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Via Airtel _____ (Priority)

To: SAC's, Louisville (44-947)
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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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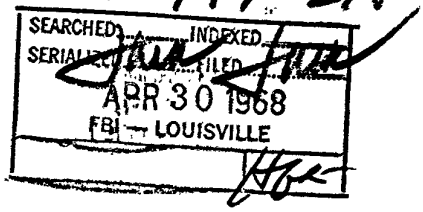


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AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4-26-68, re suspect, JOHN W. LEWIS.

For the information of the Atlanta Office, JOHN W. LEWIS mentioned in referenced airtel is undoubtedly identical with JOHN WARREN LEWIS, subject of Louisville file entitled "JOHN WARREN LEWIS, SSN [redacted] OO: Louisville, and also "JOHN WARREN LEWIS, SM- C", OO: Louisville. LEWIS is presently under bond after arrest for violation of the Selective Service Act in connection with his activities in the group, American Friends Service Committee, and Students for a Democratic Society. LEWIS is leader of the Ky. Conference on War and the Draft and a leader of a conference of this group at the University of Ky. on 2-10-68.

JOHN WARREN LEWIS is definitely not identical with the photo enclosed for the Louisville Office in referenced airtel, nor with subject RAY.

For the information and guidance of the Atlanta Office, enclosed is a photo of JOHN WARREN LEWIS taken upon his arrest by BuAgents in the Frankfort, Ky. area on 9-27-67. JOHN WARREN LEWIS is described as 22 years of age, DOB [redacted] at Franklin County, Ky., 6'3", 225 lbs., heavy build, dark brown hair, brown eyes, residence 308 Noel Ave., Frankfort, Ky. This photo is

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being furnished the Atlanta Office in the event they desire to further resolve the identity of JOHN W. LEWIS which individual was present during the programming conference of the Poor Peoples March at Atlanta, on 3-14-68.

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# *Memorandum*

TO : ALL AGENTS (68-278) DATE: April 30, 1968

FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The Bureau requests that all law enforcement agencies throughout the country maintaining unidentified latent fingerprints in connection with matters under their jurisdiction, should immediately be contacted and request that the latent fingerprints be compared with those of subject JAMES EARL RAY as set forth on IO # 4182. These latents, of course, should be limited to those obtained since RAY escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on 4/23/67. This is for the purpose of possibly establishing RAY's past whereabouts and source of funds.

You should also consider RAY as suspect in any bank robberies or other armed robberies inasmuch as he has a background for that particular crime specialty.

You are therefore instructed to contact police departments in your territory maintaining unidentified latent fingerprints and where a local identification officer can compare same, request that this be done with fingerprints on the IO. If this is not possible, request might be made that same be forwarded by you to the Identification Division for appropriate comparison.

In connection with previous request to be on the alert for the establishment of the whereabouts of WALTER TERRY RIFE, known associate of RAY in the past, this lead may be now disregarded inasmuch as the Kansas City Office has established the whereabouts of RIFE and accounted for his activities during the pertinent period.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : ALL AGENTS (68-273) DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS
BUFILE 44-38861

Re memo to all Agents dated 4/23/68 (68-259), and other previous memoranda to all Agents.

The Bureau has instructed that contact should be maintained with all mass communications media throughout the State of Kentucky to insure that there is frequent reference to JAMES EARL RAY and his connection with this case. Since you have previously been advised that JAMES EARL RAY is identical with ERIC STARVO GALT and you have been furnished I.O.'s and Wanted Flyers on RAY, you are to be certain that all appropriate stops have been renewed on JAMES EARL RAY and under all of his known aliases as set forth on the I.O.'s and Wanted Flyers. This is to insure that the Bureau will be immediately notified if the subject is arrested or comes to the attention of authorities with whom stops have been placed. Appropriate stop cards should be forwarded to Headquarters Office reflecting any such stops placed by you.

The Bureau also instructs that appropriate investigation should be contacted at all "hippie" rooming houses and general establishments to obtain any information whatsoever concerning RAY and his frequenting such establishments.

