



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 28, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680527062 JK**

Examination requested by: **Baltimore**

Reference: **Airtel 5/24/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Baltimore (44-669) Enclosure (Lab report)

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of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 24, 1968**Re: **MURKIN  
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680523003 JK**Specimens received **5/23/68**

**Qc351** Photocopies of four-page handwritten letter dated at Montreal, Que. May 14, 1968, to "The Chief of Police Memphis, Tenn. USA" beginning "subject Dr. King..." and signed "Code letter 'G'"

**Result of examination:**

Specimen **Qc351** was searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

Nothing of significance was noted as a result of comparing **Qc351** with the various writings which have been received in connection with the "MURKIN" investigation.

**Qc351** has been retained.

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REPORT  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**  
Re: **MURKIN**  
**CR**

Date: **May 24, 1968**  
FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-200220003 JR**

Specimens received **5/22/68**

**Qc351** Photocopies of four-page handwritten letter dated at Montreal, Quec May 14, 1968, to "The Chief of Police Memphis, Tenn: USA" beginning "subject Dr: King:" and signed "Code letter 'G'"

**Result of examination:**

Specimen Qc351 was searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submission to this file.

Nothing of significance was noted as a result of comparing Qc351 with the various writings which have been received in connection with the "MURKIN" investigation.

**Qc351 has been retained.**

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 24, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
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OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680523003 JK**

Examination requested by: **Memphis**

Reference: **Airtel 5/18/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**1 - Legat, Ottawa Enclosure (Lab report)**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 27, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **D-680524079 JK**

Specimens received **5-24-68**

**Q355 Envelope postmarked "Dallas, Tex. 1B PM 1 May, 1968," bearing the handwritten address "Mr. Loeb - Mayor of Memphis Memphis, Tenn."**

**Q356 Accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "I didnt mean to kill Rev. Luther King..." and ending "...but not a white man. Black men hired me"**

**Result of examination:**

Specimens Q355 and Q356 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

No indented writing, watermarks or other identifying features were noted on either Q355 or Q356 which might indicate the immediate source of these two items.

It was concluded that the questioned writings on Q355 and Q356 were not prepared by James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

The submitted items are temporarily retained.  
Photographs were made.

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of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 27, 1968**Re: **MURKIN  
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680524079 JK**Specimens received **5-24-68**

**Q355** Envelope postmarked "Dallas, Tex. 1B PM 1 May, 1968," bearing the handwritten address "Mr. Loeb - Mayor of Memphis Memphis, Tenn."

**Q356** Accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "I didnt mean to kill Rev. Luther King..." and ending "...but not a white man. Black men hired me"

**Result of examination:**

Specimens Q355 and Q356 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

No indented writing, watermarks or other identifying features were noted on either Q355 or Q356 which might indicate the immediate source of these two items.

It was concluded that the questioned writings on Q355 and Q356 were not prepared by James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

The submitted items are temporarily retained.  
Photographs were made.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 27, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680524079 JK**

Examination requested by: **Memphis**  
Reference: **Airtel 5/22/68**  
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**  
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q355 and Q356.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau airtel to Memphis and Dallas dated 5/24/68.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Dallas Enclosure (Lab report)

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 27, 1968**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

Lab. No. **D-680623069 JK**

Specimens received **5/28/68**

**Q354 Signature card of Manufacturers Bank & Trust Company of St. Louis dated 1/8/68 bearing the signature "James Carl O'Connor"**

**Result of examination:**

Because of the presence of some characteristics which could not be satisfactorily explained on the basis of the available known writings, it could not be determined whether the "James Carl O'Connor" signature on Q354 was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY; however, significant similarities were noted between this questioned signature and the available known handwriting of RAY.

