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Bureau File Number 44-38861

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Date: **November 7, 1968**Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **AIRTEL** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN****INDEX  
JURORS**

Re Memphis airtel to the Bureau 10-30-68.

The Deputy Attorney General, U. S. Department of Justice, has given the Bureau authority to respond to the request of Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, concerning the search of Bureau files to determine whether any of the persons on the venire from which jurors will be chosen have or have not associations with the Ku Klux Klan or other hate-groups.

You will, therefore, immediately search your respective files and provide the appropriate information to Mr. Canale in true blind memorandum form (unwatermarked plain bond). You should submit a copy of this memorandum to the Bureau.

A review of the Bureau files concerning the names of respective jurors disclosed the following

**George Anderson**

822 King Road Your attention is called to San Diego teletype to Bureau, copy to Memphis file 44-1987, dated 6-11-68, re MURKIN, which refers to one George Anderson.

**James L. Bell**

1301 Dogwood Drive See Knoxville report, SA Theodore A. Sanders, dated 12-2-65, "United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Racial Matters," cc designated for Memphis file 105-38. This report, on page four, lists one James Bell as an officer of Klavern #3.

**Enclosures (68)**

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

*list in 100-667  
no longer necessary -  
new jury panel will  
be selected for  
trial to begin 3/3/69*

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Airtel to Memphis  
RE: MURKIN

Aaron Payne  
543 Edith See Memphis file 44-2034 in which matter Aaron  
Payne, Jr., 543 Edith Street, Memphis, was the complainant.

Marvin T. Perkins  
2713 Windsor Parkway See Charlotte report; SA Bois D. Crocker,  
dated 12-4-58, "U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,  
Incorporated (North Carolina); Internal Security - Klan," copy  
of which was designated Memphis file 105-381. Page 23 of this  
report identifies one Marvin Perkins as an officer of Klavern  
#2, Lexington, North Carolina.

J. William Price  
118 Farrow Memphis, see your file 91-798 re John William  
Price.

Fred Smith  
980 West Normand By letter, 9-25-68, Knoxville in letter  
captioned "Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.,  
aka., IS - Klan," furnished list of members of this organiza-  
tion received from KX 1004-S. Included on list was name of  
Fred Smith, not further identified.

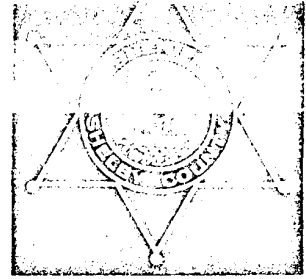
Willie L. Price  
219 Timberlane See Memphis file 43-190 re Willie Lee Price.

Based on the extremely limited identifying data  
furnished, no record or identifiable information was found listed  
on the jury panel with the exception of the above, which may  
pertain to these jury members.

For your further assistance two copies each of 33  
individual identification records are enclosed.

No assurance whatever can be made that the above material  
pertains to any of the members of the jury panel due to the fact  
that the only identifying data furnished were the names and  
addresses. Many of the names on the panel list are extremely  
common names; and in such instances, it was necessary to limit the  
search of ~~the~~ indices to the Tennessee area. (This paragraph  
should be included in the blind memorandum given to Mr. Canale.)

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF • SHELBY COUNTY • TENNESSEE



WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., SHERIFF

November 7, 1968

Mr. Robert Fitzpatrick  
% Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Memphis, Tennessee

IN RE: STATE OF TENNESSEE  
VS  
JAMES EARL RAY  
NO. 16645

Mr. Fitzpatrick:

As directed by the Honorable W. Preston Battle, Judge of Criminal Court, Division III, of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, I enclose herewith for your information, copy of order on "Sequestration of Witnesses", which was entered in the minutes of said court on October 28, 1968.

Also enclosed is an official form of subpoena relative to the starting date in the case of State of Tennessee versus James Earl Ray. This will inform you to disregard the date of November 12, 1968 as your appearance date in court. You will be notified at a later date as to your personal appearance in the courtroom.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., SHERIFF

*O. J. Billings*  
O. J. BILLINGS, ASSISTANT CHIEF

OJB/kg

Enclosures

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IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

JAMES EARL RAY  
Alias Eric Starvo Galt,  
Alias John Willard,  
Alias Harvey Lowmeyer,  
Alias Harvey Lowmyer.

NO. 16645 Murder First Degree

NO. 16819 Carrying Dangerous Weapon

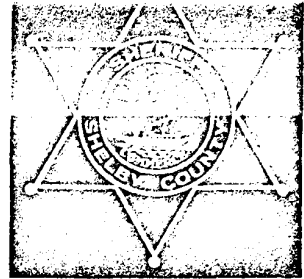
ORDER ON SEQUESTRATION OF WITNESSES

No witness subpoenaed in the case shall read newspaper articles about the case, watch television programs about the case nor listen to radio broadcasts about the case from the time of the beginning of taking testimony in the case until such subpoenaed witness has completed his testimony in the case and been excused by the Court. This provision shall not apply to the defendant, personally.

Clifton Battle  
JUDGE, DIVISION THREE  
CRIMINAL COURT OF  
SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Date: Oct 18, 1968.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF • SHELBY COUNTY • TENNESSEE



WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., SHERIFF

November 7, 1968

Mr. Robert Jensen  
% Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Memphis, Tennessee

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Yours very truly,

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Clifton Battle  
JUDGE, DIVISION THREE  
CRIMINAL COURT OF  
SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Date: Oct 28, 1968.

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Director, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

MURKIN

Transmitted herewith for the information of the Bureau are individual copies of a summons to appear in Criminal Court on November 12, a copy of an Order on Sequestration of Witnesses, and a letter advising the date of November 12 shall be disregarded as appearance date in Court. One copy each of these was delivered to SAC, Memphis, and SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK, Memphis Division.

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① Memphis

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MAIN AT RUSK

LAW OFFICES OF  
**PERCY FOREMAN**  
804 SOUTH COAST BUILDING  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

CA 4-9321

November 12, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Re: State of Tennessee  
vs. James Earl Ray  
Nos. 16645 and 16819

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I represent the defendant in the above styled cases.

