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5-27-68 URGENT ERA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

MURKIN

RE PHILA TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS MAY TWENTY LAST PERTAINING TO BODY OF UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE FOUND MAY EIGHT LAST IN SHALLOW GRAVE NEAR MAHANOEY CITY, PA.

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AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1368)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA HUGH C. NORTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RePHtel to Bureau and Memphis 5/20/68 pertaining to an unidentified body of a white male found 5/8/68 buried in a shallow grave near Mahanoy City, Pa., which teletype requested the Memphis Office arrange to have dental records of JAMES EARL RAY, aka., FUGITIVE, I.O. 4182, furnished the Philadelphia Office so that these records could be turned over to the PSP for comparison with the teeth of instant unknown deceased.

Reference is also made to PHTel to Bureau, cc Memphis via airmail, dated 5/27/68, which set out that on that date a comparison of RAY's skull X-rays and the teeth of unknown deceased had been made at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Pottsville, Pa., with the result that Dr. JOSEPH E. CONRAD, Radiologist and Dr. THOMAS BUCKLEY, Pathologist, that hospital, stated there was no similarity whatsoever in the bone structure or dental work of RAY and a unknown deceased and it was not possible the two were identical.

A great deal of publicity, both locally in Schuylkill County and among the news media in Philadelphia, accompanied the comparison of RAY's skull X-rays and the teeth of the unknown deceased. It appears that this publicity started with the Reading, Pa. newspaper (Reading Times) asserting that there was a great similarity between the artist's conception of unknown deceased based upon the bone structure of his face and the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/22/68 the PSP, Schuylkill Haven, Pa., through information furnished by local juveniles who had admitted stealing several cars and pushing them into a water-filled stripping mine, arranged

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for scuba divers to search the stripping hole. Four cars were found by the divers, one of which was believed to be a Mustang.

Inasmuch as a ~~white~~ white Mustang was connected with RAY at the time of Dr. KING's assassination, the news media ~~immediately~~ immediately associated the unknown deceased, above-mentioned, as well as the Mustang believed to be in the stripping hole, with Dr. KING's death.

Three newspaper clippings from the Pottsville Republican are attached hereto which pertain to the cars in the stripping hole.

On 5/27/68 scuba divers and the PSP removed one car from instant stripping hole, which is located about 15 miles from where the unidentified body above-mentioned was found. The car removed was a 1965 Chevrolet reported stolen about two months ago at nearby Port Carbon, Pa. The divers believe there are at least four other cars in the stripping hole and plan to dive again on ~~the~~ Thursday, 5/30/68, to attach buoys to each car so they can be readily located for subsequent removal.

It is noted that one of the juveniles above-mentioned who furnished information to the PSP that he and others had pushed ~~cars~~ stolen cars into this stripping hole has stated that he stole a black Mustang at Hershey, Pa. some weeks ago and subsequently pushed the car into this stripping hole.

It is also noted that there is ~~absolutely~~ absolutely no indication whatsoever that any car ~~found~~ in this stripping hole has any connection with RAY or Dr. KING and any information to the contrary is merely news media speculation.

However, this matter will be followed by SA NORTON, ~~in order~~ in order that we may be aware ~~of~~ of what cars are recovered from instant stripping. Armed & Dangerous

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Underwater Light Used in Stripping For Mystery Auto

Schuylkill Scuba Diving Club members early this afternoon went down into the stripping northwest of Port Carbon where four stolen cars were found last week, one of which may be the Mustang in which the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. fled.

The time had been set for 2 o'clock but was advanced to 1 p.m. because of gradually clouding skies and a prediction of rain.

George Derbes of Pottsville, Vincent Lucas of West West Terrace near Llewellyn and Joseph Ferriola of Frackville were the members of the team.

Standing by was heavy equipment owned by Norman Kull garage men of Mill Creek, which will be used to pull the cars to the surface.

Carry Powerful Light

The divers were carrying an extremely powerful underwater light which Derbes obtained over the weekend from a Philadelphia marine supply firm.

They were hopeful of getting to the Mustang first and having it pulled to the surface but this depended upon a closer inspection and the risk involved.

The four cars found last week are down about 45-50 feet — not at the bottom of the stripping — and when an attempt is made to fasten a cable to one there is risk the others may slide. For that reason they may be forced to remove them as they come.

