

File - Serial Charge Out
FD-5 (Rev. 1-15-60)

File 44-1987-SUB-B Date _____
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SERIAL 925 TRANSFERRED TO FILE 44-1987

(LA TT to DIR & BA 5-31-68)

Employee

RECHARGE

Date _____

To _____ From _____

Date charged

Employee

Location

RH 44-657

This will necessarily require weekend use of this equipment.

It is anticipated the initial breakdown will be available to this office during the week of June 3, 1968.

5/31/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

RE: MURKIN

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1- Louisville
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of RAY to determine if he applied for a driver's license in the state.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5-31-68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, BOSTON
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

ReBuairtel to SI, 5-29-68.

JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, St. Louis, Mo., advised Bureau Agents he and JAMES EARL RAY cased the Bank of Alton, in 1959 and planned to "hold up" in apartment on Fourth Street, Alton, for one week following bank robbery. This bank robbed by two Unsubs 7-13-67.

Subsequent to robbery shotgun and clothing found in vacant lot rear of Fourth Street, as follows:

Stevens Model 94, 12-gauge single-shot, single-barrel, sawed-off shotgun with no serial number.

Man's white Van Heusen Van-Guard shirt.

Man's blue nylon jacket (windbreaker type)

Man's tan pleated trousers

One Hickock Pioneer belt, size 32, black in color with No. 5121 on inside of belt

One brown cap with fishing emblem on front

2 - Boston
2 - Kansas City (44-760)
2 - Louisville
① - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)
3 - Springfield (2: 44-561)(1: 91-3699)
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One gray felt hat, Royal Deluxe Stetson with label on sweatband "Men's Style Shop, Gray & Wilson, Mayfield, Ky."

Shirt bore laundry markings "NU" or "HQ", "JOH-U" or "JOH-O" inside collar.

Trousers bore visible laundry markings "44--" and "3107-3," on right front pocket. Also on the right rear pocket "T6276" and "U7703." No other visible or invisible laundry markings were found by FBI Laboratory.

LEADS: BOSTON DIVISION

AT WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Will contact Savage-Stevens Co., to determine if there is known way of tracing the recovered shotgun.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Will contact Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), furnish description of clothing and laundry markings and determine if either clothing or laundry markings could have originated at MSP.

LOUISVILLE DIVISION

AT MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY

Will contact Gray & Wilson Men's Style Shop regarding Royal Deluxe Stetson hat in effort to identify purchaser or possible alternate distribution of hats.

Because of RAY's involvement in MURKIN, Bureau instructs all leads to check GAWRON's allegations be furnished expeditious, continuous attention and results reported promptly in effort to resolve allegations.

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SERIALS 929 & 930 TRANSFERRED TO FILE

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~~929~~ (SI TT to DIR 6-1-68)

930 (DI TT to DIR 5-31-68)

Employee

RECHARGE

Date _____

To _____ From _____

Date charged

Employee

Location

5/31/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
LABORATORY # D-562672JK

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN
RM

Re Bureau letter dated 5/14/68.

On 5/31/68 NORMAN BUCHANAN, Manager, Paw Paw Laundry, Paw Paw, Mich., advised his company does not use a code that would include "02B-6".

UACB, specimens from his machine with the markings "02B-6" will not be forwarded for comparison in view of Mr. BUCHANAN's statement.

3 - Bureau (RM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info.) (RM)
2 - Detroit
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To: SAC, Richmond (44-657)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReHaitel to Bureau dated 5/28/68.

Enclosed for Richmond is a photograph indicating dentures of subject Ray, as well as a photograph showing skull cavities of Ray.

These should be afforded to Dr. Geoffrey T. Mann, Chief Medical Examiner, and returned to the Bureau upon comparison with deceased.

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Enclosures (2)

(1) - Memphis

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)
RE: MURKIN;
CR

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis dated 5/23/68.

Enclosed to Atlanta are one copy of Jackson airtel to Memphis dated 5/23/68, and one copy each of two different Avis Rent-A-Car contracts concerning JAMES E. RAY, 4124 East Ridge Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

On 5/28/68 Mrs. JAMES E. RAY, 4124 East Ridge Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee, advised her husband, JAMES E. RAY, resides at above address. He is employed Monday through Friday at Central of Georgia Sheet Metal Industry Fund, Suite 119, 1644 Tullie Circle, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, telephone number 634-6619.