Q354 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 27, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

OO: Memphis

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680523083 JK

Examination requested by: St. Louis

Reference: Airtel 5/21/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q354.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
2-St. Louis (44-775) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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**REPORT  
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 27, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680523083 JK

Specimens received 5/23/68

Q354 Signature card of Manufacturers Bank & Trust Company  
of St. Louis dated 3/9/59 bearing the signature  
"James Carl O'Connor"

**Result of examination:**

Because of the presence of some characteristics  
which could not be satisfactorily explained on the basis  
of the available known writings, it could not be determined  
whether the "James Carl O'Connor" signature on Q354 was  
prepared by JAMES EARL RAY; however, significant similarities  
were noted between this questioned signature and the  
available known handwriting of RAY. //

Q354 will be returned separately. Photographs  
are retained.

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Airtel

To: SAC's St. Louis (44-775) - Enc.  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel 5/21/68, submitting a signature card of Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company of St. Louis, Q354, for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on the signature card, which is enclosed to St. Louis.

Laboratory reporting separate.

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**Airtel**

**To: SAC's WFO (44-700) - Enc. (2)**  
**Memphis (44-1987)**

**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

**Re WFO airtel 5/23/68, submitting two U. S. Postal Money Orders, Q352 and Q352.**

**No latent impressions of value developed on the two money orders, which are enclosed to WFO.**

**Laboratory reporting separate.**

**1 - Newark (44-354)**  
**1 - Los Angeles (44-1974)**  
**1 - Atlanta (44-2386)**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Re: **MURKIN  
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Date: **May 27, 1968**  
FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680523034 JK**

Specimens received **5/23/68**

- Q352 U.S. Postal Money Order, No. 1,916,211,078, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N.J., bearing the handwritten name and address "Eric S. Galt 5533 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90028"**
- Q353 U.S. Postal Money Order, No. 5,615,057,923, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N.J., bearing the handwritten name and address "Eric S. Galt 113-14th St. N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30309"**

**Result of examination:**

On the basis of the available writings attributed to the subject, James Earl Ray, it was concluded that the questioned hand printing and handwriting appearing on Q352 and Q353 were prepared by this individual.

Specimens Q352 and Q353 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 27, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680523034 JK**

Examination requested by: **Washington Field Office**

Reference: **Airtel 5/23/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q352 and Q353.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Washington Field Office (44-703) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Newark (44-854) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 27, 1968**Re: **MURKIN  
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680523034 JK**Specimens received **5/23/68**

**Q352 U.S. Postal Money Order, No. 1,916,211,078, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N.J., bearing the handwritten name and address "Eric S. Galt 5533 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90028"**

**Q353 U.S. Postal Money Order, No. 5,615,057,923, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N.J., bearing the handwritten name and address "Eric S. Galt 113-14th St. N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30309"**

**Result of examination:**

**On the basis of the available writings attributed to the subject, James Earl Ray, it was concluded that the questioned hand printing and handwriting appearing on Q352 and Q353 were prepared by this individual.**

**Specimens Q352 and Q353 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.**

*44-1987-Sub H-261*

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Date: 5-27-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Reurairtel 5-20-68, submitting two registration cards of the Wm. Len Hotel, Q349 and Q350.

Six latent fingerprints of value developed on Q349 and five latent fingerprints of value developed on Q350. Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

Q349 and Q350 enclosed.

Laboratory reporting separate.

Enc. (2)

*William Len Hotel*

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of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 29, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680527113 JK

Specimens received 5/27/68

Q357 Rental Agreement No. 7044348, bearing the signature  
"S. M. Schneiderman"**Result of examination:**

Because of the distorted nature of the questioned signature on Q357 and the different style of handwriting employed, it could not be determined whether this signature was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G; however, nothing of particular significance was noted between the questioned signature and the known handwriting of RAY from such comparison as could be made.

Q357 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 29, 1968**

FBI File No.

**44-2081**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

Lab. No.

**D-62087113 JK**

Specimens received **5/27/68**

**Q287 Rental Agreement No. 704244, bearing the signature  
"E. E. Schmittman"**

**Results of examination:**

Because of the distorted nature of the questioned signature on Q287 and the different style of handwriting employed, it could not be determined whether this signature was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #400610; however, nothing of particular significance was noted between the questioned signature and the known handwriting of RAY from such comparison as could be made.

