NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder. Indices: Negative See below Character of case Subject's name and aliases Address of subject MURKIN Complainant Complainant's address and Complaint received telephone number WILTON DENMARK 14853 Sylvan, apt 2///*/Personal Telephonic Van Nuys Date 5-14-68 Time 12:10pm 989-2253 Hair Height Build Birth date and Birthplace Race Sex Male Subject's Description Weight Eyes Complexion Age **∃** Female Scars, marks or other data Facts of complaint C said he was driving East on Sherman Way in Van Nuys this morning and he observed an individual in a VW, Cal. lic. #SMLZ 114 that looked mimilar to RAY. C said this occured at about 11:20am. DMy on SLZ 114 - 1965 VW Wagon, registered to ANITA D. & MA FYFFE, 8801 Zeiler Ave., Arleta, California. LLL-1574 Action Recommended IC RICHARD T. VOYLES

(Agent)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder. Indices: Negative See below Character of case Subject's name and aliases Address of subject Murkin Complainant Complainant's address and Complaint received telephone number 11435 S. Western RANDY MORGAN Personal XXXTelephonic 754-9750 Date 5-9-68 Time 10-43am. Height Hair Build Birth date and Birthplace Race Sex Male Subject's Description Weight Eyes Complexion Age Female Scars, marks or other data Facts of complaint C said he is employed at the Safeway Market, address above. C said he and two other employees there saw a man eating in the snack area this morning that strongly resembled published pictures of "GALT." C said he was there at about 10-30am. He left the building and got into a light colored blue Volkswagen, bearing California license KX WSN-228. He drove south on Western. DMV reflects no record on WSN-228 Action Recommended 44-1574% Philip S. Andrist (Agent)

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FBI, LOS ANGELES

5/9/68

DMV , SACRAMENTO

PLEASE ADVISE REGISTERED OWNER LIGHT BLUE VOLKSWAGEN,

CALIFORNIA LICENSE WSN 228. REFER MY FILE 44-1574.

WESLEY G. GRAPP SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE FBI, LOS ANGELES

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MVS 5-10-68 FBI LA 44 1574 RE 2 FBL 5-9

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UNITÉD STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM

SA MELVIN L. FLOHR SA EUGENE B. McCARTHY

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re fd-71, 5/9/68; Complainant RANDY MORGAN.

On 5/9/68 LARRY SLADE contacted this office by phone and advised that he had observed an individual who resembled JAMES EARL RAY at a Safeway market located at 11435 South Western Ave., Los Angeles, Cal. This individual departed the area in a light blue Volkswagen bearing California license WFN 228. Check with California license Bureau reflects that this car is registered to a WILLY RAY POUNDS, 11802 South Manhattan St., Los Angeles, California.

Interview of POUNDS at 11802 S. Mahhattan St., LA on 5/9/68 reflected a resemblace to RAY but definitely not identical. POUNDS is very heavely tattooed on both arms upper and lower. KATHERINE CASSIDY, aunt, living at same address, advised that POUNDS has had the tattoos for many years, as long as she has known him. POUNDS has been steadily employed in the Los Angeles area for the last ten years. Employments have been with Knudsen Dairy, and Jersey Maid Dairy.

It is noted that referenced FD-71 indicates the license number of the light blue Volkswagen read WSN 228 instead of the correct number WFN 228. This difference is due to the fact that another wittness with SLADE by the name of RANDY MORGAN made a mistake when he read the Volkswagen's license.

1-Los Angeles EBM

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Date: 5/4/68

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REMYCAB MAY THREE LAST.	
ALEEGED SUSPECT IN MEXICO CITY:	
AT EIGHT THREE ZERO P.M., MAY THREE	LAST, MEXICAN
CITIZEN ROBERTO MURGUIA PERSONALLY CONTACTED THIS	OFFICE TO
REPORT AMERICAN HERE ATTEMPTING TO SELL ONE NINE S	IX SIX CAR
AND HIGH DASH POWERED RIFLE WITH TELESCOPIC SIGHT	UNDER SUSPICIOUS
CIRCUMSMANCES THROUGH MIDDLE MAN AND FOR UNUSUALLY	LOW PRICE.
IMMEDIATE LOCAL INQUIRY AND ASSISTANCE FROM LOS ANG	ELES OFFICE
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INVESTIGATION AT CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE:

AGENT ON SCENE REPORTS MAXIMUM COOPERATION BEING RECEIVED FROM CAMPECHE STATE JUDICIAL POLICE AND STATE HIGHWAY POLICE. THESE TWO AGENCIES HAVE BROADEST JURISDICTOON AND EACH COMMUNITY IN A A RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR USE IN COVERING/X STATE WITH SOME ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND INHABOTANTS AND AN AREA SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN THE SMATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, CONSISTING OF ABOUT TWO ONE SEVEN ZERO ZERO SQUARE MILES. CAMPECHE CITY HAS OVER FIVE FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO PEOPLE AND THERE ARE SEVEN OTHER MUNICIPAL AREAS IN THE STATE WHICH ARE ONLY MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS BESIDES CITY OF CAMPECHE. SOME PUBLICATIONS HAVE ALREADY PRINTED NEW ITEMS CONCERNING CASE SINCE ARRIVAL OF AGENT IN AREA AND ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY EXPECTED IN MAJOR EDITIONS THIS WEEKEND. RELIABLE AMERICANS WITH ESTABLISHED RESIDENCE IN AREA ALSO BEING ALERTED FOR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT.

MEX DASH THREE FOUR HAS CHECKED ALL HOTELS,
MOTELS, BARBER SHOPS, LIQUOR STORES, GROCERY STORES AND HOUSES
OF PROSTITUTION IN CITY OF CAMPECHE. NO ONE YET LOCATED WHO
CAN RECALL ALLEGED EARLIER VISITS BY SUBJECT SOME YEARS AGO OR

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HAS SEEN ANYONE ANSWERING HIS DESCRIPTION IN RECENT PAST.

RE SUSPECT IN CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA:

DRIVERS OF TRES ESTRELLAS DE ORO BUS NUMBER ONE FOUR INTERVIEWED AT GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MAY FOUR INSTANT AND STATE THAT ON APRIL TWO FIVE LAST ONLY THREE PASSINGERS BOARDED BUS AT CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA. ALL THREE WERE MEXICANS AND PERSONALLY KNOWN TO DRIVERS AS FREQUENT PASSENGERS ON THIS RUN.

INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT AT CIUDAD OBREGON WILL

COMPLETE INTERVIEWS OF LOCAL TAXI DRIVERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER

ANY CAN RECALL A PASSENGER ANSWERING DESCRIPTION KM OF THIS

SUSPECT. MEX DASH TWO SEVEN TWO, WHO APPREHENDED MONTOYA

BROTHERS IN QUOTE BOPAT UNQUOTE CASE, IS MAKING THOROUGH SEARCH

OF GUAYMAS, SONORA, AND NEARBY AREAS, SINCE SUSPECT COULD HAVE

OBTAINED TAXI OR BUS TRANSPORTATION TO GUAYMAS FROM CIUDAD OBREGON.

ALL LEADS AND XXX POSSIBLE SUSPECTS BEING GIVEN

VIGOROUS INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION.

COPY SENT TO LOS ANGELES BY MAIL.

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LEGAT, MEXICO

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FROM:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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BY: RGB

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MURKIN.

REURCAB APRIL 13, LAST.

MEMPHIS OFFICE FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION APRIL 22,

1968.

RECORDS RE TENNESSEE LICENSE J H 7557 CHECKED THROUGH

DAVIDSON COUNTY AND STATE AGENCIES AT NASHVILLE, INDICATING NO RECORD

IN 1967 OR 1968 FOR REGISTRATION IN DAVIDSON COUNTY. PREFIX J H IS

ASSIGNED TO DAVIDSON COUNTY. EFFORTS LOCATE LICENSE IN OTHER COUNTIES

FOR 1967 AND 1968 ALSO NEGATIVE.

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RECORDS PERTAINING TO 1966 SHOWED THAT ON JANUARY 16,

1967, A 1961 CHEVROLET CORVAIR, 4 DOOR, PURCHASED AND TENNESSEE AND TENNE

MART, NASHVILLE. HE STATED HE HAS NOT BEEN IN MEXICO SINCE EARLY 1967. SAID IN 1966 HE PURCHASED OLD BEAT UP CORVAIR FOR \$150.00 DOLLARS AND DROVE AUTOMOBILE TO MEXICO. STATED DECIDED NOT TO DRIVE AUTOMOBILE HOME ON RETURN TRIP AND TRIED TO SELL IT IN MEXICO, BUT COULD NOT DO SO. CLAIMS LEFT WITH A MR. SANTOS AT AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY.

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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MEXICO. WAS TOLD HE WOULD HAVE TO GET PERMISSION TO HAVE THE AUTOMOBILE IMPOUNDED BY MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. COLEBROOK STATES HIS CAR WAS IMPOUNDED BY MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND LEFT IN GOVERNMENT POUND ON OUTSKIRTS GUADALAJARA. COLEBROOK SAID HIS TENNESSEE LICENSE PLATES REMAINED ON CAR AND HE HAS NO IDEA WHO MIGHT BE DRIVING CAR AT THIS TIME.

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	SINCE REBUCAB T	NDICATES GALT	WAS IN PUERTO VALLAR	TA SEVERAL MONTHS
	AGO, SUGGEST ME	MPHIS CHECK TH	IS LICENSE AND BACKG	ROUND OF REGISTERED
	OWNER FOR ANY PO	SSIBLE SIGNIF	ICANCE IN THIS CASE.	INFORMANT REMAINING
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	TO DISCREETLY C	HECK FOR ANY P	DSSIBLE INDICATIONS	OF GALT'S CURRENT
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RE WILLARD BOYKIN DASH PUERTO VALLARTA ALLEGATION.
REBUTEL CALL APRIL ONE ONE LAST.

WILLARD BOYKIN, NEGRO MALE AMERICAN, EMPLOYEE OF SEARCHERS
INVESTIGATORS COMPANY, NINE EIGHT ONE SOUTHWESTERN AVENUE, LOS
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED AT GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, APRIL
ONE TWO INSTANT. HE WAS GUEST AT FOUR WINDS HOTEL, PUERTO VALLARTA,
JALISCO, AND DEPARTED AT ABOUT FIVE TWO ZERO P.M., APRIL ONE ONE
LAST. DURING TRIP TO AIRPORT, TAXI DRIVER TOLD HIM THAT MANAGER OF
FOUR WINDS HAD STATED THAT INDIVIDUAL WHO MURDERED REV. KING HAD
SPENT THE PREVIOUS NIGHT IN THAT HOTEL. BOYKIN HAD NO OTHER DETAILS
BUT GAVE DESCRIPTION OF CAB DRIVER. HE DID NOT KNOW NAMES OF CAB
DRIVER OR HOTEL MANAGER.

INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT BEING DISPATCHED FROM GUADALAJARA TO
PUERTO VALLARTA TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW CAB DRIVER AND HOTEL

MANAGER AND HANDLE ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION. RESULTS
WILL BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED TO BUREAU.

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Ward Carpet States TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES

FROM KANSAS CITY 1P

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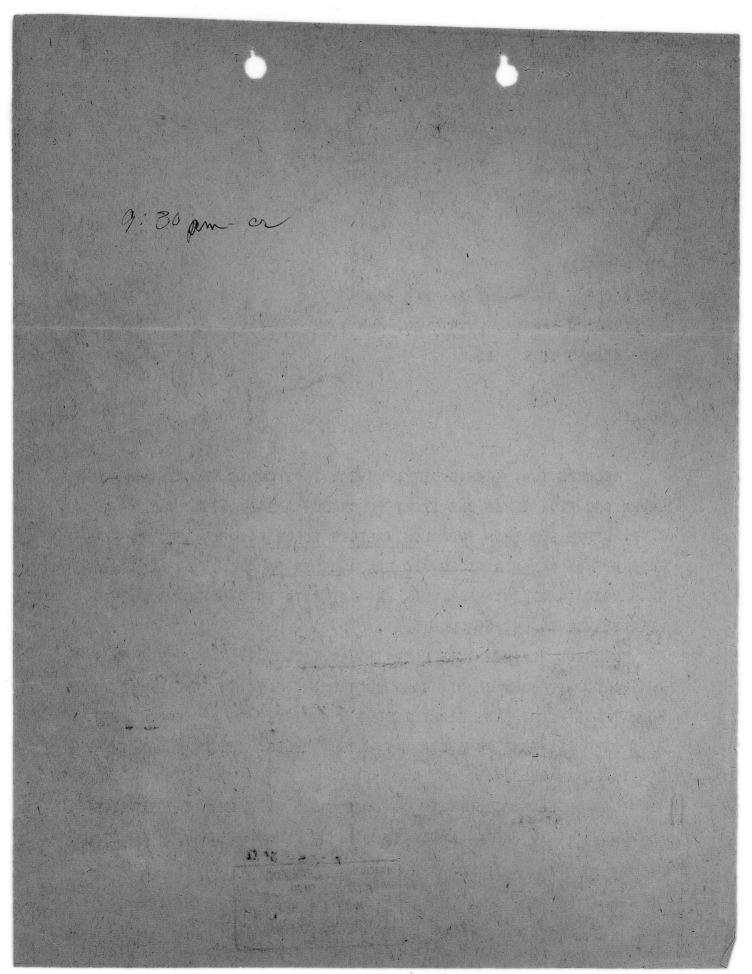
RECORDS TWA, KANSAS CITY, REVEAL THAT COACH TICKET TWO IWO ZERO SEVEN ONE FIVE THREE ONE EIGHT PURCHASED APRIL SEVEN LAST BY A J. A. SMITH FOR TRIP FROM LOS ANGELES TO CHICAGO TO ATLANTA WITH RETURN FROM ATLANTA DIRECT TO LOS ANGELES ON APRIL NINE LAST WAS EXCHANGED IN ATLANTA FOR TRIP FROM ATLANTA TO CHICAGO SAME DATE WITH TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES OPEN.

RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL THAT THIS TICKET WAS PURCHASED BY TWA WORLD WIDE JET CREDIT CARD NUMBER

T W ASSIGNED TO JAMES A

FIVE ZERO SIX THREE INAGLEN WAY, LOS ANGELES, TELEPHONE AX THREE SIX THREE THREE SIX.

LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO CONTACT JAMES A. SMITH TO DETERMINE PURPOSE OF TRIP FROM ATLANTA TO LOS ANGELES. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), MEMPHIS

EROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE KC TELETYPE MAY FOURTEEN LAST CONCERNING PURCHASE OF AIRLINE TICKETS BY ONE JAMES A. SMITH, FIVE ZERO SIX THREE INAGLEN WAY, LOS ANGELES.

SMITH, INVESTIGATOR THRIFTY DRUG COMPANY FIVE ZERO

FIVE ONE RODEO ROAD, LOS ANGELES STATED HE HAD ATTENDED

THE FUNERAL OF DR. KING AT ATLANTA. HE STATED HE THEN

DEPARTED ATLANTA ENROUTE TO CHICAGO VIA EASTERN AIRLINES, AND

FROM CHICAGO TO LOS ANGELES VIA UNITED AIRLINES. HIS ORIGINAL

INTENTION WAS TO FLY DEACTLY FROM ATLANTA TO LOS ANGELES BUT

AT THE TIME HE WAS INVESTIGATING A CHECK CASE FOR HIS

COMPANY IN CHICAGO AND DECIDED TO STOP ENROUTE HOME.

SMITH STATED WHILE IN ATLANTA HE STAYED WITH HIS SISTER

IN LAW XERONIE CLAYTON, THREE ZERO SIX CATIVO DRIVE, ATLANTA.

AN EMPLOYEE IN THE OFFICE OF ATLANTA MAYOR IVAN, WHO

SOMETIMES ASSISTED KING IN THE AUTHORING OF HIS BOOK.

No furture water regarding Smith being tuken at L.A.

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-DEAD)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM

SA CARL G. MURANO, JR.

SUBJECT:

COLTON STREET UNIVERSITY PRESS

On 4/4/68, Lieutenant EDWARD OLMOS, Redlands Police Department, advised that there is currently in operation an underground newspaper at the University of Redlands. This paper calls itself the "Colton Street University Press". The following individuals are editors of this paper:

JIM SINKINSON DAVE O'HAGAN STEVE ABBOTT EVAN SHIRLEY JOHN KUŞNIC

The following is the staff of this paper:

STEVE COFFMAN
CONNIE NANN
JOHN GRAVES
PETE NICHOLS
SANDY SINKINSON
BRUCE WALLACE
JACK MITCHELL
AVIS HILDON
LIZ GOLZ
JOHN BROWNFIELD
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CGM/lmt

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NOTE Indice				sfactory for remain	nder.	
Subject's name and aliases NORMAN KINGSTON Complainant Lto HENDERSON LAPD			Address of subject 324 N. Palm Dr. #8 Bev. Hills, Calif. BR2-2421 Complainant's address and telephone number LAPD Homocide		Character of case MURKIN	
					Complaint received Personal XX Telephonic Date 5-15-68 _{Time} 12/50 pm	
t's tion	Race Age	Sex Male Female	Height Weight	Hair Eyes	Build Complexion	Birth date and Birthplace
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5010-106

Memorandum

:SAC. LOS ANGELES (44-1574) то

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM :SA PHILIP J. REILLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: California License NPG 466

On 5/14/68 SA JOSEPH D. POWELL and the writer contacted Mrs. MARY JOANOU, 623 West Lime Street, Monrovia, California. Mrs. JOANOU is the sister of KIT BUFFORD BURNAM, the registered owner of the 1965 Ford Sedan, NPG 466.

Mrs. JOANOU produced a photograph of her brother, and it was apparent that there was no identity, although there were certain items of similarity. She does not know his present whereabouts and has not seen him since Christmas 1967. She stated he was born in Pasadena, California, in exact date not known. He attended high school in Pasadena and Pasadena City College. She described him as 5'10", 170 lbs., blue-green eyes, brown wavy hair, occupation office manager or bookkeeper, marital status single. She has two other brothers, one of whom is WILLIAM KUPFER, 229 East Floral, Arcadia, California.

Mrs. JOANOU viewed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated positively that he was not identical with her brother, KIT BUFFORD BURNAM.

On the basis of the above, no further action is being taken in this matter, since it does not appear that there is any identity in the situation.

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Memorandum

SAC, LOS ANGEIES (44-1574) (P) TO

DATE: May 13,1968

FROM : SA CARL L SHERWOOD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: Non Specific Information furnished by GLORIA SUMMERS to L.A. Office

GLORIA SUMM RS, 818 12th St #2 Santa Monica California, telephone 395 4148, advised that she had developed information that an individual looking like the subject was residing at 3336 Fairman, Lakewo od, Califor nia.

The following investigation conducted by SAS CARL L SHERWOOD and STEHPEN L DURKIN on 5-9-68.

It was ascertained that MARTHA GILHOUSEN, aka Mrs Phillips resides at 395 4148, and that a bartender was working at Puccinia's on Atlantic Ave. Long Beach and staying with GILHOUSEN.

MRS PATRICIA ZIMERPICH and her daughter DEPBIE advised that the male living at 3336 Fairman did not resemble the photographs of the subject. They stated that this man formerly worker for DOROTHY MAROVICH at the Can Can Bar aond Lounge.

MRS MAROVICH. 3332 Fairman stated that she knew MRS GILHOUSEN very well and that she GILHOUSEN was currently living with her former part time bartender by the name of JOE (LNU) she stated that JOE was not identical with the subject. She stated MRS GILHOUSEN was fomerly married to DICK PHILLIPS, and that she also lived with JIM (LNU) who is in the Norwalk State Hospital, and who has been in the hospital for years. She state that JOE the current boyfriend is a drunk. She advised that none of these men are identical with the subject.

