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SF 173-65

WAS SIXTEEN YEARS OLD, R.B. HAS BEEN AN OUTLAW. HE HAS SPENT TIME IN FLORENCE, ARIZONA PRISON AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS. HIS BROTHER, PAUL HARRELL NOW LIVES IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, WITH HIS FAMILY AND PROBABLY WORKS IN A MILL. R.B. ALSO HAS BROTHERS CALLED J.C. AND HENRY, BUT THEIR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN TO OTIS. R.B. IS A VAGABOND WHO FOLLOWS FRUIT PICKING WORK. HE IS NEARLY ILLITERATE. OTIS HARRELL BELIEVES THE FAMILY WILL BE COOPERATIVE WITH THE FBI IN TRYING TO LOCATE R.B. RICHARD HARRELL, FATHER OF OTIS, IS VERY SICK WITH CANCER OF THE BONE AND WAS NOT INTERVIEWED. OTIS SAYS HIS FATHER HAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON R.B.

PHOENIX, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PAUL HARRELL AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, REGARDING WHEREABOUTS OF R.B.

LOS ANGELES CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT *Bakersfield ?* BAKERSVILLE TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE R.B. HARRELL.

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY - ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1037PM PST DEFERRED 4/26/68 KMH

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
AND PHOENIX
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

MURKIN

RE SF TEL APRIL TWENTY SIX INSTANT RE R. B. HARRELL.

LEAD AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA WHERE HARRELL REPORTED TO HAVE
RESIDED INADVERTENTLY SET OUT FOR LA. LA DISCONTINUE.
SC ADVISED SEPARATELY TO HANDLE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, PHOENIX (44-371)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST.
ONE R.B. HARRELL, AKA JIM HARRELL, RESIDING AT
EHN RANCH, INDIO, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY FIVE
LAST AND DENIED MAKING ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL TO SHERIFF'S
OFFICE, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA. STATES HAS NOT SEEN FORMER
WIFE, EDNA HARRELL, SINCE ABOUT FIFTY FIVE. EDNA INITIATED
ACTION WHICH RESULTED IN HARRELL'S BEING INCARCERATED ARIZONA
STATE PENITENTIARY, FLORENCE, ARIZONA, FIFTY THREE, FOR
NONSUPPORT.

HARRELL DENIES KNOWING DAVID WILSON OR HAVING BEEN
INCARCERATED PENITENTIARY, TEXARKANS, TEXAS, AND STATES
HE HAS NEVER FLOWN IN AIRPLANE.

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HARRELL DOES NOT HAVE HOME PHONE AND CHARLES O. GREEN, NEIGHBOR, RECALLS SEEING HIM IN INDIO APRIL NINETEEN LAST. GREEN STATES HARRELL HAS NO MONEY, IS ON WELFARE, AND JUNKS CARS FOR LIVING. GREEN HAS NEVER KNOWN HARRELL TO LEAVE INDIO, CALIFORNIA AREA SINCE HE MOVED TO EHN RANCH ABOUT MARCH ONE LAST. HARRELL WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY AND DID NOT KNOW HIM.

HARRELL DESCRIBED WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] MISSISSIPPI, FIVE FEET FIVE, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES. HE WAS LAST ARRESTED BY RIVERSIDE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, INDIO, FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE APRIL TEN LAST.

NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING HARRELL.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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TO SAC SACRAMENTO
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST.

RE R. B. HARRELL - ~~FOR YOUR INFORMATION~~, HARRELL LOCATED
AND INTERVIEWED AT INDIO, CALIFORNIA, ~~BY LOS ANGELES~~.

PX and SF advised airmail

- 1 - Phoenix (AIR MAIL)
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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987),
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), NEW ORLEANS, HOUSTON,
SAN ANTONIO AND EL PASO (157-186)

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE LOUIS LOMAX AND CHARLES STEIN.

LOMAX AND STEIN ~~ARE~~ CURRENTLY IN LOS ANGELES AREA. STEIN
ADVISES ~~THEIR~~ SEARCH FOR PHONE BOOTHS EN ROUTE LOS ANGELES TO
NEW ORLEANS UTILIZED BY JAMES EARL RAY DURING TRIP IN DECEMBER
SIXTY SEVEN NEGATIVE. STEIN ADVISED THERE WERE A COUPLE OF
FAMILIAR LOOKING BOOTHS IN UVALDE, TEXAS, AREA BUT COULD
FURNISH NO FACTUAL DATA AS TO POSSIBLE UTILIZATION.

