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FROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574 56-156

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RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR SIX ELEVEN SIXTY EIGHT.

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AND NO IDENTIFIALBE INFORMATION CONCERNING GEORGE ANDERSON

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RE SAN DIEGO TEL JUNE ELEVEN LAST CONCERNING GEORE LETSINGER
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SAN DIEGO INTERVIEW LETSINGER, UACB.

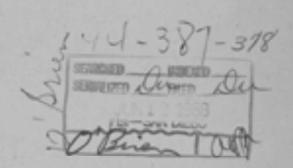
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Mrs. THOMAS C. CUNNINGHAM, 631 Orpheus, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

On May 24, 1968, she departed Heathrow Airport, Slough, England, at approximately 5:00 p.m. on British-European Airways Flight Number 606 for Frankfort, Germany, for the purpose of visiting her family who resides in the Frankfort area.

Upon boarding the flight she obtained a seat situated on the left hand side of the airplane on the window side, two rows of seats forward of the wing facing the rear of the plane. Shortly after sitting down, she observed an individual sitting directly across from her who appeared to be identical with the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as contained in the Blade Tribune Newspaper for the Oceanside-Carlsbad, California, area dated June 10, 1968. Mrs. CUNNINGHAM advised that her seat was facing in the direction of the individuals seat, so that they were facing each other, and consequently she was in a good position to observe him. She further stated that to her knowledge none of the seats on the sirplane had been previously assigned to any particular individual.

Shortly after the airplane took off, Mrs. CUNNINGHAM attempted to take a picture of a cloud formation at which time the individual stated to her in words of effect that it would be senseless to take photographs since all she would obtain would be pictures of clouds. Mrs. CUNNINGHAM further savised that later during the flight the individual stated to her that he frequently made the trip by air from Slough, England, to Frankfort, Germany and was disappointed that the Lufthansa Airlines flight had been discontinued. Mrs. CUNNINGHAM further stated that as the simplane approached Frankfort, Germany, the individual looked out the sirplane window and pointed out the Rhine River and the Autoban from Kaiserslautern, Germany, giving the impression that he was familiar with the area. Mrs. CUNNINGHAM stated that during this conversation with the individual she observed him to possess an ordinary American accent and not of the rural type." Mrs. CUNNINGHAM advised that the individual was neatly dressed and did not appear to be traveling with anyone else on the flight. She stated that

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SD 44-387 sitting directly adjacent to the individual was a woman who was apparently English, and who engaged in conversation with the individual. Mrs. CUNNINGHAM furnished the following description of the individual: Male Sex White Race Approximately 40 Age 5'6" to 5'8" Height 160-170 pounds Weight Dark brown, medium length Hair Brown, was wearing dark brown Eyes hornrimmed glasses Medium Build Medium Complexion Sport coat, slacks, white Dress shirt and tie. Wrist watch on left hand Scars, marks and other identifying Possessed piercing eyes data Mrs. CUNNINGHAM described the woman sitting adjacent to the individual as follows: White Race Female Sex Approximately 43 Age Dirty blonde Hair Eyes Bluish-grey 514" Height 170 - 200 lbs Weight Build Heavy Fair Complexion Unable to recall Dress Scars, marks and other identifying English accent At the request of the interviewing agents Mrs. CUNNINGHAM displayed a British-European Airlines ticket stub which contained form number 06052302116. A review of the ticket stub reflected that she had been issued by British-European Airlines flight from London, England, to Frankfort, 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Germany, on Flight Number 606. On the ticket stub was contained the inscription "passenger ticket and form number 0602. Mrs. CUNNINGHAM advised that the flight arrived 9908394 in Frankfort approximately 40 minutes later at 5:40 p.m.

