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FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, SEVEN
THIRTY TWO P.M., THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN
ZERO.

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

FEBRUARY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, FOUR ZERO
THREE P.M., THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.

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

Q FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, NINE
SEVENTEEN P.M., THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT SEVEN ZERO.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, MILL VALLEY, SEVEN
TWENTY FIVE P.M., THREE EIGHT EIGHT DASH SEVEN ZERO FOUR
FOUR.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, MILL VALLEY, SIX THIRTY
FOUR P.M., THREE EIGHT EIGHT DASH SEVEN ZERO FOUR FOUR.

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DECEMBER ELEVEN, SIXTY SEVEN, SAN FRANCISCO, TWELVE
TWENTY NINE P.M., THREE SIX TWO DASH SIX ONE SIX ZERO.

DECEMBER TWELVE, SIXTY SEVEN, SAN FRANCISCO, ONE FIFTY
SEVEN P.M., THREE SIX TWO DASH SIX ONE SIX ZERO.

FEBRUARY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, EIGHT FIFTY
THREE P.M., THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.

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TAMPA -

DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN, BRADENTON, FLORIDA,
SIX TWELVE, P.M., SEVEN FOUR SIX DASH FOUR FIVE EIGHT FOUR.

DECEMBER TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY SEVEN, TAMPA, EIGHT
THIRTEEN A.M., EIGHT THREE FOUR DASH FIVE EIGHT ZERO ONE.
TICKET REFLECTS RECIEVER OF CALL GEORGE DAVERNOY, FOUR
SEVEN ZERO ONE SAN JOSE STREET.

WASHINGTON FIELD -

MARCH TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SEVEN FIFTY
ONE P.M., THREE THREE SEVEN DASH FIVE THREE ONE FIVE.

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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.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA CARL V. PORTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

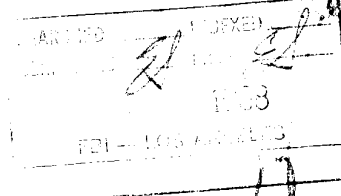
JOSEPH MARR, 729 Navy St., Santa Monica, Calif. EX 9-6938
appeared at the Santa Monica RA at 6:00PM on 4/22/68 and furnished
the following:

About dusk 4/19/68 he observed an individual crossing the
street on ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Colorado between 5th and 6th streets
walking North. This person appeared suspicious as he "eye balled"
MARR who was sitting in his car. After arriving home that evening
he saw a picture of JAMES RAY in the paper taken in the 1950's
by the Chicago Police and he believes the person he saw resembles
this photo.

MARR did not see a vehicle, nor did he ^{see} from where he came.
He believes he may have come from a rooming house on the south side
of Colorado, but has no evidence of this.

States he phoned this information to the Los Angeles office
of the FBI on 4/20/68.

He described this person as white, male, 5'9" 160, brown
hair, medium long and wearing a heavy brown coat with large pocket.
Coat was the length coming down midway between that of a suit coat
and the knees.



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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 RAY DICKSON				Complainant's address and telephone number 723-3311		Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date <u>4-30-68</u> Time <u>9-50am.</u>	
Subject's Description	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace	
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion		
	Scars, marks or other data						
Facts of complaint C said he had been traveling on the Santa Monica Freeway at approximately 9-45am this date. He said he saw a hitchhiker one turn off past (West) of Central. C said the man bore a striking resemblance to pictures of "GALT" that appeared in the paper. He said the man appeared to be between 35-and 40, was about 6', 165lbs., was wearing an old white shirt and a pair of gray colored work pants. He said he was clean shaven. He said he noticed his face was thin as well as his nose.							
Action Recommended Philip S. A ndrist (Agent)							

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference memo of SA LOWELL S. LAWRENCE, dated 4/20/68 at Los Angeles.

Mrs. MYRTLE WILLIAMS, 8351 Country Club Drive, Buena Park, California was interviewed by the writer on 4/29/68, at which time photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were presented to her. After reviewing the photographs, she advised that the person that she encountered at the Hollywood Racetrack on the evening of 4/19/68 did not resemble him. She stated that the individual she observed did appear, however, similar to one of the composite drawings she observed on television shortly after the KING assassination. She stated that she also observed the same composite drawing in local papers, which prompted her to call the Los Angeles Division of the FBI.

In view of the fact that RAY does not appear to be identical with the individual that Mrs. WILLIAMS observed, it is recommended that no further investigation be conducted in this ~~ph~~ phase of the investigation, inasmuch as Mrs WILLIAMS did not obtain a license number of the vehicle nor could she furnish details of the vehicle she observed.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA ROBERT H. CLAUDIUS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

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Re memo of SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS dated 4/23/68. (serial 635)

On 4/25/68 attempts to interview resident at 12064 Guerin Street, Studio City, were negative as no one was present at apartment.

On 4/26/68 SAs THOMAS E. LAVIN and the writer contacted JOHN GUNDRY RUTH, 12064 Guerin Street, Studio City, California, telephone number 761 - 9301. After announcing to him the nature of the call, RUTH stated that he believed that the person who called was his ex-wife, HELEN YORK, 632 1/2 North Whitmall, Burbank. He stated he could not think of any man who would dislike him enough to make such a telephone call. He advised he had been divorced by HELEN YORK about six years ago and that she "took" him for about \$22,000 worth of property.

