

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-371)

FROM : SAC J.E. MILNES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/28/68

On May 27, 1968, I called SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN at Memphis and discussed Bureau airtel May 7, 1968 (44-371-272). I told him that we had a tremendous amount of information in the files of which a great amount would not seem to me to require reporting particularly where we were investigating "look alike" who we eliminated. He advised that so far as he was concerned he saw no reason for reporting this type of information. It would be satisfactory with him if we were to prepare a short report, break it down by project: look alike, birth records, vehicle operator checks, reflecting that the project had been accomplished and reported summarily.

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This should be done right away

Come on

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS (44-1987),
SEATTLE, PORTLAND, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65), SACRAMENTO,
BUTTE, SALT LAKE CITY, LAS VEGAS, PHOENIX, ALBUQUERQUE,
EL PASO (157-186), AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

ON MAY TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT COVINA, CALIFORNIA, PD ADVISED
RECOVERY OF SIXTY SEVEN PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW ONE
ZERO TWO, WHICH CAR REPORTED STOLEN CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA. CAR
RECOVERED TODAY NINE HUNDRED BLOCK WEST SAN BERNARDINO ROAD,
COVINA, CALIFORNIA, IN PARKING LOT OF MARKET BASKET SUPERMARKET
APPARENTLY ABANDONED FOR LAST SEVERAL DAYS. COVINA PD ADVISED
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CALIFORNIA, HAD MADE REPORT ABOVE CAR INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT WITH
HIM ON MAY FIFTEEN LAST AND DRIVER HAD IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS
W. L. DE LUCA AND HAD GIVEN CHECK TO REIMBURSE FOR DAMAGES, WHICH
CHECK WAS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN AT HUNTINGTON BEACH,
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SHOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY. ADVISED DRIVER OF CAR WAS
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA VERNON P. COYNE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO : SAC,

FROM : SA GORDON A. FRIANG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/25/68

Mr. GLEN WALKER, teacher, South Junior High School, Everett, Wadhwington, telephone 353-9067 called today to state he was in the Albertson's Food Store at 64th and Evergreen Way at about 11:30am today. He stated he noticed a man in the next line who had purchased only two or three items that looked very familiar. He stated it was not until he got home and thought about it that he realized that this person looked like the photos shown on TV of MARTIN LUTHER KING's killer. He stated he did not see which way this person ~~xxx~~ went when he left, did not see an automobile and did not see anyone with this person.

Suggested Mr. WALKER be recontacted and photos of BRAY be shown to him to determine if is person he thought he saw.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: 4/30/68

Re MURKIN

TO: SAC, Seattle
(44-371)

Invoice of Contents

1 piece of cardboard, Q286
1 road map, Q287

*Destroyed 5/24/68 - VPC
see serials 159, 222, & 224
VPC*

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FBI File No. 44-38861

All items listed above are contained in this package. A detailed description of items will be found in Bureau communication dated 4/30/68 LC # 91075

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Date: **May 21, 1968**

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via **Airtel** _____

(Priority)

To: All SACs
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

[Signature]
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Armed and dangerous.

Sent Via _____

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Per _____

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Routing Slip
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TO: SAC,

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Date 5-22-68

RE: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

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

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks: ReBulet 5-20-68.

44-371-331

In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has underwritten the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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*See cc's mail for
SRA's 5/24/68 & paper
5/15/68*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

JS
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

1 - Copies to all Special Agents in Charge and Legats

*Lead to Sra
5/23/68 RLB*

*Distribution Made
5/23/68 jeb.*



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Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases <i>James Earl Ray</i>				Address of subject		Character of case <i>Murkin</i>		
Complainant <i>Mr. Emery Bundy</i>				Complainant's address and telephone number <i>Security Dept. 4th Fl. floor, Frederick & Nelson</i>		Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date <i>5/22/68</i> Time <i>11:24</i>		
Subject's Description	Race <i>CAH.</i>	Sex ☒ Male ☐ Female	Height <i>5'10"</i>	Hair <i>Brown</i>	Build <i>Med.</i>	Birth date and Birthplace		
	Age	Weight <i>175 lbs.</i>	Eyes	Complexion				
	Scars, marks or other data							
	Facts of complaint <i>Complainant advised that one of the employees at Frederick & Nelson took an application for employment earlier this year from a man who resembled James Earl Ray. Bundy stated that a photograph of the applicant is in his file & he wished to have an agent look at it & compare it with recent photographs of Ray.</i>							
<i>Handled by copy on 5/22/68</i> <i>44-371-329</i> SEARCHED _____ INDEXED _____ SERIALIZED <i>al</i> FILED _____ MAY 22 1968 FBI - SEATTLE <i>Casper DPK</i>								
Action Recommended <i>[Signature]</i>				<i>Walter R. Bailey</i> (Agent)				

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)



NEW RAY PHOTO — The FBI has released a new recent photograph of James Earl Ray, also known as Galt, wanted in connection with the slaying of the Rev. Martin Luther King. The picture was taken late January or early February in California. A nation-wide manhunt is on for the accused slayer of the Negro civil rights leader.