No one could be located at 3336 Fairman but a car having (65 Chevy) California license number RIA 505 pchecked out to JOE GOUVIA 5941 Blackhorn Lakewood, Cal if or nia.

VICTOR TRACE BALLERINO, Bartender, Puccinia's, Atlantic Ave., advised that JOE GOUVIA is not identical with the subject. He stated that he is a part time bartender at Puccinia's, and that he, JOE G. is about to be fired due to his drinking on the job.

No further investigation being afford this lead, as at is apparently worthless.

44-1574-1304

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM

SA THOMAS G. MANSFIELD

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re 44-1574-704

RUTH JOHNSON, Lee Carter Personnel Agency, Room 909, 530 W. 6th Street, Los Angeles, April 26 through May 8, 1968, with negative results regarding ORLANDO SHUMBATA. On 5/9/68 JOHNSON advised SHUMBATA had contacted her personnel agency and indicated he would visit her personnel agency on 5/10/68.

On 5/10/68, ORLANDO SHUMBATA was personally observed and interviewed by SA's THOMAS 6, MANSFIELD and DAVID R. PENDER. Observation determined that SHUMBATA was not identical to JAMES EARL RAY. Interview determined that SHUMBATA was born at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and that he is 5'6" tall, weighs 170 pounds, has black hair and brown eyes. SHUMBATA had in his possession a Social He also had in his Security card number possession a union card Local No. 593, Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union, and SHUMBATA stated that from September, 1957 until April, 1968, he was employed with Fields Restaurant, Oaklawn, Illinois. SHUMBATA stated that in April, 1968, he rode a bus from Chicago to Los Angeles where he has been looking for employment. He advised he has a brother named LOUIS SHUMBATA who resides at 729 S. Mc Duff Street, Manhatten, California, who is employed as a technician with North American Aviation.

NCIC records were checked with negative results regarding SHUMBATA.

In view of the fact that SHUMBATA is not identical to JAMES EARL RAY, no further investigation is being conducted in this matter.

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5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (C)

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM

SA JESSE V. MC NULTY

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

RE ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL REGARDING INDIVIDUALS AT 1945 GLENWOOD ROAD, GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA

T. K. DELEHANTY, 1947 Glenwood Road, advised on 5/9/68 he is a mailman for the City of Los Angeles and has lived at this address for many years. He stated a Canadian family comprising of a father and son, their wives, had resided at 1945 Glenwood Road for one year and recently moved out.

No one is residing there at the present time.

He was shown a photograph of the subject and stated he in no way resembles either of the two males that lived next door. He stated the property is owned by Mrs. QUESNOT, who resides in the rear.

Mrs. LORETTA QUESNOT, 1945 A, Glenwood Road, advised on 5/9/68 that JOHN MICE, his wife, their son and his wife resided at 1945 for one year and within the past week moved to an address on Allen, a few blocks away.

She stated they in no way resemble the photograph of subject, but she is certain they are Canadian and resided continuously at this address.

In view of the above, no further investigation

is being conducted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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SAC, LOS ANGELES

(44-1574) (C)

DATE:

5/15/68

FROM

SA JESSE V. MC NULTY

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

RE GARY GILMER

GARY GILMER, 430 South California, Burbank, California, telephone 845-3641, was contacted on 5/9/68.

He stated he had lived with one JOHN EDWARDS at 1117 South Prairie in Inglewood, California, for three weeks in September 1967.

EDWARDS was employed as a freight handler, American Airlines, Los Angeles International Airport. EDWARDS was described as follows:

Race Sex Age Height Weight Build Eyes Hair

White
Male
26
5' 10"
180 to 190 pounds
Stocky
Color unknown

Light brown

He was described as a "nut" by GILMER. He was interested in flying saucers and was generally ignorant. He threatened to shoot GILMER, and he left the address and moved to Northern California. He still has a letter from EDWARDS which was portmarked 9/2/67.

GILMER recently observed RAY's photograph in the Life Magazine and stated there was a very close resemblance of EDWARDS to the subject. He stated, of

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course, he could not be certain, but that he is sure of EDWARDS' age, and that the photograph of RAY looks much older.

In view of the fact that it has been ascertained that the subject was in Alabama in September 1967, and did not arrive in Los Angeles until November, no further investigation is being conducted concerning this investigation.

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Memorandum

TO

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE:

5/15/68

FROM

SA FRANCIS G. KAHL

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel dated 4/24/68.

Referenced airtel instructs that the photograph of RAY taken while in Mexico be displayed to appropriate witnesses.

The photo was displayed to the following individuals who were most closely associated with RAY while he was in the Los Angeles area:

CHARLES STEIN RITA STEIN MARIE MARTIN

The above individuals felt that this photo resembles RAY, however, most were of the opinion that the photograph sent by RAY to the Swinger's Club was the best likeness.

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Memorandum

το : SAC Los Angeles (1/4-1574) ()

DATE: 5-15-68

FROM : SA Leslie F. Warren

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Ref. FD-71,IC Philip A. Andrist,5-13-68 from anonymous female re a James F. Ray look a like who lived in apt. 24 at 716 Westlake and who now lives in vicinity of 4th and Commonwealth and has been in this area continually since 3/68.

Mrs Ruth Armour manager and Marion Pash, assistant mgr. of the apartment at 716 S. Westlake Ave. on 5-15-60 identified the man who had been living in apt. 24 of this apt. as J. L. Mason(no other name known). He left the first of May, 1968 and left a forwarding address of 318 Commonwealth Ave. L. A. He had a 1959 or 1960 white Chevrolet and did not work. He was seen by Armour this week in McArthur Park. He was described as follows:

Male ,White,5'10",200 lbs.age about 60 to 65, hair graying, stocky build medium complexion. He lived alone in the apartment and prior to his rental of the apt.# 24 it was occupied by a woman.

Following an examination of photos of Ray and the Wanted Flyer, both of the above women said Mason definitely was not James Earl Ray.

Mrs Armour said a woman had been writing and calling here for Mason. The woman had not been seen by Armour but Mason had told her the woman was an older woman who was trying to romance him and he wanted to get away from her. Pash said she recalled a woman coming to the apt. asking for Mason, she was an older woman with reddish hair. Her name, address or further description Pash could not furnish.

On basis above information ,no record identifiable with J.L. Mason was located in L.A. indices.

Recommendation: No further action on above.

