

Re: James Milton Curtis Oshel

With Oshel's consent, officers of the Fremont Police Department searched Room 312 of the Magil Hotel where Oshel was registered April 22, 1968. This search disclosed only personal effects, including apparatus for printing the Manual Alphabet cards from sale of which Oshel apparently subsisted.

In Oshel's billfold was found a small piece of yellow paper bearing the handwritten name "Wilkerson Printing Company, 215 South Cooper, Memphis," which Oshel subsequently advised, was the place of employment of a brother, not otherwise identified.

On numerous occasions Oshel stated, in effect, "I love Martin Luther King," spontaneously and without relevancy to the progress of the interview.

Oshel's description was furnished as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Birth	[redacted], Burnet, Texas
Height	5'7
Weight	135
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Selective Service #	[redacted]
Local Board number	10, Ardmore, Oklahoma
Address	831 G Street Northeast, Ardmore Oklahoma

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Date: **4/26/68**Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (62-2879)
RE: JAMES MILTON CURTIS OSHEL
Threat against 1968 Presidential
Candidate Robert F. Kennedy,
Fremont, Nebraska
4/24/68
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Omaha teletype to Bureau, et al, 4/25/68.

Enclosed to the Bureau are five copies and
to other offices two copies of LHM relating to instant
matter.

Copies of this LHM have been furnished to
Secret Service, Omaha and Omaha PD, confirming telephonic
notification to Special Agent in Charge RICHARD A. ROTH
and Inspector MONROE COLEMAN, respectively, by SA
CASSIUS RATHBUN on 4/25/68.

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- ① - 44-310 (MURKIN)

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Date: 4/26/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
MEMPHIS

FROM: OMAHA (44-310)

MURKIN

DRY CLEANER UTILIZING THERMO-SEAL TAPES IN OPERATION,
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, REMARKED THE LETTER R IN CODE NUMBER
"TWO ZERO R DASH THREE", MOST PROBABLY REFERS TO FIRST INITIAL
OF CUSTOMER'S LAST NAME, WHICH IS COMMON CODING PRACTICE IN
USING THERMO-SEAL TAPING. ABOVE FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION.

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644PM URGENT 4/26/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

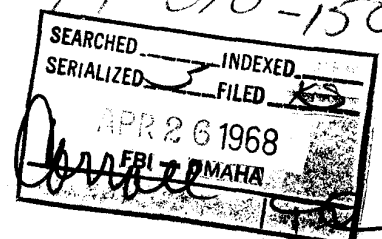
MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU
AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN
PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS
CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE
MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY
BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO
ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE
FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS.
THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

END

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FBI OMAHA



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Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-
RE: MURKIN
CR

Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

- 1 - Each Continental Office
2 - Memphis

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL AGENTS
FROM: SAC, PAUL C. YOUNG
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

Butel to All Offices 4/22/68, advised as follows:

"You are reminded that all leads in this case must be covered within twenty-four hours, and all leads must be set forth by telephone or teletype. All border offices covering entry into Mexico and Canada and exit therefrom should insure that appropriate stops are maintained regarding subject and all names known to be used by him at respective offices of U. S. Immigration and Border Patrol. You should also insure that previous stops placed with any facility should include all names used by subject.

"Distribute sufficient quantities of wanted flyers and IO's to narcotic investigative agencies in order that their informants may be contacted. You should contact all Criminal Informants and appropriate racial and security informants. Legats Ottawa and Mexico City being advised separately."

All leads must be handled in accordance with Bureau instructions.

Memphis airtel to All Offices 4/19/68, stated as follows:

"The FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in the trunk of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta, Ga., 4/11/68.

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These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code "20R-3." In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Co., Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type.

"The Textile Marking Machine Co. suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number."

All Continental Offices were requested to recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate the laundry using the code, "20R-3."

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957AM URGENT 4-29-68 SAB

TO DENVER 157-203

OMAHA 44-310

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN, CR.

RE OMAHA TEL TO DENVER APRIL TWENTY LAST AND OMAHA AIRTEL
TO MEMPHIS APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

DENVER WILL OBTAIN REGISTRATION CARD FOR SAM MASEY,
ROCKLAND HOTEL, FOR REGISTRATION ON DATE OF APRIL TEN LAST
AND FORWARD SAME TO FBI LABORATORY REQUESTING APPROPRIATE
HANDWRITING EXAMINATION WITH HANDWRITING PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTE
AS EVIDENCE IN THIS MATTER.

OMAHA CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT (TWO ZERO EIGHT HARNEY) IN
AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY SAM MASEY. WILL CONDUCT ALL FEASIBLE TYPE
RECORD CHECKS IN OMAHA TO IDENTIFY MASEY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

SAC

FBI OMAHA

*Carroll
advised*

*See serial 125.
Already covered.
TC.*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Omaha (44-310)

FROM : SA GERALD D. MOHR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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On 4/26/68, an individual giving the name DON BURKE, 852 5th Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a shoe-shine boy at the Plaza Barber Shop, 4400 First Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, Ia., contacted the local office to report he had seen a man at Sheheen's Tavern, Cedar Rapids, Ia., whom he believed to be identical with a photo he had seen earlier of JAMES EARL RAY.

On contact same date, BURKE further identified himself as DONALD WILLIAM BURKE, DOB , Boone, Iowa. He has been employed at the above establishment for the past two years. Formerly employed at the Royal Shoe Shop at Boone, Ia., as a shoe shine boy, and at the El Corn Hotel, Marshalltown, Ia., as a dishwasher.

It was determined by SAs MOHR & O'KEEFE that BURKE is apparently a mentally retarded alcoholic. His expressions were disjointed, illogical and obviously without basis in fact. It was immediately obvious that the individual he had observed had no conceivable resemblance to the subject of captioned investigation.

