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TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS CHICAGO LOSANGELES OMAHA
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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FOR ASSISTANCE OFFICES NOT RECEIVING PREVIOUS INFO, JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, FBI NUMBER ONE THREE FOUR THREE THREE FOUR, LIVED WITH SUBJECTS MOTHER BETWEEN IMPRISONMENTS NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR TO HER DEATH NINETEEN SIXTY ONE. APPEARS CLOSEST PERSON TO FAMILY. CLAIMS TAUGHT SUBJECT BURGLARY AND CASSED SEVERAL JOBS TOGETHER FIFTY EIGHT FIFTY NINE.

UNDER DEVELOPMENT AS PCI SINCE INITIAL INTERVIEW THIS CASE. IS SEVENTY YEARS OLD, ON VERGE OF SENILITY, EXTREMELY RAMBLING IN CONVERSATIONS, AND AGENTS EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY KEEPING INTERVIEWS ON PERTINENT TRACK, AS WELL AS SEPARATING FACT FROM CONJECTURE. JERRY RAY HAS DESCRIBED HIM AS KOOK, AND OTHER SOURCES REGARD HIMAS CRAZY OLD MAN WHO TALKS TOO MUCH.

ON INTERVIEW TODAY GAWRON STATED WITHIN DAY OR TWO FOLLOWING RELEASE ON BOND, JUNE TWENTY THIRD TWENTY FOURTH SIXTY SEVEN, HE READ IN CHICAGO TRIBUNE OF BANK ROBBERY OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN SOUTHERN STATE, AND RECALLED BANK HAD BEEN CASSED BY SUBJECT AND SELF ON TWO FRIDAYS, BIG PAY ROLL DAYS, FIFTY EIGHT FIFTY NINE, BUT NOT ROBBED DUE TO GAWRON LEG INJURY.

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FEW DAYS AFTER ARTICLE WAS VISITED BY MAN HE REFUSED TO NAME, WHO HE BELIEVED HE HAD INTRODUCED TO RAY IN FIFTY NINE, WHO TOLD HIM HE AND OTHERS HAD ROBBED BANK, DISPLAYED VALISE FULL OF MONEY AND GAVE HIM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS.

GAWRON HAS ADVISED FEW DAYS LATER HE VISITED FAMILY AND CAROL PEPPER, SISTER AND JOHN RAY, BROTHER, TOLD HIM SUBJECT WAS NOT IN MISSOURI. WEEK OR SO LATER THEY SAID SUBJECT IN OMAHA, DOING WELL, HE BELIEVED AS SALESMAN. WEEK OR SO LATER THEY SAID SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES. CLAIMED NO DISCUSSION AS TO HOW THEY KNEW, OR INFO AS TO DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONTACT.

SIX WEEKS AGO WAS VISITED BY SAME MAN WHO INDICATED SUBJECT AND ONE OR MORE OTHERS WERE ACCOMPLICES IN BANK ROBBERY.

GAWRON DECLINED TO GIVE LOCATION OF BANK OR IDENTITY OF MAN AT THIS TIME, SAYING WANTED TO SEE MAN AGAIN AND IDENT ALL ACCOMPLICES, AND BE SURE HIMSELF IN THE CLEAR. PROMISED ADDITIONAL DETAILS IN FEW DAYS. INTERESTED IN BANK ROBBERY REWARD. WAS PRESSED FOR DETAILS ON PROBABILITY OF IMMEDIATE REWARD BUT DECLINED.

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PAGE THREE

DURING PRESS FOR DETAILS STATED CITY WHERE BANK LOCATED WAS NOT SMALL, WAS NEAR RIVER WHICH IS STATE LINE, ROBBERS IN ANOTHER STATE FIVE MINUTES AFTER ROBBERY. WAS IN DEEP SOUTH, "LIKE MISSISSIPPI" BUT NOT MISSISSIPPI. LOOT PLUS OR MINUS TWO THOUSAND WAS FIFTY THOUSAND. SIZEABLE AMOUNT IN VAULT MISSED BY ROBBERS. SAID UN NAMED MAN NOT ST. LOUISAN, BUT BELIEVED FROM SOUTH WEST AND HAS SERVED SOME SENTENCE POSSIBLY IN ARKANSAS.

CLAIMED DID NOT MENTION ROBBERY EARLIER AS SUBJECT SOUGHT FOR MURDER AND DID NOT BELIEVE ANYONE INTERESTED IN LESSER CRIME.

JOHN LARRY RAY TODAY EMPHATICALLY DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE, SPECIFICALLY DENIED AND INFO OR STATEMENT THAT SUBJECT IN OMAHA OR LOS ANGELES PRIOR TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS THIS CASE, AND STATED CONVICTION SISTER CAROL AND BROTHER JERRY HAVE SIMILAR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE.

TO ASSIST ST LOUIS IN EVALUATING CREDIBILITY OF GAWRON, BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO EXAMINE REPORTED BANK ROBBERIES IN SOUTHERN STATES JUNE JULY SIXTY SEVEN TO SEE IF CITIES INVOLVED ARE NEAR STATE LINE RIVER AND LOOT IN VICINITY OF FIFTY THOUSAND.
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CHICAGO IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW JUNE TWENTY THIRD TO END
OF JULY ISSUES OF CHICAGO TRIBUNE FOR ACCOUNT OF SUCH ROBBERY.

OMAHA AND LA THROUGH SUCH SOURCES AS MAY BE DEEMED
APPROPRIATE ATTEMPT DETERMINE PRESENCE OF SUBJECT IN THIER
TERRITORIES JUNE AND JULY SIXTY SEVEN.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR. dated 4/29/68 at Los Angeles

On 4/30/68, Miss SUSAN GARD was interviewed at her place of employment, 5670 Wilshire Boulevard, suite 1330, the offices of the Chicago Sun-Times, by the writer and SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS.

Miss GARD stated that on two or three occasions, ^{IN JAN & FEB. 1968} she went to the National Dance Studios, located on Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, California, with her fiancé, RALPH PIERCE. She stated that PIERCE was a dancing student at the studio, and on the occasions that she went to the studio with him, they had dates later in the evening, after he finished his dancing lessons.

She stated that she did not know any of the students of the dance studio, nor did she know any of the instructors. She stated that she conversed with ROD ARVIDSON, the owner of the studios on one or two occasions. She stated that on the occasions she went to the dance studios, she remained in the studio ~~lobby~~ lobby, and studied a US Navy Manual, inasmuch as she was in the USNR, and was at the time studying to pass her Yeoman 1st Class examination.

