

5/4/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Dallas and Memphis dated 5/4/68
relative to BERNARD MALFAIT.

STANISLAW SLAWIK (not STANISLAW FLAWIK as set forth
in referenced teletype) an established source of the Dallas
Office and owner of the Old Warsaw Restaurant, 3914 Cedar
Spring Road, Dallas, Texas, today advised that BERNARD MALFAIT,
(not BERNARD MALFAIT as set forth in referenced teletype) is
the assistant chef at his restaurant and has occupied that
position in excess of one year. SLAWIK stated he can account
for MALFAIT's whereabouts on a daily basis during that period
until the middle of April when MALFAIT went directly to Mexico
City with reservations at the Maria Cristina Hotel, Mexico
City, made by SLAWIK that day preceding MALFAIT's departure
from Dallas.

Inasmuch as BERNARD MALFAIT has been eliminated as
a suspect in this case, no further action being taken in this
regard in Dallas.

3 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
2 - Dallas
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5/4/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATT: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Relet from ERIC S. GALT, dated 9/26/67, to Modern Photo Bookstore.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, attention Latent Fingerprint Section, are the following:

1. Letter dated 4/29/68 to ERIC S. GALT from Modern Photo Bookstore.
2. Coupon, undated, from ERIC S. GALT, to Modern Photo Bookstore.
3. Letter dated 9/26/67 from ERIC S. GALT.

For information of receiving offices, the Knoxville Office advised NY by teletype, 5/3/68, as follows:

- 4 - Bureau (Encs. 3) RM
(1- Latent Fingerprint Section)
- 1 - Birmingham
- 1 - Memphis
- 1 - Knoxville
- 1 - New York

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NY 44-1609

"Mr. ROBERT SIMS, Assistant Postal Inspector in Charge, Chattanooga, Tenn. this date advised SA M. JAY HAWIENS that he has been informed by a postal inspector in Birmingham, Alabama that a letter is in possession of the postal inspectors there addressed to ERIC S. GAULT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, bearing a return address of Modern Photo Book Store, 166 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10010. It bears a metered postmark of 4/30/68. Mr. SIMS telephonically contacted Mr. ROBERT HICKEY, Postal Inspector in Charge, New York, and informed him that he was instructing the postal inspector in Birmingham to forward this letter registered airmail to the attention of Mr. HICKEY and that Mr. HICKEY would hold the letter in the event agents wish to examine it before it was returned to the sender. Mr. SIMS advised that since the letter was first class it could not be opened. Mr. SIMS advised that the above information was being furnished on a highly confidential basis inasmuch as he has no authority to disclose this type of information to the FBI, and that any investigation which may be made as a result of this information must be conducted in such a manner that it cannot be attributed to its source. This information is being furnished for any investigation deemed advisable by New York."

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN F. SHANLEY on 5/4/68 at New York:

The address 166 5th Avenue, NYC, is a mail operation for Modern Photo Bookstore, which company is actually located at 915 Broadway, NYC. Mr. SEYMOUR USLAN, President, advised that American Photo Bookstore is a division of American Photographic Book Publishing Company, Inc. (Amphoto), which is also located at the same address. The company specializes in supplying photography books.

NY 44-1609

Mrs. RUTH KOENIG, Manager, Order Department, Amphoto, searched her files and located a coupon clipped from Modern Photography Magazine, which coupon requested that book number 633 be sent to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. The coupon indicates that a money order in the amount of \$8.95 was enclosed. Mrs. KOENIG stated that this coupon was presumably clipped from the September, 1967 issue of Modern Photography.

Book number 633 distributed by Modern Photo Bookstore, is titled, "Focal Encyclopedia of Photography". The book jacket for this book describes it as a one-volume photographic library. It consists of 2,000 entries written by 197 experts from 23 countries and covers every aspect of photography: photographic science, industrial photography, cinematography, portraiture, equipment, history, and current activities of workers in foreign countries.