The manager of the Plaza Barber Shop identified BURKE as a "sub-standard mental case and an alcoholic". He said that although BURKE had mentioned seeing this individual at a local bar, he, the barber, had placed no credence in BURKE'S comments in light of his retarded mental state.



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On 4/26/68, Asst COP JAMES SHAWEN, CRPD, advised BURKE has been the subject of numerous local arrest for ~~XXXXXX~~ intoxication and is well known to that department as a retard in whom no reliance can

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Omaha (44-310)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA GERALD D. MOHR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo to All Agents, Omaha, 4/24/68.

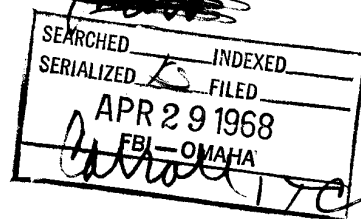
On this date, Mr. ROBERT OMAR, owner-operator, Alberts Sanitone Cleaners, 1120 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, Ia., which company utilizes Thermo-Seal laundry tapes, advised the taping code "20R-3" is foreign to his operation. He could not suggest what company or its location that may use such.

Commenting further, OMAR explained that the R in the code number most likely refers to the first initial of the customer's last name, which is a normal practice in using Thermo-Seal taping.

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Name Galt ... Murder, Conspiracy Warrants

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The FBI Wednesday issued a warrant charging Eric Starvo Galt with conspiracy in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

The state of Tennessee later filed a first degree murder charge against Galt in Memphis where King was slain on April 4.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark announced that Galt was being sought as a fugitive on a federal charge of conspiracy to violate King's civil rights.

The FBI issued two photographs of a man it identified as Galt, also known as Harvey



ERIC STARVO GALT

The FBI has released this photo of the man sought in the assassination of Martin Luther King. The eyes were sketched in by an FBI artist because they were closed in the original picture.

Lowmyer and John Willard. His eyes were closed in one photograph.

FBI Sketch

The opened eyes were sketched in by the FBI artists in the photograph.

The FBI complaint filed in Birmingham charges that Galt and an individual "whom he alleged to be his brother entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate Martin Luther King, jr."

The FBI charged that the conspiracy began at Birmingham on or about March 29, 1968.

Find Rifle

"In furtherance of the conspiracy, the FBI has determined that Galt or about March 30, purchased a rifle at Birmingham.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said a 30.06-caliber rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main street in Memphis immediately after King was shot. The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine hotel where King was staying.

Hoover said FBI agents had determined that the rifle and telescopic sight had been purchased from an unidentified gun dealer in Birmingham on March 30.

The FBI did not say that the gun was the murder weapon.

However, the Birmingham News said Thursday in a copyrighted story that the gun has been determined by ballistics tests to be the weapon used in the slaying of Dr. King.

The News story said also that the search for Galt has spread outside the United States.

Quoting an unidentified source described only as an investigator, the News said it is believed that Galt has fled to Mexico or Cuba.

White Mustang

Hoover did identify Galt as the owner of a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama license plates which was found abandoned in Atlanta April 11.

Galt purchased the car from a private citizen in Birmingham Aug. 30, 1967, the FBI said. The Mustang's speedometer showed that it had been driven more than 19,000 miles between late August and early April of this year.

In Memphis

Hoover said Galt had driven the car to Los Angeles, New

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Orleans, Birmingham and Mexico, as well as to Memphis and to Atlanta. He was reported to have been in Memphis April 3-4 and to have left there for Atlanta.

Galt was described as a white male between 5 feet 8 inches and 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighing 160 to 170 pounds. He was described as a neat dresser with a medium build.

The FBI said its investigation has disclosed that Galt claimed to have been employed as a cook on Mississippi river vessels and as a merchant seaman. He was described as an avid dancer who took lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965; in Birmingham during September and October, 1967, and in Long Beach, Calif., from December, 1967, to last February.

Galt left Los Angeles last Dec. 15, the FBI said, and drove the white Mustang to New Orleans, where he claimed he contacted either an engineering or a contracting company. The FBI did not explain why he had done so.

Bartender Course

It said Galt went to New Orleans Dec. 19 and returned to Los Angeles last Dec. 21. While in Los Angeles early this year, the FBI said, Galt took a course at a school of bartending and was graduated on March 2.

The FBI refused to say where it obtained Galt's photograph. It said he had brown hair which he wore in a brush cut, blue eyes, a straight and narrow nose, and straight and clean teeth. It said he had given his birth date as

The fugitive was further described as having a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an earlobe with his hand. His left ear protrudes further from his head than his right, the FBI said.

Hoover said persons who have met Galt said he was a "loner" whose language and diction have "rural" quality, suggesting "that he probably does not have a high degree of education." He is said to drink alcoholic beverages with a preference for vodka and beer.

Armed and Dangerous

Galt is a fan of western and country music. The FBI said he should be considered armed and dangerous.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC OMAHA(44-310)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA GEORGE CASTLEMAN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

City Directories, telephone books, and law enforcement agencies in Louisa, Muscatine, and Washington Counties, Iowa were reviewed and/or contacted concerning dancing schools the subject may have attended, but these~~x~~ sources indicate there are no dancing schools in these counties.

VERNA OLDENBURG, Office Manager, Crescent Evans Laundry 1206 Harrison, Davenport, Iowa and ARTHUR HOWE, Owner, Magnus Model Laundry, Muscatine, Iowa were contacted concerning Thermo-Seal Marking tape with code "20R-3", but both advised the code is not similar to their codes.