She stated that she did not know anyone by the name of ~~JAMES~~ ERIC S. GALT or JAMES EARL RAY. She was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, at which time she advised that she had never observed him in her life, to her knowledge.

She stated that she and PIERCE had engaged in conversations about GALT, after it became known to them that he was a dancing student at National Dance Studio during the same period as Pierce. She stated that PIERCE told her that he did not recall ever seeing GALT at the studio.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/1/68, RALPH PIERCE, Co-owner Senior Taco, was interviewed at his office, 5670 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California by SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR. at which time he advised as follows:

He stated that during a portion of January and February, 1968, he was enrolled as a dancing student at the National Dance Studios in Long Beach, California. He stated that on several times Miss. SUSAN GARD, his fiancée accompanied him to the studios, and on these occasions, she remained in the main reception lobby of the studios, while he, PIERCE, completed his lesson, and they thereafter would go on a date for the evening.

He stated that he did not know any of the other students of the studios, and usually there was only one or two other students present in the studio while he was having his lesson.

He was specifically asked if the name of ERIC S. GALT or JAMES EARL RAY ment anything to him. He stated that up until recently, he had never heard of the name before, however he had read much about GALT in the news media in connection with the captioned matter.

He was exhibited a photograph of RAY, and after reviewing the photo stated that he could not recall ever having seen RAY before in his life.

In view of the above, it is recommended that no further investigation be conducted in this phase of the case.

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Memorandum

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

FROM : SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/29/68

Reference Los Angeles memo of SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR. dated 4/25/68, and memo of SA RICHARD B. SADLER III dated 4/26/68 in Los Angeles.

The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR.

Mr RODNEY ARVIDSON, Owner-Operator of National Dance Studios, Long Beach, California, advised SAs AIKEN and E. RHEAD RICHARDS as follows on 4/25/68:

He stated that one LANNART G. CEDRUP, Foreign Correspondent- Sweden, 7550 Woodrow Wilson Drive, Hollywood, California, had generally been a nuisance at the National Dance Studios and had been a disruption in the orderly affairs of the studios. He stated that he had desired to talk with other students who had enrolled in dancing lessons about the same time as JAMES EARL RAY for the Swedish Press, inasmuch as M.L. KING was awarded the Nobel Prize in that country.

CEDRUP learned that a girl, first name SUSAN had attended a dance lesson with a friend, who was a pupil at the studios. Her friend was RALPH PIERCE, who was employed Senior Taco, a franchised taco vendor.

CEDRUP was told that she might be possibly Swedish extraction, and from there, CEDRUP dreamed up "the blond associate" known to RAY.

ARVIDSON stated that PIERCE was presently out of town, and he had contacted him telephonically in Modesto, California. ARVIDSON stated that he discretely attempted to obtain SUSAN's last name from PIERCE, and PIERCE would not give him the last name until he had time to talk with the girl, stating to ARVIDSON that SUSAN was his fiancee.

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RICHARD WHEELER, 19213 Bryant Street, Northridge, California, telephone 886-4889, was telephonically contacted by the writer on 4/29/68, at which time he stated that he had ascertained that the name of the girl in question was SUSAN GARD, address unknown, telephone 826-4142.

He stated that he was a business associate of RALPH PIERCE, and wished that the above information that he had furnished to the writer be maintained in the strictest of confidence.

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At Los Angeles, California, will ascertain the name and residence of the person who subscribes to telephone number 826 4142, and will thereafter interview SUSAN GARD, who is residing at that residence.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA JOHN W. WHALEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re SAC memo dated 4/9/68.

The following laundries were contacted with negative results as to whether they utilized a thermo-seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York:

~~Baer's Automatic Laundry
8500 S. Hoover
753-0964~~

~~Baldwin Hills Cleaners and Laundry
3625 S. La Brea
292-3900~~

~~Band Box Cleaners and Dyers
3259 W. 8th
387-3323~~

~~Batson's Laundry
6732 Crenshaw
759-4333
759-9128~~

~~Beacon Laundry and Cleaning Co.
8695 Washington Boulevard
870-2114~~

~~Belfair Cleaners
2976 Francis
386-9133~~

~~Ben's Chinese Hand Laundry and Cleaners
8414 Crenshaw, Inglewood
759-8490~~

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~~11149 S. Vermont~~
~~756-3080~~

~~Best Service Cleaners and Laundry~~
~~2208 Brooklyn~~
~~262-2987~~

~~Betty's Adrien French Hand Laundry and~~
~~Dry Cleaners~~
~~616 N. La Brea~~
~~935-8889~~

~~Beverly Automatic Laundry~~
~~4130 Beverly~~
~~387-5647~~

~~Beverly Brentwood Laundry and Cleaners~~
~~5361 W. Washington Boulevard~~
~~934-1225~~

~~Beverly Chinese Laundry~~
~~8365 Beverly~~
~~651-2323~~

~~Beverly French Hand Laundry~~
~~7669 Beverly~~
~~935-0612~~

~~Beverly-Kenmore Cleaners and Laundry~~
~~4025 Beverly~~
~~664-8860~~

~~Beverly Linen Supply~~
~~2585 W. Pico~~
~~383-1324~~

~~Beverly Rose Hand Laundry~~
~~7404 Sunset~~
~~876-3993~~

~~Beverly Uniform Supply~~
~~2585 W. Pico~~
~~383-1324~~

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~~Big Bundle Launderette
4279 S. Hoover
233-9270~~

~~Biltmore San Carlos Cleaners and Laundry
511 W. 5th
624-3595~~

~~Boss Uniform and Towel Serv
1126 N. Euclid
Anaheim~~

~~Braun Towel and Linen Serv Co
1841 E. 103rd Place
569-7172~~

~~Broadway Chinese Hand Laundry
5419 S. Broadway
751-8656~~

~~Buck's Master System Cleaners
631 W. 8th
622-6788~~

~~Budget Way Cleaners and Laundry
859 E. Vernon
231-0650~~

Statistical Bulletin

No. 39 Date March 14, 1968

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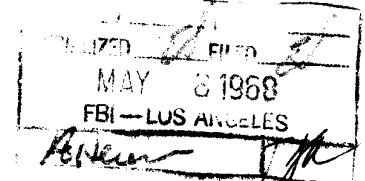
Utilization of Short-Boyle Programs, January 1968

Previous Bulletins in this series:

- No. 23, dated October 27, 1967
- No. 28, dated December 7, 1967
- No. 35, dated January 29, 1968
- No. 36, dated February 8, 1968

Incomplete reporting continues to limit the comparison of monthly patient movement totals shown in the successive publications of this series. However, it appears there was some increase in Short-Boyle program activity during January. The table below shows the patient movement totals for the months of December and January with estimates for late reporting units included. The data show a rise in monthly admissions to each of the three types of direct service and an increase in the caseload of the rehabilitation services. Increases are also indicated in the total number of inpatient and day care days and outpatient contacts.

