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Subject Joseph Harris

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Date: 6/22/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

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

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS RADIOGRAM TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES JUNE TWENTYONE LAST.

JOSEPH M. MARKS HAS CONTACTED THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS SINCE MARCH TWENTY, FIFTYFOUR, AND LOS ANGELES INDICES CONTAIN NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO HIM.

HE CLAIMS TO BE A LICENSED PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND HAS ALSO BEEN EMPLOYED AS A REALTOR IN THE APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA AREA.

IN GENERAL, MARKS HAS ENGAGED IN LEGAL BATTLE FOR A PERIOD OF YEARS WITH THOMAS P. AND ANNA MARIE ROSE AND THEIR ASSOCIATES OVER PROPERTIES AND OTHER CIVIL MATTERS. MARKS HAS CLAIMED THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED SATISFACTION IN STATE COURTS IN THESE MATTERS AND MANY OF HIS CONTACTS WITH THIS OFFICE HAVE RELATED TO THESE THINGS. AS THEY HAVE BEEN MATTERS OVER WHICH THIS BUREAU HAS NO JURISDICTION, NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN IN THESE AFFAIRS BY THE LOS ANGELES

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, MARKS HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED PERSONALLY BY BUREAU AGENTS. IN GENERAL, HE RELATES THESE MATTERS IN A RAMBLING AND INCOHERENT MANNER. HE HAS BECOME ABUSIVE, DEMANDING, AND HAS GIVEN EVIDENCE OF BEING UNSTABLE. OTHER INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED ABOUT HIM HAVE DESCRIBED HIM VARIOUSLY AS A "NUT" AND A MENTAL CASE.

HE HAS ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND HAS, AT VARIOUS TIMES, CONTACTED THE U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA ABOUT THESE SAME MATTERS.

ON OCTOBER SEVEN, SIXTYFOUR, HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF FELONY COMPLAINTS FILED AGAINST HIM BY MR. AND MRS. ROSE (SUPRA). ON NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, SIXTYFOUR, HE WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE AT WHICH TIME HE CLAIMED HIS CIVIL RIGHTS HAD BEEN VIOLATED REPEATEDLY AS A RESULT OF THIS ARREST BY THE SANTA MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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IN THE ABOVE MATTER, AS WELL AS IN OTHER STATE AND LOCAL PROCEEDINGS IN PAST YEARS, MARKS HAS CAUSED SUBPOENAS TO BE ISSUED FOR VARIOUS SPECIAL AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE AND ALSO OF TWO SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE OF THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

CONSIDERABLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU RELATIVE TO JOSEPH M. MARKS. CERTAIN OF THIS INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED OCTOBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYFOUR, CAPTIONED, "UNSUB; UNKNOWN OFFICERS, SANTA MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; JOSEPH MORRIS MARKS DASH VICTIM DASH CIVIL RIGHTS" (LOS ANGELES FOUR FOUR DASH ONE ZERO THREE ZERO DASH FOUR). IN ADDITION, THIS COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIES FOR THE BUREAU SEVERAL OTHER LOS ANGELES COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BUREAU, ALL CONTAINING ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION RELATING TO MARKS.

ATTEMPTS WERE MADE ON JUNE TWENTYTWO INSTANT TO INTERVIEW MARKS AT HIS BUSINESS ADDRESS, ONE EIGH TWO ONE ZERO SHERMAN WAY, RESEDA, CALIFORNIA, AND ALSO AT RESIDENCE ONE EIGHT FOUR TWO FOUR COLLINS STREET, TARZANA, CALIFORNIA. THESE EFFORTS WERE NEGATIVE.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441100) FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) 1P

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY, LAST.

ADVISE THAT THE ABOVE NAMED SUBJECT IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS A

SALES REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL

ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, INC. (NAR), 100 EAST FORTY SEVENTH STREET,

NEW YORK, NEW YORK. SUBJECT'S EMPLOYMENT WITH NAR BEGAN IN

APRIL, LAST. SUBJECT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS 100-100000.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: SUBJECT IS A NATURAL BORN CITIZEN OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. SUBJECT'S BIRTH DATE IS APRIL TWENTY,

ONE NINETEEN TWENTY SEVEN. SUBJECT'S BIRTH PLACE IS NEW YORK,

NEW YORK. SUBJECT'S CURRENT RESIDENCE IS 100 EAST FORTY SEVENTH

STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. SUBJECT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER IS

NY 1-100-100000.