She stated that after the plane landed she did not observe the individual any more. She stated that she went directly to the sirport to obtain her luggage and upon arriving ascertained that the luggage had not yet arrived. She stated that a small group of people were gathered to obtain their luggage and that she did not observe the individual to be in the group. She stated that she feels certain that if the individual were there she would have observed him, thus indicating that he did not have any luggage.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 10, 1968

SAC, San Diego

RE: FUGITIVE PUBLICITY -- CANCELLATION

As you know, JAMES EARL RAY, Identification
Order No. 4182, is no longer being sought by this Bureau.
Make certain that your publicity outlets are promptly notified 444 - 387-380

of the cancellation.

John Edgar Hoover Director

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ON JUNE TWELVE LAST, MRS. THOMAS C. CUNNINGHAM, SIX THREE ONE ORPHEUS, ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

MRS. CUNNINGHAM RECENTLY TRAVELED TO EUROPE AND WAS ABOARD BRITISH EUROPEAN AIRWAYS, FLIGHT SIX ZERO SIX, LONDON, ENGLAND TOFRANKFORT, GERMANY, DEPARTING HEATHROW AIRPORT, SLOUGH, ENGLAND FIVE PM, MAY TWENTYFOUR LAST, ARRIVING FRANKFORT, GERMANY, FIVE FORTY PM, MAY TWENTYFOUR LAST.

SEATED DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM HER WAS AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM SHE EELIEVED IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY.

THIS INDIVIDUAL DEFINITELY WAS NOT ENGLISH AND APPEARED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE FRANKFORT AREA, GIVING THE IMPRESSION HE WAS A COMMUTER AND TOLD HER THAT HE WAS MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE LUFTHANSA AIRLINES THAN WITH BRITISH EUROPEAN AIRWAYS.

ABOVE FURNISHED FOR THE BUREAU WHO MAY DESIRE LEGAT, GERMANY, TO CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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Re San Diego teletype to the Bureau and Memphis dated 6/13/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies and for the Memphis Division seven copies of an FD-302 reflecting interview with Mrs. THOMAS C. CURNINGHAN, 631 Orpheus, Encinitas, California, on 6/12/68.

The enclosures are being submitted to the Eureau in the event the Eureau may desire additional investigation be conducted by appropriate legat.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) LOS ANGELES (44-1574) SAN DIEGO (44-387) (44-394)

FROM RICHMOND (44-657) (62-2248)

MURKIN; KENSALT

RE RICHMOND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE THIRTEEN

ON JUNE THIRTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, RECORDS AT
THE ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, NORTON, VA., REVLALED THAT GEORGE
ROBERT LETSINGER, WHITE MALE, BORN

CATHOLIC RELIGION, ENTERED THAT HOSPITAL ON

DECEMBER FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE AND WAS RELEASED ON

DECEMBER FOURTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. THE RECORDS REVEALED

THAT LETSINGER WAS A MATIVE OF MISSOURI WHO LISTED A FRIEND

BY THE NAME OF MRS. G.B. STURGILL, P.O. BOX THREE ZERO

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FELL ON THE STEPS OF THE POST OFFICE AT BIG STONE GAP.