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

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Bellingham Herald

Bellingham, Wash.

Date: 5/14/68

Edition: Final

Author:

Editor: WILLARD K. FOWLER

Title:

MURKIN

Character:

or

Classification: 44-371-328

Submitting Office: Seattle

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Dr. King no Communist

TOLEDO (To the Editor) — In response to the letter by Jessie Hindman, in which she charged that Dr. Martin Luther King was used by the Reds to spread the Communist line, I would like to make a few comments.

Perhaps J. Hindman would like to stop kidding herself and face the truth, too. If all Dr. King managed to do while he lived was to spread a blanket of collective guilt over all white Americans, then he served his purpose well. It is about time that white Americans felt guilty about the "equality" they have allowed the Negro.

Whether or not Dr. King advocated constructive use of the money donated to the organizations Mrs. Hindman spoke of, I do not know. He certainly did not advocate wasteful use of it.

By extending the "collective" blanket of guilt to Communist collectivism, Mrs. Hindman hoped to brand anyone who hints at "collective" thinking as a Communist. The connection is not a rightful one. All who think collectively are not Communist. Nor are all who oppose the Vietnam war.

It is not a well-established fact that Dr. King was used to promote the Communist line. J. Hindman took a quotation from the Reader's Digest which was supposed to prove that King was Communist influenced. The quotation, reported to have come from a presidential aide, read "My God, King has given a speech on Vietnam that goes right down the Commie line!"

In the first place, the Reader's Digest is not, by any means, considered the most reliable source of information. Even if it were, the fact that King spoke against the Vietnam war and went "right down the Commie line" does not in any way prove that he was Communist influenced. The Communist line is an ever changing line. It would be quite difficult for anyone to voice any opinion without following the Commie line sometime or other.

Many are the churchmen who have spoken out against that war and who are neither Communist inspired nor communistically inclined. Dr. King, those churchmen and I are merely opposed to a war we do not believe is right.

—DIANNE BOND

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

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Longview Daily News

Longview, Washington

Date: 5/18/68

Edition: Afternoon

Author: Letter to editor

Editor: John McClelland

Title: MURKIN

Character: Civil Rights
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5-16-68Transmit in STATETEL by teletype to: APB WASHINGTON
(Type in "plaintext" or "code")

PARTIAL CANCELLATION

REFER 59 SEAFB 5-16-68

CANCEL STOPS ON 1967 PLYMOUTH FURY III CONVERTIBLE, BLACK
TOP, GOLD COLOR, CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW 102. VEHICLE RECOVERED
THIS DATE CHULA VISTA, CALIF.

FBI SEATTLE
J E MILNES, SAC

JEM:pjw
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44-371-326

Approved: jsm/pSent hPer 750

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REFER 59 SEAFB 5-16-68

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GOLD CLOYXX COLOR, CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW 102. VEHICLE RECOVERED
THIS DATE CHULA VISTA, CALIF.

FBI SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
J. E. MILNES, SAC PJW

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URGENT

5-21-68

TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

FROM: DIRECTOR

MURKIN

INASMUCH AS RAY IS KNOWN TO STAY AT " FLOPHOUSES" AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS.

ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTH OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTYEIGHT, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTYFIVE YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

OPERATOR: RED 4:20PM

CODEWORK: RMT 4:50PM

6/7/68 ADVISED

JERRY McNULTY, DMV, TO

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OPERATOR: RED 4:20PM

CODEWORK; RMT 4:50PM

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/10/00 BY 1043
MAY 21 1968
FBI - SEATTLE
[Signature]

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TO : SAC, Seattle (137-3126)

DATE: 5/17/68

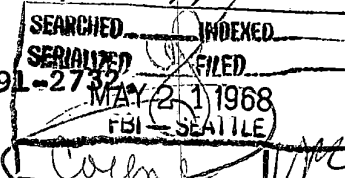
FROM : SA Thomas J. Rardin

SUBJECT: SE 937-C

☒ CI ☐ SI
☐ PCI ☐ PSI
☐

Dates of Contact		5/8 & 5/17	
Titles and File #s on which contacted		44-371 91-2732 168-92 168-611 168-612 25-21364	
Purpose and results of contact ☐ NEGATIVE ☒ POSITIVE fe 25-21364 - advised that ALVIN CHILTON, subject, is buying the house where he is living & working for the Boeing Co. He said that Chilton was badly wounded when he was stabbed by the owner of a residence he was discovered burglarizing. Chilton expects to be convicted but thinks he will get rprobation because he has never done any time on a conviction. re 168-92 - has had no contact with Donner since the last reported one.			
☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating excellent	Coverage gen. crim.	
Personal Data			

(4) 1 - 137-3126; 1 - 25-21364; 1 - 44-371; 1 - 91-2732



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC
SEATTLE 137-3364

DATE: 5-20-68

FROM : SA
RICHARD L. MATHERS

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT:

SE 986-C

Dates of Contact		
Titles and File #s on which conducted 5-13-68 5-17-68		
Racial Matters; JAMES EARL RAY-Fug Top Ten; 44-371		
GENERAL CRIMINAL MATTERS in Tacoma area.		
WSTA Intelligence Matters		
JOH N R. GUIZZETTI- Fude oo: SE 42-18009 (ass. writer)		
Purpose and results of contact		
☐ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☒ STATISTIC		
<u>RACIAL MATTERS - NOI</u> On 5-17-68 CI stated that he had again observed the same Black Muslim that he had seen previously in the Tacoma area in the vicinity of the barber shop at 23rd and K Streets on 5-11-68. He stated that if he again sees this man he will purchase a couple of the Muhammad Speaks papers and ascertain the muslim-s name and address and any other information that would be of value.		
JAMES EARL RAY Fugitive UFAC- Robbery Civil Rights Conspiracy 44- 371 negative.		
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1-137-3364 1- 157- Racial Matters Tacoma area (NOI) 1- 44-371 1- 31- 22997		

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Re: James Earl RAY - MURDER SUSPECT
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, U.S.A.
Assistance to F.B.I.

With reference to the murder of Martin Luther KING,
the following photo of James Earl RAY @ Eric S. GALT, taken in the fall
of 1967, is considered a good likeness of him.



(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

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

Supplement

RCMP Information Bulletin

Vancouver, B.C.

Date: 5/17/68

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title: MURKIN

Character:

or

Classification: 44-371-322

Submitting Office: Seattle

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 5/20/68

FROM : SA ROBERT H. WICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel, 5/9/68.

On May 17, 1968, GEORGE ORMROD, Public Health Statistics Officer, Washington State Department of Health, Olympia, Washington, advised that their department maintains a centralized repository of death records and also maintains records of unidentified persons who have died. He stated that in the case of the latter, no filing is done until the passage of a year and then the record would not disclose information which would be helpful in identification such as the description of the deceased.

He said that the logical person to contact in determining if there are presently any deaths involving unidentified persons since April 5, 1968, would be the local county coroner. He said because some counties are relatively small, the local prosecutor serves as the coroner.

In view of this, it may be appropriate for a memo to all SRA's be prepared requesting that all county coroners or appropriate official, be contacted to determine if any unidentified person has died within the period of time since April 5, 1968, within their respective area.

RHW:

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Memorandum

TO : file (44-371) P

FROM : SA Wayne R. Taylor

SUBJECT: MURKIN
oo: Memphis

DATE: 5/21/68

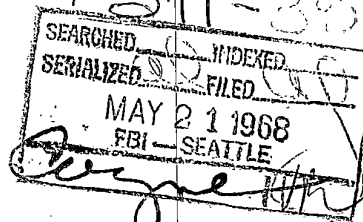
A young man and woman who refused to reveal their identity advised they had just returned from a two week trip in Mexico where they met a man in a bus station in Cuaymas, Mexico who looked like the newspaper photo of James Earl Ray. They were shown the best available photos of Ray but stated this individual did not closely resemble the person in Mexico.

The individual in Mexico had no baggage visible and did not give a name or destination. He was approached only because he was the only English speaking person in the immediate area.