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MARKS' LANDLADY STATED THAT MARKS CLAIMS TO BE AN INVESTIGATOR FOR VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. SHE STATED THAT SHE CONSIDERS MARKS TO BE MENTALLY DISTURBED.

CONTINUING ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MARKS. BUREAU AND MEMPHIS WILL BE ADVISED.

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Date:

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TO DIRECTOR FROM SAC NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)
RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY LAST.
FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY
OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE NEW YORK OFFICE
ON APRIL TWENTY LAST.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM : SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/18/68

Writer received call on above date from DAVID LANG, 2178 Roscomare Rd., Bel Aire, California, phone GR 6-5253, who advised as follows:

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SMEED used to state to the LANGS that that he someday intended to live permanently in Rhodesia.

LANG stated that because of recent occurrences of KING's murder and JAMES EARL RAY being ~~identified~~ identified as the suspect and RAY having been determined to have ~~resided~~ resided in Toronto, England and had intentions of seeking refuge in Rhodesia, LANG thought possibly there may have been some connection between RAY and SMEED and wanted to furnish above info for to FBI.

Info being furnished appropriate desk for appropriate action.

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TO: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles tel to Baltimore and Memphis dated 4/26/68; and Baltimore airtel to Los Angeles which was undated.

Referenced Baltimore airtel set forth information concerning interview with Mrs. STANLEY WHITNEY OLSON (MARGARET STELLA OLSON), residing in a trailer home behind Star-Lite Inn, Pocomoke City, Maryland, with mailing address of Post Office Box 245, Pocomoke City, and having home telephone number (area 301) 957-2337, who furnished information regarding her daughter, KATHERINE PATRICIA OLSON WILLIAR. KATHERINE WILLIAR placed a call to the home of Mrs. OLSON from the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, where JAMES EARL RAY resided.

Investigation at Los Angeles determined that KATHERINE WILLIAR lived for a time with RITA STEIN. RAY made a special trip to New Orleans, Louisiana to pick up STEIN's children and returned them to STEIN's address, 5656 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, at which location OLSON was reported to have left subsequent to RAY's trip to New Orleans.

Efforts to locate KATHERINE WILLIAR in Los Angeles through friends and places she was known to have frequented has met with negative results.

Credit and criminal records in the Los Angeles Division were reviewed with negative results concerning KATHERINE PATRICIA OLSON WILLIAR.

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 1 - Memphis (Info)
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BALTIMORE

AT POCOMOKE CITY, MARYLAND: Will recontact Mrs. STANLEY WHITNEY OLSON for any additional information which she might be able to furnish which would assist Los Angeles in locating her daughter.

NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY

2/1, 2-Chome, Kasumigaseki
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Japan

"J-NCB/278/68"

Mr. Roderick V. Prechtel, Jr.
Legal Attache
American Embassy
Tokyo

I N T E R P O L
NATIONAL CENTRAL BUREAU

Telegraphic Address:
"INTERPOLJAPAN TOKYO"

TOKYO, June 10, 1968.

COPY

Re: Information about a pistol
"Liberty-Chief" No. 715

Dear Sir;

In reply to your telephone request made this morning concerning the captioned matter, we wish to inform you as follows:

1. Destination of this weapon's shipment:
This pistol in question was shipped from the manufacturing company given below on August 3, 1966, and was cleared by our Customs' inspection on August 19, 1966 and was loaded on the "HAVANA-MARU" at "SUMA-PORT" in Hyogo Prefecture for shipment to:
Name of a company : LIBERTY ARMS CORPORATION.
Address: P.O. BOX. 306, MONTROSE, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.
2. Items for your reference:
The name of this weapon's manufacturing company is "KABUSHIKI KAISHA, MIROKU SEISAKUSHO" (translated in English : MIROKU MANUFACTURING COMPANY LTD.).
Address: 180, INARI-CHO, KOCHI-CITY, KOCHI PREFECTURE, JAPAN.
Name of the President: IDO Chiyoki.

Trusting the above information is of some assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

for HEAD, NCB, JAPAN:

(YOSHITO SODE)
Chief
Criminal Research & Statistics Section
Criminal Investigation Bureau
National Police Agency

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Enclosed are five copies of National Police Agency of Japan letter dated 6/10/68, containing results of National Police Agency's investigation concerning the revolver in question.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM : SA PATRICK J. MULLANY

SUBJECT: MURKIN (44-1574)

DATE: 6/24/68

On 6/22/68, Don Imhoff, 1044 Appleton Ave, Long Beach, California, telephonically advised that sometime in late March ^{or April} a man fitting the same general description as the accused assassin of Martin Luther King made a withdrawal of \$50,000 from the Bank of Long Beach, 4201 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, California.

