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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-O-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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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-680614107 JK**

Examination requested by: **Legat, London**

Reference: **Airtel 6/9/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Because of the nature of the documents submitted, these were not treated for latent fingerprints. Should such an examination be desired, these items should be forwarded to the Bureau, attention Latent Fingerprint Section.

Enclosed for the information of Memphis is a copy of incoming communication from Legat, London.

- Enclosures (3) (2 Lab report, copy of incoming communication)
- 2 - Legat, London (88-72) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
- 1 - Legat, Paris Enclosures (5) (Q369-Q372, Lab report)

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6-19-68

Airtel

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

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Newark airtel 6-11-68, submitting bank newsletter for examination.

Four latent fingerprints of value were developed on the newsletter. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G or Jerry William Ray, FBI #862651A.

Newsletter enclosed to Newark.

- 1 - Newark (137-6829)
- 1 - Newark (137-6826)
- 1 - Chicago (44-1114)

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6-19-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, New York (44-1600) - Enc. (2)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re New York airtel 6-13-68, submitting an envelope and accompanying letter, Q373 and Q374.

No latent impressions of value developed on the envelope and letter, which are enclosed to New York.

Laboratory report separate.

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To: FBI, San Diego (44-387)
(44-394)
Re: MURKIN
CR
KENSALT

Date: June 21, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680619073 JK

Specimens received 6/19/68

- Q375 Sheet of paper bearing a hand printed note which begins "If the F.B.I. wants Ray.s buddy go to...," and ending "...in Big Stone Gap Virginia by the F. B. I."
- K485 Sheet of paper bearing the known hand printing of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing on Q375 was prepared by GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, K485.

The submitted material was searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

Q375 and K485 have been photographed and are being returned to San Diego separately.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, San Diego (44-387)
(44-394)

Date: June 21, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis
KENSALT
OO: Los Angeles

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John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680619073 JK

Examination requested by: San Diego
Reference: Airtel 6/17/68
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished on the latent fingerprint examination and return of Q375 and K485.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

② - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Los Angeles (56-156) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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Airtel

To: SAC's, San Diego (44-387) - Enclosures (2)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re San Diego airtel 6/17/68, submitting a hand printed note, Q375.

No latent impressions of value developed on the note, which is enclosed to San Diego, together with known hand printing, K485.

Laboratory reporting separately.

1 - Los Angeles
1 - San Diego (44-394)

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To: FBI, Birmingham (44-1740)
Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: June 26, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680624097 JK

Specimens received 6/24/68

Q376 Palmer Writers School pamphlet submitted under the name
"Eric A. Waugh" bearing hand printing

ALSO SUBMITTED: Handwritten letter signed AUBRY DEE CHANDLER

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the handwriting on Q376 was
not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, K211.

Q376 has been photographed and is being returned to
Birmingham with the ALSO SUBMITTED material.

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File--Serial Charge Out

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48-16-83475-1 GPO

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Birmingham (44-1740)

Date: June 26, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680624097 JK

Examination requested by: Birmingham
Reference: Airtel 6/21/68
Examination requested: Document
Remarks:

Enclosures (4) (Q376, ALSO SUBMITTED, 2 Lab report)

- ② - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
- 2 - New Orleans Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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

Date: July 1, 1968
FBI File No. 44- 38861
Lab. No. D-680625135 IH
PC-A7235 BX IZ
CW

Specimens received 6/25/68

- Q377 Scratch pad
- Q378 - Q382 One clean and four soiled handkerchiefs
- Q383 Wittnauer wrist watch.
- Q384 TWA message slip for YARUM CHANDRA DUTT
- Q486 Four test bullets and four cartridge cases from "Liberty Chief, .38 Special revolver" serial #715

Result of examination:

Q377 was examined for watermarks and indented writing with negative results. The hand printed word "CETERIFICATE" appears on the cover of this pad. Although a number of hand printing similarities were noted in this word when compared with Ray's hand printing indicating it was possibly prepared by the subject, the limited nature of this hand printing precludes a definite identification of Ray as the author of this hand printing.

No visible or invisible laundry marks were found on specimens Q378 through Q382.