Upon being exhibited the W/F and I.O. photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT - JAMES EARL RAY, RUTH stated that he has never known or seen the person exhibited.

RUTH advised that he recalls hearing of the shooting of KING on the television. Shortly thereafter he walked down to the Alcoholics Anonymous just several blocks away to give them some clothing and books. He recalls speaking to a man about the shooting but was not aware of KING's death at the time. He stated that he departed the next morning for Lancaster, Pennsylvania due to a death in the family. He exhibited TWA ticket stub from LA to Pittsburg on flight 76Y on 4/5/68 with a transfer to Allegheny Airlines flight 322A on 4/5/68. He advised that he arrived on Tuesday, 4/23/68 from Pennsylvania in order that he could apply for his unemployment insurance. His aircraft ticket stub verified his flight on 4/23/68 from Pittsburgh.

RUTH advised that he had a LAPD record for burglary and wife beating and that upon a couple occasions was "rousted" by the LAPD.

He advised that he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1929 and served for 14 years. He said his serial number was 221276. SA LAVIN observed a bound scrap book indicating RUTH received the Silver Star for valor in the Pacific Theatre of Operations.

RUTH advised that he possess two old antique hand guns and also exhibited a .38 caliber Colt revolver in a holster and gun belt bearing about 30 rounds of ammunition in the belt. He claims he keeps it loaded by his bed for protection.

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On 4/29/68 a clerk at the LAPD Records and Identification affirmed the fact that RUTH has a criminal record with that department and that it is available for perusal.

RUTH advised that about three years ago he had a nervous breakdown and entered Sawtelle Veterans Hospital for treatment.

A review of the files of the LA office reflects in serial 54-0-225 (5/61) that one JOHN G. RUTH, 830 3/4 Los Palmas, L.A., on 5/18/61 attended a party whereby the complainant stated he claimed he ~~was~~ had been running guns to Cuba and strongly indicated he was Pro-Castro. He was described as age 48, 5'11, heavy build, black hair, ruddy complexion.

RUTH admitted that he had lived at this residence and that he had been approached by persons at one time to send guns to Cuba but that he never did. RUTH stated that he also has a very big mouth when he is drinking and brags a great deal. He advised that this was one of his bad failings while drinking.

He advised that he is presently unemployed but usually works for MGM studio as a sound man on the film series "Daktari".

It is the opinion of interviewing agents that some male who made the telephone call to this office desired to "get even" or get him in some sort of trouble with the law. The physical evidence of the airline tickets places RUTH in Los Angeles on the morning of 4/5/68 and that he returned on 4/23/68.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC LA

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA WAYNE L. BOURQUE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Miss JEANE JUDD, 948 S Figueroa Los Angeles, ph 622-5350 advised that she just saw a picture of JAMES EARL RAY in the newspaper and believes she had talked and danced with this individual 4/25/68 at the Annex Lounge, 874 S Figueroa, LA.

JUDD said that the individual she observed was wearing a dark grey jacket with "Tennessee" written on the back of the jacket. JUDD said that she only talked with this individual for a short time and could furnish no further information re him.

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RE: _____

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ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign _____ Reassign _____

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline _____

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Handle

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Serial # _____

☐ Post ☐ Recharge ☐ Return

☐ Send to _____

☐ Submit new charge out

☐ Submit report by _____

☐ Type

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It is requested that during contact with all informants they be interviewed concerning any information with regard to JAMES EARL RAY, I.O. 4182. Any pertinent information should be referred to Desk #1 immediately.

SAC WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN
SUPERVISOR #1

See reverse side

Office _____

Advise all agents your squads again

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FACULTIES, OBVIOUS TO THOSE IN HIS PRESENCE. PETERS DOES NOT
KNOW LOCATION OF RAY LNU AT THIS TIME, WHO IS POSSIBLY
IDENTICAL TO RAY FERNANDEL DESCRIBED BY DENNIS. PENDELTON
PRESENTLY IN UNKNOWN HOSPITAL FOR AMPUTATION OF LIMB.
INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES TO LOCATE RAY FERNANDEL
AND PENDELTON FOR INTERVIEW TO VERIFY STORY OF DENNIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Dr. R. FLEMING JONES was interviewed at his place of business, The Hollywood Medical Clinic, 1546 North Highland Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, on 4/26/68 by the writer.

After reviewing his medical admission cards, D. JONES advised that he could find no medical record of anyone having the name of JAMES EARL RAY, or any medical record under any name similar to any of the known aliases of RAY.

JONES stated that the most of his medical patients were known to him, at least if they were repeat clients. He added that approximately 130 persons were treated in the clinic daily, some of which merely walked off the street and requested aid.

JONES was shown photos of RAY, and stated that he could not recall ever seeing an individual similar to him. After consulting with associates in the clinic, and employees working for him, he advised that RAY was unknown to all persons of his staff.

