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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE SAN JUAN TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES
MAY FIFTEEN LAST.

RE LOOK-ALIKE ROGER SODERHOLM SEEN AT SAN JUAN
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MAY FOURTEEN LAST.

DON SHULTS, MAY COMPANY WORLD TRAVEL BUREAU,
REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE ROGER
SODERHOLM IS REGULAR CUSTOMER AT TRAVEL BUREAU. SHULTS
OBSERVED PHOTOS OF RAY AND STATES SODERHOLM SLIGHTLY
RESEMBLES PHOTO OF RAY IN WANTED FLYER BUT OTHER PHOTOS
OF RAY BEAR NO RESEMBLANCE TO SODERHOLM.

SHULTS CHECKED RECORDS OF TRAVEL BUREAU AND ADVISED
HE RECALLS, AND RECORDS INDICATE, SODERHOLM PERSONALLY

- ① - Memphis (AM)
- 1 - New Haven (AM)
- 1 - San Juan (AM)
- 1 - Los Angeles

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APPEARED AT TRAVEL BUREAU OFFICE ON APRIL THREE, FOUR
AND FIVE NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT CONCERNING FUTURE AIR TRAVEL
PLANS.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION THIS PHASE BEING CONDUCTED
AT LOS ANGELES.

AIR MAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, NEW HAVEN AND SAN JUAN.

4:00 pm - JH

5/15/68

Teletype
~~RADIOGRAM~~

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAN JUAN

FROM: NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN

RE: PHONE CALL NEW HAVEN TO SAN JUAN, MAY ONE FIVE INSTANT. *Sub E-972*

LUZ E. GOMEZ, AGE ONE NINE, AND [REDACTED], AGE ONE SIX, BOTH ONE ONE THREE COLEMAN DRIVE, HARTFORD, CONN., ADVISED INSTANT DATE THEY WERE IN LINE AT PAN-AM COUNTER, SAN JUAN AIRPORT, SIX THIRTY AM, MAY FOURTEEN, LAST. UNKNOWN MALE WENT DIRECTLY TO ONE OF FIVE CLERKS AND INQUIRED RE FLIGHT TO JAMAICA OR ARUBA. WAS TOLD HE WOULD NEED PASSPORT OR IDENTIFICATION. EXHIBITED DRIVERS LICENSE OF UNKNOWN STATE BRIEFLY, WITH PHOTO, AND IMMEDIATELY RETRACTED SAME. APPEARED HIGHLY NERVOUS, MOVING LIPS CONSTANTLY AND PULLING LOBE OF RIGHT EAR. SAID HE COULD PAY ANY NECESSARY AMOUNT FOR FLIGHT. HE QUICKLY REJECTED SUGGESTION OF MIAMI FLIGHT. DESCRIBED: THIRTYFIVE, FIVE NINE OR FIVE TEN, SLENDER BUT STRONG BUILD, NO HAT, BROWN HAIR TINTED REDDISH BLOND,

cc: Memphis (AM) (44-1987)
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TEETH NORMAL BUT UPPER CENTER APPEARED TO PROTRUDE SLIGHTLY AS LIPS WERE MOVED OVER THEM, EARS PROTRUDED SLIGHTLY, RIGHT MORE THAN LEFT, EYES BLUE, ROUND, AND PIERCING, COMPLEXION MEDIUM, NO SCARS NOTED, WORE MEDIUM-BROWN SUIT, LIGHT BLUE SHIRT, TIE AND PLAIN BLACK SHOES, AMERICAN IN APPEARANCE. UNKNOWN STATED WOULD GO TO A COURT TO OBTAIN IDENTIFICATION. CARRIED LIGHT TAN SUITCASE WITH LARGE HANDLE.

BOTH GIRLS CONTACTED POLICE OFFICER WITH NAME PLATE DE LA CRUZ, AND REPORTED SUSPICION OF IDENTITY OF UNKNOWN WITH KILLER, INSTANT CASE. OFFICER OBSERVED MAN BUT TOOK NO ACTION STATING HE COULD BE ARMED. UNKNOWN LEFT AND RETURNED IN FEW MINUTES AND AGAIN CONVERSED WITH SAME PAN-AM CLERK IN NERVOUS MANNER, REMARKS NOT BEING HEARD. HE THEN WALKED RAPIDLY TO EXIT.