Specimen Q383 is a men's 17-jewel Wittnauer wrist watch encased in a Wittnauer watchcase. Both the watchcase and the movement are of Swiss origin. The wrist watch movement does not bear a serial number and there is no physical evidence that the movement has been repaired since there are no jewelers "scratch marks" inscribed on the inside of the case. The watchcase bears two sets of numbers, one above the other, as follows: 8001
11K

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The Wittnauer factory should be able to advise as to the significance, if any, of these markings. The possibility of tracing the retail sale of specimen Q383 appears remote. No foreign material was located on or in the watch which could assist in tracing the wrist watch.

The wrist watch has a stainless steel expansion-type band bearing the markings "ADMIRAL U.S.A." There is an Admiral Watch Band Company, Incorporated, 9 Debrosses Street, New York City, which manufactures watch bands.

The test bullets and cartridge cases from the .38 Special caliber "Liberty Chief" revolver, serial number 715 were compared with all similar specimens in the National Unidentified Ammunitions File without effecting an identification.

Two latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q384 but they were not identical with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G. The questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q384 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY. K486 has been previously forwarded to Legat, Ottawa. Q377 through Q384 have been previously forwarded to Legat, London.

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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**
Re: **MURKIN
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Date: **July 1, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680625135 IH
PC-A7235 BX IZ
CW**

Specimens received **6/25/68**

- Q377 Scratch pad**
- Q378 - Q382 One clean and four soiled handkerchiefs**
- Q383 Wittnauer wrist watch**
- Q384 TVA message slip for YAKUH CHANURA DUFF**
- Q488 Four test bullets and four cartridge cases from "Liberty Chief, .38 Special revolver" serial #715**

Result of examination:

Q377 was examined for watermarks and indented writing with negative results. The hand printed word "CERTIFICATE" appears on the cover of this pad. Although a number of hand printing similarities were noted in this word when compared with Ray's hand printing indicating it was possibly prepared by the subject, the limited nature of this hand printing precludes a definite identification of Ray as the author of this hand printing.

No visible or invisible laundry marks were found on specimens Q378 through Q382.

**Specimen Q383 is a men's 17-jewel Wittnauer wrist watch engaged in a Wittnauer watchcase. Both the watchcase and the movement are of Swiss origin. The wrist watch movement does not bear a serial number and there is no physical evidence that the movement has been repaired since there are no jewelers' "scratch marks" inscribed on the inside of the case. The watchcase bears two sets of numbers, one above the other, as follows: 8001
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The Winchester factory should be able to advise as to the significance of any of these markings. The possibility of tracing the retail sale of American GUNS appears remote. No foreign material was located on or in the watch which could assist in tracing the watch watch.

The wrist watch has a stainless steel expansion-type band bearing the markings "GENERAL D.S.A." There is an Admiral Watch Band Company, Incorporated, 9 Divergence Street, New York City, which manufactures watch bands.

The test bullets and cartridge cases from the .38 Special caliber "Liberty Chief" revolver, serial number 711 were compared with all similar specimens in the National Identification Association file without effecting an identification.

Two latent fingerprints of value were developed on GSW but they were not identical with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #443884. The questioned handwriting on GSW was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY. GSW has been previously furnished to Legat, Ottawa. GSW through GSW has been previously forwarded to Legat, London.

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

Date: **July 1, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: **Legat, London**

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680625135 IH
PC-A7235 BX IZ
CW**

Reference: **Airtel 6/24/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint -
Firearms - Laundry Marks - Miscellaneous**

Remarks:

This report confirms and supplements Bureau airtel to Memphis dated 6/26/68 with copies to Legat, Ottawa and Legat, London. Q377 through Q384 were returned to Legat, London with copies of this airtel. K486 was forwarded to Legat, Ottawa with copies of this airtel.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Legat, Ottawa Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: July 8, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680705006 JK

Specimens received 7/5/68

Q385 Sheet of paper bearing typewritten letter dated 2/4/68, beginning "I RECENTLY RECEIVED..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions on Q385 are the same style as those appearing on other items received in this matter attributed to "Eric S. Galt."

