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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE: Memphis airtel 4/17/68.

RE: RONALD WILLARD SPIVEY - Lookalike

Personnel at MPRC, SLMO, this dated advised unable to locate service record for SPIVEY in absence of date and place of birth or serial number.

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1 - St. Louis
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INITIALS

TO NORFOLK

FROM RICHMOND (44-637)

MURKIN; RE JAMES EARL RAY

RE BALTIMORE TEL TO RICHMOND, APRIL TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT.

BALTIMORE ADVISED ANONYMOUS FEMALE CALLER ADVISED

BALTIMORE PD THAT ABOUT FIVE PM, APRIL TWENTY LAST, SHE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL WHO FITTED DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY OPERATING NINETEEN FIFTYSIX PADED GREEN PLYMOUTH, VA. LIC. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 44-1987-702 INDIVIDUAL WAS DRIVING NORTH ON ROUTE FORTY, VICINITY ABERDEEN, MD. HE WAS WEARING SUNGLASSES AND PULLED HAT DOWN OVER EYES WHEN HE NOTICED CALLER LOOKING AT HIM.

DMV RECORDS, RICHMOND, VA., INDICATE THIS LICENSE ISSUED TO PAUL BARDEN GOLSEN, TWO TWO FOUR FOUR LYNN RD., VIRGINIA BEACH, VA., FOR FIFTYFIVE PLYMOUTH SEDAN. NORFOLK DETERMINE IF OWNER OF PLYMOUTH IS IDENTICAL WITH RAY. MAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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MEMPHIS

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

RE: MURKIN

^{DEGG}
Re San Antonio airtel 4/21/68 and Norfolk airtel 4/24/68.

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

*Sub E-638B
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On 4/23/68, RAY was located and interviewed at Greenville, S.C., and was determined not to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

Report being furnished Memphis by separate communication.

"ARMED AND DANGEROUS"

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - San Diego (44-387)
- 1 - Norfolk (44-388)
- ① - Memphis (44-1987)
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-269)(P)

MURKIN

RE: JIMMY RAY BUNDY

Re San Diego airtel to Bureau, 4/23/68.

On 4/26/68 SA JAMES A. HENDRIAN obtained the following information:

Mr. JAMES L. BUNDY, Owner of Bundy Realty Co., 5800 Portsmouth Blvd., Portsmouth, Va., advised that his son has not worked for him for some time and that he has not seen him for over a month.

Mr. BUNDY stated that he has very little contact with his son as he (JIMMY RAY) has moved back to Greenville, N. C., to live with his mother. He stated that his son formerly worked for Boyce Ready Mix Co. of Portsmouth.

BUNDY displayed a photograph of his son which in no way resembles that of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

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 - ②- Memphis (44-1987)
 - 1- San Diego (44-3887)(Info)
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Mr. JACK SMITH, Manager, Boyce Ready Mix Co., 3081 Frederick Blvd., Portsmouth, Va., advised that JIMMY RAY BUNDY was employed as a truck driver between 3/14/68 and 4/4/68. He was hired with the understanding that the position was a temporary one. SMITH advised that BUNDY's payroll records and time cards reflect that he worked on 4/4/68 from 7:00 a.m. until 4:35 p.m.

SMITH was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that there was no similarity between RAY and BUNDY.

SMITH and JAMES L. BUNDY described JIMMY RAY BUNDY as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	30
Height	6'
Weight	200 pounds (large build)
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue

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PLAINTEXT

AIRTEL

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)
MURKIN

At approximately 7:12 p.m., 4/22/68, a Mrs. WILLIAMS, giving telephone number 442-7777, telephonically contacted the San Diego Office and advised that approximately one week and a half previously, a male cousin of a neighbor and another male individual named JIMMY RAY BURNETT visited this neighbor. The cousin was driving a car with a North Carolina license.

JIMMY RAY BURNETT left rather unexpectedly hitchhiking on his way back south. Mrs. WILLIAMS and her husband thought that BURNETT bore a striking resemblance to ERIC STARVO GALT and that his actions while at the neighbor's home were most circumpect. Mrs. WILLIAMS further advised that BURNETT had a peculiar reluctance to converse.

Mrs. WILLIAMS was recontacted by SA ARNOLD W. GIBBEN and she advised that the neighbor, Mrs. MARJORIE GRUND resides directly across from her place at 136 Quail Drive, Chula Vista, California. The cousin of Mrs. GRUND is driving a 1957 Chevrolet bearing North Carolina license plate H7057.

Mrs. WILLIAMS advised that she determined that JIMMY RAY BURNETT was taken to Alpine, California by Mrs. GRUND several days ago where he was let out to hitchhike back to North Carolina. He was immediately picked up by an automobile bearing an orange license plate.

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SD 44-357

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN and CHARLES W. BONE:

Mr. MILTON GRAY MANNING, temporarily residing at
138 Quail Drive, Chula Vista, California, advised that he is
the cousin of MARJORIE GREEN who is the owner of the residence
at 138 Quail Drive.

On approximately 4/9/68, MANNING and a friend named
JIMMY RAY HENDY left Greenville, North Carolina in his 1957
Chevrolet bearing North Carolina license plate NF7057 en route
to California.

According to MANNING, he and HENDY have been in
California for approximately 1 1/2 weeks, however JIMMY RAY
HENDY departed from Alpine, California, hitchhiking enroute
to Greenville, North Carolina or Portsmouth, Virginia.

