

THE MEMPHIS OFFICE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

MEMORANDUM TO ALL AGENTS:

RE: MURKIN

The Bureau has instructed that since the subject JAMES EARL RAY has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums," all Agents should bear this in mind in their daily contacts with informants, vice squad, and any prostitutes they might contact during the course of their regular work.

Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Memphis PD, who is in charge of the PD's investigation in this matter, has been requested by SA JOE C. HESTER to so alert the Memphis PD Vice Squad.

In the event of inquiry regarding the reward money offered in this case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the 4/27/68 edition of The Commercial Appeal, \$25,000 each has been offered by The Commercial Appeal and the Memphis Press-Scimitar and the Memphis City Council has agreed to underwrite the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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ROBERT JENSEN
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SA LARRY F. THOMAS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA THOMAS O. RONAN, 4/30/68.

All law enforcement agencies in the Columbia, Tennessee, RA territory were contacted including the Maury County SO, and no agency maintains unidentified latent fingerprints in connection with matters under their jurisdiction.

In view of the above, no comparison could be made with the fingerprints as contained on the IO of JAMES EARL RAY.

All law enforcement agencies contacted were reminded of the intense interest of the Bureau in locating JAMES EARL RAY at the earliest possible time and they agreed to cooperate in this matter.

The above was accomplished on 5/1 and 5/2/68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987) Sub-G

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA Cyril F. Busch

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rebuairtel 5/16/68 re "lonely hearts" type clubs.

The following investigation was conducted by SA Cyril F. Busch on 5/22 & 23/68:

AT MEMPHIS, TENN

Postal Inspectors George Holman, Louis L. Peel and B. H. Johnson each advised that he knows of no "swinger" or "lonely hearts" type club operating in the Memphis area. MR. PEEL suggested contact with WAYNE ASHFORD who several years ago operated a similar club.

MR. WAYNE ASHFORD, employee of U. S. Post Office, advised that he did about four years ago operate a club called "Eterna-Lite Friendship Club. This club furnished the service of putting people of the opposite sex in touch with each other by mail. We sold this operation to WILLIAM N. FORTUNE, JR.

MR. WILLIAM N. FORTUNE, JR., 2452 Debby Cove, advised that he never actually operated the above club and that he knows of no similar operation in Memphis at the present time.

MR. DICK ELSTER, 573 S. Parkway East, advised that he operates CHECK MATE CLUB, a social club which appeals to single persons. They advertise each week in Memphis newspapers for members. Members meet each Tuesday in various public places of entertainment. After searching records of all members and persons who have contacted the organization he advised that he has none in any name used by Subject RAY.

MR. JOHN SHUFLELE, Publisher, East Memphis Shoppers News, advised that his paper has carried an advertisement which invites single adults to call a telephone number answered by Graves Answering Service.

MRS. NORENE HANDWERKER, Graves Answering Service, 3294 Poplar, advised that number advertised is answered for Computer Matching, Inc., 6400 Lamar.

MRS. JEAN PARRIS, Office Manager, Computer Matching, Inc., 6400 Lamar, advised that for a fee of \$250.00 her company places

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a member on record, matches him or her with a compatible mate and puts the member in touch with his or her ideal mate. The organization is also known as COMPUTED TESTING, and it is franchised by Compatibility Testing International, 842 Redondo Ave., Long Beach, California. Upon checking her files of members and of persons known to have contacted the organization, she advised that she has no record in any name used by Subject RAY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA BURL F. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Birmingham teletype to Memphis dated 5/14/68.

On 5/21/68 Inspector HIGGINS, U.S. Post Office, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that P.O. Box 4231 is rented by EVERETT SHANNON RAY, at the Crosstown Station. RAY resides at 128 North Cleveland, and has rented this box since April 8, 1968.

On 5/22/68 attempts to locate and interview RAY at 128 North Cleveland met with negative results.

On 5/23/68 RAY was interviewed at his residence. He furnished the following information:

He came to Memphis, Tennessee on 12/19/67 from Sioux City, Iowa. He is a welder by trade and drifts from one job to another. He has worked in practically every section of the United States. He drinks heavily and has been arrested 40 to 50 times for drunkenness. At the present time he is employed by Tennessee Frabicators, 2366 Prospect, Memphis.

EVERETT SHANNON RAY is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth data	Born [] at Memphis, Texas
Height	5'8"
Weight	140
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Iron gray
SSN	[]
Marital status	single - divorced

Based on difference in physical stature and general appearance it appears that EVERETT SHANNON RAY is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY. No further investigation contemplated.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re 44-1987 Sub 170 letter to SAC, Memphis

On 5/8/68, FRED ALPHONSO, Manager, Thunderbird Lounge, 570 Adams Avenue, Memphis, Tenn. contacted and advised photographs of JAMES EARL RAY completely unfamiliar to him. ALPHONSO suggested showing these photographs of RAY to his barmaids and asked to be recontacted at a later date for any further information.

On 5/24/68, ALPHONSO recontacted and advised that photographs of RAY displayed his barmaids with negative results. ALPHONSO advised that he would immediately contact the FBI if any information is developed concerning so-called "look-alike" in referenced communication.

PAT HUNGATE contacted on 5/24/68 and stated that since she has been a barmaid at the Thunderbird Lounge no individual whom she can recall as identical to photograph of RAY has frequented this establishment.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987) (P)

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA JOSEPH M. BREWI dated 4/5/68 (Serial 44-1987-Sub-24).

On 4/8/68 SA MERRILL E. MC CLOUGHAN telephonically contacted ROBERT MC CAMPBELL, and made an appointment to meet with him at a future date.

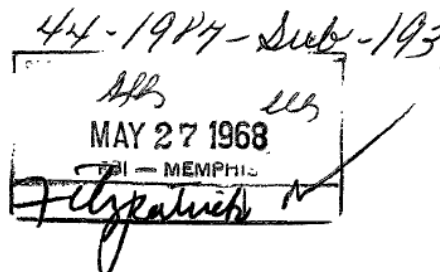
On 5/20/68 an attempt was made to contact MC CAMPBELL at his residence with negative results.

Continued attempts to contact MC CAMPBELL re instant matter will be made by the writer.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC FRANCIS B. COLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/27/68

Re memo of SA THOMAS O. RONAN, 4/30/68.

The only law enforcement agency in the Dyersburg RA which maintains any unidentified latent fingerprints in connection with matters under their jurisdiction is the Dyersburg PD.

On 5/1/68, COP RALPH J. ~~ARMOUR~~ *PALMER* was contacted re comparison of unidentified latent fingerprints in his department with the known fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he would see that this comparison was conducted as soon as possible.

On 5/23/68, he advised that the requested comparison had been made with negative results.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987-1027) DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA LAWRENCE A. POLTROCK

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re memo of SA MAHLON J. PRICE dated 5/22/68 and St. Louis teletype to Bureau and Memphis dated 5/16/68.

On 5/24/68, Mr. WILBURN RICHARD ARRINGTON, aka DICKIE ARRINGTON of Volunteer Trailer Park, Trailer #27, Martin, Tennessee, advised that the only individuals he knows in Portageville, Missouri, are RICKY LA FONT and his father, Mr. LA FONT, who owns LaFont's Sinclair Service Station. He stated RICKY LA FONT and he, DICKIE, are both serious students of rock and roll music and are trying to start a band and one of the two areas would be around Portageville, Missouri. He advised he does not know a J. D. DAILEY and has no information whatever concerning DAILEY or JAMES EARL RAY. He stated his telephone number is 587-3691.