Because of the lack of identifying features it could not be definitely determined that the same typewriter was employed to prepared Q385 and the other items but no significant differences were noted.

It was concluded that the "Eric S. Galt" signature on Q385 was prepared by the writer of other signatures in this name appearing on specimens previously received some of which have been investigatively identified as having been prepared by James Earl Ray.

Q385 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**
Re: **MURKIN
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Date: **July 8, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680705006 JK**

Specimens received **7/5/68**

Q385 Sheet of paper bearing typewritten letter dated **2/4/68**, beginning **"I RECENTLY RECEIVED..."** and signed **"Eric S. Galt"**

Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions on **Q385** are the same style as those appearing on other items received in this matter attributed to **"Eric S. Galt."**

Because of the lack of identifying features it could not be definitely determined that the same typewriter was employed to prepared **Q385** and the other items but no significant differences were noted.

It was concluded that the **"Eric S. Galt"** signature on **Q385** was prepared by the writer of other signatures in this name appearing on specimens previously received some of which have been investigatively identified as having been prepared by **James Earl Ray.**

Q385 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680705006 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**
Reference: **Airtel 7/1/68**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q385.

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- Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Washington Field Office (44-703) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. **44-1574**
FBI FILE NO. **44-38861**
LATENT CASE NO. **91075**

July 11, 1968

TO: **SAC, Los Angeles**

RE: **MURKIN
CR**

REFERENCE: **Airtel 7/1/68**
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Los Angeles**
SPECIMENS: **Letter, Q385**

Seven latent fingerprints of value developed on letter, Q385.

Latent fingerprints not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #448942G, or Special Agent Leon J. Meyer.

On basis of information furnished, no fingerprint record located here. ~~James Earl Ray~~ **Raymond**

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Specimen enclosed.

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- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
- 1 - WFO (44-703)

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **July 17, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680715037 JK**Specimens received **7/15/68**

Qc389 Two photographs comprising front and back of paper bag bearing on one side the hand printed words "PUT ALL" and on the other side hand printing beginning "PLACE ALL.." and ending "..IN THIS BAG"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Two photographs of latent prints found on bag and copy of telegram from American Embassy, London, to Department of State

Result of examination:

Specimen Qc389 was searched through the appropriate sections of the Bank Robbery Note File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

The process of outlining and filling in the letters comprising the Qc389 note, is more a form of art than hand printing, and therefore normal identifying characteristics of the writer would not be in evidence. For this reason, it could not be determined whether the Qc389 note was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Qc389 and the ALSO SUBMITTED material have been retained.

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

Date: **July 17, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680715097 JK**

Specimens received **7/15/68**

Qc389 Two photographs comprising front and back of paper bag bearing on one side the hand printed words "PUT ALL" and on the other side hand printing beginning "PLACE ALL:" and ending ". IN THIS BAG"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Two photographs of latent prints found on bag and copy of telegram from American Embassy, London, to Department of State

Result of examination:

Specimen Qc389 was searched through the appropriate sections of the Bank Robbery Note File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

The process of outlining and filling in the letters comprising the Qc389 note, is more a form of art than hand printing, and therefore normal identifying characteristics of the writer would not be in evidence. For this reason, it could not be determined whether the Qc389 note was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #4059426.

Qc389 and the ALSO SUBMITTED material has been retained.

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Date: **July 17, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
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OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680715037 JK**

Examination requested by: **Legat, London**
Reference: **Airtel 7/8/68**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

2 - Legat, London (88-72) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **July 16, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-680712073 JK**Specimens received **7/12/68**

Q388 American Heritage business reply card bearing on reverse side the hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt Loraine Motel Memphis Tenn."

Result of examination:

Significant differences were noted as the result of comparing the questioned hand printing on Q388 with the known hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G; however, because of the limited nature of the hand printing involved and the presence of certain characteristics a definite conclusion was not reached.

Q388 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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

Re: **MURKIN**
CR

Date: **July 16, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-650712073 JE**

Specimens received **7/12/68**

Q288 American Heritage business reply card bearing on reverse side the hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt Lorraine Hotel Memphis Tenn."