IO FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO EXHIBITED GIRLS WHO FEEL CERTAIN ALL FEATURES OF SUBJECT RESEMBLE THOSE OF UNKNOWN WITH EXCEPTION OF HAIR OF LATTER WHICH IS LONGER. BOTH BELIEVE UNKNOWN IDENTICAL WITH RAY. BOTH GIRLS APPEARED INTELLIGENT AND ALERT.

SAN JUAN HANDLE. CAUTION, ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIRMAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS. P END

5/13/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, JACKSONVILLE
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

CLARENCE BASHAM, Star Route 1, Tornado, W. Va., appeared at the Charleston, W. Va., RA and advised that he was certain that the person responsible for murdering Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was one "RED" (LNU). "RED" (LNU) and (FNU) FOLKS, who might be a conspirator, are both past employees of L & M Cylinders, Jacksonville, Florida. BASHAM claimed that he had met these two individuals while employed by L & M Cylinders in 1966.

He stated that "RED" is a ranking influential lieutenant in the KKK in Florida, and that at one time "RED" had pledged to murder KING. He stated that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY closely resembles "RED". "RED" is allegedly a con-artist and frequently uses disguises.

BASHAM stated that information as to the whereabouts of "RED" and FOLKS could be obtained from the owners at L & M Cylinders. He also suggested contacting one PAUL BAILEY, allegedly a high-ranking KKK member in Jacksonville, for pertinent information in this matter.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Pittsburgh

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JACKSONVILLE

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

Will contact owners of L & M Cylinders to determine identities of "RED" and FOLKS and ascertain whether or not identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) (MAIL) AND SAC, TAMPA

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

R. A. FLEMING, OWNER, FLEMING SUPERMARKET, EAST GENEVA AVE., TELEPHONE THREE TWO TWO DASH ONE SIX ZERO NINE OR THREE TWO TWO DASH FOUR THREE ZERO SEVEN, SANFORD, FLA., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE MIAMI OFFICE AS FOLLOWS:

WHILE IN GARFIELD'S BARBERSHOP, SANFORD, FLA., UNKNOWN MALE, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY, WAS ALSO THERE. THIS INDIVIDUAL CLAIMED TO BE TAXI DRIVER FOR YELLOW CAB COMPANY, SANFORD, FLA. FLEMING OF THE OPINION INDIVIDUAL CLOSELY RESEMBLES PHOTO AND DESCRIPTION OF RAY AS CARRIED IN LOCAL PRESS.

TAMPA AT SANFORD, FLA., IDENTIFY AND ELIMINATE AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 1 - Bureau (44-38861) (AM)
 - ① - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
 - 1 - Miami (44-1854)
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)(P)
MURKIN

Re Miami teletype to Tampa, 5/14/68.

Re: SUSPECT, BARBER SHOP, SANFORD, FLORIDA
AT SANFORD, FLORIDA

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On 5/14/68, Mr. R. A. FLEMING, owner Fleming's Supermarket, E. Geneva Avenue, Sanford, Florida, advised that while getting a haircut at Garfield's Barber Shop, known as The Gator Barber Shop, he observed an individual who closely resembled the person whose picture he saw in the Sanford paper on 5/13/68. FLEMING said this person drove up to the barber shop in a Yellow Cab, and he overheard the person say he was a former cab driver in New York City. He said the person is not a native of Sanford.

Fleming said that this person had his hair cut by a barber who is tall and wears dark-rim glasses.

HAROLD SANDVILL, Barber, Gator Barber Shop, advised that he recalls cutting the hair of a Yellow Cab driver around noon on 5/13/68. SANDVILLE was shown photos of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated that this person is definitely not the person whose hair he cut

- 3 - Bureau
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- 1 - Birmingham (Info)(44-1740)
- 1 - Miami (44-1854)(Info)
- 2 - Tampa
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on 5/13/68. He stated he does not believe he has ever seen RAY.

On 5/14/68, JEWELL CARL, dispatcher, Yellow Cab Company, Sanford, Florida, advised that the only driver working for her company who is not a native of Sanford is one DALLAS THOMPSON. She said THOMPSON is from Huntington, W. Va., and has been working here for approximately four months. She said the photos of JAMES EARL RAY is definitely not identical with THOMPSON.

