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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

FROM : SA CHARLES W. KELLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 5/14/68

Re telephone call from SA DAVID N. JELLISON dated 4/15/68.

Referenced telephone call requested interview he had with REESE GAULT, 9395 S. W. 168th Street, Perrine, Florida, to determine if he was possibly related to an ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 15, 1968, inquiry in the neighborhood of 9395 S. W. 168th Street, revealed that GAULTs no longer resided at this address and pretext neighborhood inquiry developed no information as to their possible whereabouts.

On April 17, 1968, inquiry at the U. S. Post Office, Perrine, Florida, revealed that REESE GAULT and wife had moved to 7475 S. W. 167th Street, Perrine, Florida.

GAULTs were located and interviewed on April 17, 1967, at which time Mr. and Mrs. REESE GAULT said they did not know anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and had no relatives by this name. (Case Agent was telephonically advised of results of interview).

Investigative insert reflecting interview with Mr. and Mrs. GAULT is attached hereto.

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Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN. CR.

RE NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL TO MEMPHIS MAY SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: GUESTS REGISTERED AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL, DEC. SEVENTEEN-
NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, NEW ORLEANS.

ALL ATTEMPTS TO IDENTIFY W. H. RUNGLER IN CREDIT AND
CRIMINAL RECORDS AND VARIOUS DIRECTORIES NEGATIVE. ADDRESS
OF TWO EIGHT NINE NINE COLUMNS AVE. IS A NON-EXISTENT STREET
AND ADDRESS.

SUBSCRIBER TO FLA. LICENSE TAG ONE WW-ONE ONE THREE EIGHT
ZERO IS EUGENE G. HOLMAN, FOR A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX LINCOLN
CONTINENTAL COUPE. HOLMAN STATES THIS TAG AND THIS VEHICLE
IN HIS POSSESSION IN MIAMI ON DEC. SEVENTEEN-NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN.

- 1 - Bureau (AM)
- 1 - Memphis (AM)
- ① - Miami

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**NEW ORLEANS RECHECK PROVINCIAL MOTEL REGISTRATION RECORD
FOR W. H. RUNGLER FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

AM COPY TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

DATE: 5/13/68

FROM : SPC RONALD G. THIXTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This evening, R. A. FLEMING, Owner Fleming Super Market, East Geneva Avenue, telephone 322-1609 or 322-4307 (home), Sanford, Fla., telephonically contacted this office and stated the following:

While in Garfield's Barber Shop, Sanford, Fla., unknown male, possibly identical JAMES ~~XXXX~~ EARL RAY, Bureau Fugitive, was also there. Unknown subject claimed to be a taxi driver for Yellow Cab, Sanford, Fla. Fleming believes this individual closely resembles photo and description of RAY in newspaper.

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SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN

Re Miami teletype to Tampa, with airmail copies
to Bureau and Memphis, 5/14/68.

Enclosed for the Memphis Division are 15 copies
of an insert reflecting information furnished by Mr. R. A.
FLEMING, Sanford, Florida, on May 13, 1968.

2 - Memphis (Enc-15)
1 - Miami
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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

RE: LOOK ALIKE

On the evening of May 13, 1968, Mr. R. A. FLEMING, Owner, Fleming Super Market, East Geneva Avenue, telephone 322-1609 or 322-4307, Sanford, Florida, telephonically furnished the following information:

While in Garfield's Barber Shop, Sanford, Florida, an unknown white male, possibly identical with subject JAMES EARL RAY, was also in the barber shop. This individual claimed to be a taxi driver for the Yellow Cab Company of Sanford, Florida.

Mr. FLEMING believed this individual closely resembled the photograph and description of RAY as appearing in the local press.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Rerep SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 4/29/68 at New Orleans.

Memphis and Atlanta can refer to pages 19 through 24 of rerep, which sets forth a list of all guests who were registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, La., between 12/17 and 19/67.

- 2 - Memphis
- 3 - Atlanta (44-2386)
- 2 - Baltimore
- 3 - Buffalo
- 3 - Chicago
- 2 - Cincinnati
- 2 - Detroit
- 2 - Houston
- 2 - Jacksonville
- ② - Miami
- 2 - Minneapolis
- 3 - Mobile
- 2 - New York
- 2 - Oklahoma City
- 3 - Pittsburgh
- 2 - San Diego
- 2 - Springfield
- 2 - New Orleans

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Other Offices receiving copies of this airtel were not furnished rerep and so the following background information is being set forth to assist these Offices in conducting the requested investigation:

Investigation has determined that the subject, using the name of ERIC GALT, left Los Angeles, Calif., on 12/15/67, driving his Mustang automobile, in the company of CHARLES J. STEIN, of Los Angeles. STEIN had formerly been a resident of New Orleans and the alleged purpose of this trip was for STEIN to pick up two children of his sister's who were residing in New Orleans and return them to California. According to STEIN, they arrived in New Orleans on 12/17/67 and left New Orleans on 12/19/67. STEIN stayed with relatives and investigation has determined that subject registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, on 12/17/67 as ERIC S. GALT and was assigned room 126. The registration card indicated GALT's automobile to be a Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993 and his address as 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Ala. The subject, as GALT, stayed at the motel until 12/19/67 when he checked out.

