125 AM URGENT 5-4-68 RJM

TO DIRECTOR (44-3,8861), MEMPHIS, CHICGO DENVER, ALBUQUERQUE,
EL PASO, AND LAS VEGAS

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (5P)

MURKIN

RE INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

FIVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT CONCERNING CALL BY UNITED AIRLINES (UAL)

PERSONNEL DESCRIBING INDIVIDUAL AS POSSIBLE LOOK-A-LIKE OF JAMES

EARL RAY.

JOAN KEPP, UAL RESERVATIONS CLERK, ADVISED AT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN FORTY-FIVE A.M. MALE CAUCASIAN REQUESTED ONE ROUND TRIP AND ONE ONE WAY TICKET FROM LOS-ANGELES TO HONOLULU ON MAY EIGHT NEXT.

STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO USE FRONTIER AIRLINES TICKETS
EIGHT TWO NINE SEVEN FIVE THREE AND EIGHT TWO NINE SEVEN
FIVE FOUR ISSUED IN ENVER, COLORADO ON MAY ONE LAST TO
MR. AND MRS. CARL RAY FOR FLIGHT SEVEN ONE ZERO LAS VEGAS

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TO ST. LOUIS AND RETURN AS PARTIAL PAYMENT FOR UNITED

TICKETS BEING REQUESTED. AT THIS POINT, KEPP REQUESTED.

INDIVIDUALS RESIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES AND HE STATED INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, BUT COULD NOT REMEMBER HIS ROOM NUMBER. KEPP THEN ADVISED MR. RAY SHE WOULD NEED APPROVAL FROM SUPERVISOR.

AT THIS POINT, KEPP SUMMONED ROBERT NICHOLS AND ROBERT

WALQUIST TO OBSERVE MR. RAY. RAY WAS OBSERVED FOR APPROXIMATELY.

FOUR MINUTES AND THEN DEPARTED AREA. METHOD OF DEPARTURE

UNKNOWN BY UAL EMPLOYEES. FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION PROVIDED BY.

UAL EMPLOYEES.

MALE, CAUCASIAN, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED EIGHT FIVE POUNDS,
THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY YEARS, GREENISH BLUE EYES, DARK OR GOLDEN
BLOND HAIR, FAIR OR SUN TANNED COMPLEXION, GREY BUSINESS
SUIT, NEAT APPEARANCE, SHOES NOT OBSERVED AND NO UNUSUAL
CHARACTERISTICS. UAL EMPLOYEES FROM GROUP OF EIGHT!
PHOTOGRAPHS SELECTED PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY TAKEN
BETWEEN AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN AND FEBRUARY LAST AS BEING
SOME WHAT SIMILAR TO CARL RAY BUT COULD MAKE NO KIND OF
LDENTIFICATION ON PHOTS AS IDENTICAL. THIS INDIVIDUAL LEFT AIRLINES TICKETS BEHIND AS WELL AS THIRTY DAY TEMPORARY FRONTIER
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AIRLINES TRAVEL CREDIT CARD NUMBER THREE ONE ZERO EIGHT EIGHT ISSUED FOUR TWO SIX SIXTY-EIGHT TO "MR. CARL RAY" RAY LAND AND CATTLE CO., ROUTE FOUR BOX EIGHT SIX EIGHT, PECOS TEXAS SIGNED CARL RAY AND TO EXPIRE FIVE TWENTY-FIVE SIXTY-EIGHT.

CLIF W. JOHNSON, PASSENGER SUPERINTENDENT, PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES, LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

PAN AMERICAN AND UNITED ONLY AIRLINES FURNISH PASSENGER
SERVICE LOS ANGELES HAWAII. RECORDS CHECKED FOR ALL FLIGHTS

LOS ANGELES TO HAWAII FIVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT AND NO RECORD LOCATED.

FOR NAME RAY OR ANY KNOWN ALIASES JAMES EARL RAY FOR PAN AMERICAN OR

UAL. UAL AND PAN AMERICAN AGENTS WHO COULD HAVE SOLD TICKETS

FIVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT TO PASSENGERS TRAVELING LOS ANGELES

HAWAII INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED NO ONE FITTING DESCRIPTION OR RESEMBL
ING PHOTOGRAPHS JAMES EARL RAY PURCHASED TICKETS.

HERTZ, AVIS AND NATIONAL RENT-A-CAR AGENCIES, LOS ANGELES
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT RECORDS CHECKED FIVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT AND NO
RECORDS FOR RAY OR ANY KNOWN ALIASES OF JAMES EARL RAY HAVING
RENTED OR TURNED IN CAR MAY ONE THROUGH THREE, LAST.
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THE THREE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL HOTELS, LOS
ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, CHECKED FIVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS FOR GUESTS USING NAME C. RAY OR ANY
ALIASES OF JAMES EARL RAY. OTHER HOTELS, MOTELS IN AREA NEGATIVE.