**Q287 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.**

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 29, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680527113 JK**

Examination requested by: **Atlanta**  
Reference: **Airtel 5/23/68**  
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**  
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q357.

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- 2 - Atlanta (26-43489) (44-2386) Enclosures (2)  
(2 Lab report)
- 2 - Saint Louis (44-775) (26-32047) Enclosures (2)  
(2 Lab report)

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Date: 5/28/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
Attention: FBI Laboratory

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

UNSUBS (2)  
The Bank of Alton,  
Alton, Illinois,  
7/13/67  
BR

Being submitted under separate cover via Registered Mail are the following items of evidence recovered in connection with captioned bank robbery.

1. Item Q3 - A Van Heusen Shirt
2. Item Q6 - Man's brown trousers
3. Slides of hair samples prepared by the Laboratory of hair recovered from previously submitted evidence.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the above submitted evidence with items to be submitted by the Memphis Division in connection with the MURKIN investigation to determine if there is any similarity or identification between the two cases.

- 4 - Bureau (3: 44-38861)  
(1: 91-27494)
- 1 - Package (RM)
- ② - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - St. Louis (44-775)
- 3 - Springfield (2: 44-561)  
(1: 91-3699)

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Special Agent in Charge

SI 44-561

The Memphis Division is requested to submit items of clothing bearing laundry marks and hair samples recovered by the Laboratory in the MURKIN investigation for comparison with the above submitted items.

The St. Louis Division is requested to reinterview JOHN EUGENE GAWRON in depth; develop in detail his complete association with JAMES EARL RAY, together with all knowledge he has concerning RAY's movements and plans, particularly with reference to the casing of The Bank of Alton in 1959. Will also determine from GAWRON all known associates of RAY in order that they might be investigated as possible suspects in instant bank robbery. Will submit results to the Springfield Division in order that all future investigation concerning MURKIN and the bank robbery matter might be coordinated.

For information of the Bureau, the Springfield report of SA ROBERT C. HAINES dated 10/10/67 beginning of page 28 sets forth results of Laboratory examination of recovered evidence in this matter. With particular reference to the shotgun recovered, the Laboratory pointed out that there was no physical evidence to indicate the shotgun had ever borne a serial number and that there are some shotguns which do not bear a serial number.

For further information of the Bureau, inquiry of employees and officials at The Bank of Alton has disclosed that no exact figure or breakdown of the bills incorporated in the loot money obtained is available since the bank was robbed near the end of the business day and the tellers had no exact accounting of denominations taken. It is the opinion of employees that a large amount of \$20 bills was obtained and further that one teller specifically recalls she had twenty-one \$100 bills in her teller's cage.

Investigation continuing Springfield Division to develop information concerning information furnished by GAWRON.

State

John Carlyle

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5/31/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

**URGENT (3);**  
**The Bank of Alton,**  
**Alton, Illinois,**  
**7/13/67;**  
**EM**

Re Springfield airtel to the Director, Attention FBI Laboratory, dated 5/22/68, captioned as above, and Laboratory letter to Memphis dated 4/17/68 concerning examination PC-A5892-EM.

Being submitted under separate cover by AMSD Registered Mail are the following hairs and fibers identified in referenced Laboratory communication:

- Q 29 and 30
- Q 29 (2 slides)
- Q 46
- Q 28 (2 slides)
- Q 24
- Q 15 (4 slides)
- Q 1 (2 slides)
- Q 13 (2 slides)
- Q 2

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- 4 - Bureau (3 - 44-38861)  
(1 - 91-37484)
- (1 - Package) (AMSD) (RM)
- 2 - Springfield
- 1 - 44-581
- 1 - 91-3699
- 1 - Memphis

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The slides listed on the previous page are contained on a total of 12 slide cartons which were obtained in connection with the MURKIN case.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the above submitted evidence with the items submitted in referenced Springfield airtel to determine if there is any similarity or identification between the two cases.

