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SHAW-WALKER 18-40580

6/9/68

Airtel

To: SAC's Atlanta (44-2386) - Enclosure
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel 5/23/68, submitting rental agreement signed "S. M. Schneiderman," Q357.

Four latent fingerprints of value developed on the rental agreement. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

Rental agreement enclosed to Atlanta.

Laboratory reporting separate.

2 - St. Louis (44-775)
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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**To: **FBI, Memphis**Date: **June 4, 1968**Re: **MURKIN**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **PC-A6692 JV****PC-A6725 JV**

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

**Specimens received 5/31/68, from FBI, Springfield, with airtel dated
5/28/68, PC-A6692 JV**

**Resubmission: Q3 Shirt (PC-A1071 JV)
Q6 Trousers (PC-A1071 JV)
Glass slides Q3, Q5 and Q8 (PC-A1071 JV)**

**Specimens received 6/2/68, from FBI, Memphis, with airtel dated
5/31/68, PC-A6725 JV**

**Resubmission: 17 glass microscope slides containing hairs
6 glass microscope slides containing fibers**

Results of examination:

**The brown head hairs previously recovered from
specimens Q3, Q5 and Q8 are dissimilar to the head hairs
found in the evidence recovered in the Murkin Case, (PC-A5498)
and did not originate from the same person.**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis**Date: **June 4, 1968**Re: **MURKIN**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **PC-A6592 JV**
PC-A6725 JVSpecimens received: **WEISONS (2);
The Bank of Alton,
Alton, Illinois,
7/13/67; BR****5/31/68, from FBI, Springfield, with airtel dated
5/28/68, PC-A6592 JV****Examination: Q2 Shirt (PC-A1071 JV)
Q6 Trousers (PC-A1071 JV)
Glass slides Q2, Q5 and Q6 (PC-A1071 JV)****Specimens received 5/2/68, from FBI, Memphis, with airtel dated
5/31/68, PC-A6725 JV****Examination: 17 glass microscope slides containing hairs
8 glass microscope slides containing fibers****Results of examination:****The brown head hairs previously recovered from
specimens Q2, Q5 and Q6 are dissimilar to the head hairs
found in the evidence recovered in the Martin case, (PC-A6498)
and did not originate from the same person.**

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

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 4, 1968

Re: MURKIN

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

BR

Examination requested by: Memphis - Springfield

Reference: Airtels 5/31/68, 5/28/68

Examination requested: Microscopic

Remarks: Specimens Q3, Q6 and the resubmitted glass microscope slides containing hairs (PC-A1071) are being returned to the Springfield Division under separate cover by registered mail.

The 17 resubmitted glass microscope slides containing hairs and the 6 resubmitted glass microscope slides containing fibers (PC-A5498) are being returned to the Memphis Division under separate cover by registered mail for return to the State Attorney General's Office.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Springfield (44-561) 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: **June 4, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680531091 JK**Specimens received **5/31/68**

Q362 Check drawn on Security First National Bank, Long Beach, California, dated May 15, 1968, payable to "Alan A. Krause," signed "W. L. De Luca"

Q363 Gulf Oil invoice No. 6686906, dated 5/15/68, bearing the signature "W. L. De Luca"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Five cards bearing latent prints

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Q362 and Q363 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Because of the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations, the writings on these two items could not be satisfactorily compared with the "William A. Marshall" signatures appearing on Q343 and Q344 which were previously submitted.

The submitted items will be returned separately.
Photographs are retained.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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

Date: **June 4, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-660531091 JK**

Specimens received: **5/31/68**

Q362 Check drawn on Security First National Bank, Long Beach, California, dated May 15, 1968, payable to "Alan A. Krause," signed "W. L. De Luca"

Q363 Gulf Oil invoice No. 6686906, dated 5/15/68, bearing the signature "W. L. De Luca"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Five cards bearing latent prints

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Q362 and Q363 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Because of the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations, the writings on these two items could not be satisfactorily compared with the "William A. Marshall" signatures appearing on Q343 and Q344 which were previously submitted.

**The submitted items 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: **June 4, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680531091 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel 5/29/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q362 and Q363.