According to MANNING, JIMMY RAY HENDY was employed
for his father, JIM HENDY who operates his own real estate
company at Portsmouth, Virginia. JIMMY RAY HENDY came to
Greenville, North Carolina to visit his mother, Mrs. IDA
SAYRE, who lives in the Village Grove section of Greenville,
North Carolina. HENDY's mother is presently married to
REDELL SAYRE of the Village Grove Section, Greenville, North
Carolina and believes that the telephone number is listed under
his stepfather's name.

While in Greenville, JIMMY RAY HENDY decided to
come to California with MANNING for the purpose of obtaining
employment.

Employment was not obtained by HENDY, therefore, he
decided to return to the southern states.

Mrs. MARJORIE GREEN, cousin of MILTON GRAY MANNING
verified the information furnished by MANNING and advised
that she took JIMMY RAY HENDY to Alpine, California on the
morning of 4/19/68 for the purpose of his obtaining a ride
to either Greenville, North Carolina or Portsmouth, Virginia.
Mrs. GREEN advised that JIMMY RAY HENDY obtained a ride
almost immediately in an out of state automobile bearing orange
license plates.

Mrs. GREEN advised that she has known JIMMY RAY
HENDY and his family for many years and upon being shown a

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photograph of JAMES EARL RAY she stated that there was no resemblance between RAY and JIMMY RAY BUNDY.

HANNING also was displayed photograph of RAY and he likewise stated there was no resemblance between the two. HANNING and GIBBS described JIMMY RAY BUNDY as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	31 years
Height	5' 10" to 6 feet
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Blue
Characteristic	Scar on back of neck

LEADS

CHARLOTTE

AT GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. Attempt to locate JIMMY RAY BUNDY or his mother, Mrs. IRL BAYTER, for the purpose of eliminating BUNDY as being identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

NOVFOLK

AT PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA. Attempt to locate JIMMY RAY BUNDY or his father, JIMMY BUNDY, for the purpose of eliminating JIMMY RAY BUNDY as being identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

SHIRLEY ANNED AND DANNING.

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION
SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

4/23/68

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Enclosed under separate cover via registered mail is film pack containing nine negatives of latent fingerprints lifted from a 1964 Chevrolet Impala, VIN 41847J247629, together with rear view mirror and five rubber lifts of latents, all taken from same vehicle.

On 4/22/68, Sgt. WILLIAM O'KEEFE, Jefferson County, Kentucky Police Department, advised that his department was conducting investigation regarding the theft of a 1964 Chevrolet Impala, bearing 1968 Kentucky license H12109, VIN 41847J247629. Vehicle was stolen from Sumner Brothers Auto Sales, 530 East Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky.

WILLIAM CROWWELL, salesman at Sumner Brothers, interviewed, at which time photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was displayed. CROWWELL stated that the photograph of RAY bore a resemblance to person he saw steal above-mentioned vehicle.

Vehicle recovered at Valley Station, Kentucky, and processed.

Neighborhood investigation conducted in area of recovery, and no suspects were developed.

Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to compare enclosed latent prints with prints already on file for JAMES EARL RAY for elimination purposes.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 7) (Under Separate Cover)

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To: SAC's, Springfield (44-561)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel dated 4/20/68.

Latent fingerprints previously reported this case not identical with the fingerprints of Paul Stanley Boothby, FBI #987562C, Army service [redacted] born [redacted] in Lima, Ohio, who may or may not be the Paul Stanley Boothby named in re airtel.

No palm prints or impressions of the lower joints of the fingers of Boothby contained Identification Division files.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Bureau airtel 4/23/68 advising letter addressed to the Attorney General from CHARLES STANSFIELD, JR., indicates he has information concerning the death of victim. *Charles Sub E-635*

On 4/24/68, Mr. CHARLES W. STANSFIELD, JR., 172-8 Brittan Drive, Tallahassee, advised that about 2 a.m., Sunday, April 7, an elderly man came into Frisch's Restaurant, 1775 West Tennessee Street, in an obviously drunk condition. This man began making overtures to the young waitress handling the counter and in the course of the conversation with her mentioned he had a cartridge case in his back pocket. STANSFIELD stated he had just finished work at Frisch's and was sitting at the counter next to the elderly gentleman. He, STANSFIELD, observed the cartridge case and believed it to be a case containing a .38 caliber revolver shells. STANSFIELD stated the man made attempts to conceal this case from his view and this made him suspicious. The man also said to the waitress something to the effect that "a bullet from this case killed a man the night before last."

STANSFIELD advised that when the man got up to leave, he bumped into Mr. GEORGE YATES, a well-known local businessman who is currently running for Leon County

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2 - Jacksonville
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Commissioner. It appeared to STANSFIELD that YATES knew the man because the two engaged in a brief conversation.

STANSFIELD advised that the man was about 50 years old, 6', 160 lbs., thin build, thinning hair. He stated that this individual looks nothing at all like pictures he has seen recently of JAMES EARL RAY. STANSFIELD said he would not have written to the Department, but since there were no concrete facts developed as to suspects at that time, he decided that he would report this suspicious incident.