VIRGINIA., AND INJURED HIS BACK. DOCTORS STATED IN RECORDS 387-383

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THAT LETSINGER PROBABLY DRINKS AND THAT HE HAS A PARTICULAR
TYPE DELIVERY (REFERRING TO SPEECH). LETSINGER CARRIED
HOSPITALIZATION WITH SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, ONE
NINE ZERO FOUR FARNAM STREET, OMAHA, NEBRASKA. HOSPITAL
RECORDS INDICATED HE HAD BEEN TREATED PRIOR TO THE ABOVE AT
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI FOR A NERVOUS
STOMACH. ON SAME DATE, SHERIFF SHELCY MULLINS, WISE COUNTY,
VIRGINIA, ADVISED THAT BOBBY LETSINGER HAD BEEN ARRESTED
JULY THIRD NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR ON A PEACE WARRANT IN A PEACE
BOND CASE AND HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM THE WISE COUNTY JAIL ON
JULY TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AFTER THE CASE HAD BEEN
DISMISSED.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, THELMA
MURRAY, AUNT OF LETSINGER, EAST FIFTH STREET, BIG STONE
GAP, VIRGINIA, STATED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW THE PRESENT
WHEREABOUTS OF LETSINGER, BUT THAT SHE HAD HEARD FROM
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PAGE THREE RH 44-657 LETSINGER'S MOTHER, ETTA LEE LETSINGER, ON MARCH TWENTY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, AND AT THAT TIME HIS MOTHER ADVISED HER THAT HE WAS A COOK IN HONOLULU, HAWAII. SHE SSTATED THAT BOBBY LETSINGER HAS INFORMED HER SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE PREFERS BOYS INSTEAD OF GIRLS, WHICH INDICATES TO HER HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES. SHE STATED THAT LETSINGER 'S MOTHER HAS MOVED TO AVA, MISSOURI AND IS NOW RESIDING AT AN UNKNOWN ADDRESS CORR WILL SEND LST SENTENCE AGAIN UNKNOWN ADDRESS TO HER IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. END DJG FBI SANDIEGO 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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FROM:

SAN DIEGO (44-387) (44-394)

MURKIN, KENSALT.

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES,
SEATTLE AND RICHMOND, JUNE ELEVEN LAST, AND LOS ANGELES TELETYPE
TO BUREAU AND SAN DIEGO JUNE ELEVEN LAST; AND SAN DIEGO TELEPHONE
CALL TO SEATTLE, JUNE TWELVE LAST.

ON JUNE TWELVE LAST, SEATTLE DIVISION ADVISED GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, FBI NO. FIVE EIGHT FOUR SEVEN FOUR TWO F, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL REFERENCED SAN DIEGO TELETYPE, WAS WANTED AT SEATTLE AS A BENCH WARRANT WAS ISSUED AGAINST SUBJECT IN SUPERIOR COURT, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

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SEATTLE DIVISION ADVISED DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, WOULD EXTRADITE.

ON BASIS THIS INFORMATION, GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER,
DETERMINED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL IN REFERENCED SAN
DIEGO TELETYPE, WAS ARRESTED BY SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ON
OUTSTANDING WARRANT, SEATTLE.

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER INTERVIEWED JUNE THIRTEEN LAST
AND ADVISED HE HAS MENTAL HISTORY. HAD ALSO STATED HE HAD
PREVIOUSLY HAD CLAN-TYPE CONNECTIONS AT BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA.

SUBJECT EXHIBITED STRONG ANTI-NEGRO SENTIMENTS AND STATED
HE WAS GLAS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
AND PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY HAD ALL BEEN ASSASSINATED.

HE FURTHER STATED IF TED KENNEDY ATTEMPTS PRESIDENCY, HE WILL BE ASSASSINATED AS WELL AS VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY.

SUBJECT QUESTIONED SPECIFICALLY REGARDING KNOWLEDGE JAMES
EARL RAY AND KING AND KENNEDY ASSASSINATIONS, TO WHICH HE
INDICATED HE DID NOT PREFER TO SPEAK ON THESE SUBJECTS.

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HAND PRINTS SAMPLES TAKEN FROM LETSINGER WHERE CLOSELY RESEMBLE HAND PRINTING NOTE DEPOSITED AT U. S. POST OFFICE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA; HOWEVER, SUBJECT DENIES BEING AUTHOR OF NOTE.

SAN DIEGO PD, JUNE FOURTEEN INSTANT, ADVISED RECEIVED WORD FROM SEATTLE AUTHORITIES THAT THEY DID NOT NOW DESIRE TO EXTRADITE SUBJECT, BUT THAT WARRANT AGAINST HIM STILL OUTSTANDING IN STATE OF WASHINGTON.

ON BASIS OF ABOVE, SUBJECT BEING RELEASED JUNE FOURTEEN INSTANT.