EL PASO HAS ADVISED THAT INQUIRY AT PECOS HAS NOT REVEALED ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL AS CARL RAY OR COMPANY AND ADDRESS IS NON EXISTENT.

DENVER ADVISED TICKETS PURCHASED DENVER MAY ONE SIXTY-EIGHT

AT TEN AM BY WHITE MALE, THIRTY-EIGHT, TWO HUNDRED TO TWO HUNDRED

TEN POUNDS, FIVE FOOT MINE INCHES, NO GLASSES, THICK BLONDISH

BROWN HAIR CREWCUT, GREYISH BLUE SPORT GOAT, WHITE SHIRT, OPEN AT

MECK, NO TIE. ASKED FOR ROUND TRIP. PAID FOR TICKETS WITH CREDIT

CARD DESCRIBED ABOVE. PLANNED TO LEAVE DENVER VIA UNITED AIRLINES

FOR LAS VEGAS. PAREN NO RECORD AT UNITED AIR LINE. ALL TICKETS

TURNED IN AT MIDNIGHT TO MAIN OFFICE CHICAGO PAREN. PHOTOGRAPHS DIS
PLAYED AT DENVER TO PERSONNEL DENVER AIRPORT. MEGATIVE BUT

NOTICED CERTAIN SIMILARITIES. ASCERTAINED AT FRONTIER AIR

LINES BY DENVER THAT CARD ISSUED APRIL TWENTY-SIX LAST AT

ALBUQUERQUE WHERE PURCHASED TICKET SAME DAY FOR ALBUQUERQUE

TO PHOENIX FLIGHT FIVE EIGHT ONE ON FRONTIER AIRLINES.

CAME BACK AND HAD TICKET REISSUED FOR APRIL TWENTY-SEVEN LAST

LA 44-1574 ON JET FLIGHT SEVEN EIGHT FIVE, ALBUQUERQUE TO PHOENIX. FRONTIER BELIEVES CREDIT APPLICATION AT ALBUQUERQUE AND IS SEARCHING FOR II. LAS VEGAS ADVISED A CHECK OF FRONTIER AIRLINES THERE ASCERTAINED THAT RESERVATION ON FLIGHT SEVEN ONE ZERO FOR MAY TWO LAST WERE MADE THROUGH PHOENIX ON A DIFFERENT TICKET NUMBER THAN THOSE AT DENVER AND GAVE A DENVER CALL BACK NUMBER OF THREE SEVEN SEVEN DASH ONE NIME EIGHT SEVEN. LAS VEGAS TICKETS ARE STILL THERE, VOIDED, AS PASSENGER DID NOT SHOW UP. RECORDS INDICATED PLANNED TO STAY, AT SANDS HOTEL. RECORDS AT SANDS NEGATIVE. DENVER HAS BEEN ADVISED. DENVER CHECK CALL BACK NUMBER TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL ABOVE. ALBUQUER QUE, SECURE CREDIT APPLICATION TO INDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL ABOVE. CHICAGO, AT UAL CHECK MANIFESTS ON TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS FROM DENVER TO LAS VEGAS OR LOS ANGELES FOR FIVE ONE AND TWO SIXTY-EIGHT FOR CARL RAY. ANGELES FORWARDED BUREAU VIA AIR TODAY. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES TO DETERMINE IDENTITY. OF CARL RAY. COPIES FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM AIR. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

## FB1

Date: 5/3/68

| AIRTEL AIR MATL - REGISTERED   | 1  |  |
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| <br>AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED (Priority)  |  |  |
| TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LA  | BORATORY   |  |
| FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)   |  |  |
| SUBJECT: MURKIN  |  |  |
| Enclosed for the Bureau for latent fing examinations with those of JAMES HARL RAY and for writing comparison with samples previously furnithis matter are the following items: | hand-  |  |
| (1) Frontier Airlines, 30 Day Temporary Air avel Credit Card No. 31088 dated 4/26/68 and issued to CARL RAY, Ray Land and Cattle Company, Route 4, Box 8, Pecos, Texas.        |  |  |
| (2) One Frontier Airlines, Incorporate passenger ticket dated 5/1/68 issued to Mr. C. RA ticket number 1 028 201829753 6.  | (2) One Frontier Airlines, Incorporated ger ticket dated 5/1/68 issued to Mr. C. RAY, number 1 028 201829753 6.                            |  |
| (3) Frontier Airlines, Incorporated to 5/1/68 issued to Mrs. C. RAY, ticket number 1 028   | cket dated<br>3 201829754 0.   |  |
| United Airlines Ticket Agent, Los Angeles Interna<br>Airport, to SA HOWARD A. PAULSEY. She was the on  | to SA HOWARD A. PAULSEY. She was the only personnel who handled the enclosures. Enclosures or returned to Los Angeles for return to United |  |
| 4 - Bureau (Encl. 3) (AM) (RM) 1 - Denver (Info) 1 - El Paso (Info)  The Managine (Info)   | AJJ-SUF E SA<br>INDEXED/2<br>FILED J<br>S 1990<br>VEMIPHIS   |  |