With further reference to WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI No. 4558766, referred to in referenced memo, there have been prepared additional mug shots of RIFE. One copy is being furnished each Senior Resident Agent for guidance and assistance

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in connection with inquiries regarding RIFE's possible connection with RAY. It is noted that to date the whereabouts of RIFE during the pertinent period of instant case has not been resolved and consideration should be given by you of possible implication of RIFE and his possibly traveling at the present time with RAY.

Intensive investigation has been going forward in the Atlanta territory to establish the mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 on which date the 1966 Mustang was recovered. This investigation has consisted of checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc. In this connection, you are requested to check car recoveries within your territory, reviewing your own 26 cases, of cars stolen from the State of Georgia, subsequent to 4/4/68 and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that have been stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transpoter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, you should conduct appropriate investigation to determine if RAY was the person who may have stolen and transported same.

LEADS

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AT FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY:

Will contact and arrange for future contact with Division of Motor Vehicles, KSP, to determine all cars stolen from the State of Georgia and recovered throughout Kentucky to determine if subject RAY may have been involved in same. This check should be maintained on a daily basis until the mode of transportation of RAY from Atlanta after 4/4/68 is resolved.

Also, will insure that appropriate APB and stops are maintained with KSP in connection with JAMES EARL RAY and all known aliases.

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY:



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Will conduct similar investigation at Auto Theft Bureaus of Louisville Police Department and Jefferson County Police Department in order to be apprised of cars stolen in the State of Georgia and recovered in Jefferson County subsequent to 4/4/68.

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To SAC, Louisville

From SAC, Indianapolis (44-563) (P)

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OO: Memphis

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Chief of Police has advised that the PD has not been able to identify the car or obtain any other leads as to the identity of the person getting off the train. A display of RAY's photograph at the NYC Station met with negative results.

Louisville interview MISSY FOX, Ashland, Ky., and display photos to her to determine how positive she is of subject's identification. If a positive identification is made, obtain further details she may have that may assist in locating subject and set out appropriate leads to identify and interview the conductor of the train.

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re Los Angeles tel to Director, 4-29-68.

RE TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES

Referenced teletype set forth long-distance telephone calls made from telephone booths at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California. One call placed on 1-12-68 at 9:12 p.m. was made to telephone number 333-2728 at Sturgis, Ky.

On 4-30-68, Mrs. VERA D. COOK, 802 Washington St., Sturgis, Ky., advised SA THEODORE L. RISLEY that her telephone number in Sturgis is 333-2728. Mrs. COOK is a very elderly woman being approximately 80 years of age and resides alone.

Mrs. COOK advised that she does not recall having received any telephone call from anyone which emanated from the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on 1-12-68. She advised that she has a son, ALONZO F. COOK, JR., who is a white male, age 44, who resides somewhere in the Los Angeles, Calif. area. She stated the last time she talked to her son was at Thanksgiving, 1967, at which time the telephone call was from Covina, California. She stated that she recalls that some time

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in the past four or five months she received a collect call, long-distance, from some unidentified person from somewhere in California. Mrs. COOK stated she did not accept this call inasmuch as she did not recognize the voice of the caller and did not recognize the name furnished by the operator. She stated that she did know that the voice of the caller was not that of her son, and she therefore refused to accept the call. Mrs. COOK stated that her son formerly resided in Granada Hills, Calif. several years ago. He is divorced from his former wife BETTY, and BETTY is now remarried, name and place of residence unknown.

Mrs. COOK and her son, JAMES P. COOK, 1413 SE Riverside Dr., Evansville, Ind., who also happened to be present, both advised that they do not know where ALONZO F. COOK, JR. is residing nor where he is employed. They both stated that they have no way of contacting him and the only contact they have is when he occasionally calls Mrs. COOK.

Mrs. COOK advised that she does not know JAMES EARL RAY nor anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and knows of no way that anyone could have her telephone number in Calif. other than her son. She stated that it was possible that the person placing the call which she did not accept may have been placing the call for her son. She noted that her son when she last talked to him stated he had no permanent residence and was traveling and lived at various hotels.