ORIGINAL NOTE AND HAND WRITING SAMPLES OF SUBJECT BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU FOR EXAMINATION BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

ADMITTED MENTAL HISTORY AND HIS STATEMENTS CONCERNING
ASSASSINATION OF TED KENNEDY AND VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H.
HUMPHREY IF BOTH CONTINUE EFFORTS TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF
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JAMES EARL RAY, aka -FUGITIVE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY

OO: MEMPHIS

Re report of SA JOE C. HESTER 6/5/68 at Memphis.

Page 17, paragraph 4, line 6 - 12/17/67, should

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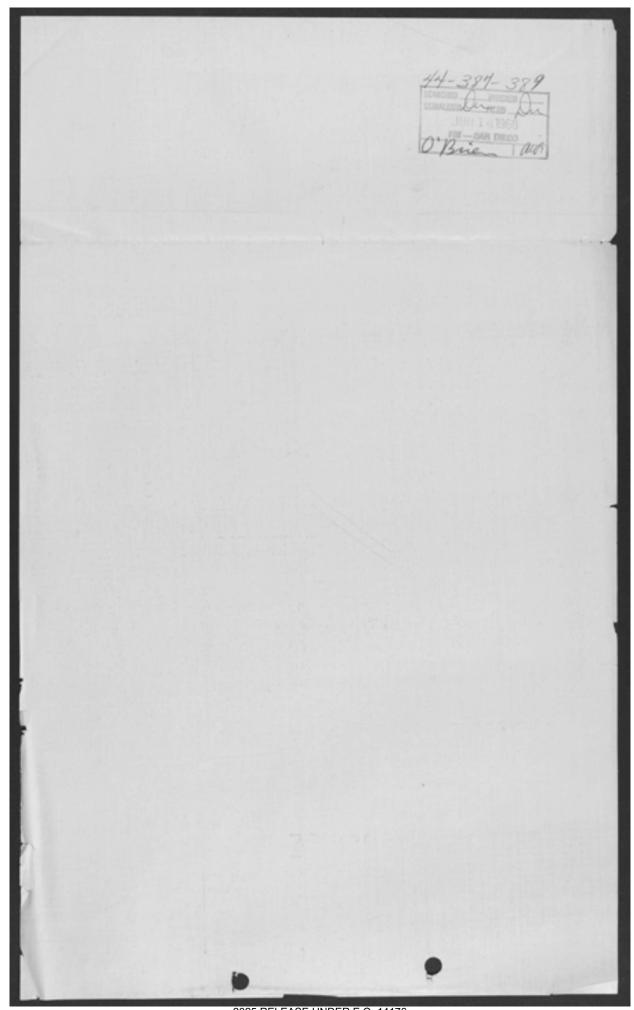
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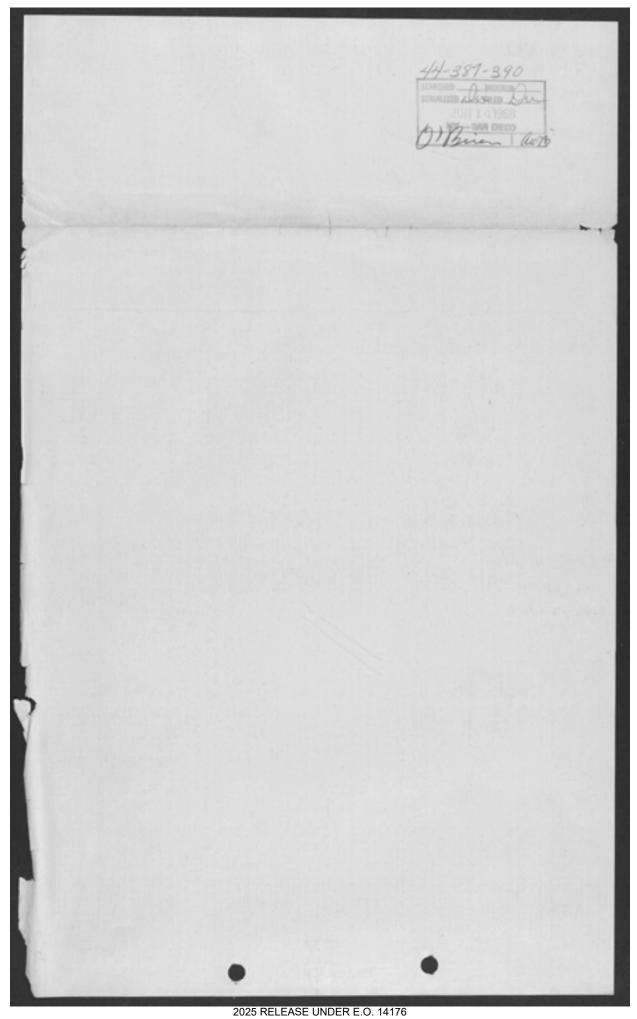
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Transmit the following in