In connection with the preparation for trial and within two hours of being admitted to practice in this case, I went to:

422 1/2 South Main  
Memphis, Tennessee

This is the rooming house where news releases suggest my client was living at the time of the shooting of Martin Luther King, with whose murder he is charged. At this address, I was told by Mr. Delbert White, Custodian of the rooming house, that he had been instructed by a Mr. and Mrs. Short (telephone number 683 3143) that the F.B.I. had said: "No one can see this room unless he is wearing a gold badge."

I have no "gold badge", yet I want to do what I must do as attorney for my client. This includes an investigation of the scene. Since the refusal of the permission to inspect the scene is attributed to some ephemeral representative of the F.B.I., I respectfully request a letter from you advising Mr. and Mrs. Short, at the above address, that it is not the policy of the F.B.I. to prevent an attorney for the defendant from inspecting the scene.

I know that such is not the policy of the F.B.I. and that the attitude of Mr. and Mrs. Short is due to a lack of full understanding of your policy.

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Sincerely yours,

Ack: 11-19-68  
REL: JMS/PO

Percy Foreman

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cc: Mr. & Mrs. Short  
422 1/2 S. Main  
Memphis, Tennessee

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

November 19, 1968

Mr. Percy Foreman  
Attorney at Law  
804 South Coast Building  
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 12, 1968, concerning your inspection of the rooming house at 422 1/2 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

We understand that subsequent to your letter, you have inspected the rooming house. For your information, this Bureau has never placed any restriction on the property located at 422 1/2 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

As you know, Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, is handling the state's prosecution of James Earl Ray. It is suggested that you contact Mr. Canale directly if you have any further questions regarding the state's prosecution.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS

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NON-SUPPORT DIVISION

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF SHELBY

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EUGENE C. GAERIG  
HARVEY HERRIN  
F. GLEN SISSON  
JOHN W. PIEROTTI

November 14, 1968

Special Agent Robert Fitzpatrick  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Building  
Memphis, Tennessee

Re: State of Tennessee vs. James Earl Ray, with  
aliases

Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

As you have undoubtedly heard through the news media, the above-styled case has been continued by the Judge until March 3, 1969, at the request of the new defense attorney, and over our objection.

Needless to say, we were very disappointed in not being able to try the case as scheduled on November 12, 1968, as we had planned and were prepared to do.

The purpose of this letter is to formally notify you as a witness for the State of Tennessee that the case has been continued and to remind you that the subpoenas heretofore issued for November 12, 1968, are being extended and maintained in effect for the new trial date of March 3, 1969. As we have previously explained to you, it will not be necessary that you appear on March 3 and be inconvenienced by unnecessary delay in awaiting your turn to testify so long as you are available when we give reasonable notice as to the date we anticipate having you testify.

We will contact you again as the new trial date approaches, and if in the meantime you should change your place of residence, business or phone number, please let us know.

Thank you so much for the splendid co-operation you have extended us thus far, and we are confident that we can count on your continued co-operation.

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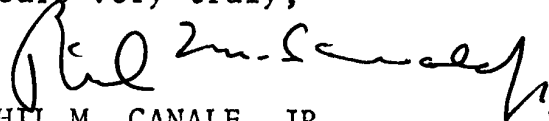
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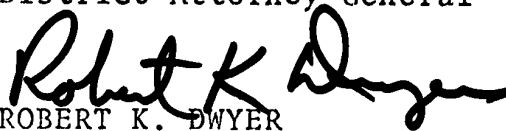
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to  
contact us.

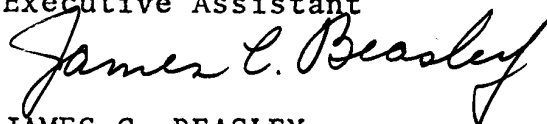
Yours very truly,



PHIL M. CANALE, JR.  
District Attorney General



ROBERT K. DWYER  
Executive Assistant



JAMES C. BEASLEY  
Assistant Attorney General

PMCJr:MEF

11/25/68

**AIRTEL**

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

Transmitted herewith for information of the Bureau is oneerox copy of a letter from District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, JR., to SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK dated 11/14/68 formally notifying that case has been continued until 3/3/69.

One copy each was delivered to SAC, Memphis, and SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK, Memphis Division.

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Toronto C.I.B. General

RE:  
OBJET:

Martin Luther KING -  
Murder of  
(ASSISTANCE TO F.B.I.)

1. With reference to the above and p.c.r. dated 25 OCT 68, Mr. Robert DWYER from Memphis, Tennessee, contacted this Office by telephone on the 1 NOV 68 and requested the following:

- (a) To obtain the name and address of the Government Department which is presently holding the original Passport Application in the name of Raymond SNEYD. Mr. DWYER said they would like this Document for their trial.
- (b) To contact the following and get a definite answer from them concerning their travelling to Memphis to appear as witnesses in the trial of James Earle RAY.

Mrs. Lillian SPENCER  
Mrs. Mable AGNEW and daughter  
Mr. Eric Vincent GALT  
Mrs. Adam SZPAKOWSKI and daughter  
Mrs. Sun Fung LOO and son  
Mr. Ramon George SNEYD  
Mr. Robert McDOULTON (Note Correction)  
Mr. Paul BRIDGEMAN

Mr. DWYER believed that these people would be required in Memphis about the first week in December, 1968, however, he would supply at least one week's notice.

2. Mr. DWYER was advised that we presently have a person charged (see file Henry MOOS, Section 12, Commissioners, For Taking Affidavits Act, 68-0-500-65) in Toronto and the Passport Application would, no doubt, be required by the Crown as an exhibit. However, we would attempt to learn when this Document could be obtained and if it could be forwarded to Memphis.

3. The above information was brought to the attention of the Officer i/c C.I.B., who instructed that we contact the noted individuals and also contact the Crown Attorney handling the MOOS case to learn if this Document was required for Court and when it could be released.

4. The above-noted were contacted and they all agreed to go other than Paul BRIDGEMAN and Robert McDOULTON. Both these men gave the reason "that they did not want to get involved". With reference to AGNEW, SZPAKOWSKI and LOO, they are taking other members of their family for company only and these people will not be required as witnesses.

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5. With reference to the charge preferred against MOOS, Cpl. BEERE of our Immigration and Passport Section, interviewed the Crown Attorney, Mr. I. CARTWRIGHT, who will, in the near future, contact the Defence Lawyer with a suggestion that the Certified Copy of the original Application for Passport, be submitted as evidence, rather than the original. If this matter is agreeable to all persons concerned, this would make the original available for the trial in Memphis, providing that the Passport Office in Ottawa, along with our Headquarters, are in accordance.