Type of service	Month	Admissions	Caseload	Total in-patient days	Total day care days	Total out-patient contacts
Inpatient	December	3,146	564	24,149	-	-
	January	3,388	544	25,480	-	-
Outpatient	December	6,951	40,272	-	-	63,272
	January	8,207	39,649	-	-	74,571
Rehabilitation	December	649	3,755	5,949	20,104	4,838
	January	763	3,923	7,017	22,428	5,773



<u>Program and type of service</u>	<u>Units reporting</u>	<u>Admissions</u>	<u>Month-end caseload</u>	<u>Total inpatient days</u>	<u>Total day care days</u>	<u>Total outpatient contacts/ interviews</u>
Total, all:						
Inpatient	52 ^a	2,744	727	20,600 ^b	-	-
Outpatient	100 ^c	5,824	29,713	-	-	57,617
Rehabilitation	57 ^d	528	2,673	7,017 ^e	22,362 ^e	3,611 ^e
Alameda						
Inpatient	2	308	57	1,592	-	-
Outpatient	7	722	1,377	-	-	2,863
Rehabilitation	3	4	44	882	298	-
Berkeley City						
Outpatient	1	83	180	-	-	539
Rehabilitation	1	6	267	-	-	45
Butte						
Inpatient	1	22	5	146	-	-
Outpatient	1	33	38	-	-	93
Colusa						
Inpatient	1	3	1	3	-	-
Outpatient	1	11	14	-	-	54
Contra Costa						
Inpatient	7	-	-	-	-	-
Outpatient	3	344	2,232	-	-	2,287
Rehabilitation	3	15	95	457	1,392	-
Del Norte						
Outpatient	1	16	81	-	-	87
El Dorado						
Inpatient	1	12	1	76	-	-
Outpatient	2	36	209	-	-	100
Fresno						
Inpatient	1	117	24	633	-	-
Outpatient	1	180	619	-	-	1,223
Rehabilitation	2	47	67	-	517	84
Glenn						
Inpatient	1	6	4	11	-	-
Outpatient	1	10	11	-	-	57
Humboldt						
Inpatient	1	36	10	301	-	-
Outpatient	1	85	623	-	-	1,054
Kern						
Outpatient	2	74	585	-	-	827

<u>Program and type of service</u>	<u>Units reporting</u>	<u>Admissions</u>	<u>Month-End caseload</u>	<u>Total Inpatient days</u>	<u>Total day care days</u>	<u>Total outpatient contacts/ interviews</u>
Kings						
Outpatient	1	28	166	-	-	289
Rehabilitation	1	1	18	-	-	43
Los Angeles						
Inpatient	5	650	160	6,757	-	-
Outpatient	229	1,833	3,155	-	-	20,741
Rehabilitation	9	251	304	3,523	16,035	-
Merced						
Inpatient	4	-	-	-	-	-
Outpatient	20	41	200	-	-	623
Rehabilitation	1	0	0	210	-	-
Mariposa						
Outpatient	1	7	57	-	-	38
Mercedino						
Outpatient	1	22	170	-	-	544
Merced						
Outpatient	1	25	382	-	-	463
Monterey						
Outpatient	7	-	-	-	-	-
Napa						
Outpatient	1	37	335	-	-	603
Orange						
Inpatient	1	438	123	2,277	-	-
Outpatient	7	-	-	-	-	-
Placer						
Outpatient	1	30	138	-	-	510
Plumas						
Outpatient	1	17	198	-	-	114
Sacramento						
Inpatient	1	177	29	1,805	-	-
Outpatient	2	94	528	-	-	835
Rehabilitation	1k	12	24	-	225	-
San Diego						
Inpatient	2	461	107	3,253	-	-
Outpatient	3	223	1,026	-	-	2,213
Rehabilitation	2	18	80	-	305	102

<u>Program and type of service</u>	<u>Units reporting</u>	<u>Admissions</u>	<u>Month-end caseload</u>	<u>Total inpatient days</u>	<u>Total day care days</u>	<u>Total outpatient contacts/ interviews</u>
San Francisco						
Inpatient	h	-	-	-	-	-
Outpatient	4 ^a	144	502	-	-	1,528
Rehabilitation	3 ^a	11	74	625	458	805
San Josequin						
Inpatient	1	23	18	500	-	-
Outpatient	2	165	777	-	-	1,575
San Jose City						
Inpatient	1	14	0	273	-	-
Outpatient	3	130	307	-	-	1,038
Rehabilitation	5	35	235	-	726	501
San Luis Obispo						
Inpatient	1	66	37	371	-	-
Outpatient	1	52	419	-	-	758
San Mateo						
Inpatient	1	123	21	363	-	-
Outpatient	7	478	1,836	-	-	3,833
Rehabilitation	7	54	301	457	1,571	1,510
Santa Barbara						
Inpatient	1	75	20	642	-	-
Outpatient	1	120	612	-	-	1,576
Rehabilitation	2	10	145	-	-	284
Santa Clara						
Inpatient	4	30	21	0 ^b	-	-
Outpatient	8	432	2,155	-	-	8,167
Rehabilitation	8	15	313	475 ^c	137 ^c	1,528
Santa Cruz						
Inpatient	1	35	19	306	-	-
Outpatient	2	28	236	-	-	154
Rehabilitation	3	1	14	-	27	10
Shasta						
Inpatient	1	30	7	200	-	-
Outpatient	1	23	52	-	-	131
Rehabilitation	1	9	9	-	157	-
Stanislaus						
Inpatient	1	6	13	152	-	-
Outpatient	1	15	56	-	-	10
Sutter						
Outpatient	2	55	425	-	-	711
Rehabilitation	1	9	8	-	140	50