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Via		(Priority)				
	то :	SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)				
Hw/3	FROM :	SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)	·			
	SUBJECT:	MURKIN CR OO: Memphis				
	concernin MNX 341,	Re Los Angeles airtel to Sacramento, 5/3 g look-alike driving car with California registered to LOUIS PAUL SERPAS.				
	On May 9, 1968, BARNEY L. BRYAN, Postmaster, Suisun City Post Office (conceal) advised that LOUIS SERPAS is a member of a well-known Suisun Valley family and is approximately 60 years of age. He has maintained Post Office Box 434 in Suisun for the last 25 years. BRYAN advised that some of the postal employees state that SERPAS has a general facial similarity to JAMES EARL RAY but has no noticeable peculiarities, particularly a protruding right or left ear.					
		From the age of SERPAS, it would not appose identical with the Subject this case and estigation being conducted.	·			
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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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FROM

INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU AND INDIANAPOLIS AND DALLAS,
MAY EIGHT LAST.

JAMES E. SIMS, TWO IMO THREE FOUR E. MICHIGAN ST., INDIANAPOLIS, INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED HE SOLD SIXTYPOUR PONTIAC IN HOUSTON, TEXAS ON APRIL, MINETEEN LAST TO A MEXICAN WHOSE NAME HE COULD NOT RECALL.

SIMS ADVISED HAROLD J. THOME WAS AN INDEVENDED. WHO HE PICKED UP AT BUS STATION IN EL PASO AND AGREED TO CONTHINGTON TEXAS IN EXCHANGE FOR GAS. HE SAID THROUGH MARCH NINE LAST. SIME SAID THOME USED A UNION SECURIORE CARDIT CARD FOR GAS PURCHASED. HE CLAIMS THEY STOPPED FOR GAS ABOUT FOUR TIMES.

SIME SAID THOME MAINLY DISCUSSED POLITICS BUT DID NOT MENTICE.

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ANYTHING CONCERNING NEGROES OR ANY CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS.

SIMS SAID HE TOOK HIS PASSENGER TO THOME'S SON OR
SON-IN-LAW'S HOME WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY
EIGHTY APPROXIMATELY TEN TO FIFTEEN MILES WEST OF WORTHINGTON,
TEXAS. HE DESCRIBES HOUSE AS WHITE OR YELLOW CEMENT BLOCK
SITUATED VERY NEAR TO THE BRAZOS RIVER OR A TRIBUTARY OF THIS
RIVER. LARGE OVERHEAD BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY EIGHTY CROSSES RIVER
AND HOUSE IS NEXT TO BRIDGE.

DALLAS AT FORTH WORTH, WILL DETERMINE IF THOME IS STILL IN WORTHINGTON AREA OR DETERMINE HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. INTERVIEW THOME IF LOCATED.

BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.
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THOME ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DIRECTOR, TOI (44-18661)

ATTE: FAL LABORATORY

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Redutel to Al Page. Houston, and San Astonia 4/16/64. Non Antonio telatype 4/19/60 entring forth less to interview BUSSELL JOHNSTON Dr. Propose Hotel, Bellument, California Los Angeles teletype/6/1/60 Indicating Johnstoni may be identical with hopest to describe shows in Ma imported percents as having sobiasphrenic regulation and being paramete type.

Inclosed to the Europe are the following

ll" brown mamilia envelope. 1. Apprex. 5"

addressed to MAZNE INGRA

2. White legal-size sealed envelope bearing two unused lot alread strongs, addressed to Mrs. DENVES
1. Postcard, addressed to NAXINE INSTANT, postcarked

5/2/48

PRIZPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT BAY IN BOUTE PROM LOR ADDRESS TO MEN ORLEANS

MER. MAXIME INCRAS. ARE Mrs. SAN INCRAS. depositio, a Negro female, 131 Camba St., See Astonio, Texas, made available a postcard which she identified 5/10/62 so coming from ROSERT P. ANDERDOW. and RESSELL JOHNSTONE, for whom she had worked as a demostic when ANDERSON lived at \$320 N. Flores, Apt. 1. Sep Anterio.

Postcard is picture of downtown San Diego and postmarked Sea Diego, p.s., May 1, 1968. Addressed to Mrs. INGRAM,

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it reads: "Se sure & put that letter you receive temorrow in the mail box- Listen to mobody or call the F.S.I. office if anybody tells you not to." Card bore a 104 airmail stemp. cancelled.

Mrs. INGRAM at same time furnished an opened brown manilla, large size envelope, also bearing p.m., May I, 1968, postmark and addressed to MAXINE INGRAM, which she identified as coming also from NOBERT P. ANDERSON, her former employer.

INDICE this manille envelope was a white legal-size envelope addressed: "Mrs. DEMPLS, \$251 Surley, Chicego, Illinois 60617". The second letter is name DEMPLS is not clearly legible.

Hone of the above-described card or envelopes beers ANDERSON'S name of return address.

Review of San Antonio files reflects ROSERY P.
ANDERSON known to Chicago Office, when he was considered as
pessible suspect in UNSUS; NURBER OF VALUERIE PERCY, Remilworth.
Illimois, 9/10/66, POLICE COOPERATION, Chicago file \$2-5035.

The following description of ANDINSON was obtained 3/1/68 from Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago. Ill. Police Department:

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ROSTAL	P. AHULISON,	white male; born	, Chiengo
Ill.,; 5'10"; 180	pounds blue	aves blood or	brown bair, ruddy
omsplexion 55%		A	AMBERSON has San
Antonio PD 6 6878			

Retal 5/1/60 reflects ANDERSON on interview by Sureau Agents in recent past acknowledged writing letter to SAC JOHN P. MULL. JR., Phoenix Division: "Either JOHN C. MULL JR. Eille himself or certainly I will".

ANDERSON also came to notice of Chicago, Illinois, Police in the prat, having shot and injured a woman at a social gathering.

Inesauch as ANDERSON, aka, EUSSELL JOHRSTONE, appears

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to have resided in St. Prancis Screl, Sollywood, California, at same time on subject RAT in this case, the enciosures are forwarded to the Sureau for consideration.

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Open sealed white envelope addressed to Mrs. CEMPES. Chicago, Illinois, and following photostating of contents return same to San Antonio for return to original contributor. Hrs. MAXIED INGRAM, 131 Ozaka St. San Antonio, Texas.

If contents of seeled letter indicate possible Tederal violation on part of RODLET P. ARDERTON, Eureau is requested to compare handwriting with known examples available in fingerprint records of Identification Division.

Copies of this communication are furnished to Los Angeles, Chicago, San Diego for information purposes.

DUL TO RESTAL HISTORY AND PAST USE OF FIREARMS, RUBERT P. AND ROOM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED PARCERGES. TO POSSIBLY HAVE BUILDIAL TENDERCIES, AND POSSIBLY BE ARREST.