~~ABOVE SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION.~~

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3000) AND SAC, MEMPHIS (157-100)
FROM SAC, MOBILE (157-100) (P-100) (157-100)
SUBJECT: MURKIN (157-100) (157-100)

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602 PM URGENT 4/29/68 EGL

TO LOS ANGELES (44-1574) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

*Called from Tel Booth
@ St Francis*

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL APRIL TWO SIX LAST.

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WAS A RETIRED ARMY GENERAL WHO HAS WRITTEN HER FROM APARTMENT
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REMEMBER RETEL PHONE CALL.

MRS. INGRAM IS NEGRO DOMESTIC. SHE WORKED FOR JOHNSTONE
WHEN HE USED THE NAME ROBERT P. ANDERSON AND LIVED AT THREE
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ANDERSON'S CHANGE OF NAMES.

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LOS ANGELES INTERVIEW JOHNSTONE APPROPRIATELY.

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400PM URGENT 4-29-68 KLJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574) & MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 1P

MURKIN

RE: TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR ZERO EIGHT DASH EIGHT FOUR TWO DASH
TWO ZERO ONE FOUR.

RE HOUSTON TEL AND LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE CALL TO SAN FRANCISCO,
BOTH APRIL TWO EIGHT, LAST.

PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO, ADVISED
THIS DATE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR ZERO EIGHT DASH EIGHT FOUR TWO
DASH TWO ZERO ONE FOUR LISTED TO GUADALUPE MATO, RUCKER AVENUE
(NO NUMBER), ROUTE TWO, BOX ONE FOUR FIVE, GILROY, CALIFORNIA. NO
RECORD MATO IN SAN FRANCISCO FILES.

LOS ANGELES FURNISH SAN FRANCISCO WITH ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL OBTAIN BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE MATO AT
GILROY, CALIFORNIA.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to Memphis 4:52 P.M. on 4/22/68 regarding a miscellaneous suspect observed in an automobile bearing Tennessee license AI-9690.

Tennessee license AI-9690 is registered to NANETTE ELLIOTT for a 1960 Oldsmobile, VIN 607A06033. Mrs. ELLIOTT reportedly left Nashville, Tenn., during the fall of 1967 and now resides Apt. B12, 13051 Gilbert St., Garden City, Calif.

Los Angeles attempt to eliminate suspect.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Garden Grove
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Look also at seven 4/26*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA G. J. MOOREHEAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS dated 4/23/68, Serial 643, which sets out that one WILLIAM SPRY, a patron of the Hunt Room Bar, Hollywood Inn Hotel, 6724 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, believed that a former bartender at this location, a JOHN RAY, might possibly be JAMES EARL RAY.

On 4/26/68, SA's G. J. MOOREHEAD and THEODORE M. GARDNER interviewed JAMES RILEY, 6638 Satsuma, North Hollywood, California, #766-6740, who is presently a bartender at the above-mentioned Hunt Room Bar and were advised as follows:

RILEY has been employed as a bartender at this location for over two years and during this time there has never been a JOHN RAY employed in this establishment. He stated that one JOHN BROOKINS (address unknown) had worked here for approximately two months until 4/8/68 when he was discharged for excessive drinking. RILEY's work schedule shows that BROOKINS was working until 6:00 p.m. on 4/4/68.

RILEY was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that BROOKINS did not resemble these pictures.

RILEY stated that the other employee (night man), SCOTTY NEIL, 62 years old, short, stocky and greying, was not absent from work on 4/4/68 and looks not at all like RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA RICHARD B. SADLER, III

SUBJECT: MURKIN

GEORGE L. BROWN, 1351 East Vernon, Los Angeles, California, telephonically contacted the FBI, 4/26/68, and advised that on Thursday, 4/25/68, he had seen an individual in Apartment 1, 1537 Palm, who resembled the furnished photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

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1351 East Vernon
Apt 1 W.M. Brown
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no #s that small in any PALM
in area (central area)*