On 5/14/68, CHARLES COLLIER, owner, Yellow Cab Company, advised that the photos of RAY are not identical with THOMPSON or any other of his employees. He checked his records and advised they indicate THOMPSON worked from 6:00PM 4/4/68 until 6:00 AM 4/5/68.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Memphis airtel to Miami, 5/20/68.

Referenced airtel requested Miami to immediately institute investigation to locate, identify and eliminate the look alike described by Mr. R. A. FLEMING, Sanford, Fla.

For the information of Memphis, Sanford, Fla., is located in the Tampa Division.

The attention of Memphis is directed to Miami teletype to Bureau and Tampa, with airmail copies to Memphis, dated 5/14/68, in which this lead was set out for the Tampa Division.

The attention of Memphis is further directed to Tampa airtel to Bureau dated 5/17/68, with subcaption "Suspect, Barber Shop, Sanford, Fla."

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② - Memphis
1 - Miami
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, KNOXVILLE
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)
MURKIN

On 5/10/68, Mr. **BERT VANDE VUSSE**, 86 South Wilson Boulevard, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, advised that during March of 1968, while en route from Florida to Michigan, he and his wife spent the night of 3/11/68 at the Holiday Inn, 2100 South Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee. They occupied Room 212.

At the time of their arrival, Mrs. **VANDE VUSSE** noticed the occupant of Room 202 watching them park their car. She mentioned this individual to her husband, and they moved the car to another spot in front of their room. This individual was also observed in deep conversation with one of the motel employees. During the night of 3/11/68, several pieces of luggage were stolen from their car, and this matter was reported to the Chattanooga PD.

Mr. and Mrs. **VANDE VUSSE** both are of the opinion that the man who stayed in Room 202 of the Holiday Inn at Chattanooga on the evening of 3/11/68 bears a strong resemblance and may be identical with **JAMES EARL RAY**, whose picture they observed in recent edition of Life Magazine.

2 - Knoxville (RM)
① - Memphis (Info) (RM)
2 - Detroit

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KNOXVILLE

AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Will ascertain the occupant of Room 202, Holiday Inn, 2100 South Market Street on evening of 3/11/68, and attempt to ascertain if this individual might be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

SAC, BIRMINGHAM

5/14/68

SAC, DENVER (157-203)

MURKIN
OO: Memphis

On 5/13/68, Mrs. MOSELLE DROLLINGER, 12300 East Nevada Avenue, Aurora, Colorado, advised that the following information was furnished to her third-hand. She does not want her identity disclosed to any of her relatives, including her husband.

She attended her mother's funeral at Phil Campbell, Alabama, and recently returned to Denver. She said her sister-in-law, MABEL WHITTEN BROWN, from Akron, Ohio (DROLLINGER refused address), and DROLLINGER's brother, DEWEY BROWN, were at the funeral. DEWEY received this information from MABEL. MABEL has a first cousin named HOWARD SIDE who is supposed to have a criminal record. SIDE left many years ago, location unknown, but returned to Alabama shortly after KING's death, and is currently residing with MABEL's uncle, WALTER WHITTEN, and cousin ODELL WHITTEN at Hackelburg, Marion County, Alabama. WALTER is in the business of cutting pulpwood while ODELL and SIDE go into the woods to cut the timber. ODELL is supposed to have told MABEL that SIDE is very suspicious of anyone who comes to the house and usually hides behind the door with a gun. She said that SIDE is in his late 40's, but is supposed to look like the sketch made of KING's assassin.

Since it is established that JAMES EARL RAY is the subject of this investigation, this information is being furnished Birmingham in the event it is later learned that a conspiracy may be involved and SIDE could logically be considered a suspect.

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Port Aransas, Texas
May 9, 1968

Dear Sirs:

There is a new bartender here on the Island whose resemblance to the commercial drawing first released in Memphis is very similar. This man goes by the name of Ben Raze. However, he is not very tall - less than 6 feet. He looks Italian -

I am not signing my name because I am afraid I would lose my job if I became involved.