LA 44-1574 This date, KEPP furnished the following information to SA HOWARD A. PAULSEY: Individual attempted to exchange enclosed tickets for a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii and used enclosed Frontier Airlines Credit Card. KEPP took the tickets and the credit card and told the individual she would have to check the credit card. Individual had previously asked KEPP if he could use two Frontier Airlines tickets, enclosed, as credit toward ticket to Honolulu. Individual identified himself as Mr. RAY. KEPP and two United Airlines employees who viewed Mr. RAY furnished the following description: White Race ` Sex Male 6 feet Height 185 pounds 35 - 40 years Dark or golden blond Weight. 🗆 Age Hair Greenish-blue Eyes Other investigation, Los Angeles International Airport, this date, negative to locate person using enclosed credit card. Photos JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to United Airlines employees and they advised photos somewhat similar to RAY but could make no positive identification. Inquiry at El Paso, Texas reflects credit card is apparently fictitious. Denver, Las Vegas and Albuquerque Divisions all attempting to identify holder of credit card and purchaser of Frontier Airlines tickets. 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

|          | FBI  |
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|          | Date: 5/3/68   |
| Transmit | the following inPLAIN_TEXT   |
| Via      | (Type in plain text or code) A IRTEL   |
| VIG      | (Priority)   |
|          |  |
|          | TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)   |
|          | FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)   |
|          | SUBJECT: MURKIN<br>CR  |
|          | RE: CARL RAY, ALLEGEDLY OF PECOS, TEXAS  |
|          | On May 3, 1968, Supervisor BILL NOLAN, Los<br>Angeles Office, telephonically advised as follows by FTS:  |
|          | On this date, an individual who generally resembled subject RAY tried to turn in two Frontier Airlines tickets at the United Airlines Counter, Los Angeles, California, for a ticket to Hawaii. When the ticket agent took his credit card and the tickets to look them over, the individual walked away.  |
|          | The items left with the ticket agent were a Frontier Airlines Air Travel Credit Card , issued April 26, 1968, to CARL RAY of the Ray Land and Cattle Company, Route 4, Box 868, Pecos, Texas, and two Frontier Airlines tickets purchased May 1, 1968 at Denver, Colorado, one to C. RAY and one to Mrs. C. RAY, for passage between Las Vegas, Nevada, and St. Louis, Missouri. |
|          | On May 3, 1968, SA RICHARD H. PICKEN telephonically advised Supervisor BILL NOLAN of the Los Angeles Office the following information by FTS:  |
|          | 3 - Bureau<br>1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info.)<br>2 - Denver   |
|          | 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)<br>2 - Memphis (44-1987)<br>1 - El Paso  |
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|          | DJR:st (10) FBI—MEMPHIS  |
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|          | Special Agent in Charge  |

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Investigation at Pecos, Texas, disclosed no such post office box as 868 and disclosed that there are no rural routes out of Pecos. Investigation also disclosed that the U.S. Post Office at Pecos, Texas, has no recollection of receiving any mail bearing the names C. RAY or CARL RAY or Mrs. C. RAY or Mrs. CARL RAY. Credit and criminal checks at Pecos, Texas, were negative concerning CARL RAY or the Ray Land and Cattle Company. Local Sheriff's Office, Pecos, Texas, checked telephone book and city directory for Pecos and small towns surrounding Pecos without locating any record for a CARL RAY, C. RAY, or Ray Land and Cattle Company.

Supervisor NOLAN advised SA PICKEN by FTS that he would contact the Denver Office and furnish information developed at Pecos, Texas, to the Denver Office.

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

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FEI ALBUQUEE

157 AM MDT URGENT 5/4/68 DAL

Sup 1, 864, A, B TO DENVER(157-203), LOS ANGELES, EL PASO AND PHOENIX

ON FIVE THREE LAST ALLAN HORN'S STATION AGENT, FRONTIER

FROM ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT CARL RAY

RE DENVER TEL CALL FIVE THREE LAST.