Result of examination:

Significant differences were noted as the result of comparing the questioned hand printing on Q288 with the known hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #4059423; however, because of the limited nature of the hand printing involved and the presence of certain characteristics a definite conclusion was not reached.

Q288 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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Date: July 16, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680712073 JK

Examination requested by: Cleveland
Reference: Airtel 7/10/68
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q388.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

Submitted herewith are major case prints of JAMES EARL RAY,

These prints are identified as follows:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Left fingers. | 8. Left hand |
| 2. Right fingers. | 9. Right hand. |
| 3. Right hand. | 10. Left hand. |
| 4. Left hand | 11. Right hand. |
| 5. Left hand | 12. Right hand |
| 6. Right hand | 13. Left hand fingers. |
| 7. Right and left fingers | 14. Right hand fingers. |

The Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division is requested to compare these major case prints with any latents received in connection with the MURKIN case. In addition, these major case prints should also be compared with any unsolved Bank Robbery matters in which latent prints have been submitted.

In addition to the above items, these prints should be compared with latent prints submitted involving burglaries or jewel thefts.

There is also enclosed a regular fingerprint submission card for RAY from the Shelby County Sheriff's Department. It is noted no identifying data or any signature has been set forth since subject RAY declined to furnish any such data to the Sheriff's Department.

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REPORT

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

July 19, 1968

YOUR FILE NO. 44-565
FBI FILE NO. 44-88861
LATENT CASE NO. 91075

TO: SAC, Cleveland

RE: MURKIN;
CR

REFERENCE: Airtel 7-10-68
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Cleveland
SPECIMENS: Business reply card, Q388

No latent impressions of value developed on specimen,
which is enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Airtel

To: Legat, London (88-72)
SAC, (Memphis) (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reurairtel July 8, 1968.

One latent fingerprint of value appears in the two submitted photographs. The latent fingerprint is identical with a finger impression of James Earl Ray, FBI #306443A.

Photographs are being retained.

Laboratory report separate.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

OO MEMPHIS

Re Laboratory letter to Memphis dated 4/17/68 concerning examination # PC -A5498.

Being submitted under separate cover by AMSD registered mail are the following hairs and fibers in referenced Laboratory communication:

Q 29 and 30
Q 38 (2 slides)
Q 46
Q 26 (2 slides)
Q 24
Q 15 (4 slides)
Q 1 (2 slides)
Q 13 (2 slides)
Q 2

Also enclosed in the same package are head hair specimens of RAY obtained from RAY on 7/23/68 by Sheriff WILLIAM MORRIS, Shelby County, Tenn., Sheriff's Department.

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Also enclosed in the same package are two bed sheets upon which JAMES RAY has slept in the Shelby County, Tenn., Jail between a.m. 7/19/68 and a.m. 7/23/68.

The above described hairs and fibers appear on a total of 12 slide cartons which were obtained in connection with the investigation of captioned matter.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the additional evidence being submitted with the specimens appearing on the enclosed slides which were previously submitted to the Laboratory.

Upon completion of the examination the Laboratory is requested to return the submitted hair and fiber slides and two bed sheets in order that the slides may be returned to the State Attorney General's Office, Memphis, and the sheets returned to the Shelby County Sheriff's Department.

If the head hair of RAY enclosed as a specimen for this communication is determined to be of evidentiary value these hairs may be retained by the Laboratory. If these hairs are determined to be of no evidentiary value they may be destroyed by the Laboratory.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: July 23, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680719053 JK

Specimens received 7/17/68, from FBI, Chicago

Qc391 Photocopy of two-page handwritten letter on prison stationery beginning "Dear John I will just write..." and signed "Lord R. G. Sneyd"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writing appearing on Qc391 was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Specimen Qc391 has been retained.

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

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: July 23, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director.

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680719053 JK

Examination requested by: Chicago
Reference: Airtel 7/15/68
Examination requested: Document
Remarks:

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Date: 7-26-68

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Via Airtel _____
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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reurairtel 7-19-68, submitting major case prints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

Latent impressions remaining unidentified in this case are not identical with major case prints of Ray.

Major case prints of Ray currently being compared with latents in National Unidentified Latent File. Results furnished in a subsequent report.