Derbes was expecting the water to become muddied as soon as attempts were made to lift one of the cars and that might block further efforts until the water settles again. Visibility is extremely poor at that depth.

The schedule called for all three divers to go down at the same time with their tanks on their backs and survey the situation.

They were then to surface and report and on a second dive directed by Derbes attach the cable.

When the car is lifted to the surface the doors will be opened to release the water and it will then be lifted to the top of the stripping.

Because of the muddied condition of the water last week it was impossible to determine color of the Mustang, the Auto in which chief interest lies.

The count of cars in the water-filled stripping rose to five at 2 p.m. this afternoon but scuba divers at that time were having difficulty locating the Mustang that is the principal object of their search.

Equipment trouble and the cold was slowing the recovery operation. One diver had come up to warn his numb hands.

The Mustang and three other cars have been locted on previous dives. This afternoon the fifth car was found at a new location.

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Pottsville Republican
Pottsville, Pa.

Date: 5/27/68
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Author: -----
Editor: JOHN RICHARDS
Title: MURKIN

Character: RM
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Submitting Office: Phila.

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decomposed body of a man was
found in a shallow grave near
Mahanoy City on May 8, be-
lieved to have been the victim
of a gangland slaying.

But when a Phila. specialist,
Dr. Wilton Krogman recon-
structed the features from the
skull there was a resemblance
to James Earl Ray, suspected
slayer of Dr. King.

When one of the autos found
in the stripping last week in a
search for stolen cars turned
out to be a Mustang, some cred-
ence was given to the belief that
the body was Ray's and the
Mustang might be his.

The Mustang in which he fled
from Memphis, Tenn., was said
to have been white in color.

Efforts are still being made to
identify the victim from the
teeth.

Get Ray's Head X-Rays

District Attorney Richard Rus-
sell today received X-ray photos
of Ray's head. To his unprofes-
sional medical eye they didn't
look like X-ray pictures he had
previously seen of the head of
the man who was murdered and
buried in a shallow grave on
Mahanoy Mountain, near Maha-
noy City.

To get a professional opinion
the District Attorney sent the
photos to Dr. Thomas Buckley,
pathologist at Good Samaritan
Hospital and Radiologist Dr.
Joe Conrad. They had made
X-ray photos of the murder vic-
tim's head during an autopsy
performed by Dr. Buckley. Thus
they can make a comparison.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Mustang Recovery Operation Monday

If the weather is sunny, Schuylkill Scuba Diving Club members will make an attempt Monday to remove from the stripping near Port Carbon the Mustang auto found there Tuesday.

Much interest has been aroused regarding the Mustang, by reports that it might be the getaway car used during the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis April 4. This possibility came to light Thursday when law enforcement authorities revealed they are checking to determine if the body found May 16 on North Mahanoy Mountain, south of Brandonville may be that of Dr. King's assassin.

The Mustang, which is under 45 feet of clay-muddied water, was identified by touch Tuesday by three scuba divers. They were unable to determine the color due to the poor visibility.

Schuylkill Haven state police said they have no reports of stolen Mustangs from this area, but there was one from the Hershey area.

Also found in the stripping by the divers are three other cars. One has been identified as a 1957 model stolen from Pottsville bus terminal lot this month; a second is a Cadillac believed stolen from the Stoyer lot at Schuylkill Haven; the third is an unidentified model believed to be around 1957.

There is a possibility that still other cars are in the pit, state police said. They were led to the discovery by information obtained by Port Carbon borough police questioning three juveniles who were picked up in New Jersey last week after stealing a

car from the Schuylkill Haven Acme lot.

Georges Derbes, director of the scuba club, said today that the recovery attempt probably would be made about 2 p.m. Monday, when sunlight is strongest. Because of the mud and dark green color of the water, artificial lighting is of little value, he added.

The work will be dangerous said Derbes, since the divers must risk tangling their apparatus to get a cable around the

axle of the car securely enough so that it can be raised to the surface.

Derbes said the Mustang was found by Vincent Lucas of West West Terrace. The third diver with them was Robert Miller, who was home from college and volunteered to join the operation.

Monday's recovery attempt will be under direction of Trooper John Mazak of the Schuylkill Haven state police criminal investigation detail.

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Pottsville, Pa.