AIRLINES, ALBUQ, ADVISED HE RECALLS CARL RAY &S PERSON HE ISSUED A FRONTIER TEMPORARY CREDIT CARD ON FOUR TWENTYSIX SIXTYEIGHT. HE ALSO ISSUED RAY A TICKET BUT DESTINATION UNRECALLED. THE ONLY ADDRESS RAY GAVE ON CRÉDIT APPLICATION WAS THE PECOS, TEXAS ADDRESS AND THIS INFO AND ALL OTHER INFO ON APPLICATION IS CONTAINED ON TEMPORARY CREDIT CARD AS FRONTIER IS ONLY INTERESTED IN BILLING ADDRESS. APPLICATION. FOR CREDIT FORM, WHICH HAS CARL MAY'S SIGNATURE ON IT, HAS BEEN SENT TO FRONTIER IN DENVER. HORN DESCRIBES CARL RAY AS W/MA, TWO SEVEN TO THREE ZERO YRS., SIX FT. FOUR IN., TWO TEN TO TWO FIFTEEN LES., HUSKY, NOT FAT, LIGHT BROWN HAIR COMBED BACK, EYES LIGHT, FAIR COMPLEXION, WORMAL LOOKING NOSE AND EARS, NO HAT AND WAS WEARING LIGHT COLORED WESTERN BUSINESS SUIT. HORN SAID HE LOOKED LIKE A COWBOY BUT LOOKED TOO YOUNG TO BE IN THE CATTLE BUSINESS. HE DID NOT WEAR GLASSES, MAS NOT SMOKING AND DOES NOT MEDALL A TIE. HORN SAID AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUB RAY, THAT MINETEEN SIXTY PHOTO ONLY RESEMBLED CARL RAY IN THE MOUTH AND THAT SIXTYSIX AND SIXTYÉIG TOO CLD TO RESEMBLE CARL RAY. HORN SAID HOLD FRIN<mark>ISFRIALIZEDÓURE FILED</mark>A

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CARL RAY IS NOT IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT RAY AS THERE IS TOO MUCH DIFFER-

ON THE SAME DATE, MRS. MICHAL STONE, PASSENGER AGENT, FRONTIER AIRLINES, ALBUG., ADVISED SHE RECALLS CARL RAY AS PERSON WHO APPLIED FOR A FRONTIER TEMPORARY CREDIT CARD AND WAS ALSO ISSUED A TICKET ON FLIGHT NO. FIVE EIGHT ONE, ON FOUR TWENTYSIX LAST FROM ALBUQ. TO PROENIX. THE FOLLOWING DAY, CARL MAY ADVISED MRS. STONE HE WANTED FIRST CLASS JET FLIGHT NO. SEVEN EIGHT FIVE TO PHOENIX AND SHE HAD TO UP GRADE HIS TICKET AND CHARGE HIM TWO DOLLARS EXTRA. SHE IS SURE MAY WENT TO PHOENIX ON THAT DATE FOUR TWENTYSEVEN LAST. AS SHE RECALLS CHECKING IN HIS BEAT UP CLOTH SUITCASE AND SENDING IT TO THE BAGGAGE AREA. IF RAY BOARDED FLIGHT FOR PHOENIX, BOARDING COUPONS FOR FLIGHT MU. SEVEN EIGHT FIVE OF RAY'S ARE LOCATED AT FRONTIER IN DENVER. MRS. STONE DESCRIBED CARL MAY AS WIMA, TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTY YRS., SIX FT., ONE SIXTYFIVE LBS., SLENDER BUILD, DARK BROWN HR COMBED BACK ON SIDES WEARING TAN COLORED COWBOY HAT, DARK EYES AND EYE BROWS, DARK COMPLEXION (AS IF HE HAD TAN), WORE COMBOY BOOTS, REGULAR LOOKING NOSE AND BARS, MORE MESTERN STYLE LIGHT GREEN SWEDE COAT AND DARK PARTS. MRS. STONE SAID HE LOCKED LIKE A COWBOY AND DRESSED THE PARTY IN THE ARC NO THE COLOR ON LIGHT CONORED SPORTS SMIRT.

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MRS. STONE SAID AFTER VIEWING PHOTOS OF SUB RAY THAT CARL RAY DID NOT RESEMBLE SIXTY PHOTO AT ALL AND THAT SIXTYSIX PHOTO WAS TO OLD TO RESEMBLE CARL RAY AND SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO WAS TO OLD AND FAT TO RESEMBLE CARL RAY. SHE WOULD DEFINITELY SAY THAT PHOTOS OF SUB RAY DID NOT LOOK ANYTHING LIKE CARL RAY.

BOTH HORN AND STONE SAID THAT FRONTIER IN DENVER HAVE ALL RE-CORDS PERTAINING TO IDENTITY OF CREW AND PASSENGER LIST OF FLIGHT NO. SEVEN EIGHT FIVE.

DENVER WILL AT FRONTIER ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN CREDIT APPLICATION

FORM SIGNED BY CARL RAY AND REVIEW; WILL OBTAIN BOARDING COUPON FOR

FLIGHT NO. SEVEN EIGHT FIVE TO DETERMINE IF RAY BOARDED AT ALBUQ.