She advised he has been interviewed by FBI at Atlanta, Georgia, approximately three weeks ago.

LEAD

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA: If not already done, interview JAMES E. RAY as requested in reference airtel.

2 - Atlanta (Encls. 3)
② - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Knoxville
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(SI TT to Dir & LA 6-1-68)

Made serial 1125

Employee

RECHARGE

Date _____

To _____ From _____

Date charged

Employee

Location

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Date: 5/31/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
 RE: MURKIN

Re San Francisco teletype to Los Angeles, dated 5/28/68 and 5/31/68.

Re request to review Los Angeles County Health Department records re subject.

Mr. DONALD HAWKINS, Field Investigator, Los Angeles County Health Department, Venereal Disease Control Program, 220 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California, advised 5/29/68 that Dr. WALTER SMART would not be available until 6/3/68. HAWKINS advised that only Dr. SMART could authorize search of records due to their confidential nature.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will contact Dr. SMART, 6/31/68, to cause records to be searched for any record of treatment of subject under known name and aliases.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 2 - Bureau
- 1 - San Francisco (173-65)
- ① - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-
MURKIN

Re Burad, 5/22/68, directing check of all drivers license applications for April and May, 1968, to determine if obtained by subject, and Richmond airtel to Bureau, 5/24/68, advising this check was not economically feasible due to record keeping procedures of Virginia's DMV.

In view of the importance of this matter, DMV officials were re-contacted and have agreed, after further consideration, to make this check for the FBI.

Mr. J. R. WARFIELD, Director, Bureau of Operators License, DMV, Richmond, Va., explained that DMV has just recently converted to data processing and that DMV has numerous projects awaiting programing into this equipment in addition to keeping daily work current.

Through the cooperation and efforts of Mr. WARFIELD and Mr. R. C. MOSCHLER, JR., Director of Data Processing, DMV, they have agreed to suspend DMV programing operations and furnish requested information to this office as soon as current work will permit.

3 - Bureau
② - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Richmond
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Employee

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Date _____

To _____ From _____

Date charged

Employee

Location

6-1-68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, CINCINNATI
FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtel to Louisville, 5-24-68.

Enclosed herewith for information of Cincinnati is one copy of referenced airtel.

Investigation Lexington, Ky. to locate CURTIS RENFRO negative. However, lengthy arrest record located Lexington PD and through records brother-in-law CHARLES BEAGLE and sister, OPAL COBB located. Both advised RALPH RENFRO, brother of COBB and CURTIS RENFRO, formerly employed by Holland Furnace Co. and located in vicinity Joplin, Mo., about 1961 or 1962. Both stated he had a crew but neither could recall name of JAMES EARL RAY as having been mentioned by RALPH RENFRO.

RALPH RENFRO now resides 5367 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, Ohio, phone 893-4058, employed at a local Gulf Oil Co. station.

LEAD:

CINCINNATI

Locate RALPH RENFRO and interview in accordance with lead set out in referenced enclosed airtel.

2 - Cincinnati (Enc. 1)
① - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
2 - Kansas City (44-760)
2 - Louisville
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ESTABLISHED 1887

630 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N.Y. 10020

May 29, 1968

Mr. Joseph H. Gamble
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Birmingham, Alabama

Re: Circularization of all doctors
in the United States of America

Dear Joe:

As I understand it there are approximately 310,000 practicing physicians in the United States.

If you arrange for the Bureau to:

1. Prepare a one page insert (with photo, descriptive data and requests);
2. Fold and insert into franked envelope and seal envelope;
3. Deliver to Fisher Stevens Company, 120 Brighton Road, Clifton, New Jersey; then

Fisher Stevens will address each envelope and will bag and mail the material for a charge of \$12.15 per thousand. This would come to an approximate total of \$3,766.

Another possibility is to obtain the addressing material from Fisher Stevens and perform the addressing and mailing function at the Bureau. This would involve an approximate cost of \$6.65 per thousand or total of \$2,061. Fisher Stevens is completely computerized and set up for this type service and could do the job of addressing and so forth in about three days.