6. A further report will be submitted when Mr. CARTWRIGHT advises this office of the decision.

7. Mr. DWYER was contacted by telephone this date, and advised of the contents of this report.

S.U.I.  
D.D. 30-11-68

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(L.H.M.) S/Sgt.  
i/c Tor. CIB Gen.

(J.S. Dunlop) #17852  
Toronto C.I.B. General.

THE OFFICER I/C C.I.B., TORONTO.

FORWARDED: Assistant Crown Attorney, Mr. Ian CARTWRIGHT, has been contacted in respect to the pending prosecution against MOOS. In particular, the question of using a Certified Copy of the original Application for Passport in evidence at the MOOS' trial, as opposed to using the original.

2. Mr. CARTWRIGHT was thoroughly briefed in respect to the Americans' request for the original Application, and he feels that the Certified Copy of the Application would suffice for the purpose of the MOOS' trial. He has no objections to the original being entered as evidence at the trial in Memphis. Mr. CARTWRIGHT advised that the Defence is requesting an adjournment at the next appearance, and the MOOS' trial is not expected to be heard until February or March of 1969.

3. The original Application is now held at the Lab at "N" Division. Should it be in order to allow the Americans to use this document at their trial in Memphis, Cpl. DUNLOP will make arrangements to take possession of it when he is at "N" Division for the purpose of attending a Course during the latter part of November of this year. Cpl. DUNLOP will then be able to transport this document to Memphis, and turn it over to the authorities at that point. Instructions will be awaited in this regard.

TORONTO  
6-11-68

(G.L. Tomalty)  
N.C.O. Co-Ordinator, C.I.B. Investigators.

Routing Slip  
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(Copies to Office Checked)

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Date November 25, 1968

RE: **ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

☒ For information    ☐ Retention optional    ☐ For appropriate action    ☐ Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_.

Remarks:

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MAIN AT RUSK

LAW OFFICES OF  
**PERCY FOREMAN**  
804 SOUTH COAST BUILDING  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

November 23, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

J. EDGAR HOOVER, ESQ.  
Director- F. B. I.  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Never for a moment did I believe the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or any of its officers, had forbidden permission to inspect the premises at 422 1/2 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee by attorneys for the defense. I know it was a misunderstanding on the part of the custodian. I dictated my letter to you long distance within a few minutes of being refused access. Early the next morning, I was given permission by the owner to inspect the premises. I would have stopped my letter, but it had already been mailed.

Now, another facet presents itself: I am reliably informed that the F.B.I. had anticipated a possibility of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King for at least two years prior to April 3, 1968. If possible, I would like the privilege of talking with whomever in the F.B.I. is knowledgeable concerning threats against Dr. King. Since the time preceded the date of the release of James Earl Ray from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jeffersonville, there may be information available that will be of assistance to his defense.

Also, I remember reading that a set of fingerprints was broadcast to law enforcement officers as those of James Earl Ray, but which were in fact of some other person. Is there anyone in the Bureau who could clarify these circumstances?

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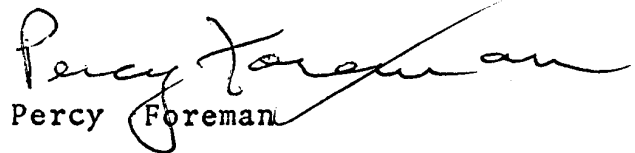
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J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.  
November 23, 1968  
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The adversary system being what it is, I do not anticipate the revelation of any information from the prosecuting attorney. It has long been my policy to start an investigation with the officers who first prepared the case against my client. More than a few times, this has been of considerable aid in the preparation of the client's defense.

I am willing to come to Washington or go anywhere in the United States to talk with any person who might be able to give me any information that is available to me as defense attorney.

Respectfully yours,

  
Percy Foreman

PF:ma

November 26, 1968

Mr. Percy Foreman  
Attorney at Law  
804 South Coast Building  
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 23, 1968, concerning your request for information relative to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and information regarding James Earl Ray.

Your letter has been referred to Mr. Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. You may desire to communicate directly with Mr. Pollak.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

DATE: 11-26-68

*JH*  
FROM : Director, FBI (44-38861)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter received at the Bureau from Percy Foreman, attorney for James Earl Ray, and our reply to his letter.

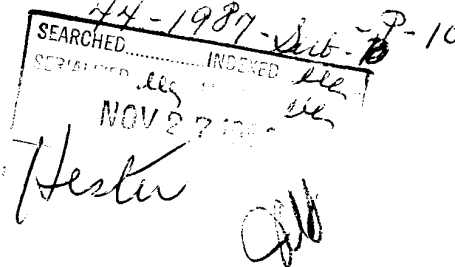
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: EXHIBITS SECTION

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover directly to the Exhibits Section, Room 331, Old Post Office Building, Washington, D. C., is an architectural sketch made of the Lorraine Motel sign for the Lorraine Motel located at 406 Mulberry St., Memphis, Tenn.

This sketch is drawn to three-quarters inch scale to a foot and was furnished to SA ROBERT F. BOYLE by Mr. E. M. STEPHENS, Vice-President and General Manager of the Cummings and Co., a nation-wide sign service, 1200 Morehead St., Memphis, Tenn. Mr. STEPHENS advised that his company has not maintained any additional records or blueprints in connection with the manufacture and erection of this sign.

This sketch may be of assistance to the Exhibits Section in preparing the exhibit to be utilized in connection with the trial of JAMES EARL RAY scheduled to convene on 3/3/69 in Memphis.

The Exhibits Section is requested to return this sketch to the Memphis Division when no reason exists to maintain it by the Exhibits Section.

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XXXX Manufacture and erect one combination double face plastic and neon sign. The copy, size 3/4" scale as per sketch.

All letter styles as per sketch.

There will be a 4' x 8' attraction panel with 4 lines of 6" copy ; included in this order is a 100 letter font 6" red plastic letters.

Bottom of attraction panel to be approx. 10' above grade. Sign to be erected on the southwest corner of property at 406 Mulberry.

Background color of arrow and filler ~~dark green~~.

RED

Expanded metal, light green; all other colors as per sketch.