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Via		(Priority)				
	то:	SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)				
	FROM:	SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-				
	RE:	MURKIN CR				
	Re LA tel to ME, 5/8/68, received ME 8:23 p.m, concerning Tennessee License LP-6143. Tennessee License LP-6143 determined to be a 1968 Pontiac Le Mans Coupe, VIN 237378P227804 registered to DARRELL W. BAKER, 4406 Delaware Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. On 5/13/68, DARRELL W. BAKER, permanent home 4406 Delaware Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, advised SA HENDERSON HILLIN, JR. as follows:					
	This vehing BAKER is Los Angel	He is the registered and legal owner of 1968 Le Mans, bearing Tennessee License LP 6143. icle is cream colored with a black vinyl top. temporarily residing at 740 S. Hobart Blvd., les, California, Apartment 3. He is attending at the Pasadena Nazarene College.				
Airtel	wesley whether the church, The minister Gainsbore	BAKER left California for a short visit to on 5/6/68 and left his car with his friend ELLMAN, son of the Nazarene preacher at Baker's he First Church of the Nazarene. BAKER's s name is WENDEL WELLMAN and resides at 4424 ough Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone BAKER talked with the WELLMAN family on				
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Wednesday night, 5/8/68, and no one mentioned anything of any problem concerning his vehicle. He assumes his car is with the WELLMAN family and that both license plates are intact. He advised that he has been in California for only one month and that he has not allowed any girls to use his car. He has only had one blind date during his stay in California. He advised he does have somewhere near Western Avenue and believes it is two blocks off Western Avenue. He advised that he knows nothing about JAMES EARL RAY or anything relating to the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He stated that he does not know anything about a 1968 Chevrolet, two-door which might have his license on it.

BAKER is a white male, 6', 19 years of age; 190 pounds.

BAKER advised that he is leaving Nashville, Tennessee on 5/14/68 to return to Los Angeles, California, at approximately 12:30 p.m. via American Airlines Flight 285Y.

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will contact WENDEL and WESLEY WELLMAN and determine who may have utilized BAKER's car in his absence from California.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM

SA STEPHEN C. MONKA, JR.

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

On 5/4/68, it was determined that ERIC S. GALT with address 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, telephone 464-1131, had through the "Local Swinger," P. O. Box 3802, Downey, California, been in contact with a MICHAEL VAN TIFFLIN, 15050 Parthenia Street, Apartment 7, Sepuveda, California, business address 4050 Lankershim Boulevard, North Hollywood, California.

SA's STEPHEN C. MONKA, JR. and FRED B. LAFFERTY, III, determined on 5/4/68 that there is no address of 4050 Lankershim Boulevard but it is undoubtedly the address for Technicolor Corporation which is housed in the Universal City new office building complex.

BARBARA (Mrs. MICHAEL) VAN TYFFLIN, 15050 Parthenia Street, Apartment 7, Sepulveda, telephone 892-6583, furnished the following information. Her husband, MICHAEL TIFFLIN, left her on 1/31/68 and is presently in the Atascadero State Hospital, Drawer A, due to a mental disorder. She realted that he had some type of a problem in 1966 and was arrested as a peeping tom which was later reduced to drunk and trespassing which occurred somewhere in the San Fernando Valley area. At the time he was on probation and his probation officer was BARRY J. NIDORF, 18040 Sherman Way, Reseda, California, telephone No. 345-9550.

Mrs. VAN TIFFLIN has never heard of ERIC GALT, and after viewing the photograph of GALT she advised that she did not recognize the individual as anyone with whom she has been acquainted or had ever met before. The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name

Address

BARBARA (Mrs. MICHAEL) VAN TIFFLIN nee CAREY

15050 Parthenia

Apartment 7

Sepulveda, California

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892-6583 Telephone Race Caucasian Sex Female 51 2" Height 110 lbs. Weight Hair Brown Eyes Brown Birth Data Nuevo Laredo, Mexico Housewife Occupation Children MICHAEL EDWARD VAN TIFFLIN born Husband MICHAEL (married June, 1967)
MAGDALENA CAREY, formerly
Mrs. JOHN ELGER CAREY (mother); Parents

Father, deceased.

She said she is an American citizen having derived citizenship through her parents.

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UNITED STATES GOVE MENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LA (44-1574)

DATE: 5-6-68

FROM : SA LANFORD L. BLANTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: SHARON MITCHELL LOCAL SWINGERS

On 5-4-68 through Postal Records, Elsinore, Sheriff's Office Sub Station records, Elsinore, and a neighborhood on Vine Street in the Sedco area of Riverside county SHARON MITCHELL who is now MRS. GOSTA MORBERG of % 32548 Cresent Ave., Elsinore, Calif. was located. She said that about four years ago xxx, when she was SHARON MITCHELL she had joined a correspondence club that she did not recall te name of. Since that time she had become Mrs. NORBERG and has not sent anything to this club for at least three years. She said that she does still receive letters which state that they saw her name and description in the Local Swingers advertizement. She said that she has not kept any of the letters other that the last wo she received on 5-3-68 and just had not thrown these away as yet. She did not receive any from an ERIC GALT and the photo of him does not look like any that she had ever received.

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Memorandum

TO

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE:

5/15/68

FROM:

SA BILLY DALE HUBBARD

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re telephone booths at St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, where JAMES EARL RAY resided from 1/21/68 through 3/17/68.

JAMES EARL RAY resided in the Hollywood area of Los Angeles on 11/19/67 through 3/17/68, approximately. From 11/19/67 until approximately 1/20/68 RAY resided near theSt. Francis Hotel and on 1/21/68 to 3/17/68 resided at this hotel. Toll numbers from telephone booths at the hotel are being analyzed for any possible calls by subject while in the Los Angeles area. The following numbers have been determined to be toll calls placed from the telephone booths located in the St. Francis Hotel to the below listed numbers, the subscribers of the numbers available in Los Angeles also set forth:

Date	Town	Time Call Placed	Telephone No. Placed to and Subscriber
2/19/68	Santa Ana	7:38 a.m.	542-8215 THELMA BURNS MITCHELL 1013 Oak Santa Ana, Calif.
2/19/68	Santa Ana	7:44 a.m.	542-8215
2/8/68	Riverside	9:57 p.m.	686-9429 J. DURWOOD BLAKE 6424 Duchess Drive Riverside, Calif.
2/14/68	Riverside	7:37 a.m.	686-9429
2/19/68	Riverside	7:41 a.m.	686-9429