Imhoff advised that he works in the Life Circulation in the building of the Bank of Long Beach. He stated that he recalled this because the individual requested the withdrawal in small denominations, \$10 and \$20.

Imhoff stated that he could not positively identify this individual but that because of the large withdrawal he thought that this information might be of some value to the FBI.

Recommended verifying any such large withdrawal from the Long Beach Bank and subsequently identifying the individual mentioned in the transaction.

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*Referred to
J. Carlson
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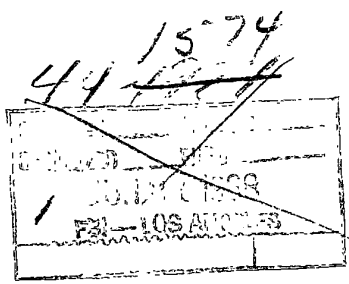
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RE:

INFORMATION ABOUT A PISTOL

- For information Retention optional For appropriate action Surep, by _____
- The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, conceal all sources, paraphrase contents.
- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
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ReBuAirtei 6-4-68.

SAC, in accordance with Bureau instructions, did make contact with GENE BROWN, Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service at Memphis. BROWN advised that Federal Reserve Bank Form TCR-1 is used on a very limited basis by banks in the Memphis area. He advised that use of this form was rather common during the war years but there is nothing compulsory about the form and as a result banks are very reluctant to use same. No form had been filed by any bank in the Memphis area for the period from March 15 through April 30 which contained any information of pertinence to this case.

ARMED & DANGEROUS.

3 BUREAU
1 NEW ORLEANS (AM) (157-10673)
1 ATLANTA (44-2386)(AM)
1 BIRMINGHAM (AM) (44-1740)
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE BUAIRTEL DATED JUNE SEVENTEEN, LAST.

ALLAN O. THOMPSON ~~IS~~ NO LONGER MANAGER ~~OF~~ ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. JAMES FOREMAN, PRESENT MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, ADVISED THOMPSON ~~WAS~~ DISCHARGED DUE TO EXCESSIVE DRINKING. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE THOMPSON AND SHOW ARTIST'S CONCEPTION AS ENCLOSED IN REFERENCED AIRTEL. AS SOON AS THOMPSON ~~IS~~ LOCATED AND OBSERVES ARTIST'S CONCEPTION, BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

For information of Chicago and Springfield, on 5/17/68, the Los Angeles Times had contact with one BOB (LNU), who said he had information concerning what actually had taken place in connection with the death of Dr. KING. The following is a summary of the allegations made by BOB:

1. The day before the shooting, RAY was picked up in Athens, Alabama, and was taken to Memphis.

2. He registered in a rooming house. Another man registered as SAMUEL LEWIS. LEWIS was supposed to be the backup man and kill KING at the rally that night if RAY missed his chance on the balcony.

3. After shooting KING, RAY walked two or three blocks to the getaway car, accompanied by a girl and a guy. The car was a new blue Buick, with Alabama license plates. The first digits of the license are believed to be one four. The car was owned and driven by EDDIE WILBURN of Huntsville, Alabama. It is equipped with a police radio. The second man stayed overnight and then took an early bus to Knoxville.

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4. RAY, two girls and a child were driven from Memphis by WILBURN in the blue Buick. They went to Kansas City and the trip took six and one half hours. The girls, the child, and WILBURN are all from Huntsville, Alabama.

5. In Kansas City, RAY stayed overnight at a home, described as a small gray, shingled, one bedroom house about three miles from central Kansas City.

6. At dusk the next day, 4/5/68, RAY was flown to Belle Glade, Florida in a private plane. The plane took off from a private field, also used as a training field for the military. RAY arrived early 4/6/68.

7. The plane in which RAY was flown is owned by a WILLIAM PIERCE, a wealthy man who owns or operates an airport in Belle Glade, and once owned a contracting company in Cuba. It is not known if PIERCE flew the plane. PIERCE also owns a motel in Belle Glade and cottages in nearby Okeechobee, or maybe on nearby Lake Okeechobee. PIERCE is said to be a Klu Klux Klan member.

8. RAY is believed to have stayed in the motel or in a cottage. He may still be there or in Cuba.

9. On 4/11/68 RAY boarded a yacht, probably a charter boat in Key West, Florida. The boat was owned by BEN THOMPSON. A BEN THOMPSON of Miami owns three fishing boats.