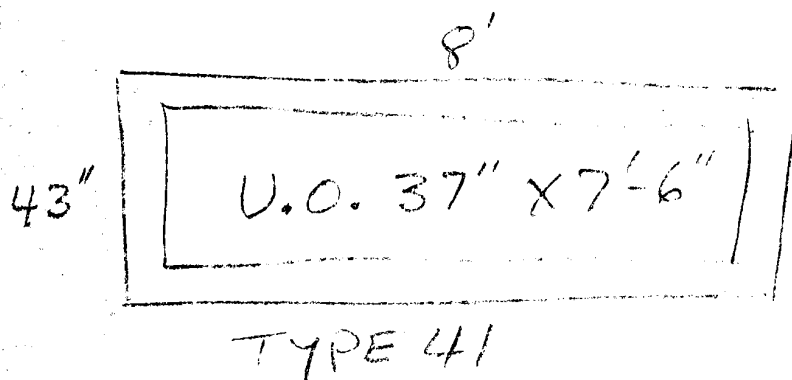
Neon arrow to flash on and off.

Same spacing between MOTEL section and attraction panel as between MOTEL and LORRAINE section.

Glenn will let you know if it is overhead or underground wiring.

Metal jacket around pipe and modules to be jet black.

Use frames & glass in stock room; also letters in stock room.



12-9-68

AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: EXHIBITS SECTION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover, directly to the Exhibits Section, Room 331, Old Post Office Building, Washington, D. C., are the following:

(1) Two copies of a street light distribution drawing prepared by Memphis Light, Gas & Water Division.

(2) Two copies of a scale drawing of the area around the Lorraine Motel, these drawings having been prepared by ARTHUR C. HOLBROOK.

(3) One copy of a Westinghouse Descriptive Bulletin #60-155, describing roadway lighting used in the area and a one-page legend of abbreviations.

The items enclosed may be useful to the Exhibits Section in preparing the exhibit to be utilized in connection with the trial of JAMES EARL RAY scheduled to commence on 3-3-69.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
MURKIN.

PERCY FOREMAN, ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY, APPEARED SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, MEMPHIS, TENN., THIS DATE AND ADVISED JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE THAT HE COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE READY TO DEFEND RAY IN MURDER TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR MARCH THREE NEXT. FOREMAN ADVISED THE COURT THAT IN HIS OPINION HIS PREDECESSOR ARTHUR HANES, SR. WAS NOT PREPARED TO GO TO TRIAL IN THIS MATTER ON NOVEMBER TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND IN FOREMAN'S OPINION HAD CONDUCTED INADEQUATE INVESTIGATION AND MADE INADEQUATE PREPARATION FOR TRIAL.

THIS HEARING LASTED APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR AND AT CONCLUSION JUDGE BATTLE APPOINTED THE SHELBY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, MEMPHIS, AS CO-COUNSEL AND INVESTIGATORS IN ORDER TO ASSIST FOREMAN IN PREPARATION FOR TRIAL. JUDGE BATTLE RULED THAT IF IT IS AT ALL HUMANLY POSSIBLE HE DESIRES THAT THIS MATTER GO TO TRIAL ON MARCH THREE NEXT, AS SCHEDULED.

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Approved: RCB  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 11:45 A M Per ADH

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Date: 1/17/69

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN.

SUBJECT'S ATTORNEY, PERCY FOREMAN, AND MR. HUGH STANTON, SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., PUBLIC DEFENDER WHO HAS BEEN NAMED CO-COUNSEL, WERE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR THIS DATE BEFORE JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE TO REPORT ON THEIR PROGRESS IN PREPARING RAY'S DEFENSE.

MR. STANTON APPEARED AS SCHEDULED AND STATED THAT FOREMAN HAS BEEN ILL WITH INFLUENZA SINCE DECEMBER TWENTYSIX LAST, AND WAS THUS UNABLE TO APPEAR THIS DATE. MR. STANTON STATED THAT DUE TO FOREMAN'S ILLNESS HE WAS UNABLE TO STATE DEFINITELY THAT INSTANT MATTER WOULD GO TO TRIAL BY MARCH THREE NEXT. JUDGE BATTLE ORDERED MR. STANTON TO PREPARE THIS CASE WITH OR WITHOUT FOREMAN'S ASSISTANCE IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO BE READY TO GO TO TRIAL MARCH THREE NEXT.

Airtel JUDGE BATTLE FURTHER ORDERED MR. STANTON AND MR. FOREMAN  
Teletype TO AGAIN MAKE A PROGRESS REPORT TO HIM FEBRUARY FOURTEEN NEXT.

A.M. P. END.A.M.S.D. JCH:jap  
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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Executive Assistant Attorney General ROBERT K. DWYER, Memphis, Tenn., has requested that Mr. IAN COLVIN, a reporter for the "Daily Telegraph," London, England, be re-interviewed in detail concerning attempts made by the subject to contact him for assistance in joining an army of white mercenaries. Mr. DWYER requests that COLVIN be sounded out as to his willingness to come to this country to testify in subject's trial, beginning about 3/3/68.

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January 31, 1969

**AIRTEL**

**To: Legat, London**  
**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**  
**MURKIN**

*Sub-P-15*

**Re: Airtel to the Bureau dated 1-23-69.**

Mr. Robert K. Dwyer, Executive Assistant to the State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is handling the state prosecution of James Earl Ray, has requested that Mr. Ian Colvin, a reporter for the "Daily Telegraph," London, England, be re-interviewed to determine if he can recall any conversation with James Earl Ray beyond that information previously furnished to New Scotland Yard. It is noted that Ray contacted Mr. Colvin in June of 1968, and requested assistance in joining an army of white mercenaries.

Mr. Dwyer did not have the opportunity to interview Mr. Colvin during Dwyer's stay in London (October 20, 21, 1968) when he interviewed other witnesses in this matter.

Mr. Dwyer further requested that Mr. Colvin be interviewed regarding his willingness to come to Memphis, Tennessee, to testify in Ray's trial beginning on or about March 3, 1969.

You should make the appropriate arrangements to have Colvin interviewed in accordance with the above request. Expedite.

① - Memphis

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AIRTEL

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

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a jury list which was furnished to the Memphis Office this date by Executive Assistant State Attorney General ROBERT K. DWYER.