*SI, not at home
means a phone*

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Indices: Negative See below

Subject's name and aliases JAMES EARL RAY AKA		Address of subject		Character of case		
Complainant WILLIAM DITTY		Complainant's address and telephone number STATION KFWB 6419 HOLLY WOOD BLVD HOLLY WOOD, CALIF.		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 4/29/68 Time 12:45AM		
Subject's Description	Race CAU	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height 5'10"	Hair (Color) DARK (CROPPED)	Build Avg	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age 36-40		Weight 175-180	Eyes	Complexion	
Scars, marks or other data NOTICED ONE EAR PROTRUDED FROM HIS HEAD BUT COULD NOT RECALL WHICH.						
Facts of complaint COMPLAINANT ADVISED HE WAS IN NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, AT EMMA'S PANCAKE HOUSE ON E. STREET ON 4/30/68 WHEN HE NOTICED A MAN FITTING RAY'S DESCRIPTION HAVING COFFEE AT ANOTHER TABLE. THIS MAN WAS DESCRIBED BY DITTY AS RECORDED ABOVE. DITTY STATED SUBJECT LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE THE PHOTO OF RAY TAKEN IN 1959. HE DID NOT REPORT THIS SOONER AS HE WAS IN NATIONAL CITY WITHOUT HIS WIFE'S KNOWLEDGE AND IS FEARING AFRAID SHE MAY FIND OUT, HE SAW SUBJECT LEAVE BUT DID NOT SEE WHERE HE WENT OR IF HE HAD AN AUTOMOBILE.						
<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Antel to San Diego 4/29/68</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Make mental out of this</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">44-1574-878</p>						
Action Recommended Timothy J. O'Malley (Agent)						

4/29/68

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, SAN DIEGO
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/29/68 Mr. WILLIAM DITTY, Station KFWB, 6419 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephonically furnished the following information.

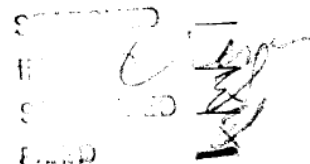
DITTY advised that on 4/20/68 he was in National City, California, at Emma's Pancake House on E Street, when he noticed a man who fitted the description of JAMES EARL RAY having coffee at another table. He described this man as Caucasian, age 36-40, 5'10", 175-180 lbs., dark close-cropped hair, average build. He said one ear protruded from the head, but he could not recall which ear. According to DITTY, this man looked exactly like the 1959 photograph of RAY.

DITTY said he did not report this information sooner because he was in National City without his wife's knowledge, and he was afraid she might learn of this. He advised he saw the man leave Emma's Pancake House, but he did not see where he went or whether or not he had an automobile.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA J. CHARLES MERRIMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA J. CHARLES MERRIMAN, 4/25/68. (44-1574-705)

On 4/26/68 SAs J. CHARLES MERRIMAN and LESLIE F. WARREN interviewed DUANE HARDING ROBINSON at his residence, apartment #3, 5437 Maywood Avenue, Maywood, California.

It is to be noted that when ROBINSON telephoned the Los Angeles FBI Office on 4/25/68, he inferred that he wished to talk to an FBI Agent regarding the MURKIN matter, but declined to say so specifically.

ROBINSON advised SAs MERRIMAN and WARREN that during 1964 he, ROBINSON, became acquainted with a female employed at Dunkers Delight, a donut shop located in the 1200 block of South Western Avenue, Los Angeles (no longer in business), who at that time was associating with one BILLY JOE RAY, white male, age approximate 40. ROBINSON stated that the unknown female employee of ~~DUNKERS~~ Dunkers Delight could be located through records of Winchell's Donut Shops, Los Angeles. ROBINSON pointed out his reason for calling the FBI was that he thought there was a possibility the above mentioned BILLY JOE RAY was identical to the JAMES EARL RAY being sought regarding the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

When ROBINSON noted that the BILLY JOE RAY to whom he referred was ~~presently~~ residing the Los Angeles area in 1964, SA MERRIMAN advised ROBINSON that JAMES EARL RAY was in prison in Missouri during 1964 and therefore could not be identical to BILLY JOE RAY. The interview with ROBINSON was terminated at this point.

At the outset of this interview ROBINSON/^{who is a white male} voluntarily displayed California driver's license #2540297 which bore a photo of ROBINSON, containing the following information:

Name	DUANE HARDING ROBINSON
DOB	[REDACTED]
Current residence	Apartment 3, 5437 Maywood Avenue, Maywood, California
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Hazel
Height	5'9"
Weight	175

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^{action}
No further/is recommended in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574)

DATE: April 24, 1968

FROM : SA Emery D. Turner

SUBJECT: MURKING

Rememo of SA Martin Lauer dated 4/20/68.

On 4/23/68, one called "RAY" as reported by Benjamin Summers, was identified and checked out at The Roundup Bar, 6727 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon B. and Ora E. MINO, owners of The Roundup Bar readily acknowledged knowing "RAY" as RAY ESTELL, an oil field worker who has been patronizing their bar for the past 5 or 6 years. They both stated they worked at the bar on Friday 4/19/68, but had never observed anyone resembling ERIC RAY with whose picture they were familiar from press publications. They then viewed photographs of ERIC RAY and stated definitely that RAY ESTELL was not identical.