LEADS:

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will check registration records of the St. Francis Hotel to determine if ALONZO F. COOK, JR., aka A. F. Cook, was registered at the St. Francis Hotel on 1-12-68.



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MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will advise Los Angeles whether further investigation is desired in an attempt to locate ALONZO F. COOK, JR. for interview to determine whether or not he attempted to call his mother on 1-12-68 from the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68.

The following are cost figures for the Louisville Office during the month of April, 1968:

1. Number of Man Hours Spent on Case

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| A. Special Agents | | |
| | 1. Regular | 574½ |
| | 2. Overtime | 70 |
| | Total | 644½ |
| B. Clerical Employees | | 57 |

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2. Total Mileage Traveled by Bureau Cars 5,176

3. There were no unusual or out-of-the-ordinary costs incurred by the Louisville Office.

4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case 28

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA
CR
OO: Memphis

Re Louisville airtel dated 5-1-68.

The following additional cost data for SA O. JAMES HOLBROOK who had been assigned to the MURKIN case on special assignment during the month of April is being submitted. SA HOLBROOK informs me that these figures had not previously been furnished the Memphis Office:

NUMBER OF MAN HOURS SPENT ON CASE:

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| Regular | 81 hours |
| Overtime | 57 2/3 hours |
| Travel time | 17 1/2 hours |
| Total | 156 hours, 10 minutes |

TOTAL MILEAGE IN BUCAR: 260 miles

PER DIEM AND TRANSPORTATION COSTS BETWEEN MEMPHIS AND LOUISVILLE AND RETURN: $266.60

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# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA ROBERT MILTON WENNER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(Re laundry checks)
CR
OO: ME

On 4/10/68, the following laundries and clearners were contacted to determine if a Thermo-Seal marking machine manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, was used in marking laundry. No positive information was developed through any of the contacts made.

LAUREL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

LUCILLE BARRETT, Barrett Quality Cleaners, 519 W. 3rd Street, London, Kentucky;

EDNA SWEET, Greer J. Ralph Cleaners, N. Main Street, London, Kentucky;

WAYNE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Louis D. Tate, Tate Laundry and Dry Cleaning, Locust Street, Monticello, Kentucky (handles both Wayne and Clinton Counties);

WHITLEY COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Mrs. TOMMIE HOUSE, Corbin One Hour Cleaners, 315 S. Main Street, Corbin, Kentucky;

Mrs. TOM EATON, Rogers Cleaners and Laundry, 108 W. First Street, Corbin, Kentucky;

WALDO KAMMAN, Weed Laundry, 300 Laurel Avenue, Corbin, Kentucky;

Mrs. DEWI L. WILSON, Wilson Cleaners, 311 N. Laurel Avenue, Corbin, Kentucky;

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Mrs. ROY WALKER, Early Cleaners, Cumberland Avenue, Williamsburg, Kentucky

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JAMES M. COX, H & W Cleaners,
Main Street, Williamsburg, Kentucky;

Mrs. MARY MARPLE, Williamsburg Dry Cleaners,
Main Street, Williamsburg, Kentucky.

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Main Street, Williamsburg, Kentucky;

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TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P) DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA ROBERT E. MILLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Agency Checks

On 4/9/68 and 4/10/68, the following individuals advised that they checked their respective records, with negative results, for any information re HARVEY LOWMEYER (or LOWMYER) or ERIC STARVO GALT:

ROBERT L. STAMPER, Dispatcher, KSP, Morehead, Kentucky

LOWELL BARKER, Dispatcher, KSP, Ashland, Kentucky

Sheriff CHARLES J. LE MASTER, Lawrence County, Louisa, Kentucky

Judge MAC PREESE, City Judge, Louisa, Kentucky

Chief of Police DEMPSEY BRADLEY, Louisa, Kentucky

Mrs. GLORIA CASSELL, Deputy County Clerk, Lawrence County, Louisa, Kentucky (re voter and vehicle registration).