Major case prints of Ray being retained and used in preparation of court exhibits for trial this case.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Memphis
Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: July 29, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. PC-B0455 IZ

Specimens received 7/24/68

Q392 Bed sheet
Q393 Bed sheet

K487 Head hair sample from James Earl Ray

Resubmission of:

Twenty-three glass microscope slides containing hairs from Q13, Q15, Q24, Q26, Q29, Q30, Q38 and Q46 and fibers from Q1, Q2, Q13 and Q26

Results of examination:

Caucasian head hairs that could have originated from one person were previously recovered from specimens Q13, Q15, Q26, Q29, Q30, Q38, Q95, Q97, Q99, Q100, Q103, Q114, Q115, Q116, Q117, Q206, Q207 and Q208. The above hairs exhibit the same microscopic characteristics as the K487 hairs and could have originated from the same person as the K487 hairs. It is pointed out that hairs do not possess enough individual microscopic characteristics to be positively identified as originating from a particular person.

A few Caucasian head hairs were found on the Q392 and Q393 bed sheets. These hairs exhibit the same microscopic characteristics as hairs in specimen K487 and could have originated from the K487 source.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis**
Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Date: **July 29, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: July 29, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. PC-B0455 IZ

Examination requested by: Memphis
Reference: Airtel 7/23/68
Examination requested: Microscopic
Remarks:

As previously reported, Caucasian head hairs that could have originated from one person were found on or in the following specimens:

ITEMS FROM MEMPHIS SCENE:

- Q13 Bedspread
- Q15 Zipper bag
- Q26 Towel
- Q29 - Q30 Pair of socks
- Q38 Hairbrush

ITEMS FROM 1966 FORD MUSTANG:

- Q95 Sweat shirt
- Q97 Bed sheet
- Q99 Pillowcase
- Q100 Bed sheet
- Q103 Rug
- Q114 - Q117 Vacuum sweepings

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ITEMS FROM MEMPHIS ROOM:

Q206 Sofa pillow
Q207 Bed sheet
Q208 Bed sheet

The above hairs were compared with the K487 head hair clippings from Ray.

Specimens Q392, Q393 and K487 along with the resubmitted glass slides are being returned to Memphis under separate cover by registered mail.

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Date: 8-2-68

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reurairtel 7-19-68.

This airtel supplements Buairtel of 7-26-68.

Major case prints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, compared with latent impressions in bank burglary, bank robbery, and major theft sections of National Unidentified Latent File, but no identification effected.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Charlotte**
Re: **MURKIN**

Date: **August 5, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **X-619-XB**

Specimens received

8/5/68

Q397 "CODE-A-PHONE" tape cartridge which contains recorded voices of individuals who contacted "The Hot Line" column of the "Greensboro Record" newspaper.

Results of examination:

Q397 is being returned to you under separate cover via registered mail.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Charlotte (44-1365)**

Date: **August 8, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **E-619-MB**

Examination requested by: **Charlotte**

Reference: **Airtel 8/2/68**

Examination requested: **Engineering**

Remarks:

A direct copy of the pertinent section of Q-397 has been made and will be retained in the Radio Engineering Section of the Laboratory for a period of six months prior to destruction. The copy is suitable for voice comparison purposes.

The analysis and comparison of voices for speaker identification is conducted to provide investigative guidance.

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② - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)

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Via Airtel _____
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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reurairtel 8-5-68 submitting palm prints of Jerry W. Ray ✓
FBI #862651A, and John Larry Ray, FBI #368725A.

Latent prints previously reported in this case not identical
with the fingerprints and palm prints of Jerry W. Ray or John Larry Ray.

Submitted palm prints enclosed.

