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LIKELY WILL NOT REFLECT IDENTITY OF THIRD MAN. CURTIS COULD NOT
RECALL NAME OF THIRD MAN OR DESCRIPTION.

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RAY AND CO-DEFENDANT FROM MARCH NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE TO JULY
NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. CURTIS, RAY AND SECOND MAN ALL ENDED UP AT
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SECOND MAN WHO IS ASSOCIATED WITH RAY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE,
THIRTYSIX, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES DASH SIX FEET, ONE EIGHT ZERO
POUNDS WHO WAS STRONGLY BUILT AND SPENT HIS THREE YEARS AT
LEAVENWORTH ON BODY CONDITIONING AND LIFTING WEIGHTS.

CURTIS ADVISED HE LAST SAW RAY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL IN
MAY OR JUNE SIXTYSIX. CURTIS RELUCTANT TO TALK FURTHER THIS MATTER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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URGENT 4-23-68

TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

FROM: DIRECTOR

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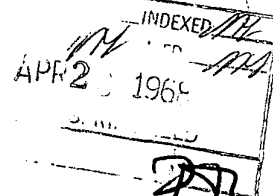
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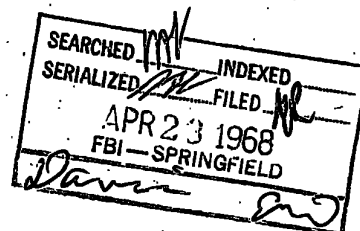
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11-59 AM URGENT 4/23/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS, SPRINGFIELD
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, SPRINGFIELD AND
SAN FRANCISCO.

FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387 2P

MURKIN.

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2:49PM URGENT 4-23-68 FAS

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS
SPRINGFIELD AND TAMPA
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND OTHER OFFICES APRIL
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-561)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA JAMES M. BACHMAN - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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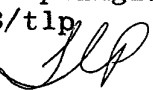
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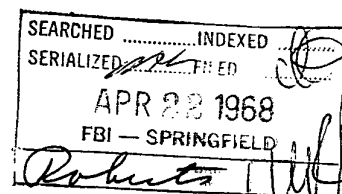
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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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The unknown individual upon departing in the 1958 Chevrolet from Giuffre Buick was stopped by Trooper CACHERA.

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HEIGHT:	5'11"
WEIGHT:	170 pounds
HAIR:	Light brown
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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Subsequently, over news broadcast much local flavor information concerning RAY has been broadcast including his arrest record.

A citizen complaint was received that an individual riding a train through Mount Pulaski resembled the photograph made public of subject as ERIC STARVO GALT and following this, contact was had with the Clinton County Sheriff's Office which intercepted a north-bound freight train and temporarily detained an individual unlawfully riding the train so that he might be properly identified.

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JAMES BLAND, Number 1 in the Crime Records Section was furnished pertinent facts concerning the above as well as Supervisor HEGELSON in the General Investigative Division.

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SI 44-561

JAMES BLAND, Number 1 in the Crime Records Section was furnished pertinent facts concerning the above as well as Supervisor HEGELSON in the General Investigative Division.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-1721)

DATE: 4-22-68

FROM : SA CHARLES R. WOOD, JR.

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: SI 1561-C

☐

Dates of Contact

4-19-68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

44-561, MURKIN

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

Informant said he was acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY and may have at some time met this individual. He feels he has only a very vague recollection. He said he did seem to recall that RAY was, at one time, an associate of Big Pug Fisher or Little Pug Fisher, who were police characters and pimps from the Alton area.

The above information was discussed with the ASAC by telephone.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

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Coverage

As previous

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☐ WFO ☒ **SPRINGFIELD** ☐ MILITARY
☐ San Antonio ☐ PASSPORT ☐ Other

Date
4/23/68

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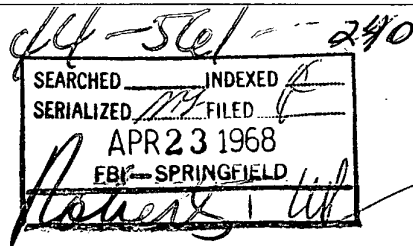
MURKIN
RM

Check above-indicated records re:

Name: _____
Aliases: _____
Alien Reg. # _____ Passport # _____ Service # _____

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion
Birth Date		Birthplace		Address		

Other pertinent information:



Specific information desired:

Registration of 1968 Illinois License PX2437

Also furnish: ☐ Photo
☐ Handwriting specimens

Return reply to: **Telephonically**

SAC **Chicago (44-1114)**

Attention SA **C-1 Section**

Send copies to:

FOR REPLY ONLY

☐ On basis of information furnished, unable to identify:

☐ Military ☐ Passport ☐ INS
☐ Available information attached
☐ Photo: ☐ Attached ☐ Unavailable
☐ Handwriting specimen attached

Inquiry made by:

Billy G. Olenski

Date: **4/23/68**

JAMES TABOR, Supervisor, Auto Registration Section,
Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois advised that 1968
Illinois License PX 2437 issued February 14, 1968 to MARY
MELONAS, 6006 South Kolmar Ave, Chicago, Illinois for a 1963
Plymouth ~~car~~, VIN 1332582240. Driver license listed as
[REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED]

GENEVA JONES, Supervisor, Driver License Section, Secretary
of State, Springfield, Illinois advised DL # [REDACTED]
issued 10/24/67 to MARY LOUISE MELONAS, 6006 S. Kolmar Ave,
Chicago, Illinois. This license expires 10/16/70 and describes
her as 5'4", 115, brown hair and eyes, DOB [REDACTED]

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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The following is the record of FBI number 768642

J. E. Hoover
 Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Special Agent, Chicago and Alton RR., Kansas City, Mo	William Edward Maher, #--	10-15-33	robb., 1st. deg. auto theft- aslt. to kill	
SP, Jefferson City, Mo., #--	William Maher, #721, St. Intermediate Ref., Algoa, Mo.	11-22-33	robb., 1st. deg.	10 yrs.
ONI, Wash., D. C. MID, Wash., D. C.	William Edward Maher, #1203	applicant for position, Laclede Steel Co., Alton, Ill., 4-2-41		
Naval Government (Guam PD) San Fran Calif PD Alton Ill	William Edward Maher #3791	6-19-49	susp of drunken driving & dist the peace	\$125 fine \$10 costs 6-20-49
PD St Louis Mo	William Edard Maher #7473	6-2-51	intox	fined & rel
	William Edward Maher #--	2-6-54	invest	
PD Quincy Ill	William Edward Maher #--	3-15-57	OMVWI	pd \$230.30

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C., 20537

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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The following FBI record, NUMBER 768.642, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race: white

Sex: male

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 210

Hair: brown & gray

Eyes: blue

Date and Place of Birth: [REDACTED] Bridgeton, New Jersey

Scars & Marks: 2" ct scar on right cheek, cut scars on bridge of nose. Impediment of speech. Both ears stand out well from head. 4" cut scar left forearm outer near wrist.

Address: 3-15-57 listed as 1118 East 7th St. Alton, Illinois

Occupation: sign board advertising and painter, laborer

Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished FBI by fingerprint contributors. Where final disposition is shown or further explanation is desired, communicate with agency contributing the prints.

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