Upon completion of the examination, the Laboratory is requested to return the submitted items to the Memphis Division that they may be returned to the State Attorney General's Office for retention as evidence.



REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Richmond (87-NEW)

Date: May 29, 1968

Re: UNSUB, aka  
DAVID COOPERMAN,  
LALAH COOPERMAN  
ITSP

FBI File No.

Lab. No. D-680523082 JK

Specimen received 5/23/68

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>SIGNED</u>	<u>BANK</u>
Q1	147	\$175.00	4/15/68	Valerie Dawn Miller	David Cooperman	Suburban Trust Company, Hyattsville, Md.

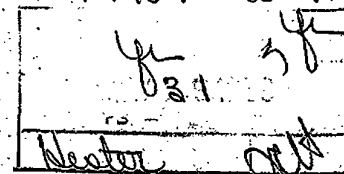
Result of examination:

Specimen Q1 was searched through the appropriate sections of the National Fraudulent Check File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

Where fingerprint cards were located for individuals using the name "David Cooperman" the signatures thereon were compared with Q1 but no identification could be effected. No fingerprint cards were located for individuals using the name "Lalah Cooperman."

It was concluded that the questioned writings on Q1 were not prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Q1 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.





FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Richmond (87-NEW)

Date: May 29, 1968

Re: UNSUB, aka  
DAVID COOPERMAN,  
LALAH COOPERMAN  
ITSP  
OO: Richmond

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.  
Lab. No. D-680523082 JK

Examination requested by: Richmond  
Reference: Airtel 5/21/68  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint  
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q1.

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Enclosures (2). (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Richmond (44-657) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 2 - Baltimore (1-44-493) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
- ① - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 2 - Washington Field Office (1-44-703) Enclosures (2)  
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Date: 5-31-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel 5-22-68 submitting an envelope, Q355,  
and accompanying letter Q356.

No latent impressions of value were developed on the  
envelope or letter, which are enclosed.

Laboratory reporting separately.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Dallas

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Philadelphia (44-1368) - Enc. (2)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Philadelphia airtel 5-20-68 submitting an envelope addressed to Rev. Hal Lloyd, Q347, and accompanying typewritten message, Q348.

One latent palm print of value developed on the envelope, and five latent fingerprints of value developed on the message. The latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. No palm prints here for Ray. Latent print searches were conducted through single fingerprint file, but no identification effected.

Envelope and message enclosed to Philadelphia.

Laboratory report separate.

1 - Cleveland (44-565)

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## REPORT

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## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

June 3, 1968

YOUR FILE NO.  
FBI FILE NO.  
LATENT CASE NO. **92993**

TO: **SAC, Richmond**

RE: **UNSUB., AKA  
DAVID COOPERMAN;  
LALAN COOPERMAN;  
ITSP**

REFERENCE: **Airtel 5/21/68**  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Richmond**  
SPECIMENS: **Q1, check #147**

**Two latent fingerprints developed on enclosed check.**

**Latent fingerprints are not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #4059426. Latent fingerprints also compared but are not identical with fingerprints of following individuals, one of whom may be person whose name appears in title of this case:**

**Enc.**

- 1 - Richmond (44-657)**
- 1 - Baltimore (44-493)**
- ① - Memphis (44-1987)**
- 1 - WFO (44-703)**

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June 3, 1968

David Cooperman, born ,  
New York, N. Y.  
David Cooperman, born ,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Basis of information furnished, no fingerprint record  
located Identification Division files for Lalah Cooperman.

Latent fingerprints lack sufficient pattern  
detail for search in single fingerprint file.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

Date: **June 9, 1968**  
 FBI File No. **44-38861**  
 Lab. No. **D-680829081 JK**

Specimens received **5/29/68**

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K278 through K453 will be returned by separate cover. These items were not photographed.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 3, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

OO: Memphis

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680529081 JK

Examination requested by: Kansas City

Reference: Airtel 5/28/68

Examination requested: Document

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