Miss DEE B. DOUGLAS, barmaid instant bar advised she also knew RAY ESTELL as a regular customer who has been patronizing the bar for years. She also viewed photographs of ERIC RAY and said positively there was no resemblance thus eliminating RAY ESTELL as suspect this case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA JAMES E. GIBLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES E. GIBLER:

AT SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

On 4/24/68 it was observed that there are no rooming houses between 5th and 6th Street on Broadway.

On 4/24/68 JACK BOLGER, Dispatcher, Culinary workers and Bartenders Union, 525 Colorado, advised he has observed all the photographs of the subject which have appeared in the newspapers and on the newscasts and he has seen no one that resembles the subject, RAY. He noted that his office faces the south side of Colorado Blvd., where there are two roominghouses and he has seen the occupants of these houses come and go every day since he has a large window facing that way and he has never seen anyone in that area that resembles the subject RAY.

On 4/24/68 JAMES FOX manager of the roominghouse at 520 Colorado advised he is well acquainted with all of the occupants in this roominghouse and the one adjacent to it which are the only two in the block. He has observed no one resembling the subject to the slightest degree. He said in addition all of the occupants of the house at 520 Broadway have lived there since instant murder.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
GEORGE A. PAINE, JR.

AT GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

On 4/25/68 Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL D. ROBERTS, 6542
Acacia, phone 897-3167, advised JOHNNY L. LITTLE now resides at 7262
Wyoming St., Apartment 5, Westminster, California, phone 894-3748.
He is employed in Computer Programming at Douglas, Huntington Beach,
California. He is about 25 years of age and has red hair. He was
recently on a three week trip to his home state of Texas. He does
not have any resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY.

AT WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA

On 4/26/68 JOHNNY L. LITTLE, 7262 Wyoming Street,
Apartment 5, phone 897-3167, was observed and determined to have
no resemblance to subject RAY. He was on a three week trip to Texas
and return. He said he was driving near San Bernadino, California,
headed toward Texas on 4/12/68. He was in the area of Lubbock and
San Antonio, Texas, on 4/18/68. He returned from his trip on
4/22/68.

The following physical description of LITTLE was
obtained by observation and interview:

WM, age 25, born Salem, Illinois, 6', 165,
slender build, red hair, hazel eyes; single; employed at Douglas
Aircraft, Huntington Beach, California.

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On 4/25/68 WALT LEWIN, Postmaster, US Post Office, Westminster, California, advised SA GEORGE A. PAINE, JR. PO Box 563 for JOHNNY L. LITTLE reflected when he obtained the box on 8/22/67 he listed an address of % M.D. ROBERTS, 6542 Acacia, Garden Grove, California.

Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

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 MRS. JACQIE BUCKMINSTER		Complainant's address and telephone number 357-1175		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>1-31pm</u> Time <u>4-29-68</u>		
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age	Weight	Eyes	Complexion		
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

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DMV - LA.
60 Chev Cpe T.S. 834
Ray C. Duffield
1043 Hacienda
So Pas. assigned and
from DMV.
See Memo by
1/30/68
44-1574-2141
J.R. Sullivan

Action Recommended

Philip S. Andrist
(Agent)

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Indices: Negative See below

Subject's name and aliases		Address of subject		Character of case MURKIN		
Complainant MRS. JACQIE BUCKMINSTER		Complainant's address and telephone number 357-1175		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 1-31pm. Time 4-29-68		
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
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Action Recommended Philip S. Anrist (Agent)						

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1475)

4/29/68

SA STEVEN E. DUCKER

MURKIN

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Sex	Male
Age	Approximately 38 years old
Height	5'10"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Brown, worn in crew cut
Characteristic	Wears glasses

She observed him enter a 1959 Ford, white over light blue bearing California license PFV 221.

Department of Motor Vehicles, Los Angeles, advised PFV 221 is issued to a 1959 Ford to RAYMOND and SYD SMITH, 19642 Kitteridge, Reseda, California.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1475) DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA STEVEN E. DUCKER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Received at Canoga Park
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Resign to

*J. J. McLaughlin
4/29/68
Viewing Canoga Park*

Complaint Form
 FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

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Indices: Negative See below

Subject's name and aliases UNSUB:		Address of subject		Character of case MURKIN		
Complainant WILLIE CUNRY		Complainant's address and telephone number 223 E. 140 th. St. LA, Calif. 770-1997		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>4-29-68</u> Time <u>1/55pm</u>		
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	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					
Facts of complaint						
<p>C. stated while he was in the Post Office, Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena Calif. he noticed a person who looks like RAY looking at the wanted posters. the subject left the post office and left in a cream or grey colored 1967 Chev. Calif. license: VFF 632 or VFL 632.</p> <p>Ca if DMV : VFF 632, 1967 Chev. Hertz Corp., 757 W. 3rd. St., San Bernardino, Calif.</p> <p>VFL 632 1967 Chev. Joe W. or Cora Roach 5900 Cecillia, Bell Gardens Calif.</p> <p><i>Check Jerry Wayne Thomas to have his name corrected on other 4/25</i></p> <p><i>44-1574-886</i></p> <p><i>J. Carlow Larry Beal 24 hrs</i></p>						
Action Recommended		44-1574				
		Larry E. Mullins (Agent)				