On 4/25/68, Mr. GEORGE YATES, 501 West Brevard Street, Tallahassee, advised he was in Frisch's about 2 a.m., April 7. He remembers a man saying to him as he entered that the place was closed but he did not know the individual and cannot identify him. YATES stated that he and his wife stopped in Frisch's for coffee that night after attending a dance sponsored by the Leon County Sheriff's Office and that there was practically no one in the place when he arrived. He did not see or converse with any friends of his on that occasion.

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Airtel

To: SAC, Jacksonville
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

The Civil Rights Division of the Department has forwarded a copy of a letter addressed to the Attorney General dated 4/7/68, from Charles Stansfield, Jr., 172-8 Prittian Drive, Tallahassee, Florida. Stansfield indicates he has information concerning the death of the victim.

Immediately interview Stansfield for any information he may have in his possession and set out appropriate leads.

① - Memphis

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URGENT

TO: ALBUQUERQUE
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT, MAJOR JAMES DOMIGAN,
BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT MADE AVAILABLE RECORD PORTION
OF A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD TURNED OVER TO HIM ON APRIL
TWENTY, LAST BY ONE CLARENCE POUNDERS, RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA.
POUNDERS' SECURITY CARD BORE NAME ERNEST H. GAULT, GENERAL
DELIVERY, CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO, NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] POUNDERS CLAIMED HE FOUND CARD ON STREET
IN HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA, SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. HE
HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF GAULT.

POUNDERS ELIMINATED AS SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER THROUGH
FINGERPRINT COMPARISONS BY BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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ALBUQUERQUE AT CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO. WILL IDENTIFY GAULT
TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

1 - Miami (AM)
1 - Memphis (AM)
1 - New Orleans
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AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND MIAMI.

Memphis, Tennessee
April 23, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Office Building
Memphis, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

The following is offered in a spirit of helpfulness, for what it may be worth in your investigation into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I have heard that a house on Goodbar Avenue, third house from the corner north side of the street, east of Cleveland Street, its interior and out-buildings may prove interesting. I have been told the house has been shrouded in mystery for years. The owner and occupant orders guns and ammunition from out of the city. These shipments are at times left by those delivery men at a neighbor's house for the owner to pick up.

The occupant of this house receives mail from the John Birch Society, the small magazine, left by the postman at the wrong address. He drives a white automobile with radio antenna. On the evening of Dr. King's death this man was seen leaving the front of his house in the white car, at high speed, going north on Cleveland, between 6:00 and 6:30 o'clock.

This man leads a hermit-like existence. He has pack rat habits of buying and storing many and varied articles, to no apparent purpose, in the house. Neighboring women have planted shrubs to shield the view of the ill-kept premises from the street. From reports, he has defied every friendly advance with regard to suggestions and cooperation for a neat home.

The guns are the main concern, though the strange ways contribute to the opinion this is not a healthy situation.

Not signed

*info furnished inspection
Division, M PD, by
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RZB. Cleveland
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*no investigation to be
conducted by FBI. RB*

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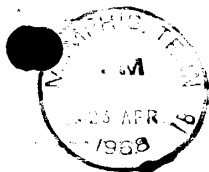
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S. Cleveland Street





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Federal Office Building
Memphis, Tennessee

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FBI ST LOUIS

826PM URGENT 4-24-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS SPRINGFIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE BUTEL TO ABOVE OFFICES THIS DATE.

RE ^DSAM RATLIFF LOCATED ELSBERRY, MO.

THE ONLY THREE COUSINS HE KNOWS OF IN THE ELSBERRY AREA
ARE GUY RAY, OPERATOR OF THE R AND B QUARRY, EARL RAY,
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ELSBERRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND LEO RAY,
RETIRED MECHANIC. HE HAS NO INFORMATION THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE
HIS FAMILY OR ANY RELATION TO THE SUBJECT.

RATLIFF'S PERMANENT ADDRESS IS ROUTE THREE BOX TWO SEVEN SEVEN
BUTLER, MO.

CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN W STEWARD ELSBERRY, MO., AND SHERIFF
IRL ELLIOTT TROY, MO., BOTH ADVISED THAT GUY, EARL AND LEO RAY
ALL OF ELSBERRY, MO., HAVE GOOD REPUTATIONS AND NO INDICATIONS
SUBJECT IN THE AREA.

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225PM URGENT 4-23-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) KANSAS CITY (44-760) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 1P

MURKIN

Sub E -631

RE KANSAS CITY TEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

RAYMOND OWEN, SEASIDE, CALIF., REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND
EXHIBITED PHOTOGRAPHS. NOW CLAIMS PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY
NOT CLOSE TO PERSON HE KNEW AT WICHITA, KANSAS, AND NOWHAY, OKLAHOMA.

KANSAS CITY AND OKLAHOMA CITY DISCONTINUED.

JAMES EARL RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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6:56 PM PET URGENT 4/24/68 MEM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND OKLAHOMA CITY.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-55) /1P/

MURKIN.

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA.

RAYMOND OWEN,^D UNEMPLOYED ELECTRICIAN, ONE FOUR TWO THREE SAN PABLO, SEASIDE, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT HE OBSERVED PICTURE OF SUBJECT ON TV WHICH CLOSELY RESEMBLES PERSON WHOM HE KNEW IN WICHITA, KANSAS, IN ONE NINE FIVE FIVE TO FIVE SIX, NAME NOT RECALLED. OWEN STATED THAT EVERETT MORELAND, WHO IS EMPLOYED AS A UNITED STATES POSTAL CARRIER IN WICHITA, HAS A STEPFATHER NAMED DOM COLTS (PHONETIC) WHO, ACCORDING TO OWEN, SERVED TIME IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY WITH SUBJECT IN THIS CASE.