Interviews of motel employees in regards to the subject have been negative in that they cannot recall him.

There is set forth under a caption for each Office the identity or identities of persons staying at the Provincial Motel from 12/17 through 19/67. The identities of these persons were obtained from the motel registration cards as well as other information which is set forth under the name. The date listed under each name is the date the individual or individuals stayed at the motel. Each Office should locate and interview these individuals for any knowledge or contact they may have had with the subject. Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, which have been furnished to all Offices, should be displayed to these individuals to ascertain if they recall RAY.

In order to assist Memphis, the Office of Origin in this matter, each Office should set forth the results of this investigation in report form with copies of the reports designated for the Bureau and Memphis.

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In the preparation of these reports, it is suggested that an appropriate predication for this part of the investigation be utilized in the details prior to reporting the results of contacts with these individuals. As an example, the following information might be used for this predication:

Information was Received from the New Orleans Office of the FBI that (insert name and address of person) had registered on (insert date) at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Of course, if any pertinent information is developed as a result of these contacts, this information should be brought to the attention of the Bureau and Memphis by the most expeditious means.

Each Office is reminded that previous Bureau instructions are that leads in captioned matter should be covered within 24 hours.

ATLANTA

RAY EASTERWOOD
139 Briar Lane, Atlanta, Ga.
Room 219
One in Party
12/18/67

E. D. ELLIOTT
1610 Southland Circle, N.W.,
Atlanta, Ga.
Room 202
One in party
12/19/67

N. R. HINEC
1610 Southland Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia
One in party
12/19/67

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Mr. and Mrs. R. C. MATTHEWS, JR.
2126 Mobry Road, Northeast
Atlanta, Ga.
Car - Pontiac, Georgia license 2511476
Room 214
Two in party
12/19/67

BALTIMORE

Mr. and Mrs. Waldorf Plitcher
10820 Georgia Avenue
Wheaton, Maryland
Car - Chevrolet, Maryland license AE 2099
Room 225
Two in party
12/18/67

BUFFALO

Mr. and Mrs. CUTTEN J. CARLSON
200 Collinworth Drive
Rochester, New York
Room 222
Two in party
12/17/67

Mr. and Mrs. VINTON P. OSTRANCHER
126 Meadow Lane
Buffalo, New York
Car - Cadillac, New York license TP 3035
Room 207
Two in party
12/19/67

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CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. WENDELL H. WAYNE
P. O. Box 975, Evanston, Ill.
Car - Pontiac, Illinois license 85299
Room 215
12/18/67

EMIL F. MEIER
2514 Pioneer Road
Evanston, Ill.
Car - Buick, Illinois license BX 1449
Room 211
Two in party
12/19/67

CINCINNATI

GERSON POLASKY
123 North McNichen
Cincinnati, Ohio
12/18/67

DETROIT

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. PINKER
2261 Rolling Green Road
Saginaw, Michigan
Car - Oldsmobile - Michigan license LP 5907
Room 118
Two in party
12/18/67 - 12/23/67

HOUSTON

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. JONES, JR.
213 Hutcheson, Houston, Texas
License - Texas MYN 249
Room 106
Two in party
12/19/67

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JACKSONVILLE

G. L. POSTLETHWAIT
General Delivery, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Car - Dodge, California license VF 451
Room 214
Two in party
12/18/67

MIAMI

W. H. RUNGLER (?)
2899 Columns Avenue, Miami, Fla.
Car - Cadillac, Florida license 1WW11380
12/18/67

MINNEAPOLIS

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. KNUTH
514 Ebony, Duluth, Minn.
Room 112
Two in party
12/17/67

MOBILE

Mrs. HENRY J. SHERRILL
301 Woodland Avenue
Mobile, Alabama
Room 117
Two in party
12/17/67

Lt. Col. WILLIAM P. FISHER
610 A Seventh Street
Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
Car - Pontiac, Alabama license 3-2541
Room 108
Two in party
12/19/67

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NEW YORK

Dr. and Mrs. DAVID L. ROSNER
87 Soundview Drive
Port Jefferson, New York
Car - Oldsmobile - New York license
Room 101
Two in party
12/18/67

OKLAHOMA CITY

Mr. and Mrs. MIKE EPPLES
1231 South Owasso
Tulsa, Oklahoma
License - Oklahoma D8762
Room 231
Two in party
12/18/67