There is also a ^{new} colored ~~waiter~~ ^{waiter} who brags about being an expert in shooting long distance scope ~~sniping~~ at the same place. These people may be innocent so I will not sign my name.

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Airtel

To: SAC, Houston
From: Director, FBI
MURKIN

RE: Ben Raye.

Enclosed for Houston are two copies of an anonymous letter dated 5-9-68 at Port Aransas, Texas, postmarked 5-14-68 at Durham, North Carolina. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

Houston, immediately conduct investigation to identify Ben Raye.

Armed and dangerous.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBUairtel to HO, 5/16/68.

RE: BEN RAYE

The following investigation was conducted by
SA PENROD W. HARRIS:

AT PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS

On 5/17/68, **TOMMY FISHER**, Nueces County Deputy Sheriff, Port Aransas, advised as follows:

BEN RAY has resided in this area continuously for approximately one year. Since about September, 1967, he has been employed as a bartender at the Malibu Room, Port Aransas.

BENNETT HAMER RAY was located on 5/17/68, at the Malibu Room and advised he receives mail at P. O. Box 677, Port Aransas. He displayed Uniformed Service Identification Card and other documents identifying him as RAY with photographs and right index fingerprint not identical with subject. Also, his fingerprints are not identical.

RAY is white male, born [redacted], Fayetteville, North Carolina, 5'8", 140 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, served in U. S. Navy, 10/6/54, to 4/25/58, under Navy Serial #468-73-11, scar on left forearm where tattoo removed, 3" scar over left eye, 1" scar under left eye, 1" scar right side of face; claims no arrests.

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- 2 - Memphis
- 2 - Houston

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TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS, AND MEMPHIS
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND
LITTLE ROCK, MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, RE: JOHN EUGENE GAWRON.

MRS. HATTIE RAMSEY, RT. TWO, WEINER, ARK., ADVISED HER
SON, JAMES HENRY RAMSEY, WAS AT WALDENBURG, ARK., ON MAY
FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, AT HOME OF WILLIS RAMSEY, A BROTHER.

WILLIS RAMSEY ADVISED JAMES HENRY RAMSEY LEFT WALDENBURG
MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ENROUTE TO CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.,
TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT AS A WELDER AT AN UNKNOWN CONSTRUCTION JOB.
STATED HE UNDERSTOOD JAMES HENRY RAMSEY BORROWED MONEY FROM A
BROTHER, C. W. RAMSEY, JR.

C. W. RAMSEY, JR., WEINER, ARK., ADVISED MAY FIFTEEN,
SIXTY EIGHT, HE LOANED HIS BROTHER, JAMES HENRY RAMSEY,
FIFTY DOLLARS AND HE WAS TO GO TO POPLAR BLUFF, MO., TO
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SEEK EMPLOYMENT AS A WELDER. HE STATED HE COULD NOT STATE WHERE JAMES HENRY RAMSEY COULD BE LOCATED BUT HE DID PROMISE TO CONTACT HIM WITHIN TWO WEEKS AND HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE FBI OF HIS WHEREABOUTS.

ST. LOUIS, WILL THROUGH SOURCES OF INFORMATION, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JAMES HENRY RAMSEY AT POPLAR BLUFF, MO., AND CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.

LITTLE ROCK, WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE EXACT WHEREABOUTS OF JAMES HENRY RAMSEY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. (P)

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FBI SANDIEGO

5-13PM URGENT 5-16-68 JLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS (44-1987), SEATTLE,
PORTLAND, SAN FRANCISCO, SACRAMENTO, LOS ANGELES, BUTTE, SALT
LAKE CITY, LAS VEGAS, PHOENIX, ALBUQUERQUE AND EL PASO.
FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387) 3P

MURKIN.

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

ON MAY FOURTEEN LAST AN INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAME WILLIAM
A. MARSHALL DESCRIBED HEREAFTER SIGNED AN ESCROW CONTRACT
TO PURCHASE A HOME AT BONITA, CALIFORNIA, FOR FIFTYONE THOUSAND
DOLLARS GIVING A PROMISSORY TYPE CHECK FOR FIVE THOUSAND
DOLLARS AND INDICATED HE HAD A SIXTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR
CERTIFIED CHECK IN HIS HOTEL ROOM.