Inasmuch as the call from LaFont's Service Station was not from Mr. J. D. DAILEY, no further action is being taken concerning DICKIE ARRINGTON or telephone number 587-3691.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of ASAC C. O. HALTER dated 4/11/68.

On 5/16/68, JEFF BOGGAN, 1378 Jefferson Avenue, Memphis Tennessee was telephonically contacted by writer to set up an interview with the result that Boggan advised he would be out of town for a week. Boggan advised that he would contact this office upon his return.

On 5/31/68, JEFF BOGGAN contacted this agent and advised that he would be available for interview.

On 5/31/68, BOGGAN was contacted by writer and SA JOHN Bauer at his place of employment, EF Hutton and Co., 77 Madison, Memphis, Tennessee and furnished the following information:

He advised that he owns a late model Pontiac and never owned a Mustang. He stated he could offer no information whatever re captioned matter and stated that he has no knowledge of anyone involved in the murder of Dr. King.

He stated that he is a former Marine Captain and served in the Marine Corps from 1957-1959 and 1965-1966. He stated that he is a member of the National Rifle Association and in this organization he is an expert rifleman. He stated that he does not belong to any hate-type organizations and never made any derogatory statements re King.

The following description of Boggan was ascertained from observation and interview:

White Male, DOB: Tupelo, Miss., 5'11", 165, Brown eyes and Brown hair. Presently employed as stock broker for EF Hutton and Co., Memphis, Tenn.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : IC ROBERT M. CALK (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/31/68

On 5/24/68, Agent ROBERT FORTNER, Tennessee Bureau of Criminal Identification, Nashville, Tennessee, advised IC CALK the body of an unknown white male was located on 5/23/68 in a barn loft on the farm of D. C. WATKINS, Route 4, Lebanon, Tenn.

Agent FORTNER stated the body was examined by the County Medical Physician, Dr. R. C. KESH and Dr. KESH advised FORTNER the deceased was approximately 60 - 65 years of age, had been dead approximately 24 hours, and the cause of death was cerebral hemorrhage.

Agent FORTNER stated no identification was found on the body and fingerprints of the deceased were taken and compared with those of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results.

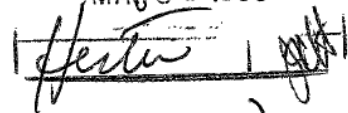
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

DATE: 6/2/68

FROM : ASAC C. O. HALTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 12:20 PM, 6/2/68, Supervisor HUNTER HELGESON of the Bureau telephonically furnished the following information:

At 9:30 PM, 6/1/68, MOSS INNES, Legal Attache, Ottawa, Canada, telephonically advised the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) are conducting a survey of Canadian passports in an attempt to locate JAMES EARL RAY.

RCMP investigators have located Canadian Passport No. [redacted] for one RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, issued 4/24/68 at Ottawa, this passport containing a photograph of SNEYD which RCMP advises is very definitely similar to RAY and there is a good probability it is a photograph of RAY.

SENED's application for passport was filed on his behalf by the Kennedy Travel Bureau, 962 Dundas St. West, Toronto, and was handled by Miss L. SPENCER, whom RCMP is attempting to locate for interview. SNEYD filed an affidavit, in lieu of listing a guarantor, that he had only been in Toronto three weeks and did not know a guarantor.

Passport data listed SNEYD as a white male, born [redacted] at Toronto, 5' 10", 168 lbs., hair black, eyes blue, residence 968 Dundas Street, Toronto. (RCMP established this to be a Chinese rooming house where SNEYD arrived 4/19/68 and remained for three weeks. He also listed as a friend PAUL BRIDGMAN, 102 or 108 Ossington St., Toronto. (RCMP has been unable to locate BRIDGMAN to date.)

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The purpose for the Canadian passport was for SNEYD to fly to London, England, 5/6/68, via British Overseas Airlines Company (BOAC) and return to Canada, 5/21/68. RCMP has no information as yet as to what BOAC flight SNEYD may have taken to London and

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there is no indication he has returned to Canada.

RCMP have instructed their personnel to go all out to further identify and locate SNEYD. The handwriting on the application is being examined by the RCMP and will be forwarded to the FBI Laboratory by the Legal Attache, along with photograph of SNEYD.

Based on name checks from data furnished, there is no identifiable record of SNEYD in Bureau fugitive indices, NCIC, or Identification Division files.

The Bureau has telephoned the Legat in London, however, the Legat is not very optimistic about being able to develop anything on SNEYD. Records are not maintained in London on persons arriving on Canadian passports.

A search of the Identification Division files has disclosed a record of one PAUL BRIDGMAN. An entry reflects fingerprints were taken by the Dept. of Corrections, Jefferson City, Mo., of PAUL BRIDGMAN, who was received at the Dept. of Corrections, April 23, 1965, after having received a 5-year sentence for robbery. The sentence was commuted in Jan., 1968.

The Bureau is instructing Kansas City to obtain complete details regarding this PAUL BRIDGMAN. It would appear that BRIDGMAN probably served time in the Missouri State Penitentiary at the same time as RAY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-1987-1027)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re SL tel 12:01 PM 5/16/68.

On 5/21/68 Mrs. Pat Roberts, Bell Tel Security Office furnished the following subscriber information;

ME # 276-3351 Mills Morris Auto Parts, 239 S. Dudley

ME# 323-1760 Elaine M. Brewington, 2788 Madison, Apt 8

ME# 525-5711 Arthur Fulmer Manufacturers Co., 298 Monroe

ME# 946-6761 B F Goodrich Co., Tire Division Box 4069

Martin, Tenn # 587-3691, Dudley Arrington, Volunteer Trailer Park, Trailer #27, mailing address U.T. Box 580
(THIS LEAD IS ASSIGNED TO SA POLTROCK)

Three separate trips were made to the home of Elaine Brewington on 5/22/68 without finding her at home. Finally a note was left in her mailbox requesting that she call the writer. She did not call.

On 5/23/68 she was located at the Colonial Junior High School where she is employed as a school teacher. She stated her name is actually ELAINE BREWINGTON ANDERSON, but she is divorcing her husband and will drop the name of Anderson. She stated she has a boy friend who lives at Portageville, Mo., who phones regularly. We may have called her on March 7 and April 4.

In addition she previously had a roommate named Rose Patterson, who is a private duty nurse. Her roommate has moved away, but she did not leave until about the second week in April. Rose Patterson has a grown son who lives in Portageville, Mo., and this son also phoned the apartment regularly. It is quite possible the son phoned his mother on March 7 and April 4.

Mrs. Anderson was shown a picture of James Earl Ray. She stated she does not know him and had no information concerning him. In addition she stated Rose Patterson has seen Ray's photo on numerous occasions, and she knows that Rose does not know Ray, nor have any information concerning him.

For information.

MJP/RD

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSERT (R/D):

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On 6/5/68 Mr. W. O. "BILBO" DISMUKE, Dixie Tire Service, Inc., 3695 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tenn. (who requested that his identity not be revealed, as he did not want to become "involved") furnished the following information:

He is sure in his own mind that about a month ago he sold a set of tires to JAMESEARL RAY. He had just seen a photograph of RAY in the local newspaper and thought at the time he dealt with this individual that this was RAY (or GALT), whose photograph had appeared in the paper. After the man left he called FRANK C. HOLLOMAN, Director of Fire and Police, a personal acquaintance and furnished him information he had concerning this individual.