OWEN ALSO ADVISED THAT PERSON HE KNEW WHO RESEMBLES SUBJECT FREQUENTED THE NIGHTCLUB IN WICHITA KNOWN AS THE "DUCKHORN."

OWEN FURTHER ADVISED THIS PERSON HE KNEW WORKED AS A TRUCK DRIVER FOR LOUIE MEYERS, A CATTLE HAULER IN HOMINY, OKLAHOMA, AND THAT MEYERS WOULD BE ABLE TO FURNISH MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING PERSON RESEMBLING THE SUBJECT.

KANSAS CITY AND OKLAHOMA CITY HANDLE. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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3:45PM

URGENT 4/25/68 CRS

TO: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

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MURKIN

RE: ALABAMA LICENSE [REDACTED]

SEEN MEMPHIS

FOUR TWENTYTWO SIXTYEIGHT.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR INSTANT AT
FIVE FORTYNINE PM.

ALICE HUDSON, CHIEF CLERK, OFFICE OF PROBATE JUDGE,
BARBOUR COUNTY, CLAYTON, ALA., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS DATE
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALA. NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS NOT BEEN ISSUED AND IS STILL IN HER OFFICE. SHE
DESCRIBED THE LICENSE PLATE AS BEING WHITE WITH RED LETTERS.

NO INSERT BEING SUBMITTED.

END.MCP

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FBI BIRMINGHAM

551PM URGENT 4-24-68 HEP

TO MOBILE (157-2627), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

RE MOBILE TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYTHREE, LAST.

ON INSTANT DATE, MAJOR JULIUS DALTON MURPHY, SN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], CENTREVILLE, ALA., ASSIGNED ONE HUNDRED
FORTYFIFTH ENGINEER BATTALION, CADDEN, ALA., ADVISED NINETEEN
SIXTYSEVEN ALABAMA LICENSE [REDACTED] DISCARDED IN
HOUSEHOLD TRASH NOV. THREE, LAST. NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT LICENSE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ISSUED SAME DATE FOR VEHICLE IN RE TELETYPE.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY, ALA., RECHECK MVD RECORDS TO DETERMINE
IF NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT LICENSE [REDACTED] ISSUED.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: ME

Re ME teletype to Bureau and ME, 4/22/68 and 4/24/68.

Enclosed for investigative assistance of ME is
copies of retels.

RE: INTERVIEW OF BROTHERS CARL HENTON AND JAMES
FRANCIS DRAKE.

CARL DRAKE, a self-employed contractor, 2034 St.
Vincent, St. Louis, Mo., home phone JE 6-1540, was located
and interviewed by SA WALTER F. JOHNSON on 4/20/68, and stated
while an inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), he
became acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY who was incarcerated in
either 1960 or 1961, and subsequently became close friends
until DRAKE's release in June 1965. Their main association
was while they both worked together in the prison yard and
DRAKE feels he became as close a friend to RAY as anyone at
the prison. He described RAY as "a loner, close-mouthed"
who kept his own counsel and did not even consult him prior
to RAY's unsuccessful attempt to go over the wall by the use
of a ladder. RAY had very few friends, however, he mixed
well with other inmates, both black and white, and had never
showed any propensity for violence or appeared to be a racist.

3 - Bureau
2 - Springfield (Encl-2)
2 - Memphis
1 - St. Louis
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BRANK pointed out there were several instances of racial trouble at the penitentiary but RAY never seemed involved or expressed his feelings in the matter.

RAY often mentioned that he could not do his 20-year sentence but never indicated any escape plans or any contacts with outside individuals. RAY's brother, JACK RAY, from St. Louis, Mo., was the only member of the family he mentioned and believed JACK averaged visiting RAY about once a year at the penitentiary. He vaguely recalled RAY mentioning he had another brother killed in an auto accident. He did not discuss his general background other than mentioning on several occasions he had previously done time at Edward Prison, Chester, Illinois.

RAY was not addicted to use of drugs, however, BRANK said nearly all inmates "foaled around" with anything they could get their hands on. BRANK said about two weeks after his release in June 1965, he visited JACK RAY upon the request of JIMMY, and that was the last time he saw JACK. Their conversation concerned primarily JIM's welfare at the MHP.

BRANK had not heard of JIM's escape and presumed he was still in prison until the recent publicity.

BRANK regards RAY as a small-time robber mentally incapable of planning the assassination of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING without additional intelligent guidance from some other source. He believes RAY may be capable of being hired for this but would certainly not be alone in this matter. He is also of the opinion that whoever hired RAY, that person or group, has disposed of RAY. He commented that with the "heat" on RAY and rewards advertised, it would be extremely difficult for a fellow like RAY to hide.

CARL BRANK indicated that he would cooperate in any way he could with the FBI in the event any information came to his attention re the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

CARL BRANK said his brother, JAMES FRANCIS BRANK was also an inmate at the MHP and was acquainted with RAY in a similar manner. All three formerly walked the yard together and that was JAMES BRANK's main association with JAMES RAY. JAMES FRANCIS BRANK was released two years before CARL and later served time at Terre Haute Federal Prison, and was released in November 1967. CARL said his brother, JAMES, resides with his mother, GLE BRANK, at Madams, Ill., and is currently employed at the Valley Steel Co., Jacksonville, Ill.