AND WILL CONSIDER IF FEASIBLE, OBTAINING CREW AND PASSENGER LIST AND

SET OUT LEADS TO INTERVIEW SAME.

INFORMATION COPIES TO LOS ANGELES, EL PASO AND PHOENIX.

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| Routing Slip FD-4 (Rev. 4-¥8-67)   | Date 5/7/68                      |
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|  | is one copy of Albuquerque       |
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| was inadvertently no   | t furnished to Memphis           |
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| C  | Office Albuquerque               |
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AIRTEL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM:

SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re LA tel to Director, 5/4/68.

Re investigation concerning possible look-a-like of JAMES EARL RAY by name of CARL RAY.

When individual using name CARL RAY obtained the two round-trip tickets from Las Vegas to St. Louis, at Frontier Airlines Ticket Counter, Stapleton Airport, Denver, Colorado, on 5/1/68, he did so by using temporary Frontier Airlines credit card and therefore, had to sign a Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt. The original of this Transportation Receipt, bearing the signature of CARL RAY, in the upper left-hand corner is enclosed.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare this handwriting with any known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. It is noted that according to referenced teletype, the temporary credit card which may bear additional handwriting of CARL RAY is also being forwarded to the Bureau by Los Angeles.

The Laboratory is requested to return the Transportation Receipt to Denver after completion of the examination.

3 - Bureau (Enc.1)

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)

2 - Denver

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AIRTEL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM:

SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Ra Denver sirtel and teletype 5/4/68.

Re CARL RAY and HERMAN J. SCHUMACHER.

Enclosed for FBI Laboratory are two originals of Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing signature of CARL RAY in upper left corner of each, and original of Frontier Credit Application which CARL RAY reportedly filled out and signed. Also enclosed are three originals of Frontier Transportation Receipts, each bearing signature of HERMAN J. SCHUMACHER in upper left corner.

The Laboratory is requested to compare handwriting of CARL RAY and SCHEMACHER with handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. The Labratory is also requested to compare the handwriting of CARL RAY with that of SCHEMACHER to determine if CARL RAY and SCHEMACHER could possibly be one and the same person.

3 - Bureau (Enc.6)
(1) - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc.1)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)

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One copy of referenced Denver sirtel is enclosed for Memphis and one copy of instant sirtel is being furnished Los Angeles Office, which office is presently attempting to locate CARL RAY.

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### 5/8/68

AIRTEL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-139) (P)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

00: Memphis

Re Las Vegas teletype 5/4/68; Houston airtel 5/3/68, and Los Angeles airtel dated 5/3/68 (Legat; Mexico City airtel, 4/23/68).

The following investigation concerning H. SCHUMAKER was conducted by SA DOMALD M. HOLLAND on 5/7/68;

LARRY CLARK, Ticket Agent, Frontier Airlines,
McCarran Airport, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised that he recalled Mr.
H. SCHUMAKER being ticketed by him in April. He said he recalled
the man because of a mixup in the ticketing. CLARK described
SCHUMAKER as being about 5'8" to 5'10" but could not recall other
physical features. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited
to CLARK who was unable to identify these photographs with SCHUMAKER.

## Telephone numbers called from Interstate 10 in Texas:

Las Vegas telephone number 384-7271 is unlisted. Federal Grand Jury meets at Las Vegas on 5/14/68. Information requested in referenced Houston sirtel will be subpected at that time and information determined will be obtained.

3 - Bureau (RM)

2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)

1 - Las Vegas

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The following investigation was conducted at Las Vegas, Revada, on 5/7/68, by SA JOHN A. NORRIS, JR. Lead set forth in LA airtel, 5/3/68 (Legat; Mexico City airtel, 4/23/68).

COMBUELO MARIN, 2533 Lenna Street, Las Vegas, Nevada, on 5/7/68, advised that during October, 1967, she and her mother JOSEFINA VARELA, visited Mexico. They spent time in Guadalajara and when they left were told that the Hotel Rio, in Puerte Vallarta, Mexico, was an inexpensive place to stay. On their return to Mexico D.F. they stopped for two days at the Hotel Rio.

Mrs. MARIN said they did not associate with persons at the Hotel and their only contact with persons other than Mexican citizens, was with a Canadian couple they had met in Guadalajara.

Mrs. MARIN viewed the photograph of the individual wearing sunglasses and stated she did not recall seeing this person at the Hotel Rio or in Puerto Vallarta. She also viewed photographs of JAMES KARL RAY and said she had seen those likenesses in the newspaper in connection with killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and did not recall seeing this person in Mexico.

Mrs. MARIN said she would immediately contact the Las Vegas Office should she recall any information concerning hotel guests at the Hotel Rio. FBI MEMPHIS

FBI CHICAGO

1054 AM URGENT 5/10/68 PAK
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DENVER (157-203), ALBUQUERQUE AND LAS VEGAS

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

REMYTEL MAY SEVEN LAST.