DISMUKE checked his tire sales records and located a copy of an invoice dated 4/23/68 reflecting the sale of 4 775 by 15 tires, total price \$55.28, to HUBERT FREEMAN, 301 - Nesbit, Rfd 1 - Box 268, Nesbit, Miss. The invoice contains a notation "CHARLES OSWALT" which DISMUKE said was the name of this man's alleged employer at Nesbit, Miss. It also contains a notation, "Desoto 176775", which DISMUKE said was the Mississippi License on a 1960 or 1961 green Chevrolet Station Wagon this person was driving. DISMUKE stated the man presented a check already signed by some woman, name unknown to him now, who had an account at the Southgate Branch of the U P Bank in Memphis, but the man filled in the amount of the check. DISMUKE wrote down the man's Mississippi driver's license number on the check and questioned him because of this check. The man claimed the signer of the check was a relative, possibly mother or wife, and claimed he was working in Memphis painting houses on Getwell. However, a Negro employee told Mr. DISMUKE the man said he was enroute to Houston, Texas.

DISMUKE stated while the tires were being balanced this man dropped what appeared to be a .32 caliber slug, which slug obviously had been removed from the hull and had not been fired. DISMUKE picked up the slug and still has it. DISMUKE looked in the Station Wagon while the man was not looking and observed 2 duitcases and a number of tools which appeared to be all carpenter's tools. He moved a pile of tools and stated he saw what he knows to be a machine gun, which he described as resembling an air wrench of the type he used to removed wheels from cars.

DISMUKE described the above man as

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Name used: HUBERT FREEMAN

Address given: Nesbit, Miss. (stated he lived on Highway 301 near Nesbit, and DISMUKE believes the name, CHARLES OSWALT, written on invoice was stated by man to be his employer or landlord, or some person who owned the "plantation" on which the man lived)

Race - W

Sex - M

Age -32-33

Ht. - 5-10

Wt. 165

Hair - Lt. Brown, normal haircut, parted on left

Eyes - "real pretty light blue", "noticeable eyes"

Ears - one ear closer to head than other

Scars & Marks - had about 1/2 to 3/4 inch rounded, sunken, scar on left side of face just in front of ear lobe;

Man had stitches inside his mouth and DISMUKE stated he could see "impression" of these stitches from the outside. Claims he asked man what was wrong with his mouth, and man told him he had operation that had something to do with his gums. DISMUKE claims man pulled up his upper lip and showed him the stitches. Stated his mouth protruded because of this condition, and DISMUKE went on to speculate that man had operation to disguise his appearance.

DISMUKE said after accepting the check he called the above branch of UP bank and bank verified that signer of check had account. Stated he later deposited check in the Holiday City Branch, First National Bank, Memphis, and check cleared.

Memphis, Tenn.

6/5/66

MEMO FOR SAC:

Re: MURKIN (44-1987)

Re: HUBERT FREEMAN

*Hubert
Freeman*

Attached hereto is insert containing info from W. O. "BILBO" DISMUKE, Dixie Tire Service, Inc., 3695 Lamar Ave., Memphis, who claims he saw man on 4/23/68 he is sure is identical with RAY. Noted from insert DISMUKE claims to have called FRANK HOLLOMAN same day and furnished this info. Therefore, MPD may already have this info if HOLLOMAN thought enough of it to write it up or tell anybody.

Evaluation: DISMUKE is a big talker, but one who doesn't want to "get involved." He probably has told story so much he believes it himself now. Told this Agent when Agent looked at some tires and learned identity of Agent. Undoubtedly furnished facts he had read in newspaper and then blew up story with the slug and machine gun.

LEAD: Suggest Agents handled MURKIN leads check indices and if no record this info check with PD before having Jackson conduct any investigation to eliminate HUBERT FREEMAN.

SA F. L. JOHNSON

Hubert

*Our subject
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1985)

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SA THOMAS O. RONAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

C.N.FOUST, Clarksville, Tennessee, telephonically requested to speak to SA J.F.BIEDERSTEDT. He said that he became acquainted with SA BIEDERSTEDT in connection with an integretation matter several years ago.

FOUST said that he had learned the names of those persons who had shot at him years ago, and found the information furnished to him by a friend, to be accurate. He refused to identify the source of his information.

FOUST FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE SAME PERSON SAID THERE HAD BEEN MONEY OFFERED FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF KING.

FOUST, when he learned that SA BIEDERSTEDT no longer was in the Memphis Division, refused to discuss the matter any further.

LEAD:

At Clarksville, Tennessee, located and interview C.N.FOUST to determine the extent of his knowledge relative to money being offered for the assassination of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Indicies note C.N.FOUST, JR. resided at Route #2, Clarksville, Tennessee and were contacted relative to the case entitled UNSUBS; Mr. & Mrs. C.N.FOUST, JR., and Children - VICTIMS, Me 44-1418

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SA RALPH J. LIEWER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 6/6/68

On 5/28/68, Mr. EUGENE M. WADE, JR., 756 South Wilmette Street, telephone number 275-6105, came to the office to relate some information, which is as follows:

A Negro lady, RUBY ISRAEL, is a sometime employee in his household and last Saturday she told WADE that a Memphis Police Department officer, whose identity WADE did not know, had told her that he personally believes that the shot which killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., came from the Fire Station on Main Street. This officer told ISRAEL that he believed that the real culprit never left the area and that finding of the rifle, etc., was part of an act as was the phony radio broadcast which followed.

Mr. WADE was advised that this information would be given appropriate attention.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is not believed that this information should be given any further investigative attention in view of the fact that the position of Dr. KING at the time he was shot is known to be such that a bullet fired from the above-mentioned Fire Station could not have entered KING's body in the manner in which the actual bullet did enter the body.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM : IC ROBERT M. CALK

SUBJECT:

DATE: 6/10/68

JAMES EARL RAY, aka.;
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CHARLES LEE HERRON, aka -
FUGITIVE
WF #432, IO # 4163
UFAP - MURDER, ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO COMMIT MURDER
(ME 88-6076) (OO: ME)

GEORGE EDWARD WELLS, aka -
FUGITIVE
IO # 4175
UFAP - ARMED ROBBERY; ITSP
(OO: Cleveland)
(ME 87-11476)
(CV 87-13795)

CARMEN RAYMOND GAGLIARDI, aka -
FUGITIVE
IO # 4101
UFAP - MURDER
(OO:
(ME 88-5827)

GEORGE BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, aka - FUG
IO # 4072, WF 438
BR
(OO: Sacramento)
(ME 91-3078)

FRANKLIN ALLEN PARIS, aka - FUG.
IO # 4178
UFAP - BURGLARY
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JOHN W. SHANNON, JR., aka - FUG.
IO # 4180
BR
(OO: Newark)
(ME 91-3638)
(NK 91-4219)

JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, aka - FUG
IO # 3837, WF # 355
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GORDON DALE ERWIN, aka - FUG;
IO #4087, WF #409
UFAC - ARMED ROBBERY
(OO: Detroit)
(ME 88-5759)
(DE 88-7476)

TAYLOR MORRIS TEAFORD - FUG.
IO # 4185
UFAP - MURDER; ASSAULT TO COMMIT MURDER
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A photo of subjects was exhibited to the below listed individuals by IC ROBERT M. CALK at Nashville, Tenn., on 5/23/68. IC CALK was advised by these individuals they do not recall seeing subjects and stated their records failed to contain no information under true name or known aliases of the subjects. These individuals advised that in the event the subjects attempt to obtain employment through their office or should they observe the subjects elsewhere they would immediately contact the FBI:

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Miss ANN EVANS, Dealy-Rourke Personnel Service,
Room 500, 1808 West End Building;

WAYNE ERWIN, Manager, Hill Personnel Bureau,
Room 212, Stahlman Building;