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DATE: APRIL 29, 1968

FROM : SA WILLIAM J. REHDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN (44-1574)

DONALD ROTHMAN, ATTORNEY AT LAW, (Business 445 S. Figueroa, phone MA-8-2248, Home 750 Marzella Ave., Brentwood, California, phone GR-2-5784) advised that he had previously talked to an FBI agent by phone on instant date supplying information to the effect that he had sold his 1963 T-Bird to a man who resembled JAMES EARL ~~MEHNER~~ RAY. ROTHMAN stated that the man was accompanied by a young woman, who he described as being approximately twenty-five years of age, dirty blonde hair, and somewhat attractive.

UNSUB paid \$984.00 in cash and told ROTHMAN that he planned to drive the car accross county and did not intend to register the vehicle in California. UNSUB used the name WILLIAM G. MEHNKE, ~~MEHNKE~~ 816 W. 133rd, Gardena, California.

ROTHMAN was unable to remember the name of the agent that he had previously contacted on the phone.

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Date: 4/29/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA, CHICAGO, NEW ORLEANS
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RE LOUIS LOMAX
CALIFORNIA BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATIONS

FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT LOUIS LOMAX, FBI THREE TWO NINE FOUR EIGHT ZERO A WAS SENTENCED TO STATE PENITENTIARY, JOLIET, ILLINOIS (TWO NINE THREE ZERO FIVE) FROM FEBRUARY TEN NINETEEN FIFTY TO MAY NINE NINETEEN FIFTY SIX. HE SERVED TWO SENTENCES FOR LARCENY. JAMES EARL RAY SERVED AT JOLIET (THREE TWO FOUR ONE NINE) FROM SIX THIRTEEN FIFTY TWO TO JULY SEVEN NINETEEN FIFTY TWO WHEN TRANSFERRED TO PONTIAC ILLINOIS. POSSIBILITY EXISTS LOMAX ACQUAINTED WITH RAY.

RE EMPLOYMENT

RAY WORKED IN BAKERY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. REVIEW OF RECORDS BAKERY AND CONFECTIONERY WORKERS UNIONS LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA UNDER NAME OF RAY AND ALL ALIASES NEGATIVE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN BAKERY INDUSTRY.

1 - Milwaukee

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Special Agent in Charge

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RE CHARLES AND RITA STEIN.

INVESTIGATION AT FORMER NEIGHBORHOOD OF STEINS AT THREE THREE FOUR ZERO FLOYD TERRACE, LOS ANGELES REVEALS STEINS POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL NARCOTIC ACTIVITIES. FORMER NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR AND PAUL LYON, WHO RESIDED DIRECTLY ACROSS STREET RECALL OBSERVING WHITE MUSTANG BEARING OUT OF STATE LICENSE PARKED IN FRONT OF STEINS RESIDENCE DURING LATE NINETEEN/SIXTY SEVEN.

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED AT ATLANTA SUBJECT DRUG ADDICT AND INVOLVED IN ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC, INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF STEINS POSSIBLY INVOLVED WITH SUBJECT IN THIS TRAFFIC. IT IS NOTED IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW, CHARLES STEIN STATED FIRST MET SUBJECT IN SULTAN ROOM, ST FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES DECEMBER FOURTEEN SIXTY SEVEN. IF STEIN INVOLVED WITH SUBJECT, IT IS POSSIBLE STEIN WOULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL INFO RE SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES.

FOR INFORMATION OF NEW ORLEANS, ACCORDING TO NEIGHBORS, RITA STEIN'S MOTHER VISITED STEIN RESIDENCE ON FLOYD TERRACE ON TWO OR THREE OCCASSIONS PRIOR TO THANKSGIVING DAY, SIXTY SEVEN, WHEN ALLEGED DRUG ACTIVITY

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TAKING PLACE. EXACT DATES OF VISIT UNKNOWN.

RE DYERLL DENNIS.

INVESTIGATION NEGATIVE RE WHEREABOUT OF RAY
FERNANDEL AND JACK PENDLETON. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

RE LOOK ALIKES

LOS ANGELES CONTINUES TO CHECK OUT REPORTED
LOOK ALIKES. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHICAGO REVIEW RECORDS AT JOLIET PENITENTIARY TO
DETERMINE IF SUBJECT AND LOMAX WERE ASSIGNED SAME WORK
GANGS WHILE AT JOLIET.