<u>Program and type of service</u>	<u>Units reporting</u>	<u>Academics</u>	<u>Non-acad employed</u>	<u>Total inpatient days</u>	<u>Total day care days</u>	<u>Total outpatient contacts/ interviews</u>
Contra						
Outpatient	1	34	334	-	-	853
Rehabilitation	1	2	21	-	234	-
Delaware						
Outpatient	1	9	80	-	-	258
Rehabilitation	1	2	1	-	-	3
Dallas						
Inpatient	1	9	8	8	-	-
Outpatient	1	9	9	-	-	12
Del-Del						
Outpatient	1	90	353	-	-	602
Florida						
Inpatient	1	10	6	202	-	-
Outpatient	1	61	425	-	-	461
Rehabilitation	1	11	32	-	-	32
Florida						
Outpatient	1	12	83	-	-	134
Georgia						
Inpatient	1	78	21	509	-	-
Outpatient	4	147	1,515	-	-	1,111
Rehabilitation	1K	12	41	-	320	-
Idaho						
Outpatient	1	44	177	-	-	171

- a. Twenty-two of 37 reporting units.
b. Based on information from 30 of 32 reporting units.
c. One hundred of 118 reporting units.
d. Fifty-seven of 61 reporting units.
e. Based on information from 54 of 57 reporting units.
f. The one unit did not report.
g. Twenty-two of 29 reporting units.
h. The 2 units did not report.
i. Two of 3 reporting units.
j. One of 2 reporting units.
k. One of 2 reporting units.
l. Four of 12 reporting units.
m. Three of 5 reporting units.
n. Based on information from 2 of 4 reporting units.
o. Based on information from 5 of 8 reporting units.

Evie Swanson

5/6/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 4/18/68, and Los Angeles letter to Sacramento dated 4/26/68 (IO).

Re Possible Mental Condition of Subject RAY

On 5/2/68, CHARLES LUNDHOLM, Bureau of Viostatistics, California State Department of Mental Health, Sacramento, California, advised they had no record of subject RAY or his aliases ever having been a patient in any of the mental institutions back to 1922. This would also include committed alcoholics.

LUNDHOLM advised that this would not be a complete record for the State of California inasmuch as about 2/3 of the counties in California have their own Inpatient, Outpatient and Rehabilitation Centers where one could go on his own volition. The names of all these individuals are not submitted to the state. He said it was possible that counties could have central indices but did not know whether the indices would be by name or file number.

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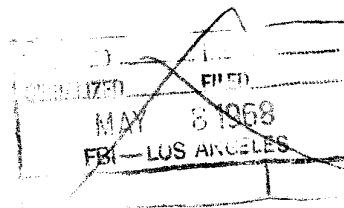
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Whether counties in all states have their own facilities as they do in California is not known, but those that do, a check would have to be made at county as well as state level to be all inclusive.

Above is being submitted as a suggestion and checks on county level will be held in abeyance so that the Bureau and Office of Origin may offer additional observations if deemed advisable.

LUNDHOLM furnished a Statistical Bulletin No. 39 dated 3/14/68, wherein each county having inpatient, outpatient or rehabilitation types of service is listed as well as the number of each. It may be noted that Los Angeles County has 243 such centers.

Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco are being furnished two copies of this bulletin in the event counties listed thereon are to be contacted.



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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACRAMENTO (100-427)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST AND
SACRAMENTO AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY SIX LAST.

RE: POSSIBLE MENTAL CONDITION OF SUBJECT.

ALTHOUGH THE SUGGESTION MADE IN RE ATLANTA AIRTEL HAD
MERIT, THIS SUGGESTION WAS MADE PRIOR TO THE IDENTIFICATION
OF JAMES EARL RAY AS SUBJECT OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

ALTHOUGH RAY CONSULTED A PSYCHIATRIST IN LOS ANGELES,
CALIF., SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ESCAPE FROM PRISON AND WHILE IN
PRISON SOUGHT PSYCHIATRIC HELP ON ONE OCCASION, INVESTIGATION
TO DATE INTO RAY'S BACKGROUND HAS FAILED TO REVEAL ANY INFOR-
MATION TO INDICATE HE HAS EVER BEEN CONFINED TO A MENTAL INSTI-
TUTION.

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1 - Birmingham (AM)
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1 - San Diego (AM)
1 - San Francisco (AM)
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**THEREFORE, IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, UNLESS ADVISED TO THE
CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU, OFFICES RECEIVING THIS COMMUNICATION
ARE TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE ANY INVESTIGATION RE CHECK OF RECORDS
OF MENTAL INSTITUTIONS IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE A COMMITMENT
RECORD RE SUBJECT RAY.**

**ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO,
AND SAN FRANCISCO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.**

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END.

FBI LOS ANG.

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FBI CHICAGO

1257PM URGENT LMA

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
BIRMINGHAM(44-1740), AND ATLANTA (44-2386).

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) IP

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY NINE LAST.

RE GINGER NANCE.

GINGER NANCE ADVISED THIS DATE SHE DID NOT GIVE HER
NAME TO ANY BARTENDER OR LEAVE HER NAME AT ANY BARS WHILE
IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA. NANCE ADVISED SHE FREQUENTED THE
FOLLOWING BARS IN LOS ANGELES:
VEGAS ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD.; RABBIT'S FOOT ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD.;
BLACK HORSE ON WESTERN, AND RED VEST ON WESTERN.

LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE
NAMED BARS TO DETERMINE IF KATZWINKEL OR NANCE LEFT THEIR
NAME AND ADDRESS AT ANY BAR OR WITH ANY BARTENDER NAMED
ESTABLISHMENTS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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*LeMaster:
Henry get picture of Katswinkel also on 5/6/68*

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FBI CHICAGO

10:45 AM URGENT 5-14-68 PMS

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

LOS ANGELES (44-1574), LAS VEGAS, DENVER (157-203),

AND ALBUQUERQUE

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY NINE LAST.

RE LOOK ALIKE JAMES EARL RAY, LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT MAY THREE LAST.