Deputy Sheriff BUELL LYONS, Elliott County, Sandy Hook, Kentucky

Mr. WILBUR CLEVENGER, County Court Clerk, Elliott County, Sandy Hook, Kentucky (re voter and vehicle registration)

Sheriff GENE ALLEN, Morgan County, West Liberty, Kentucky

Chief of Police GILLESPIE, West Liberty, Kentucky

Mrs. ALICE HILL, Deputy County Clerk, Morgan County, West Liberty, Kentucky (re voter and vehicle registration)

Mrs. EVELYN CATRON, Clerk, Rowan County Sheriff's Office, Morehead, Kentucky

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Chief of Police CALLIS COYLE, Morehead PD, Morehead, Kentucky

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Mrs. GENE W. BAILEY, Rowan County Clerk's Office, Morehead, Kentucky (re voter and vehicle registration)

Mrs. EDITY CLINE, Morehead Credit Bureau, Morehead, Kentucky

Mrs. FERN PROCTOR, Carter County Sheriff's Office, Grayson, Kentucky

Mrs. JUNE PORTER, Carter County Clerk's Office, Grayson, Kentucky (re voter and vehicle registration)

Mr. D. C. BALDWIN, Carter County Credit Bureau, Grayson, Kentucky

In addition to above, telephone directories for Lawrence, Elliott, Morgan, Carter and Rowan Counties were checked for above names with negative results.

Laundry checks

On 4/10/68, it was determined that there would be no laundries in Lawrence, Elliott, Morgan and Carter Counties which would handle "finished laundry" and which would attach any type tag with thermo seal marking machine written thereon. It was determined that any laundries in these counties would send their "finished laundry" to a larger laundry in Ashland, Kentucky.

On 4/10/68, Mrs. DOROTHY HOLBROOK, Imperial Laundry, Morehead, Kentucky, advised that her laundry attaches no markings as described above, to any of their garments as they have no cloth tags which would be manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. Mrs. HOLBROOK noted that they stamp their laundry with an ink stamp rather than tag the laundry with any type code lettering.

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# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC-LOUISVILLE( 44-947) DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA HUGH M. BYRD (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS
BUFILE 44-38861

For record purpose this is to advise the following records were checked or individuals interviewed in an effort to obtain information concerning the names of JAMES EARL RAY, S. C. HERRON, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JOHN WILLARD, and all met with negative results:

On 4/25/68:

Odell Watson, County Judge; JOE REESE, Chief of Police, JOHN WILSON City Judge, all of Irvine, Ky; R. C. GRAVES, City Clerk, Ravenna, Ky. GERALD HOBBS, Sheriff, LINVILLE PRICE, PD, both of Beattyville, Ky. DANNY BOWLING, Sheriff, Booneville, Ky.

On 4/26/68:

CECIL BLACK, Chief of Police; SMITH LEDFORD, S.O; County Judge Records; all of Lancaster, Ky.
JAMES HARRIS, Sheriff; BUFORD BURCHETT , PD, FLORENCE ELLIOTT, Lincoln County Natl. Bank; County Judge Records; all of Stanford, Ky.
DENNISCROMER, PD, Crab Orchard, Ky.
CLIFFORD PITTMAN, PD; FRANK DE BORDE, S. O.; Mt. Vernon, Ky.
DICK ARTLEY, PD, Livingston, Ky.
Berea City Judge Records; Berea, Ky.
ROB TINCHER, Deputy Sheriff, McKee, Ky.
Records of Madison County Judge; Richmond PD; TOMMY M. SMITH, City Judge; Mrs. WILLIAM GRIGGS, Madison County Credit Co; All of Richmond, Ky.
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Date: 5/1/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA -
FUGITIVE
MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS; UFAC-ROBBERY
(CO: MEMPHIS)

Re Cincinnati teletype to Director and auxiliary offices, 4/20/68; Cleveland teletype to Director and auxiliary offices, 4/21/68, and Louisville airtel to Director and auxiliary offices, 4/25/68.