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SCUBA DIVERS FIND 4 STOLEN CARS

Scuba divers on Tuesday afternoon located four stolen cars in the murky waters of a strip mine in the Lower Mill Creek area, between St. Clair and Port Carbon.

Schuylkill Haven state police said they believe the pit may contain other vehicles, but the muddied water hampered the diving team from probing further.

Positive identification has been made for only one of the vehicles: A 1957 Chevrolet stolen from the Pottsville bus terminal on May 14.

It is believed one of the others is a Mustang, possibly stolen in the Hershey area; another is a Cadillac, possibly stolen from

the Earl Stoyer lot at Schuylkill Haven; the third, which the divers described mostly from feel is believed also to be 1957 model.

The diving was done by three members of the Schuylkill Scuba Diving Club: George Derbes and Robert Miller, of Pottsville, and Vincent Lucas, of West West Terrace.

They were able to endure the cool water temperature, but the muddied condition of the water made the job extremely difficult and dangerous, said State

Police Criminal Investigator John Mazak, of Schuylkill Haven. With Mazak were troopers John Bordonaro and Ronald Franzone.

Mazak said that as far as the divers could ascertain, the vehicles were damaged, but there was no indication they had been stripped for parts.

The stripping is located in E. Norwegian Township, south of the Androshick Atlantic Station on the St. Clair-Port Carbon highway.

First hint that the cars were

in the pit was obtained by Port Carbon borough police in questioning three juveniles apprehended in Elizabeth, N. J., last Thursday after stealing a car from the lot at the Schuylkill Haven Acme.

Troopers spoke praise for the job done by the divers, who perform such services for regional police departments without charge.

The state police said they will owners of the cars regarding arrangements to have them removed from the pit.

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Pottsville, Pa.
Pottsville Republican

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Title: MURKIN

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Three members of Schuylkill Scuba Diving Club prepare to descend into the cold and muddy waters of a strip mine in the lower Mill Creek area of E. Norwegian Township, searching for stolen cars. Divers are George Derbes, Vincent Lucas

and Robert Miller. State police on the scene are Troopers John Bordonaro and Ronald Franzone of Schuylkill Haven detail. Divers found four vehicles and believe there may be more.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : File (44-1368)

DATE: 5/29/68

FROM : NORRIS S. HARZENSTEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

By letter dated 5/20/68 captioned as above, the Bureau furnished the following instructions:

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJ: ✓ MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to Jacksonville, 5/7/68, and Philadelphia letter to the Bureau, 5/9/68; Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/22/68.

RE: E. RAYMOND
RD 2, Coudersport, Pennsylvania
Complainant

Information copies are furnished to Philadelphia and Memphis due to their interest in this matter.

On 5/17/68, Mrs. DOROTHY FERRELL, Route 1, Box 259, Oklawaha, Fla., advised that she has been married to JOHN FERRELL for 12 years and that she knew him 3 years prior to their marriage in Pennsylvania. Mrs. FERRELL was advised of the nature of this investigation and she stated that to her knowledge her husband has never been active as a member of any hate group and she does not know him to be a racist of any kind.

Mrs. FERRELL advised that her husband used to be known by the name of JAY FERGUSON and that he has a sister

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named DELANCY FERGUSON who residing in Verona, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. FERRELL advised that FERGUSON was her husband's original name and he changed this to the name of his step-father, JOHN FERRELL.

Mrs. FERRELL advised that her husband works for Scottie Craft out of North Miami Beach, Fla., and he delivers boats for this company. She advised that he is expected home soon from one of these trips.

She stated that she does not know of anyone by the name of E. RAYMOND and that to her knowledge neither she nor her husband have ever been in Coudersport, Pa.

Mrs. FERRELL advised that she has been married previously and her husband has been married 3 times previous to their current marriage. She stated that they each have relatives in Pa., and that some of these relatives may be envious of her husband in that he inherited the modest estate of his aunt, whom he had been caring for when she passed away.

Mrs. FERRELL was furnished photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she has never seen an individual bearing a resemblance to these photographs.

On 5/27/68, JOHN FERRELL voluntarily appeared at the Ocala, Fla., RA, FBI, and advised that he currently resides at Rt. 1, Box 259, Oklawaha, Fla., with his wife, DOROTHY. FERRELL advised that he has been married three times before and that he has been married to his current wife for twelve years. He advised that he has resided in the Oklawaha, Fla., area for six years and that he changed his name from JAY FERGUSON to JOHN FERRELL to assume the name of his stepfather when he was a child.