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LEAD

THE SPRINGFIELD OFFICE:

AT MOUNTAIN, ILL.:

Locate and interview JAMES FRANCIS BRAKE for any background information he may have re JAMES EARL RAY.

Subject armed & dangerous

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI LITTLE R

5:18

PM URGENT 4-24-68 DRK

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861).

MEMPHIS (44-1987), -ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

RE: MURKIN

RE LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND ABOVE-LISTED OFFICES,
APRIL TWENTYTWO SIXTYEIGHT, AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO LITTLE ROCK
THIS DATE.

RE: INTERVIEW OF RUSSELL LEE MARTIN.

44-1987-Sub-A-368

MARTIN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND STATED WELL ACQUAINTED
JAMES EARL RAY, WHILE BOTH INCARCERATED MISSOURI STATE
PENITENTIARY. MARTIN RECEIVED PARDON AFTER HELPING SOLVE
NARCOTICS RING OPERATING IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AND
RELEASED APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS AGO. MARTIN STATED PRIOR
TO RAY'S ESCAPE, RAY SOLD NARCOTICS TO OTHER INMATES AND THAT
HE, MARTIN, RAN A GAMBLING GAME. MARTIN STATED RAY WAS A
"LOSER" AND HAD VERY FEW FRIENDS, BUT WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED
WITH TWO OTHER INMATES WHO WERE BROTHERS, ONE NAMED CARL
DRAKE, FIRST NAME OF OTHER BROTHER NOT KNOWN, BOTH SUPPOSEDLY

Carl Barton Drake
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WELL KNOWN TO ST. LOUIS, MO., PD. DRAKE BROTHERS ARE BOTH SUPPOSED TO BE OUT OF PRISON AND PRESUMED TO BE IN ST. LOUIS BY MARTIN.

MARTIN STATED THAT BASED UPON HIS OBSERVATION, RAY AND THE DRAKE BROTHERS WERE ACQUAINTED BEFORE THEY WERE SENT TO PRISON.

MARTIN STATED THAT IF RAY WERE IN BLYTHEVILLE, ARK., AREA AND KNEW THAT HE, MARTIN, WAS IN BLYTHEVILLE, RAY WOULD CONTACT HIM. MARTIN STATED THAT IF ANY INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED BY HIM REGARDING WHEREABOUTS OF RAY, HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT RA AT BLYTHEVILLE, ARK. MARTIN EXPRESSED COMPLETE COOPERATION WITH REGARDS TO RAY.

MARTIN STATED THAT TWO BROTHERS BY THE NAME OF DALEY(PH) WHO WERE FROM ST. LOUIS WOULD ALSO KNOW RAY, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW CLOSE THEY WERE TO RAY.

MARTIN STATED THAT THE YOUNGER DRAKE BROTHER WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A NARCOTICS ADDICT.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS, MO., ATTEMPT TO LOCATE DRAKE BROTHERS AND DALEY BROTHERS THROUGH ST. LOUIS PD.

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KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., REVIEW PRISON RECORDS
FOR IDENTITIES OF DRAKE BROTHERS AND DALEY BROTHERS AND ADVISE
ST. LOUIS.

LITTLE ROCK WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH MARTIN.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

P.

END

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FBI MEMPHIS

CEFBI MEMPHIS

FBI BIRMGHAM

11:17 AM URGENT 4-24-68 CEB
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE JACKSONVILLE TEL, APRIL TWENTYTHREE, LAST.

J. B. LOFTIN, VICE PRESIDENT, AAA PLUMBING AND POTTERY CORPORATION, GADSDEN, ALABAMA, ADVISED TODAY ALL OF THEIR TRUCKS ENCLOSED VAN TYPE AND HAVE GERBER STENCILED ON SIDE. THESE TRUCKS ARE NOT GMC BUT WHITE TRUCKS. NO OTHER AAA COMPANY LOCATED GADSDEN, ALABAMA.

END

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FBI SAN DIEGO

905AM URGENT 4-24-68 CND

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, DALLAS, MEMPHIS, AND KANSAS CITY
FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387 2P

MURKIN

MR. N. L. REEVES, ^bSPACE TWENTY, SIX SEVEN SEVEN G STREET,
CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

DURING NINETEEN FIFTY SIX OR NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN WHILE
REEVES AND HIS MOTHER, LYNETTE VESTAL, ^dWERE RESIDING AT TWO
ONE ONE EIGHT NORTH CARROLL AVENUE, DALLAS, TEXAS, AN INDIVIDUAL
NAMED JAMES EARL RAY WAS RESIDING WITH A WOMAN AND A SMALL CHILD
AT TWO ONE TWO TWO NORTH CARROLL AVENUE, DALLAS.

THIS INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY.

INDIVIDUAL RESIDED AT ABOVE ADDRESS FOR ONLY SEVERAL
MONTHS BUT WHILE THERE WAS BELIEVED TO BE ARRESTED BY DALLAS
PD FOR DISCHARGING A FIREARM IN FRONT OF HIS RESIDENCE.