10. PIERCE often flies his own private plane to New Orleans and is supposed to know District Attorney JIM GARRISON.

11. PIERCE and WILBURN are said to be related.

12. WILBURN is possibly a Veterans of Foreign Wars club member in Huntsville, Alabama.

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13. The rifle was supposedly left in the furnace of a Memphis rooming house, and is believed still there. This is believed to refer the rifle of the backup man.

14. RAY is now wearing bifocals.

15. The white Mustang belonging to RAY was not in Memphis on the day of the KING slaying, and he did not escape in it. Presumably it never left Georgia in April.

16. On the day of the killing, 4/4/68, RAY made a telephone call from Memphis to Belle Glade and it is believed to have been made from a bus station.

17. In the weeks before the killing, RAY stayed somewhere in Belle Glade, Florida.

18. WILBURN is supposed to have been paid off in Reno. The night before the killing when somebody hit a keno ticket for \$25,000 in Cal-Neva Lodge, which was rigged to pass the money. The rigging was done with the knowledge of CHARLIE CATE, 6080 Pebble Beach Drive, Reno, California, who runs a shift at the Cal-Neva. JACK STRUGIS of St. Louis, who formerly worked in a bar on Second Street, Reno, Nevada, came into a lot of money and allegedly was a contact in this operation also.

19. RAY stayed in the Clark Hotel, Room 700, on 4/17-18/68.

20. LAMONT WHITE, who works for Western Union, Los Angeles, sent money to Louisiana and bought two pistols. The pistols really went to FRANK BRICKLEY of Chatanooga, Tennessee, who was formerly in prison with RAY. BRICKLEY is allegedly in Los Angeles.

21. HAROLD's Cafe, 555 South Main Street, Los Angeles is a "queer" bar where RAY formerly worked and a guy named CONNIE, who works there, allegedly knows RAY.

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22. WILLIE SHEA, who once worked the Top Rail Bar, Seventh and Alvarado Streets, Los Angeles, was allegedly formerly married to RAY. SHEA is from St. Louis and now lives in North Hollywood, California. SHEA's mother lives in Compton, California. SHEA is married and now lives at 812 South Westlake Avenue, Los Angeles, with a man who owns a bar. SHEA is blond, about 38 years of age.

23. A telephone credit card supposedly used by RAY was issued to Ridell Catering, U. S. Rubber Company, Detroit, either in the name of FNU RIDELL or ROBERT BRICKELY. RIDELL reportedly lives in Harper Woods, Michigan. Calls on credit card reportedly made from Memphis to Belle Glade.

24. SAMUEL LEWIS, the second man in the rooming house, was discharged in 1963 from the penitentiary at Milan, Michigan, and previously served time in Chillicothe and Terre Haute. The Los Angeles Times reported the Warden at Milan had no record of LEWIS.

25. LEWIS took a bus from Knoxville to Los Angeles on 4/7/68, and travelled en route through Memphis and El Paso.

26. The house in Kansas City is described as follows: It is located off a main street starting from downtown Kansas City, Missouri, direction unknown, and from the main street a smaller street goes to the left, which street has a Western Union building located on it and goes off from the main street in the form of a steep hill. Two or three miles up the hill on the left are located nice looking apartments, brownish in color, where students from some school live, and just prior to this on the right is the location of a moving company, name unknown, and a grocery store is located in the vicinity of the moving company on the same side. About two blocks beyond the grocery store there is a narrow street with ramshackle houses on one side and vacant lots on the other. Turning right on this street, the third house on the left would be the correct house involved, which is occupied by an individual who sells beer and booze after hours and

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hides guys out. The house is described as one bedroom, no garage, dirt driveway, single story, and has a large freezer in the living room.

The information contained above has been checked out and investigation to date has failed to substantiate any of the above allegations. The Los Angeles Times has declined to further identify the source of their information; however, investigation indicates it is probably LESTER EDWARD PACKETT, FBI No. 827-170A. ODELA A. PACKETT, his estranged wife, advised that she believes LESTER has probably returned to Chicago, where he was living earlier this year.

The Bureau has instructed that reasonable effort be expended to locate LESTER EDWARD PACKETT and resolve the above allegations.

LEAD

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: Will conduct credit and arrest checks, and other reasonable investigation to attempt to locate and interview PACKETT concerning the above allegations.

SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS: Will examine records of Illinois State Department of Motor Vehicles for any record of automobile drivers license issued to LESTER EDWARD PACKETT; or any current automobile which may be registered to him which would aid in locating him.