REMAINING FLIGHTS UNITED AIR LINES (UAL) EIGHT FIVE
SEVEN MAY ONE; THREE FIVE NINE MAY TWO; AND FIVE SEVEN ONE,
MAY TWO CHECKED MAY THIRTEEN LAST WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS FOR
CARL RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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Index Carl Ray

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-7115) (P)

DATE: May 3, 1968

FROM : SA ROBERT W. BUTLER

CI SI R (Prob)

PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: KENNETH EDWARDS
PCI

Dates of Contact	
4/26/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
MAURICE MARTIN HUNTER; DESERTER/PUDE	42-34199
ARVESTER MAYES; UNSUB(1); GOLDEN STATE BANK	91-7965
MURKING	44-1574

Purpose and results of contact

- NEGATIVE
- POSITIVE
- STATISTIC

1. (42-34199) PCI advised that one Maurice Hunter, who gave an address of 2113 Second Ave., telephone 734-0588, had inquired about a job at PCI's place of business. PCI advised that from his conversation with Hunter, he thought Hunter might be a deserter from the military. (Indices were checked and a reference found for Hunter, a deserter. The case agent was advised personally of the above info. The case agent advised 4/30/68 that Hunter was apprehended as a result of the above information, 4/29/68.)

2. (91-7965) PCI was asked if he knew any one named James Wesley, who Arvester Mayes said was his accomplice in the robbery of the Golden State Bank, 2/1/68. PCI advised he knew an individual named Wesley Sanford, who worked for Vernon Disposal Company, 3650 Fruitland, Maywood, Calif. He advised that Wesley somewhat met the description of the 2nd robber as furnished by the writer. He further advised that Wesley's brother, Edward Sanford, worked for him at San Pedro Commercial, but advised he felt certain that Edward would be uncooperative.

3. (44-1574) PCI advised he had heard no information concerning the whereabouts of James Earl Ray.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage Same
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Indices: Negative See below

Subject's name and aliases				Address of subject		Character of case INDEX CONCERNING MURKIN	
Complainant NEAL BROWN				Complainant's address and telephone number 522 E. Mariposa Rialto, California 875-2275		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>5-13-68</u> Time <u>3:09pm</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							
<p>C stated he hired a bartender, <u>BOB JONES</u>, about three weeks ago to work in his bar, <u>Uptown Cocktail</u>, 16823 Arrow Highway, Fontana, California, that has certain characteristics that are similar to RAY. C said JONES will be working tomorrow from 5:00pm to 2:00am. He is not working today.</p> <p>C said he doubts if the man is RAY but thought this office might like to talk with him. C said his social security number is <input type="text"/></p>							
<p><i>24 hrs pls</i> 44-1574-1273</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> SEARCHED _____ INDEXED _____ SERIALIZED _____ FILED _____ MAY 13 1968 FBI - LOS ANGELES <i>Keoldewey</i> </div>							
Action Recommended <u>44-1574</u> IC RICHARD T. VOYLES (Agent)							

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

Indices: Negative See below

Subject's name and aliases JAMES E. RAY		Address of subject		Character of case MURKIN		
Complainant ANONYMOUS FEMALE		Complainant's address and telephone number		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>5-13-68</u> Time <u>8-44am.</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

C related she didn't want to furnish her name, but wish^{ed} to give the following for whatever it might be worth. C said she is an older woman, but doesn't look her age. She said she attends "senior citizen dances", which are open to most all ages. C said there was a man living at 716 Westlake, Apartment 24, L.A., who now lives in the vicinity of 4th and Commonwealth with an unknown woman, whom she attended dances with. C said he was much younger than she and she described him as "rather strange or queer" in that he seemed to like older women. C said he once mentioned he had a white car, but "had given it away in Florida." She said he bears a strong resemblance to published pictures of RAY. However, she believes he has been in this area, most probably continually, since March, 1968 to present. She ~~then hung up~~ added the man wore a mustache and then hung up.

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Philip A. Andrist
(Agent)

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Indices: Negative See below

Subject's name and aliases JAMES E. RAY		Address of subject		Character of case MURKIN		
Complainant CLAUDE H. GREEN		Complainant's address and telephone number 5123 1/2 W. 20th St., L.A. WE-37913		Complaint received <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 5-13-68 Time 10-50am.		
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

C, a Negro, said he is purchasing some property at 21481 Aloha Road, Paris, California (Near March Air Force Base). C said he has been out there the last couple of weekends, talking to his tenant there. He said while he was there he noticed, and was introduced to a man that is staying with his tenant. C said he could not recall the mans name.

C said the man is rather strange. He said he, on both occasions that C saw him, was wearing a green army type jacket with a hood. C said he was wearing the hood over ~~in~~ his head, regardless of the hot weather there, in addition to heavy army type boots. C said this last Saturday he had a chance to see the mans complete face. He said he noticed two rather distinctive scars on his right cheek, one being at 2" long. He said, however, the man despite this one thing looked very much like published pictures of "RAY" especially the "standup" photo of him that recently appeared in Life. He said this man was about 5'10", 160 lbs., with "sandy hair", a slight southern accent, and looking to be about 30 to 33 years old.

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Action Recommended

Philip S. Andrist
 (Agent)

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject _____

Aliases _____

Address _____ Birth Date _____ Birthplace _____ Race _____ Sex
 Male
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 I - Identical ? - Not identifiable
 NI - Not identical U - Unavailable reference

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA ALBERT A. HUSTEDT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/13/68

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs ALBERT A. HUSTEDT and M. JON KOLOMITZ:

On 5/8/68, photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were
exhibited to ALVA V. CLARKE and ANDY SHELLEY, Bartenders
at the San Moritz Inn, 9030 Valley Boulevard, Rosemead,
California.

CLARKE stated that he was on duty between
5:00 and 6:00 PM on both 4/30/68, and 5/6/68.

Both CLARKE and SHELLEY stated they have seen
photographs of RAY numerous times on television and in
various news media publications. They both said they
are positive that no one even resembling RAY has frequented
the San Moritz Inn at any time.

They both stated that they would remain alert,
and if any of their customers even closely resemble RAY,
they will attempt to identify the individual and immediately
advise the Los Angeles Office.

*Rec. from Sup. a Higgins
5/11/68 S.F. from Deputy
Sheriff Mulrow Santa Clara
who said he was there.*

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/13/68

FROM : SA PHILIP J. REILLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On 5/13/68 Mr. REX WESTERFIELD, West Coast Director of Public Relations for the John Birch Society, 2627 Mission Road, San Marino, California, advised that he had rechecked the files and records of the Society and had interviewed the persons who had normally had telephonic contact with the public, and to the best of his knowledge, he has satisfied himself that there is no record of any ERIC S. GALT having contacted the Society at any time through the mail, by phone or in person.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE INQUIRY GALT RE TRAVEL TO RHODESIA.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY TEN LAST.