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2/21/68	Huntington Beach	12:12 p.m.	847-0169 WILLIAM B. OGDEN- Radio Operational Engineering School, 5075 Warner Avenue Huntington Beach, Calif
2/22/68	Newhall	6:11 p.m.	252-7015 PHYLLIS GERVASE 19861 Larbert Saugus, Calif.
2/14/68	Arroyo Grande	8:39 p.m.	489-1153
2/14/68	Arroyo Grande	8:25 p.m.	489-1153
2/18/68	Arroyo Grande	3:47 p.m.	489-1153
2/29/68	Ventura	8:42 a.m.	642-2231 City of Ventura-Golf Courses Buenaventura Courses Reservations 5822 Ventura Blvd. Ventura, Calif.
2/18/68	Guadalupe	1:59 p.m.	739-5582 ALFRED G. RAMOS 4437-2nd Street Gaudalupe, Calif.
2/15/68	Pismo Beach	3:13 p.m.	773-4613
2/19/68	Pismo Beach	2:37 p.m.	773-4679
2/14/68	Lancaster	10:56 a.m.	943-5354 BRUCE A. MANESS 4053 West Avenue L-6 Lancaster, Calif.
2/14/68	Lancaster	6:07 p.m.	948-4972 ROBERTA HERRIOTT 1132 West Avenue H-7 Lancaster, Calif.
12/9/67	Victorville	6:32 p.m.	247-8494

3/13/68	Riverside	3:37 p.m.	686-9429
2/17/68	Riverside	5:22 p.m.	686=9429
2/5/68	Riverside	6:00 p.m.	686-9429
2/2/68	Riverside	7:42 p.m.	686-9429
1/18/68	Riverside (Name reflected of NEHUILA, 1449 Hor		
1/15/68	Riverside	8:33 a.m.	686-9429
1/13/68	Riverside	11:56 a.m.	686-9429
12/30/67	Riverside	10:40 a.m.	686-9429
12/30/67	Riverside	10:34 a.m.	686-9429
12/30/67	Riverside	9:57 a.m.	686-9429
12/26/67	Riverside	9:06 p.m.	686-9429
12/15/67	Riverside	9:08 p.m.	686-9429
1/7/68	Santa Ana	3:06 p.m.	542-8215
1/7/68	Santa Ana	3:09 p.m.	542-8215
1/21/68	Santa Ana	3:02 p.m.	542-8215
1/24/68	Santa Ana	6:48 p.m.	542-8215
2/22/68	S anta A na	1:06 p.m.	542-8215
12/8/68	Orange	11:25 p.m.	639-2611 Geochemical Systems Co. 1228 West Collins Ave. Orange, Calif.
2/23/68	Huntington Beach	2:11 p.m.	847-0169

2/2/68	Huntington Beach	3:42 p.m.	847-6160 Rev. JAMES G. CARSON 18111 Wharton Huntington Beach, Calif.
2/16/68	Oxnard	7:42 p.m.	486-3285 JOHN R. CROWLEY 5045 Nautlius, Apt. 3 Oxnard Beach, Calif.
3/13/68	Thousand Oaks	2:36 p.m.	495-0629 ROBERT ALLEN 1887 Guilford Court Thousand Oaks, Calif.
2/9/68	Guadalupe	6:11 p.m.	739-5582

LEADS

LOS ANGELES

AT CANOCA PARK, CALIFORNIA: Will interview PHYLLIS GERVASE to identify person making telephone call on 2/22/68 and any information that might be gained concerning RAY.

AT LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA: Will interview BRUCE A. MANESS and ROBERTA HERRIOTT to ascertain identity of individual placing call to their number and for any information that might be gained concerning RAY.

(2) Will at Victorville, California, at California Interstate Telephone Company, ascertain identity of subscriber to telephone number 247-8494 and interview for same information contained in above lead.

AT RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA: Will interview J. DURWOOD BLAKE to ascertain identity of individual placing numerous calls to his telephone number and for any information that might be gained concerning RAY.

AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA: Will interview THELMA BURNS MITCHELL at Santa Ana and Rev. JAMES G. CARSON, Huntington Beach, to ascertain identity of individual placing calls to their telephone numbers and for any information that might be gained concerning RAY.

- (2) Will at Orange, California, at Geochemical Systems Co. exhibit photographs of JAMES EARL RAY to employees to ascertain if RAY acquainted with anyone at Geochemical Systems. If possible, attempt to ascertain identity of individual placing call to Geochemical Systems Co. on 12/8/67 at 11:25 p.m.
- (3) Will at William B. Ogden-Radio Operational Engineering School, Huntington Beach, exhibit photographs of JAMES EARL RAY to employees to ascertain if RAY acquainted with anyone at this firm. If possible, attempt to ascertain identity of individual placing call to this firm.

AT SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA: Will ascertain identity of subscriber telephone number 489-1153 at Arroyo Grande and subscriber telephone number 773-4613 and 773-4679 at Pismo Beach.

(2) Will interview subscribers to above numbers to ascertain identity of callers to their numbers and for any information that might be gained concerning RAY.

AT SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA: Will interview ALFRED G. RAMOS to ascertain identity of individual placing call to his telephone number and for any information that might be gained concerning RAY.

AT VENTURA, CALIFORNIA: Will at Buenaventura Courses Reservations, 5822 Ventura Boulevard, Ventura, exhibit photographs of JAMES EARL RAY to employees to ascertain if RAY acquainted with anyone at golf course or possibly played on the course. Attempt to ascertain identity of individual placing call to above golf course.

- (2) Will interview JOHN R. CROWLEY at Oxnard, to ascertain identity of individual placing call to his number and for any information that might be gained concerning RAY.
- (3) Will interview ROBERT ALLEN, Thousand Oaks, to ascertain identity of individual placing call to his telephone number and for any information that might be gained concerning RAY.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)

FROM:

SAC. BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT:

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Attached to the Bureau copies of this communication and to receiving offices are Xerox copies of two items which appeared in the Auckland, New Zedand press on the dates 3/14/68 and 4/30/68. These clippings had been received by Mr. BILL MCBLEY, a friendly reporter for the Birmingham Post Herald who had " considered writing an article about them but after determining from the Birmingham Police Department that no CHARLES TAYLOR or THOMAS TAYLOR is employed as a patrolman, he discontinued his efforts.

Mr. MOBLEY made the news clippings available on the bare possibility that the overseas telephone calls may have been made by fugitive RAY. It is believed that the following action by Los Angeles is warranted.

ANGELES

AT SAN BERNADINO, CALIFORNIA.

Vill attempt to determine from telephone

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company records the identity of the CHARLES TAYLOR who evidently completed a call to the Auckland. Now Ecaland Police Department at 5 AM their time on March 14, 1968, and if identity established will determine whether possibly identical with subject.

AT SANYA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA.

Will conduct similar investigation regarding the call to Auckland reportedly made on Sunday night (their time) 4/28/68.

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AIR MAIL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

SAC. LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Birmingham airtel to the Bureau dated 5/8/68 concerning reported telephone calls from San Bernardino and Santa Barbara, California, to the Auckland, New Zealand, Police Department during March and April 1968.

The General Telephone Company of California, Santa Monica, California, provides telephone service at San Bernardino and Santa Barbara.