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James Earl Ray?
Martin Luther King?
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SAC, Newark (44-854)

April 26, 1968

Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Reurairtel 4/15/68.

Reference is made to Newark airtel dated 4/15/68 which submitted two rolls of microfilm containing photographs of Bank of America Money Orders #0799 18 037 and 0799 19701. These are photographs of originals, specimens Q216 and Q221 respectively, which were submitted with Los Angeles letter dated 4/16/68.

Results concerning the examination of these money orders is set forth in Laboratory report to Memphis dated 4/19/68.

Enclosed herewith for Newark are the two rolls of microfilm.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
 FROM: *CUB* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to San Francisco, dated 4/25/68, concerning information furnished by anonymous complaintant to Los Angeles Office, 4/24/68 regarding look-alike of JAMES EARL RAY, driving 1968 Chevrolet bearing North Carolina License YB 677.

MARSHALL MANTON RUSSELL, 3293 Hilary Drive, San Jose, California, was interviewed this date by SAs WILLIAM N. KIDWELL, JR. and MALCOLM E. SAMPLE. RUSSELL bears a resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY but is not identical. RUSSELL is described as a white male American, born [redacted], Los Angeles, 6'1", 190 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, Social Security Number [redacted], scar right thumb, mustache, holds Coast Guard Z Number 1250943, issued 9/11/67 at San Francisco. He resides with his parents, PARRY A. and ESTER RUSSELL at above San Jose address.

RUSSELL graduated from San Jose State College, June, 1967, and shipped out with Military Sea Transportation Service from San Francisco October, 1967, for voyage of 5 months duration. He was Able Seaman aboard SS FLYING TRADER of American Express Lines chartered by MSTs. He traveled to Viet Nam, Thailand, Manila, Panama, and United States ports, San Francisco, Oakland, Long Beach, San Diego, Port Huneme, completing voyage at Wilmington (Sunny Port) North Carolina. He was paid off 3/23/68.

RUSSELL purchased 1967 Pontiac Firebird, 2-door,

② - Los Angeles
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light yellow color, VIN 223377U606962, bearing North Carolina License YB 677, from Harris Pontiac, Wilmington, for \$2,609, 3/26/68. This vehicle resembles Chevrolet Camero. He departed Wilmington 3/26/68 and spent a few days in Richmond, Virginia, and left Richmond, Virginia, 3/31/68 and drove West via North Carolina, South Carolina, Atlanta, Montgomery, New Orleans, Houston, Austin, El Paso, Sonora, Phoenix, Blythe, California, and Los Angeles and then San Jose. He stayed in a motel in Sonora, Texas, p.m., 4/4/68. He states he registered in motel right side main street entering town from east. He was at roadside rest near Florence, Arizona, 4/5/68 and stayed Blythe, California, 4/6/68. He spent 5-6 days on Colorado River near Blythe in company of GORDON ROGERS, former school mate who now resides at 17860 Parthenia Street, North Ridge, California. He then traveled to San Jose via Los Angeles arriving at San Jose on 4/15/68. He has been residing with his parents since his arrival and he is on vacation prior to re-entering college.

The 1967 Pontiac mentioned above was new when purchased by RUSSELL and now has 4,590 miles on speedometer. No record of RUSSELL with San Jose Police Department except Civil Service file number 127263 which reveals RUSSELL was employed by this city as Recreation Department Counselor in City Park System, 1966.

CII and FBI returns this file both clear.

The above furnished information to Los Angeles. San Francisco taking no further action at this time regarding RUSSELL.

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FBI PHOENIX

12:57 PM URGENT 4-29-68 MPB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), HOUSTON , LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
NEW ORLEANS (157-10673), AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: PHOENIX (44-371)

MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TEL APRIL, TWENTYEIGHT, LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALL FORM YUMA, ARIZONA, DECEMBER FIFTEEN,
SIXTYSEVEN, TO SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE
ONE EIGHT - SEVEN FOUR SIX - NINE TWO ZERO ZERO.

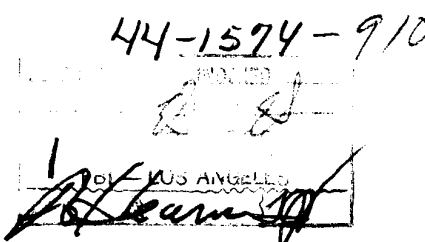
ON THIS DATE MR. JACK GRAHAM, SECURITY, MOUNTAIN STATES
TELEPHONE COMPANY, ADVISED FOR PAST THREE DAYS, SINCE REQUESTED
BY FBI, HE HAS ENDEAVORED TO COMPUTERIZE ALL COLLECT CALLS
MADE FROM YUMA PAY PHONE BOOTHS DURING DECEMBER FOURTEEN,
FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. GRAHAM ADVISED THAT AFTER MANY
FUTILE ATTEMPTS, THE ONLY WAY THAT IT CAN BE DETERMINED WHICH
PHONE BOOTHS MADE COLLECT CALLS TO LOUISIANA DURING THE ABOVE
PERIOD WOULD BE FOR THE SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY IN
LOUISIANA TO CHECK ALL COLLECT TOLL CALLS MADE ON ALL LISTED
PHONE NUMBERS IN STATE OF LOUISIANA OR AT LEAST IN SHREVEPORT
OR NEW ORLEANS AREA IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF COLLECT CALL
HAD BEEN MADE FROM YUMA PHOEN BOOTH TO LOUISIANA ON DATES
LISTED.