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SAC, OMAHA(44-310)

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SA HARMON J. OGDEN

MURKIN
CR

Re Sacramento Tel dated 4/25/68.

The following was conducted by SA HARMON J. OGDEN at Lincoln on 4/26/68 in effort to identify RAY who was with ROBERT E. DINKINS in Lincoln sometime in 1954 and 1955:

There was no record for ROBERT E. DINKINS in the files of the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office or the Lancaster Credit Bureau, per SHARRI PLAUTZ, LILLINA HOLDSWORTH and KATHERINE SCHWARZ respectively. These sources have previously been checked for JAMES EARL RAY.

CHARLES SAGE, CITY MISSION, advised that the old records are very incomplete during the 1950s and 1940s. He made the best check possible and could not find any one by the name of DINKINS. He found one JOHNNY A. RAY who was there one night 9/12/55 enroute from west coast to Chicago who was age 27, 5'10, 160 lbs with brown hair and who stated had been in the Navy. There is no other information on this person in the file.

C. FREY, Chief Clerk of the Burlington Railroad advised that the Burlington Cafe has been a part of the Burlington operation but is on a lease basis. For the past three years it has been an automat. The lease holders changed frequently and there are no employment records available. He knows also that they did not maintain records on men from the city mission who worked short periods in the kitchen as dishwashers and helpers. He could find no record for DINKINS or identifiable with RAY.

JUDY STONER, Nebraska State Patrol, advised that they have a record for one ROBERT E. DINKINS, FBI# 5042244 who was born [redacted] in Illinois. He is 5'7", 145 lbs, brown eyes and black hair. His only Nebraska arrest was for investigation by the Hastings, Nebraska PD on 7/29/49. He had a prior record of Auto Theft in Illinois, AWOL in Rawlins, Wyoming and later arrests in Ft. Worth Texas and El Paso Texas for Auto theft and vagrancy with the last arrest shown in 1957.

There appears no way in which the information furnished by DINKINS can be verified.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Omaha (44-310)

FROM : SA GERALD D. MOHR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/27/68

Re memo of SAC, OM, dated 4/9/68.

The following investigation was conducted by writer: On 4/11/68, Mr. GEORGE SWAB, Mgr., Troy Laundry, 214 First Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, Ia., was contacted in connection with this matter, with negative results. He explained his operation does not utilize the Thermo-Seal tape involved.

On 4/12/68, Mr. J.S. BARLOW - Barlow-Moon Laundry & Dry Cleaners, 1537 First Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, Ia., and Mr. JOHN LAMB, Mgr., New Process Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Cedar Rapids, Ia., were also contacted in connection with this investigation, with negative results. Neither utilize the Thermo-Seal tape.

All of the above explained the only Thermo-Seal tape utilized in the Cedar Rapids, Ia., area is used by Alberts Sanitone Dry Cleaning Company in Cedar Rapids, Ia., which company has been contacted and the results thereof submitted.

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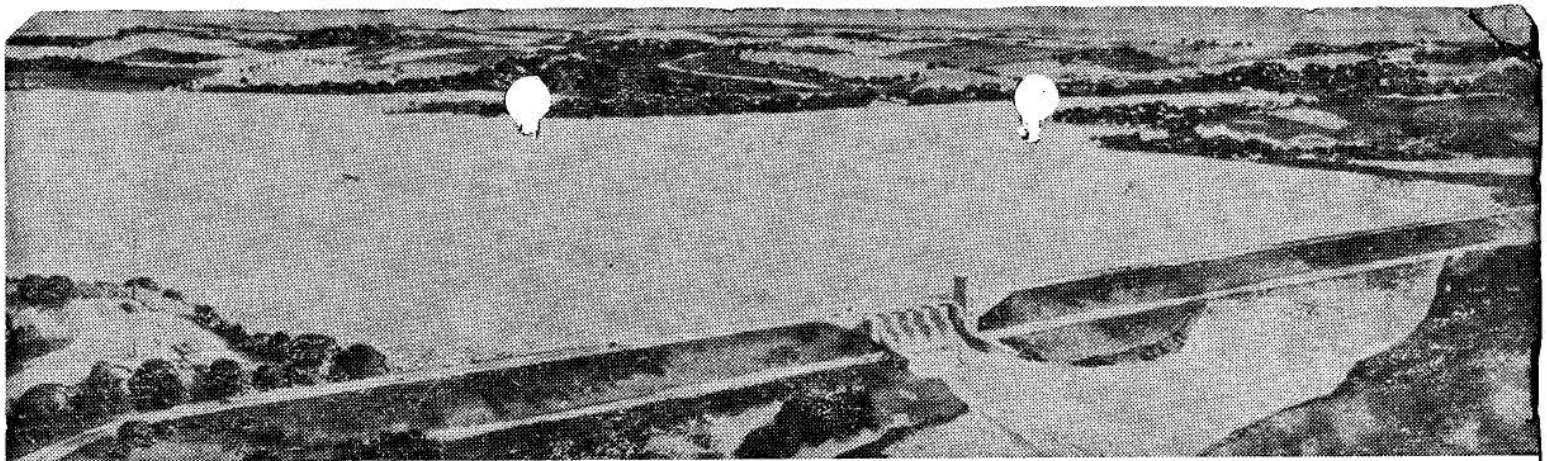
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CITY OF KNOXVILLE, IOWA

SOUTH GATEWAY TO THE RED ROCK DAM

From The Office Of POLICE DEPT

District Director FBI
1010 Federal Office Bld.
Omaha, Nebraska, 68102

April 28, 1968

Re: I.O. 4182 James Earl Ray

Dear Sir:

On the night of 4-17-68, a subject using the name of Richard Wayne Himebrook, 5-10 175 lbs. brn hair, Hzl eyes, was brought to the attention of the police department as a possible intoxicated person. Upon checking with the subject no odor of alcohol was detected. Subject stated he had been without sleep for some two or three days and had taken some pills to keep him awake. He requested lodging in the city jail for the night as a sleeper as he was without funds. Upon processing the following information was obtained.

