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TO SAC CHICAGO
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FROM SAC SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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556PM URGENT 4-26-68 RMF

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/ SPRINGFIELD /44-561/
FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

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SUMMARY CHICAGO DIVISION

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LOCAL NEWS MEDIA CONTINUING TO GIVE MAXIMUM COVERAGE TO RAY.

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733PM URGENT 4/26/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LITTLE ROCK, KANSAS CITY AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) KANSAS CITY
(44-760), ST. LOUIS (44-775), SPRINGFIELD.
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN CR.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST.

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NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED REGARDING PINKSTON.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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Special Agent in Charge

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AT 44-2386

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Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-
RE: MURKIN
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Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

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

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Special Agent in Charge

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*Be sure our leads
on above are distributed!*
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TELETYPE

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TO INDIANAPOLIS

FROM CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO CLEVELAND, APRIL TWENTYFIVE
INSTANT.

SPRINGFIELD ADVISED THAT ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST
SI ONE SIX TWO THREE DASH C ADVISED THAT HE FORMERLY KNEW
JAMES EARL RAY, BUT THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN HIM IN APPROXIMATELY
SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS. INFORMANT RECALLED THAT RAY WAS CONFINED
TO THE JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, PENITENTIARY, WITH ONE
WILLIAM JOSEPH KRAMZER, HE BELIEVED IN SIXTYTHREE OR SIXTYFOUR.
INFORMANT STATED KRAMZER SUPPOSEDLY IN PRISON AFTER CONVICTION
IN CLEVELAND FOR WHITE SLAVERY.

USM OFFICE [REDACTED], CLEVELAND, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT
WILLIAM JOSEPH KRAMZER PRESENTLY INCARCERATED UNITED STATES
FEDERAL PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS AT TERRE HAUTE WILL INTERVIEW KRAMZER CON-
CERNING ANY KNOWLEDGE OR INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING

JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-3886), MEMPHIS (44-1987) and CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

RE ALBANY TEL APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

RECORDS OF ~~THE~~ BUFFALO, NEW YORK PD MADE AVAILABLE BY
WILLIAM J. COLLINS, IN CHARGE OF THE MICRO SECTION, DISCLOSED
~~THAT~~ ON MAY TWO, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, PRECINCT NUMBER ONE, ANSWERED
A CALL WHICH DISCLOSED THAT EARL E. RAY'S BODY WAS FOUND UNDER
THE RAILROAD BRIDGE AT THE FOOT OF COMMERCIAL STREET, BUFFALO,
NEW YORK, UNDER THE D L AND W RAILROAD BRIDGE. NO RESCUE SQUAD
RESPONDED. DR. LEE, EMERGENCY HOSPITAL, PRONOUNCED THE INDIVIDUAL
DEAD, AND EARL E. RAY'S BODY WAS TAKEN ~~TO THE~~ ERIE COUNTY MORGUE.

NICHOLAS SALINARDO IN CHARGE OF THE MORGUE, MADE AVAILABLE
RECORDS WHICH DISCLOSED THE BODY ~~WAS~~ BROUGHT TO ~~THE~~ MORGUE BY
~~THE~~ ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME, AND AFTER LAYING IN THE MORGUE FOR
TWO DAYS, THE BODY WAS CLAIMED BY MRS. FRANK FULLER, A SISTER,
RESIDING AT TWO SIX ZERO ONE CHESTNUT, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, CLAIM
BEING MADE BY TELEGRAM.

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MR. GEORGE ROBERTS, OPERATOR OF ~~THE~~ ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN STREET, ADVISED HE TOOK THE BODY TO ERIE COUNTY MORGUE ON MAY TWO, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, AND HIS COPY OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE DISCLOSED LAST PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR RAY WAS WESTERN ROAD, ALBANY, NEW YORK, PLACE OF BIRTH QUINCY, ILLINOIS, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] AGE AT TIME OF DEATH FIFTYFOUR YEARS, ELEVEN MONTHS, TWENTYEIGHT DAYS, OCCUPATION AS STEWARD, PRESENT EMPLOYMENT UNEMPLOYED, MARITAL STATUS DIVORCED, FATHER JAMES RAY, AND MOTHER LILLIAN MATTHEWS. THE PHYSICIAN SIGNING DEATH CERTIFICATE ~~WAS~~ DR. ROCCO DE DOMINICIS.

MR. ROBERTS STATED ~~THE~~ BODY WAS SHIPPED TO THE DUKES BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME, EIGHT TWO THREE BROADWAY, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, ON MAY FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, THIS SHIPMENT BEING ORDERED BY MRS. FRANK FULLER, ~~TWO SIX ZERO ONE CHESTNUT STREET, QUINCY;~~ *all* BODY ~~WAS~~ ^{interred} RETURNED MAY FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE GREEN MOUNTAIN CEMETERY, QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

A CHECK AT THE BUFFALO GENERAL HOSPITAL, RECORDS BEING CHECKED BY PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, MR. TOM MICHAEL, DISCLOSED

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NO RECORD OF RAY EVER BEING EMPLOYED BUFFALO GENERAL HOSPITAL. MISS ELLEN JONES, PERSONAL OFFICE, BUFFALO STATE HOSPITAL, FOREST AVENUE, BUFFALO, NEW YORK, ~~AFTER CHECKING RECORDS~~, ADVISED THEY HAVE NO RECORD OF RAY EVER BEING EMPLOYED THERE. ADDRESS OF FOUR SEVEN SIX FRANKLIN NONEXISTENT, AS ROOMING HOUSE THIS ADDRESS TORN DOWN IN NINETEEN SIXTY.

RESULTS OF CREDIT CHECK ON RAY NOT COMPLETE AT THIS TIME, AND INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

AIR MAIL COPIES ~~BEING FURNISHED~~ KANSAS CITY, ALBANY AND SPRINGFIELD.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 4/27/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

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Re: JOHN LARRY RAY

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LEADS:

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT ALTON, ILLINOIS

If not already done, attempt to locate and interview MILDRED MAHER regarding any known information of the subject, his associates, or his present whereabouts.

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