RESIDENCE AT TWO ONE TWO TWO NORTH CARROLL AVENUE THEN
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OWNED BY JACK GUNNELL, WHO OWNS THE GUNNELL ELECTRIC COMPANY,
DALLAS TEXAS.

DALLAS ATTEMPT TO VERIFY IF JAMES EARL RAY RESIDING
TWO ONE TWO TWO NORTH CARROLL DURING NINETEEN FIFTY SIX OR
FIFTY SEVEN IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT THIS CASE AND IF SO
CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION
IF NOT ALREADY DONE

END

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FBI MEMPHIS

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PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

RENOAIRTEL APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST SUBMITTING

REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER [REDACTED] FOR SCOTT NORDAL
AND NINE CANDLELIGHT INN REGISTRATION CARDS AND NOLET APRIL
TWENTYTWO LAST SUBMITTING COURT OF TWO SISTERS EMPLOYMENT
APPLICATION FOR SCOTT NORDAL AND SLIP OF PAPER FROM NORDAL'S
HOTEL ROOM. NORDAL CONSIDERED A LOOK-ALIKE FOR SUBJECT RAY.

SIGNATURE OF NORDAL ON EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION NOT
IDENTICAL WITH HANDWRITING OF RAY. HAND PRINTING ON NORDAL
ITEMS NOT IDENTICAL WITH HAND PRINTING ON ITEMS RECEIVED IN THIS
CASE UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT. NO HAND PRINTING OF RAY AVAILABLE
FOR COMPARISON.

DIFFERENCES INDICATE CANDLELIGHT INN REGISTRATION
CARDS NOT EXECUTED BY NORDAL OR RAY BUT LACK OF COMPARABLE
KNOWN WRITINGS PRECLUDE DEFINITE OPINION. NO FINGERPRINT CARDS

② - Memphis (44-1987) Airmail

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**TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS
MURKIN
44-38861**

**LOCATED FOR SCOTT NORDAL, AVAILABLE WRITING OF WALTER
TERRY RIFE CONSISTS OF SIGNATURES ON FINGERPRINT CARDS
WHICH ARE NOT COMPARABLE WITH SUBMITTED MATERIAL AND,
THEREFORE, NO MEANINGFUL COMPARISON COULD BE MADE,**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION REGISTRATION CARD
NUMBER [REDACTED] BEARS ADDRESS "ONE EIGHT
THREE SIX NINETEENTH, WASHINGTON, D. C." WASHINGTON, D. C.,
PHONE DIRECTORIES NEGATIVE RE LISTING FOR NORDAL. TWO
COPIES BEING SENT AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS. LATENT RESULTS
FURNISHED SEPARATELY.**

**NOTE FOR MEMPHIS: No Laboratory report will be submitted regarding
the results of the examination set out above.**

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-763)

MURKIN

Re SCOTT NORDAL (Look-A-Like)

Re New Orleans teletypes to WFO 4/22/68 and 4/23/68.

On 4/23/68 W. H. GORDON, Superintendent, U.S. Post Office, Columbia Heights Station, WDC, advised SA WAYNE R. GILBERT that 1836 19th St., is a non-existent address in any section of WDC.

SA GILBERT personally determined that there is no 1836 19th St., in N.W., N.E., or S.E., WDC.

Credit and criminal checks negative re SCOTT NORDAL.

In view of information contained in re teletype dated 4/23/68, WFO is taking no further action re NORDAL UACB.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - New Orleans (157-10672)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Info)
- 1 - WFO

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: WFO
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN.

RE: SCOTT NORDAL (LOOKALIKE)

INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS ON APRIL NINETEEN AND APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST REVEALS JAMES EARL RAY LOOKALIKE, SCOTT NORDAL, WORKED COURT OF TWO SISTERS RESTAURANT IN NEW ORLEANS FRENCH QUARTER UNTIL APRIL THIRTEEN LAST WITH ABSENCE ON APRIL FOUR LAST AND POSSIBLY OTHER DATES. BACKGROUND INFORMATION FURNISHED BY NORDAL ON EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION REFLECTING LOS ANGELES BACKGROUND PROVED TO BE ENTIRELY FALSE BY LOS ANGELES DIVISION. INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS TO DATE REVEALS ONE SCOTT NORDAL REGISTERED AT CHALMETTE HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, FROM MARCH TWENTYTWO TO MARCH TWENTYTHREE LAST. AT THIS TIME, NORDAL FURNISHED STREET ADDRESS AS ONE EIGHT THREE SIX NINETEENTH, WASHINGTON, D. C. SECTION OF CITY AND WHETHER STREET OR AVENUE NOT SPECIFIED.

1 - Memphis (AM)
1 - New Orleans
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WFO - CONDUCT IMMEDIATE PERTINENT INFORMATION TO
DETERMINE IF INFORMATION CAN BE DEVELOPED RELATIVE TO
SCOTT NORDAL, LOOKALIKE, AND SUTEL.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

END.

4/23/68

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, WFO, AND LOS ANGELES

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE SCOTT NORDAL (LOOK-ALIKE).

RE NEW ORLEANS LETTERS TO BUREAU, ATTENTION FBI LAB.,
APRIL TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT.