JOHN CRAVENS, Industrial Manager, Manpower, Inc.,
1700 Hayes Street;

JACK RAMER, Occupational Placement Service, L & C
Tower;

JIM CARNES, Manager, Employers Personnel Service,
Inc., Room 629, Third National Bank Building;

Mrs. ROY HUDSON, owner, Hudson Personnel Service,
Room 910, 1808 West End Building;

Miss IRENE S. PHILBAN, Progressive Personnel
Service, Room 717, Stahlman Building;

Miss LUCY MAI ROBINSON, Owner, Robinson Employment
Service, 704 Bennie Dillon Building;

Mrs. JANE JONES, Southeaston Personnel Service,
Room 614, 1808 West End Building;

Mrs. JOAN WEAVER, Owner, Temporary Talents, Inc.,
Room 414, Security Federal Building;

HARRY COOPER, III, Action Employment Service,
1701 West End Avenue;

JOHN PARNELL, Snelling and Snelling, Room 313,
1719 West End Building;

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Mrs. JEWELL WILLIAN, Associated Cleaning Contractors, 928 Sixth Avenue South;

Mrs. VIRGINIA ROLAND, Salvation Army Headquarters, 600 Demonbruen.

On 5/23/68, Miss VERA MC DONALD, Chief Clerk, Drivers License, Tennessee Department of Safety, was furnished with the true name, known aliases, and physical description of the subjects and was requested to check records of that office under these names. Miss MC DONALD advised no record was located under these names identifiable with subjects. Miss MC DONALD was requested to place stops under all the names if no stops were located as having previously been placed by the FBI.

On 5/27/68, Miss MC DONALD was requested to remove the stop previously placed in the records with that office re subject FRANKLIN ALLEN PARIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (44-1987)

DATE: 6/11/68

FROM : ASAC C. O. HALTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

HUBERT H. RAINEY, Inspector, U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons, and JOHN J. CLARK, also with the U. S. Bureau of Prisons, contacted me in the Memphis Office the afternoon of June 11, 1968.

They had been in Memphis two days on instructions of the Attorney General, counseling with local authorities regarding security measures which may be needed when RAY is returned to Memphis. They are here in an advisory capacity and to be as helpful as possible. They wanted to let you know that they were in the City and that they would appreciate any suggestions you might have to make in connection with the handling of RAY in Memphis.

Both men appear to have had considerable experience in the Bureau of Prisons and were very pleasant and congenial. They were impressed with what they had found in the Memphis PD and in the Sheriff's Office. They indicated they might get back to see you, however, made no definite commitment in that regard.

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Came back in talked to me no suggestions or comments re security offered 6/11/68.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-1987)

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/13/68

On the above date Agent G.L. Bell, IRS, Federal Bldg appeared at the Memphis Office and furnished the following information.

Around 1:00 PM 6/12/68 He was interviewing W.O. Dismukes, Dixie Tire Service, 3695 Lamar Avenue concerning an official matter. He talked with Mr. Dismukes about taking a financial statement from him. Mr. Dismukes did not want to furnish one, and he asked that Mr. Dismukes sign an affidavit to this effect. Dismukes indicated he did not desire to do this until he'd checked with his accountant or he "would end up like Ray."

Dismukes then related that Ray (James Earl) had been in his business establishment, and that they sold him a set of tires. Dismukes did not state when this was supposed to have taken place. Dismukes then turned to his son and asked something about the bullet that James Earl Ray had dropped. His son replied that he did not want to talk about it.

Mr. Bell stated he then changed the subject back to the financial statement and that nothing more was said about James Earl Ray.

It is noted that Mr. Bell is a Negro. He stated he did not gain the impression that Dismukes was trying to needle him. He felt in view of the manner that the conversation came up that Dismukes probably really believed that James Earl Ray had been in his business establishment.

Mr. Bell requested that his identity be concealed as the source of this complaint.

For information.

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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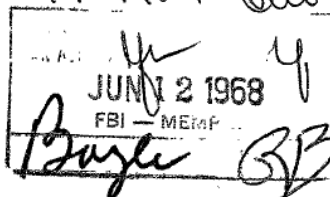
FROM : IC ROBERT M. CALK

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
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JOHN WESLEY SHANNON, JR.,
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On 6/10/68, Miss VERA MC DONALD, chief clerk, Drivers License Division, Nashville, was requested by IC CALK to remove the stops previously placed in the records of that office re the true name and known aliases of JAMES EARL RAY and JOHN WESLEY SHANNON, JR., inasmuch as these two persons had been apprehended.

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
Attention: SA THOMAS O. RONAN

FROM : SA DON C. BIRDWELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/13/68

Re memo of SA RONAN, 6/5/68, at Memphis.

Upon receipt of re memo, Clarksville, Tennessee, City and County Telephone Directory was checked; however, no listing could be located for C. N. FOUST, JR.

On 6/8/68, Sheriff JOEL PLUMMER, Montgomery County, Clarksville, and Deputy JACK HOLT advised they are both well acquainted with CLYDE N. FOUST, JR., who formerly resided in Montgomery County and operated a furniture store at the junction of Highway 41-A South and Bagwell Road, Montgomery County. They advised they have neither seen nor heard from FOUST in recent months and have absolutely no information re his present whereabouts. They advised they have known FOUST in the past to engage in the sale of leather goods in Clarksville and surrounding states. They are not aware of his present occupation.

Both advised they believe FOUST is completely unreliable and neither would believe anything he would tell them. They said they have had numerous contacts with FOUST over the years and found that he makes up much of what he says and appears to be something of a mental case.

PLUMMER advised he is well aware of the shooting incident at FOUST's store and residence during 1963 as he, PLUMMER, was the first highway patrolman on the scene following receipt of information about the shooting. He said he had some doubts as to whether or not anyone was involved in the shooting and had some suspicion that FOUST may have damaged his own property for publicity purposes.

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A review of the Montgomery County Sheriff's records disclosed no current information as to the whereabouts of FOUST.

Sgt. WILLIE JAMES, Detective Bureau, Clarksville PD, on 6/8/68 advised he has no information as to the present whereabouts of FOUST and could locate no information in the files which would disclose this information.

Mrs. BETTY SAWYER, clerk, Credit Bureau of Clarksville, advised the files of her office reflect that in 1964 CLYDE N. FOUST, JR., resided at Rural Route 2, Clarksville, in the Sango Community, off Highway 41-A South. There was a notation in the files that during 1965, FOUST was writing a book on BILLY SOL ESTES entitled "Saint or Swindler." There was no information of a current nature in the files as to FOUST's whereabouts.

Inquiry at the junction of Highway 41-A and Bagwell Road on 6/11/68 by SAs BIRDWELL and CRISTINA disclosed that the building at the corner of this junction is now occupied by the Trinity Baptist Church, R. B. MACKEN, Pastor.

R. R. WRIGHT, Bagwell Road, nearest resident to the Trinity Baptist Church, advised on 6/11/68 that he has neither seen nor heard from CLYDE N. FOUST, JR., in recent years and has no information re his present whereabouts. He suggested that FOUST's aunt, Mrs. LOVONA ROBERTS, Sango Road, be contacted for information re FOUST.

Mrs. LOVONA ROBERTS was contacted on 6/11/68 and advised that the last she heard of FOUST was when he attended his father's funeral in about 10/1967. She advised she is quite sure that FOUST is not residing in the Clarksville area but could offer no suggestions as to how he might be located. She said he has never held regular employment but works as a salesman for himself selling leather goods. He often travels to

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Mexico and California with his work. She said that FOUST's wife always travels with him and that he has no other close relatives or friends in the Clarksville area who might be able to furnish information re his location that she could suggest.

