

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC LOUISVILLE 44-947

DATE: 4-24-68

FROM : SA John K. Fenrod

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CR

OO: Memphis

Re Memphis airtel dated 4-19-68

James Boone, Boone Laundry & Cleaners, Murray, Ky. advised on 4-23-68 their laundry places Thermo Seal tape on outer clothing only (shirts, trousers, etc.) and they do not use this tape for sheets and pillow cases. He was unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning Thermo Seal tape ~~20~~ 20R-3 other than in his opinion this marking would probably have come from a big city laundry since most small or medium size laundries do not place such tape on sheets or pillow cases.

*Above furnished
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Killer Must Be Apprehended Alive

THE CONFUSING REPORTS issued by law-enforcement officials investigating the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King are disquieting. More and more the killing of Dr. King begins to look like the work of a conspiracy. If ex-convict James Earl Ray was the killer, as the FBI says, where did he get the money he so freely spent? He had no visible means of support. What was his motive?

It is important that Ray be captured alive. If he isn't, we are likely to be haunted by the same kind of questions that are still unanswered in the assassination of President Kennedy. By describing Ray as "armed and extremely dangerous" in a public announcement, the FBI has decreased the chances of apprehending him alive.

In an editorial over the weekend, The Atlanta Journal said: "We regard it as imperative that James Earl Ray . . . be taken into custody alive and closely protected thereafter. If this is the killer, every possible step

must be taken to see that he is not silenced before he talks."

The feeling is growing that Attorney General Ramsey Clark prematurely ruled out a conspiracy theory. Later, in its warrant for the arrest of Galt (or Ray) the FBI charged him with conspiracy without disclosing the scope or nature of it.

This week *Time* magazine reported that a Memphis man "told *Time* and the FBI that he had overheard a local businessman giving an unknown triggerman urgent orders to kill King on the balcony of his motel, and even specifying the price for the job (\$5,000), and the pickup point for the fee." The FBI declined to comment on the report.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Editorial Page

Courier-Journal

Louisville, Ky.

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Author:
Editor: Barry Bingham
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RE: MURKIN

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The individual he observed had short cropped dark hair and was wearing what appeared to be dark plastic rimmed glasses. He observed this individual while stopped at a red light at which time the party seemed rather nervous and tried to cover the side of his face with his hand. This occurred near the Youngstown Shopping Center. MASON further related that the Oldsmobile proceeded from a side street onto Highway 62, near a group of apartments on the north side of Jeffersonville, Indiana.

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The above information telephonically
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Resident Agency by SA EDWIN H. EILERS.

LEADS

INDIANAPOLIS

AT JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA.

Will ascertain registered owner of car
bearing Indiana plate 10A1120 and thereafter attempt
to resolve the identity of the party driving this
vehicle as related by MASON.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

ADDENDUM:

Phone call received at 3:10 PM, 4/23/68,
by SA EILERS and furnished SA JONES telephonically
at 4:45 PM.

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FBI LOUISVLE

FBI MEMPHIS

725PM URGENT 4-13-68 MEN
TO LOUISVILLE
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO: ME.

INVESTIGATION MEMPHIS REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
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INTERVIEW ALL INDIVIDUALS LISTED RE ANY INFO. THEY MIGHT
HAVE CONCERNING ASSASSINATION.

*4/14/68 - 2:00 P.M. -
Mr. L.B. Ward, 2540
Randall Ave - apt 40
New a re Mr. King - arrived
later in afternoon - room
to 2, Mrs 4/12 - 11*

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*Callahan
Kinnard
advised
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FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRY OR EXIT FROM COUNTRY INSURE THAT SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND HAVE BEEN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AND/OR APPROPRIATELY DISPLAYED AND THAT STOPS ARE BEING MAINTAINED.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

4-23-68 307 HJC

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WITH AGENCY CONTRIBUTING THOSE FINGERPRINTS.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray # [REDACTED]	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Cs129438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #31071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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	WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967 (operating motor vehicle without permission of owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D & DW") (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.			

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	WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS Alias: James Walton WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS THIS PAGE SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.			

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT
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SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL
RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN
FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE
CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CR
 (OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947)

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. - FUGITIVE; MURKIN; CR; UFAC -
ROBBERY. OO: ME

REUR PHONE CALL TODAY.

CLAUDE COFFEY - SUSPECT:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Louisville

FROM : SPC James Byron Riley

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-25-68

SA, Penrod, Paducak R A, telephonically advised that he had received and checked out information to the effect that James Earl Ray had been seen in Metropolis, Illinois. Results of investigation to be given this office by memo next date - 4-26-68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File 44-947

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SAC, Louisville

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At about 2:20 PM today, No. 1 Man JOE KELLY, Civil Rights Section, SOG, called advising that Crime Records Division had just received a call for the Bureau's confidential information from one DAVID KRESLOW, the Washington News Editor of the Los Angeles Times newspaper, to the effect that an employee of the newspaper in Los Angeles, an ex-convict who still has contacts among the criminal element, had informed to the effect that his sources indicate that subject RAY is currently living under the name of CLAUDE COFFEY at 134 Mann Street, Apartment H, Greenup, Kentucky.

Mr. KELLY requested that we immediately check this out. He further requested to be advised by teletype of the results, if COFFEY eliminated. Of course, we would call the Bureau in the event COFFEY is the subject.

At 2:27 PM this date, I furnished the above information to SRA STOWE at Ashland with the request that it be immediately checked out. He indicated he would do so at once.

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3:55 PM URGENT 4-25-68 NCH
TO DIRECTOR AND LOUISVILLE
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN. CR.

CHICK GALLOWAY, CITY DESK, "LOS ANGELES TIMES", ADVISED
CALL RECEIVED FROM ANONYMOUS MALE APRIL TWENTY FOUR, LAST,
STATING JAMES EARL RAY PRESENTLY RESIDING ONE THREE FOUR
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STATED APARTMENT RENTED IN NAME CLAUDE COFFEY. ANONYMOUS
MALE STATED INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM RELIABLE SOURCE IN A
BACK ROOM, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. GALLOWAY STATED UNKNOWN
INDIVIDUAL APPEARED ARTICULATE AND DID NOT APPEAR TO BE
INEBRIATED. WHEN ATTEMPT MADE TO OBTAIN NAME AND ADDRESS,
ANONYMOUS CALLER LAUGHED.

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INEBRIATED. WHEN ATTEMPT MADE TO OBTAIN NAME AND ADDRESS,
ANONYMOUS CALLER LAUGHED.

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