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Date: 6/28/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to Baltimore, dated 6/21/68.

On 6/26/68 Mrs. STANLEY WHITNEY OLSON was contacted at her residence in Pocomoke City, Maryland, and advised that her daughter, KATHERINE PATRICIA OLSON WILLIAR, came home to Pocomoke from Los Angeles area about six or seven weeks ago. She appeared to be on drugs. Mrs. OLSON questioned her about her possible associations with the STEIN's or JAMES EARL RAY and she denied all knowledge of both.

WILLIAR, who usually goes by the name PAT OLSON or PAT WILLIAR, worked for a short time as cocktail waitress at French Quarter, Ocean City, Maryland, and then moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where she resided on Park Avenue for a short period and is currently residing on Lake Drive with an unknown woman. She is not known to be employed.

Her father, STANLEY OLSON, will probably know her whereabouts and can be reached at Baltimore telephone number 636-3758, his place of employment.

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- 1- Memphis (Info) (AIR MAIL)
- 2- Baltimore
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Special Agent in Charge

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LEAD

BALTIMORE

Will contact STANLEY OLSON and obtain address for PAT OLSON and thereafter interview her re her knowledge of and/or association with JAMES EARL RAY and the STEIN's.

LOS ANGELES

Discontinue efforts to locate PAT OLSON.



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Date: 6/29/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to Director dated 6/25/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
IC JOSEPH D. HALMITT:

Mr. JAMES Tabor, Supervisor, Auto Registration
Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised
on 6/28/68 that a check of records for 1967 and 1968 failed
to reflect any vehicles registered or titled to a LESTER
EDWARD PACKETT.

Mrs. MARIE DICKENSON, Supervisor, Driver's License
Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised
on 6/28/68 that a check of records failed to reflect any
driver's or chauffeur's license issued to a LESTER EDWARD
PACKETT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA J. CHARLES MERRIMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS' memo to SAC, 5/21/68, regarding information furnished by MARION JOHNSON, 4004 Pacheco, Sherman Oaks.

On 5/23/68 SAs J. CHARLES MERRIMAN and GILBERT G. BENJAMIN interviewed MARION JOHNSON at her residence, 4004 Pacheco, Sherman Oaks, at which she was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, which photographs she stated did not appear to be identical to the individual she described in referenced memo.

No further action appears warranted in this matter.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 6/8/68

FROM : SA RICHARD B. GEORGE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The writer covered the following leads in this case with negative results, eliminating all suspects:

Memo dated 4/19/68, serial # 391: On 4/25/68, CHARLES Mc CASLIN, mgr. of apts at 1814 Lime Ave. advised that tenant DONALD E. HUSTON, who drives a red Buick, is a thin alcoholic who in no way resembles the subject. Writer contacted HUSTON same date and determined he was driving the Buick; confirmed his identity.

Memo dated 4/19/68, serial # 395: ON 4/25/68, Mrs. GENEVA BRYANT, 21601 Norwalk Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens advised that her customer was WMA, age 26-28, long black hair, who somewhat resembled a sketch she had seen of GALT but did not resemble the current photos of RAY (exhibited to her). She had written down the description of the suspect who is positive of the age.

Memo dated 4/19/68, serial # 442: On 4/22/68, JOHN WELLS, Marine Inspection, U.S. Coast Guard, Terminal Island advised that his office had already received word of the phone call from GALT on 12/4/67 to the U.S.CG, and had thoroughly checked their records and the records of the Merchant seamen unions, including the Marine Cooks and Stewards, with negative results.

Memo dated 4/19/68, serial # 714: On 5/1/68, Mrs. BETTY STRONG, Mgr. apts at 1930 Cherry Ave., Signal Hill, advised that EDWARD J. ELAVSKY resided here with his 14 yrs. old son, from 1/6/68-3/6/68; owns a old Chevrolet with Calif. license FJF 235, white top over black. He moved without leaving a forwarding. He has seen subject in the area within the past week or two in his Chev. ELAVSKY is WM 57 yrs who does not even slightly resemble instant subject.

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Via AIRTEL AM _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN

In view of subject's apprehension, any office having outstanding leads or requests for circularization in any publication of any kind should cancel outstanding request now.

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- 2 Albany
- 1 All Continental Offices
- 1 Memphis

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Approved: *R.C. Jensen* Sent _____ M Per _____
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ROUTING SLIP TO ALL FIELD OFFICES

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka -
FUGITIVE
CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY

RW

Los Angeles

many refs.