The X-Agent at Fisher Stevens is Mr. Ralph Duke Powell who has advised me that they have previously done work of a similar nature for the FBI. He specifically mentioned having circularized dentists in connection with the identification of specific dental work.

There exists one to several other companies which perform similar services. However, I do not know their identities.

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If you institute such a program through Fisher Stevens I would suggest that someone from the Bureau make personal contact with Mr. Powell. In fact if you would like more precise information you could call him directly at 201 WA 4-4360. Mr. Powell spent a number of years in the Newark Division and is well known to a number of agents who have been there for some time.

The foregoing took no more trouble than a telephone call and I am sure you realize that I am more than anxious to help in any way possible. Please let me know if there are any other inquiries you would like us to make.

Please convey my personal regards to your wife and daughter.

Sincerely,



Joseph W. Lucca
Staff Counsel

JWL:er

5-31-68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

MURKIN

RE: PROPOSED CIRCULARIZATION OF ALL PHYSICIANS *info*

Attached for Bureau and Memphis please find self explanatory copy of a letter regarding the above matter from Mr. JOSEPH W. LUCCA, Chief of the Legal Department, Bristol-Myers Company, New York, N. Y. Mr. LUCCA is a personal friend of SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE and his ideas on how circularization of physicians might be accomplished were requested during his recent visit to Birmingham. This matter originated due to some previous information to the effect that RAY has visited physicians in the past may be considered bordering on being a hypochondriac.

The above is submitted for consideration of the Bureau.

3 Bureau (enc-1)
2 Memphis (enc-1) (44-1987)
2 Birmingham

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Employee

RECHARGE

Date _____

To _____ From _____

Date charged

Employee

Location

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to All SACS, 5/9/68.

On 5/20/68, Miss LAURA GALLUZZO, New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Albany, New York, advised SE VINCENT H. MC PEEK that her department maintains records for unidentified deceased persons in New York State. However, no fingerprint record is kept.

On 5/29/68, Mrs. CATHERINE KOSTERS, Identification Analyst, Bureau of Identification, New York State Identification and Intelligence System, advised IC FRANCIS M. HICKEY that her department maintains a fingerprint record of unidentified deceased persons for the State of New York. Mrs. KOSTERS stated that to her knowledge, all police departments contribute fingerprints of unidentified deceased to the State Bureau of Identification.

Mrs. KOSTERS advised a search of the Identification Bureau's unidentified deceased file failed to locate any fingerprints identifiable with subjects.

3-Bureau
②-Memphis (44-1987)
1-New York (Info)
1-Buffalo (Info)
2-Albany
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AIRTEL

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, dated 5/8/68,
and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, dated 5/14/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA FINBARR M. O'CONNOR:

On 5/22/68, Mrs. GEORGE KARIAN, 4132 Kottler Drive,
Whitemarsh Township, Pa., whose phone number is 247-2027,
advised that following the previous contact, she and her
husband rechecked all their phone numbers, outgoing and
incoming, as best they could, and they have no record of
any calls from the West Coast on 1/3/68.

She stated that from November, 1967, to March,
1968, her husband's mother, Mrs. SAMUEL KARIAN, was in the
Los Angeles area, and several phone calls were made;
however, they were all collect. A check of these calls
failed to reflect a call on 1/3/68.

Mrs. KARIAN stated she asked her two children,
PATRICIA and JANICE, if they recalled an incoming phone
call on 1/3/68, and they both stated they did not remember
any long-distance calls.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299)
FROM : SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Columbia airtel dated 5/24/68.

License number of 1955 Ford Sedan Fairlane white and blue, set forth in Albany airtel to Atlanta 5/13/68 was transcribed in error. The license number should be D52696.

COLUMBIA

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-875
-876*

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

**Recheck South Carolina Highway Department,
Car Registration Section.**

CC: 2-Columbia
1-Atlanta (Info) (44-2386)
2-Memphis (44-1987)
2-Albany

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PH 44-1368

Mrs. SAMUEL KARIAN advised that on 1/3/68, she was at a relative's residence, Mr. and Mrs. AJDERIAN, 5913 Carlton Way, Hollywood, Calif., and did not make any calls to her son in Pennsylvania during that day. She does recall that she did phone her son on both Christmas and New Year, but they were collect calls and not from a phone booth.