RE LOOK ALIKE JAMES EARL RAY, LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, MAY THREE LAST.

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL UNITED AIR LINES (UAL) FLIGHTS

CHECKED MAY NINE LAST: FIVE SEVEN ONE, MAY ONE; TWO FOUR

THREE, MAY ONE; ONE SIX THREE, MAY TWO; ONE SIX NINE, MAY

ONE AND TWO; WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS RE CARL RAY, REMAINING

FLIGHTS TO BE CHECKED: THREE FIVE NINE, MAY TWO; FIVE SEVEN

ONE, MAY TWO; EIGHT FIVE SEVEN. MAY ONE.

RE TEL INCORRECTLY STATED FLIGHT FIVE SEVEN ON AS EIGHT SEVEN ONE. CORRECT FLIGHT IS FIVE SEVEN ONE.

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FBI ALBUQUEE

136 AM MDT URGENT 5/4/68 DAL

TO DENVER(157-203), LOS ANGELES, EL PASO AND PHOENIX

FRØM ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT CARL RA

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CARL RAY IS NOT IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT RAY AS THERE IS TOO MUCH DIFFER-ENCE IN AGE.

ON THE SAME DATE, MRS. MICHAL STONE, PASSENGER AGENT, FRONTIER AIRLINES, ALBUQ., ADVISED SHE RECALLS CARL RAY AS PERSON WHO APPLIED FØR A FRØNTIER TEMPØRARY CREDIT CARD AND WAS ALSØ ISSUED A TICKET ØN FLIGHT NO. FIVE EIGHT ØNE, ØN FØUR TWENTYSIX LAST FRØM ALBUG. TØ PHOENIX. THE FOLLOWING DAY, CARL RAY ADVISED MRS. STONE HE WANTED FIRST CLASS JET FLIGHT NO. SEVEN EIGHT FIVE TO PHOENIX AND SHE HAD TO UP GRADE HIS TICKET AND CHARGE HIM TWO DOLLARS EXTRA. SHE IS SURE RAY WENT TO PHOENIX ON THAT DATE FOUR TWENTYSEVEN LAST, AS SHE RECALLS CHECKING IN HIS BEAT UP CLOTH SUITCASE AND SENDING IT TO THE BAGGAGE AREA. IF RAY BUARDED FLIGHT FOR PHUENIX, BUARDING COUPONS FOR FLIGHT NØ. SEVEN EIGHT FIVE ØF RAY'S ARE LØCATED AT FRØNTIER IN DENVER. MRS. STONE DESCRIBED CARL RAY AS W/MA, TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTYYRS., SIX FT., ONE SIXTYFIVE LBS., SLENDER BUILD, DARK BROWN HR COMBED BACK ON SIDES WEARING TAN COLORED COWBOY HAT, DARK EYES AND EYE BROWS, DARK COMPLEXION (AS IF HE HAD TAN), WORE COWEDY BOOTS, REGULAR LOOKING NØSE AND EARS, WØRE WESTERN STYLE LIGHT GREEN SWEDE CØAT AND DARK PANTS. MRS. STONE SAID HE LOOKED LIKE A COWBOY AND DRESSED THE PART; HE SMOKED, HAD NO TIE AND HAD ON LIGHT COLORED SPORTS SHIRT. END PAGE TWO

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MRS. STUNE SAID AFTER VIEWING PHOTOS OF SUB RAY THAT CARL RAY DID NOT RESEMBLE SIXTY PHOTO AT ALL AND THAT SIXTYSIX PHOTO WAS TO OLD TO RESEMBLE CARL RAY AND SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO WAS TO OLD AND FAT TO RESEMBLE CARL RAY. SHE WOULD DEFINITELY SAY THAT PHOTOS OF SUB RAY DID NOT LOOK ANYTHING LIKE CARL RAY.

BOTH HURN AND STUNE SAID THAT FRONTIER IN DENVER HAVE ALL RE-CORDS PERTAINING TO IDENTITY OF CREW AND PASSENGER LIST OF FLIGHT NO. SEVEN, EIGHT FIVE.

DENVER WILL AT FRONTIER ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN CREDIT APPLICATION
FORM SIGNED BY CARL RAY AND REVIEW; WILL OBTAIN BOARDING COUPON FOR
FLIGHT NO. SEVEN EIGHT FIVE TO DETERMINE IF RAY BOARDED AT ALBUD.
AND WILL CONSIDER IF FEASIBLE, OBTAINING CREW AND PASSENGER LIST AND
SET OUT LEADS TO INTERVIEW SAME.

INFORMATION COPIES TO LOS ANGELES. EL PASO AND PHOENIX.