PITTSBURGH

GORDON WELLMAN
132 Forest Court
Irwin, Pennsylvania
Room 110
12/19/67

AUSTIN L. CONWAY
328 Highland Pines Drive
Pittsburgh 37, Pennsylvania
Room 102
One in party
12/19/67

SAN DIEGO

STEVE FULLER
4077 Hamilton Street, San Diego, Calif.
Car - Volkswagen, California license VOD 912
Room 109, two in party, 12/18/67

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SPRINGFIELD

ROBERT A. CONEY, Judge
311 Fayette Street
Peoria, Illinois
Car - Buick, Illinois license 3281
Room 212
Three in party
12/17/67

NEW ORLEANS

JOE PARISH
Belle Chasse, Louisiana
Room 108
12/18/68

A. A. CASBARIAN
716 Governor Nichols
New Orleans, Louisiana
Car - Jaguar, Louisiana license 29B986
Room 205
Two in party
12/19/67.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 5/13/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO:MEMPHIS) *ref 157-2434**

Re Miami airtel dated 5/6/68.

The Randolph, Mass., List of Persons by Streets listed the following as residents of 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass:

JAMES BUTTE, 20, at home
JOSEPHINE, 45, waitress

Personnel, Randolph, Mass. PD, on 5/7/68, advised their records contained no information concerning EARL B. SHIELDS.

Mrs. JOSEPHINE BUTTE, 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass., on 5/8/68, advised that EARL B. SHIELDS was a roomer at her residence for about 3 or 4 months during the Spring of 1967. She said SHIELDS was an electrician and worked somewhere on Cape Cod, place unknown. When he left, she did not know where he went nor did she know his current whereabouts.

She described SHIELDS as follows:

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
 - 1 - Birmingham (info) (RM)
 - 1 - Kansas City (info) (RM)
 - 2 - Memphis (RM)
 - ② - Miami (RM)
 - 1 - Milwaukee (info) (RM)
 - 1 - Boston
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White male, about 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds, receding brown hair, blue eyes, 2 inch scar under right side of nose, age about 38.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was exhibited to Mrs. BUTTE and she stated that SHIELDS positively was not RAY and that he did not resemble him.

On 5/10/68, EARL B. SHIELDS telephonically contacted the Boston FBI Office and said that he could be reached at 110 Squantum St., Milton, Mass.

SHIELDS was interviewed on 5/10/68 and advised the following:

He said that he left Pompano Beach, Florida, on 4/2/68 and that he is an electrician. He travelled to Chattanooga, Tennessee, with a fellow worker, EARL HARE, Pompano Beach, Florida, to secure a job with the TVA. He arrived at Chattanooga the same night. Union Hall told him there was no immediate work. He left Chattanooga, Tennessee, on 4/3/68 and went to Hamilton, Ohio, and checked into the Country Club Motel on Route 4 on 4/3/68. He secured work through the Union with Armco Steel Corp., Middletown, Ohio, where he worked for about two weeks.

SHIELDS is staying at the residence of his brother, 110 Squantum Road, Milton, Mass., before departing for New York City, N.Y., to seek employment.

The following is a description of SHIELDS:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB	
POB:	Boston, Mass.
Height:	5 feet 10½ inches
Weight:	165 pounds
Hair:	Brown, receding
Eyes:	Blue

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Complexion: Dark, tanned

Scars and Marks: 1 inch scar left jaw;
2 inch scar under right
side of nose

Inasmuch as SHIELDS has accounted for his whereabouts on 4/4/68 and is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, no further action is contemplated.

**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Miami (9-2010)**Date: **May 10, 1968**
FBI File No. **9-47966**
Lab. No. **D-562611 IH**Re: **UNSUB; EDITOR,
"MIAMI NEWS",
MIAMI, FLORIDA -
VICTIM
EXTORTION - RM**Specimens received **5/7/68**

Q2 Unpostmarked postal card bearing hand printed address "Editor Miami News Miami, Florida," and hand printed message on reverse side beginning "As I Said before, I . . . ," ending " . . . good Luck F. B. I."

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing on Q2 was prepared by the writer of Q1, previously submitted in this case.

Although some hand printing differences were noted in the questioned hand printing on Q1 and Q2, a definite conclusion could not be reached whether this hand printing was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI#405942G, because of insufficient comparable material and the presence of distortion in the hand printing on Q1 and Q2.

Q2 has been photographed and is being returned to Miami separately.

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

To: **FBI, Miami (9-2010)**

Date: **May 10, 1968**

Re: **UNSUB; EDITOR,
"MIAMI NEWS",
MIAMI, FLORIDA -
VICTIM
EXTORTION - RM
OO: MIAMI**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **9-47966**
Lab. No. **D-562611 IH**

Examination requested by: **Miami**

Reference: **Airtel 5/6/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**A separate report is being furnished on the latent
fingerprint examination and disposition of Q2.**

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1 - Miami (44-1854) Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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REPORTING OFFICE MIAMI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MIAMI	DATE 5/14/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/6-5/10/68
TITLE OF CASE UNSUB; EDITOR, "MIAMI NEWS", MIAMI, FLORIDA - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY MORRIS W. HADDOCK	TYPED BY jah
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION-RACIAL MATTERS	

REFERENCE: Report of SA MORRIS W. HADDOCK, 5/2/68 at Miami.