On 5/23/68, Mr. GEORGE KARIAN advised that since the contact with his wife the previous day, they had rechecked all their phone calls, and did not have any calls other than specific calls from his mother from the West Coast. They did not have any incoming calls from the West Coast or outgoing on 1/3/68. The only toll calls from his phone on 1/3/68 were one to Tennessee, one to South Carolina, and one to Worcester, Mass.

Information copy furnished MEMPHIS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 5-31-68

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Jacksonville Airtel to Birmingham 5/18/68.

Following investigation conducted May 20, 1968, and May 21, 1968, by SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN and SA NEIL G. MARTIN.

Records of the Merchants Credit Association were made available on May 20, 1968, by Mrs. JESSIE WILLIAMS. Records of the Merchants Credit Association show that ROBERT L. (BOB) PATTON is known to the association as a realtor in Bessemer, Alabama. PATTON enjoys good credit and is active in civic and Democratic Party activities in Bessemer. He is the President and majority owner of Pearson Realty Company, Bessemer.

D. L. WEBER, Records Section, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, made available his records on ROBERT LEWIS PATTON, date of birth [redacted] at Pine Level, Alabama, residing 1930 - 24th Street, Bessemer, Alabama. This record shows that PATTON was arrested March 10, 1950, on a charge of Grand Larceny. Disposition in this matter is shown as not guilty. He was arrested again on December 12, 1950, on a charge of Assault and Battery. Disposition of this case is shown as dismissed on payment of costs. He was again arrested August 18, 1952 on charges of AL and TAW. These charges were dismissed on payment of costs.

- ② - Memphis
1 - Jacksonville (Info)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
RDS:bmb
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BH (44-1740)

Racial Informants, Birmingham Division were checked for information pertaining to PATTON. Sources had no information that PATTON was active in KLAN or other racial organizations in this area.

On May 21, 1968, PATTON was interviewed at his place of employment by SAS SCHWEIN and MARTIN. PATTON denied ever making any type of statement concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated he was opposed to violence of any type and had no feeling one way or the other concerning KING. Mr. PATTON stated he had no knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY and had never been approached by anyone concerning a plot to kill KING. Mr. PATTON stated he spends much of his time in Florida where he owns a motel. He advised that as a realtor and contractor he both rents to and builds for the Negro community and has absolutely no antagonism towards the Negro race.

He advised that he had been an active supporter of GEORGE WALLACE but had stopped supporting WALLACE partly because of WALLACE'S attitude on the racial problem.

In view of the above information no further investigation is being conducted by the Birmingham Division concerning PATTON.

6/3/68

AIRTEL

TO SAC, CHICAGO

FROM SAC, NEWARK (44-854)(P)

SUBJECT MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 6/1/68, SAI MARJORIE LOUISE PETERS advised SA JOHN E. OTTO that JERRY RAY, Subject's brother, telephonically contacted her at 2420 Arnold St., Camden, NJ, at about 12:40 on the same date. She discreetly determined he was calling from a telephone at his place of employment, having number 312-272-9894.

Informant advised she will obtain at a later appropriate time the numbers of any additional telephones JERRY RAY might be using.

JERRY RAY said he now intends to fly from Chicago, Illinois, during the morning of 6/5/68 to Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, Pa. He said he will telephone FCI from the Chicago Airport just before his departure on 6/5/68 to advise her of the details relative to his arrival at Philadelphia.

RAY told informant on 6/3/68 he will send her \$40 in an airmail special delivery letter. He told her to use this money to rent a car to pick him up at the Philadelphia Airport. He also said that they will use this rental car while he visits FCI at Camden.

RAY said he will return to Chicago by plane on 6/7/68.

2-Chicago
2-Memphis
4-Newark
(1-137-6826)
JEO/mp
(8)

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RAY mentioned during the course of conversation that just before calling FCI he had telephonically contacted a sister of his. He did not further identify his sister at this time. He said this sister told him she had very recently been in contact with their father from whom she is going to get two German Shepard dogs.