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AIR MAIL

Via _____NINIBL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Diego teletype dated 6/11/63.

Seattle files reflect investigation conducted at request of Detective JOHN DERMODY, Bunco Detail, Seattle PD, who on April 7, 1966, advised that GEOFGE ROBERT LETSINGER. Seattle PD No. 62308, had allegedly taken between \$550 and \$600 in money from Dag's Restaurant, 3111 Rainier Avenue South, and had flown to Florida where he is alleged to have come from. LETSINGER was described as follows:

DOB POB Height Weight Build Complexion

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5'5" 169 pounds Stocky

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Seattle files further reflect that no UFAP process was issued inasmuch as GEORGE ROBERT LITSINGER was arrested at Jacksenville, Florida, on April 11, 1966, and was returned

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to Seattle after waiving extradition.

Seattle Police Department records showed that LETSINGER gave the address of 133 East Church St., Jacksonville, Florida, was a cook by occupation, attended high school presumably at Ava, Missouri, where a relative, Mrs. TROY STANPER, lived at Rt. 2, Ava, Missouri. It is also noted that he has FBI No. 584742F and his Ident Record shows that he was first arrested on March 1, 1965, by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis C-3 Branch, New Scotland Yard, London SWL England, as GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, No. 18123, and charged with obtaining credit by means of fraud following which he was fined \$75.

His other arrests related to the aforementioned Seattle charges. The records of the Seattle Police Department reflect that following his return to Seattle, he was given a three-year deferred sentence, served six months in the County Jail and appealed this sentence on July 28, 1966. He was also required to make restitution of \$1,100.

The records of the Superior Court, King County, reflect that a warrant was issued under number B/W 44334 on June 15, 1967, at which time bail of \$3,000 was set and that on September 15, 1967, another warrant was issued for his arrest, which warrant is outstnding.

King County Deputy Prosecutor ROBERT DIXON advised SA DEAN C. ROLSTON on June 12, 1968, that he would extradite GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER on the above charge. King County Prosecutor's Office will forward warrant if necessary to San Diego and desires report if warrant executed. AUSA CLARK BROWN telephonically advised of above facts,

A check of the records of the Washington State Parole Board reflected that a case had been pending against GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER based on a bench warrant issued September 1, 1967; however, the file was closed inasmuch as LETSINGER's whereabouts is unknown.

The name GEORGE ANDERSON has been checked against the Seattle Indices, Seattle Credit Bureau, Seattle Police Department and King County Sheriff's Office; however, it is impossible to identify any particular GEORGE ANDERSON in view of the many such names listed and the fact that there is no identifying data concerning him.

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The above information has been telephonically furnished to the San Diego Office to SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN on June 12, 1968, by SA DEAN C. ROLSTON.

There is being forwarded to the San Diego Office three copies of the Seattle Police Department arrest record, one copy of FBI Identification Record under number 584742F and a photograph of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

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Request comparison of the WILLIAM A. MARSHALL signatures on Q343 and Q344 with the known handwriting of HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., FBI #1971469

Result of examination:

Decause of the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations for a satisfactory examination, it could not be determined whether the "William A. Marshall" signatures on Q343 and Q344 were prepared by HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., FBI #1971469.