Mrs. KOENIG located a letter, which is set forth in full as follows:

"9-26-67

"Dear Sir:

"I recently order a Book from your store titled FOCAL ENCYCLOPEDIA-No. 633 for \$8.95.

"If you have not allready mailed the book (PLEASE DO NOT MAIL IT) I am moving and will shortly send you my correct address Thanks

"Eric S. Galt
"2608 Highland Ave
"Birmingham Alabama"

NY 44-1609

Mrs. KOENIG stated that during a routine review of the company's files, it came upon the coupon and accompanying letter of ERIC S. GALT. The company did not believe that it had shipped the requested book to GALT prior to receiving his letter. As a follow-up the company wrote to GALT by letter dated 4/29/68, asking him what action he wished the company to take regarding the \$8.95. The letter is set forth in full as follows:

"April 29, 1968

"Mr. Eric S. Galt
"2608 Highland Avenue
"Birmingham, Alabama

"Dear Mr. Galt:

"In going through our records we note a request of yours stating your intention to move from the above address, and to please withhold sending the book you ordered (Focal Encyclopedia \$8.95) until further notice.

"Please advise us when you receive this letter as to what course of action you wish us to take so that we may clear our records. (Or have you already received the book?)

"Sincerely,

"MODERN PHOTO BOOKSTORE

"Ruth Koenig
"Order Department"

NY 44-1609

The American Photo Bookstore has received no further communications from ERIC S. GALT since his letter of 9/26/67.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine enclosures #2 and #3 above, to determine if fingerprints of subject, JAMES EARL RAY aka Eric Starvo Galt appear thereon.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

MO 157-2627

JTB:alg

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AT LILLIAN, ALABAMA

The following investigation was conducted May 2, 1968, by SA ALLISON A. CATLIN:

Telephone book covering Lillian, Alabama, a small community, reflects that telephone number 962-4761 is listed to CHARLIE SHOWERS of Lillian.

CHARLIE SHOWERS, a Negro male, septic tank installer, advised that he has telephone number 962-4761 and has had this number for several years. He recalls receiving a long distance call during the early morning hours during December 1967, which call was from his son in some place in Texas. He did not recall the point of origin of the call. He said his son was at that time en route home from California while serving in the military. SHOWERS was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but could not identify photographs as of anyone he had seen and advised he has no information concerning anyone by that name or aliases used.

Mrs. CHARLIE SHOWERS advised she recalls receiving two long distance calls from out of the State of Alabama during December 1967 and both were from her son, who was in the military service and en route home from California. She could furnish no information concerning subject RAY.

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Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE: TELEPHONE CALLS FROM COIN
TELEPHONES EN ROUTE FROM
LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Reference is made to Dallas teletype, 8:28 p.m.,
5/1/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies of insert re-
flecting investigation concerning the telephone number listed
for Lillian, Ala., which investigation did not reveal any
indicated connection with this case. A copy of the insert
is furnished to New Orleans and Dallas for information.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

②-Memphis (Encs. 25) *W*
1-Dallas (44-2649)(Enc. 1)(Info)
1-New Orleans (157-10678)(Enc. 1)(Info)
2-Mobile
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Hester *WMA*

Approved: *WMA* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

5/3/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED R.R.R.

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles telephone call to Bureau today.

Enclosed herewith in a cellophane envelope is a type-written letter captioned "Dear Editor" and ending "JAMES RAY," an envelope attached addressed to the "Editor in Chief, the Los Angeles Times Newspaper, Los Angeles, California"; and a Los Angeles Police Department original record card in the name of JAMES E. RAY, which card bears his description, prints and samples taken on 10/11/49 of his handwriting.