Bureau permission is requested to have these names searched both at the Bureau and in the Memphis Office in order that any pertinent information may be given to Mr. DWYER by appropriate blind memoranda.

Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a petition filed by the subject RAY's attorney, PERCY FOREMAN, requesting that the aliases GALT, WILLARD, and LOHMEYER be stricken from the Tennessee indictment against the subject. This motion was filed 11/12/68, however, Mr. DWYER did not receive a copy of it until about 2/10/69. This motion is to be argued before Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE on 2/14/69.

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Date: 2/15/69

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P  
MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO BUREAU FEBRUARY THIRTEEN LAST ENCLOSING  
A LIST OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS FOR THE TRIAL OF JAMES EARL RAY.

THIS TRIAL HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL SEVEN NEXT;  
THEREFORE, THE JURY LIST ENCLOSED WITH REFERENCED AIRTEL WILL  
BE OBSOLETE AND NOT BE USED IN SELECTING THE JURY FOR THE TRIAL  
ON APRIL SEVEN NEXT.

BUREAU DISREGARD REQUEST TO SEARCH NAMES ON THE JURY LIST  
FURNISHED.

MEMPHIS WILL FORWARD ANOTHER JURY LIST TO BE SEARCHED THROUGH  
BUREAU INDICES WHEN SAME BECOMES AVAILABLE. P. END.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 2-18-69

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

MURKIN

ReMEairtel to the Bureau dated 1-23-69.

By airtel dated 2-11-69, Legat London advises as follows:

"On 2-10-69 Chief Inspector Ken Thompson, New Scotland Yard, London, advised as follows:

"Ian Colvin was telephonically contacted by Thompson on 2-9-69. Colvin advised he was due to leave for a two-week trip to the Persian Gulf and could not spare time for a personal interview. He said the only additional piece of evidence he might possess is either a card or letter Ray wrote to him from prison. Colvin had written to Ray in prison offering to visit him. Ray's response was in effect nothing to add to his previous statement.

"Colvin is most willing to travel to Memphis and testify. He asks because of his work commitments that he be advised as soon as possible as to what dates he would be expected to appear. On his return to England, on or about 2-24-69, he will see if he can find the communication Ray sent to him. He will advise Thompson if he finds it."

You should provide the above information to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee.

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*Mr Canale advised by letter.*

Sent Via \_\_\_\_\_ M Per Hester

841 Federal Office Building  
167 North Main Street  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103  
February 25, 1969

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.  
District Attorney General  
Shelby County Office Building  
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear General Canale:

We have been informed by our Agent in London that Chief Inspector Ken Thompson, New Scotland Yard, London, has informed him as follows:

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Very truly yours,

*RJ*  
ROBERT G. JENSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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**AIRTEL**

**To: Legats, Paris  
Ottawa  
London  
Mexico City**

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

**MURKIN**

**Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, has granted the defense a continuance in the state trial of James Earl Ray. Judge Battle has now set the trial to commence April 7, 1968.**

**In the event you receive any inquiries from individuals who have been placed on notice regarding their possible appearance in Memphis, you may advise them of the new date of the trial. If any individuals who contact you desire any further details, they should be advised to correspond directly with Mr. Phil H. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County Courthouse, Memphis, Tennessee.**

**① - Memphis (44-1987) (for info)**

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FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF SHELBY

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JOHN W. PIEROTTI

February 20, 1969

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On Saturday, February 15, Mr. John Dunphy and Mr. Wayne Fox delivered to this office the mock-up of the murder scene in the James Earl Ray case and of the rooming house involved.

These mock-ups are truly a work of dedication, precision, detail and art, and will be of invaluable assistance to this office in the prosecution of James Earl Ray.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to your office, and particularly to Mr. Dunphy, Mr. Fox, Mr. Tom Peyton and Mr. Brent Hughes, all of whom came to Memphis to work on this project; and also to the staff of Mr. Dunphy whom we have not met, but whose excellent hand is seen in the finished products.

We in this office are most grateful to you and the men in your office who participated in this project.

Sincerely yours,

*Phil M. Canale*  
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PHIL M. CANALE, JR.  
District Attorney General

PMCJr:MEF

Copy to Mr. John Dunphy  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20535

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February 25, 1969

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Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.  
District Attorney General  
Shelby County Office Building  
157 Poplar Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear Mr. Canale:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of February 20th and your favorable comments concerning the work of my associates in connection with the preparation of the exhibits in the case involving James Earl Ray. I am pleased that their efforts merited your approval and you may be sure they will appreciate, as I do, your kind remarks.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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**JOHN P. DUNPHY, Special Agent, FBI, to introduce three-dimensional exhibit of buildings at 418-424 Main Street and exhibit of surrounding area including those and other buildings.**

**Can testify that:**

**He is a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.**

**Associated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 20 years, 14 of these years as a Special Agent.**

**Present position is Section Chief in charge of the FBI Exhibits Section.**

**He visited the area depicted by models on November 19, 20, 21, and 23, 1968.**

**In the course of his official duties on the above dates, he made personal observations and measurements of the above buildings and area.**

**Thereafter he caused to be constructed, under his supervision, scale models of the buildings and the area in vicinity of the buildings.**

**He will set forth a scale for each of the two models, namely 3/16 inch equals one foot for the area model, and 1/2 inch equals one foot on the buildings model designated 418-424 Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee.**

**He was advised by Assistant District Attorney James C. Beasley that the primary purpose of the area model is to demonstrate the relative positions of the buildings and streets and the primary purpose of the buildings model is to demonstrate the relative positions of the various rooms, hallways, entrances, and stairways. In the interest of simplicity and clarity he was instructed to omit decorative details of the interior and exterior, color schemes, textures, etc.**

**Following the construction of the models he thereafter checked the accuracy of the work and can state that the models are a reasonably accurate representation of the areas in question.**

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As an aid to take measurements directly from the models, he caused to be altered two commercial tape rules in such a way that one rule is now  $3/16$  inch scale for measurement of the area model, and the other rule is now  $1/2$  inch scale for measurement of the buildings model. He thereafter checked the accuracy of the two altered tape rules and found them to be correct.

He will state whether or not the models in the courtroom are the models regarding which he has been testifying.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

DATE: 2/27/69

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (44-38861)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed are two copies of a resume regarding testimony of SA John P. Dunphy, Exhibits Section, at the forthcoming trial of subject Ray.