Inasmuch as FOUST did not supply his telephone number or address at the time he phoned the Memphis Office on 6/5/68 and in view of the fact logical inquiry at Clarksville has failed to disclose his present residence address and further in view of the report of unreliability and untrustworthiness on the part of FOUST by Sheriff PLUMMER and Deputy HOLT, no further investigation is being conducted re FOUST or the information he allegedly possesses.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 6/10/68

FROM : SA HARLEY E. GYLFE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: RALPH MEREDITH CARPENTER
4844 DURBIN STREET
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
(EMPLOYEE OF YORK ARMS)

Miss E. STOCKARD, Registered Nurse, Supervisor of 5 West, Psychiatric Hospital and Institute, State of Tennessee, 865 Poplar Avenue, advised on 6/9/68 that CARPENTER is a patient in this ward but she cannot furnish any information concerning his condition and suggested that Dr. MAX WEST be contacted at 9 a.m. on 6/10/68 concerning CARPENTER.

Dr. WEST advised on 6/10/68 that he is on the faculty of the University of Tennessee Medical School, is assigned to this hospital, and has charge of the 5th floor of the hospital. Dr. WEST stated that CARPENTER is a patient at this hospital and according to his records CARPENTER's wife obtained a warrant on May 3, 1968, to have him committed. Dr. WEST said CARPENTER entered JOHN GASTON Hospital for evaluation on 5/10/68 and entered this hospital on 5/20/68 for treatment.

Dr. WEST stated CARPENTER is a manic depressive. He said sometimes he is "high", then he calms down and sometimes he is depressed, but then returns to normal. He said he is not functioning on a psychotic level at the present time. According to Dr. WEST, CARPENTER at times seems to be hostile to his wife, the doctors, and the hospital. He said at the present time CARPENTER is calmed down but he is unpredictable. He said CARPENTER is not ready to go out and take care of his personal affairs as of now.

Dr. WEST commented it appears the initial contact was made with CARPENTER's spouse on about 5/10/68. He said it is indicated that CARPENTER's present disturbance began about 1½ weeks prior to this first contact, for it occurred during the latter part of April 1968.

Dr. WEST commented that according to the records of CARPENTER's first few treatment periods with the doctors he had mentioned his involvement with investigators concerning the incident



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of MARTIN LUTHER KING and his selling binoculars to the individual who probably shot MARTIN LUTHER KING. Dr. WEST commented that CARPENTER's involvement in the MARTIN LUTHER KING investigation has no bearing on his current condition in the hospital. He stated CARPENTER would likely sign an affidavit or any paper given to him. He said in his opinion CARPENTER will be competent to sign these papers. He said CARPENTER is quite competent when he is not involved in his current disorder and he is quite normal at those times. He again commented that CARPENTER has a psychotic disorder. He further commented that the selling of the binoculars is not part of his disorder.

Dr. WEST stated CARPENTER's present condition should have no bearing on his previous identification or information furnished relating to the investigation of the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, although attorneys may try to make something of it.

Dr. WEST suggested he contact CARPENTER and tell him that Agents of the FBI were in his office. He said he would like to test CARPENTER's reaction to this and said if CARPENTER appeared to want to talk to Agents of the FBI he suggested that Agents talk to CARPENTER and relay the request to him.

CARPENTER was shortly thereafter brought into Dr. WEST's Office by Dr. WEST. CARPENTER was apprised of the reason the Agents had talked to Dr. WEST. CARPENTER said he did not think he could sign anything while he was in the hospital. To this, Dr. WEST replied that this could be taken care of. When CARPENTER heard this comment of Dr. WEST, CARPENTER turned to the Agents and commented to bring the papers in and he would be glad to look at them.

Dr. WEST, since being contacted in person, telephonically contacted the writer and stated that he had discussed this matter with the Superintendent and Administrator of this hospital. He said they were all concerned with the legality of the signature should CARPENTER sign an affidavit. Dr. WEST suggested that since CARPENTER was committed to the hospital on a Probate Court commitment a guardian and counsel had been appointed for him, Mr. C. CLEVELAND DERNNON, and that Mr. DERNNON should be contacted concerning this matter. He further stated that he had attempted to contact Mr. DERNNON but determined Mr. DERNNON is out of the city for the remainder of the week. He said Mr. HEARN W. TIDWELL of Mr. DERNNON's office is familiar with the matter and is handling DERNNON's work in his absence. He said Mr. TIDWELL is in court today but should return to his office at about noon. No effort was made to contact Mr. TIDWELL; however, his address is Suite 1101, Home Federal Building, #526-0241.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 6/17/68

FROM : SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 6/10/68 captioned Agent and SA RALPH J. LIEWER conducted a neighborhood investigation of all rooming houses in the vicinity of South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. Also included in this neighborhood was an extensive search of all bars that catered to indigents and transients who are habitants of the South Main area.

On 6/11/68 the Shelby County Sheriff's Office was alerted to the fact that this office was seeking CHARLES Q. STEPHENS, a witness in the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Also alerted were the Memphis Police Department; the Park Rangers, Memphis, Tennessee; Vice Squad and Criminal Squad, along with the Memphis policemen who normally patrol the South Main area.

Officials at John Gaston Hospital, Kennedy Veterans Hospital, and blood banks in the Memphis, Tennessee, area were alerted to the fact that STEPHENS may have possibly done business with these organizations. A review of their records, however, revealed that no current address could be found.

On 6/12/68 the following individuals were contacted and advised that they could offer no information as to the present location of CHARLES Q. STEPHENS:

DOT VARNABY, 936 Prescott, 452-7678,
friend of STEPHENS

AL SEWART, 302-303 Dudley Street,
Memphis, friend of STEPHENS

MILDRED SLAUGHTER, 4281 Tutwiler, Memphis,
683-9553, friend of STEPHENS

ED BROWN, c/o Memphis Lounge, 525-2963,
friend of STEPHENS

"Fox", 245 Vance, Memphis, Tennessee,
former rooming house buddy of STEPHENS.

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On 6/12/68 Mrs. B. HAYNES, Admissions, John Gaston Hospital, telephone number 523-2471, ext. 2211 or 2395, advised that according to her records, GRACE STEPHENS, alleged wife of CHARLES Q. STEPHENS, was treated as an out-patient at the Gaylor Fracture Clinic located on Duñlap, Memphis, on 6/8/68. HAYNES advised that no further information was located in her records as to the present whereabouts of either GRACE STEPHENS or CHARLES STEPHENS.

On the evening of 6/12/68 SA's LIEWER and FITZPATRICK, while making an extensive search of the South Main area, observed STEPHENS walking along Court and Second Streets, Memphis. STEPHENS was advised of the identities of Agents as Special Agents of the FBI and was asked if he would accompany Agents to the Memphis Office of the FBI to participate in an interview. STEPHENS advised that he would do this and proceeded to the FBI Office with Agents.