The letter was received from Deputy Chief of Police ROBERT HOUGHTON, Los Angeles Police Department, by SAC WESLEY G. SHAPP and Supervisor WILLIAM JOHN HOLAN on 5/3/68. HOUGHTON advised that he had received the letter from JERRY COHEN, a staff writer for the Los Angeles Times, who had brought the letter to Deputy Chief HOUGHTON in the hopes of being able to determine if it had any authenticity. Deputy Chief HOUGHTON advised that he desired to make this available to the FBI for examination, and also that COHEN had requested of him that COHEN be advised if the letter is authentic or the work of some prankster. Deputy Chief HOUGHTON has advised COHEN that he has turned the letter over to the FBI.

The Bureau is requested to compare the signature on the enclosed letter with all known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

- 4 - Bureau (Encs. - 3) (AM-RM) (RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED)
 - ① - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
 - 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (AM)
 - 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (AM)
 - 2 - Los Angeles
- (9)
WJH:CH

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Boyle [Signature]

LA 44-1574

in an effort to determine whether or not this is an authentic letter. Also, the Bureau is requested to conduct a latent fingerprint examination for fingerprints of RAY. In addition, a typewriter examination should be conducted, as well as a comparison of the contents, spelling, spacing, typing ability, etc., to determine if RAY is the author. The Bureau is also requested to examine and advise of any data pertaining to the paper and the envelope and to conduct all other possible examinations to develop the fullest amount of information.

The letter has been touched by Deputy Chief HOUGHTON, whose prints should be on record; JERRY COHEN, staff writer, Los Angeles Times; JACK GOULDING, Assistant City Editor, and one MIKE STRAZER (or STRAUZER), also of the Los Angeles Times; and their female secretary. Of the male individuals involved, it is believed that they have all served in the military.

The original police card is to be returned to Los Angeles for return to the Los Angeles Police Department.

The Bureau is requested to advise Los Angeles of results.

FBI

Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CR

Re Butel to EP, HO, and SA, 4/25/68;
 DL tel to the Bureau and EP, 5/1/68.

RE: TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY ENROUTE
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

SA JACK KEMMY, San Antonio Office, was advised by FTS telephone call on 5/3/68, that referenced Dallas teletype contained a lead on page 6 for the San Antonio Office, which is as follows:

A telephone call was made from a coin telephone in Alpine, Texas, on 12/17/67, at 10:16 a.m., to telephone number 849-4461, Roma, Texas.

SA KEMMY advised that the lead would be handled by the San Antonio Office.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

3-Bureau
 1-Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
 ①-Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
 2-San Antonio (44-1242)
 1-El Paso

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44-1987-Sub B-527

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MAY - 6 1968	
FBI - MEMPHIS	

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

RE: Butel to all offices dated 4/29/68.

RE: COMPARISON OF UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS
WITH FINGERPRINTS OF RAY BY LAW ENFORCEMENT
AGENCIES

The comparison of unidentified latent fingerprints maintained by the El Paso Police Department, the Midland Police Department and the Odessa Police Department with the known fingerprints of subject JAMES EARL RAY completed this date. None of the unidentified latent fingerprints were determined to be identical with the fingerprints of subject RAY.

No further investigation is being conducted in this matter by the El Paso Office.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Birmingham (Info.) (44-1740)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - El Paso

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44-1987-Sub B-566

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Approved: Sent M Per
Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
 (Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
 (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CR

Re Bureau radiogram to all offices, 4/23/68.

RE: CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECT RAY IN UNSOLVED
 BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES, OR ARMED ROBBERIES

A review has been made of cases in the above categories, and there is no information available to indicate that subject RAY could have been involved in any such crimes in the El Paso Division subsequent to 4/23/67.

RAY, as a possible suspect, will be kept in mind in connection with any future cases in the above categories.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

- 3-Bureau
- 2-Birmingham (44-1740)
- ②-Memphis (44-1987)
- 1-El Paso

DJR:sl
 (8)

44-1987-Sub B-565

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MAY - 6 1968	
FBI - MEMPHIS	

Boyle GB

Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge

5/3/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Re New York teletype to Director and SAC's,
dated 4/25/68.