Subject was in possession of Texas Drivers License [REDACTED] giving name as Richard Wayne Himebrook, D.O.B [REDACTED], subject appeared to be 37-38 years of age. He stated he had been driving taxi in the Dallas Texas area but had decided to return to Iowa. Claimed to have worked in the Davenport area prior to going to Texas. An expired Chauffeurs license, Iowa 495872 is on file.

Subject resembles the wanted poster of James Earl Ray, 1968 photo. Is a very neat dresser, carrying well made, expensive luggage. Does not give the impression of the ordinary "down and outer" requiring sleeping quarters.

Stated he was going to Manpower Inc. 517 5th St. Des Moines, until he was well enough acquainted with the Des Moines area to gain employment as a taxi driver.

I am in hopes that this information may be of some value.

Sincerely,

Leo C. Bennett
LEO C. BENNETT, SGT.
KNOXVILLE POLICE DEPT.
KNOXVILLE, IOWA 50138

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Carroll H.C.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Omaha

DATE: April 29, 1968

JEM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 800.

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (44-310) (P)
SUBJECT: *jm* MURKIN
CR
BUFILE 44-38861

RE: New Orleans teletype 4/24/68;

This teletype requested owner of Nebraska License 436-092 and at time teletype transmitted New Orleans advised this is impossible number in Nebraska.

First Nebraska licenses have a county number, followed by a letter of the alphabet which is followed by a series of numbers.

Using the number 436-092 even considering that a letter may be missing it is too high a number for 1, 2 or 3 counties which are Douglas, Lancaster and Gage respectively. It is too high for 4 county which is Custer County and also too high for 43 county which is Colfax County. Any other county is out of consideration.

ADELINE BAUER, Department of Motor Vehicles, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised that she has made a complete search of her files and it is impossible for the number as furnished by New Orleans to be a Nebraska number. LLOYD BEECHLEY is unknown at Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles Drivers License Section.

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357PM URGENT 4/29/68 CAB

TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

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MURKIN

ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR
TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS
IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD
IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE
FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE
IO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE
FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE
SIXTY-SEVEN. *23 April 67*

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING
RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND
MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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RLB

FBI OMAHA

*Carroll advised 4/29/68
St. Charles, Blount County, MO.
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TO OMAHA (44-310) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
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RE DENVER TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY LAST; OMAHA AIRTEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST, AND MEMPHIS TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYNINE INSTANT.

REGISTRATION CARD OBTAINED FROM CHARLES RUTHER, ROCKLAND HOTEL, DENVER, THIS DATE. WRITING ON CARD SUBJECT TO DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION AS FIRST GIVEN BY RUTHER ON APRIL TWENTY LAST. NAME COULD BE SAM MAJEY AND ADDRESS COULD BE TWO EIGHT ZERO NINE (LAST DIGIT INDISTINCT) HARNEY, OMAHA, NEBRASKA. CARD BEING FORWARDED TO FBI LABORATORY THIS DATE. *PD, SO + 1st B. Bureau, all Omaha, negative. Same Majey or Sam Majey. See serial 125.*

DESCRIPTION OBTAINED FROM RUTHER THIS DATE VARIES SOMEWHAT. MAJEY DESCRIBED AS THIRTYONE TO THIRTYTWO YEARS OLD, FIVE NINE TO FIVE TEN, ONE SEVENTY TO ONE EIGHTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR WORN BACK FROM FRONT AND WAVY, STOCKY BUILD, RUDDY COMPLEXION, AND APPEARED TO HAVE VERTICAL SCAR ABOUT ONE INCH LONG CLOSE TO RIGHT CORNER OF MOUTH. NO OTHER SCARS NOTICED. DRESSED IN DARK BLUE SPORT COAT

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AND DARK BLUE-GRAY DRESS TROUSERS. HAD NO LUGGAGE. CHECKED IN ABOUT THREE THIRTY PM, APRIL TEN LAST, AND LEFT AROUND ONE PM NEXT DAY WEARING SAME CLOTHES.

MAJEY STATED HAD BEEN IN TENNESSEE AND MENTIONED HE TENDED BAR IN TENNESSEE AND MISSOURI. INDICATED TO RUTHER WAS JUST STOPPING OVER IN DENVER. APPEARED TO BE DRINKING. RUTHER ONLY PERSON TO SEE MAJEY.

OMAHA, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE MAJEY. (P)

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1055PM URGENT 4-29-68 JDB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI 44-38861, OMAHA 44-310, MEMPHIS 44-1987
EL PASO, KANSAS CITY 44-760, AND ST. LOUIS.
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686 P