C.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The information contained in this report was disseminated to local authorities at New York and to local authorities and Secret Service at Washington, D. C., and Atlanta, Georgia. Additionally, ROBERT STACHELL, 111th M. I. Group, Miami, Florida, was notified and a letterhead memorandum, dated May 6, 1968, was submitted by the Miami Division by airtel on the same date.

An extra copy of this report has been furnished to the Bureau for dissemination to the Civil Rights Division of

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the Department. Information copies have been furnished to Atlanta, Birmingham and Memphis in view of their interest in the "MURKIN" investigation. Information copies are furnished New York and Washington Field in view of their interest in persons named in the second postcard.

A Xerox copy of the second postcard was to be furnished to Secret Service by Washington Field.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

1 - United States Attorney, Miami, Florida

Report of:

NORRIS W. HADDOCK
5/14/68

Office:

Miami, Florida

Date:

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #:

9-47966

Title:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
EDITOR, "MIAMI NEWS",
MIAMI, FLORIDA -
VICTIM

Character:

EXTORTION-RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

On 5/6/68 the "Miami News" made available an unsigned U. S. postcard addressed to the "News" and received in the U. S. Mail. The writer of this card, who claimed to have six months to live, stated he was the individual who had shot Rev. KING, and he was leaving Miami to kill ABERNATHY before the latter got to Washington. The anonymous writer claimed that he would then "get BROWN and POWELL". FBI Laboratory advised anonymous writer of this card was identical to the author of a postcard mailed to the "Miami News" on or about 4/23/68. The postcard of 4/23/68 made similar threats. No latent fingerprints were found on the second postcard. No conclusion could be reached as to whether or not the hand printing in the cards was identical with one suspect in this matter.

C.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date May 10, 1968

On May 6, 1968, Mrs. MYRTLE RATNER, Secretary, Office of the Editor, "Miami Daily News", Miami, Florida, made available to SA MORRIS W. HADDOCK an unsigned US postcard, not postmarked, but reported by her to have been received in the US mail that morning by City Editor HOWARD KLEINBERG. Mr. KLEINBERG turned the card over to Mrs. RATNER. This card was addressed to the "Editor, Miami News, Miami, Florida" and read as follows:

"As I said before I have less than 6 months to live and will do America a favor.

"I shot Rev King now I will leave Miami to kill Abernathy before he gets to Washington, Then I'll get Brown and Powell.

"Good luck F.B.I."

On 5/6/68 at Miami, Florida File # Miami 9-2010
by SA MORRIS W. HADDOCK:kc Date dictated 5/8/68

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This second postcard was submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination. It is noted that a similar postcard was received by the "Miami News", mailed at Miami, Florida, on or about April 23, 1968.

On May 10, 1968, the FBI Laboratory concluded that the hand printing found on the second postcard was prepared by the writer of the postcard received by the "News" on or about April 23, 1968. The FBI Laboratory additionally advised that a definite conclusion could not be reached whether the hand printing found in both cards was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, because of insufficient comparable material and the presence of distortion in the hand printing on both cards.

On May 10, 1968, the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, advised that they were unable to find any latent impressions on the second postcard submitted by the Miami Division.

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(Rad-Tel)
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS ATLANTA (44-2386)
 MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 CHICAGO (44-1114) (Rad-Tel)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN.

REMYTEL TO BUREAU MAY NINE LAST; CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU
 MAY FOURTEEN LAST.

RE EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, APRIL
 FIVE THROUGH TWELVE LAST.

EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) IBM PRINT-OUT OF OFF AIRLINES
 TICKETS USED ON EAL FLIGHT TWO FOUR EIGHT, APRIL NINE LAST,
 SHOWS UNITED AIRLINES TICKET NUMBER ZERO ONE SIX -FOUR SEVEN
 FIVE - FOUR ZERO FOUR EIGHT TWO NINE USED. NUMBER IS
 CORRECT AS STATED IN MIAMI RETEL.

IT IS NOT KNOWN THAT JERRY HERRON USED A UNITED AIRLINES
 TICKET OR IF NUMBER ON EAL IBM LISTING IS CORRECT. EAL
 PRINT-OUT SHOWS FIVE TICKETS OF UNITED AIRLINES USED ON EAL
 FLIGHT TWO FOUR EIGHT, APRIL NINE LAST. IF THIS NUMBER NOT
 USED, CHICAGO SHOULD DETERMINE FROM UNITED AIRLINES WHAT

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TICKETS WERE USED ON EAL FLIGHT TWO FOUR EIGHT APRIL NINE
LAST, AND DETERMINE IF ANY OF THOSE TICKETS USED BY HERRON.