MARVIN L. RAY, formerly residing 811 Boyer Avenue, Walla Walla, Washington, now employed by Washington State Employment Security Office, Colville, Washington, was raised in the Colfax, Washington area. Investigation has determined that he is not identical with subject, RAY, and not a relative of RAY's.

SUBJECT CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Seattle
VPC/bjb
(6)

44-1987-Sub B-564

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5/3/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, DALLAS

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for Dallas is photo of newspaper artist's sketch of KING's assassin and photo of UNSUB lookalike.

The enclosed photographs were obtained from ROBERT HARPER, City Editor, Frederick Post and has been given to him by HAROLD WEISBERG, Route 8, Old Receiver Road, Frederick, Maryland.

Mr. WEISBERG in discussing the above photographs stated that the photo of the sketch appeared in the newspaper and allegedly represents a composite sketch of the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said the photo of the other individual was taken from a group photograph of individuals who were waiting by a police car after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY in Dallas and was apparently the photograph of a group of persons being taken into custody by the Dallas, Texas PD for questioning just after the assassination of the President occurred. The group photo from which the individual blow-up was taken, was allegedly made by WILLIAM ALLEN, a photographer for one of the Dallas newspapers.


It is to be noted that HAROLD WEISBERG is the author of the books, "Whitewash" and "Whitewash Number 2" which are critical of the Warren Commission Report and of the investigation conducted into the assassination of President KENNEDY.

2 - Dallas (Enc. 2) (REGISTERED MAIL)
① - Memphis (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Baltimore
JJG:jtk
(4)

44-1987-Sub B-563

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BA 44-669

The Dallas Office will, through inquiry at the Dallas, Texas PD, attempt to ascertain the identity of the individual who was allegedly photographed in Dallas on the date of KENNEDY's assassination.

5/3/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

ReNYtel to BA, etc., 4/30/68 with lead for Dallas
re Mrs. GLORIA WILLIAMS; and DLtel to WFO 5/2/68 concerning
above lead.

Mrs. EDWARD (GLORIA) WILLIAMS, 4925 G Street, S.E.,
Apartment 202, WDC, advised SA ROGER D. ASHLAND on 5/3/68
she arrived at the airport in Dallas, Texas too late to take
flight 338 from Dallas on 4/6/68. She took a later plane.
She was shown a photograph of RAY and stated the photograph
was familiar but she could not identify the individual.

- 2 - Dallas
- ② - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Oklahoma City (Info)
- 1 - WFO

BDA:tab
(6)

AIRTEL

44-1987-Sub B-562

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MAY - 6 1968	
FBI - MEMPHIS	

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Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reunidentified individual observed in
Tuckahoe, NY.

ReCetel to New York, dated 4/24/68.

Investigation by NY has disclosed that the
Blue 1966 Chevrolet bearing NY License 9255BU has been
utilized exclusively since February, 1968, by PATRICK
J. QUINLAN, a serviceman for Addressograph-Multigraph.

PATRICK J. QUINLAN has been eliminated as
a suspect in instant matter through interview.

SUBJECT, RAY, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
DANGEROUS.

- ② - Memphis
- I - New York

JFS:pr
(4)

44-1987-Sub B-561

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Approved: *JFM* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

5/3/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO-MEMPHIS

Re Houston telephone call to Dallas, and Houston airtel to Dallas dated 4/24/68.

On 4/24/68, SA JOE B. ABERNATHY contacted following persons at Holiday Inn, Corsicana, Texas, re subject RAY allegedly having been seen in the coffee shop on 4/22/68, by SHARON ALLISON of Houston:

LENA BURTON, waitress
BERNIECE IVIE, office manager and part time cashier
RUBY DENN, cashier

Each was on duty at Noon on 4/22/68, and could not recall having seen anyone resembling subject RAY. Each recalled having seen RAY's photograph on television and in the newspapers recently.

Accordingly no further investigation is being conducted in this regard.