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2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) 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)**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Date: **June 4, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680693033 JK**

Bureau Request received
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 5/31/68

Qc288 Additional photocopy of money order previously submitted

Qc358 Photocopy of Canadian Postal Money Order, C-35,273,307,
payable to "E.Z. Formula" amount of \$1.00, remitted by
"Eric Galt"

Qc359 Photocopy of Canadian Postal Money Order, C-31,600,648,
payable to "Futura Books, Inc." amount of \$9.00, remitted
by "Eric Galt"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings
appearing on Qc358 and Qc359 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY,
whose known handwriting appears on K171, K211 and K257.

Qc358 and Qc359 have been retained in Bureau files.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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

Date: **June 4, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680003033 JK**

Bureau Request received
XXXXXXXXXXXX 5/31/68

- Qc288 Additional photocopy of money order previously submitted**
- Qc358 Photocopy of Canadian Postal Money Order, C-35,273,807, payable to "E.Z. Formula" amount of \$1.00, remitted by "Eric Galt"**
- Qc359 Photocopy of Canadian Postal Money Order, C-31,000,648, payable to "Futura Books, Inc." amount of \$9.00, remitted by "Eric Galt"**

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Qc358 and Qc359 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, whose known handwriting appears on K171, K211 and K257.

Qc358 and Qc359 have been retained in Bureau files.

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

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

Date: **June 4, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680603033 JK**

Examination requested by: **Bureau**
Reference: **None**
Examination requested: **Document**
Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Legat, Ottawa (44-4) Enclosure (Lab report)

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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

Date: June 4, 1968
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Lab. No. D-680531092 JK
D-680531093 JK

Bureau Request received 5/31/68

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Qc360 Photocopy of lease form for Harkay Apartments signed
"Eric S. Galt"

Bureau Request received 5/31/68

Qc361 Photocopy of registration card for Hotel "Tropicana"
No. 11133, bearing the signature "Eric Galt"

Result of examination:

Although handwriting characteristics noted indicate the common authorship of the questioned "Galt" signatures on Qc360 and Qc361 and the other signatures in this name, partly because of the indistinctness of the photocopies and partly because of the presence of some variations, a definite conclusion was not reached.

Specimens Qc360 and Qc361 have been retained in Bureau files.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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

Date: June 4, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680531092 JK
D-680531093 JK

Bureau Request received 5/31/68

~~Specimens received~~

Qc360 Photocopy of lease form for Markay Apartments signed
"Eric S. Galt"

Bureau Request received 5/31/68

Qc361 Photocopy of registration card for Hotel "Tropicana"
No. 11133, bearing the signature "Eric Galt"

Result of examination:

Although handwriting characteristics noted indicate the common authorship of the questioned "Galt" signatures on Qc360 and Qc361 and the other signatures in this name, partly because of the indistinctness of the photocopies and partly because of the presence of some variations, a definite conclusion was not reached.

Specimens Qc360 and Qc361 have been retained in Bureau files.

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

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

Date: **June 4, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680531092 JK
D-680531093 JK**

Examination requested by: **Bureau**
Reference: **None**
Examination requested: **Document**
Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Legat, Ottawa (44-4) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Legat, Mexico City (173-1) Enclosure (Lab report)

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6-5-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Buffalo (44-374)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Buffalo letter of 6-4-68, submitting photographs of
note and latent palm print.

Five latent fingerprints and one latent palm print of
value in photographs. Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints
James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. No palm prints here for Ray.

Confirming.

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6-5-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, San Diego (44-387)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re San Diego teletype of 5-31-68.

Two latent fingerprints previously reported on the deposit receipt dated 5-14-68, signed William A. Marshall, not identical fingerprints named suspects James Harold Warren, FBI #4250617, or Jack Wethington, FBI #616317C.

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 5, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680603164 JK

Request received 6/3/68

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Request comparison of handwriting on registration cards in the name "Vincent Walker" (Q349) and "Lawrence Reed" (Q350) with signatures on fingerprint cards of LAWRENCE EARL WILLIAMS, FBI #213797, VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER, FBI #52651-D, VINCENT JOHN WALKER, JR., FBI #70584-B and HERBERT J. WALKER, FBI #908780-C

Result of examination:

Because the "Vincent Walker" name on Q349 is hand printed, the handwritten signatures of the individuals mentioned above cannot be satisfactorily compared with the "Walker" name on Q349.