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FBI NEW ORLS

731PM URGENT 4/29/68 OLP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)2P

MURKIN.

RE: LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN.

JOSEPH SCHMIDT, SECURITY DIVISION, SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, NEW ORLEANS ADVISED FOUR TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT THAT HIS COMPANIES PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW ORLEANS HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY THE NEW ORLEANS TIMES - PICAYUNE AND STATES ITEM NEWSPAPERS ADVISING THAT LOUIS LOMAX HAD TOLD THESE NEWSPAPERS THAT HE (LOMAX) HAD ENDEAVORED TO GET THE TELEPHONE RECORDS ON SAM RECILE BUT THAT SOMEONE HAD TOLD LOMAX THAT THE FBI HAD ALREADY REQUESTED THESE RECORDS.

SCHMIDT ADVISED THAT HE KNEW THE FBI HAD NOT REQUESTED ANY SUCH RECORDS AND SCHMIDT WAS TELLING THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE THAT NO SUCH REQUEST HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FBI. SCHMIDT STATED HE WAS FURNISHED THE ABOVE INFO SO WE WOULD BE AWARE OF THE STATEMENT OF LOMAX.

FOR INFO OF BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES SAM RECILE IS A NEW ORLEANS REAL ESTATE MANIPULATOR WHOSE BUSINESS ENTERPRISES ARE CURRENTLY IN LITIGATION.

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ABOVE FOR INFO PURPOSES.

RE: TELEPHONE CALL FROM YUMA,
ARIZ., TO SHREVEPORT, LA.,
TEL. NO. SEVEN FOUR SIX -
NINETY TWO HUNDRED, DEC.
FIFTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN.

THE ABOVE TELEPHONE IS LISTED TO THE CURTIS PARK BAR,
TWO ONE FIVE TWO EAST TEXAS, SHREVEPORT, LA. THIS TELEPHONE
IS A PAY PHONE INSIDE THE BAR. OWNER, EMPLOYEES OF BAR
INTERVIEWED AND STATE THEY RECALL NO SUCH PHONE CALL FROM
YUMA, ARIZ. A PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY WAS EXHIBITED TO
THESE INDIVIDUALS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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CORR PAGE TWO LINE EIGHT WORD SIX SHOULD BE TEXAS

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FBI LOS ANG.

FBI ATLANTA

926 PM URGENT 4-29-68 ARK

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

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) 3P

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION APRIL TWENTYNINE INSTANT.

INTERVIEW OF WILLIAM ERNEST HARPER, COLUMBUS, GA.,
WHO RESIDED AT ONE ZERO SEVEN DASH FOURTEENTH STREET, NE,
ATLANTA, GA., IN JAN. AND FEB. SIXTYEIGHT, INDICATED THAT
THE INDIVIDUAL WITH LAST NAME OF FAULKNER WHO RESIDED WITH
HIM AND WHO RETURNED IN APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT, WAS BOBBY JOE
FAULKNER NOT BILLY JOE FAULKNER. BOBBY JOY FAULKNER'S MOTHER
ADVISED THIS DATE BOBBY JOE WAS IN ATLANTA THE FIRST WEEK IN
APRIL AND LEFT AFTER THE KING ASSASSINATION INASMUCH AS
CONSTRUCTION WORK SLOWED DOWN IN ATLANTA. HE IS PRESENTLY
WORKING IN PINE HILL, ALA., AND LEAD SET FORTH FOR MOBILE
TO INTERVIEW HIM.

REVIEW OF WANT ADS FOR CARS FOR SALE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE
TO DATE.

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J. H. [signature]

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CHECK OF DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS FOR NEW DRIVERS LICENSES IN STATE OF GA. FOR PERTINENT PERIOD CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CLOSED DURING PERTINENT PERIOD IN ONLY BANK IN AREA SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE WHICH HAS SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CONDUCTED THIS DATE. TWENTYFIVE BOXES CLOSED DURING PERIOD, MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE WELL KNOWN CUSTOMERS, REMAINDER BEING CHECHED OUT.

AIRLINE CHECKS BEING EXPANDED.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN AREA OF ABANDONMENT OF CAR AND AREA OF RESIDENCE EXPANDED, BUT NO ADDITIONAL INFO OBTAINED.

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE, RECOVERING FROM PROLONGED DRUNK. NOTHING ADDITIONAL OF SIGNIFICANCE OBTAINED.

FORMER HEAD OF HIPPIES, ATLANTA, WHO IS PRESENTLY INCARCERATED NARCOTICS CHARGE INTERVIEWED. FURNISHED INFORMATION RE POSSIBLE DRUG SOURCES IN HIPPIE AREA. HE WAS IN JAIL DURING PERTINENT PERIOD WHEN RAY IN ATLANTA.