HERRON COULD HAVE USED DELTA, NORTHEAST, TRANSWORLD
AIRWAYS, NORTH CENTRAL AIRLINES TICKET. HE MAY NOT HAVE
USED ANY TICKET, AS INFO ON WHICH LEAD SET OUT OBTAINED
FROM EAL RESERVATION CARD.

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FBI MIAMI

FBI CHICAGO

440PM URGENT 5/14/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987)

AND MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY TEN LAST.

RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL FIVE
THROUGH APRIL TEN LAST.

UNITED AIRLINES (UAL) TICKETS AS FURNISHED IN RETEL EXAMINED
AND NO RECORD FOR JERRY HERRON.

4 7 5 4 0 4 8 2 9
UAL TICKET NUMBER FOUR SEVEN FIVE FOUR ZERO FOUR EIGHT TWO NINE
WAS FURNISHED IN SIXTY SIX TO BURGESS VIBROCRAFTERS, INC., GRAYSLAKE,
ILLINOIS, AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN LONG SINCE USED. MIAMI REQUESTED TO
RE-EXAMINE TICKET NUMBERS AS FURNISHED IN RETEL FOR ACCURACY OF
ABOVE TICKET NUMBER. IF ACCURATE, CHICAGO WILL CONTACT BURGESS
TO DETERMINE WHY TICKET USED AT THIS LATE DATE AND UNDER WHAT
CIRCUMSTANCES AS UAL HAS NO RECORD OF USAGE ON EAL FLIGHT TWO FOUR
EIGHT.

AMCC TO NEW YORK AND MINNEAPOLIS.

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On May 6, 1968, Detective RALPH BROWN, Milwaukee Police Department, advised SA ROBERT E. SCHOENECKER that on 4/16/68 he had received a letter from SAM HUGHES, Acting Director of the School for Boys, Okeechobee, Florida, a close personal friend of his, indicating that HUGHES had information concerning the KING case. HUGHES requested BROWN to have an FBI Agent contact him regarding this matter. BROWN did not desire to make the contact himself for security reasons.

BROWN directed a letter to SA LAWRENCE GETTINGS of the Birmingham Office with whom BROWN was personally acquainted requesting that GETTINGS handle the matter.

By letter dated 5/3/68, HUGHES advised Detective RALPH BROWN that no contact had as yet been made and pointed to the urgency of the matter.

On 5/6/68, The Milwaukee Office telephonically communicated the above information to the Miami Office, at which time SA HOMER NEWMAN advised that Miami was cognizant of the entire matter, and that it had been resolved.

No further action is being taken by the Milwaukee Office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1854)

FROM : Lawrence A. Schlapp-NC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/12/68

At 2:35 PM, this date, MRS. TERRI BUSBY, 3375 N. W. 69th Street, Miami, Fla., no telephone, telephonically contacted this office to relate the following information:

BUSBY was in the Drop-Off Coin Laundromat, near the Mac Donalds restaurant at N. W. 79th Street and 32nd Ave., instant date, and was talking with the proprietor of the laundromat. (no further description available) The proprietor told her that approximately three weeks ago, an individual whom he did not described, came into the laundromat and left clothing there supposedly carrying the name ERIC STARVO GALT. This individual identified himself as ERIC STARVO GALT and said that he would be back to pick up clothes.

The proprietor advised BUSBY that he did not call authorities since he thought it would be better to wait for him to return and then call authorities.

BUSBY said that to her knowledge the proprietor still has the clothes at above laundromat.

Supv. HOMER NEWMAN advised of above.

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URGENT 5-14-68 RNK

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TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861)

MURKIN

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SUBJECT SPENT A CONSIDERABLE SUM OF MONEY FROM APRIL TWENTY-THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN TO APRIL FOUR, SIXTY-EIGHT, AND THE SOURCE OF HIS MONEY HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, HIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES AND BANK BURGLARIES IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE WITNESSES ARE AVAILABLE. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE REQUESTING OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TO WITNESSES IN THEIR UNSOLVED ROBBERIES.

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TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) & MIAMI 44-1854
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

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RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS FIVE FIFTEEN
SIXTYEIGHT. GUESTS REGISTERED AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL DECEMBER
SEVENTEEN TO NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, NEW ORLEANS.

RE-EXAMINATION OF PROVINCIAL MOTEL REGISTRATION RECORDS
REFLECT CORRECT NAME AS W. H. RAUFLER, TWO EIGHT NINE NINE
COLLINS AVENUE, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, FLORIDA LICENSE NUMBER
ONE W W ONE ONE THREE EIGHT ZERO OR ONE W W ONE ONE THREE EIGHT
SIX ON A CADILLAC. LICENSE NUMBER ON REGISTRATION CARD BARELY
LEGIBLE.