FERRELL advised that as a youth, he was arrested in Pa., for auto theft and that this was his only criminal arrest record. He furnished the following information concerning himself:

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Name	JOHN CARTER FERRELL, aka Jay Ferguson
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'8"
Weight	155 lbs.
Eyes	Gray
Hair	Black
DOB	6/13/11
Other DOBs used	6/13/15; 6/13/16

FERRELL presented Florida Driver's License Chauffeur's License [REDACTED] which expires in 1969. He advised that prior to residing in Oklawaha, Fla., he resided in Miami, Fla. FERRELL advised that he travels throughout the Southeastern United States delivering pleasure craft for Scottie Craft Boat Co., which has its home offices in North Miami Beach, Fla. FERRELL stated that his travels have not taken him into Tennessee, but that he does go to Louisiana, Texas, and through Alabama in his normal run.

FERRELL advised that he was well aware of the FBI's interest in locating the slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and that he would assist in all ways possible if he could offer any positive information. He had no idea who might have offered any information that he was in any way connected with such a crime.

FERRELL was furnished photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised that he did not recognize these photographs as being identical to anyone he has met or known in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Dr. King's Killer Has FBI Failed?

By CARL T. ROWAN

Washington — The disappearance of the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King becomes more eerie and revolting with every passing day.

The FBI apparently has not come up with a single meaningful trace of James Earl Ray, the No. 1 suspect, since it was revealed 21 days ago that the investigation had taken on international implications.

Even with \$100,000 in reward money lying around, the FBI hasn't so much as a hot tip or a rumor worth pursuing with hope.

In an earlier column, I deliberately did not reveal that a massive dragnet had been set up in Mexico. It was there that Ray had met with some characters who led FBI and other agents to suspect involvement of a foreign power. Investigators did not want the suspect tipped off as to the intensity of the search south of the border.

But it has revealed nothing.

A Hired Slayer?

"We've covered Mexico, Canada and the United States like a blanket," one high-level source said. "If Ray were alive in any of these places, I can't conceive of our not locating him by now."

Thus, the men who were clinging doggedly to the theory that King's killer was a loner have now swung over-

to the belief that a hired killer planned the murder and escaped meticulously. But was it Ray—or were the seemingly clumsy clues left behind as decoys? And who did the hiring?

The truth is that the FBI has not located a single trace of Ray since he supposedly abandoned his white Mustang in Atlanta on April 5, the day after the Nobel Prize-winning clergyman was slain in a Memphis, Tenn., motel. In fact, the FBI does not really have solid evidence that it was Ray who abandoned the car in Atlanta.

Peddled Dope

But the massive investigation has turned up more information about Ray and his family. The most significant—and most galling in some Washington circles—is that Ray was peddling dope while in prison in Missouri State Penitentiary from 1960 to April, 1967.

As the magnitude of Ray's narcotics peddling has been revealed, top law enforcement officers here have stared aghast at the evidence that guards in most prisons are so easily bribed into sending almost anything into or out of a prison.

Some investigators have concluded that the U. S. penal system is rotten to the core, and have sent complaints to the top of Government that it is time someone planned an overhaul.

A serious question arises now as to how long the FBI can, or will, continue the search for Dr. King's killer. Student turmoil on scores of campuses has dictated the need to shift considerable manpower to the watching of these activities.

Migrant Agitators

There are some worrisome connections between rioters on the various campuses. For example, one of the leaders of the Columbia University demonstrations recently showed up at American University here in Washington, trying to agitate students into putting some "muscle" into their protest.

This confluence of demands on agents' time has led some FBI personnel to echo earlier pessimistic predictions that "they'll never catch Dr. King's killer."

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p. 9—"The Evening Bulletin"
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Editor: Wm. B. Dickinson
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, Newark
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 4:50 p.m., 5/28/68, WILLIAM A. TURNER, of 776 North 46th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., telephonically contacted the Philadelphia Office of the FBI. Mr. TURNER volunteered the following information:

On Monday, 5/27/68, TURNER visited the Manahawkin Police Department in Manahawkin, N. J., in an attempt to gain information concerning a recent automobile accident. While speaking with an unidentified police officer, TURNER noticed a "striking" resemblance between this individual and a picture of JAMES EARL RAY, which was hanging on a bulletin board. TURNER said the individual was well built with light brown hair. TURNER could not distinguish any noticeable accent in the police officer's speech.