2-Houston
1-Memphis (44-1987)
1-Dallas
JBA:mc
(4)

44-1987-Sub B 560

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MAY - 6 1968	
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5/3/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBatal 4/29/68.

Captain HOWARD JENNRICK, head of the Milwaukee PD Identification Division, caused a search of his latent fingerprints and could find none that were identical with Subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Deputy Sheriff SAN DORFMAN, Milwaukee County SO, Identification Division, caused a search of his fingerprint records with negative results concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

Both JENNRICK and DORFMAN advised they do not know of any other departments that retain fingerprint records.

Milwaukee is continuing to canvass all police departments in the division in an effort to have latent fingerprints compared with Subject.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau (AM)
1 - Birmingham (Info) (AM)
① - Memphis (Info) (AM) (44-1987)
1 - Milwaukee (44-388)
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Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)
MURKIN
OO:Memphis

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 4/25/68.

Re:Unsub Car Cases in All Continental Offices

Review of all car recoveries, Oklahoma City Division during pertinent period made and no vehicle stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68 noted.

LEON BURNETT, OCPD and GLEN SMITH, Dispatcher, OHP, on 4/30/68, advised that after a review of their respective records they could locate no autos located in the State of Oklahoma which had been stolen in the State of Georgia where transporter was unknown subsequent to 3/23/68.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 2 - Memphis
- 1 - Atlanta
- 1 - Oklahoma City

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Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : *JWB*
2 SAC, BUTTE (173-2) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re Dallas teletype to the Bureau, 5/1/68; and Subject's calls made from coin telephones en route from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans.

Subscriber to Missoula, Montana, telephone #543-7840 identified and there is no connection with the Subject.

② - Memphis (AM)
2 - Butte
THZ/mlh
(4)

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

5/2/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re Legat, Mexico airtel, 4/23/68.

Re ERIC STARVO GALT at Puerto Vallarta,
Mexico, October - November, 1967

The following investigation was conducted by SA
FRANK M. IVEY:

On 5/1/68, Mrs. MARY E. SCHRADER, 3126 Highway 146, LaPorte, Texas advised that she and her husband stayed at the Hotel Rio in Room 206, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico for about four or five days in late Oct., 1967. She stated she did not recall anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT or other aliases of this name staying there at the same time. She was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone that she had seen during her stay in Mexico.

On 5/1/68, LEWIS E. SCHRADER, 3126 Highway 146, LaPorte, Texas was interviewed at his place of employment, Ebasco Construction Company, where he is a pipe-fitter employed on the construction site of the Houston Lighting and Power Company, San Leon, Texas. Mr. SCHRADER stated that he and his wife were on a vacation trip during late Oct., 1967 and stayed at the Hotel Rio (room unrecalled) Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico. He stated he did not recall anyone staying there at the time by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone he had seen.

4 - Bureau
 (1 - Legat, Mexico (173-1))
② - Memphis
1 - Houston
JEW/sjm
(7)

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HO 44-1509

The following investigation was conducted at Galveston, Texas on 5/1/68 by SA B. PERKOWSKI, JR.:

Mrs. VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, 5711 LaFitte Avenue, advised she stayed at the Hotel Rio in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, sometime in about October, 1967 for a period of about four or five days. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR. Shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and told that he may have used the name of ERIC GALT, she stated she does not recall that she noticed this person at the Hotel Rio or elsewhere during her visit to Mexico. She does not recall her room number in this hotel and does not believe she held any conversation with GALT.

She stated also her sister lives in Houston, Texas at 5208 Mt. Houston Road and is employed in the office of Dr. HAROLD SCHAFFNER at 5105 San Jacinto, telephone number JA 3-9812.

Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR., 5208 Mount Houston Road, Houston, Texas advised that during her trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in October, 1967 when she was accompanied by her sister, VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, she can recall no male who looked like the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt. It is her recollection most of the residents at Hotel Rio were elderly people and not fit the description of RAY, aka Galt. She was unable to recall the number of the room at the Hotel Rio in which they stayed.