AIRMAIL COPY BEING SENT MEMPHIS.

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To: All SACS
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

In order to cover the possibility that subject may have died since commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted and they advised that no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested that each state may maintain such a record in their Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency.

There is no known Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information; and it is possible that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would only be maintained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities, or the like.

Each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if such records are maintained, and if so, should check records for the period from 4-5-68, to date, for any information which might possibly identify subject Ray with unidentified deceased person over that period.

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If there is no central record repository maintained in the various states or nationally in the case of Mexico and Canada, you should, in connection with your contacts with law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, make appropriate inquiries relative to

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RE: MURKIN

unidentified dead for the period beginning 4-5-68; and if fingerprints on such dead are maintained, they should be compared with those on the Identification Order on Ray in order to effect identification or nonidentification. This should be handled in the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines.

The Identification Division has placed an appropriate stop on unidentified deceased inquiries it may receive. If feasible, appropriate offices and Legats, Mexico City and Ottawa should place similar stops with appropriate state, local or national agencies in your territories.

Armed and Dangerous.

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Date: **May 10, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
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To: All SACS
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Ottawa

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From: Director, FBI

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For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968, and prior to his departing Los Angeles, in March of 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

This should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM : SA WELDON L. KENNEDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA JOHN E. BYRNES, 5/4/68

On 5/8/68 RAYMOND C. VANYO, Owner, fishing Boat "TROJAN" Marathon, Florida was contacted regarding this matter. He stated that the names of CHARLES ULSREY and JAMES EARL RAY are not familiar to him. He examined photographs of RAY and stated that he has never seen this individual. He stated that the persons working on his boat have been working as fishermen in the Florida Keys for quite some time and none of them could possibly be identical to RAY.

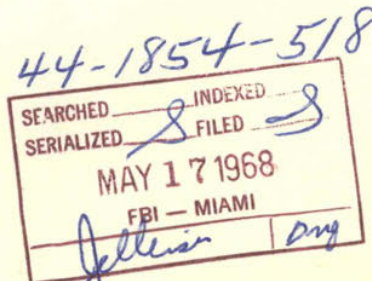
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA JOHN F. HANLON, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Los Angeles teletype to Director, dated 5/17/68 concerning information obtained from Bob LNU, informant of Los Angeles Times.

This date, DAVID LARSEN and JOHN D. KENDALL, presneted themselves at the office, informed writer and SA DAVID JELLISON that they had vital information in captioned matter. They then proceeded to furnish us with the information set out in referenced teletype. They related that they were staying at the Four Ambassadors, rooms 1763 and 1766 respectively.

In addition to information set out in referenced teletype they related that BENJAMIN THOMPSON resided at ~~4220 NW 23d St.~~ 360 W. Flagler St. and was employed at East Coast Fisheries, 4220 NW 23d St., Miami. He owns three boats of rather large size. WILLIAM LINCOLN PIERCE also resided here in Miami and holds a pilot's license. He is a contractor.

HUNTER HELGESON, Division 6, SOG, advised that all leads must be run out, the most logical this evening. He related that a teletype should be sent tonight setting forth investigation conducted plus the results of indices check on those individuals reportedly residing in the respective divisions.

While SA HANLON was conversing with HELGESON, LARSEN asked SA JELLISON to keep him advised of up to the minute details. He related that if this was not done he would crucify us. This information was furnished to HELGESON with the statement that no further dealings would be made with LARSEN and KENDALL UACB. HELGESON concurred. Both writer and SA JELLISON informed the representatives of the newspaper that no deals could be made. They attempted to trade the information for up to the minute details. They were informed that we would accept the information, however, no deals would be made.

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Supervisor NEWMAN was kept advised of all developements and requested that SAS STOY, SHAHAN, PETERSON, JELLISON handle Miami leads this evening and that the RAs be notified. Efforts were made to contact PHILBIN in West Palm and TODD in Fort Pierce with negative results.

Indices negative on THOMPSON and PIERCE.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/, JACKSONVILLE AND PITTSBURGH
FROM SAVANNAH /44-1768/ 2P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY TEN LAST, NO COPY TO PITTSBURGH.