If available additional known handwriting of BIRRELL may permit a more definite opinion.



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Examination requested by:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Diego, California June 17, 1968

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

On June T1, 1968, Mr. JOSEPH FORROR, Assistant Postnaster, Main Post Office, San Diego, California, advised as follows:

Found on the incoming mail belt was a piece of paper not in an envelope written in green ink which was addressed to "Fost Office Post Master". This note reads as follows:

"If the F.B.I. wonts Ray,s buddy go to 124 Broadway Metropole Hotel Boom 117. He may be under the name Geore Letsinger or George Anderson. He knows about Kennedy and also King,s death,s. He may have part in Kings death. I know he was in Tenn. before and after King was killed. I know Letsinger is wented in Seattle. Also in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, by the F.B.I."

On June 12, 1968, information was received from the Seattle Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, that one GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, FBI Number 584 742 P, at Macomb, Missouri, was arrested at Jacksonville, Florida, on April 11, 1968, charged with grand larceny having stolen \$550 to \$60 from a restaurant in Seattle, Washington, for which he was employed.

LETSINGER was returned to Seattle, Washington, and on the basis of the charge against him, received a three-year deferred sentence, six months in the county jail and ordered to make restitution.

LETSINGER appealed this sentence and was placed on bond, however, departed the State of Washington and a bench warrant was subsequently issued by the Superior Court, Seattle, Washington.

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GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER Information was also furnished that authorities at Seattle, Washington, desired his apprehension and would extradite LETSINGER to Seattle, Washington. Based on this information, the San Diego Police Department arrested GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER at Room 117, Matropole Hotel, 124 Broadway, San Diego, California, on June 12, 1968. At time of arrest, LETSINGER admitted his identity and the fact that he knew he was wanted by the State of Washington. GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at San Diego, California, on June 13, 1968, at which time he advised as follows: LETSINGER advised that in 1963 he went to England and visited the Russian Embassy, Grovesner Square, London, England, for the purpose of renouncing his United States citizenship. He was arrested while in England by New Scotland Yard, based upon a check which he had deposited in a bank prior to his departure to England and later determined it was a fraudulent check. LETSINGER was asked why he desired to renounce his citizenship, to which he replied the country is no longer a country for the white people and is eventually being taken over by the "niggers." LETSINGER exhibited a strong anti-Negro sentiment and stated that at one time he had been a member of a clantype organization at Big Stone Gap, Virginia. LETSINGER was questioned as to his association with JAMES EARL RAY and whether he had any knowledge concerning the assassinations of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Senator ROBERT P. KENNEDY and President JOHN F. KENNEDY. LETSINGER merely replied "I do not wish to talk about these subjects." LETSINGER did say, however, that if Senator TED KENNEDY and Vice President HUBERT H. HUMPHREY continue to seek the Presidency of the United States, they will be assassinated. LETSINGER did not desire to elaborate regarding this information. 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER LETSINGER admitted previous mental history. having been confined during 1961 for a short period of time at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Missouri. Handprinting was obtained from LETSINGER and was compared with the note received by the U.S. Post Office, San Diego, California, and because of a close resemblance of these, LETSINGER was asked if he, in fact, had written the note himself. He categorically denied having written this note. The following is a description and background concerning LETSINGER as obtained during interview: Name GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER Alias George Anderson Race White Sex Born Macqub, Missouri Height 5'55 165 lbs. Weight Hair Brows Eyes Brown Complexion Fair Tattoo "Gladys" "1900", both on right shoulder. Mother ETTA LEE LETSINGER nee Collett. Ava. Missouri Pather GEORGE WILBUR LETSINGER, decessed Sister Mrs. TROY STAMPER Route 1 Ava, Missouri Marital Status Single Education High school, third year On June 14, 1968, Sergeant JOHN KENNEDY, Pugitive Detail, San Diego Pelice Department, San Diego, California, advised that he had just received word from the Seattle, 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER Washington, authorities that they decided they did not want to extradite the subject to Seattle, Washington, however, the warrant for his arrest is still outstanding and should he return to the State of Washington, would be arrested on this warrant. This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

6/17/68

AIRTEL

26-308415

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44=38861)

FROM:

SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (44-394)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned GEORGE ROBERT LETS INGER for appropriate dissemination. Enclosed for each office receiving this communication are two copies each of the same letterhead meno.