STEPHENS was interviewed by SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK and SA RALPH J. LIEWER for description purposes only, and the following physical description of STEPHENS was ascertained through observation and interview:

Name	CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS
DOB	[REDACTED]
POB	Como, Mississippi
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'1"
Weight	165
Scars	2" scar on lower lip
Hair	Brown, balding
Eyes	Brown
Build	Slim
Complexion	Weathered
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Occupation	Formerly heavy equipment operator, Presently unemployed, states he cannot work
Military Service	Army, 1941-45; Air Force, 1945-48; Air Force, 1950-53; highest rank attained was Staff Sergeant, Serial No. [REDACTED]
Education	8th grade

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Mother	ROSA LENA STEPHENS, deceased
Father	ELIGAH STEPHENS, deceased
Brothers	GRADY W. STEPHENS, Jonestown, Mississippi; LEWIS STEPHENS, Como, Mississippi; JAMES STEPHENS, Memphis, Tenn., street address unknown;
Sisters	ANNA BELL WOLF, Route 4, Senatobia, Miss.
Friends and Acquaintances Who will always Know Whereabouts	MILDRED SLAUGHTER, 4281 Tutwiler, Memphis, Tennessee, telephone number 683-9553
Wife	Common-law wife, GRACE, nee HAYES, WILKERSON, aka Grace Stephens, present address unknown
Former Wife	Formerly married to MARGIE JOHNSON, divorced in 1960
Address	STEPHENS uses the address, General Delivery, Memphis, Tennessee.

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On the evening of April 6, 1968, a telephone call was received at the Memphis Office of the FBI by SA FRANKLIN L. JOHNSON from Mr. ROBERT C. CARTER, 3231 Harris, Memphis, Tennessee, telephone number 458-7151, Mr. HARRIS requesting that someone meet him near the Cherokee Baptist Church, 3311 Kimball Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that he had some information that he wanted to furnish but he preferred that Agents not come to his home.

Mr. CARTER was interviewed by SA's FRANKLIN L. JOHNSON and WALTER R. HAPPELL in a Bureau car in the vicinity of the Cherokee Baptist Church, above, at which time he furnished the following information:

On the evening of April 6, 1968, his brother, Mr. HOWARD CARTER, Loan Officer, Commercial and Industrial Bank, Downtown Office, Memphis, had dinner with Mr. CARTER, at which time Mr. HOWARD CARTER related the following story to Mr. ROBERT C. CARTER:

A Mr. HAL (or HAROLD) WILSON, who is a deacon in the Cherokee Baptist Church, attended by the CARTERS, and who is a pilot on some airline that flies between Memphis, Tennessee, and Atlanta, Georgia, told the following story to Mr. HOWARD CARTER:

Sometime during the previous week when Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was returning from Memphis, Tennessee, to Atlanta, Georgia, one of the airlines hostesses on the flight piloted by WILSON was serving coffee to the passengers. When she reached Dr. KING, she asked him if he would like some coffee, at which time Dr. KING reportedly replied, "Yeah, baby, believe I will." The hostess reported this conversation and whatever else occurred at the time to the pilot, WILSON, as a result of which WILSON left the cabin and walked back into the passenger compartment, where he discussed the conversation and incident reported to him by the hostess. WILSON questioned Dr. KING as to whether his conduct and conversation with the hostess was in good taste in view of the current racial situation. Dr. KING reportedly replied, "yeah, man, that's love. Everything is love now."

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The pilot, WILSON, continued the conversation in a serious vein as to the meaning of love, following which Dr. KING reportedly continued to laugh and joke about the incident.

Mr. ROBERT C. CARTER advised that after hearing this story related to him by his brother, who received the story from the pilot, he was of the opinion that if the incident had been sufficiently serious and if the hostess in question had told the story to her boyfriend or some other man, then the latter may have become sufficiently incensed to attempt to do violence to Dr. KING. Mr. CARTER also expressed the opinion that possibly some other person aboard may have repeated this story to someone who possibly took some action to harm Dr. KING on the grounds that he had insulted a white woman.

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The following persons and employed at various laundries in Memphis, Tennessee, were contacted by SA GARY M. RAMSEY on April 11, 1968, in an effort to identify the laundry mark appearing on undershorts and T-shirt presumably belonging to the unknown subject in this case. The type of laundry mark used by each laundry is also indicated.

Person Contacted

Laundry Mark Type

Mrs. G. E. ANGELETTI Tags stapled
Angeletti's Bellevue and Lamar Laundry-Cleaners
1234 Lamar Avenue
Phone 278-9202

KERMIT COLBERT Pre-marked tags
Bel-Park Cleaners
1436 South Bellevue Boulevard
Phone 946-1731

Mrs. RUTH SHUPE Tags stapled
Bethel Grove Cleaners & Laundry (All Branches)
2688 Lamar Avenue
Phone 452-6674

SPENCER BROOKS Mark with pen
Brooks Laundry
1420 Davis
Phone 276-3481

VANCE BROWN Preprinted tags
Brown's Laundry and Cleaners
593 East Raines Road
Phone 397-9239

JERRY BRODE Preprinted tags
Bunny Cleaners, Inc.
2927 Walnut Grove Road
Phone 324-5507

Mrs. ALINE LEECH Ribbon Rite Marking Machine
Buntyn Laundry
626 Semmes
Phone 458-7901

W. A. BIGGS Write with pen
Cavalier Cleaners
4901 Poplar Avenue
Phone 863-1523

H. N. PRYZANT Preprinted tags
Delta Cleaners

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Write with pen
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Person Contacted

Laundry Mark

H. N. PRYZANT
Delta Cleaners and Laundry
340 Vance Avenue
Phone 427-0534

Preprinted tags

J. S. DENT
Dent Cleaners
2617 Broad Avenue
Phone 452-7336

Preprinted tags

MARY BLACKWELL
Dixon's Laundry-Cleaners
1479 Wells Station Road
Phone 855-8518

Preprinted-pinch on tags
(All Branches)

K. S. DRAKE
Drake Cleaners and Laundry
196 North Evergreen
Phone 274-0362

Preprinted tags

HATTIE JACOBS
Fawn Laundry-Cleaners
2457 South Bellevue Boulevard
Phone 948-4244

Preprinted tags - stapled

H. W. KINNEY
Flair, Inc.
4664 Summer Avenue
Phone 682-2292

Preprinted tags in buttonhol
(All

S. J. FIELD
3716 North Watkins Street
Phone 358-5723

Preprinted tags - stapled

H. N. PRYZANT
Fox Meadows Cleaners & Shirt Laundry
8358 Knight-Arnold Road
Phone 363-5187

Preprinted tags - stapled

W. E. SKINNER
Frayser One-Hour Martinizing Cleaners
3074 Thomas Street
Phone 357-0231

Preprinted tags - stapled

LARRY B. LEE
Happy Day Laundry and Cleaners
1649 Union Avenue
Phone 274-0246

Ribbonrite print directly
on garment (All branches)

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Person Contacted

Laundry Mark

G. R. AUSTIN
High Point Laundry-Cleaners
463 High Point Terrace
Phone 323-2160

Preprinted tag - stapled
(All branches)

HERBERT WOLF
Hurlburt's Laundry Cleaners
656 Madison Avenue
Phone 525-2375

Preprinted tag stapled
(All branches)

WAYNE NARO
Freeway Laundries
4111 Highway 51 South
Phone 397-1365

Preprinted tag stapled

TOM COBB
King Cleaners and Shirt Laundry
5186 Highway 51 South
Phone 397-2671

Preprinted tag pinned to
garment

RALPH MC NEELY
Kraus-Model Cleaners
1023 Linden Avenue
Phone 275-2141

Polymark and key tag system
(All branches)

ALINE LEECH
Krosstown Kleaners & Laundry
1400 Madison Avenue
Phone 275-1168

Ribbonrite marking machine-
marks on garment itself

T. LYNCH
L & M Laundry Cleaners
1908 South Lauderdale
Phone 946-7300

Preprinted tag stapled

M. E. OCHS
Lamar Laundry-Cleaners
1172 Lamar Avenue
Phone 275-2122

Thermoseal
(All branches)

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Mrs. J. W. MARCHISIO
The Laundermatic
1386 Overton Park Avenue
Phone 276-5633