Partly because of the distorted nature of the questioned signature on Q350 and partly because the known signatures in the name "Walker" are not comparable with the handwriting on Q350, it could not be determined whether this questioned item was prepared by any of the individuals whose names are set forth above.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **June 8, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-690603164 JK****Request received 6/3/68****Specimens received**

Request comparison of handwriting on registration cards in the name "Vincent Walker" (Q349) and "Lawrence Reed" (Q388) with signatures on fingerprint cards of LAWRENCE EARL WILLIAMS, FBI #213797, VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER, FBI #38861-D, VINCENT JOHN WALKER, JR., FBI #70884-E and HERBERT J. WALKER, FBI #688780-C

Result of examination:

Because the "Vincent Walker" name on Q349 is hand printed, the handwritten signatures of the individuals mentioned above cannot be satisfactorily compared with the "Walker" name on Q349.

Partly because of the distorted nature of the questioned signature on Q388 and partly because the known signatures in the name "Walker" are not comparable with the handwriting on Q388, it could not be determined whether this questioned item was prepared by any of the individuals whose names are set forth above.

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

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

Date: **June 5, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-6806033164 JK**

Examination requested by: **Bureau**
Reference: **None**
Examination requested: **Document**
Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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6/6/68

Airtel

To: SAC's Buffalo (44-374)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Buffalo letter 6/4/68, submitting photograph of note, Qc367, four photographs of latent palm print, and passport photograph.

Five latent fingerprints of value on note, Qc367, and one latent palm print of value in four photographs.

Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. No palm prints here for Ray. The latent palm print in photographs not identical comparable areas unidentified latent palm prints previously reported captioned case.

Photographs retained.

This report supplements and confirms Butel dated 6/5/68.

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Airtel

To: SAC's Los Angeles (44-1574) - Enc. (7)
Memphis (44-1987)
San Diego (44-387)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel 5/29/68, submitting check dated 5/15/68, (Q362), Gulf Oil invoice #5686906, (Q363), and five lifts.

One latent fingerprint developed Q362; one latent fingerprint developed Q363; and one latent fingerprint of value on lift #1. Latent prints on other lifts no value.

Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G; James Harold Warren, FBI #4250617; or Jack Wethington. Wethington and Warren previously considered suspects this matter.

Lifts, check, and invoice enclosed to Los Angeles.

Laboratory report separate.

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **June 6, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680604048 JK****Request**~~XXXXXX~~ received **6/4/68**

Request for comparison of handwriting and fingerprints appearing on questioned "Marshall" writings in this case with signatures and fingerprints of JACK WETHINGTON, FBI #616317C, and JAMES HAROLD WARREN, FBI #4250617

Result of examination:

Because the known signatures of JAMES HAROLD WARREN, FBI #4250617, and JACK WETHINGTON, FBI #616317C, are not sufficiently comparable with the questioned William A. Marshall signatures on Q343 and Q344, it could not be determined whether the "Marshall" signatures were prepared by either of these individuals.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **June 6, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680604048 JK****Request**

Specimens received

6/4/68

Request for comparison of handwriting and fingerprints appearing on questioned "Marshall" writings in this case with signatures and fingerprints of JACK WETHINGTON, FBI #616317C, and JAMES HAROLD WARREN, FBI #4250617

Result of examination:

Because the known signatures of JAMES HAROLD WARREN, FBI #4250617, and JACK WETHINGTON, FBI #616317C, are not sufficiently comparable with the questioned William A. Marshall signatures on Q343 and Q344, it could not be determined whether the "Marshall" signatures were prepared by either of these individuals.