Established telephone company sources have caused a search to be made of records accumulated to date of all overseas telephone calls placed from the above two cities during March and April 1968. No record of a call to Auckland, New Zealand, was located.

Overseas call records for March and April 1968 are continuing to arrive at the General Telephone Company accounting center at Santa Monica. They are being reviewed as they arrive to locate a record of the pertinent calls. The Los Angeles Office will be immediately advised of positive information.

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1128PM URGENT 5-15-68 CABJEB

TO DIRECTOR \44-38861\ AND

MEMPHIS\ AND LOS ANGELES \PLAINTEXT\

MEMPHIS\ AND LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAN JUAN \157-61\ 4P

MURKING. Murkin

RE NEW HAVEN TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND SAN JUAN MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT.

FOR INFO LOS ANGELES LUZ E. GOMEZN AGE ONE NINEN AND

CARMEN ANA MALDONADON AGE ONE SIXN ADVISED AGENTS OF NEW HAVEN

INSTANT DATE THEY OBSERVED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AT SAN JUAN

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTN SIX THIRTY AMN MAY FOURTEEN LASTN WHO

THEY FEEL IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY. INDIVIDUAL TRIED TO

PURCHASE TICKET AT PAN AMERICAN COUNTER TO JAMAICA OR ARUBA.

BOTH DESCRIBED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AS HIGHLY NERVOUSN MOVING LIPS

CONSTANTLY AND PULLING LOBE OF RIGHT EARN THIRTY-FIVEN FIVE NINE

OR FIVE TENN SLENDER BUT STRONG BUILDN NO HATN BROWN HAIR TINTED

REDDISH BLONDN TEETH NORMAL BUT UPPER CENTER APPEARED TO PROTRUDE

SLIGHTLY AS LIPS WERE MOVED OVER THEMN EARS PROTRUDED SLIGHTLY

RIGHT MORE THAN LEFTN EYES BLUEN ROUNDN AND PIERCINGN COMPLEXION

MEDIUMN NO SCARS NOTEDN WORE MEDIUM-BROWN SUITN LIGHT BLUE SHIRTN

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TIE AND PLAIN BLACK SHOES AMERICAN IN APPEARANCE. CARRIED LIGHT TAN SUITCASE WITH LARGE HANDLE. IO FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO EXHIBITED GIRLS WHO FEEL CERTAIN ALL FEATURES OF SUBJECT RESEMBLE THOSE OF UNKNOWN WITH EXCEPTION OF HAIR OF LATTER WHICH IS LONGER.

JOSE RUIZN PAN-AM RESERVATIONS AGENTN SAN JUAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ADVISED MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT THAT HE RECALLS PERSON BEING FIRST IN LINE AT RESERVATIONS BOOTH AT SIX FIFTEEN AMN APRIL FOURTEEN LAST WHO TRIED TO PURCHASE TICKET FOR MONTEGO BAYN JAMAICAN BUT BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR PROOF OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP TICKET WAS NOT SOLDN THIS PERSON STATED HE WOULD STAY AT AIRPORT AT JAMAICA AND NOT LEAVE PLANE BECAUSE HE WANTED TO CONTINUE ON TO LOS ANGELES \ CALIFORNIA. UNKNOWN HAD MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE ORDER FROM PAN-AM\ NEW YORK AND WAS TOLD HE COULD PURCHASE DIRECT FLIGHT TO LOS ANGELES ON DELTA AIRLINES. RUIZ DESCRIBED UNKNOWN AS FORTY TO FORTY FIVE YEARS\ FIVE EIGHT\ ONE SEVENTY TO ONE SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS \ THIN FACE \ BROWN HAIR \ NO GREY \ ACTED CRAZY \ KEPT LAUGHING N HAIR LONG CREW CUT. WEARING TAN PANTS N BROWN-MAROON SPORT COAT. PHOTO TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY ONE NINE SIXTY EIGHT OF RAY EXHIBITED TO RUIZN WHO STATED THERE END PAGE TWO

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IS RESEMBLANCEN HOWEVER HE IS NOT POSITIVE OF IDENTIFICATION.

RUIZ ADVISED HE IS POSITIVE THAT INDEX FINGER AND MIDDLE

FINGER LEFT HAND ARE MISSING. STATED SCARS APPEAR TO BE OLD

AND NOT NEW SCARS. RUIZ STATED THAT UNKNOWN EXHIBITED

DRIVERS LICENSE WITH PHOTON BUT DOES NOT RECALL NAME.

PHOTO ON DRIVERS LICENSE HAD EYES CLOSED AND HE RECALLED WANTED

FLYER OF PERSON BEING SOUGHT BY FBI WITH EYES CLOSED AND LATER

HE LOOKED AT WANTED FLYER AND FEELS PERSON RESEMBLES PHOTO OF RAY.

ABRAHAM BREN' TICKET AGENT' DELTA AIRLINES' SJ INTERNATIONAL

AIRPORT' SAN JUAN ADVISED MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT THAT HE RECALLS

SELLING TICKET TO PERSON WITH PAN-AM MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE ORDER AND

LOCATED TICKET IN NAME OF ROGER SODERHOLM. SODERHOLM PURCHASED

DELTA TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SIX DASH ONE ZERO ONE DASH ONE FOUR

SIX DASH ZERO THREE SIX' WITH PAN-AM MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE ORDER NUMBER

DATED MAY THIRTEEN LAST AT NEW YORK IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED
FIFTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHTY EIGHT CENTS. DELTA TICKET ISSUED AND
ALSO ISSUED WAS DELTA MISC CHARGE ORDER NUMBER

IN THE AMOUNT

OF TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY THREE CENTS.
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SODERHOLM DEPARTED SAN JUAN ON DELTA FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE

NINE AT EIGHT FIFTY AMN MAY FOURTEEN LAST AND SCHEDULED TO

ARRIVE IN LOS ANGELES AT TWO ZERO FOUR PMN NLOS ANGELES TIMEN SAME

DATE.

BREN DESCRIBED SODERHOLM AS IN THIRTYS\ FIVE-SEVEN

TO EIGHT INCHES\ ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS\

THIN FACE\ SOUTHERN ACCENT\ MEDIUM BUILD\ RESEMBLED PHOTO OF

RAY\ BUT NOT POSITIVE SODERHOLM IS IDENTICAL WITH PHOTO.

BREN ADVISED ORIGINAL TICKET PURCHASED WAS PAN AM
TICKET ZERO TWO SIX DASH FOUR EIGHT ZERO DASH SIX TWO ONE DASH
FIVE SIX FOUR FIVE SIX EIGHT ISSUED MAY SEVEN LAST IN
CALIFORNIA.

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LOS ANGELES WILL LOCATE ORIGINAL PAN-AM TICKETY IDENTIFY ROGER SODERHOLM AND RESOLVE IDENTITY.

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