MURKIN

RE OMAHA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR FOUR TWENTYFOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI NUMBER FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO FOUR EIGHT TWO,
LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS THIS DATE. PORTER ADVISED SINCE LEFT
RESIDENCE OF MOTHER, CLARA PORTER, WAVERLY, IOWA, LATTER PART OF
FEBRUARY, HAS TRAVELED THROUGH IOWA, WYOMING, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA,
UTAH, COLORADO, MISSOURI, TEXIS, AND OKLAHOMA, MAINLY HITCHHIKING
RIDES. PORTER IS LEAVING THIS DATE, HITCHHIKING TO HOME OF
MOTEHAR, WAVERLY, IOWA. PORTER STATES HAS NOT SEEN RAY SINCE
RAY'S ESCAPE, AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S WHEREABOUTS. PORTER
STATES NEAL AEBY WAS CLOSEST FRIEND OF RAY IN MISSOURI STATE
PENITENTIARY. HE STATED JOHN STOUT, EX-GUARD, MSP, USED TO
OBTAIN AMPHETAMINES FOR RAY TO SELL TO OTHER INMATES, AND WAS
CLOSE FRIEND OF RAY. RETEL REFLECTS PORTER STAYED NIGHT OF 44-310-165
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APRIL TWELVE AT WARSAW, MISSOURI, AND CONTACTED FORMER INMATE MSP, JACK FOX LANPHERE, AT CITY UNION MISSION WARSAW, MISSOURI, APRIL THIRTEEN. LANPHERE ADVISED PORTER MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN KING MURDER; PORTER'S ACCOUNT IS THAT HE HEARD OF KING MURDER WHILE IN BUS DEPOT, JOPLIN, MISSOURI, EN ROUTE BY BUS FROM MIAMI, OKLAHOMA, TO CARTHAGE, MISSOURI; HOWEVER, ACCOJ T OF TRAVELS BY PORTER INDICATES POSSIBLY STAYING AT ONLY HOTEL IN VA HORN, TEXAS, AT TIME OF KING'S MURDER.

PORTER IS DESCRIBED AS WMA, DOB [REDACTED], POB CLARINDA, IOWA, HEIGHT SIX FT, WEIGHT ONE SEVEN FIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, GREY HAIR CUT IN CREW CUT, WEARS GREEN-TINTED PRESCRIPTION GLASSES.

ELPASO AT VAN HORN, TEXAS, WILL ASCERTAIN DATE(S) PORTER RESIDED AT HOTEL. WILL THEREAFTER SET OUT ADDITIONAL LEADS FROM FOLLOWING OC AIRTEL TO ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF PORTER APRIL FOUR LAST.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOHN STOUT FOR ANY INFORMATION RE SUBJECT RAY.

HOUSTON TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR FOUR TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT REFLECTS INTERVIEW OF NEAL EDGAR AEBY. AIRTEL AND PHOTOGRAPH OF PORTER FOLLOW.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1: 1011AM URGENT 4/30/68 MAL
TO OMAHA, AND KANSAS CITY
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (TWO PAGES)

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MURKIN, CR. 00: MEMPHIS.

RE OMAHA TELETYPE APRIL NINETEEN, LAST, AND SPRINGFIELD
TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

RE EARL EVERETT RAY (DECEASED).

MR. C. D. IREY, SPECIAL AGENT, C. B. & Q. RAILROAD, GALESBURG,
ILLINOIS, STATED REVIEW OF EMPLOYMENT FILE LISTED FILE ON
EARL EVERETT RAY, SUBJECT'S UNCLE, ONE SIX FOUR SOUTH ACADEMY
STREET, GALESBURG, ILL. HE SHOWED A PREVIOUS ADDRESS OF ONE
TWO EIGHT NORTH FIFTH STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS AND LISTED
LOUISA RAY AS HIS MOTHER. THE FIEL INDICATED HE WORKED FOR
THE RAILROAD FOR PERIOD NOVEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR TO
NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR, THIRTEEN DAYS. HE
LISTED FORMER EMPLOYMENT OF APRIL OF NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR TO
JUNE OF NINETEEN FORTYFOUR WITH SUNSET AMUSEMENT COMPANY,
EXCELLSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI, AND C. B. & Q. RAILROADS, OMAHA,
NEBRASKA. W.A. COLE, FELLOW EMPLOYEE, DOES NOT RECALL RAY.

END PAGE ONE

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NAME CHECKS AT THE GALESBURG PD, KNOX COUNTY SO, AND
CREDIT BUREAU FAILED TO DEVELOP ANY INFO. FORMER RESIDENCE
AREA OF ONE SIX FOUR SOUTH ACADEMY IS NOW A CEMETARY.

OMAHA AND KANSAS CITY ARE REQUESTED TO CHECK FORMER
EMPLOYMENTS OF EARL RAY, FOR ANY INFO OF LEAD VALUE RE
SUBJECT.

COPY MAILED MEMPHIS. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SPC BITTNER

SUBJECT: MURKIN (44-310)

SA Helgson, SOG, Division Six, notified the Omaha office at 6:45 p.m. instant information concerning MURKIN.

Helgson referred to Omaha teletype of April 26, sent at 4:45 p.m. that date. The Bureau desires that the letter referred to in the teletype be sent to the FBI Lab for latent fingerprint check. Further, they wish to compare it with the anonymous letter file and check the handwriting with subject's.

Helgson desired this message be referred to supervisor of case in a.m. of 4/30/68. Helgson was informed that SAC Paul C. Young was immediate supervisor involving this matter, and that he would be promptly informed on the morning of 4/30/68.

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(Do this immediately)
Done 4/30/68.
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AIRTEL

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

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (44-370) (P)

RE: MURKIN

Re Omaha teletype dated 4/26/68 to Bureau and Milwaukee re anonymous handwritten letter received at Omaha Office, which was mailed in Omaha, Nebraska, 4/26/68. Letter stated JAMES EARLE RAY's girlfriend is JERRIE DURVAL, possibly spelled DURUAL, County General Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

By telephone call 4/29/68 the Bureau stated above letter should be submitted for a latent fingerprint examination.