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

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

Date: **June 6, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680604048 JK**

Examination requested by: **San Diego**

Reference: **Teletype 5/31/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the
results of the fingerprint comparisons.**

**This report confirms and supplements Bureau airtel
dated 6/5/68.**

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2 - San Diego (44-387) 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: June 6, 1968****Re: MURKIN
CR****FBI File No. 44-38861****Lab. No. D-680605033 JK
D-680604100 JK****Specimens received 6/4/68, from FBI, Washington Field Office****Qc364 Three photocopies of Statutory Declaration In Lieu
Of Guarantor form bearing the signature "Ramon George
Sneyd"****Qc365 Three photocopies of Form A - Application for
Canadian Passport bearing the signature "Ramon George
Sneyd"****Qc366 Two photographs, one of which bears the signature
"Ramon George Sneyd"****Specimen received 6/4/68, from FBI, Buffalo****Qc367 Photocopy of hand printed note dated 4/20/68 beginning
"I half to go..." signed "Ramon George Sneyd"****ALSO SUBMITTED: Photograph of partial palm print and passport
photograph****Result of examination:****It was determined that the questioned hand printing
appearing on Qc364 and Qc365 was not prepared by James Earl
Ray.****Considering the "Ramon George Sneyd" signatures on
Qc364, Qc365, Qc366 and Qc367 along with the hand printing
on Qc367 as a unit, it was concluded that the questioned
material comprising these items was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY,
whose known handwriting and hand printing appears on specimens
K171, K211 and K257.***44-1987-Sub H-287*

A comparison of the photographs of James Earl Ray with the photographs of Ramon George Sneyd (Qc366) discloses similarities in many significant general features, including contours and shapes of ears, chin, nose and lips, the face lines, and the hairlines. Based on these similarities it has been concluded that in all probability these photographs depict the same individual. However, in the absence of specific characteristics such as identifying scars, marks, etc., a definite determination could not be made as the result of this comparison.

Specimens Qc364 through Qc367 have been retained.

REPORT of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **June 6, 1968**FBI File No. **44-38861**Re: **MURKIN
CR**Lab. No. **D-680603033 JK
D-680604100 JK**Specimens received **6/4/68, from FBI, Washington Field Office****Qc364 Three photocopies of Statutory Declaration in Lieu of Oathmaster form bearing the signature "James George Mayd"****Qc365 Three photocopies of Form A - Application for Canadian Passport bearing the signature "James George Mayd"****Qc366 Two photographs, one of which bears the signature "James George Mayd"**Specimens received **6/4/68, from FBI, Buffalo****Qc367 Photocopy of hand printed note dated 4/22/68 beginning "I had to go..." signed "James George Mayd"****ALSO SUBMITTED: Photograph of partial palm print and passport photograph****Result of examination:****It was determined that the questioned hand printing appearing on Qc364 and Qc365 was not prepared by James Earl Ray.****Considering the "James George Mayd" signatures on Qc364, Qc365, Qc366 and Qc367 along with the hand printing on Qc367 as a unit, it was concluded that the questioned material comprising these items was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, whose known handwriting and hand printing appears on specimens K1V1, K1I1 and K1B7.****Page 1 (continued on next page)**

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A comparison of the photographs of James Earl Ray with the photographs of Ramon George Sneyd (Qc366) discloses similarities in many significant general features including contours and shapes of ears, chin, nose and lips, the face lines, and the hairlines. Based on these similarities it has been concluded that in all probability these photographs depict the same individual. However, in the absence of specific characteristics such as identifying scars, marks, etc., a definite determination could not be made as the result of this comparison.

Specimens Qc364 through Qc367 have been retained.

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

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

Date: **June 6, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: **Washington Field Office,
Buffalo**

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680605033 JK
D-680604100 JK**

Reference:

Airtel 6/4/68

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the
results of the fingerprint examination.**

**Specimens Qc364 through Qc366 were personally
delivered to the Laboratory on 6/4/68 by SA Robert W. Dawson,
Washington Field Office.**

**This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype
to Memphis, Buffalo and Legat, Ottawa dated 6/5/68.**

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- Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
2 - Buffalo (44-374) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Washington Field Office (44-703) Enclosures (2)
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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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

Date: **June 7, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680604198 JK**

Specimens received **6/4/68**

**K454 through K484 Known handwriting, hand printing and
typewriting of thirty-one individuals
appearing on various documents**

Result of examination:

The typewriting, hand printing and handwriting appearing on items designated K454 through K484 were compared with items received in connection with the "MURKIN" investigation, but nothing of particular significance was noted.