FOR INFO PITTSBURGH, ATLANTA ADVISED EXPANDED AIRLINE CHECK
REVEALED DELTA AIRLINES RECORDS INDICATE A JOHN WILLARD MADE
RESERVATION ON EAL APRIL ELEVEN LAST, CHANGED FLIGHT, AND FLEW
APRIL TEN LAST ON EAL AND RETURNED ATLANTA APRIL FIFTEEN LAST ON
DAL FLIGHT NO. TWENTY. LEFT CONTACT NUMBERS MIAMI FOUR FOUR
EIGHT DASH ZERO TWO SEVEN SIX AND SAVANNAH TWO THREE THREE DASH
FIVE THREE ONE, ROOM FIVE TWO ONE. LATTER NUMBER IS SAVANNAH
DOWNTOWNER MOTEL. AT WHICH INQUIRY DEVELOPED JOHN O. WILLARD,
WITHEROW RD., SEWICKLEY, PA., REPRESENTING W. W. NORTON, CO.,
DRIVING CHEVROLET CAR NY LICENSE THREE EIGHT THREE TWO W X,
CHECKED INTO ROOM FOUR TWO ONE ON MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST AND OUT
MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST. CHECKED IN AGAIN INTO ROOM FIVE TWO ONE,
END PG ONE

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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SAME BACKGROUND INFO, WITH A BARRY L. BEAL, SEVEN ONE ZERO N. E.
FOURTEENTH AVE., GAINESVILLE, FLA., ON MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST AND OUT
ON MARCH THIRTYONE LAST.

PITTSBURGH RESOLVE IDENTITY OF WILLARD, WHICH IS ALSO ALIASES
OF SUBJECT RAY. RESET LEAD FOR JACKSONVILLE TO INTERVIEW BEAL AT
GAINESVILLE, FLA., IF NECESSARY.

MIAMI, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND JACKSONVILLE ADVISED BY MAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CORR...JACKSONVILLE NOT ADVISED BY TELETYPE.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL

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

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AT PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS:

On 5/10/68, the Texaco ship "TRANSCAMPLAIN" docked in Port Arthur, Texas, and the following personnel of that ship were interviewed:

Chief Engineer PAUL RAINVILLE advised he did go into the Golden Earring Lounge in Jacksonville, Florida, on two nights around the first of May, 1968. The first night he was accompanied by his wife and the second night he was accompanied by the Third Mate of this ship, HARRY BINGHAM. RAINVILLE advised he was not in the Golden Earring at any other time and did not drink in that lounge with anyone other than the above two people. RAINVILLE viewed a photograph of JAMES RAY and advised he had never known anyone who looked similar to the photograph or the accompanying description of RAY.

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HARRY BINGHAM, Third Mate, was interviewed and was observed to have a physical description quite dissimilar to that of JAMES RAY. BINGHAM viewed the photograph and description of RAY and stated he knew of no one similar to RAY.

Captain PETE McGUIRE viewed a wanted flyer for JAMES RAY and advised he was certain there were no personnel on his ship who were in any way similar to RAY.

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On April 24, 1968, the Tampa Office of the FBI advised that DAVID O. CONGER, III, of North Largo, Florida, had furnished information to the effect that on April 8, 1968, he had flown from Miami, Florida, to St. Croix, Virgin Islands. He flew on Pan American Airways (PAA) Flight 429 and believes he saw a person identical to JAMES EARL RAY sitting in Seat 7F or Seat 9F.

The following investigation was conducted at Miami, Florida, by SA DAVID N. JELLISON at PAA, Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida, from April 25 to April 29, 1968:

FRANK WARFIELD, Assistant Passenger Manager, PAA, advised his records indicate that Seat 7F on Flight 429 from Miami to St. Croix, Virgin Islands, was occupied by CARL NULL on April 8, 1968. WARFIELD further advised that it would take approximately two or three days to determine where NULL was residing at the time he made his reservation. Seat 9F on this flight was not occupied.

On April 29, 1968, FRANK WARFIELD advised that CARL NULL left as a contact point telephone number 933-5561 at Pompano Beach, Florida, which number is listed to Adapt-O-Core Precast Co.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROGER B. COLTON at Pompano Beach, Florida, on April 29, 1968:

Mr. LAWRENCE FITZSIMONS, Personnel Manager, Adapt-O-Core Company, Pompano Beach, Florida, advised that CARL T. NULL was employed on a job in Pompano Beach, Florida, on April 4 and April 5, 1968, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

FITZSIMONS described NULL as a white male, 6' tall, slender build, who has two fingers missing on one hand and one finger missing on the other as a result of a 1963 accident. He stated that there was a possibility that NULL resembled JAMES EARL RAY, however, he positively stated that NULL is not identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

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On April 20, 1968, the Milwaukee Office of the FBI advised that Mr. DANIEL S. KELLY telephonically furnished the following information to the Milwaukee FBI Office:

Mr. KELLY stated he and his wife had recently returned from a vacation in Florida. They stayed at the Sun Castle Club, 1380 South Ocean Boulevard, Pompano, Florida, which Mr. KELLY stated was operated by an ERNEST CASTLE.

Mr. KELLY stated after seeing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that a bellboy at the Sun Castle Club closely resembled RAY both in looks and general description. He stated that this bellboy's name was EARL and that he had told people at the club he was leaving to work as an electrician in Tennessee.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EUGENE L. PAYNE at Pompano Beach, Florida from April 23, 1968, to April 29, 1968:

HERB BLONSTRUM, Assistant Manager, Sun Castle Motel, 1380 South Ocean Boulevard, Pompano Beach, Florida, advised that the individual named EARL was probably EARL B. SHIELDS of 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Massachusetts. His Social Security Number was listed as 014-22-9081.