Above letter and envelope are enclosed herewith to the Bureau for possible latent fingerprint examination, comparison with Anonymous Letter File, and for comparison with subject's handwriting.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4 - Bureau (RM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Omaha

TWC:jip
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(Handwritten signature/initials inside a circle)

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*Serial 143 sent Bureau
per above.*

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(Handwritten signature/initials)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA (44-310)

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. FAUST, III

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

RE: Memo to All Agents dated 4/9/68
Memo to All Agents dated 4/24/68

On 4/25/68, JIM DUFFY, Manager, Thompson - Haywood Chemical Company, Southwest First and Granger, Des Moines, Iowa, advised that his company supplies chemicals and other products to laundries throughout the State of Iowa. He advised that he is the distributor for Thermo-Seal marking tape and supplies to any laundry using a Thermo-Seal marking machine. He stated that the only two laundries in Iowa using this type of marking system were Corwin Laundry of Des Moines, Iowa, and Varsity in Waterloo, Iowa, which is operated by ALVIN SCHMIDT.

On 4/25/68, HARRY GIBSON, Plant Manager, Corwin Laundry, 1930 Cottage Grove, Des Moines, Iowa, advised that none of the Thermo-Seal labels produced in his office would be marked 02B-6, D2B-6, or 20R-3. He further advised that this type of marking is not used on laundry such as sheets, pillow cases and underclothes, but is used only for processing white shirts. He advised that this type of machine was also being used by the Varsity Cleaners in Waterloo, Iowa. He stated that he knew of no laundry that used this type of marking for laundry, but only for white shirts.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO : DIRECTOR

FROM: MILWAUKEE (44-388)

MURKIN

RE OMAHA TEL, APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST, CONCERNING
JERRIE DURVAL OR DURUAL, ALLEGED GIRLFRIEND OF JAMES EARL
RAY.

EMPLOYEE, PATIENT AND PROJECT RECORDS, COUNTY GENERAL
HOSPITAL, MILWAUKEE, NEGATIVE RE JERRIE DURVAL OR DURUAL.
LATTER COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH DYRELL DENNIS, OBJECT OF
MI AND LA TELS, APRIL TWENTY SIX, AND SEVEN LAST. DENNIS
ADVISED WHEN INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY SEVEN, SHE HAS NEVER
USED NAME JERRIE DURVAL OR DURUAL. AFOREMENTIONED HOSPITAL
RECORDS ALSO NEGATIVE RE DYRELL DENNIS.

AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND OMAHA.

A & D

GJV/kdb
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MEMO. KELSAY
OM 44-310

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY
SA DANIEL P. KELSAY, JR.

ON 4/10/68 THE FOLLOWING SOURCES AND AGENCIES
WERE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS FOR THE SURNAME ~~ADAM~~ ^{ADAM} ~~ADAM~~ ^{ADAM},
LOWMYER AND OTHER PHONETIC SPELLINGS OF THIS NAME:

1. Community Credit Services of Centerville, Iowa, covering
the Iowa counties of Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe, and
Wayne. (Mrs. Cora Widmar)
2. Appanoose County Sheriff's Office, Centerville, Iowa
(Harvey Robertson, Sheriff)
3. Centerville, Iowa Police Department.
(Jim Richards, Chief of Police)
4. Lucas County Sheriff's Office, Chariton, Iowa
(Wayne Swanson, Sheriff)
5. Chariton, Iowa Police Department
(Vernon R. White, Chief of Police)
6. Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Allamakee, Iowa
(Dennis Carr, Deputy Sheriff)
7. Allamakee, Iowa Police Department 44-310-171
(John Douglas, Chief of Police)
8. Wayne County Sheriff's Office
(Richard Wilkey, Sheriff)
9. Monroe County Sheriff's Office
Lee Shives, Sheriff.

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10. Knoxville, Iowa Police Department
Clay Barnett, Chief of Police.
11. Decatur County Sheriff's Office, Leon, Iowa
(Slim Hauck)
12. Leon Police Department
(Richard Vanderpool)

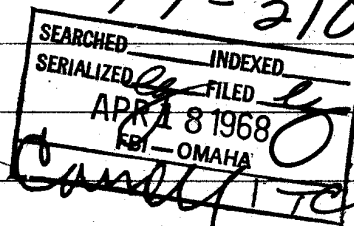
MEMO, KELSAY

OM 44-310

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY
SA DANIEL P. KELSAY, JR.:

ON 4/16/68 THE FOLLOWING DANCE STUDIOS WERE
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS STUDENT
CHECKED FOR PRESENT AND PAST ENROLLMENT UNDER THE NAMES
ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD AND
OTHER PHONETIC SPELLINGS OF THESE NAMES:

1. ARTHUR MURRAY DANCE STUDIO (MISS LEONA LYON)
504 7TH ST., DES MOINES, IOWA.
2. CORNER HOUSE DANCE STUDIO (MRS. CONNIE ROBERTSON)
5519 URBANDALE RD., DES MOINES, IOWA
3. BETTY HILL DANCE STUDIO, (MRS. BETTY HILL)
1233 73RD ST., DES MOINES, IOWA.
4. ELLEN BELLE DANCE STUDIO (ELLEN BELLE)
104 1/2 WEST 1ST, INDIANOLA, IOWA
5. SYLVIA ZARNOW DANCE STUDIO (SYLVIA ZARNOW)
1181 9TH ST., DES MOINES, IOWA



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA (44-310)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA DONALD G. HARRIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 3:10 p.m. on 4/19/68, Supervisor JAMES E. RUSSELL of the Kansas City Office telephonically contacted Omaha concerning the press release identifying ERIC STARVO GALT as JAMES EARL RAY, an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary. Kansas City has a UFAP case on JAMES EARL RAY and requested Omaha to verify RAY's arrest on 4/18/50 for vagrancy in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Cedar Rapids PD # 5937. Kansas City furnished the following aliases for JAMES EARL RAY:

JAMES EARL RAY ✓
Earl James Ray ✓
W. C. Herron ✓
Earl James ✓
James McBride ✓
James O'Conner ✓
James Walton ✓
James Walyon ✓

Mr. RUSSELL requested that this arrest be verified with a teletype to the Bureau and Kansas City today.