WEST COAST DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR JOHN BIRCH
SOCIETY, SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE HAD
RECHECKED RECORDS OF SOCIETY AND INTERVIEWED PERSONS HAVING
TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH PUBLIC AND NO RECORD ANY ERIC S. GALT
HAVING CONTACTED SOCIETY ANY TIME BY MAIL, PHONE OR IN PERSON.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

1 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)
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Approved: [Signature] Sent 6:40 M Per OPC
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 5/13/68

FROM : SA RICHARD J. RAYSA

SUBJECT: RICHARD LEE OGG
BR SUSPECT

Attached are photos of RICHARD LEE OGG, who, by contract with Auto Drive Away, Washington D.C., transported a 1967, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton, Chevrolet pickup truck, black in color and bearing Virginia license tags, from WDC to Auto Drive Away, 227 So. Vermont, Los Angeles, departing from WDC on 4/8/68 and arriving LA 4/8/68. OGG reportedly carried .22 caliber rifle and ammo.

Personnel, Auto Drive Away, LA advise OGG apparently accompanied by brother, further description unknown.

WFO indices reflect that OGG, FBI #403601C, was considered suspect in 1/19/66 \$12,500 robbery of Food Fair Store, 6250 Kenilworth Ave., Riverside, Md. (Baltimore file 87-11225).

OGG further described as follows:

Race:	Caucasian
Sex:	Male
DOB:	[REDACTED]
POB:	Ohio
Height:	6'1"
Weight:	175 to 200 pounds
Hair:	Brown with reddish tint
Eyes:	Brown
Characteristics:	Slight Southern accent
FBI Number:	403601C

Consider suspect unsolved LA area BR's.

cc 44-1574

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
SACS, MEMPHIS
LITTLE ROCK

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE DONALD W. RAMSEY, AKA BILL RAMSEY.

ON MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT, CALIFORNIA PAROLE AGENT C. L. MANDELLA, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, FURNISHED PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF LETTER WHICH DONALD W. RAMSEY, AKA BILL RAMSEY, BOONE COUNTY JAIL, HARRISON, ARKANSAS WROTE TO LAWRENCE E. LAYMON AT THE ADDRESS OF A FRIEND OF LAYMON'S MRS. ETHEL SPICHTIG, BOX TWO FOUR THREE, GROVER CITY, CALIFORNIA. LAYMON IS BEING SOUGHT BY MANDELLA AS PAROLE VIOLATOR. RAMSEY WAS RELEASED FROM CALIFORNIA MEN'S COLONY, WEST FACILITY, LOS PADRES, CALIFORNIA, NOVEMBER ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AND SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ARREST IN ARKANSAS, WAS

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DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE BY CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES MAY THREE LAST AS THEY CHOSE NOT TO EXTRADITE. NATURE OF LETTER FROM RAMSEY TO LAYMON INDICATES THE TWO ARE FORMER PRISON ASSOCIATES; THAT RAMSEY AND ONE MUTT HOLLAND WERE ARRESTED FOR RUNNING GUNS AND WHISKEY AND THAT RAMSEY IS CONFINED IN BOONE COUNTY JAIL, HARRISON, ARKANSAS. ONE PORTION OF RAMSEY'S LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE BIG HEAT IN WASHINGTON, D. C. IS SEEKING ME OUT ON LUTHER KING AND FOUR NIGGERS SHOT TO DEATH IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. HAD SOME HIGH POWERED RIFLES WITH SCOPES AND SOME PISTOLS. THE HEAT SAYS ONE OF MY RIFLES COULD BE THE ONE THAT GOT KING. THEY PROVED I WAS IN MEMPHIS THAT NIGHT SO I AM JUST SWEATING IT OUT. THIS LETTER IS SMUGGLED OUT NOT CENSORED. MUTT WENT HAZY ON ME BUT IS GETTING BETTER, FLUSHED A COUPLE HUNDRED DOWN THE TOILET - TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF AND ALL THAT JAZZ. HE HAS A CHECK BEEF IN SAN CLEMENTE RIGHT NOW. CALIFORNIA WANTS HIM FOR THAT AND OTHER THINGS. I GOT ABOUT TWENTY THOUSAND OUT IN PAPER IN EIGHTEEN STATES MOST OF IT FEDERAL, BUT SO FAR JUST A P. V. HOLD FROM CALIFORNIA. THE KING AND KC BUSINESS AND

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Via _____

BY AIR

URGENT 11/11/68 (Priority)

TO DIRECTOR FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1571) (P)
FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1571) (P)
RE: MURKIN; RAYMOND JAMES EARL RAY; ALIEN; COUNCIL ON
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION; AND THAT RAYMOND JAMES EARL RAY
IS CURRENTLY IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA.

RE: MURKIN; RAYMOND JAMES EARL RAY; ALIEN; COUNCIL ON
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION; AND THAT RAYMOND JAMES EARL RAY
IS CURRENTLY IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA.
THE ABOVE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM
LOS ANGELES ON 11/11/68.
LOS ANGELES IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION
OF THE ABOVE NAMED SUBJECT.
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Special Agent in Charge

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THIRTY DAYS HERE FOR CONCEALED WEAPONS, BIG FINE FOR GUNS
AND WHISKEY." ANOTHER PORTION OF THE LETTER READS:

"I BOUGHT A NEW CAR FORD BUT WORE IT OUT SIXTY THOUSAND
MILES - WILL LET THE FINANCE COMPANY TAKE IT NOW. I'LL
PROBABLY BE SLOUGHED UP FOR QUITE A WHILE. I WILL FIGHT
ALL THE WAY - NOTHING TO LOSE NOW. I WILL BE HERE TIL
MAY NINETEENTH UNLESS FEDS RELEASE TO CALIFORNIA."

LITTLE ROCK AT HARRISON, ARKANSAS - INTERVIEW RAMSEY
RE MURKIN, POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS, AND RE FOUR NEGROES
KILLED IN KANSAS CITY. INTERVIEW MUTT HOLLAND WHO WAS
APPARENTLY ARRESTED WITH RAMSEY ALONG SAME LINES.

BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR FROM SAC NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)
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SAN DIEGO 608 PM EFH
URGENT 5-13-68 RNK
TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861)

MURKIN
~~MURKIN~~ IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SUBJECT SPENT A CONSIDERABLE
SUM OF MONEY FROM APRIL TWENTY-THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN TO
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY-EIGHT, AND THE SOURCE OF HIS MONEY
HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, HIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED
TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES AND
BANK BURGLARIES IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE WITNESSES ARE
AVAILABLE. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE REQUESTING
OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TO
WITNESSES IN THEIR UNSOLVED ROBBERIES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END;))4

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FBI LOS ANGELES

CND

FBI SAN DIEGO

*11/14/68
25 photos to Desk 1/14
for sent to Comd*

*Photos being displayed
to witnesses on all
bank BR's for
past period
etc.*

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TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reyourairtel 5/3/68.

