complexion Age Female Scars, marks or other data Facts of complaint ROBERTS advised he saw a person resembling JAMES EARL RAY last Friday. At about 2:00 P.M., 4-26-68 this man was standing in a parking lot located at 20701 Nordhof, Chatsworth. Mr. ROBERTS could furnish no amplifying details. He is not certain that the suspect is, indeed, RAY. Action Recommended FBI - LOS ANGELES H. R. McCULLOUGH (Agent)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder. Indices: Negative See below Subject's name and aliases Address of subject Character of case MURKIN Complainant Complainant's address and Complaint received telephone number 522h W Kings Lane VINCENT FA Rolling Hills Estates Personal **X** Telephonic FR 8-6687 Date 4-28-68 Time 9:08 PM Race Sex Height Наіг Build Birth date and Birthplace Male Male Subject's Description Age Weight Eyes Complexion Female Scars, marks or other data Facts of complaint FRITCH advised that around 7:00 P.M., 4-28-68 he had been in Alice's Restaurant, 20333 Pacific Highway and saw a man who resemled JAMES EARL RAY there. This person drank a beer then walked out. Before leaving the man spoke to two older customers, identities unknown to FRITCH. According to FRITCH, the man has a very white, pasty complexion; pointed elebows, and walks with a shuffle. He may possibly have had a red mark of some sort in the center of his forehead. He is about 5' 8" in heighth and would weigh about 170 pounds. FBI - LOS ANGELES Action Recommended H. R. McCULLOUGH

(Agent)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder. Indices: Negative See below Subject's name and aliases Address of subject Character of case MURKIN Complainant's address and Complaint received Complainant telephone number RICHARD J. LESTER. 11301 Long Beach Blvd Personal Telephonic Lynwood, California, 537-1821; President, Amarican Overseas Service Date 4-28-68 Time 9:1 0 PM 774-1713 Sex Hair Birth date and Birthplace Race Height Build Male Male Subject's Description Weight Complexion Age Eyes Female Scars, marks or other data Facts of complaint LESTER advised he had just seen FBI's TV Program at the conclusio n of which was shown the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated this face rings a bell but he cannot place it for cerfain with respect to time nor location. LESTER was requested to recontact this office immediately if he recalls more specific details. LESTER sounded quite sincere, I do not believe he had been drinking Action Recommended H. R. McCULLOUGH (Agent)

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#### Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4-24-68

FROM:

SA John E. Keane

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

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OO: Memphis

Re: Possible Mental Condition of Subject ERIC STARVO GALT, Atlanta airtel dated 4-18-68.

On 4-12-68 Supervisor John S. Temple telephonically requested the records of Cammarillo State Hospital, Camarillo be cheked for any record regarding GALT. On 4-12-68 Ablbert VERCOUTERE, assistant to the Hospital Administrator, advised a thorough check of their records failed to locate any patient identical with GALT.

This information was telephonically furnished to Supervisor Temple on 4-12-68.

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### Memorandum

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P) то

SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR. FROM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

dum July 25/68 RODNEY ARVIDSON, Owner, Manager of National Jance Studios, Long Beach, California, telephonically contacted the writer at his residence on the late evening of 4/24/68 advising as follows:

He stated that over the past several days and individual or individuals unknown to him, had been calling the dance studio repeatedly and of such frequence that the three telephone lines used by the studio had been jammed. On each occasion the telephone would ring, as customary, an employee would answer the telephone to note that there was nothing but silence on the other end of the line.

ARVIDSON stated that he had on numerous occasions complained to the telephone company, and late yesterday evening, one WARNER, an official of the telephone company advised him that he had received authority to place a trace on the telephone calls. VARNER also advised him to file a police complaint with the LBPD about the problems he was experiencing, above described.