At 3:45 p.m., Supervisor RUSSELL again called the Omaha Office to advise that an associate of RAY was one WALTER TERRY RIFE, described as white male, born [redacted] 5'9½", 162 lbs., brown hair, blue-gray eyes, FBI #4558766. Both RAY and RIFE were sentenced in 1955 for cashing stolen Postal/Money Orders. RIFE received three years, 7/1/55, and was sent to the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth. RUSSELL also

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4/19 no record
at C.R. P.D. re
Rife according
to SA Brueggemann
PCH

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This lead already set out
for Brueggemann by me.
PCH

OM 44-310

advised that the Kansas City file number on RAY is 88-9449.

Omaha files reflect two cases on WALTER TERRY RIFE, 52-823 and 88-3291. Both cases appear to be identical with WALTER TERRY RIFE.

4/22/68

SAC (44-310)

SPC JAMES P. DONLAN

MURKIN

Mr. ROBERT KAHLER, Security Officer, Eppley Air Field, telephonically contacted this office this date and advised that he observed an individual fitting subject's discription at the airport this date.

Mr. KAHLER, stated that subject had small scarr on forehead and beleived he arrived in Omaha via Braniff Air Lines between 12:30 P.M. and 1:30 P.M., instant, and left the airport in a white Ford station wagon. Mr. KAHLER didnt know if subject had any luggage or not, but stated subject made several trips from the baggage area to the ticket counter before leaving the terminal.

Mr. KAHLER advised he is off duty 4/23/68 but could be contacted at his residence, 1321 South 33 Street.

*No additional info available
4/23/68 -JC*

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~~Re: [illegible]~~

MEMO

The following investigation was conducted by SA LINUS C. ISSINGHOFF on 4/22/68

AT WATERLOO, IOWA

LORA BRICKMAN, Varsity Cleaners, 216 W. 11th St. advised that they have and use a Thermo Seal Type marking machine in their laundry. She advised however that the numbers 02B-6 would not be theirs inasmuch as they ~~do~~ not mark their laundry in that manner. She advised that the second digit in their marking is also carried as the fourth and that they use five figures instead of four. *Example 25 Z 52.*

Attached is a sample of their markings and samples of their tape if you wish to use it for comparison in anyway.

Destroyed 4/24/68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL AGENTS
FROM: SAC, PAUL C. YOUNG
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/29/68

RE: Memo to All Agents 4/24/68, which set out a lead to recontact laundries which operate Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate the laundry using the code, "20R-3."

For your information, Memphis airtel 4/25/68, advised that all offices should discontinue efforts to locate this laundry mark inasmuch as it was identified as coming from a laundry in Culver City, California.

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1 - SAC
1 - ASAC
1 - Desk #3
1 - Each Agent
1 - OM 44-310 - 176
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Optional Form No. 10
United States Government

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL AGENTS (44-310)

DATE: April 30, 1968

FROM: SAC PAUL C. YOUNG

RE: MURKIN

Bureau teletype dated 4/29/68 to all offices
advised as follows:

All offices having law enforcement agencies in their territories which maintain unidentified latent fingerprints in connection with matters under their jurisdiction should immediately contact these agencies and request that the fingerprints of subject JAMES EARL RAY as set forth on the IO be compared with latents obtained since his escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on 4/23/67.

This is for the purpose of possibly establishing RAY's past whereabouts and source of funds. Legats Ottawa and Mexico City requested to do likewise.

Handle in accordance with Bureau instructions.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 1 - SAC
- 1 - ASAC
- 1 - Desk #3 Supervisor
- 1 - Each Headquarters Agent
- 1 - Each Resident Agent
- 1 - Omaha file 44-310 - 177

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JFN: pas

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RE: TROY EARLS

Following investigation conducted by SA JEROME F. NOLAN on April 26, 1968, at Rockford, Illinois.

CATHY SHARP, Clerk, Rockford Police Department, advised records reflected TROY HERMAN EARLS was charged with speeding September 20, 1962, age 22, white, male, with residence 1063 West State, Rockford - nothing further reflected.

Mrs. VIOLET NORD, Rockford Credit Bureau, advised records reflected TROY EARLS, 4240 11th Street, Rockford, was placed in file July, 1959, at age 19. Employed Elco Tool Company since November of 1958 which was verified March, 1963. Wife, MARY, employed Barber-Colman Company, and as of March, 1963, had two children. Credit excellent.

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Date: 4/29/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)**AIRTEL**Via _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, OMAHA (44-310)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Omaha airtel to Chicago dated 4/23/68.

Enclosed herewith for the information of the Omaha and Memphis Divisions is one copy of an investigative insert setting forth investigation at Rockford, Illinois, which eliminates TROY EARLS, 4240 11th Street, Rockford, Illinois.

- ② - Omaha (Enc 1) *SM*
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (ENC. 1)
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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Omaha (44-310)

FROM : SA C. James Christy

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

Re. Springfield teletype to the Bureau 4/24/68

On 4/30/68, Willis Tucker, Sales Representative, CB & Q Railroad, 411 Savings and Loan Building, Des Moines, Iowa, advised that employment records of former employees were not kept in Des Moines but could be obtained either from the Superintendent's Office, Ottumwa Depot, Ottumwa, Iowa, or from the CB & Q Office, 547 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

LEAD:

Omaha

at Ottumwa, Iowa

Will attempt to obtain verification of James Gerald Ray's employment with CB & Q Railroad from 1942 to 1943 and if possible determine Ray's residence at that time so that appropriate checks may be made at his place of residence. It is noted that Ray also used the name of Jerry Raynes and may have been employed under that name. He was employed as a switchman for CB & Q.