MARSHALL CLAIMED TO BE EMPLOYEED FOR INTERNATIONAL
HARVESTOR COMPANY, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, AND RECENTLY
TRANSFERED TO SAN DIEGO AREA. DESIRED HOUSE SO FAMILY
COULD MOVE TO SAN DIEGO FROM ILLINOIS.

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ON SAME AFTERNOON MARSHALL ATTEMPTED TO PURCHASE AN AUTO AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, DISPLAYING ESCROW CONTRACT AND ADVISED HE DESIRED HIS WIFE TO SEE AUTO AND IN VIEW OF ESCROW CONTRACT SHOWING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR DEPOSIT SALESMAN GAVE MARSHALL KEYS TO HIS CAR DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER IN APB AND MARSHALL HAS NOT RETURNED CAR.

VARIOUS WITNESSES WHO WERE IN COMPANY OF MARSHALL FOR UP TO THREE HOURS STATE MARSHALL POSSIBLY IDENTICAL JAMES EARL RAY. ONE PERSON ALMOST POSITIVE OF IDENT. TWO OTHERS SAY RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN PHOTOS AND MARSHALL.

FOLLOWING APB COVERING STATE OF CALIFORNIA TRANSMITTED:

"WANTED. UNKNOWN SUBJECT ALSO KNOWN AS WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, WHITE, MALE, AMERICAN, FORTY TO FORTYFIVE, FIVE FEET NINE, ONE SIX FIVE TO ONE EIGHT ZERO LBS., DARK HAIR, FAIR TO MEDIUM COMPLEXION, DRIVING SIXTYSEVEN PLYMOUTH FURY III CONVERTIBLE, COLOR GOLD, BLACK TOP, CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW ONE ZERO TWO, VIN P M TWO SEVEN F SEVEN FOUR TWO THREE EIGHT TWO ZERO EIGHT. AUTO OBTAINED BY UNSUB, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, MAY FOURTEEN LAST, FOR DEMONSTRATION AND HAS NOT RETURNED. SUBJECT WANTED FOR QUESTIONING, REPEAT QUESTIONING

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ONLY, NO WARRANT, BY FBI SAN DIEGO. CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS."

ALL WESTERN OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TELETYPE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT SIMILAR APB THEIR TERRITORIES.

FOR INFO NO STOLEN REPORT FILED RE AUTO AS CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO ACCEPT DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH MARSHALL OBTAINED AUTOMOBILE.

SPRINGFIELD AT BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO ENTER AUTO IN NCIC.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

OTHER OFFICES ADVISED SEPRATELY.

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FBI SANDIEGO

6:14PM URGENT 5-17-68 JLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU, SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS, AND
ALL WESTERN DIVISION OFFICES, MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, HANDWRITING SAMPLES OF
UNSUB, AKA WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, APPEARING ON A PROMISSORY
TYPE CHECK SIGNED BY HIM AND AN ESCROW CONTRACT AND DEPOSIT
RECEIPT SIGNED BY MARSHALL HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU
BY AIRTEL DATED MAY SIXTEEN LAST, ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION
DIVISION, REQUESTING LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION AND HANDWRITING
EXAMINATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, UNSUB, AKA WILLIAM A. MARSHALL,
HAS NO KNOWN BANK ACCOUNTS IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA.

INVESTIGATION AT THE REAL ESTATE COMPANY, CHULA VISTA,
CALIFORNIA, INDICATES UNSUB, AKA WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, WAS
NOT SEEN ARRIVING AT THIS COMPANY; HOWEVER, MARSHALL
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INDICATED HE HAD SPENT APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS ON TAXICAB FARE. TAXICAB RECORDS ARE BEING CHECKED IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING MARSHALL.

MARSHALL INDICATED HE WAS STAYING AT THE SAN DIEGO HOTEL, THREE THREE NINE BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA; HOWEVER, A CHECK OF THE RECORDS FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS TO DATE HAVE FAILED TO INDICATE MARSHALL RESIDED AS A GUEST, AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT RAY DISPLAYED TO EMPLOYEES FAILED TO DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION.

INVESTIGATION IN SAN DIEGO CONTINUING, AND BUREAU AND ALL INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED OF ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

OTHER OFFICE ADVISED SEPRATELY.