INTENSIVE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION RE STEINS AND
MARIE MARTIN BEING CONDUCTED AT LOS ANGELES PRIOR TO INTERVIEWS ^{additional}

INVESTIGATION ALL PHASES CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED MILWAUKEE FOR INFO.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: April 24, 1968

FROM : SA JAMES MC CAULEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4-24-68 LOUIS WILSON, JR., mechanic, Volleywide Spring Co., 14942 Delano St., who resides at 14250 Delano St., Apt. 8, tel. 781-0963 advised that a man who had worked there for two days and disappeared, was believed by him to be identical with fugitive subject in instant case. He said the suspect he had in mind had been referred by the Ascot Employment Agency under the name of JOSEPH FOREHAND when he went to work on 4/9/68, but when he signed an employment form, it was as JAMES FOREHAND. He gave his address as 10841 Hortense St., North Hollywood, Calif.

On 4-24-68 MRS. ERNEST SNYDER, Apt. 1, 10841 Hortense St., North Hollywood advised that FOREHAND had come to California with her mother VIVATTE JOHNSON about a month ago, that they had lived with the SNYDERS until about ten days ago, and she did not know their current address but her mother had phoned her shortly before that she and FOREHAND were drinking at the Redwood Inn bar in North Hollywood.

JOSEPH JAMES FOREHAND was located at the Redwood Inn bar, Lankershim Blvd. at Kling St. He was eliminated as identical with JAMES EARL RAY on basis of appearance and fingerprint pattern variations. He explained that his Social Security card No. [redacted] was issued in the name of JAMES FOREHAND, which is why he signs his name for employment in that manner, although he is commonly known as JOSEPH FOREHAND. Following is description of JOSEPH JAMES FOREHAND:

Race-white
DOB [redacted]
Hair-brown
Eyes-brown
Hgt.-6'
Wgt.-175#
•Florida Chauffeurs license #G130922
•Army discharge- ASV RA 4409674.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/25/68

SA JESSE V. MC NULTY

FROM :

MURKIN

SUBJECT:

RE WILLARD PERKIN

Records of Burbank P.D. , are negative re. Perkin.

Telephone Directory lists one W.J. Perkin, 362 W. Cedar, Burbank, Phone 846-8676.

On 4/25/68 Mrs Robert Smith, 354 W. Cedar, advised that Willard Perkin has resided next door for several years. He is employed in Glendale at an unknown company and his wife works as a nurse. He is in his late 50's or early 60's and was seen at his residence yesterday.

MRS. WILLARD PERKIN, 362 W. Cedar, Burbank, advised on 4/25/68 that her husband was on a 3 week vacation in Mexico returning home last Friday. She said he drove his 1968 Volkswagen Bus on the trip entering Mexico at El Paso, Texas and returning at Nogales. Her husband is a Mineralogist and was accompanied by his 14 yr. old nephew, [REDACTED]. He is employed by Accurate Dial And Name Plate Company on Colorado Blvd., Glendale.

Perkin in no way fits description of subject/

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA Martin D. Gallagher

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 3/25/68 Mr. Louis E. Fork 532 Duarte Rd. Apt. 14, Monrovia, Cal. advised that during the fall of 1967 he dated Pat Gunderson who last resided at 693 Spruce St. Apt. F. Upland, Cal. He said that Mrs. Gunderson is a white female divorcee with blond hair.

According to Fork, while they were dating Mrs. Gunderson mentioned on several occasions and seemed emfatuated with ~~an~~ a bartender, name unknown who was employed in the Hollywood area. Fork who said he never met this individual said the man supposedly spoke with a Southern accent and supposedly had broken parole in the state of Florida. He said he knew nothing else about this individual although he suspected this bartender was about the same age as RAY.

Fork said after reading the papers concerning the mysterious blond woman with whom Ray associated, he decided to furnish this information to the FBI for whatever value it might hold.

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122-5, Resodavan
Santa Maria, Calif
93454
Room #4

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In an effort to do this in a quiet way & do a duty. I'm not trying to get any name for myself. I sent this letter registered I do not know that it will reach you in person & I only want to talk or contact someone high up or yourself & of your confidence however I think I have something of interest to you after reading this A.M. Paper & this Galt Person. I'm not looking for any name for myself. I don't want anymore physical damage however if I have been some help to you you could help me in some of my problems that would help others as well as myself. I am sending this letter in a round about way so that you can get to me without anyone knowing what is going on I will want

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to the highway directors of the F.B.I.
before I will give with information
as I have said this is not exact
stuff, & given or will be given for the
purpose of your use & investigation.