EXAMINATION OF ALL TIME CARDS, COURT OF TWO SISTERS
RESTAURANT, FRENCH QUARTER, NEW ORLEANS, ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE,
SIXTYEIGHT, SHOWS THAT SCOTT NORDAL WORKED FROM TEN THIRTYFIVE
AM TO TEN FIFTYONE PM ON MARCH TWENTYNINE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND ON
MARCH THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, WORKED FROM TEN THIRTYFIVE AM UNTIL
TWELVE ZERO FIVE AM ON APRIL ONE, SIXTYEIGHT. NORDAL DID NOT
WORK ON APRIL THREE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT
WORKED FROM TEN FORTYSIX AM TO TWO THIRTY PM AND FROM FOUR
FORTYFOUR PM TO TEN PM THAT EVENING. NORDAL CALLED IN SICK
DURING THE AM OF APRIL FIVE, AND WORKED ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT,
FROM FOUR THIRTYEIGHT PM TO TEN THIRTY PM.

MANAGEMENT OF COURT OF TWO SISTERS ADVISED NOT POSSIBLE FOR

①-Memphis (AM)
1-New Orleans
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ANYONE TO PUNCH IN FOR NORDAL. EMPLOYEES OF COURT OF TWO SISTERS ADVISED THAT NORDAL'S LEFT EYE WAS CROOKED AND POINTED INWARD AND THAT NORDAL DID NOT CLOSELY RESEMBLE THE PHOTO OF SUSPECT RAY.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LAB

4/22/68

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10623)

MURKIN

Re: SCOTT NORDAL (LOOKALIKE)

Transmitted under separate cover is one package containing the contents from an ash tray. This tray was found in the room located at 623 Royal St., New Orleans which was occupied by a man known as SCOTT NORDAL until 4/17/68.

The Bureau is requested to compare this specimen with any appropriate physical evidence submitted in the captioned matter.

3 - Bureau
 (1 - Package) (RM) (HMSD)
① - Memphis (Info)
2 - New Orleans
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DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

Re: SCOTT NORDAL (LOOKALIKE)

The following items are being transmitted under separate cover:

- 1) Pieces of shirt box (blue outside)
- 2) One piece shirt board
- 3) Paper back book "The Green Felt Jungle"
- 4) Empty carton of DeWitt's pills
- 5) Matchbook cover from the Court of Two Sisters
- 6) Clear glass ash tray
- 7) One can Miss Clairel
- 8) Road map City of New Orleans

All of the above items were found in a room occupied by one SCOTT NORDALL at 623 Royal St., New Orleans, until 4/17/68. These items should be examined for latent fingerprints and any specific information developed should be compared with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI #455 8766,

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3 - Bureau
 (1 - Package) (RM) (AMSD)
① - Memphis (Info)
2 - New Orleans
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DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: FBI LAB)

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

Re: SCOTT NORDAL (LOOKALIKE)

The following items are being submitted under separate cover:

1) Copy of application blank dated 3/24/68 for individual known as SCOTT NORDAL for employment.

2) One piece white paper approximately 2 by 4."

Item 1 was obtained from the Court of Two Sisters, New Orleans, where NORDAL worked as a waiter through 4/13/68 and picked up his final pay check on 4/15/68.

Item number 2 was obtained from the room he occupied at 623 Royal St. until 4/17/68.

The Bureau is requested to examine both specimens for latent fingerprints and to conduct handwriting comparisons. Any evidence developed should be compared with the fingerprints and handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI number 455 8766. Advise Memphis and New Orleans of results.

The Court of Two Sisters have requested that item 1 be returned to them when comparison complete.

3 - Bureau
① (1 - Package) (RM) (AMSD)
① - Memphis (Info)
2 - New Orleans
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

Re ERIC STARVO GALT.

Re Bureau telephone call to WFO 4/18/68.

On 4/18/68, Mrs. VIRGINIA GUY, a photographer and journalist with Flair News Service, 1028 Connecticut Avenue, NW, telephonically advised WFO that while covering the funeral of MARTIN LUTHER KING in Atlanta, Georgia, she took pictures during the procession from the church to Morehouse College. Among these pictures were 3 of a group of people standing on an overpass above the procession. It was her impression that one of these individuals in the photographs resembled the FBI poster photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT.

She had furnished the above information to JERRY O'LEARY of the "Evening Star," who suggested that she contact the FBI.

On 4/19/68, Mrs. GUY appeared at WFO with her attorney, PHILIP HIRSCHMAN, 110 North Royal, Alexandria, Virginia. Mrs. GUY brought with her the above-mentioned

- 3 - Bureau
- ② - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Info)
- 1 - WFO

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photographs, which she stated were taken approximately ten minutes prior to the funeral procession passing the point in the photograph. Mrs. GUY pointed out one individual whom she believed may be identified as ERIK STARVO GALT. She also had blown-up shots of this individual.

Mrs. GUY's attorney was of the opinion that the individual mentioned by GUY was a much younger man than GALT. SAs JOHN J. CREAMER and JOHN BLAKE observed these photographs and determined they did not resemble GALT's photograph as it appears on the wanted poster. Mrs. GUY advised that she did not wish to release her photographs, but stated they would be available in the future if a better likeness was obtained and appears to be the same as the individual in her picture.

WFO is taking no further action concerning photographs taken by Mrs. GUY of the unidentified individual, UACB.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO BUREAU (AM) (44-38861)
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
MIAMI
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE MIAMI TEL, APRIL TWENTYTWO INSTANT.