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NEWARK:

AT MANAHAWKIN, N. J.

Conduct appropriate investigation.

Information copy being furnished Memphis.

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TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, dated 5/8/68,
and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, dated 5/14/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA FINBARR M. O'CONNOR:

On 5/22/68, Mrs. GEORGE KARIAN, 4132 Kottler Drive,
Whitemarsh Township, Pa., whose phone number is 247-2027,
advised that following the previous contact, she and her
husband rechecked all their phone numbers, outgoing and
incoming, as best they could, and they have no record of
any calls from the West Coast on 1/3/68.

She stated that from November, 1967, to March,
1968, her husband's mother, Mrs. SAMUEL KARIAN, was in the
Los Angeles area, and several phone calls were made;
however, they were all collect. A check of these calls
failed to reflect a call on 1/3/68.

Mrs. KARIAN stated she asked her two children,
PATRICIA and JANICE, if they recalled an incoming phone
call on 1/3/68, and they both stated they did not remember
any long-distance calls.

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- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
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Mrs. SAMUEL KARIAN advised that on 1/3/68, she was at a relative's residence, Mr. and Mrs. AJDERIAN, 5913 Carlton Way, Hollywood, Calif., and did not make any calls to her son in Pennsylvania during that day. She does recall that she did phone her son on both Christmas and New Year, but they were collect calls and not from a phone booth.

On 5/23/68, Mr. GEORGE KARIAN advised that since the contact with his wife the previous day, they had rechecked all their phone calls, and did not have any calls other than specific calls from his mother from the West Coast. They did not have any incoming calls from the West Coast or outgoing on 1/3/68. The only toll calls from his phone on 1/3/68 were one to Tennessee, one to South Carolina, and one to Worcester, Mass.

Information copy furnished MEMPHIS.

5/31/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44- 38861) ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
DIVISION
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) *W. W. W. W.*
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Philadelphia teletype to the Director dated 5/27/68.

Under separate cover, fourteen (14) prints of X- rays of the skull of JAMES EARL RAY are being returned to the Bureau.

As set forth in referenced Philadelphia teletype, a medical examination of the unknown deceased, found 5/8/68 near Mahanoy City, Penna., determined that the body was not that of RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3- Bureau (RM)
1- Package (Encl. 14)
①- Philadelphia

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Philadelphia (44-1368) - Enc. (2)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

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Envelope and message enclosed to Philadelphia.

Laboratory report separate.

1 - Cleveland (44-565)

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J. B. [Signature]

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC NEWARK (44-854)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE JERRY WILLIAM RAY

JERRY ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE HAS FINALIZED PLANS TO VISIT GIRL FRIEND IN CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AND WILL LEAVE CHICAGO VIA UAL FLIGHT ONE TWO ZERO AT TWO TEN PM, JUNE FIVE NEXT, ARRIVE PHILADELPHIA FOUR THIRTY PM. PLANS TO RETURN TO CHICAGO JUNE SEVEN NEXT LEAVING AIRPORT AT PHILADELPHIA EITHER TWO OR FOUR PM.

STATES PEOPLE MEETING HIM AT AIRPORT, PHILADELPHIA, WITH A RENTED CAR SINCE HE ALREADY HAS SENT THE MONEY FOR SAME. WILL STAY AT TWO FOUR TWO ZERO ARNOLD STREET, CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY. JERRY STILL HAS NOT FURNISHED NAME OF GIRL FRIEND OR HOW HE MET HER. MATTER NOT PRESSED IN VIEW OF COOPERATION BEING RECEIVED BY NEWARK OFFICE. JERRY WILL CALL PRIOR TO LEAVING AND ANY CHANGE IN PLANS WILL BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY. AM COPIES TO PHILADELPHIA AND MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - Philadelphia (AM)

1 - Memphis (AM)

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John...
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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

14-LANCASTER, PA., NEW ERA-MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1968

OUR IDEAS

The Mystery of Dr. King's Killer

The flurry of speculation about a decaying corpse, found near Pottsville a week and a half ago, was the only ripple in the silence that has cloaked the search for the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King. The corpse was not the slayer, authorities said, and after that there was no further break in the silence.