ARVIDSON, while conversing with the writer stated that he may have innocently been the individual who started the "blond girlfriend" myth that the press had recently released. He stated that over the past couple of weeks the various press services had been such a nuisance at the studio that they had hampered his operation. He was called by the Los Angeles Times, who set up an interview with him for an individual named CEIDRICK" (PH), a reporter from Sweden, who had expressed a desire to interview him from the aspect that KING was awarded the Nobel Prize in Sweden, and he was of the opinion that Sweden would be interested in press coverage of the murder.

On interview with this individual, ARVIDSON stated that he told the reporter that there was a blond \*\* attending private instruction at the studio over the same period generally that RAY attended. ARVIDSON stated that in fact he knew of no relationship between RAY and this gira, and only vague factors, such as the fact that she was a swede, and she attended at about the same time generally that RAY attended, seemed to stimulate the reporter, and the rest of the story was a product of the reporter's imagination.

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ARVIDSON stated that he was offering the above information for the knowledge of the Los Angeles Division. The stated also that he would be receptive to further interview if it was desired.

#### LEADS

It is recommended that liason be established with WARNER of the telephone Company, and ascertain from him the identity of the individuals who apparently are jamming the lines of National Dance Studio, with the thought in mind that National Dance Studios had been so publicized in recent weeks in connection with the Murkin matter. Thereafter, if deemed advisable, after discreet background investigation, will consider interview of this indivual to ascertain if he is an associate of RAY.

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# Memorandum

το : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA MELVIN L. FLOHR

SUBJECT: AURKIN

Re Memo of SUPERVISOR RECHARD J. STILLING, 4/22/68, concerning the possibility that JAMES MARL RAY was employed in a bakery in the LA area during period April to November, 1967. This lead arose since RAY worked in a bakery at Missouri State Penitentiary.

on 4/22/68, Miss CARCL LEVITT, Secretary, Local 400, Bakery and Confectionary Workers Union, 1040 South Grand, Los Angeles, advised that her records contain no information concerning the JAMESCHARL RAY or any of the aliases RAY has been known to use. She further advised that she checked the records of Baker's Union Local 37, located in the same building with negative results. Miss LEVITT mentioned that the number of non-union bakeries in the Los Angeles area is extensive.

On 4/23/68, Mrs. Batty WILSON, Secretary, Local 31, Bakery and Confectionary Worker's Union, 1239 Locust Ave, Long Beack, Calif, advised that her records reflect no information concerning JAMES BARL RAY or any of the aliases he is known to have used.

On 4/26/68, Mrs. S. TUTTLE, Clerk, Personnel Dept, Helms Bakeries 8800 Venice, Los Angeles, advised that the bakers at Helms are non-union. She checked the records of both Helms plants and advised that she could locate no record concerning JAMAS EARL RAY or any of the aliases he is known to have used.

On 4/26/68, the area afound Serrano and North Hollywood was surveyed and the only actual bakery located was the G. Sarno Bakery 1545 A. Western Ave, Hollywood. JOE D' EGIDIO, G. Sarno Bakery, advised that he could not recall ever speing JAMES ALLE RAY. This name and the aliases used by RAY meant nothing to D' EGIDIO.

It is recommended that no further action be taken, at this time, concerning the contact of non-union bakeries.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA RICHARD B. SADLER III

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RICHARD WHEELER, 19213 Bryant Street, Northridge, California, telephonically contacted the FBI, 4/25/68, and advised that an individual named CEDRUP, who identified himself as a reporter, had/contacted him regarding the whereabouts of one RALPH FIERCE who is acquainted with a Swedish girl named SUSAN who was supposedly a friend of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that he gave this individual no information and that RALPH PIERCE would be in town on Friday, 4/26/68, and would be staying with SUSAN. He said that he did not have the address at the present time but would recontact him and furnish the address when he got it.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM

SA RICHARD B. SADLER III

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

JACK VELASCO, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), telephonically contacted the FBI at 5:45 p.m., 4/25/68, and advised that he had been stopped by one HENRY COLEMAN, 2542 Vineyard, Los Angeles, California, telephone humber RE 4-5819, who was a parking lot attendant at 935 West 8th Street. He stated that COLEMAN advised an individual who resembled the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY had come into his parking lot with another male caucasion at approximately 5:11 p.m. and had gone from the lot to an apartment building and had then returned and left the lot at 5:27 p.m. He advised that this individual was driving a 1955 or 1956 red Buick bearing California License plate PYR 391.