On 5/8/68, JAMES H. TOWNSEND, 808 North Pine Street, Anaheim, California, and his brother, RUSSELL (NMN) TOWNSEND, 535 South West Street, Anaheim, California, were contacted at their place of employment, 1110 South Pomona Avenue, Fullerton, California. On that date, both TOWNSENDS admitted receiving phone calls from HAROLD EDWARD NICHOLS on 3/29/68.

JAMES TOWNSEND advised that he recalls receiving his phone call from NICHOLS some time during the afternoon on 3/29/68. TOWNSEND stated that NICHOLS was calling in connection with a trip TOWNSEND was making to the California Republican Assembly Convention, which was being held in Berkeley, California on 3/29/68. TOWNSEND stated that he departed Orange County Airport on 3/29/68 and was picked up at the Oakland Airport by NICHOLS and taken to the hotel in Berkeley, California.

JAMES TOWNSEND advised that he himself made three calls to NICHOLS on 3/29/68 in connection with his arrival time in Oakland. He stated he recalls leaving the Disneyland Hotel at 7:05 p.m. on 3/29/68 and arriving in Oakland later that same night.

RUSSELL TOWNSEND advised that he has known NICHOLS for better than six years and has worked with him on numerous

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occasions. He stated he cannot conceive of anyone even thinking that NICHOLS would have anything to do with the murder of Dr. KING. TOWNSEND stated that he has discussed the FBI interview of NICHOLS with NICHOLS in connection with the murder of KING, and both he and his brother JAMES TOWNSEND could not understand how anyone would think of connecting NICHOLS with Dr. KING. RUSSELL TOWNSEND stated he recalls getting a phone call from NICHOLS on the morning of 3/29/68 but could not recall the exact content of this call except to state that NICHOLS was trying to reach his brother JAMES TOWNSEND.

No further investigation being conducted Los Angeles in connection with NICHOLS or TOWNSEND at this time.

AGENTS IN INTERVIEWS SHOULD EXERCISE DISCRETION AND CAUTION TO PREVENT ANY FALSE ALLEGATIONS THAT THE FBI IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF THE AIP.



TELEPHONE: 620-4070
AREA CODE 213

W. H. DAMERELL
SPECIAL AGENT
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

SPECIAL SERVICE UNIT



107 SOUTH BROADWAY
ROOM 3134
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

State of California
Memorandum

Date: April 25, 1968

To: Mr. Wesley Grapp
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California
ATTN: Mr. Ted Gardner - Special Agent

File No.:

Subject: See Below.

From: Mr. W. H. Damerell
Special Agent
Department of Corrections
Special Service Unit
Los Angeles

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Murder of Martin Luther King - Interstate Flight
to Avoid Prosecution for Murder; Violation of
Civil Rights.

SUSPECT: James Earl RAY

REFER: Florence Holloway SIMPKINS (Informant)
CII #1-262-676
CIW #3047-B
FBI #933-437-C

Pursuant to our meeting of 4/24/68, when I stated I would prepare a memorandum for your case file, the following is a report of the statements given to me by the above-named informant who believes the man she knows as "Earl" is one and the same as your suspect James Earl RAY, AKA Eric Starvo GALT.

On 4/24/68, I interviewed informant Florence Holloway SIMPKINS, currently on California State Parole from the California Institution for Women. She stated that she has known for some time a Donald Martin BLAA, who has used the names Donald MARTIN and John FISHER, and who is currently using the latter name and will be so referred to as FISHER in this memorandum. His nickname is "Rocky". She describes him as a W.M.A., approximately forty-two (42) years old, a former Chicago resident who has described to her his check-writing and drunk rolling activities, although she does not believe he has ever served any prison sentences.

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Informant states she met FISHER about eleven years ago in Cleveland, Ohio, and that FISHER was a friend of her husband, now deceased. She ran into him in Los Angeles in early 1967 and that he had just married a girl name Irene whom he left shortly after the marriage.

Irene is currently employed as a waitress at the Terrace Restaurant located in the Terrace Hotel - 1256 West Seventh Street in Los Angeles.

Informant stated FISHER began living with a woman in Glendale, California, known only as Dolores, in the Spring of 1967, and that Dolores lived at and was the manager of an apartment house at 410 South Glendale Avenue (Apt. #102) in Glendale, California.

FISHER took Dolores to Cleveland, Ohio in July of 1967, according to the informant, and returned without her about a month later and subsequently told the informant that Dolores had been fearful of returning after stealing about \$500 in rent receipts from her employers, the apartment house owners.

Informant saw FISHER in September of 1967 at the King Edward Bar, Fifth and Los Angeles Streets in Los Angeles, at which time FISHER allegedly told her of meeting two brothers in or around the state of Kansas during August and while en route back to Los Angeles from Cleveland. He stated the brothers were named Earl and Paul and that he had driven them to Los Angeles. (FISHER was driving a cream colored 1959 Ford Sedan, California License SBF 294.)

SIMPKINS states FISHER brought Earl and Paul over to her apartment at 1219 West Fourth Street the day after she had seen him at the King Edward Bar as related above. She states "Earl" looked just like the photograph being publicized of James Earl RAY, except that the cheeks seemed slightly less full and that he looked more dissipated than the picture shows.

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Informant stated that FISHER lived with her during October and November of 1967, and that he made arrangements to move to Long Beach with Earl and Paul. On 11/26 or 11/27/67, she advises that Earl and Paul showed up at her apartment and that the brothers and FISHER later left to move into a Long Beach residence, location unknown, but believed by informant to be close to the waterfront.

Informant next saw FISHER on Christmas Day, 1967, when he showed up for dinner with a Bob BICKERING and John Richard HOWARD. HOWARD tends bar at the King Edward Bar at Fifth and Los Angeles Streets, Los Angeles. On that occasion, FISHER told informant that the brothers, Earl and Paul, were still living in Long Beach, but that he (FISHER) was staying at the St. Francis Hotel.

FISHER lived with the informant during the first half of February of 1968, and for a while in January, lived with a Main Street gospel preacher, name unknown, who lives with a girl friend named Lori, also a Main Street gospel preacher. Informant gives their phone number as 781-3335.