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FBI DENVER

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

5/15/68

SAC, DENVER (157-203)

MURKIN

Re Carl Ray Possible Look-Alike of James Earl Ray

Re Albuquerque, Denver, Los Angeles and Phoenix teletypes 5/4/68; El Paso airtel 5/3/68; and FBI Laboratory Reports 5/10 and 5/13/68.

Enclosed for the Director and Memphis is one copy of referenced Albuquerque teletype for each inasmuch as teletype did not include Director and Memphis.

One copy of this letter is being furnished the other offices due to their investigative interest in CARL RAY.

On 5/7/68, First Class Cabin Stewardess CATHERINE HINES, aboard Frontier Airlines Flight 785 F, 4/27/68, on flight from Albuquerque to Phoenix, and Tourist Cabin Stewardess Miss J. JACKSON, aboard the same flight, advised SA BOYD D. ADSIT that they recall no one by the name of CARL RAY being aboard that flight and neither recognized any picture of JAMES EARL RAY as being that of any person aboard the flight.

On 5/4 and 5/5/68, all hotels in Denver and all motels in vicinity Stapleton International Airport were checked for reservation by CARL RAY with negative results.

In view of the differences between the descriptions given of CARL RAY by the various airlines employees and the description of JAMES EARL RAY, and in view of the information set forth in referenced FBI Laboratory reports, Denver does not contemplate setting forth leads to have other persons aboard Frontier Airlines Flight 785, Albuquerque to Phoenix, 4/27/68, interviewed concerning CARL RAY unless advised to the contrary by the office of origin.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

RE:

MURKIN

ReDLtel 4/30/68.

Re: Telephone Calls by Subject En Route Los Angeles to New Orleans

Houston telephone number 583-2884 registered to CURTIS JONES Negro, 5323 Highway 146, Baytown, Texas. JUNES advised today that his son-in-law and daughter called him from Uvalde during this period while returning to Army camp.

Houston telephone 227-6991 registered to GEORGE W.

DUNKING owner and operator Public Trailer Rentals, 3101 North
Main. Mr. DUNKIN advised he could not recall instant telephone
call but stated he had never seen subject RAY and he was not
identifiable with anyone contacting his company by either
himself or his wife, who assists him in operating the company.
Mrs. DUNKIN confirmed the above.

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AIRMAIL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

SAC. TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN

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Re Dallas teletype to the Director, 4/30/68, re telephone calls by subject RAY en route from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

On 4/30/68, a review of the Dade City, Trilby, Lacochee and San Antonio 1967 phone book, revealed that telephone number 588-2227 was subscribed to by a Mr. RAY RICHTER Highway 52 West, San Antonio, Florida.

On 5/1/68, Mr. and Mrs. RICHTER were interviewed at which time they stated that their phone number was 588-2227 and has been that for at least the past year. Mr. and Mrs. RICHTER stated that the call in question on 12/16/67 at 8:42 p.m. was made by their son-in-law, DON SAMECY 237 Northeast Ridgeton Road, Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. RICHTER stated that SAMEC was on his way to San Antonio to marry their daughter, PAT, and had been in an accident somewhere in Texas, but could not recall the name of the town. SAMEC had called to notify them of this accident and that there would be no delay in

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the forthcoming marriage. Mr. and Mrs. RICHTER stated that DON SAMEC is now married to their daughter and lives with her in Portland, Oregon.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was shown to the RICHTERs who stated that they had no information regarding the subject and that if at anytime anything came to their attention, they would notify the FBI immediately.

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TO -

DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM

OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) 3P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, APRIL THIRTY LAST REBILLY CHUMLEY, AKA DINK.

TO A FIFTY FIVE BUICK TWO-DOOR, SN FOUR B FOUR ZERO SEVEN FIVE FOUR THREE ZERO, TO JEWEL V. CHUMLEY RT. TWO, HOLLIS, OKLAHOMA, MOTHER OF BILLY CHUMLEY.

JEWEL V. CHUMLEY, MOTHER, AND WILLIAM RICHARD CHUMLEY. FATHER, DISCLAIM ANY KNOWLEDGE BILLY CHUMLEY'S WHEREABOUTS. LAST SAW HIM MID-SIXTY SEVEN AND LAST HEARD HE WAS WORKING IN GEORGIA. JEWEL V. CHUMLEY KNOWS NOTHING RE FIFTY FIVE BUICK AND CLAIMS DID NOT KNOW REGISTERED IN HER NAME.

SISTER TO BILLY CHUMLEY, MRS. ROGERICAROLYN BAMFORD NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, HAS NOT SEEN BILLY CHUMLEY SINCE MID-SIXTY SEVEN. SHE ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE HIM AT HIS RESIDENCE, CROWN MOTEL, OKLAHOMA CITY, END PAGE ONE

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FOREPART FEBRUARY LAST AND CHUMLEY HAD LEFT THERE.