For the information of Memphis and Chicago, during the time that JERRY RAY will be in Camden the informant will make an intensive discreet effort to extract from him information which might lead to knowledge of the subject's whereabouts.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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LR 157-1215
ME 44-1987
JDW/ds

The following investigation was conducted in efforts to locate and interview JOHNNY R. SMITH and TOM MC NYALLY, alias MIKE MACK, who had purchased 1967-68 Arkansas Trailer Licenses ST-39525, ST-39528, ST 3-9526 and ST-39527, respectively, at Lewisville, Arkansas, on May 8, 1968.

AT LEWISVILLE, ARKANSAS

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES D. WEIS on May 9, 1968:

A check was made of all the motels, hotels and trailer parks in the LaFayette County, Arkansas, area with negative results.

The following law enforcement officers were discreetly notified:

Sheriff WADE TATUM, Lafayette County Sheriff's
Office, Lewisville, Arkansas
Marshal GARY HIGGINBOTHAM, Lewisville, Arkansas
Marshal KENNETH CREECH, Stamps, Arkansas

AT HOPE, ARKANSAS

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES D. WEIS on May 10, 1968:

A check was made of all the hotels, motels and trailer parks in the Hempstead County, Arkansas, area with negative results.

The following law enforcement officers were discreetly notified:

Captain MILTON MOSIER, Arkansas State Police
District Headquarters, Hope, Arkansas

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ME 44-1987

Chief ALVIN WILLIS, Hope, Arkansas, Police
Department
Deputy HERBERT GRIFFIN, Hempstead County
Sheriff's Office, Hope, Arkansas

AT MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA EDWARD D. O'BRIEN on May 10, 1968:

A check was made of the hotels, motels and
trailer parks in the Columbia County area with negative
results.

The following law enforcement officers were
discreetly notified:

Sheriff CLAUDE H. WILSON, Columbia County
Sheriff's Office, Magnolia, Arkansas
Chief J. W. CLEAVER, Magnolia, Arkansas,
Police Department

AT TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN W. MARTIN on May 10, 1968:

A check was made at the hotels, motels and
trailer parks in the Miller County, Arkansas, area with
negative results.

The following law enforcement officers were
discreetly notified:

Deputy HOWARD GILES, Miller County Sheriff's
Office, Texarkana, Arkansas
Chief EDWARD SMITH, Texarkana, Arkansas,
Police Department

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

DATE: 6/3/68

FROM : SAC, Little Rock (157-1215) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
C R
(OO: ME)

Re Little Rock airtel to Bureau, 5/16/68.

Re: JOHNNY R. SMITH 44-102

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of
investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted
at Lewisville, Hope, Magnolia and Texarkana, Arkansas.

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2 - Memphis (Enc. 15)
2 - Little Rock
JDW/ds
(4)

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Date: **6/3/68**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **AIRTEL** **AIRMAIL**
(Priority)**TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)****FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)****SUBJECT: MURKIN
COST DATA**

ReButel to Memphis 4/17/68.

Costa data for Atlanta during the month of May, 1968:

1. Man Hours

	<u>Agent</u>			<u>Clerical</u>		
	Reg.	OT	Total	Reg.	OT	Total
Hdqs.	1784	557	2341	132	0	132
RA	72	21	93			
	<u>1856</u>	<u>578</u>	<u>2434</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>132</u>

2. Total mileage Bureau cars

4460 miles

3. Unusual Costs

Telephone:	0
POA:	0
Photographic:	0
Teletype:	\$40

② - Memphis
1 - Atlanta
JJD/jlh
(3)

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Special Agent in Charge

AT 44-2386

4. Peak number of Special Agents working on case during the month:

57

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Date: 6/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Set out below is cost data for the Little Rock
Division for the month of May, 1968:

1. Hours Spent

A. Special Agents

Regular	215
Overtime	38
Total:	<u>253</u>

B. Clerical

Regular	26
Overtime	<u>None</u>
Total:	<u>26</u>

2. Total mileage traveled 2,030

3. Unusual costs None

4. Peak number of Agents working on
the case during May 22

② - Memphis
2 - Little Rock
LJM/jew
(4)

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Special Agent in Charge

6/1/68

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, CINCINNATI
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
RE: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re Kansas City airtel to Louisville, 5/24/68; and
Omaha teletype to Kansas City, 5/31/68.