OO: MEMPHIS

Re report of SA JOE C. HESTER 6/5/68 at Memphis.

Page 17, paragraph 4, line 6 - 12/17/67, should
be 12/7/67.

Please correct your copies.

SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

TOR:tjm

*Corrected
7-8-68*

Emie →

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8/14/68
[Signature]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Los Angeles (44-1574)

DATE: 6/13/68

FROM : SA Philip P. Hanlon

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Rememo SA BILLY DALE HUBBARD to SAC 6/7/68.

At Santa Ana, Calif.

Mrs. CLORELENE M. CARPENTER, 1221 S. Main St., advised 6/12/68 that in Dec. 1967 she and her family resided at 518 1/2 W. Edinger St., Santa Ana, and had telephone # 714-540-7240. She stated they moved to this address about 3/68 and have telephone # 835-5127.

Mrs. CARPENTER recalled that in Dec. 1967 her close friend, Mrs. KATIE DANIELS, telephone # 544-9209, Santa Ana went to Texas to visit her parents for Christmas. She stated that the only call she received from Texas in Dec. 1967 was a call from Mrs. DANIELS from Sequin, Tex. and undoubtedly this is the call to which the agent refers.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
 FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P
 RE: MURKIN

ReLatel to Director, 5-17-68, AM copy to SL, re LA Times informant "BOB" (LNU).

SL indices, City and County directories, telephone book, SL City and County PD records, SL Credit Bureau, and canvases of sources have failed to identify or disclose identifiable references to BEN or JACK STURGIS "of St. Louis, who used to work bar on Second Street, Reno, mentioned on page 6 of retel.

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P
RE: MURKIN

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Diego, California
June 17, 1968

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

On June 11, 1968, Mr. JOSEPH FORROR, Assistant Postmaster, Main Post Office, San Diego, California, advised as follows:

Found on the incoming mail belt was a piece of paper not in an envelope written in green ink which was addressed to "Post Office Post Master". This note reads as follows:

"If the F.B.I. wonts Ray,s buddy go to 124 Broadway Metropole Hotel Room 117. He may be under the name Geore Letsinger or George Anderson. He knows about Kennedy and also King,s death,s. He may have part in Kings death. I know he was in Tenn. before and after King was killed. I know Letsinger is wonted in Seattle. Also in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, by the F.B.I."

On June 12, 1968, information was received from the Seattle Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, that one GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, FBI Number 584 742 F, born [redacted] at Macomb, Missouri, was arrested at Jacksonville, Florida, on April 11, 1968, charged with grand larceny having stolen \$550 to \$60 from a restaurant in Seattle, Washington, for which he was employed.

LETSINGER was returned to Seattle, Washington, and on the basis of the charge against him, received a three-year deferred sentence, six months in the county jail and ordered to make restitution.

LETSINGER appealed this sentence and was placed on bond, however, departed the State of Washington and a bench warrant was subsequently issued by the Superior Court, Seattle, Washington.

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Information was also furnished that authorities at Seattle, Washington, desired his apprehension and would extradite LETSINGER to Seattle, Washington. Based on this information, the San Diego Police Department arrested GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER at Room 117, Metropole Hotel, 124 Broadway, San Diego, California, on June 12, 1968. At time of arrest, LETSINGER admitted his identity and the fact that he knew he was wanted by the State of Washington.

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at San Diego, California, on June 13, 1968, at which time he advised as follows:

LETSINGER advised that in 1963 he went to England and visited the Russian Embassy, Grovesner Square, London, England, for the purpose of renouncing his United States citizenship.

He was arrested while in England by New Scotland Yard, based upon a check which he had deposited in a bank prior to his departure to England and later determined it was a fraudulent check.

LETSINGER was asked why he desired to renounce his citizenship, to which he replied the country is no longer a country for the white people and is eventually being taken over by the "niggers."

LETSINGER exhibited a strong anti-Negro sentiment and stated that at one time he had been a member of a clan-type organization at Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

LETSINGER was questioned as to his association with JAMES EARL RAY and whether he had any knowledge concerning the assassinations of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and President JOHN F. KENNEDY. LETSINGER merely replied "I do not wish to talk about these subjects."

LETSINGER did say, however, that if Senator TED KENNEDY and Vice President HUBERT H. HUMPHREY continue to seek the Presidency of the United States, they will be assassinated. LETSINGER did not desire to elaborate regarding this information.

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LETSINGER admitted previous mental history, having been confined during 1961 for a short period of time at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Missouri.