One copy should be retained in your file and the other should be furnished to Attorney James C. Beasley in the Office of the District Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee.

Enclosures (2)



Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Date: 3-7-69

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO MEMPHIS AIRTEL DATED NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, AT WHICH TIME BUREAU FURNISHED COPIES OF SUMMONS FOR SAC, MEMPHIS, AND SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK, MEMPHIS DIVISION, TO APPEAR AS WITNESSES IN JAMES EARL RAY TRIAL. ALONG WITH SUMMONS WAS INFORMATION SETTING FORTH THAT SAC AND SA FITZPATRICK SHOULD DISREGARD DATE OF NOVEMBER TWELVE AS APPEARANCE DATE IN COURT. BOTH WERE TO BE NOTIFIED AT LATER DATE AS TO TIME OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE IN COURTROOM.

ON MARCH SEVEN INSTANT, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT DWYER ADVISED THAT SAC SHOULD APPEAR MONDAY NEXT AT EIGHT A.M. IN HIS OFFICE. DWYER ADVISED THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTED THAT SAC MIGHT HAVE TO TESTIFY REGARDING INSTANT CASE.

UACB, SAC WILL APPEAR EIGHT A.M., MONDAY NEXT, IN OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL DWYER.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 3/8/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN.

REMYTEL TO BUREAU MARCH SEVEN LAST.

NO REQUEST RECEIVED FOR TESTIMONY FROM SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK  
DURING HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH TEN NEXT.

JAMES C. BEASLEY, ASSISTANT AG, SHELBY COUNTY, TENN.,  
ADVISED SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN WILL BE REQUESTED TO TESTIFY  
CONCERNING RECEIPT OF EVIDENCE FROM INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY,  
MEMPHIS PD, AND RE CHAIN OF EVIDENCE; BRIEF RESUME RE  
EXTENT OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY FBI TO IDENTIFY SUBJECT  
AND TO ESTABLISH THAT SUBJECT IS IDENTICAL TO ERIC GALT.  
BEASLEY ALSO ADVISED THAT SAC JENSEN WILL BE ASKED TO MAKE  
BRIEF STATEMENTS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED  
BY FBI INDICATED ANY EVIDENCE OF CONSPIRACY.

SAC JENSEN WILL APPEAR AND WILL TESTIFY RE ABOVE, UACB.

P. END. Airtel \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Agent in ChargeSent 11:48 AM Per *[Signature]*

In the trial of this cause the State of Tennessee would introduce witnesses who would testify in substance to the following facts and circumstances:

We would show through Mrs. Bessie Brewer, Resident Manager of the rooming house located at 422 1/2 South Main Street, that at between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m., April 4, 1968, she rented Room 5B to the defendant for one week at a rental of \$8.50 under the name John Willard.

That at approximately 4:00 p.m. the defendant purchased a pair of Bushnell binoculars from Mr. Ralph Carpenter at a cost of \$41.55 at the York Arms Company, located at 162 South Main.

That at approximately 4:30 to 4:45 p.m. a small white car was observed by Mrs. Elizabeth Copeland as it parked just south of Canipe's Amusement Company on Main Street. The sole occupant was a white man believed to be Mrs. Peggy Hurley's husband but when Mrs. Hurley looked, she noted the car to be a Mustang rather than the Hurley's Falcon. When Mrs. Copeland left at approximately 5:20 the white Mustang was still parked but no one was occupying<sup>ing</sup> it at that time.

In the meantime back upstairs, Charles Quitman Stephens who occupied the two-room Apartment 6B which adjoins 5B on the one side and the bathroom on another, heard activity in 5B, such as, the moving of furniture and also heard footsteps from 5B to the bathroom.

Willie Anschutz who lived on this floor made several attempts to get in the bathroom and inquired of Stephens as to who was using same.

At approximately 6:00 p.m. Charlie Stephens heard a loud noise from the bathroom, looked out his back window toward the Lorraine Motel, then went to the door and saw the back of a man going west down the hall, turning south, carrying a

wrapped object in his right hand. He would testify this appeared to be the same man he had seen being shown Room 5B earlier by Mrs. Brewer.

Mr. Guy Warren Canipe, along with two customers, Bernell Finley and Julius Graham, were in Canipe's Amusement Company at 424 South Main when they heard a thud, observed the back of a man leaving the doorway in a southerly direction and moments later saw a white mustang pull from the curb and head north on Main Street.

Upon investigating, these men observed this green spread wrapped around a Browning shotgun box which was partly open, exposing the barrel of what the proof would show to be this 30-06 Remington Game Master Rifle with a Redfield Scope, also this blue zipper carrying case which contained:

- (1) Bushnell Binoculars and case
- (2) Box for same, York Arms sack and cash register receipt.
- (3) April 4, 1968, issue of COMMERCIAL APPEAL which carried story about Dr. King and where he was staying here in Memphis.
- (4) Various toiletry items including this case purchased on April 3 at Rexall Drugs in Whitehaven.
- (5) This transistor radio bearing 00416, the defendant's prison number at Missouri Penitentiary.
- (6) Tools purchased in Los Angeles
- (7) Two cans of Schlitz beer
- (8) A pair of men's shorts and undershirt.
- (9) Hair brush

Various officers from a TAC unit which had stopped at the Butler Street Fire Station for a short rest break converged on the scene.

A guard was placed on the before-mentioned evidence

until it was removed by Inspector N. E. Zachary, delivered to S.A.C. Robert Jensen and FBI Agent Robert Fitzpatrick who later that night boarded a plane for Washington, D. C. and delivered the evidence to the FBI Laboratory.

The proof would show that upon officers entering Room 5B, they observed a window on the south side of the room to be open with the curtain pulled back, the screen off and a straight-backed chair sitting at such an angle that the Lorraine Motel could be observed. Mrs. Brewer would testify a chest had been moved from in front of this window between the time she rented and the time she entered after the shooting.

Two leather or imitation leather straps were found in Room 5B which were found to fit the binoculars and carrying case found in front of Canipe's.

Pillows, coverings, etc., were confiscated as evidence and forwarded to the Laboratory.