Ribbonrite marking machine -
writes on garment

OWEN H. VANCE
Loeb's Laundry-Cleaners
282 Madison Avenue
Phone 525-4321

Polymark marking machine
(all branches)

MAXINE HANSBERGER
Marchisio Laundry-Cleaners
1582 Vellentine Avenue
Phone 275-4902

Preprinted tags stapled

NERENE GWIN
K & S Laundry
3517 Southern Avenue
Phone 452-1138

Preprinted tags stapled

RICHARD CAEN
Mechanics Laundry Service
348 North Front
Phone 527-4602

National marking machine

ED WRIGHT
Mercury Valet Service, Inc.
1794 Madison Avenue
Phone 275-9613

Preprinted buttonhole tag

SIMON WAKSBERG
Mid-Town Launderette
1264 Madison Avenue
Phone 276-0362

Preprinted tag stapled

LOVELL CATROE
Midway Cleaners
361 Tillman
Phone 452-2712

Preprinted tag stapled

MASSARENO RICHMOND
Morris Launderette and Cleaners
2790 Kimball Avenue
Phone 327-9287

Preprinted - stapled

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Person Contacted

Laundry Mark Type

SARAH ODOR
Paramount Laundry
3333 Jackson Avenue
Phone 458-1219

Square tags - stapled

C. H. POPE
Pope's Laundry Cleaners
658 St. Paul Avenue
Phone 424-9603

Writes on tag in ink and
pins it to garment

VIRGINIA HUNT
Rosemary Clean-A-Mat, Inc.
624 North Highland
Phone 827-6179

Preprinted tag stapled

EVAE RINGOLD
Sheppard's Exclusive Cleaners
4723 Poplar Avenue
Phone 682-1198

Preprinted stapled

NELLIE SEALY
Smith and Rount Laundry-Cleaners
2532 Poplar Avenue
324-8813

Preprinted - stapled

SYLVIA APPLEBAUM
South Memphis Cleaners
2196 Florida
Phone 946-4657

Preprinted & stapled

GEORGE RUTRIS
South Side Cleaners and Laundry
250 East McLemore Avenue
Phone 946-3334

Preprinted tag - stapled

THELMA WOODRUFF
Southaven Cleaners
1545 State Line Road
Phone 391-4646

Preprinted - stapled

PAULINE SCRUGGS
Springdale Laundry and Cleaning Center
1127 Springdale
Phone 276-3931

Preprinted tag - stapled

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Person Contacted

TERRY BELL
Sunrise Laundry and Cleaners
545 East Trigg Avenue
Phone 946-0807

JAMES S. MORGAN
Swiss Cleaners
266 Poplar Avenue
Phone 525-4501

DOROTHY LEWIS
Vogue Laundry-Cleaners
1531 Overton Park Avenue
Phone 272-1786

FRANK M. SAIGRON
White Rose Laundry Cleaners
299 South Dunlap
Phone 525-3434

THELMA ING
White Swan Laundry-Cleaners
2012 Madison Avenue
Phone 274-0352

M. H. BUNELL
Whitehaven Norge Village
3980 Highway 51 South
Phone 898-2506

Laundry Mark Type

Preprinted tag stapled

Preprinted tag - stapled

Ribbonrite - prints on
garment (All branches)

Thermoseal
(All branches)

Preprinted buttonhole type

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ROBERT SAWYER, Supervisor, Wages and Hours Division, U. S. Department of Labor, Memphis, Tennessee, advised SA THOMAS O. RONAN on April 12, 1968, that his office maintains no records for any safety operations investigations involving seamen or dock workers, or related occupations. He stated that the Atlanta Office of the U. S. Department of Labor conducts investigation under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers Act, and should be contacted for any pertinent information and for a file review seeking a particular case.

He further stated that the Cleveland Office of the U. S. Department of Labor contains all Federal compensation records for the State of Tennessee. Any inquiries concerning an individual receiving a compensation award would have to be directed to the U. S. Department of Labor at Cleveland.

GEORGE CULP, Fruehauf Traffic Manager, Crump Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on April 12, 1968, that ANDY GASDRITZA, a driver is currently en route to Memphis and should arrive in the early evening hours. He stated that arrangements would be made that GASDRITZA be available for interview upon his arrival.

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AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

The following individuals who operate dance studios in the Memphis area were contacted by SA GARY M. RAMSEY on April 17, 1968, at which time they advised that a search of their records located no record of an ERIC STARVO GALT, ERIC STARVO GOLT, ERIC STARVO GAULT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMEYER having taken dancing lessons at their studio and they know of no one by these names:

Mrs. JAMES B. LEE
Academy of Ballet
2525 Central

JANE BISCHOFF
Bischoff School of Dance
3582 Walker

MARJORIE DUCHETT
Duchett School of Dancing
1562 Union

ELIZABETH GARNER
Garner School of Dance
2944 Austin Peay Highway

BARBARA KOEHLER
Koehler School of Dance
3806 Lakeview Road

BERNIE LYONS
Lyons School of Dance
5365 Knight Arnold Road

CHAT LANDBERYER
Art Linkletter-Totten Dance Studios
4599 1/2 Summer Avenue

ELYSE HOLLAND
Elyse Holland School of Dancing and Baton
3231 Summer

EDDIE HYDE
Eddie Hyde School of Ballroom Dance
3383 Summer.

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April 15, 1968

Mr. FRANK M. SAIGEON, Manager of White Rose Laundry-Cleaners, 299 South Dunlap, Memphis, Tennessee, made available samples of laundry marks from two of his Thermo Seal Marking Machines, manufactured by Textile Marking Machines Company, Syracuse, New York.

Mr. SAIGEON made available six samples of laundry marks with the figures "02B-6" on white tape from his Thermo Seal Machine, model number H5KI, serial number 31323, attached to the cloth marked with a number one which is circled and also marked with the initials RWG dated April 12, 1968.

Mr. SAIGEON made available five sample laundry marks with the figures "02B-6" on green tape from his Thermo Seal Machine, model number H5KI, serial number 21295, attached to the cloth marked with a number two which is circled and also marked with the initials RWG dated April 12, 1968.

Mr. SAIGEON stated his Thermo Seal Machine, model H5KI, serial number 31319 is inoperative, and has been in that condition for approximately two to three months. He stated he, therefore, is unable to supply a sample laundry mark from said machine.

Mr. SAIGEON stated, upon observing the photograph of the laundry marks on the clothing which was purportedly abandoned by the assassin in this case, that he is sure said laundry marks are not from the White Rose Laundry-Cleaners in Memphis, Tennessee.

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SA ROBERT W. GOODWIN:tjm

4/13/68

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS(44-1987)

DATE: 6-14-68

FROM : SA HARLEY E. GYLFE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: possible suspect JOHN EISELT.

Mr. JIM McCULLOUGH, Auditor, First National Bank of Memphis, 165 Madison Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, telephone # 534-1111, telephonically advised this date (6-14-68) that a recent transaction of the bank just came to his attention. He related these figures and facts:

An individual representing himself as JOHN EISELT, and who furnished his address as 2448 Harvey Avenue, Berwyn, Ill., a suburb of Chicago appeared at their Southhaven branch requesting to purchase a \$25,000 cashier's check. He made this request on 5-31-68 and was encouraged to purchase a New York exchange check drawn on the Chemical Bank and New York Trust Co., NYC. Mr. McCULLOUGH advised this check has not been returned to the bank as of this date.