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FBI SANDIEGO

4-04PM URGENT 5-18:68 LSB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN

RE: WILLIAM A. MARSHALL ✓

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS, MAY SEVENTEEN
LAST.

CHECK OF TAXICAB RECORDS, SAN DIEGO DIVISION, TO DATE
HAS FAILED TO INDICATE ANY INFORMATION RE MARSHALL.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY HIM.

OTHER OFFICE ADVISED SEPARATELY

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TO SAN DIEGO 44-387 MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

RESDAIRTEL MAY SIXTEEN SUBMITTING CHECK AND DEPOSIT RECEIPT
BOTH BEARING SIGNATURE "WILLIAM A. MARSHALL."
SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES INDICATE "MARSHALL" SIGNATURES PROBABLY
NOT PREPARED BY SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. SOME VARIATIONS IN LIMITED
QUESTIONED SIGNATURES PRECLUDED DEFINITE OPINION.

NO LATENTS ON CHECK. TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED ON
DEPOSIT RECEIPT NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY, FBI
NUMBER FOUR NAUGHT FIVE NINE FOUR TWO G.

CONFIRMING.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)

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Re San Diego teletype to Bureau, Springfield, and
all Western Offices 5/16/68.

RE: WILLIAM A. MARSHALL

Enclosed for the Bureau are three xerox copies of
referenced communication.

Also enclosed for the Bureau are the following
pieces of evidence:

1. Check number 391 dated 5/14/68 payable to
C. C. ALLEY in the amount of \$5,000 signed by WILLIAM A.
MARSHALL on the Security First National Bank, Chula Vista,
California.
2. Escrow contract and deposit receipt signed by
WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, 5/14/68.

The Identification Division is requested to attempt
to determine if there are any latent prints of value on
the above two items and if any are located, compare them
with the known prints of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

The Bureau is also requested to make a handwriting
comparison between the handwriting appearing on the above
two items under the name WILLIAM A. MARSHALL with the
known handwriting of subject JAMES EARL RAY. Upon completion
of examination return evidence if not needed.

Information copy for Memphis.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 5) (AM-REGISTERED)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 2 - San Diego

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND SACS, CHICAGO (44-1114)
AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)**

**FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (5 PGS.)
MURKIN. CR.**

**RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE DATED MAY SIXTEEN LAST,
NO COPY FOR CHICAGO.**

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL. *Sub E-979*

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF CHICAGO, ON MAY FOURTEEN
LAST AN INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAME WILLIAM A. MARSHALL DESCRIBED
HEREAFTER SIGNED AN ESCROW CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A HOME AT
BONITA, CALIFORNIA, FOR FIFTYONE THOUSAND DOLLARS GIVING A
PROMISSORY TYPE CHECK FOR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND INDICATED
HE HAD A SIXTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR CERTIFIED CHECK IN HIS HOTEL
ROOM.**

**MARSHALL CLAIMED TO BE EMPLOYED FOR INTERNATIONAL
HARVESTOR COMPANY, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, AND RECENTLY
TRANSFERED TO SAN DIEGO AREA. DESIRED HOUSE SO FAMILY COULD
MOVE TO SAN DIEGO FROM ILLINOIS.**

**ON SAME AFTERNOON MARSHALL ATTEMPTED TO PURCHASE AN
AUTO AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, DISPLAYING ESCROW CONTRACT**

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

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AND ADVISED HE DESIRED HIS WIFE TO SEE AUTO AND IN VIEW OF ESCROW CONTRACT SHOWING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR DEPOSIT SALESMAN GAVE MARSHALL KEYS TO HIS CAR DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER IN APB AND MARSHALL HAS NOT RETURNED CAR.

VARIOUS WITNESSES WHO WERE IN COMPANY OF MARSHALL FOR UP TO THREE HOURS STATE MARSHALL POSSIBLY IDENTICAL JAMES EARL RAY. ONE PERSON ALMOST POSITIVE OF IDENT. TWO OTHERS SAY RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN PHOTOS AND MARSHALL.