Enclosed for Cincinnati are two copies of referenced
airtel.

On 5/31/68, Mrs. EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE was interviewed by
SA ROBERT E. HIGGAN at 808 North McCoy, Joplin, Missouri, and
furnished the following information:

She first met RALPH RENFRO when he came to Joplin
from Louisville, Kentucky, around May, 1966. She started dating
him and he subsequently lived with her at 2124 Adele, Joplin,
until July 4, 1966, when he left for Hamilton, Ohio. She has
not heard from RENFRO since July, 1966; however, he can allegedly
be reached through his brother, telephone #513-853-9267,
brother's name and address in Hamilton unknown. RENFRO reportedly
has a sister, OWEN GORD, residing 1021 South Broadway, Lexington,
Kentucky, telephone #606-255-5133. RENFRO is described as a
white male, 43 to 44 years of age, 5'4", heavy build, reddish
and graying hair.

2 - Cincinnati (Encls. 2) (RM)
1 - Louisville (INFO) (RM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
2 - Kansas City
REH:gah
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While in Joplin, RENOVO worked for a short time at a filling station, 20th and Main Streets, and also was self-employed in repair of home furnaces and air conditioners. While self-employed, he worked with one individual, a BOB RAY, who at that time resided around the 800 block of Osark Street, Joplin. RAY described by WHIFFLE as a white male, 45 to 50 years of age, 6', heavyset, gray hair, and as a long-time resident of Joplin.

WHIFFLE was exhibited three separate photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY and stated she was not acquainted with subject by name, photograph or description. She advised subject not identical to BOB RAY and further noted BOB RAY was the only individual to her knowledge that RENOVO worked with or had working for him in the repair of furnaces and air conditioners at Joplin, Missouri. She knew of no way to contact RENOVO other than through the above two telephone numbers and believed him to be working somewhere around Hamilton, Ohio.

Information copy designated for Louisville Division, who is conducting investigation to locate RENOVO, as requested in referenced airtel.

LEAD

CINCINNATI DIVISION

AT HAMILTON, OHIO

Attempt to locate and interview RALPH RENOVO through telephone number 513-892-9267, as set forth in referenced airtel.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Attempt to locate and interview BOB RAY, last known to be residing in 800 block Osark Street.

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Date: **6/3/68**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **AIRTEL** _____
(Priority)**TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)****FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854)****MURKIN - COST DATA**

Re Memphis airtel to Albany 4/19/68.

The following reflects cost data from the Newark Division during May, 1968:

(1) Man Hours**Special Agents**Regular hours 597
Overtime hours 31

Total 628 hours

Clerical EmployeesRegular hours 85
Overtime hours 0

Total 85 hours

(2) Total Mileage (estimated)

1058 miles

(3) Unusual Costs

None

(4) Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case

132 Special Agents

2 - Memphis

2 - Newark

HHR:jdd

(4)

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Special Agent in Charge

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TOTAL

\$ 63.00

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at 8¢ each

17.60

960 Itek at 3¢ each

28.80

400 photos at 5¢ each

20.00

TOTAL OUT OF ORDINARY

129.40

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Date: 6/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Chicago airtel to Memphis dated 5/1/68.

The following information, compiled or estimated
through 5/31/68, reflects cost incurred by Chicago Office
on MURKIN:

1. TOTAL MAN HOURSA. SPECIAL AGENTS

Regular Hours - 718
Overtime Hours - 126
Total Man Hours - 844

B. CLERICAL EMPLOYEES

Regular Hours 290

2. TOTAL MILEAGE TRAVELED BY BUREAU
CARS ON THIS CASE

2,087

② - Memphis (AMSD)
3 - Chicago

JEL: pas
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Date: 6/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299) (P)
 MURKIN - COST DATA
 MONTH OF MAY, 1968
 COLUMBIA DIVISION

Re Columbia airtel to Memphis, 5/1/68.