INVESTIGATION CROWN MOTEL DISCLOSED REGISTRATION RECORDS NOT AVAILABLE, BUT CLERK JUANITA DUNN RECALLS CHUMLEY THERE FROM ABOUT FIRST PART DECEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN, TO FEBRUARY ONE LAST. CHECK OF SERVICE STATIONS, CAFES, BARS, ETC. IN PROXIMITY CROWN MOTEL NEGATIVE IN LOCATING ANYONE KNOWING BILLY CHUMLEY.

JAMES FOX, OWNER FOX D-X SERVICE, ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTH AND NORTH MAY, OKLAHOMA CITY, STATES CHUMLEY WORKED FOR HIM FROM ABOUT FIRST PART DECEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN, TO FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY LAST. LEFT SUDDENLY ON A SATURDAY, PROBABLY FEBRUARY THREE LAST, TAKING FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS WORTH OF UNIFORMS AND UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF CASH FROM REGISTER. SAME DATE HE LEFT, CHUMLEY MADE TELEPHONE CALLS TO UNKNOWN TIRE COMPANY MARIETTA, GEORGIA, SEEKING EMPLOYMENT. FOX BELIEVES THIS COMPANY ROYAL TIRE SERVICE OR POSSIBLY A GOODYEAR TIRE CO. AT TIME EMPLOYED BY FOX, CHUMLEY DRIVING FIFTY EIGHT BUICK, WHITE TOP, GRAY BOTTOM, BEARING SIXTY SEVEN GEORGIA LICENSE.

ATLANTA AT MARIETTA, GEORGIA: THROUGH ROYAL TIRE SERVICE AND END PAGE TWO

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GOODYEAR TIRE CO. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE CHUMLEY. SUGGEST CHECK
MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU RECORDS IN GEORGIA FOR SIXTY SEVEN TO LOCATE
REGISTRATION FOR CHUMLEY'S CAR.

KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI

PROM:

SAC, BALTINORE (44-669)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 4/30/68 and WFO airtel to Director, 4/11/68.

Enclosed for Memphis is a copy of re WFO airtel.

## RE EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON HOMBING SUSPECT

Investigation by Atlanta and Baltimore have established JOHNSTON's whereabouts during pertinent period of instant matter, and in view of this, no additional investigation is being conducted concerning him at this time.

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AIR MAIL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

SAC. OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)

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Re Los Angeles tel to Bureau, 4/29/68.

Re Telephone Calls Made From St. Francis Hotel

On 5/1/68, Mrs. RUNELLEL (ROY J.) NONTAMBAULT 6th, Midwest City, Oklahoma, advised SAs DAVID J. LANG and MICHAEL F. HUTTER, that she and her husband had been subscribers to telephone #PErshing 7-5876, since approximately June of 1967. She stated that on numerous occasions they had called or been called by Mrs. MONTAMBAULT's sister, JULIA NANDREY FORBES From. Los Angeles, California. She stated that JULIA FORBES is in the process of obtaining a divorce from her husband, RON FORBES and is currently residing at 23114 Avenue San Luis, Apt. 4 Woodland Hills. Calif. She further stated that she is living with her brother, MELVIN, and her first husband robert WANDREY at that address. Mrs. MONTAMBAULT stated that at one time JULIA FORBES was living at the Hollywood Colonial Motel or Hotel, tel. 467-5141. Mrs. MONTAMBAULT stated that she does not recall receiving a phose call from Los Angeles on 2/18/68. She added that the call in question was probably made by her sister in response to a call from Mrs. MONTAMBAULT since Mrs. MONTAMBAULT's March, 1968 telephne bill reflects a phone call made to Los Angelos, California, 2/16/68, to telephone number (213) 402-7426. She stated she knows no one in Los Angeles she would have called other than her sister. 1987-Sub E-869

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Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mrs. MONTAMBAULT and she stated that she did not know this person.

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# Memorandum

TO

: SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE:

5/3/68

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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OO: MEMPHIS

Re Memphis letter to Springfield dated 4/23/68.

JERRY KINKADE, Principal, Eldorado High School, Eldorado, Illinois, on 4/29/68, made a search of past academic records available at the school. It was determined that in 1943 JAMES DEE RAY also known as Jimmy Ray graduated from the school. He is the son of J. A. RAY of Wasson, Illinois, and was born on in Saline County and entered the school 9/1/39 and graduated 5/30/43 with a rank of 105 out of 119. RAY'S year book photograph was examined as to identification with the subject in captioned case. The photo did not appear to be identical.

EMILIA JEAN FOX, nee Choisser, Eldorado Illinois, who is presently secretary to the principal at Eldorado High School stated that JAMES DEE RAY was a school mate of hers. She examined a photo of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that she is certain that the two are not identical. She further advised that she has seen JAMES DEE RAY within the past four years and that there is no question that his looks have not changed to the degree that he might resemble JAMES EARL RAY.

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