After an exhaustive search for pertinent records, BLONSTRUM determined SHIELDS was employed from March 28, 1968, to April 1, 1968, as a bellboy. He remembered that SHIELDS mentioned going to Tennessee but could not remember the name of the city.

BLONSTRUM was unable to locate the employment application for SHIELDS and admitted his records were extremely disorganized. His motel has highly transient help and in fact the supervisor of SHIELDS had since departed.

BLONSTRUM viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and said he did not believe this photograph was identical

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with SHIELDS. He indicated SHIELDS has more shallow checks and a wider nose.

Credit and criminal checks at Pompano Beach and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, regarding SHIELDS met with negative results.

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On April 19, 1968, BILL MARTIN, 922 14th Avenue, North Nashville, Tennessee, advised the Nashville Office of the FBI that he observed a 1965 or 1967 blue Mustang bearing Florida license 6-75466. A passenger in this vehicle looked very much like JAMES EARL RAY.

Investigation by the Jacksonville Office at Tallahassee, Florida, on April 24, 1968, indicated that 1967 Florida license 6-47566 was issued to RAY MORRIS, 2052 Lake Osborne Drive, Lake Worth, Florida, for use on a 1965 Ford Mustang.

1967 Florida license 6-75466 is a non-existent number.

MARTIN advised the possibility existed that the 754 in the Florida license could be mixed up.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT SCHACHNER at Lake Worth, Florida, May 7, 1968:

Mrs. RAY MORRIS, 2052 Lake Osborne Drive, Lake Worth, Florida, advised that her husband owns a 1965 Ford Mustang, navy blue in color, bearing a Florida license, number not recalled.

Mrs. MORRIS advised her husband is a former teacher at Lake Worth High School, Lake Worth, Florida, but recently changed position. She advised her husband is now employed at a Career Academy, Nashville, Tennessee, and stated that they were now in the process of moving the family to Nashville. She advised her husband moved to Nashville on about April 2, 1968, and believes he is residing in a room at 115 Blue Hills Court, Nashville, Tennessee.

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On April 23, 1968, the Chicago Office of the FBI advised that they had received an anonymous telephone call in which the caller stated that JAMES EARL RAY was staying at Perrine, Florida, using an assumed name and wearing a disguise. The caller advised he would call back at a later time and furnish the alias RAY was using. However, the caller never called back.

On the same date, the following investigation was conducted by SA CHARLES W. KELLY:

Dade County authorities, Perrine Sub-Station #4, were contacted and advised there were no hotels, motels or flop houses in the Perrine area wherein individuals of RAY's description would stay. There is no agency in Perrine, Florida, that maintains records of new arrivals in the Perrine area.

All detectives and police officers at the sub-station of the Dade County Department of Public Safety, Perrine, Florida, were furnished with copies of wanted flyers and identification orders and 64 identification orders were furnished to businesses and restaurants in the Perrine, Florida area. No positive information was developed regarding RAY as a result of this investigation.

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On April 25, 1968, the Buffalo Office of the FBI advised that Mrs. GLADYS D. MEEHAM has advised their office that she and her family had recently visited Eleuthera, Bahamas. While there, she observed a man in the Rock Sound Club who bore a remarkable resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 26, 1968, this information was furnished by SA FRANK J. SMITH by telephone to STANLEY R. MOIR, Assistant Commissioner, Bahamas Police Force, Nassau, Bahamas. MOIR had previously been furnished with several copies of wanted flyers and identification orders pertaining to JAMES EARL RAY.

MOIR contacted the officials at the Rock Sound Club, Eleuthera, and none were able to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as being those of any guest at the club.

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On April 30, 1968, the Minneapolis Office of the FBI received information from JAMES L. THOMAS that an unidentified individual delivered a variety of seafood to Michael's Restaurant, Minneapolis, on April 30, 1968. THOMAS advised that this individual appeared to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY and that the seafood was delivered from an Alterman Transport Lines, Inc. truck with home offices in Miami, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents DAVID N. JELLISON and LEONARD C. PETERSON at Miami, Florida, on May 1, 1968:

DAVID ALTERMAN, proprietor, Alterman Transport Lines, Inc., 2424 N. W. 46th Street, Miami, Florida, advised that the truck bearing 1967 Florida license 1-0-614 left Miami for Minneapolis dated April 27, 1968, and was driven by DONALD EUGENE ABPLANALP. GLENN HECTOR BOWCOTT accompanied ABPLANALP on this trip as a helper.

It was determined from company records that both these individuals were working for Alterman Transport Lines in the greater Miami, Florida area on April 4, 1968.

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