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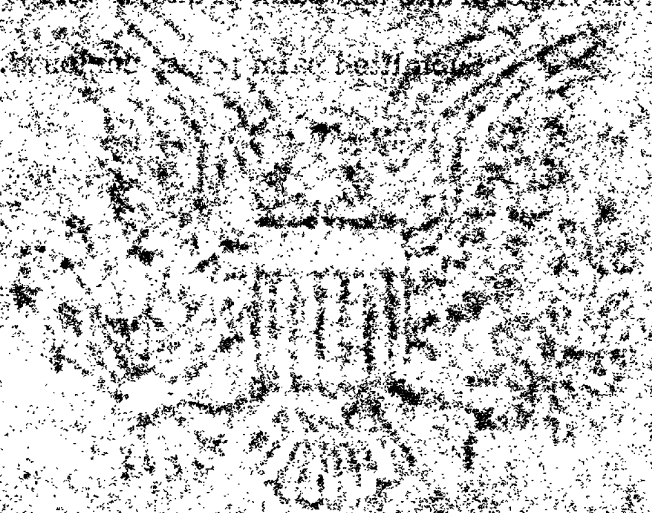
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 12, 1968

On June 4, 1968 the items submitted to the FBI Laboratory for re-examination in connection with FBI Laboratory file PC-A5498 were mailed, registered, to the Memphis Division and following their receipt by the Memphis Division were returned to the custody of the office of the State Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee. In addition, the items which had been obtained on May 31, 1968, from the State Attorney General's Office were also returned as one package. They are described as follows:

Laboratory Examination PC-A5530

- Q78 - suit coat of MARTIN LUTHER KING (2 slides)
- Q77 - necktie of MARTIN LUTHER KING
- Q76 - shirt of MARTIN LUTHER KING (2 slides)

Laboratory Examination PC-A5694

- Q206 - green sofa pillow
- Q207 - bed sheet (5 slides)
- Q208 - bed sheet

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Laboratory Examination PC-A5498

- Q1 - rifle box for Browning .243 Winchester caliber rifle, SN 4744Z5 (2 slides)
- Q2 - .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington "Gamemaster" slide action rifle, model 760, SN 461476, with Redfield telescope sight, SN A17350, with clip
- Q13 - large green and brown cloth (2 slides)
- Q15 - zipper bag (4 slides)

On 5/31/68 at Memphis, Tennessee H SEARCHED.....INDEXED..... FILE # Memphis 44-1987-Sub-H-333
 by SA THOMAS O. RONAN /acp SERIALIZED *llc* FILED *llc*
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Q24 - "Gillette" travel kit purchased at Oliver Rexal store; Whitehaven, price \$1.89, with razor, lotion shaving cream, deodorant, hair cream and razor blade in dispenser.

Q26 - white and yellow towel (2 slides)

Q29 - Q30 - pair of black socks

Q38 - hair brush (2 slides)

Q46 - safety razor, without blade

Mr. L. HUTCHINSON of the State Attorney General's Office receipted for the items and they were returned to the vault.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 12, 1968

Slides containing hairs and fibers maintained as evidence in the custody of the office of the State Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee, were made available to SA THOMAS O. RONAN. These hairs and fibers were extracted from items submitted to the FBI Laboratory in connection with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and are described as follows:

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Laboratory Examination PC-A5694

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- Q207 - bed sheet (5 slides)
- Q208 - bed sheet

Laboratory Examination PC-A5498

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On 5/31/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File# Memphis 44-1987-Sub-H-334

by SA THOMAS O. RONAN /acp Date dictated 6/3/68

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Q38 - hair brush (2 slides)

Q46 - safety razor, without blade

The items described under Laboratory Examination PC-A5498 were mailed by registered airmail special delivery to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C., on May 31, by SA THOMAS O. RONAN.

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Date: 8-29-68

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Via Airtel _____
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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reurairtel 8-24-68, submitting fingerprints of Ruby Constance Wiggins and Rose Fratini for elimination purposes.

Latent fingerprints previously reported on William Len Hotel registration cards, Q349 and Q350, are not identical with fingerprints of Wiggins or Fratini.

Submitted prints enclosed.

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Airtel

To: SAC'S, Chicago (44-1114)
Memphis (44-1987) ✓

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel 8/24/68, submitting sheet from
rooming house ledger, Q407, and registration card, Q408.

One latent fingerprint and two latent palm prints
developed on Q407, and ten latent fingerprints developed on
Q408. Latent prints not identical fingerprints and palm prints
of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

Q407 and Q408, enclosed to Chicago.

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