The proof would further show that upon Homicide officers checking the bathroom they found marks in the bathtub consistent with shoe marks, the window in line with the Lorraine Motel to be open with the aluminum screen pushed off. Insp. N. E. Zachary observed what appeared to be a fresh indentation on the window ledge; he therefore ordered its removal and subsequent microscopic examination by Robert Frazier in the FBI Lab which revealed this indenture contained markings consistent with machine markings on the barrel of this 30-06 rifle.

In an intensive effort to locate and identify any and all white mustangs in the Memphis area a canvas of motels and hotels revealed a registration card at the Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, signed Eric S. Galt indicated he rented Room 34 at 7:15 p.m., April 3, 1968, left the following morning driving a mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993 and showing an address of 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

The proof would further show through Ivan Webb that he observed the car parked in front of Room 34 the night of April 3 and morning of April 4, and it was white in color with Alabama License 1-38993 and had Mexican stickers on the window.

The rifle in the meantime was being traced through the manufacturer and distributor to Aeromarine Supply Company in Birmingham, Alabama.

The State's proof would show that on Friday, March 29, 1968, Mr. U. L. Baker of Aeromarine sold a Remington Caliber 243 Winchester rifle with a Redfield scope to the defendant using the name Harvey Lowmeyer. Capt. John DeShazo of the United States Air Force would be brought from his duty station in Japan to relate his conversation and identification of the defendant.

Donald F. Wood, Manager of Gun Sales, returned from lunch during the sale and later in the afternoon received a phone call from a person identifying himself as Harvey Lowmeyer inquiring about exchanging the 243 for a 30-06. Mr. Wood would testify he agreed to exchange the rifle requesting it be brought in at 9:00 a.m., Saturday. At 9:00 a.m. the defendant appeared with rifle and was told by Mr. Wood that he would mount the scope on the 30-06 and have it ready at 3:00 p.m. Promptly at 3:00 p.m. the rifle was picked up in this box along with a box of Peters shells.

Proof would show through Alabama Registration Records that the white mustang with license No. 1-38993 was formerly owned by William D. Paisley of Birmingham. Mr. Paisley would testify he sold this mustang to Eric S. Galt for \$1,995.00 cash on the morning of August 30, 1967, after having run an ad in the BIRMINGHAM NEWS. He was cautioned by Mr. Paisley about taking a licensed driver along when he applied for Alabama Driver's license and was told by Galt he would take a fellow at the rooming house.

Mr. Peter Cherpes, owner of the rooming house at 2608 South Highland would testify he rented room to Eric Galt on August 26, 1967, for \$22.50 per week including breakfast and supper, with this arrangement continuing through the first week of October when the defendant moved out. Our proof would further show that Mr. Cherpes accompanied Eric S. Galt to take his driving test and this exhibit of the driver's application reflects Mr. Cherpes driver's license number with the applicant's full name shown as Eric Starvo Galt.

The State would further introduce the change of 1967 registration on the mustang from Paisley to Galt and the issuance of 1968 License 1-38993 on October 2, 1967, to Eric S. Galt.

Officers of the Birmingham Trust National Bank would produce records covering a safe deposit box rented by Eric S. Galt on August 28, 1967.

The State's proof would show that from Birmingham the defendant, using the name Eric S. Galt, proceeded to Mexico remaining in that country until the middle of November, 1967, when he left for Los Angeles, California, where he rented Apt. 6 at 1535 North Serrano from Mrs. Margarita Powers.

Marie Martin of Los Angeles, California, would testify that while employed in the bar of the St. Francis Hotel on Hollywood Boulevard, she became acquainted with the defendant as Eric Galt. In mid-December she asked him to take her home which he agreed to do even after learning "home" was in New Orleans. That she subsequently introduced the defendant to her cousin Rita Stein and it was explained that Rita had to pick up her two children in New Orleans and bring them to Los Angeles. That it was eventually agreed for Charles Stein, brother of Rita, to accompany the defendant to New Orleans and return with the children. ~~That this agreement was on the condition that Marie~~

~~Martin, Charles and Rita Stein would register for George Wallace in California. Marie Martin would testify that the following morning the defendant picked the three up in his mustang and drove them to Wallace headquarters where they registered.~~

The State's proof would show through Charles Stein that he and the defendant left Los Angeles in the mustang and drove to New Orleans arriving December 17, 1967.

The State would show through records of the Provincial Hotel, New Orleans, that Eric Galt, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, checked into Room 126 on December 17 and checked out December 19.

The State's proof would further show that the defendant, Charles Stein and Rita's two children proceeded back to Los Angeles.

The State would <sup>show</sup> through Mary Lucy Pinela, Manager of Home Service Laundry, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, that the defendant as Eric Galt was a customer from December, 1967, until March, 1968, and she would identify her laundry mark as being on the shorts and undershirt found in this blue bag dropped in front of Canipe's.

Rodney Arvidson would testify that Eric S. Galt attended his dance studio in Long Beach, California, from December 5, 1967, to February 12, 1968, and did not take further lessons because of a conflict with his classes at bartending school.

Through the testimony of Thomas Reyes Lau, the State would show the defendant, under the name Eric S. Galt, enrolled in the International School of Bartending in Los Angeles, attended from January 19, 1968, until March 2, 1968, when he graduated. This picture shows Mr. Lau and the defendant.

Dr. Russell C. Hadley of Hollywood, California, would testify as to the plastic surgery he performed upon the defendant's nose on March 5, 1968.

That on March 17, 1968, Eric S. Galt executed a postal change of address card from the St. Francis Hotel in Los Angeles to General Delivery, Atlanta, Georgia.

That enroute from Los Angeles to Atlanta, the defendant delivered a box of clothing and books to Marie Martin's daughter in New Orleans.

That he spent the night of March 22, 1968, at the Flamingo Motel in Selma, Alabama.

Mr. Jimmy Garner, operator of a rooming house at 113-14th Street, Atlanta, Georgia, would testify that he rented a room to the defendant under the name Eric S. Galt on March 24, 1968, and that he collected a second week's rent on March 31, 1968, at which time the defendant wrote his name on this envelope. That this was the last time Mr. Garner saw him, but when he entered the room on April 5, 1968, to change linen, he found a note in substance as follows "Got to leave town, had to go to Birmingham, left TV, pick up soon." The rent having been paid up until April 7, that on that date he rented the room to another party and left the TV and various other articles in the adjoining service room. That on April 14, 1968, he gave permission and opened the premises to a search by members of the FBI Atlanta Office.