5/2/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

*Subject:
Military associate*

**MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO:ME)**

On 4/26/68, Colonel ROBERT C. HUTCHINSON, JR., Florida Southern College, ROTC, Lakeland, Florida, telephonically advised he had read article in "The Army Times" concerning JAMES EARL RAY, wherein there was statement to the effect that the solution to RAY's whereabouts may rest with Army. The article went on to relate RAY's military career, and solicitating information from anyone who might know him.

Colonel HUTCHINSON stated his Sargeant Major, EUGENE E. P. BRITTI was stationed with 16th Infantry Regiment and had roster of personnel which included RAY's name.

Sargeant Major BRITTI was contacted at Florida Southern, whereby he furnished a seroned copy of the Company "B" roster, which included RAY's name. BRITTI said RAY was attached to the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, and that the Roster in his, BRITTI's) possession was compiled on 7/7/68.

- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 2) (RM)
 - ① - Memphis (Encl. 2) (RM)
 - 1 - Kansas City (Encl. 2) (RM)
 - 2 - Tampa
- WHE:hjn
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BRITTI stated the original 16th Infantry was headquartered in Austria with Battalions spread all over Europe. BRITTI and 13 others were sent from Austria to Frankfurt, Germany to reorganize the 16th. The reorganized group was formed from other units being deactivated or from excess personnel which other units no longer needed.

Sergeant BRITTI said that the Regiment moved from Frankfurt to Grafenwohr, Germany and was actually there, in 7/7/48, when the roster was made up. He said after the roster was made up the group was known as the 7888 Infantry Regiment, although it remained the 16th.

The Sergeant said when RAY was discharged in 12/48, his Battalion was stationed in Furth, Germany at the Montiech Barracks. He said they were sent there from Grafenwohr in the fall of 1948.

Two copies of roster of Company "B" Co. enclosed for Bureau. Two copies each are enclosed for Memphis and Kansas City for possible investigative lead purposes. It is believed that if leads presently outstanding do not produce RAY, the Bureau and GO may desire to have locale of the men on the roster be determined from Army sources and these men contacted.

COMPANY "B"

Capt.
JACK BARBER

Lt.
HAROLD B. PRINCE
GENE C. SENTI
JOHN SZULY

M/Sgt.
Kelly, Paul R.

S/Sgt.
Baxter, Jesse
Bird, Joseph
Evans, Lawrence
Lucas, Russell
Manis, T. J.
Moore, Breatin
Owens, William
Simmons, Walter
Suich, Frank
Williams, Walter
Young, Milton

Sgt.
Beecroft, John R.
Cummings, Alvan
Johnson, Arthur
Mailos, John H.
Oelschlagler, Herman
Rhodes, Ernest
Saar, Martin A.
Sienicki, Harry T.
Solar, Edward
Spelling, Ewald
Wise, Earl J.

Tec 4
Austin, Joe N.
Burkett, Ralph
Damiani, Dante
Good, Duff
Miller, Wayne Y.
Melton, William H.
Ryan, Reginald
Wilson, Thomas

Cpl.
Berger, Ralph
Brostrom, Edward
Catterson, Orville
Corey, Robert A.
Coro, Linwood
French, Allen J.
Nonnemacher, Robert
Okuda, Mutsuo
Popko, Henry
Queen, Gordon T.
Rasmus, Victor
Riley, Roscoe
Samaniego, Joaquin
Sbano, Joseph
Threatt, Zame
Wallack, Raymond H.

Tec 5
Center, Leslie
Davis, T. P.

Donlevy, Alfred J.
Donnell, Robert D.
Douglas, David
Encinas, David N.
Gant, Leo G.
Gates, Billy M.
McKinnley, Robert F.
Oliverson, Gordon D.
Parks, Gordon E.
Spurlin, Onnie D.
Thiebaud, Charles V.
Thomas, Eugene K.
Tyndall, Ernest K.
West, Eldridge V.
Young, John W.