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Ottumwa to Hrsely

TO: SAC(44-310)

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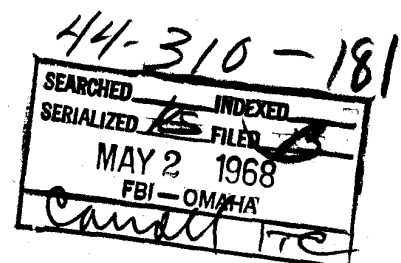
FROM: SA ROBERT D. KINSEY

RE: MURKIN -COST DATA

Following information submitted per your instructions:

Miles traveled: 480
Hours spent: 32

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Date: 4/30/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plain text or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN.

RE SUSPECT ROBERT DALE PORTER.RE OKLAHOMA CITY TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, OMAHA, MEMPHIS,
EL PASO, ETC., APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST.

RECORDS CHECKED AT THE CLARK HOTEL, VAN HORN, TEXAS,
APRIL THIRTY, INSTANT, REFLECT ROBERT DALE PORTER, SAME
DESCRIPTION AS FURNISHED IN RETEL, CAME ON FOOT TO THE
HOTEL AT ABOUT SEVEN P.M., APRIL THREE, LAST, AND RENTED
ROOM SEVEN PAYING TWO DOLLARS FOR ROOM AS PORTER STATED TO
CLERK THAT TWO DOLLARS WAS ALL THE MONEY HE HAD. PORTER
SPENT NIGHT IN ROOM SEVEN GIVING ADDRESS OF ONE ZERO THREE
AND ONE HALF EAST BALMER, WAVERLY, IOWA. PORTER MADE NO

- 1 - El Paso
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)
- 1 - Oklahoma City (44-636) (AM)
- ① - Omaha (44-310) (AM)
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Approved: *R. J. [Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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TELEPHONE CALLS AT HOTEL AND DID NOT INQUIRE AS TO WHERE HE COULD MAKE A TELEPHONE CALL AWAY FROM HOTEL. PORTER WAS ALONE AND HAD NO VISITORS WHILE AT HOTEL. PORTER LEFT HOTEL AT ABOUT TEN A.M. ON FOOT APRIL FOUR, LAST, DIRECTION OF TRAVEL NOT STATED TO HOTEL PERSONNEL AND UNKNOWN.

IN ABSENCE OF PHOTO OF PORTER AND SINCE THE PORTER WHO STAYED AT HOTEL IN VAN HORN FITS DESCRIPTION FURNISHED OF PORTER IN RETEL, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY EL PASO RE PORTER.

BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, OKLAHOMA CITY, OMAHA, ST. LOUIS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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SAC, OMAHA (44-310) (P)

MURKIN
COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68, bearing
above caption.

The estimated cost data, during April, 1968, in this
case for the Omaha Division was as follows:

(1) Man hours spent on case;

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
A. Special Agents	500	100	600
B. Clerical Employees	50	0	50

(2) Estimated mileage of Bucars: 3000 miles

(3) Unusual expense - estimated additional telephone
expense in Resident Agencies: \$100.00

(4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case: 40.

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2-Omaha

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-310)

DATE: 5-1-68

FROM : SA Steiner

SUBJECT: Murkin

The following informants were contacted in 5-1-68 but could furnish no information relative to the subject.

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 3, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562099 JK

Specimens received 5/1/68

Q302 White envelope postmarked "OMAHA, NB APR 26 AM"
bearing handwritten address "F B I Omaha Neb."

Q303 Accompanying sheet of ruled paper bearing handwritten
message beginning "James Earle Rays girl..."

Result of examination:

Specimens Q302 and Q303 were searched through the
appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could
not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

No indented writing, watermarks or other identifying
features were noted on either Q302 or Q303.

It was concluded that the questioned writing on these
items was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, K171 and K211.

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

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

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

Date: **May 3, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562099 JK**

Examination requested by: **Omaha**

Reference: **Airtel 4/30/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint,**

Remarks:

**You will be separately advised regarding the
results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of
Q302 and Q303.**

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

1010 Federal Office Building
Omaha, Nebraska 68102

May 3, 1968

Sergeant Cleo C. Bennett
Police Department
Knoxville, Iowa 50138

Dear Sergeant Bennett:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 28, 1968,
in which you furnished information to this office regarding
an individual that had been a "sleeper" in your jail.

I sincerely appreciate your efforts to be of
assistance to this office.

Very truly yours,

PAUL C. YOUNG
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/30/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) P
 MURKIN

Re Omaha tel to Bureau, 4/24/68 and mytel to Bureau,
 4/29/68.

Enclosed for each office one copy of photo of ROBERT
 DALE PORTER, FBI #4590482, taken December, 1964, furnished by
 girlfriend of PORTER, CARMEN RAMAGE.

The following investigation was conducted in Oklahoma
 City by SAs DAVID J. LANG and MICHAEL F. HUTTER:

On 4/25/68, CARMEN E. RAMAGE, 1642 N.W. 12th, Apt. 1,
 advised that she first met ROBERT DALE PORTER five years ago
 in Kansas City in August. She stated that she had met him at
 the Belmont Bar, Kansas City, Mo. and they had spent the evening
 there at the Ship Bar. She advised that she had not seen PORTER
 since then to April 19, 1968. She stated that while he was serving
 time in the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) at Jefferson City,
 that numerous pieces of correspondence passed between them.

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