K454 through K484 are returned to Newark. These items were not photographed.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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

Re: **MURKIN**
CR

Date: **June 7, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-650604198 JK**

Specimens received

6/4/68

**K454 through K484 Known handwriting, hand printing and
typewriting of thirty-one individuals
appearing on various documents**

Result of examination:

**The typewriting, hand printing and handwriting
appearing on items designated K454 through K484 were
compared with items received in connection with the "MURKIN"
investigation, but nothing of particular significance was
noted.**

**K454 through K484 are returned to Newark. These
items were not photographed.**

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

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

Date: **June 7, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680604198 JK**

Examination requested by: **Newark**
Reference: **Airtel 5/31/68**
Examination requested: **Document**
Remarks:

The items designated K454 through K484 were obtained from the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

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2 - Newark (44-854) Enclosures (31) (K454-K484, 2 Lab report)

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Airtel

To: SAC's San Diego (44-387)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re San Diego teletype 6/5/68.

Five latent fingerprints previously reported on specimens Q344, Q362, Q363, and one lift reported in connection with the William A. Marshall investigation, are not identical with the fingerprints of Howard Mason Birrell, Jr., FBI #1971469.

Laboratory reporting separate.

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **June 11, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680610041 JK**Specimens received **6/8/68****Q368 Application for subscription to the "Select Magazine,"
in the name "James E. Ray"****Result of examination:****It was concluded that the questioned hand printing
on Q368 was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.****Q368 will be returned separately. Photographs are
retained.***44-1987-Sub-H-292*

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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

Re: **MURKIN**
CR

Date: **June 11, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680610041 JE**

Specimens received, **6/8/68**

Q283 Application for subscription to the "Silent Engineer,"
in the name "James E. Ray"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned hand printing
on Q283 was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #0000430.

Q283 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: **June 11, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680610041 JK**

Examination requested by: **Newark**

Reference: **Airtel 6/7/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and the disposition of Q368.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Newark (44-854) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - San Francisco (173-65) Enclosure (Lab report)

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **June 11, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680610039 JK****Request**~~XXXXXX~~ received **6/7/68**

Request comparison of the WILLIAM A. MARSHALL signatures on Q343 and Q344 with the known handwriting of HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., FBI #1971469

Result of examination:

Because of the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations for a satisfactory examination, it could not be determined whether the "William A. Marshall" signatures on Q343 and Q344 were prepared by HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., FBI #1971469.

If available, additional known handwriting of BIRRELL may permit a more definite opinion.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **June 11, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680610030 JK****Request**

Specimens received

6/7/68

Request comparison of the WILLIAM A. MARSHALL signatures on Q343 and Q344 with the known handwriting of HOWARD MASON BIRNELL, JR., FBI #1971469

Result of examination:

Because of the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations for a satisfactory examination, it could not be determined whether the "William A. Marshall" signatures on Q343 and Q344 were prepared by HOWARD MASON BIRNELL, JR., FBI #1971469.

If available, additional known handwriting of BIRNELL may permit a more definite opinion.

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

Date: **June 11, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680610039 JK**

Examination requested by: **San Diego**
Reference: **Teletype 6/5/68**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint comparisons.**

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2 - San Diego (44-387) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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

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of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **June 13, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680610039 HQ****Request**~~XXXXXX~~ received **6/11/68**

Request comparison of photograph of Eric Starvo Galt taken in connection with his attendance at a bartender's school in early 1968 with photographs of James Earl Ray taken at the time of his imprisonment in 1960 and 1966

Result of examination:

It was determined that the individual depicted in the photograph of Eric Starvo Galt that was taken in connection with his attendance at a bartender's school in early 1968 and the individual in the photographs of James Earl Ray that were taken at the time of his imprisonment in 1960 and 1966 are photographs of the same individual.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 13, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680610039 HQ

Request

Specimens received 6/11/68

Request comparison of photograph of Eric Starvo Galt taken in connection with his attendance at a bartender's school in early 1968 with photographs of James Earl Ray taken at the time of his imprisonment in 1960 and 1966

Result of examination:

It was determined that the individual depicted in the photograph of Eric Starvo Galt that was taken in connection with his attendance at a bartender's school in early 1968 and the individual in the photographs of James Earl Ray that were taken at the time of his imprisonment in 1960 and 1966 are photographs of the same individual.