Handprinting was obtained from LETSINGER and was compared with the note received by the U. S. Post Office, San Diego, California, and because of a close resemblance of these, LETSINGER was asked if he, in fact, had written the note himself.

He categorically denied having written this note.

The following is a description and background concerning LETSINGER as obtained during interview:

Name	GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER
Alias	<u>George Anderson</u>
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	[redacted] at Macomb, Missouri
Height	5'5½"
Weight	165 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Tattoo	"Gladys" "1900", both on right shoulder.
Mother	<u>ETTA LEE LETSINGER nee Collett</u> Ava, Missouri
Father	GEORGE WILBUR LETSINGER, deceased
Sister	<u>Mrs. TROY STAMPER</u> Route 1 Ava, Missouri
Marital Status	Single
Education	High school, third year

On June 14, 1968, Sergeant JOHN KENNEDY, Fugitive Detail, San Diego Police Department, San Diego, California, advised that he had just received word from the Seattle,

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

Washington, authorities that they decided they did not want to extradite the subject to Seattle, Washington, however, the warrant for his arrest is still outstanding and should he return to the State of Washington, would be arrested on this warrant.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Date: 6/17/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)
(44-394)MURKIN
OO: MemphisKENSALT
OO: Los Angeles

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER for appropriate dissemination. Enclosed for each office receiving this communication are two copies each of the same letterhead memo.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 2)
- ② - Los Angeles (Enc. 2)
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)
(44-394)

MURKIN
OO: Memphis

KENSALT
OO: Los Angeles

Re San Diego teletype dated 5/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a handprinted note written in green ink and a known handprinting sample of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, FBI No. 584 742 P..

For the information of the Laboratory, enclosed note was received in the mail at the U. S. Post Office, San Diego, California, 6/11/68.

~~GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER~~ was subsequently arrested by the San Diego Police Department 6/12/68 on an outstanding warrant issued at Seattle, Washington, for grand larceny.

On 6/13/68 GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was interviewed, at which time handprinting was taken from him since circumstances seemed to indicate he had written the note himself, although he denied having written this note.

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The Laboratory is requested to conduct handwriting examination on enclosures and advise the San Diego Office of the results.

The Bureau is requested to return enclosed items to the San Diego Division.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)

DATE: 6/17/68

FROM : SA LEON J. MEYER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo SA J.R. SULLIVAN dated 6/7/68.

Re: MARY JANE GARDINER

On 6/14/68 MARY JANE GARDINER was located for interview by SA JAMES J. CONWAY and the writer at Room 336, Royal Suites Motel, 901 S. Harbor Blvd., Santa Ana, California. Mrs. GARDINER identified herself but was reluctant to discuss her April, 1968 cash withdrawals. She first stated she invested in stock with the money and then concluded by stating that she used the money for "investments" and would not continue the discussion.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 6/26/68

FROM : SA ROBERT F. JACOBS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN dated 6/12/68.

On 6/24/68, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Los Angeles, made available copies of toll tickets for all long distance calls placed from telephone No. 213 - 769-9935, during the period 12/14/67 through 12/19/67. The following four toll calls were made:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Number Called</u>	<u>City Called</u>
12/14/67	10:49 PM	702-384-6846	Las Vegas, Nev.
12/16/67	3:50 PM	805-922-1511	Santa Maria, Calif.
12/19/67	6:10 PM	903-386-1504	Tijuana, Mexico
12/19/67	3:46 PM	707-224-9277	Napa, California

This information has been recorded on FD-302 and the toll ticket copies made a 1-A exhibit.

Since no call was placed from 213 - 769-9935 on the day or at the approximate time reported by the informant, no further action in this regard is recommended.

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Date: 6/27/68

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Via TELETYPE ~~URGENT~~ *Deferred 4:40P*
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: EXHIBIT SECTION
FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU ~~DATED~~ JUNE TWENTY FIVE LAST.

ALLAN O. THOMPSON LOCATED THIS DATE AND SHOWN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION. THOMPSON ADVISED ~~THE~~ CONCEPTION IS ~~OF~~ EXCELLENT LIKENESS AS HE REMEMBERED JAMES C. HARDIN. HE SAID ~~THE~~ ONLY EXCEPTION WOULD BE ~~THAT THE~~ ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DOES NOT ADEQUATELY PORTRAY ~~THE~~ DARKNESS OF HAIR AS WORN BY JAMES C. HARDIN. HE SAID ~~THAT~~ HE RECALLED HARDIN HAVING VERY DARK BROWN HAIR, ALMOST BLACK.