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	FROM:	SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
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		Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri ditentiary.
	for each	Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed of the Continental Offices.
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	FROM	SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
	MURKIN.	
	RE TE	ELEPHONE BOOTHS ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.
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NEW ORLEANS -

DECEMBER TWENTY TWO, SIXTY SEVEN, NEW ORLEANS, SEVEN FORTY EIGHT PM, FIVE TWO THREE DASH ZERO NINE THREE ZERO.

SAN ANTONIO -

FEBRUARY TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, SAN ANTONIO, TWELVE TWENTY SEVEN PM, TWO TWO SEVEN DASH EIGHT ZERO SEVEN EIGHT.

TICKET REFLECTS CALLER RUSSELL JOHNSON.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBER AND IDENTITY OF CALLER AND ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE GAINED CONCERNING RAY IF HE MADE ANY OF THESE CALLS.

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917PM URGENT 4/26/68 GWK

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, ST. LOUIS, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES FROM INDIANAPOLIS 44-563

MURKING. 00: MEMPHIS.

RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN CHICAGO AND BOSTON TELETYPES, APRIL TWENTYSIX. SIXTYEIGHT.

TELEPHONE WA FIVE-EIGHT NINE SIX FIVE WAS ASSIGNED TO FORD MOTOR CREDIT CO.; C. DEMPSEY, THIS DATE, ADVISED STOUT DELIVERED A MAYFLOWER MOVING VAN TO INDIANAPOLIS IN REPOSSESSION FOR INDIANAPOLIS DEALER. NO RECORD HERE RE BACKGROUND. STOUT RECOMMENDED BY LOS ANGELES OFFICE, FMC CO., ONE THREE SEVEN ZERO ONE RIVERSIDE DR., SHERMAN OAKS, CALIF.

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ST. LOUIS FORWARD SAN FRANCISCO PHOTO OF STOUT FOR EXHIBIT TO LINDH.

LOS ANGELES CONTACT FMC CO., SHERMAN OAKS, FOR BACKGROUND.

OBJECT IS TO IDENTIFY STOUT SO DETERMINATION CAN BE MADE

AS POSSIBLE CO-CONSPIRATOR.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) SACS, ST. LOUIS SAN FRANCISCO

INDIANAPOLIS

FROM:

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY-SIX LAST.

WILLIAM BURGESS, ADJUSTOR, FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY (FMC), ONE THREE SEVEN ZERO ONE RIVERSIDE DRIVE, SHERMAN OAKS, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE HIS OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR WEEKEND; HOWEVER, HE SEARCHED FILES AVAILABE TO HIM IN THE OFFICE BUT COULD FIND NO MENTION OF STOUT. MANAGER IS OUT OF TOWN FOR WEEKEND. FMC WILL BE RECONTACTED APRIL TWENTY-NINE NEXT FOR REQUESTED INFORMATION.

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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574)

DATE:

4/25/68

FROM:

SA EUGENE W. ADAMS

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

On 4/22/68, An attempt was made to contact ROY WILLIAMS at the Music Box Bar, 8511 North Long Beach Blvd., South Gate, Calif.; however, that attempt was negative.

A survey was conducted of the 1400 block of 5th Street, East, in Long Beach, and it was determined that there was no such a dress as 1480 East 5th Street. 5th Street west does not have a 1400 block. A search was made of the Long Beach telephone book for one ROY WILLIAMS with a 5th Street address which was negative.

On 4/22/68, the main office of the Yellow Cab Co., was contacted, and it was determined that the area of 8511 North Long Beach Blvd., South Gate, was handled by the Southeast Taxi Co., 13124 Lakewood Blvd., Bellflower, Calif.