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ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED NARCOTICS ASPECT WITH
COOPERATION NARCOTICS OFFICERS ATLANTA PD.

CONTACT OF KLAN INFORMANTS RE POSSIBLE BOUNTY ON KING'S
LIFE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

LEWIE RAYMOND DOVDA REINTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY NINE.
STATED ANOTHER INMATE AT MISSOURI STATE PRISON, NAME UNRECALLED
KNEW RAY. LEADS BEING SET FORTH BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM J. REHDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN (44-1574)

BRADDOCK OPPERMAN, 2182 Loma Vista Drive, Pasadena, California advised, instant date, that while driving home from work on Los Feliz Blvd. near Vermont he observed a late model Dodge Coronet Sedan (cream colored) bearing California tags HHZ 764 occupied by two well dressed white males. OPPERMAN stated that the driver resembled JAMES EARL RAY and that the auto contained a bumper sticker inscribed "WHO IS GALT".

WJR/me

DMV-

HHZ 764

56 Dodge - 4 door

Leslie P. Klein

7730 El Caprice

North Hollywood

A. H. H. H.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA LEO C. BAILEY:

AT SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA

Records, San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office, as made available on April 25, 1968 by Records Clerk JEANNE PHILLIPS, contain the following information:

On September 10, 1967, R. B. HARRELL was booked into the San Luis Obispo County Jail by Officer WOODRUM, Pismo Beach, California, Police Department, on a charge of violation of Section 20002a, California Vehicle Code (Hit and Run). On September 11, 1967 in Justice Court, Grover City, California, HARRELL was sentenced to sixty days in the County Jail which was suspended for two years providing no involvement in like violations and HARRELL was to make restitution. According to San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office records, HARRELL is described as follows:

Name	RICHARD BURNHAM HARRELL
Aliases	Richard Burnam Harrell Richard Bernam Harrell Richard B. Harrell R. B. Harrell Jimmie Harrell
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth Data	 Mississippi
Height	5' 6"
Weight	130 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Build	Medium
Tattoos	Girl on right forearm; "Love EDNA" upper right arm; 18 tattoos on both arms

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Scars and Marks	Cyst corner left eye
Occupation	Farm Laborer
Residence	Seaside Motel Apartment 4 Pismo Beach, California
Social Security Number	
Drivers License Number	M124056 (or M24056)
FBI Number	751 195 A

HARRELL listed that he had lived in California for 15 years and had been in San Luis Obispo County one week when booked on September 10, 1967.

San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office records contain bench warrant number A39442 issued October 4, 1967 for arrest of R. B. HARRELL for failure to comply with order of Justice Court, Grover City, California, where on September 11, 1967, he had been duly convicted and sentenced to make restitution to the victim in the matter. This warrant is still outstanding for HARRELL's arrest which has no bail set. On February 28, 1968, the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office placed a stop notice on HARRELL with Criminal Identification and Investigation (CII), Sacramento, California. San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office requested that if HARRELL is located in California that local authorities be notified of above outstanding warrant for his arrest and that HARRELL be taken into custody.

AT PISMO BEACH, CALIFORNIA

On April 25, 1968, Mrs. TWILA EARLYWINE, Records Clerk, Pismo Beach Police Department (PBPD), advised that their records reveal that on September 10, 1967, R. B. HARRELL was placed under citizens arrest by HECTOR MARTINEZ, 1230 25th Street, Arroyo Grande, California, on a charge of violation of Section 20002 a California Vehicle Code (Hit and Run - Property damage) and booked into the San Luis Obispo County Jail.

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PBPD was called to go to the Seaside Apartments, 172 Ocean View, Pismo Beach at about 8:10 p.m. on September 10, 1967, where a victim was holding a hit and run suspect. Upon arrival PBPD Officer found HARRELL and victim HECTOR MARTINEZ standing behind a 1965 Ford which had a damaged rear end. MARTINEZ said he had stopped at a stop sign about four blocks away and HARRELL, driving a pickup truck, struck the rear of MARTINEZ' vehicle whereupon HARRELL took off without stopping and hurriedly left the area and continued to this location where he lived.

MARTINEZ followed HARRELL to this address and called police. HARRELL denied having struck MARTINEZ' car, saying he would prove his pickup would not have done the damage to MARTINEZ' car. HARRELL claimed he pushed cars all the time with his pickup accounting for damage to his bumper. The bumper-grill of HARRELL's pickup was painted silver and there was silver paint on the back of MARTINEZ' car.

HARRELL appeared in Justice Court, Grover City, California, on September 11, 1967, plead guilty to the charge and was sentenced to sixty days in the County Jail which was suspended for two years if he had no like violations. HARRELL was ordered to pay MARTINEZ \$150.00 for cost of repairs to MARTINEZ' car at a rate of \$20.00 per week through the PBPD.

HARRELL failed to make any payments whatsoever. On October 4, 1967, Justice Court, Grover City, issued warrant number A39442 charging R. B. HARRELL with failure to comply with a court order. Efforts by the PBPD to locate HARRELL and serve this warrant were unsuccessful as he moved without leaving a forwarding address so the warrant was returned on November 21, 1967 to Central Warrant Clearing of the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office.