Mrs. Annie E. Peters who operated the Piedmont Laundry located around the corner from the rooming house would testify that on April 1, 1968, clothing for laundry and cleaning was delivered to her by Eric Galt and subsequently picked up on April 5 around mid-morning. She would produce records and testify as to how she came to notify the authorities.

The State would further show that between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m., April 5, 1968, the white mustang in question was observed by several people including Lucy Cayton pull into the parking area of Capitol Homes in Atlanta, Georgia. A single

white man believed to be the defendant walked from this car and away from the area.

The State would show the mustang remained in this location until some of the residents had a call placed to the Atlanta Police Department.

Detective Roy Lee Davis of the Auto Theft Division was dispatched, arriving at approximately 3:00 p.m. He checked the license number Alabama 1-38993 and identification number and followed the standard procedure to determine if car was stolen. That upon this information being placed on the air and teletype service, it was found this was the car being sought as a result of the Memphis and Birmingham investigation.

The officers of Atlanta Police Department stood by until Special Agents of the FBI arrived and took custody of the car. Items from this car were taken by Agent Alden Miller to the FBI Laboratory in Washington.

Q95 (1) Dark blue short sleeve shirt

Q97-Q100 (2) Two sheets

Q99 (3) Pillow case

Q103 (4) Rug from trunk

Q104 (5) Pillow

Q114-117 (6) Sweepings from floor mats

*(Slidens)*

Q105 (7) Styrofoam case for Polaroid camera

(8) Book entitled OPPORTUNITIES IN LOCKSMITHING

(9) 1967 Alabama License 1 A 88354

1968 Alabama License 1-38993

Agent John Sullivan would identify several items recovered from the room formerly rented to the defendant by Jimmy Garner on April 15, 1968, with the permission of Jimmy Garner including:

Q194 (1) Map of Mexico

(2) Map of Atlanta with several areas marked

(3) Maps of Texas and Oklahoma; Maps of Los Angeles; Map of California; Map of Louisiana; Map of Arizona and New Mexico; Map of Birmingham

That he delivered these items along with this envelope on which the defendant had written the name Eric S. Galt obtained from Jimmy Garner to the FBI Lab in Washington.

The State's proof then shifts to Toronto, Canada, where we would show through Mrs. Adam Szpakowski that on April 8, 1968, the defendant under the name Paul Bridgman rented a room from her at 102 Ossington West in Toronto. That after the defendant moved from her establishment, a letter from the Office of the Register General addressed to Paul Bridgman was received and returned by her.

Mrs. Mabel Agnew of Toronto would testify that on April 11, 1968, she made passport photographs for the defendant under the name Paul Bridgman.

Mrs. Lillian Spencer of the Kennedy Travel Bureau would testify that the defendant under the name Ramon George Sneyd contacted her on April 16, 1968, made application for Canadian Passport and booked air trip to London to leave May 6 and return May 21, 1968, and that the defendant picked up his passport and tickets on May 2, 1968.

Mrs. Sun Fung Loo of 962 Dundas, Toronto, Canada, would testify the defendant rented a room from her on April 19, 1968, under the name of Sneyd.

The Honorable H. F. C. Humphries, Deputy Registrar of the Province of Ontario would testify and produce from official records:

- (1) Letter signed Paul Bridgman dated 4-10-68, requesting copy of birth certificate, said certificate subsequently mailed to 102 Ossington Street and returned not claimed.

(2) Letter signed George Ramon Sneyd, dated 4-10 requesting copy of birth certificate be mailed to 962 Dundas.

(3) Identify the birth certificate card recovered from defendant at time of arrest in London.

The State would show the real Eric S. Galt to be a prominent businessman in Toronto; Paul Bridgman to be a consultant with the Toronto Board of Education and Ramon George Sneyd to be a member of the Toronto Police Department; that they are native Canadians, never knew the defendant, and although they lived in close proximity of each other did not know each other until the investigation of this case.

The State's proof would show the defendant flew to London, arriving on May 7, 1968.

Miss Monica Baker of London, ticket receptionist for B.O.A.C. would be brought over to testify that on May 7 she exchanged the return portion of the defendant's ticket for one to Lisbon, Portugal, and gave him a refund of \$14.89.

Inspector Jose Manuel Da Cunha Passo of the Portuguese National Police in Lisbon would testify and introduce official records reflecting the entry into Lisbon, Portugal by the defendant on May 8, 1968, and his exit on May 17, 1968; and further as to his residence in Hotel Portugal during this time.

Mrs. Manuela T. Lopes of the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon would testify about the defendant's application on May 15, 1968, to have the name corrected on his passport from Sneya to Sneyd. That this old passport was canceled and this new one with the spelling corrected was issued on May 16.

Antonio Rocha Fama working Airport Control checked the defendant's canceled and new passports on May 17, 1968, and allowed him to board flight for London.

The State's proof would further show that upon the

defendant's return to London as Ramon George Sneyd he lived at the Heathfield House Hotel May 17 to May 28. At New Earls Court from May 28 to June 5 and at the Pax Hotel from June 5 to June 8.

In the meantime after many hours of extra duty by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, including comparing a picture of James Earl Ray with all passports, it was determined that the picture on the passport of Ramon George Sneyd was identical to James Earl Ray, although in the passport the defendant was wearing glasses.

Through the co-operative efforts in law enforcement; officials of New Scotland Yard and the Portugese International Police came into the search for Ramon George Sneyd.

Upon request for assistance in this case Chief Insp. Ron Burrows of New Scotland Yard set the investigation into action in London. All entry and exit points were notified and a special fugitive team was set up.

That while Det. Chief Insp. Kenneth Thompson and Det. Sgt. Peter Elliott were through extensive investigation learning the things I have heretofore mentioned, the defendant appeared at the Heathrow London Airport and attempted to board a flight to Brussels.

That at approximately 11:30 a.m., June 8, 1968, Det. Sgt. Philip Frederick Birch was seated next to the Immigration Officer checking passports when the defendant presented the two before-mentioned passports and immediately Sgt. Birch recognized the name and asked the defendant to accompany him to the office to check on the passports. That the defendant did so without any objection.

Sgt. Birch would testify he called headquarters and detained the defendant until the arrival of Chief Supt. Thomas Butler. That he searched the defendant and found this .38 caliber