Pfc.
Arthur, David L.
Barrett, Arthur L.
Befus, Harold, E.
Casillas, Joe A.
Clark, Tellius J.
Clifford, Herbert D.
Conley, Harold W.
Cox, Henry C.
Culbertson, John L.
Dunning, Ekum
Dunkel, Raymond H.
Davis, Harold B.
Davis, Thomas W.
Efukides, Simeon E.
Fox, Robert F.
Franklin, Alton M.
Galaska, Frank A.
Hannagan, Wilbur
Harjo, Daniel J.
Hash, Jennings S.
Hamilton, J. C.
Horne, David L.
House, Fox O.
Huszar, Joseph
James, William J.
Joyner, Raymond S.
Kiley, Robert L.
Killian, James E.
Klunk, Elmer
Kovonski, Julius F.
Lillie, Neal W.
Lizardi, Roberto
Maddox, Eugene E.
Malone, James W.
Mangan, Howard E.
Martinez, Theodore R.
Mattison, Kenneth C.
McFarland, Marion
Mezzell, Charles A.
Montgomery, Wilbur I.
Morrow, Leonard
O'Brien, Dennis
Peters, Wilmont

Pierce, Wayne K.
Ray, Jackie R.
Ray, James E.
Rhodon, Jerrel R.
Robinson, Clarence L.
Sakanoi, Makoto
Delgado, Paul J.
Drias, Delbert W.
Sams, Cullford
Shreve, Neal H.
Stajger, Joseph W.
Sturgis, Leslie
Zimmerman, Clarence

Pvt.
Adams, Paul K.
Adams, William S.
Bailey, Robert C.
Barrow, Lawrence
Bates, Horace D.
Belair, Eugene C.
Bramder, Frederick
Brown, Robert
Bryan, John M.
Burton, Emerson
Buzbee, T. J.
Chikowski, Theodore S.
Christiansen, Edwin O.
Collins, William E.
Davis, Jack G.
Emig, Norbert P.
Flynn, Patrick E.
Ford, Theodore R.
Hite, Verl M.
Garcia, Cipriane L.
Jock, Leslie J.
Katruska, Paul
Leedy, Elie G.
Lynn, Cash
Maxwell, Gordon
McGill, Carl D.
Mercer, James R.
Miles, Jack J.
Mobley, Henry C.
Morphis, Angel
Morrow, Carl L.
Munson, Richard L.
Pecos, Jimmie N.
Pierce, William L.
Ritchie, Calvin T.
Rowe, Earl W.
Robinson, Eugene L. H.
Shearer, Louis E.
StLouis, Milton O.
Turner, Louis C.
Valley, Robert
Walker, William H.
Watson, James C.
White, Isaac N.
Woods, Robert E.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)P
RE: MURKIN

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau 4/30/68.

Re telephone calls by subject RAY en route Los Angeles to New Orleans 12/67.

Rev. E. E. COMBS, Pastor, Church of the Nazarene, 1316 Park Drive, Las Cruces, N.M., on 5/2/68, advised he received a telephone call about 12/16/67, from J. A. CECIL, a builder from VanHorn, Texas, who was snowed in. He has had no contact with subject RAY.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED & DANGEROUS

3 - Bureau
2 - El Paso (157-186)
2 - Albuquerque
HFG/jvp

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta aleteype 4/25/68 and Charlotte teletype
4/26/68.

Enclosed herewith are 9 ^{new} copies of investigative
insert reflecting information concerning one RENE PEREZ ROJAS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

② - Memphis
1 - Charlotte
CFW/jb
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Approved: *W* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re: Memphis airtel to Albany, 4/19/68.

The following are statistics of the New Haven Division through 4/30/68.