Very Sincerely
Wm. A. King

4-15-68

Dear Sir

Inclosed is a letter that I am
deliberately using to contact The
F. B. I. Head Director J. E. Hoover
to keep this from going through a
lot of offices & Hoping you will
cooperate in forwarding this to the
Director Mr. Hoover himself.

Thank You
Allen C. Blatz

Dep. To
SA Leo Bailey
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To: SAC, Los Angeles

✓ From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

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62-0-40125

Re Glenn Alvin Platz.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are two copies of a letter from Platz addressed to the Bureau and two copies of a letter from Platz which was addressed to the Postmaster General postmarked April 18, 1968. One copy of each is enclosed for Memphis.

Los Angeles, unless information in your files would preclude doing so, should interview Platz for any information he may have in his possession regarding this case.

Platz is not identifiable in Bureau files.

1 - Memphis

From: Tel. to Leo Bailey Santa Maria 4-29-68 10:45 a.m. sup. to Leo Bailey 4/29/68

Call this to Santa Maria

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ST. LOUIS, SAN FRANCISCO, AND LOS ANGELES APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

STOUT NOT KNOWN TO OFFICE MANAGER AND CLAIMS SUPERVISOR, FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, ONE THREE SEVEN ZERO ONE RIVERSIDE DRIVE, SHERMAN OAKS, CALIFORNIA.

INDIANAPOLIS IDENTIFY C. DEMPSEY WHO IS MENTIONED IN RE TELETYPE AND FURNISH FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING STOUT'S DELIVERY OF MAYFLOWER MOVING VAN.

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Date: April 29, 1968

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Via TELETYPE

Urgent
(Priority)

TO; SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-

FROM; SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Look-a-like - Saul John that

~~██████████~~, ALLAN ENGELHARDT, Canoga Park, Cal., advised ~~that~~ on April 20 last, he ~~had~~ observed ~~an~~ individual at ~~the~~ coffee shop of ~~the~~ Rocket Bowl, ~~on~~ De Soto Street north of Northhoff, Canoga Park, who resembled JAMES EARL RAY. Engelhardt advised ~~the~~ unknown person left ~~the~~ coffee shop and entered a 1959 or 1960 Ford bearing California license EZR 721.

Engelhardt described ~~the~~ look-alike as White, male, age ~~38~~ 38 to 40 years, 5'10", 160 Lbs., sandy to reddish blonde hair, ~~eyes~~ ~~not observed and no marks or scars detected.~~

DMV check of EZR 721 listed to SAUL JOHN, 926 N. Denair St., Turlock, Cal. on 1954 2-dr Buick.

At Turlock, Cal., determine if SAUL JOHN identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

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PM URGENT 4/29/68 CAB

TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

P

MURKIN

ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE IO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE SIXTY-SEVEN.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

NJZ

FBI LOS ANG.

*See Ser 600
Handled per
my prior memo
to RAB.*

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TO: ⁷⁵⁰ DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ✓
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⁸²⁰ SAC, DETROIT ✓
⁸²⁴ SAC, LAS VEGAS ✓
⁸³² SAC, LITTLE ROCK ✓
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¹⁰⁰⁴ SAC, SACRAMENTO ✓
¹⁰¹⁴ SAC, ST. LOUIS ✓
¹⁰¹⁷ SAC, SAN FRANCISCO ✓
¹⁰²² SAC, TAMPA ✓
⁷⁵⁰ SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD ✓

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

REMYTEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST.

RE: TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

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- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)(AIR MAIL)

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JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN HOLLYWOOD AREA, LOS ANGELES, FROM NOVEMBER NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, THROUGH MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST, APPROXIMATELY. NOVEMBER NINETEEN UNTIL APPROXIMATELY JANUARY TWENTY RESIDED NEAR ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AND JANUARY TWENTY ONE TO MARCH SEVENTEEN RESIDED THERE. TOLL NUMBERS FROM TELEPHONE BOOTHS AT THE HOTEL ARE BEING ANALYZED FOR ANY POSSIBLE CALLS BY SUBJECT WHILE IN LOS ANGELES AREA.

FOLLOWING NUMBERS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN CALLED FROM THE TELEPHONE BOOTHS LOCATED IN THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

BALTIMORE -

FEBRUARY ELEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, OXON HILL, MARYLAND, TEN ZERO THREE A.M., SIX THREE ZERO DASH TREE ONE EIGHT TWO.

CHARLOTTE -

FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, PEMBROKE, NORTH CAROLINA, SEVEN FIFTY THREE P.M., FIVE TWO ONE DASH FOUR SIX EIGHT NINE.

MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, GOLDSBORO, NORTH

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CAROLINA, NINE THIRTEEN A.M., SEVEN THREE FIVE DASH
FOUR TWO ZERO NINE.

~~MAR~~LSSEVEN

MARCH TWELVE, SIXTY EIGHT, FORT WORTH, SIX ELEVEN P.M.,
NINE TWO FOUR DASH NINE THREE ZERO NINE.

DETROIT -

FEBRUARY TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, ST. INGACE,
MICHIGAN, TIME NOT KNOWN, SIX FOUR THREE DASH ONE TWO EIGHT
SEVEN.

LAS VEGAS -

DECEMBER TWENTY THREE, SIXTY SEVEN, LAS VEGAS, THREE
TWENTY EIGHT P.M., SEVEN THREE FIVE DASH NINE SEVEN ONE
THREE.

LITTLE ROCK -

FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, LITTLE ROCK, ONE
FORTY SEVEN P.M., SIX SIX FOUR DASH ONE FOUR SEVEN EIGHT.
TICKET REFLECTS THIS COLLECT CALL TO MRS. VERA D. AND KEN
STURGIS, EIGHT ZERO TWO WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, LITTLE ROCK.

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LOUISVILLE -

JANUARY TWELVE, SIXTY EIGHT, STURGIS, NINE TWELVE P.M.,
THREE THREE THREE DASH TWO SEVEN TWO EIGHT.

MIAMI -

FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, FORT LAUDERDALE,
ELEVEN FORTY EIGHT A.M., FIVE SIX FOUR DASH TWO THREE
SEVEN ONE.

FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, FORT LAUDERDALE, TWELVE
NINETEEN P.M., FIVE SIX FOUR DASH TWO THREE SEVEN ONE.

MINNEAPOLIS -

JANUARY TWENTY ONE, SIXTY EIGHT, MINNEAPOLIS, ONE
THIRTY FOUR A.M., EIGHT SIX SIX DASH FOUR FOUR THREE NINE.

NEW HAVEN -

FEBRUARY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT,
FIVE ELEVEN P.M., EIGHT FOUR SEVEN DASH NINE ZERO FIVE TWO.

FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX, SIXTY EIGHT, BRIDGEPORT,
CONNECTICUT, ELEVEN EIGHTEEN P.M., THREE THREE SIX DASH
FOUR NINE FOUR SEVEN.

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OKLAHOMA CITY -

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, MIDWEST CITY, ONE
TWENTY ONE P.M., SEVEN THREE SEVEN DASH FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX.

PHILADELPHIA -

JANUARY THREE, SIXTY EIGHT, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,
SEVEN THIRTY SEVEN P.M., TWO FOUR SEVEN DASH TWO ZERO TWO
SEVEN.

DECEMBER TWELVE, SIXTY SEVEN, SHARON HILL, PENNSYLVANIA,
EIGHT SIXTEEN P.M., FIVE EIGHT SIX DASH TWO ZERO SIX ZERO.

SACRAMENTO -

DECEMBER EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SACRAMENTO, SIX ZERO
SEVEN P.M., NINE TWO FIVE DASH EIGHT FOUR ZERO THREE.

DECEMBER TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, SACRAMENTO, TEN ZERO
FIVE P.M., NINE TWO FIVE DASH EIGHT FOUR ZERO THREE.

ST. LOUIS -

MARCH TEN, SIXTY EIGHT, KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI, TEN
FORTY EIGHT A.M., SEVEN EIGHT ONE DASH EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN
SIX.

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SAN FRANCISCO -

FEBRUARY NINETEEN / SIXTY EIGHT, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA,
EIGHT TEN P.M., TWO FIVE TWO DASH FOUR SEVEN ONE THREE.
TICKET REFLECTS PERSON TO PERSON CALL TO LENORE WIDEN,
NINE FOUR THREE BRENTWOOD.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SAUSALITO, TWO FORTY
THREE P.M., THREE THREE TWO DASH FIVE FIVE NINE TWO.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SAUSALITO, SEVEN
TWENTY THREE P.M., THREE THREE TWO DASH FIVE FIVE NINE
TWO.

FEBRUARY NINETEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SAUSALITO, THREE FORTY
THREE P.M., THREE THREE TWO DASH FIVE FIVE NINE TWO.

FEBRUARY NINETEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, SEVEN TWENTY
NINE P.M., THREE SIX FIVE DASH NINE SEVEN SIX THREE.

FEBRUARY NINETEEN / SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, EIGHT
ZERO TWO P.M., THREE SIX FIVE DASH NINE SEVEN SIX THREE.

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