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6/17/68 AIRTEL 26-398415 DIRECTOR, FBI (44=38881) ATTENTION; FBI LABORATORY SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (44-394) FROM: MURKIN 00: Memphis KENSALT 00: Los Angeles Re San Diego teletype dated 6/14/68. Enclosed for the Bureau is a handprinted note written in green ink and a known handprinting sample of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, FBI No. 584 742 F.. Por the information of the Laboratory, enclosed note was received in the mail at the U. S. Post Office, San Diego, California, 6/11/68. GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was subsequently arrested by the San Diego Police Department 6/12/68 on an outstending warrant issued at Seattle, Washington, for grand larceny. On 6/13/68 GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was interviewed, at which time handprinting was taken from him since circumstances seemed to indicate he had written the note himself, although he denied having written this note. 4 - Bureau (Enc.2)(REGISTERED) 1 - Mouphis 1 - Los Angeles (4 - San Diego (2 - 44-394) AWO: Jkw (10) year 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

SD 44-387 SD 44-394 The Laboratory is requested to conduct handwriting examination on enclosures and advise the San Diego Office of the results. The Bureau is requested to return enclosed items to the SanDiego Division. 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

REPORT of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, San Diego (44-387)

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Done: June 21, 1968
FE: File No. 44-38861
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Specimens received 6/19/68

Q375 Sheet of paper bearing a hand printed note which begins "If the F.B.I. wonts Ray.s buddy go to...," and ending "...in Big Stone Gap Virginia by the F. B. I."

K485 Sheet of paper bearing the known hand printing of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

Result of examination:

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

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

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

FBI

Date: 6/21/68

Via Airtel

(Priority)

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

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

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

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

Laboratory reporting separately.

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PBI — SAN DIEGO

Sent Via ______M Per _____

San Diego, California July 8, 1968 GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER On June 17, 1968, handprinting obtained from George Robert Letsinger along with the anonymous note received by Assistant Postmaster Joseph Forror, June 11, 1968, was forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory. On June 21, 1968, the FBI Laboratory advised that no latent impressions of value were developed on the note or on the known handprinting of George Robert Letsinger. On June 21, 1968, the Bureau advised that a handwriting examination of the anonymous note obtained by Assistant Postmaster Joseph Forror, June 11, 1968, was prepared by George Robert Letsinger as determined from the known handprinting of George Robert Letsinger. 7 - Secret Service, San Diego (via 1342) Yun copy servel 204 ant Seret Service 2/2/68 2 - Memphis 2 - Los Angeles 2 - Richmond 2 - Seattle /2 - San Diego (1-44-387 ANO B: KOW (17) /20 . 1# -BEARCHED INDICATED MERALITIA 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

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The following is to confirm telephone call from SA ROBERT S. BAKER, San Diego Office, to SA ROBERT BOYLE, Memphis Office, 7/8/68.

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| San Diego, 5/23/66 | | BR | | |

REFERENCE:

Report of SA DAVID W. MC CLUGAGE dated 3/14/68 at San Diego; Sacramento letter to San Diego dated 3/29/68; San Diego letter to Los Angeles dated 4/30/68.

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It is noted that the investigative period of this report is excessive, however, it has been maintained in a current status through interoffice communications.