This individual is described as follows:

White
Male
5'9"
heavy or stocky build
dark hair
middle to late 30s
light complexion
casual dress

WRT/wrt
(1)



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Mrs. Dewey Liles, 1418 Summitt View, phone GL3-4409, Yakima Washington telephonically advised that about two weeks ago her husband flew to Denver to pick up a truck for his business. While there he met a man identifying himself as John E. Jones. Jones returned to Yakima with Liles and resided in the Liles home while looking for work in the Yakima area. He found no work and moved into the Rosa Hotel in Yakima the evening of 5/16/68. Mrs. Liles stated last evening they (she and Mr. Liles) went to visit Jones and he has left the Yakima area, leaving no forwarding address.

Mrs. Liles stated this individual stated on several occasions that he was in the Memphis area at the time of the King assassination but would comment no further. She stated she has not seen Photos of Galt and Ray and does not know if the individual Jones resembles either of these individuals.

Jones is described as follows:

white
Male
33-34 yrs
5'9"
slender build, 14½ collar size
sounded like Gomer Pyle

Lead for yakima to show photo



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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Seattle
VPC:lmr
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE 137-3364

DATE: 5-20-68

FROM : SA RICHARD L. MATHERS

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: SE 986-C

Dates of Contact	
5-13-68 5-17-68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
Racial Matters; JAMES EARL RAY-Fug Top Ten; 44-371	
GENERAL CRIMINAL MATTERS in Tacoma area.	
WSTA Intelligence Matters	
JOHN R. GUIZZETTI-Fug oo: SE 42-18009 (ass. writer)	

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE RACIAL MATTERS - NOI

☒ POSITIVE

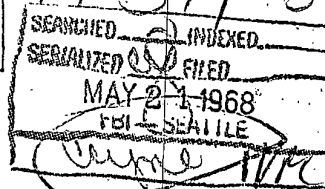
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59 SEAFB 5-16-68

APB WASHINGTON

WANTED

44-371-305

UNKNWON SUBJECT AKA WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, WHITE. MALE, AMERICAN, FORTY TO FORTYFIVE, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SIX FIVE TO ONE EIGHT ZERO POUNDS, DARK HAIR, FAIR TO MEDIUM COMPLEXION, DRIVING SIXTYSEVEN PLYMOUTH FURY III CONVERTIBLE, COLOR GOLD, BLACK TOP, CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW 102, VIN P M 27 F 74238208. AUTO OBTAINED BY UNSUB, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA., MAY FOURTEEN LAST, FOR DEMONSTRATION AND HAS NOT RETURNED. SUBJECT WANTED FOR QUESTIONING, REPEAT QUESTIONING ONLY, AND NO WARRANT, BY FBI SAN DIEGO. CONSIDER AMXXX ARMED AND DANGEROUS. IF INFORMATION RECEIVED NOTIFY FBI SEATTLE AT ONCE.

FBI SEATTLE
J E MILNES, SAC KNY 2155

*That can't be
done as a matter of fact?*

Harley Kirkman, Jr.

ELLINGHAM POLICE DEPT
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
ELLINGHAM, WASH.

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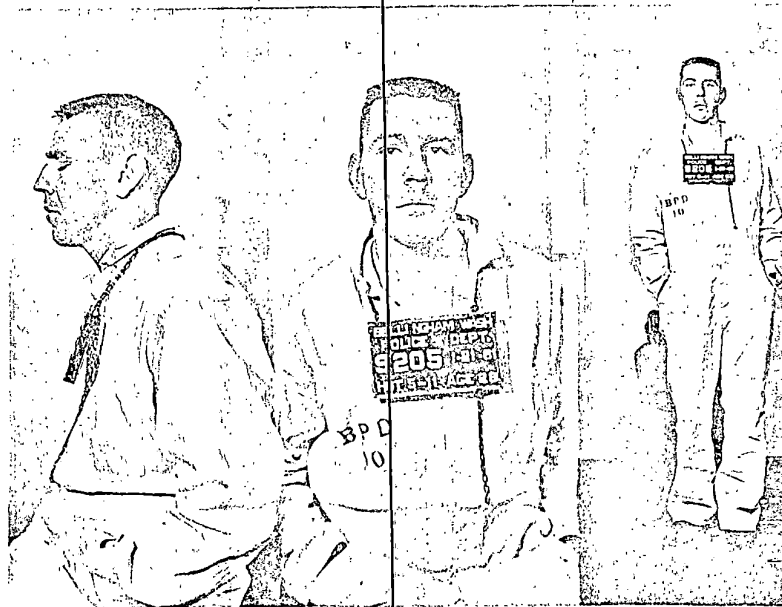
*10,000 copies of this letter
sent to San Diego on 5/21/68
JEC*

WICHAM, William W.