A man named James Earl Ray is the No. 1 suspect in all that has been revealed to the public. But little else has been told.

Attorney General Ramsey Clark asserted that Ray was a "loner." But now apparently high government officials are thinking along different lines.

Some think that Ray did not act alone. From the way the crime occurred, it appears easily likely that it was meticulously well planned and executed. And from all the FBI has said about Ray, he doesn't appear bright enough to plan and execute the killing on his own.

Carl T. Rowan, nationally syndicated columnist, said three possibilities have been studied:

That Ray was hired as part

of a Cuban-Red Chinese plot; that the Soviet police "assassin squad" was involved, or that black nationalists hired Ray indirectly and paid him with funds provided by foreign sources.

Rowan now asserts that the FBI has not found a single trace of Ray since April 5, the day when his white Mustang was supposedly abandoned in Atlanta, one day after Dr. King's slaying in Memphis, Tenn.

The people of the nation—all the people of the nation—await the outcome of the investigation. Some suspect that Ray, or whoever pulled the trigger, will never be found alive — and possibly not found dead, either.

But the case holds tremendous implications. Much of an anti-white nature happened in the name of mourning for Dr. King, building the destructive force of divisiveness in America.

If any of the three possibilities suggested by Rowan turns out to be the correct story, then those who claimed that "all white America is guilty of killing Dr. King" will have to face the facts and, we hope, admit this was not so.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Lancaster New ERA

Lancaster, Pa.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE OBSCENE PEN - PAL CLUBS.

Re WFO airtel to the Bureau, 5/31/68.

"Black Book", 160 West 46th Street, NYC, is a book for male and female "singles" (as opposed to group) who wish to write to each and is published every six to seven weeks. Subscription cost is \$3.00 for six issues and subscription list totals about 3,000 per ~~year~~. Ottheinrich Werner, publisher.

Mr. RAY, 219 East 5th Street, Chester, Pennsylvania, is a subscriber to "Black Book". Philadelphia determine if Mr. RAY is identical with subject JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

② Philadelphia
1- Memphis (44-1987) (INFO)
1- New York

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) *Robert L. Russell 47-3434-4 p2 non id*

FROM: SAC NEW YORK (44-1609) *33-296-448 P 278 non id*

MURKIN *47-0-1062* *88-2253 Robert Russell*

RE: ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL. *88-5710* non id 26-22618* (non id)*

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU JUNE FIVE INSTANT. *100-35340-3 P2 62-0-21077*

ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL AKA, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE TWO DASH *25-264482 non id*

ONE FOUR FOUR A, HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS AN UNRELIABLE PERSON WHO HAS FURNISHED INFORMATION UNWORTHY OF BELIEF TO THE NYO IN TWO CASES. THESE CASES IDENTIFIED AS "COSTACHE GEORGE BELBA, AKA, IS-ALBANIA" BUFILE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH THREE THREE TWO TWO ONE ZERO, NYFILE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH NINE EIGHT FIVE THREE ONE, AND "ROBERT LAWRENCE, AKA, DASH FUGITIVE, UFAP DASH GRAND THEFT", BUFILE EIGHT EIGHT DASH FOUR ONE SIX TWO TWO, NYFILE EIGHT EIGHT DASH NINE THREE EIGHT EIGHT.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS, NEWARK AND PHILADELPHIA.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
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- ① - Philadelphia

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1368)

DATE:

FROM : SA M. B. DAVIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re submission of the fingerprints of known and unknown dead to the FBI Identification Division.

Captain EDMUND ZONGOLOWICZ, HOMICIDE Unit, PHPD advise that the following procedures are in effect in Philadelphia regarding dead bodies.

all bodies where the cause or circumstances of death are unknown or questionable must be delivered to the Medical Examiner for determination of cause of death. In practice this means any death where the cause is not certified by a doctor.

all unknown dead are delivered to the medical examiner at the morgue.

all bodies known and unknown are fingerprinted by a team from the PHPD Identification Unit. These are part of the police record on the case. all ~~PHPD~~ fingerprints are searched through PHPD ~~files~~ identification files.

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file.

The PD file in the known cases is purged since the subject is dead.

If in unknown cases the body is identified through a search of PD identification records the above procedure is followed.