I. NUMBER OF MAN HOURS

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
A. Special Agents	170	50	220
B. Clerical Employees	150	0	150

II. TOTAL MILEAGE (ESTIMATED) TRAVELED BY BUCARS USED
ON CASE: 800

III. ANY UNUSUAL COSTS: None

IV. PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING ON CASE DURING
MAY, 1968: 20

③-Memphis
 1-Columbia

A & D

MBM:pel
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 Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

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AIRTEL

Via _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)

RE: *Jy* MURKIN

RE: COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany 4/19/68, and Albuquerque airtel to Memphis 5/1/68.

1. NUMBER OF MAN HOURS:	REGULAR	OVERTIME	TOTAL
A. Special Agents	237	54	291
B. Clerical Employees	38	0	38
2. TOTAL MILEAGE (estimated)	3311 miles		
3. UNUSUAL COSTS	0		
4. PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING ON CASE DURING MONTH OF MAY, 1968	- 12		

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2 - Memphis
2 - Albuquerque
DWK/jvp

(4)

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 6/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)
 MURKIN - COST DATA

Reurairtel dated 4/19/68.

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
1. A. Special Agents	120	27	147
B. Clerical Employees	<u>12</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>12</u>
	<u>132</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>159</u>
2. Estimated Mileage	270 miles		
3. Unusual Costs	\$12.85 (reproduction of photographs locally)		
4. Peak Number of Special Agents	47		

2 - Memphis (AM)
 1 - Buffalo
 RGE:jmb
 (3)

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 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 6/4/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel, 4/19/68; CV telephone call to
Memphis, 6/4/68.

The following statistics pertain to the CV Division
for the month of May, 1968:

1. Number of man hours:

Special Agents:
Regular hours - 154
Overtime hours - 32

Clerical Employees: 43

2. Mileage: 829

3. \$30

4. 21 Agents

Regarding category number 3 above, the \$30 was
expended for a chartered plane to and from Pelee Island,
Ontario, Canada, by SA ROBERT A. QUAINANCE on 5/9/68.
Bureau approval was obtained.

The above information was telephonically furnished
to SA HARLEY E. GYFLE, Memphis Division, on 6/4/68.

2-Memphis
2-Cleveland
JJJ:jac
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Special Agent in Charge

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA
 OO - MEMPHIS

Set forth below are estimated items of cost in
 the Dallas Division during May, 1968:

1. Man Hours	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
Agent	643	106	749
Clerical	63		63
	<u>706</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>812</u>
2. Miles Driven - 4,821			
3. Maximum Number of Agents - 15			
4. Unusual Expenses			
Telephone	\$ 5.00		
Teletype	<u>93.30</u>		
	<u>\$98.30</u>		

② - Memphis
 1 - Dallas
 FFJ:pw
 (3)

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 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 6/1/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

SUBJ: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany, dated 4/19/68, and
Jacksonville airtel to Memphis, dated 5/1/68.

Following are cumulative totals (totals shown in
re Jacksonville airtel plus totals for May, 1968) requested
in re Memphis airtel:

1.	Man Hours Spent on Case:	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Total
	A. Special Agent	957	194	1151
	B. Clerical	603		603
2.	BuCar Mileage Estimated			7603
3.	Unusual Expenses			0
4.	Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case			28

2 - Memphis
2 - Jacksonville
CMF-jas
(4)

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Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date: 6/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Albany, 4/19/68; Las Vegas
 airtel to Memphis, 4/30/68.

COST DATA - LAS VEGAS DIVISION
MONTH OF MAY, 1968

1. Number of man-hours:

(A)	SA - regular	85
	SA - overtime	12
	Total	<u>97</u>

(B)	Clerical - regular	10
	Clerical - overtime	0
	Total	<u>10</u>

2. Total mileage traveled by Bucars used on
 case estimated at 550 miles.

3. There were no unusual or out-of-ordinary costs.

4. Peak number of SAs working on this case during
 May - 12.

2 - Memphis
 1 - Las Vegas
 CT:jmc
 (3)

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 Special Agent in Charge