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent 10¹⁶/P M Per *[Signature]*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC L. A. (44-1574)

DATE: 6-28-68

FROM : SA Leslie F. Warren

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Grant Holcomb, Director, CBS KNXT Channel 2 News Bureau, 6121 Sunset Bl., L.A.,
6-27-68 during contact on another matter asked the following question.

He wanted to know if there was any truth to the hot rumor that the FBI was very interested in the husband of woman in L. A. as a Murkin suspect. King reportedly playing around with this woman whose' husband was a dentist. Said Drew Pearson hinted in his column with out naming names. Holcomb learned of this info from the CBS NYC who learned of it through the CBS Washington D.C. news bureau.

Holcomb who is an established source was again reminded of the confidential nature of the FBI records and Agent was unable to comment of the question asked.

For Info.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC L. A. (44-1574)

DATE: 6-28-68

FROM : SA Leslie F. Warren

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo SA Alfred C. Greiner 5-24-68 re inquiry of persons withdrawing \$10,000 or more in cash during April 1968.

In this regard the following concerns Verna Mae Cornelius, 2640 Grand Av. Huntington Park, Cal. who on 4-30-68 with drew \$14,000 from her savings account at the Bank of America, Hollywood-Ivar Br., 6333 Hollywood Bl, L. A.

Mr. C. L. Trumbly, Manger, and J. E. Johnson, Assistant Cashier of above bank, 6-4-68 identified Cornelius as a former office manager and reported former paramour of J. L. Holtzendorff owner of a detective agency and plant security service at 5343 Sunset Bl., L. A. # 467-9105, recently deceased. He died and his son and daughter took over the business and ousted Cornelius. She has been a customer of the bank for many years and has been known to Trumbly as a customer in excess of ten years. She banked for the above company and had her own savings account. It was a surprise to the bank that she came in and withdrew the large amount on 4-30-68. Trumbly tried to talk her out this action, particularly taking the money in \$100 bills. He stalled her a day or two and had to make special arrangements to get the \$100 bills. She claimed she wanted to get the money out working.

Trumbly is of the opinion the real reason for the withdrawal was that the Internal Revenue Service had been investigating Cornelius. An agent from the IRS intelligence division had been to the bank a several months ago making an inquiry re Cornelius. Trumbly was also surprised that she had a savings account that large. He thought she might be the victim of some confidence game at first but after talking to her and knowing of the interest of IRS, he discounted this possibility. He had no reason to question the activities of Cornelius other than stated above.

L.A. FBI indices negative beyond lead in instant case on Cornelius. Further no record located in the identification records of the LASO, 6-6-68, per, IC Merton R. Anderson Jr., or LAPD, 6-6-68, per, IC Millard T. Anderson or the files of the Retail Merchants Credit Assoc. of L. A. , 6-6-68, per, IC Bernard P. Blais.

Action recommended: None Further.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 6/20/68 and San Antonio airtel to Bureau 5/20/68 concerning long distance telephone calls placed at public telephones on Highway 90 and Interstate 10 over which subject, JAMES EARL RAY, and CHARLES STEIN allegedly travelled 12/15-17/67 from Los Angeles, California to New Orleans, Louisiana.

Referenced San Antonio airtel advised that on 12/15/67, a telephone call was placed from telephone number 223-8266 in the San Antonio Division to telephone number 213-231-5482 in the Los Angeles Division. Telephone Company records at Los Angeles revealed that the Los Angeles telephone number is listed to PRINCE DIXON, 4303 Morgan Avenue, Los Angeles.

On 6/28/68, PRINCE DIXON at the above address, advised that this telephone call from the San Antonio area to his home in Los Angeles was placed by his brother, LEO DIXON, who lives at 215 South Olive, San Antonio. DIXON, a Negro, advised that his brother called him on that date to advise him that he, LEO DIXON, was forwarding some money to his brother in Los Angeles.

In view of the above, it does not appear that further investigation is warranted in connection with this particular telephone call.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)

DATE: 6-27-68

FROM : SA JOSEPH R. CONLON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA PATRICK J. MULANY dated 6-24-68

On 6-27-68 the writer contacted Mr. FRED TENSEN, Cashier, Bank of Long Beach, 4201 Long Beach Blvd, Long Beach, Cal who advised there has been no withdrawal of \$50,000 in cash from this bank this year and that a withdrawal in such an amount would not be possible without making prior arrangements with the bank as it would deplete cash available. If such a withdrawal were to be made it would come to his personal attention, he advised, and also stated RAY's photo was not familiar to him.

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