According to PBPD records, R. B. HARRELL had a 1949 Ford pickup truck, black and silver in color, California license V97983. HARRELL had California drivers license M124056. HARRELL lived at the Seaside Apartments with his wife, NADINE. His address prior to the one at the Seaside Apartments, Pismo Beach was Patterson Labor Camp, Patterson, California.

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On April 25, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. FRANK COLE, Owners, Seaside Motel, 172 Ocean View, advised that their records reveal that NADINE HARRELL, Indio, California (no specific address listed) and four others registered at this motel on September 6, 1967. Their vehicle is listed as a 1949 Ford pickup with California license V97983. Further, these persons left this motel prior to their week's rent being up, apparently as the result of a hit and run incident in which Mr. (FNU) HARRELL was involved. The HARRELL's children consisted of an older girl the COLES estimated to be a ninth or tenth grader and two younger children at least one of which was a boyd. The smaller children would have been third or fourth graders. Mr. and Mrs. COLE stated that the oldest girl was constantly smoking cigarettes and Mrs. COLE kept inquiring of the HARRELL's if they were going to enroll the children in school.. Mr. and Mrs. COLE do not know whether or not the HARRELL children were ever enrolled in school in this area. One of the younger children told Mr. COLE that when the HARRELL's were leaving they were going to Grover City, California, and Mrs. HARRELL was going to do babysitting. The HARRELLs claimed they could not send their children to school since they had no suitable clothing. Mr. and Mrs. COLE recall that at about the time of the hit and run incident in which Mr. HARRELL was involved, both Mr. and Mrs. HARRELL had been drinking. Mr. and Mrs. COLE advised that they have not seen or heard of the HARRELLs since the HARRELLs moved from this motel less than a week after moving in to the motel.

On April 25, 1968, Mr. GEORGE CHILDRESS, Superintendent, Lucia Mar School District, advised that as of October 19, 1967 there was no child with the last name of HARRELL enrolled in any of the public schools in this district which district is comprised of all public schools in the entire area including Pismo Beach, Grover City, Arroyo Grande, Shell Beach, and other areas.

On April 25, 1968, Patrolman RALPH HALLMARK, Pismo Beach Police Department advised that officers of this department located HECTOR MARTINEZ, victim of the hit and run accident caused by R. B. HARRELL at MARTINEZ' present residence, 1313 19th Street, Oceano, California. HALLMARK advised that MARTINEZ stated he has not seen or heard from HARRELL since the accident in September, 1967.

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AT GROVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

On April 25, 1968, Patrolman TOM BOWLES, Grover City Police Department, advised that he can locate no identifiable record of RICHARD B. HARRELL, his wife, NADINE HARRELL, nor any youngsters who appear to be children of RICHARD and/or NADINE HARRELL. He stated that their department does have a record for curfew violation on one ROBIN SUE HARRELL, white, female, born [redacted] whose father is JAMES RUSSELL HARRELL, mother is DORIS WARD HARRELL, residence 635 East Williams, Santa Maria, California, who does not appear to have any relationship to RICHARD B. and/or NADINE HARRELL.

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Date: 4/29/68

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

TO: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Phoenix teletype to Bureau dated 4/24/68;
Los Angeles teletype to Phoenix dated 4/25/68; Los Angeles
teletype to Sacramento dated 4/24/68.

Enclosed herewith for Phoenix and Sacramento are
two (2) copies each of an insert setting forth results of
investigation regarding RICHARD B. HARRELL conducted at
Pismo Beach, Grover City, and San Luis Obispo, California.

Also enclosed for Phoenix and Sacramento is one
(1) copy each of a photograph of RICHARD B. HARRELL, San
Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office No. 23469.

ADMINISTRATIVE

On 4/25/68, Mr. GENE SCHULENBURG, Postmaster
and Carrier, VIC WRIGHT, U. S. Post Office, Pismo Beach,
California, both advised that they have no knowledge, nor
any forwarding address of R. B. and/or NADINE HARRELL from
the Seaside Motel, 172 Ocean View, Pismo Beach, California.

LEADPHOENIX

AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA: Display enclosed photograph
to Mrs. DAVID L. (ADNA) WILSON to insure that this is her
former husband.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

Re Kansas City airtel to Memphis, 4/23/68 (44-1574-663); copy of letter from California Bureau of Investigations dated 4/25/50, furnished by Lt. MARION PHILLIPS, LAPD, on 4/19/68 (44-1574-766).

Kansas City airtel set forth lead to review records of all places where JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated or where he resided or traveled in the past.

In this connection, RAY was arrested in Los Angeles in 1949 for burglary. He was sentenced to eight months Los Angeles County Jail, where he was received on 12/30/49. He was released between 4/1-7/50, at which time he was placed on two years' probation.

LEAD

Conduct a thorough review of subject's records at Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles County Jail and Los Angeles County Probation Office, to determine any contacts RAY may have had while confined or any lead information which would assist in locating RAY.