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

Date: **June 13, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)**

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680610039 HQ**

Examination requested by: **Bureau**
Reference: **None**
Examination requested: **Photographic**
Remarks:

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Newark (44-854) - Enc.
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Newark airtel 6-7-68, submitting an application for subscription to the "Select Magazine," Q368.

Three latent fingerprints of value developed on the application. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. Q368 enclosed to Newark.

Laboratory reporting separately.

1 - San Francisco

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

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

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Date: **June 18, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680617084 JK**

Specimens received **6/14/68**

- Q373** Envelope postmarked "New York, N.Y. AG - PM 11Jun 1968," bearing the handwritten address "Federal Bureau of Investigation 201 E. 69 St. N.Y.C., N.Y."
- Q374** Accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "Federal Bureau of Investigation June 10, 68 Gentlemen: I believe it to be of interest to you,..." and ending "...I am deeply concerned and hope no one is hurt."

Result of examination:

Specimens Q373 and Q374 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File and against items which have been submitted in the "MURKIN" case but no identification could be made.

No watermarks, indented impressions or other identifying characteristics were noted on Q373 and Q374 which might indicate their immediate source.

Physical characteristics of the two items submitted have been noted for possible future reference.

The two items submitted will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **June 12, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680617004 JE**Specimens received **6/14/68**

Q373 Envelope postmarked "New York, N.Y. AS - PM 11:00 AM 1968," bearing the handwritten address "Federal Bureau of Investigation 201 E. 69 St. N.Y.C., N.Y."

Q374 Accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "Federal Bureau of Investigation June 10.68 Gentlemen: I believe it to be of interest to you,..." and ending "...I am deeply concerned and hope no one is hurt."

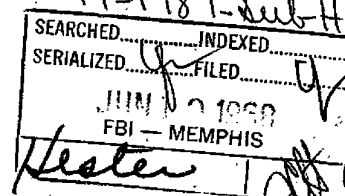
Result of examination:

Specimens **Q373** and **Q374** were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File and against those which have been submitted in the "MURKIN" case but no identification could be made.

No variations, indented impressions or other identifying characteristics were noted on **Q373** and **Q374** which might indicate their immediate source.

Physical characteristics of the two items submitted have been noted for possible future reference.

The two items submitted will be returned separately. Photographs were made.





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

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

Date: **June 18, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
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OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680617084 JK**

Examination requested by: **New York**
Reference: **Airtel 6/13/68**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q373 and Q374.**

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2 - New York (44-1609) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)
MURKIN

Enclosed are the following documents which were made available to SAs NORMAN W. PHILCOX and WILBUR L. MARTINDALE in Lisbon, Portugal, on 6/8/68 by AUBREY L. MORANTZ, Second Secretary and Counsel, Canadian Embassy:

(1) Carbon copy of memorandum from Canadian Embassy, Lisbon, to Canadian Passport Division 5/17/68 showing a new passport had been issued to RAMON GEORGE SNEYD on 5/16/68.

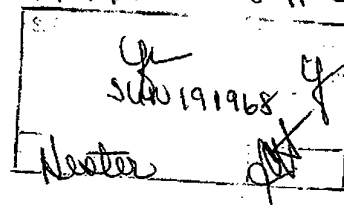
(2) Application for Canadian passport executed by RAMON GEORGE SNEYD showing Passport No. [REDACTED] was cancelled and Passport No. [REDACTED] was issued 5/16/68.

(3) Undated affidavit by RAMON GEORGE SNEYD to the effect that he had no guarantor available in Lisbon because he was only there on vacation.

The handwriting on the passport application and the affidavit should be compared with RAY's known handwriting, and upon completion the enclosures should be returned to Legat, Paris, for forwarding to the Canadian Embassy at Lisbon.

Also enclosed are the following documents furnished to SAs PHILCOX and MARTINDALE on 6/8/68 by Senor JOSE MANUEL PASSO of the Portuguese International Police:

3 - Bureau (Encls. 6)
1 - Paris (direct)
1 - Liaison (direct)
1 - London
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(1) Entry card executed by RAMON GEORGE SNEYA when he entered Portugal at Lisbon 5/8/68.