He said when EISELT purchased this exchange check it was made out to one HARRY ZELL but did not furnish an address for ZELL. The check was purchased at about 2:00 PM on Friday May 31, 1968 at their Southhaven branch with cash in denominations of \$1,000, \$500, \$100 and \$50s, which he had in his brief case. At that time EISELT furnished an American Express Credit card # [redacted] and bearing another number of # 800 on the card, as his identification. During course of purchasing this exchange check, he indicated this was his first trip to Memphis, that he represented a plumbing firm and did not desire to divulge the source of these funds.

JOHN EISELT was described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'11"
Weight	190
Build	Stocky
Features	Round face
Hair	Dark Brown, receding hair line short cropped.

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Recontact Mr. McCULLOUGH and determine when the exchange check returns and if information developed by this matter may have a connection with captioned matter, identify the purchaser and the source of these funds.

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On 4/14/68 Inspector N. E. ZACHARY (NA), Homicide Squad, Police Department, Memphis, Tenn., furnished the following information to Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN, advising that this information was furnished by a white female informant to Capt. JEWELL RAY of the Memphis Police Department:

Informant believes she may have seen subject GALT in Memphis around 3/22 or 3/23/68, and on other occasions around lounges, the last time being at Chennault's on Bellevue. She has heard girls in the lounges call him "STEVIE." He told her that his name was ERIC, and the last name sounded to her as if it would be "GAULDEN," "GAULDING" or "GAULDET." She is not sure of the spelling, but that is the way it sounded to her. She describes the man as being about 35 or 36 years old. On first meeting him, one gets the impression that he is a much younger man, but after a study of him, he appears to be around 35. His eyes have a stare, and one feels like he is looking through one. He is stand-offish and he does not mix in the party. He is a slender man, around 5' 10" to 6' tall. He has dark hair that appears to be a crew cut growing out as it is not even on his head. He has a side grin or smirk on the left side of his mouth and he pulls his mouth back like a grin. When he pulls his mouth back to the side, a space is noticeable between his lower teeth. This space cannot be seen except when his mouth is drawn back. He has a small gold band on his right little finger, which is plain gold and might possibly have an initial on it. He is a neat dresser, being conservative, and usually wears a suit. She saw him one time with a very flashy sport shirt on. She has never seen one like it before or since, and in other words, he did not buy it around here.

Informant heard this individual mention the name "JIM RUBINO," who is supposed to be a Memphis man, and the name "DUKE," who is supposed to be a Memphis party. From what she could find out about him, he is from around Birmingham and Atlanta. He takes green pills and travels between Birmingham, Atlanta and California, and is mixed up with some supposedly big-time safe burglars, one connection being GORDON FORBES, who is in a charter boat service out of Destin, Florida. He is supposed to have been in Memphis to contact BILLY SIDES and TOMMY ELLIS PIKE. According to the

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informant, when things are "hot," they like to "hole up" at a farm near Birmingham. She stated PIKE and the others have been going into Mexico, to Acapulco.

Inspector ZACHARY does not know the source. He will contact the officer handling her and have this officer inquire of the source whether she is willing to discuss the personal appearance of suspect with the Bureau artist presently in Memphis. Inspector ZACHARY knows she is most concerned and worried over being involved in this thing. In view of the type of people involved, he feels she may be dependent on them for her supply of drugs.

Informant described suspect's car as a Mustang, cream colored, white or gray.

WILLIAM EUGENE SIDES, FBI # 918 549 B; TOMMY ELLIS PIKE, FBI # 455 010 B; and JAMES GORDON FORBES are all known by the Memphis Office as suspects in bank burglary investigations. Information available in Memphis indicates that FORBES a former resident of Memphis, and PIKE were in a serious automobile accident on March 26, 1968, and are supposed to be in Methodist Hospital, Memphis, at this time.

FORBES is reported to have a residence in Panama City, Florida, and his father is supposed to operate two charter boats out of Destin, Florida.

RACHAEL (Last Name Unknown), white female informant of the Memphis Police Department referred to above, was interviewed by SAs ROBERT F. BOYLE and CYRIL F. BUSCH on 4/17/68, at which time she furnished the following information:

She claims she first met ERIC, also known as "Stevie," last name believed to be GAULDEN, GAULDING or GAULDET, early in the evening on a date in the latter part of February 1968 at the Psycho Lounge where he was sitting with a group of 12 to 15 persons, including TOMMY PIKE, a known Memphis burglar, and GORDON FORBES, whose father has a charter boat business in Florida. Informant sat down at a table where ERIC was sitting with two unidentified females and a number of other males, and the individual introduced himself to her by the first name of ERIC. Shortly thereafter, the informant overheard another person in the group call ERIC by the name STEVIE,

and when she questioned him about his giving her a "begus" first name, ERIC stated that "STEVEN" or "STEFAN" was his middle name. Informant noticed that ERIC's hair was somewhat disarrayed, and when she mentioned this to ERIC, he volunteered that a group of them had been boating that day. She does not remember exactly what he said in this regard, but she definitely got the impression that it was a pleasure boating excursion on the Mississippi River or on a nearby lake.

Informant stated that sometime later she overheard GORDON FOREBS ask ERIC "if he was going back on the boat." ERIC replied, "I don't know, if things pan out as I plan, I may never go back on the boat." Informant was unable to explain the significance of this remark; however, she said she arrived at the Psycho Lounge after this group had already arrived and the possibility exists that these individuals present had discussed boating before her arrival and that ERIC may have been referring to a pleasure boat that he had been on that day.

The second time the informant met ERIC was at the Manhattan Club in Memphis at approximately 3:00 a.m. a couple of days before the big snow storm which occurred in Memphis on 3/22/68. The last time she saw ERIC was between 3:30 and 5:00 a.m. on 3/28/68 at Chennault's Restaurant. According to informant, ERIC left this restaurant at approximately 5:00 a.m., stating that he had to go see "DUKE" and indicated to informant that he might return to the restaurant after seeing "DUKE" after informant advised him that she would probably stay at the restaurant for a period of time. DUKE is unknown to the informant.

Informant never heard ERIC mention the name "JIM RUBINO" nor did he ever mention any reason to her for being in Memphis. ERIC never mentioned any type of travel to her; however, he did volunteer that he resided in San Francisco, California, for a brief period of time and had friends who lived in a community which bears the last name "Beach" near Los Angeles, California. Informant stated that the information she furnished the Police Department concerning the possible connection between ERIC, known Memphis burglars, a farm hideout for burglars in Alabama, and trips to Mexico was merely speculation on her part.

Informant stated that she had never seen this individual anywhere except at the three places mentioned above, that she had never gone anywhere with him, and that she had never seen him driving any vehicle. She was then questioned concerning the Mustang, possibly a yellow Mustang, which she described to the police officers as ERIC's automobile. She stated ERIC never told her what type of car he drove, nor did anyone else indicate to her that he drove a Mustang. She said that she does not know why she told the police officers that ERIC was driving a Mustang, possibly a yellow Mustang.

According to informant, ERIC is described as follows:

Race	white
Sex	male
Age	approximately 35
Height	5' 11"
Weight	175 to 185 pounds
Eyes	hazel
Hair	reddish brown with a flattop haircut which appears to be growing out. The second time informant saw ERIC, the hair appeared to be darker as though he had added some hair oil to it.
Mannerisms	Quiet, reserved, non-dancer
Peculiarities	When he talks, he smiles out of the left side of his mouth, and there appears to be a small space between his upper left eye tooth and the one next to it, which is noticeable when he smiles; smoked cigarettes, brand unknown; a thin white line appears on his upper lip as though a thin-line mustache had been recently removed.
Accent	Had no noticeable accent except precise pronunciation of words "Five" and "dime" and claimed he was from a southern state.