In cases of ~~unknown~~ unknown dead that are not identified in PITPD files the prints are sent to the FBI Identification Division to be checked as unknown dead.

In the case of RAY there is in

the PD fingerprints file a copy of
Ray's prints (the i.o.).

It is believed that the above
~~attached~~ gives ample coverage of
the Bureau's interest in the instant
case.

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111 PM URGENT 6-5-68 MS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
NEWARK, NEW YORK & PHILADELPHIA
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

MURKIN

RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL JUNE THREE LAST.

AIRTEL NOT FURNISHED NEWARK, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA.

RE: BRUCE IRWIN GOVERN, AKA.

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RE: ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL.

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SAN FRANCISCO CONTEMPLATES REINTERVIEW OF RUSSELL AFTER INFORMATION IS RECEIVED FROM OTHER OFFICES WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS TO HAVE SOME AWARENESS OF HIS CREDIBILITY.

THE IDENT DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH SAN FRANCISCO WITH A CURRENT IDENT RECORD FOR RUSSELL.

NEW YORK, NEWARK, AND PHILADELPHIA ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THIS OFFICE WITH ANY INFORMATION THEY HAVE WHICH WOULD PERMIT THIS OFFICE TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF RUSSELL'S RELIABILITY AND CREDIBILITY.

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JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: NEWARK, NEW YORK, AND PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

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RE PHILADELPHIA TEL, JUNE FIVE, INSTANT.

RE: ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL.

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ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL, AKA ROBERT LAWRENCE, CHARLES EDWARD LEAP, 25-26482

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FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

MURKIN

RE: ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL

REURTEL THIS DATE.

PHILA. INDICES INDICATE NUMEROUS REFERENCES AND PERSONS
NAMED ROBERT RUSSELL. SAN FRANCISCO FURNISH PHILA. WITH
ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION RE RUSSELL, SPECIFICALLY DATE AND PLACE OF
BIRTH AS WELL AS BASIS FOR PHILA. OFFICE TO HAVE INFORMATION
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TO SAN FRANCISCO 173-65

FROM PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

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FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

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FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF OFFICE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH INVESTIGATION THAT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA FROM APRIL EIGHT SIXTY-EIGHT UNTIL MAY SIX SIXTY-EIGHT UNDER NAMES PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. SUBJECT DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, ON MAY SIX LAST AS SNEYD AND IS BELIEVED USING CANADIAN PASSPORT IN THAT NAME. SUBJECT BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS REVIEW OF DRIVER-S LICENSE BUREAU RECORDS AS REQUESTED IN BUREAU RADIOGRAM MAY TWENTY-ONE LAST MAY BE DISCONTINUED.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRANCE INTO U.S. SHOULD PLACE APPROPRIATE STOPS WITH BORDER AND CUSTOM AUTHORITIES UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER
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FOR INFORMATION OF BORDER OFFICES THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON RESIDING IN TORONTO, CANADA, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPARTMENT NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. THIS INDIVIDUAL-S NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH USED BY SUBJECT IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN EVENT BORDER STOPS DISCLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL NAMED SNEYD IS ENTERING YOUR TERRITORY. COPIES MAILED WFO.

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114PM URGENT 6-6-68 NAL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM,
MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEW YORK (44-1609), PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)
AND SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) PLAINTEXT

SAN FRANCISCO VIA WASHINGTON
FROM NEWARK (44-354)

MURKIN

RE SF TEL TO BUREAU, JUNE FIVE LAST; SF TEL TO
NEWARK, JUNE FIVE LAST; RE ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL.

REVIEW OF NEWARK FILES REVEALS THAT ROBERT LAWRENCE
RUSSELL, AKA CHARLES E. LEAP, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE TWO-
ONE ONE FOUR A, HAS IN THE PAST FURNISHED FALSE AND UNFOUNDED
INFO TO THE NEWARK OFFICE AS WELL AS TO NEW JERSEY AUTHORITIES
AND TO THE NEW YORK CITY AND PHILADELPHIA OFFICES OF U. S. BUREAU
OF CUSTOMS.

RUSSELL HAS COME TO THE BUREAU'S ATTENTION IN CASE
CAPTIONED COSTACHE GEORGE BELBA, IS-ALBANIA, OO NYO, BUFILE
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