KATHLEEN DEKININGER, MVD, ALA. DEPT. OF REVENUE,
MONTGOMERY, ALA., ADVISED SIXTYEIGHT LICENSE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS ISSUED NOV. THIRTEEN LAST
TAMMAGE MORRIS, RT. FOUR, AIRPORT ROAD, GADSDEN, ALA. FOR
FIFTYNINE RANCHER TWO DOOR VIN N EIGHT FIVE A ONE FIVE.
NO REPLACEMENT TAG HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR THIS VEHICLE.
DEKININGER ALSO ADVISED NO OTHER REGISTRATION LOCATED UNDER
SERIES OF NUMBERS FURNISHED RE TEL.

NO STOLEN THIS LICENSE ACT, MONTGOMERY.

BIRMINGHAM AT GADSDEN. WILL FURTHER IDENTIFY MORRIS
AND DETERMINE IF IN MIAMI.

AM COPY BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

1 - Bureau (AM)
① - Memphis (AM) (44-1987)
1 - Mobile
DGS:ljr
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: ATLANTA

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST,
AND ATLANTA TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS, APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST
REGARDING INFO FURNISHED BY LEONARD GUZZINO, PATTERSON, LA, *Sub E-623*

LICENSE NO. PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED AS GEORGIA [REDACTED]

A DASH [REDACTED] SHOULD BE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ATLANTA CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AS REQUESTED IN RETEL.

AIR MAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

① - MEMPHIS (AM)
1 - NEW ORLEANS
LAL:jah
(2)

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: ATLANTA

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

MR. LEONARD GUEZZINO, OWNER OF LEONARD'S TAVERN, PATTERSON, LA., ADVISED THAT ON DATE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S FUNERAL, AN INDIVIDUAL WATCHED THE ENTIRE FUNERAL ON TELEVISION AT HIS BAR. THIS INDIVIDUAL APPEARED VERY INTERESTED IN THE FUNERAL BUT HARDLY SPOKE DURING THE ENTIRE TIME. THIS INDIVIDUAL IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE SEVENTYFIVE LBS., HAIR BLONDE, LONG AND THIN, RUDDY COMPLEXION, PROTRUDING TEETH, DRIVING ABOUT A SIXTYFIVE OLDS BLUE-GREEN COLOR, GA. LICENSE [REDACTED] YEAR NOT KNOWN.

MR. GUEZZINO SAID INDIVIDUAL APPEARED TO BE TRAVELING THROUGH AND THIS INDIVIDUAL REMEELS PHOTO OF RAY WHICH HE SAW IN NEWSPAPER, APRIL TWENTY LAST BUT DOES NOT RESEMBLE PHOTO OF GALT WHICH HE ALSO SAW ON TELEVISION AND IN NEWSPAPER.

ATLANTA DETERMINE IDENTITY OF OWNER OF INSTANT CAR AND IF IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

① - MEMPHIS (AM)
1 - NEW ORLEANS

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Date: 4/25/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re New Orleans teletype to Jackson, 4/22/68, with
airmail copy to Memphis.

Re: MICHAEL WHEAT, look alike. *Sub E-622*

Miss JOYCE BENNETT, Credit Bureau of Picayune, Miss., advised SA LEON ROSS GRABEN on 4/23/68, that she personally knows MICHAEL WHEAT, whose mother MAUDE WHEAT lives at 120 S. Gray Avenue, Picayune, Miss. She said that WHEAT, whose full name is LEDERE MICHAEL WHEAT went to school with her. She said he bears some resemblance to photographs of JAMES EARL RAY in size and characteristics but she does not think the resemblance is close. He is a life time resident of Picayune. Credit Bureau files reflect that in July, 1967, he had been employed for about four months by the O.D.E. Company, New Orleans, Louisiana.

②-Memphis
1-New Orleans
2-Jackson
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Approved: *RK*
Special Agent in Charge

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: JACKSON

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE: MICHAEL WHEAT (LOOKALIKE)

MARGUERITE NIMTZ, NEW ORLEANS, LA., ADVISES THAT SHE IS THE PRINCIPAL OF A ~~LOCAL~~ NEW ORLEANS SCHOOL. RECENTLY SHE WAS CONTACTED IN REGARD TO PURCHASING BOOKS. THE BOOK SALESMAN GAVE HIS NAME AS MICHAEL WHEAT, ONE TWO ZERO S. GRAY AVE., PICAYUNE, MISS., TELEPHONE NO. SEVEN NINE EIGHT DASH FOUR SIX FIVE SEVEN.

NIMTZ STATES THAT WHEAT BEARS A RESEMBLANCE TO JAMES EARL RAY, WHOSE PHOTO SHE HAS OBSERVED IN NEW ORLEANS NEWSPAPERS.

JACKSON AT PICAYUNE, MISS., LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WHEAT IN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE AS RAY.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

① - MEMPHIS(AM)
1 - NEW ORLEANS
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE JAMES DAVID DAILEY.

REURTEL APRIL TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION NOT IN POSSESSION OF ANY INFORMATION
CONCERNING DAILEY, HIS FAMILY, OR THE BOOTHEEL AREA OF MISSOURI.

COPIES MAILED MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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1 - Springfield (44-561)
1 - Bureau (44-38861) (AM)
① - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
1 - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)
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