FOLLOWING APB COVERING STATE OF CALIFORNIA TRANSMITTED:

"WANTED. UNKNOWN SUBJECT ALSO KNOWN AS WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, WHITE, MALE, AMERICAN, FORTY TO FORTYFIVE, FIVE FEET NINE, ONE SIX FIVE TO ONE EIGHT ZERO LBS., DARK HAIR, FAIR TO MEDIUM COMPLEXION, DRIVING SIXTYSEVEN PLYMOUTH FURY III CONVERTIBLE, COLOR GOLD, BLACK TOP, CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW ONE ZERO TWO, VIN P M TWO SEVEN F. SEVEN FOUR TWO THREE EIGHT TWO ZERO EIGHT. AUTO OBTAINED BY UNSUB, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, MAY FOURTEEN LAST, FOR DEMONSTRATION AND HAS NOT RETURNED. SUBJECT WANTED FOR QUESTIONING, REPEAT QUESTIONING

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(Priority)**SI 44-561****PAGE THREE****ONLY, NO WARRANT, BY FBI SAN DIEGO. CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS."****FOR INFO NO STOLEN REPORT FILED RE QUTO AS CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT UNABEE TO ACCEPT DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH MARSHALL OBTAINED AUTOMOBILE.****ON MAY SEVENTEEN PRESENT, MR. WOODROW THOMPSON, PARTS MANAGER, EMPLOYED TWENTYTHREE YEARS WITH RUST INTERNATIONAL, INC., INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER (I-H) AND, INDUSTRIAL TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY, ONE EIGHT ZERO THREE WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THAT THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A WILLIAM A. MARSHALL OR ANY EMPLOYEE BY THE NAME MARSHALL WITH THE RUST INTERNATIONAL COMPANY AT BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS. HE RELATED THERE IS NO OTHER INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER DEALERS IN THE BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, AREA. THOMPSON FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE CLOSEST REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY IS L. C. BARNETT, DISTRICT MANAGER, INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY, FOUR ZERO FIVE ROCK ISLAND ROAD, REORIA, ILLINOIS. RECORDS OF CREDIT**Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
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BUREAU OF BLOOMINGTON, INC., POLICE DEPARTMENT, MCLEAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ALL IN BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, NEGATIVE. SEARCH OF CITY DIRECTORY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FAILED TO REVEAL ANY LISTING FOR WILLIAM A. MARSHALL OR SIMILARITY.

ALSO ON MAY SEVENTEEN PRESENT, MR. L. C. BARNETT, DISTRICT MANAGER, I-H, FOUR ZERO FIVE ROCK ISLAND ROAD, PEORIA, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THAT HIS OFFICE COVERS THE NORTHERN SIXTY COUNTIES FOR THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, WHICH INCLUDES BLOOMINGTON, AND HIS RECORDS REFLECT NO ONE BY THE NAME WILLIAM A. MARSHALL AS BEING AN EMPLOYEE OF HIS OR AS BEING A FRANCHISE I-H DEALER IN HIS DISTRICT. BARNETT FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE KNOWS OF NO RECENT EMPLOYEE TRANSFERS FROM HIS DISTRICT TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. BARNETT STATED THAT ANY FURTHER CHECKS RE MARSHALL SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO I-H HOME OFFICES, FOUR ZERO ONE NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO IS REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES AT I-H HOME OFFICE RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL AND ADVISE SAN DIEGO.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 5/17/68

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Diego teletype to Bureau, Springfield, Memphis, and all Western Offices 5/16/68.

RE: WILLIAM A. MARSHALL

Enclosed for the Memphis Office is a stop card for WILLIAM A. MARSHALL reflecting an APB was issued at San Diego, California, on 5/16/68.

The Memphis Division will be advised when this APB is cancelled.

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TO : DIRECTOR AND SACS SAN DIEGO (44-387) AND SPRINGFIELD
(44-561)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

CONTACT ATTEMPTED WITH INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER (IH)
HOME OFFICE, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST, NEGATIVE. CONTACT, INSTANT
DATE, REVEALS ALL OFFICES ¹⁴⁴⁵ WHO HAVE ACCESS TO PERSONNEL FILES
OUT OF CITY. CHECK RE MARSHALL WILL BE MADE MAY TWENTY NEXT.

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