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Lead to

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Insure that we know all that can be gotten

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 ANN MARIE CONDON				Complainant's address and telephone number 7557 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood 876-1500		Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 4-30-68 Time 1-35pm.
Subject's Description	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					
Facts of complaint C said she had just been reading the Life Magazine, which has an article on "GALT." C said the man pictured there looks "incredibly like" a man hitchhiker she had picked up Sunday evening last (4-28-68). She said they picked up the man on Santa Monica Blvd., and dropped him near the Hollywood Freeway entrance, near the Hollywood Bowl. He told them he had had his car break down in Pomona, was out of money and was attempting to return there. She said he was dressed in a dark gray-blue jacket, with a checked shirt, and gray pants. She noticed he had blonde hair, combed back and slightly to the side. She said he had blue eyes and a "good complexion." She said she is English, and therefore is not able to detect American accents, however she did not recognize anything particularly unusual about his speech except for the fact that it was somewhat slow and "sputtering." C inquired as to whether there were additional pictures of "GALT" available to view. She said she may be reached at the Delangre Studios, address and telephone number above, where she is employed and spends most of her time. <i>Handle moved.</i> 44-1574-917 SEARCHED _____ INDEXED _____ SERIALIZED _____ FILED _____ APR 30 1968 FBI — LOS ANGELES <i>Brady</i> <i>WMM</i>						
Action Recommended Philip S. Andrist (Agent)						

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 2/27/68, PAUL MC KAY, night clerk, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, was interviewed re captioned matter. He advised that MARIE MARTIN, a resident of this hotel, Room 201, had left a message with the hotel desk several days ago that any calls for her should be advised that she can be contacted at RITA's. According to MC KAY, MARTIN would not furnish RITA's last name, address or telephone number.

MC KAY advised that sometimes calls are received and the caller will ask for Room 201. If room 201 did not answer or was busy, then the caller would request Room 206. MC KAY stated that room 206 is occupied by NORMAN COX. MC KAY stated he does not know the connections between COX and MARTIN. He continued that he does not know the occupation of COX; however, he continued it was his guess that they might be doing something with narcotics.

LEAD

Will determine the association between MARIE MARTIN and COX and if COX would have any information regarding the location of JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM : SA GILBERT G. BENJAMIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

Officer AIKEN, LAPD Intelligence, telephonically advised this office on 4/30/68, that one of his investigators had been talking to EUGENE BRADLEY (who has been subpoenaed by DA GARRISON in New Orleans as a possible witness in the KENNEDY assassination). The investigator asked BRADLEY if he had been associated with JAMES EARL RAY and BRADLEY replied he never had but he recalled that one CAROL AYDELOTTE used to refer to her boyfriend "RAY" and BRADLEY had no definite information to indicate this alleged boyfriend would have been identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

Officer AIKEN stated that in their LAPD Intelligence files they have one reference to CAROL AYDELOTTE indicating that on 2/23/65, she was residing at 6542 Fulton Avenue, Van Nuys, was age 27, and was at that time married to ARTHUR AYDELOTTE who had the reputation of being an extreme "right winger" and possible member of the American Nazi Party.

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Previously seen "galaxy" 1st name is Ray 9 on found

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA JOSEPH R. CONLON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

Re memo of SA VINCENT M. LUCY dated 4/21/68.

On 4/24/68, SAM PAPAKOSTAS, owner, Spiros Bar, was shown a photograph and furnished with a description of suspect, advised he has never seen suspect in the bar. Mr. PAPAKOSTAS said that his bartender, WALT KENNEDY, was on duty during the evening hours of 4/20/68. KENNEDY was contacted later in the day on 4/24/68 and was shown a photograph and furnished a description of suspect and advised that he was not acquainted with any individual identifiable with the photograph or description as having patronized the bar on 4/20 or any other night. He said he recalled there were two men in the bar that night sitting next to an individual who was in conversation with a Mexican girl named ROSA and that when this unknown male, who in his opinion did not resemble suspect in any way, left the bar, the other two males, whom he described as "happy" began a conversation with the female named ROSA during which they discussed the possibility that the unknown male who had left the bar could possibly be identical with suspect. KENNEDY said ROSA is not a regular patron of the bar, he does not have her last name nor does he know where she resides or is employed.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA JOSEPH R. CONLON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

Re complaint form received by SA C. KENNETH
ARNOLD dated 4/15/68.

Mr. ~~WILLIAM H. CULPEPPER~~ who is employed by
Craig Breedlove Auto Center, 2475 Pacific Coast Highway,
Torrance, advised on 4/24/68 that he resides at 26004
Narbonne, apartment 44, Lomita, California. CULPEPPER
furnished a Tennessee license number 2819693, which
indicated he was born [redacted] He indicated he was born
at Newport, North Carolina and is 5'9", 187 lbs, brown
eyes, black hair - greying. He indicated he moved here
from Memphis, Tennessee on 2/17/67. The writer noted
during interview that he bears absolutely no resemblance
to suspect.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA STEPHEN L. DURKIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

Re serial 357.

Referenced serial reflects that ~~DELBERT ROBINSON~~, Harbor City, California, claimed to have worked with one STARVO GALT 10 or 15 years ago.