(2) Exit card executed by RAMON GEORGE SNEYD when he departed from Lisbon enroute to London 5/17/68.

(3) Registration card for RAYMON GEORGE SNEYA at Hotel Portugal, Lisbon, dated 5/8/68.

The above items should be compared with the known handwriting of RAY, after which they should be forwarded to Legat, Paris, for return to Senor PASSO.

AUBREY MORANTZ was interviewed by the above agents, and explained that SNEYD appeared at the Canadian Embassy on 5/15/68 to complain that there was an error in his Canadian passport that had been issued at Ottawa on 4/24/68, and that his name was shown to be SNEYA. Arrangements were made to issue a replacement passport, which was given to the subject the following day and his old passport was cancelled and returned to him. In his conversation with SNEYD MORANTZ said that he made no mention of his activities in Lisbon or of his prior travel or future plans. He was assisted in filling out the forms by Counselor Assistant Mrs. MANUELLA TEIXEIRA LOPES.

Mrs. LOPES was vacationing at a distant point in Portugal and was telephonically interviewed by SA MARTINDALE. She stated that when she assisted SNEYD in executing his passport application he said he was staying in Lisbon only one or two days and debated whether to bother to change his passport because he "did not want to spend all of his time waiting around the Embassy." A new passport was issued the day after he first came in. It is noted that the passport photograph does not identify the photographer. Mrs. LOPES stated she may have referred RAY to Photo Lusitana to have the photos taken but she could not definitely recall whether or not she had done so. RAY displayed a Canadian birth certificate in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. He needed a great deal of help in filling out the application, leading Mrs. Lopes to believe he did not have a good education. She cancelled the passport issued at Ottawa by stamping it "Cancelled" on each page and clipping one inch from each of the inside pages.

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Inspector ANTONIO ROCHA FAMA, Immigration Officer at the Lisbon Airport, advised the agents that he had checked RAMON GEORGE SNEYD out of Lisbon enroute to London on 5/17/68. He selected the photograph which RAY had used on the Ottawa passport as closely resembling SNEYD.

Senor PASSO advised that he had caused intensive but discreet inquiries to be made at the Hotel Portugal and had determined that SNEYD had checked out of the hotel shortly before his flight was to depart for London on 5/17/68. He lived quietly and inconspicuously in the hotel, had no known associates, had no known contacts with women, and gave every appearance of being an ordinary tourist.

Senor PASSO advised that airline records covering RAY's return to London from Lisbon are in an office which will not be open until 6/11/68, at which time he will review the records to determine the manner in which the ticket was purchased. He will interview the airline employee who handled the transaction, and will also interview the flight crew for any pertinent information.

Senor PASSO agreed to locate and interview the photographer in Lisbon used by RAY for any information of value, and also agreed to check all banks for records of any accounts or safe deposit boxes obtained by the subject. After RAY's apprehension Senor PASSO was asked, and agreed, to have more intensive and open investigation conducted at the Hotel Portugal and surrounding areas, as well as at bars and among prostitutes, to develop RAY's activities while in Lisbon.

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of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)****Date: June 18, 1968****Re: MURKIN
CR****FBI File No. 44-38861****Lab. No. D-680614107 JK****Specimens received 6/14/68**

- Q369** Form A-0-Application for Canadian Passport, in the name RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, stamped "Cancelled," Affidavit signed "Ramon George Sneyd" and attached carbon copy of a letter to the Canadian Passport Division dated 5/17/68
- Q370** Card entitled "Policia Internacional E De Defesa Do Estado Entrada De Estrangeiros," signed RAMON GEORGE SNEYD
- Q371** International Embarkation/Disembarkation Card, in the name RAMON GEORGE SNEYA
- Q372** International Embarkation/Disembarkation Card, in the name RAMON GEORGE SNEYD

Result of examination:

Excluding the hand printing on Q370 and considering the signature on this item together with the other specimens described above, it was concluded that the questioned handwriting, hand printing and "Sneyd" signatures on Q369 through Q372 were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Specimens Q369 through Q372 are forwarded with a copy of this report to Legat, Paris. Photographs were made.

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