On 4/24/68, HARRY STANFIELD, Mgr., Southeast Taxi Co., made a search of his records for April 22, 1968 which disclosed that his company made no pickups at the Music Box Bar 8511 North Long Beach Blvd. on 4/22/68. ST NFIELD advised that his company has the sole franchise for the Lynwood and South Gate areas. If a passenger was picked up by a yellow cab, it would have to be an outlaw pickup and would not be recorded an the driver's schedule. He advised that there is no other Musci Box Bar on Long Beach Blvd.

On 4/25/68, ORRIN OSTRY, Bartender, Music Box Bar, 8511 North Long Beach Blvd., South Gate, was displayed a photo of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised that he is familiar with most of his customers. He does not recognize RAY as ever having been in his establishment. He stated he is not familiar with ROY WILLIAMS, nor is he familiar with a truckdriver named "DON".

Inasmuch as no positive information was developed during this investigation, no further investigation is being conducted in the Long Beach Area. Any other investigation to be conducted is left to the discretion of LA headquarters.

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TO : SAC, LA [44-1574)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA H.L. PELLEGATTA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

LEONARD BROWN, Suite 300, Crocker-Citizens Bank Building, Riverside, California, advised as follows on 4/25/68.

He and a friend, TULLY BOUGH, were traveling through Arizona and stopped in Mount Trumbull, Arizona on 4/19/68. He said it is a small hamlet and he made inquiry of a man about the area. The man said he was a stranger also and sent a young boy to get his mother-in-law. BROWN noticed a woman with platinum blonde hair whom he believes was with the man.

BROWN said after they beft and returned to Riverside they noticed that photos of RAY resembled that of the man they talked to. BROWNA said however the most recent picture of RAY does not favor the man and only the prison profile as shown on the IO has some resemblence. He described have man as white, male, 5'10", 160-165 pounds, slender build.

BROWN was asked specifically if he felt the man he saw in Mount Frumbull in any way resembled RAY and he said there was some resemblance, however he dod not at the time take any particular note and it was only after looking at the newspaper photo did he feel the man could have resembled RAY.

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TO

: SAC. LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA J. CHARLES MERRIMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memorandum of SA ORLEY A. LEESON, Jr., dated 4/20/68.

Referenced memorandum stated in essence that CHARLES C. BOOKMAN, Room 201, Belmont Apartments, 948 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, telephonically advised the FBI Office at 5:55 PM on 4/20/68, that BOOKMAN had learned STEVE, last name unknown, night bartender at Annex Bar, Ninth and Figueroa, Los Angeles, had seen suspect JAMES EARL RAY in the Annex Bar.

on 4/22/68, SAS J. CHARLES MERRIMAN and JAMES E. FEENEY located STEVE ZEABB in his place of residence, Room 302, Belmont Apartments, 948 South Figueroa, Los Angeles, at which time ZEBB stated he is the night bartender, 6:00 PM to 2:00 AM shift, at the Annex Bar, 871 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles. ZEBB stated as a result of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, appearing in local news media, he, ZEBB, made a comment a few days ago in the Annex Bar stating he had seen a man in the Annex Bar about one month ago who somewhat resembled photographs of suspect RAY.

Photos of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, taken in 1960 and 1968, were displayed to ZEBB who advised instant photos of RAY were not identical to person he saw recently in the Annex Bar.

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# Memorandum

ro : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA J. CHARLES MERRIMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This memorandum is to record information in connection with interview of CHARLES CALVIN BOOKMAN, Room 201, Belmont Apartments, 948 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, by FBI Agents on 4/19/68, and 4/20/68.