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SD 91-2341 LEADS Cont'd (San Diego) 1. Will maintain contact with San Diego Police Department and San Diego County Sheriff's Office, Robbery Details, to develop logical suspects. 2. Will continue review of APB's in effort to develop logical suspects. 3. Will display photographs of PAUL CLIFFORD ENGLISH to bank witnesses. - B# -COVER PAGE 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: Date: DAVID W. MC CLUGAGE

June 27, 1968

Office: SAN DIEGO

Field Office File #:

San Diego 91-2341

Bureou File #: 91-24391

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT; SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK 40th and El Cajon Branch

4002 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego, California

Character:

May 23, 1966

BANK ROBBERY

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Contacts with San Diego Police Department and San Diego County Sheriff's Office failed to develop additional suspects. Display of photograph of suspect LYNCH to remaining witnesses negative. Suspect ROBERT LEE MC CARTHY in jail on date of captioned robbery. PAUL CLIFFORD ENGLISH, FBI #656 594 A considered suspect. Photos of JAMES EARL RAY displayed with negative results. UNSUB CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

By communication dated March 29, 1968, the Sacramento Office advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM C. TOWER:

AT VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA

VIRGINIA WEINER, Vacaville Reception Center, Department of Corrections, Archives, advised March 29, 1968, that the record of ROBERT LEE MC CARTHY, FBI Number 718 077 A, California State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (CII) Number 599 454, reveals that he was discharged from confinement on reversal of conviction, June 27, 1966,

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBL. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your equatry; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your equatry.

SD 91-2341 and released to the San Diego County Sheriff's Office, San Diego, California. It would appear MC CARTHY was in custody date of captioned robbery unless San Diego County Sheriff's Office records reveal he might have been out on bond pending new trial. On April 19, 1968, a review of the San Diego County Sheriff's Office revealed no indication that ROBERT LEE MC CARTHY had in fact been released on bond from the San Diego County Jail. On April 25, 1968, a review of Superior Court records revealed that ROBERT LEE MC CARTHY had remained in custody until his release on June 27, 1966 following a reversal of conviction. On March 29, 1968, a number of photographs including one of LESTER JOHN LYNCH were displayed to bank witness SALLY MOXLEY, however, Mrs. MOXLEY felt that none of these individuals were responsible for the robbery of the Security First National Bank. On the same date attempts to locate Mr. WILLIAM TANNER bank witness, met with negative results. On April 23, 1968, a number of photographs, including one of LESTER JOHN LYNCH were displayed to bank witness WILLIAM TANNER, however, Mr. TANNER felt that none of the individuals depicted in the photographs were responsible for the robbery of the Security First National Bank. On May 15, 1968, contacts with Sergeant ROBERT SCHROERS, San Diego Police Department Robbery Detail, failed to develop any additional suspects. On June 18, 1968, contacts with Deputy DON BENDER, San Diego County Sheriff's Office Robbery Detail, failed to develop any logical suspects in this matter. 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

SD 91-2341 On May 28, 1968, a number of photographs including one of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to bank witnesses RUTH MC GARDLE, WILLIAM TANNER and SALLY MOXLEY, however, none of these witnesses felt that any of these individuals were responsible for the robbery of the Security First National Bank on May 23, 1966. PAUL CLIFFORD ENGLISH, FBI Number 656 594 A 18 being considered as a suspect in this matter due to his physical description and modus operandi. A review of ENGLISH's background reveals that he resided approximately three miles from captioned bank during time of robbery. ENGLISH normally wears pointed toe high-heel Italian shoes as did the unknown subject in this case. ENGLISH has admitted robbing a bank in close proximity to this bank, however, to date has only admitted robberies for which he has been formally charged. Attempts to date to display photographs of ENGLISH to bank witnesses have met with negative results.

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TO

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SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN

SUBJECT:

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TO: ALL SACS

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtol to Memphis, 7/9/68.

The Bureau has requested that all divisions continue to submit monthly cost data until further notice.

In view of the above, all divisions are requested to comply with the Bureau's instructions, including offices who have negative cost data to report.

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