On or about February 20, 1968, SIMPKINS was told by FISHER that Earl and Paul owed him some money and that he wanted to collect, inasmuch as the brothers were planning to take a trip to New Orleans. FISHER planned to meet Earl and Paul that night at a bar, name unrecalled by informant, located below the St. Francis Hotel. (She referred to the hotel as being in Pasadena, although phone company information shows no listing for such a hotel in Pasadena. There is a St. Francis Hotel in Alhambra, and of course the St. Francis Hotel on Hollywood Boulevard in Hollywood where RAY is known to have resided.)

Informant states that on the night of February 20, 1968, she accompanied FISHER to the bar below the St. Francis Hotel and that they met with a foursome which included Earl and Paul, a musician whose name the informant does not recall, and a female named Avis KIRKWOOD who SIMPKINS described as a blonde in her late twenties. Informant states she recalls the blonde female because they discussed employment and KIRKWOOD suggested that SIMPKINS get in touch with her later about being hired at the Duarte Hospital.

Informant gives Avis KIRKWOOD's address as 908 Viena Vista Road in Duarte and employment at the hospital, possibly called Duarte Community Hospital, and on the same block as KIRKWOOD's residence, and KIRKWOOD's supervisor at the hospital as a Mrs. Leslie.

SIMPKINS stated she hasnot seen the brothers since that occasion, but that on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1968, she saw for the last time John FISHER, that he was drinking at the King Edward Bar at Fifth and Los Angeles Streets, and that she did not speak to him because she was upset over his damaging her apartment while intoxicated earlier that month. She states one of his friends, and a roomer of hers is a Donald WATERS who works at Foothill Motors, 1318 East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena.

Informant described Earl as being like an "okie", that he was quite coarse and crude, expressed considerable animosity towards Negroes and had commented particularly hostilely about seeing some Caucasion women in Los Angeles being in the company of male Negroes. She described his brother, Paul, as being more subtle and refined in his personality and as being a neater dresser.

Informant SIMPKINS, according to her parole agent Mrs. V. Jones (MA. 0-2470), has a background of forgery and alcoholism and a poor reputation for truthfulness.

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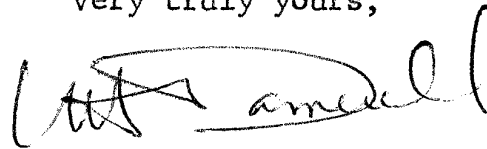
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This information is for your evaluation and whatever use you wish to make of it in the course of your investigation in this case.

If this office can be of any assistance to you in this or any other matter of mutual interest, please call on us.

Very truly yours,



W. H. DAMERELL
Special Agent
Special Service Unit
Los Angeles

ATTACHMENTS:

Notes and wage and tax statements, and miscellaneous vehicle registration forms sent to John D. FISHER and turned over by informant SIMPKINS to this special agent.

ADDITIONAL:

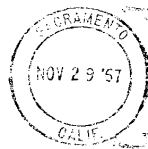
Informant SIMPKINS has advised of her visit later on 4/24/68 to the King Edward Bar, where the previously mentioned John Richard HOWARD told her of receiving a letter from FISHER who was in Chicago, describing himself as in hiding due to a warrant being issued for his arrest in Los Angeles (charge unknown).

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Form **1040 A** U.S. Individual Income Tax Return

If item 7 is \$10,000 or more, or if total income from interest, dividends, and nonwithheld wages is over \$200, use Form 1040.

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Internal Revenue Service



Please print

1. Name (If joint return, use first names and middle initials of both)

Home address (Number and street or rural route)

City, town or post office, State and ZIP code

2. Your social security number

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3. Spouse's social security number

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4. Check one:

- a. Single;
- b. Married filing joint return (even if only one had income);
- c. Married filing separately—If spouse is also filing

a return, enter her (his) social security number in item 3 and give first name here ▶

Enter below name and address used on your return for 1966. (If same as above, write "Same.") If none filed, give reason. If changing from separate to joint or joint to separate returns, enter 1966 names and addresses.

5. Enter total wages, salaries, tips, etc. Enclose Forms W-2, Copy B. If not shown on enclosed Forms W-2 attach explanation.	Yours ▶	
	Spouse's ▶	
6a. Interest	Yours ▶	
	Spouse's ▶	
6b. Dividends: Yours—before exclusion \$ _____ After ▶	After ▶	
	(See instr.) Spouse's—before exclusion \$ _____ After ▶	
7. Total income (add items 5, 6a, and 6b)	▶	
8. Tax from Tax Table or tax computation schedule	▶	
9. Total Federal income tax withheld (from Forms W-2)	▶	
10. If item 8 is larger than item 9, enter	Balance due ▶	
11. If item 9 is larger than item 8, enter	Refund ▶	

If your income was \$5,000 or more, you must compute your tax. If income was less than \$5,000, you may have the Internal Revenue Service compute your tax by omitting items 8, 10, and 11 (but complete item 9). If you compute your own tax, pay balance (item 10) in full with your return.

Apply refund to: U.S. Savings Bonds, & excess refunded; or Refund only.

LIST YOUR EXEMPTIONS AND SIGN ON OTHER SIDE.

12. EXEMPTIONS FOR YOURSELF—AND SPOUSE (only if all her (his) income is included in this return, or she (he) had no income) Regular 65 or over Blind
 Check boxes which apply → { Yourself } Enter number of boxes checked
 Spouse }

13. First names of your dependent children who lived with you Enter number ▶

14. DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN THOSE CLAIMED IN ITEM 13.	(a) NAME ▶ Enter figure 1 in the last column to right for each name listed (if more space is needed, attach schedule)	(b) Relationship	(c) Months lived in your home. If born or died during year also write "B" or "D"	(d) Did dependent have income of \$600 or more?	(e) Amount YOU furnished for dependent's support. If 100% write "ALL"	(f) Amount furnished by OTHERS including dependent. See instruction 14
					\$	\$

15. TOTAL EXEMPTIONS FROM ITEMS 12, 13, AND 14 ABOVE.....▶

Your present employer Spouse's present employer

City and State where employed City and State where employed

If you had an expense allowance or charged expenses to your employer, see instructions for "Reimbursed Expenses" and check here if appropriate.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief this is a true, correct, and complete return.

Sign here ▶▶

Your signature Date

Spouse's signature (If filing jointly, BOTH must sign even if only one had income) Date