During course of interview of BOOKMAN on 4/20/68, by SAs J. CHARLES MERRIMAN and NATHANIEL H. GILLAM, BOOKMAN stated that SARAH HAYS was manager and switchboard operator at Belmont Apartments, 948 South Figueroa Street, in which apartment building he, BOOKMAN, resided in. BOOKMAN additionally stated during course of aforemention interview that he had received a telephone call from "JIM RAY" (JAMES EARL RAY) variously between the hours of noon and 4:00 PM, 4/19/68, which call was routed through the switchboard at the Belmont Apartments. BOOKMAN also mentioned during instant interview he visited relatives in Virginia during August 1967, returning to his residence in the Belmont Apartments on or about 8/15/67, at which time he gave SARAH HAYS, Manager at Belmont Apartments, a portion of a Smithfield ham purchased while in Virginia.

On 4/22/68, SARAH HAYS, Manager and Switchboard Operator at Belmont Apartments, 948 Figueroa Street South, Los Angeles, was interviewed by SAS J. CHARLES MERRIMAN and JAMES E. FENNEY. HAYS stated in connection with telephone calls routed to Room 201, BOOKMAN's room, she could not recall specifically whether she transferred an incoming call to BOOKMAN's between noon and 4:00 PM on 4/19/68, inasmuch as BOOKMAN receives so many calls on a continuing basis.

In connection with the ham BOOKMAN stated he gave to SARAH HAYS, HAYS stated she postively never received any ham from BOOKMAN during August 1967, or any other time.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES

44-1574

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM

RUSSELL C. ANDERSON SA

SUBJECT:

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Reference - Cincinnati teletype to the Director. Memphis, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, New York, and St. Louis, dated 4/19/68.

On 4/19/68 at 11:15 PM SA KEN N. DEL ANOY, St. Louis Division telephonically contacted the Los Angeles office and advised them that BUAGENTS should meet Greyhound bus # 4472 at the Greyhound terminal, Los Angeles, California, on 4/20/68 at 9:00 AM.

Buagents should meet bus arriving from St. Louis and locate holder of bus ticket # 633765 and determine identity.

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## Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JOHN C. C'NEILL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo SA ORLEY A LEESON, JR dated 4/20/68 at Los Angeles.

MRS. GEORGE ROTH, 626 North Maple Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif, advised on 4/25/68 that she had a fleeting glance at an individual that resembled ERIC GALT. She stated that she was looking into her rear view mirror as she endeavored to park, and saw a man that looked like GALT. ROTH was shown more recent pictures of JAMES MARL RAY and she stated that she couldn't see much similiarity between RAY and the person in the 1965 Red Volvo.

BARBARA TRACHTINBERG, 1916 South Beverly Glen, Los Angeles, California (277-3432) advised on 4/25/68 that she had sold this car the week before Easter to JACK ACTON, 8753 Wonderland Avenue, Los Angeles, alifornia (656-1271), a former teacher from Kent State University, Ohio.

ACTON was described as folhows:

Sex-male
Race-white
Age--early 30's
Hairr--reddish blond
Height--5'8-5'9"
Characteristic--small build

ACTION---In view of the above no further action appears warranted in regard to this phase of the MURKIN investigation.

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RE R.B. WARRELL.

RE DALLAS TEL, APRIL TWO FOUR LAST.

ON APRIL TWO SIX INSTANT, MR. OTIS (BUDDY) HARRELL,
BUDDY'S AUTO REPAIR, WILLOW CREEK, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT
R.B. HARRELL, ALSO KNOWN AS JIMMIE, IS HIS COUSIN. R.B. WAS
LAST IN WILLOW CREEK, TWO YEARS AGO, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS
TRAVELING IN AN OLD TRUCK WITH A CAMPER BUILT THEREON, WITH HIS
BROTHER, PAUL HARRELL. THEY STAYED ONE NIGHT. THE ONLY THING
HE HAS HEARD FROM R.B. HARRELL SINCE THAT TIME WAS A FAMILY
RUMOR THAT R.B. WAS LIVING IN BAKERSVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AND
THIS WAS ABOUT A YEAR OR MORE AGO. SINCE THEN HE HAS HEARD
NOTHING CONCERNING THE WHEREABOUTS OF R.B. THE FAMILY HAS
DISOWNED R.B. AND THEY DO NOT ASSOCIATE WITH HIM. SINCE HE

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