Special Agents

1. Total Man Hours	574
Overtime Hours	80
Regular Hours	494

Clerical Employees

Total Man Hours	26
Overtime Hours	4
Regular Hours	22

2. Total mileage traveled by Bucars used on case: 2213 miles.

3 Bureau
2- Memphis (44-1987)
2- New Haven (157-818)
JGN:cah
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- 3. There were no unusual or out of ordinary costs.**
- 4. Peak number of agents. 55.**

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Date: **5/2/68**

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Via **AIRTEL** _____
 (Priority)

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to all offices 4/19/68, regarding MURKIN costs.

Following are the costs for the Charlotte Division for April, 1968:

1. MAN HOURS SPENT ON CASE

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
(a) Special Agent	1165	198	1363
(b) Clerical	235		<u>235</u>
			<u>1598</u>

2. TOTAL MILEAGE 9650 miles

3. UNUSUAL OR OUT OF ORDINARY COSTS

Telephone Calls (Toll)	\$ 7.60
Film and Processing Photographs	<u>46.00</u>
	\$53.60

4. PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING ON CASE IN APRIL: 75 Agents

2 - Memphis
 2 - Charlotte
 CLW: jlb
 (4)

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 Special Agent in Charge

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, ANCHORAGE (157-37) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany 4/19/68.

The following is an estimate as requested per
referenced communication:

- 1.
 - A. Special Agents
 - Regular hours - - - 85
 - Overtime hours - - - 4
 - B. Clerical Employees - - 8
- 2. Total mileage - - - - - 155
- 3. None
- 4. 10

② - Memphis
1 - Anchorage
RWH:jhb
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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/2/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
 (Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel 4/19/68.

MAN HOURS, MILEAGE, and MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Philadelphia Division, through 4/30/68.

1. Reg. hours	VOT	Total
SAs 2500 hrs.	480	2980
Clerical 286	0	286
2. Mileage	2000	
3. Unusual Expense	\$26 (evidence hand carried to Lab - plane fare for SA)	
4. 36 agents at peak.		

2-Memphis (44-1987)
 1-Philadelphia (44-1368)
 JRW:bjt

(3)

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 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/2/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (44-253)(P)
RE: MURKIN - COST DATA

Reurairtel to Albany, dated 4/19/68.

Following are the cost figures for Salt Lake City Division for April, 1968:

1) A. Special Agents

Regular hours	78
Overtime hours	45
Total hours	<u>123</u>

B. Clerical Employees

Regular hours	35
Overtime hours	0
Total hours	<u>35</u>

Total man hours spent on case.. 158

2) Total mileage traveled by Bureau cars used on case 2,400 miles

3) None.

4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during April, 1968..... 10

② - Memphis
2 - Salt Lake City
WJG:mhe
(5)

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to All Offices, 4/19/68.

SEATTLE DIVISION THROUGH APRIL 30, 1968:

1. Number of regular man hours:

<u>Agents</u>	<u>Clerical</u>
350	57

Overtime Hours:

41	0
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2. Total mileage - Bureau cars:

1970

3. Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs:

\$43 (all on long distance phone calls)

2 - Memphis
2 - Seattle
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4. Peak number of Special Agents working on case during
month of April:

27

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Date: 5-2-68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)
MURKIN - COST DATA

Re ME airtel to all offices 4-19-68.

Tampa Office cost figures for month of April, 1968 estimated as follows:

1. NUMBER OF MAN HOURS

A. Special Agents

Regular Hours - 1710 Hours
Overtime Hours - 248 Hours
Total Man Hours 1958 Hours

B. Clerical Employees

Regular Hours - 250 Hours
Overtime Hours - 24 Hours
Total Clerical Man Hours - 274 Hours
OVERALL TOTAL - 2232 Hours

2 - Memphis
2 - Tampa
SJL:ms
(4)

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2. TOTAL ESTIMATED MILEAGE

A. Bureau Cars - 15,000 Miles

B. Personal Cars - 0

3. ANY UNUSUAL OR OUT OF ORDINARY COSTS - 0

4. PEAK NUMBER OF SAs WORKING ON CASE
DURING MONTH - 60