The following investigation was conducted at Monclova, Ohio:

Mrs. MARIE PAYNE, aka Millie Marie Huff, 9855 Maumee-Western Road, Monclova, Ohio, advised on 4/22/68, that she was formerly married to MANCEL VERNON PAYNE, who now resides in Springfield, Ohio. She and PAYNE lived together in Toledo, Ohio, for two years prior to their marriage in Toledo during 1961. She had one child with someone else prior to this marriage and had three children with PAYNE. All of the children are being cared for by Welfare authorities in Springfield, Ohio. She thinks she is legally divorced from PAYNE but has never seen any legal papers in connection with the divorce.

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FBI

Date: 5/1/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA -
FUGITIVE
MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS; UFAC-ROBBERY
(CO: MEMPHIS)

Re Cincinnati teletype to Director and auxiliary offices, 4/20/68; Cleveland teletype to Director and auxiliary offices, 4/21/68, and Louisville airtel to Director and auxiliary offices, 4/25/68.

The following investigation was conducted at Monclova, Ohio:

Mrs. MARIE PAYNE, aka Millie Marie Huff, 9855 Maumee-Western Road, Monclova, Ohio, advised on 4/22/68, that she was formerly married to MANCEL VERNON PAYNE, who now resides in Springfield, Ohio. She and PAYNE lived together in Toledo, Ohio, for two years prior to their marriage in Toledo during 1961. She had one child with someone else prior to this marriage and had three children with PAYNE. All of the children are being cared for by Welfare authorities in Springfield, Ohio. She thinks she is legally divorced from PAYNE but has never seen any legal papers in connection with the divorce.

3 - Bureau
2 - Birmingham
2 - Cincinnati
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Cincinnati indices contain no information identifiable with Mrs. DONALD BRADLEY.

(2) - Louisville (RM)
1 - Cincinnati

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44-947-230

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- ☐ Santo Domingo
- ☐ Tokyo

Date May 3, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

☐ 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 _____

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of another photograph taken of James Earl Ray, aka Eric S. Galt in Fall of 1967. 44-38861-231

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FBI DALLAS

315PM URGENT 5-3-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOUISVILLE

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 1P

636-1053

MURKIN.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

RE DALLAS TELS APRIL THIRTY AND MAY ONE ALAST.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

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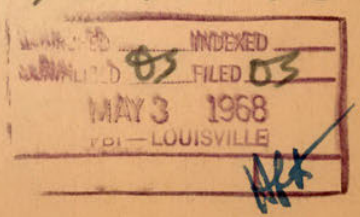


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5/4/68

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

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FBI LABORATORY

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
# WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 2, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560794 JK

Examination requested by: Louisville

Reference: Airtel 4/13/68

Examination requested: Document

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Remarks:
xxxxx Specimens received 4/15/68

K158 Two Special Attention tags manufactured by Stry-Lenkoff Company, Louisville, Ky.

K157 Two color samples of paper used in manufacture of tags by Stry-Lenkoff Company

Remarks:

Referenced Louisville airtel submitted samples of paper tags obtained from the Stry-Lenkoff Company, Louisville, Kentucky, similar to one of the tags recovered in the Mustang automobile of Galt in Atlanta, Georgia.

The specimens have been retained for possible future comparisons.

No Laboratory report is being submitted.

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# Brother Urges Murder Suspect Ray to Surrender

From AP and UPI Dispatches

CHICAGO—The brother of James Earl Ray, the man sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has called for Ray to surrender, The Chicago Sun-Times reported yesterday.

"If he is still alive I urge him to surrender himself to the FBI or contact someone in the family and ask them to make surrender arrangements," Jerry Ray, 32, was quoted.

The newspaper said Jerry Ray was employed as a maintenance man at a golf club in one of Chicago's northern suburbs.

In discussing his brother, Jerry said he and the family feared James might be dead. Jerry also was quoted as saying his brother was "never a man of violence," but might have been "used" as part of a conspiracy.

Jerry Ray told the Sun-Times it seemed apparent from news dispatches that his brother had come into some money.

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

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Courier-Journal

Louisville, Ky.

Date: 5/3/68
Edition: Morning
Author:
Editor: Barry Bingham
Title:

Character:
or
Classification: 44-947-235
Submitting Office: LS

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re: Telephone call to Springfield from Inspector THOMAS E. BISHOP, SOG, 4/24/68.

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