On 4/18/68, DELBERT ROBISON, 25426 Bellport Avenue, Harbor City, California, employed with the City of Los Angeles at telephone 624-5211, extension 1691, advised as follows:

ROBISON claimed that between 10 and 15 years ago he worked in the construction business with a person whose name he thought was SARVO GALT or STARVO GAULT or a similar sounding name. ROBISON could not recall anything concerning this individual as to where both worked, but ROBISON claimed that he, ROBISON, had been an iron worker and a boiler worker.

ROBISON lived all his life in the Los Angeles harbor area, but worked all over the California area. ROBISON worked out of the Iron Workers Local and the Boiler Workers Local, both located in Los Angeles, California.

ROBISON said he seems to recall that this individual worked on steel construction but was not positive. He said that his best recollection of this individual was as follows:

male, white, age 35, hair light brown, height 5'8", weight 140 lbs., sharp features, characteristic - cords in neck very prominent.

ROBISON, after observing a photograph of the subject, stated definitely that the subject and the individual that he knew were not identical.

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In view of ROBISON's statement, no additional leads are being set forth to attempt to identify STARVO GALT at the Iron Workers and Boiler Workers Locals.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY-NINE LAST RE
TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

MRS. E. H. WILSON, APT. FOUR SIX FOUR, TWO THOUSAND
MAGNOLIA STREET, LITTLE ROCK, ARK., CURRENT SUBSCRIBER TO
TELEPHONE MO FOUR DASH ONE FOUR SEVEN EIGHT AND WHO WAS
A SUBSCRIBER TO THIS NUMBER IN FEBRUARY, SIXTY-EIGHT, FURNISHED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

SHE DID NOT RECEIVE A COLLECT TELEPHONE CALL FROM
CALIFORNIA ON FEBRUARY SIXTEEN LAST; DOES NOT KNOW VERA OR
KEN STURGIS; AND DOES NOT KNOW JAMES EARL RAY BY NAMES,
ALIASES OR PHOTOGRAPHS.

TELEPHONE COMPANY ADVISED THERE WAS NO CURRENT LISTING FOR
THE STURGISSES. CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES HAVE NO LISTING
FOR THE STURGISSES. THERE IS NO SUCH ADDRESS AS EIGHT ZERO TWO
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WASHINGTON BLVD., LITTLE ROCK.

LOS ANGELES REQUESTED TO RE-CHECK TELEPHONE RECORDS AND
SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEAD.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA ALAN W. MURDOCH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Complaint Form dated 4/19/68 - Serial 436.

Mrs. Martha Wolfe, 8045 Brownstone Ave., Sunland, advised on 4/30/68 that while she was checking out her groceries at the Shopping Bag Market, 8325 Foothill Blvd., on 4/19/68 she noticed a man walking out the door who resembled the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY she had seen in the papers. She only had a momentary look at the man and noted that he had on a light green pullover shirt and medium brown trousers. She never saw him before and has not seen him since. She did not see anyone with him and she did not see the direction he took when he left the store, nor did she see him get into a car.

Mr. BILL GRAINEY, Manager, Shopping Bag Market, 8325 Foothill Blvd., Sunland, advised on 4/30/68 that he had not seen anyone in his store resembling RAY on 4/19/68.

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FBI DALLAS

456PM URGENT 4-30-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

MURKIN.

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

RE LOS ANGELES TEL , APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST.

BILL WRAY, SECURITY OFFICER, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, ADVISED TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE TWO FOUR - NINE THREE ZERO NINE IS REGISTERED TO W. M. COWARD, FOUR ONE THREE THREE COLE STREET, FORT WORTH. THIS IS A NON PUBLISHED NUMBER AND WAS CONNECTED ON JUNE SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. THEY HAVE HAD CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL PAYING HIS BILLS, SOME OF WHICH HAVE BEEN PAID IWTH BAD CHECKS. HE LISTED EMPLOYMENT AS AN INSTRUCTOR FOR BRANIFF AIRLINES SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, AND GENERAL DYNAMICS FOR EIGHT MONTHS PRIOR THERETO. MILITARY SERVICE ELEVEN YEARS PRIOR TO THAT. WRAY STATES THERE WAS A RETURN CALL MADE TO LOS ANGELES ON MARCH TWELVE LAST TO NUMBER HO THREE - SEVEN ZERO SIX SEVEN, WHICH WAS A THREE MINUTE, PERSON

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PERSON CALL, NAME BELIEVED TO BE WOODY LUNSFORD. ON MARCH FOUR LAST, THERE WAS ALSO A CALL FROM FORT WORTH TO THIS SAME NUMBER OF SIX MINUTES DURATION. ALSO ON MARCH FOUR LAST, THERE WAS A FOUR MINUTE COLLECT CALL FROM LOS ANGELES, AND ON FEB. TWENTYFIVE LAST, A TEN MINUTE COLLECT CALL FROM LOS ANGELES. NUMBERS IN LOS ANGELES ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

LOS ANGELES: IDENTIFY PERSON RECEIVING CALLS AT LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE HO THREE - SEVEN ZERO SIX SEVEN AND WOODY LUNSFORD.

DETERMINE IF RELATED ANY WAY TO THIS INVESTIGATION.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL P

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