9205

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		MIDDLE NAME		IDENT. NO.	
WICHAM, Robert I.		RISING, Robert Charles		TAYLOR, Robert C.			
Address: Robert C.		UNDERHILL, Robert		KATAT, Robert		Rt. 1, Box 50, Greer City, Ore	
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	EYES	HAIR	COMP.	OCCUPATION	SEX	
5-10 1/2	160	Blue	Brown-gray	Buddy	Electronic Technician	M	
BIRTH DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH		SCARS AND MARKS				
	Ticonderoga, N.Y.		TAT: Double heart w/ "M" and "Bob", low L-arm; an anastomosis				

(SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ARREST RECORD)



Name RISING, Robert Charles Sex WMA File # 9205
 Alias Walker, Taylor, LaMarque, Kalet Race M Date 1/21/61
 Alias Kalat, Underhill, several more Serial 1-21-61 Date of Arrest 1/21/61
 Alias MARSHALL, William W. Number (IF SERVICEMAN)
 Charge Unlawful flight to avoid prosecution (burglary) 1-21-61 Transferred to Clackamas County Jail
 Present Address Rt. box 59 Oregon, City, Ore Previous Address 246 SW 2nd Canby, Oregon
 & How Long There Permanent Phone Number 10,000
 Address Rt. # 1 box 59 Oregon City, Oregon
 Present or last employment & how long Clackamas County, communications engineer 3 years
 Previous employment & how long there KGON Clackamas Broadcasters
 Nearest Blood Relative Lewis Rising Address ? Florida
 Relationship father FULL NAME Address Phone Number ?
 Another Relative Lawrence Rising Address ? New Jersey Phone Number ?
 Relationship brother Address Sheriff Clackamas County, Ore Phone Number ?
 Character Reference Joe Shobe Address Sheriff's Office, Clackamas,
 Character Reference Fred Abelle Address Sheriff's Office, Clackamas,
 Marital Status married Spouses name & address Marlynn
 Name & age of children boy age three, two by previous marriage boy 9, girl 7 (INCLUDE MAIDEN NAME)
 Age 28 BD 12/11/1932 BP 120/80 Clackamas, New York Occupation electronic technician
 Hgt 5'10 1/2 Hair br-grey Com-plexion tan Wgt 160 Eyes blue Build medium
 Religion protestant Year & Kind of Car no Car no Driv. no
 Previous Arrests: yes If so, When 333971 M W 28 (12/11/32) 5-10 1/2 160 blu brn/gry NY

non-support Clackamas County--
 three previous arrests

RISING, Robert Charles
WALKER, Robert L.
TAYLOR, Robert
LA MARQUE, Robert
KALET, Robert
KALAT, Robert
UNDERHILL, Robert

PD Bellingham #9205

Unlaw Flight to avoid
 pros (burg) FBI Wnt
 Bail \$10,000

Remarks: Scars, Marks, Tattoos, C
 Glasses, False Teeth, or

Tattoo, double heart with "Doni" left arm, appendectomy, tonsilectomy,
 left shoulder broken, left arm, three ribs on left side broken, broken left foot,
 wears glasses,

SS: 9 1/2 Writes right Any contagious diseases susp TB Doctor 1958 Date of last X-Ray

Information taken by: D.Erickson

FP taken by: D.Erickson

I have read the above summary and agree that it is true and correct:

(Signature)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: 5/20/68

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FEE: fee
(2)

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negative per letter to Harry Pappas
WPC



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Ross - bartender at 5 PM

Iola Zeppelin - after 6 PM

M Harry Ponzani - bartender - have seen anyone in
the the Hampton Longmire - 5/21/68 - VR

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AIRTEL

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FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO - MEMPHIS

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② - Seattle
2 - Dallas
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Via AIRTELAIRMAIL

(Priority)

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

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(OO: MEMPHIS)

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2 - Springfield (44-561)
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1 - Chicago (Info)

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Approved: C. [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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2 - 44-371

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2-Seattle (Encs. 2)
 2-Anchorage (Encs. 2)
 1-Memphis
 JCH:wp
 (5)

Airtel.....

Teletype.....

A. M.

A. M. S. D.

Spec. Del.

Reg. Mail

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

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Boyle *W. J.*

Hayt *Wallon*

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Spokane
Asst

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