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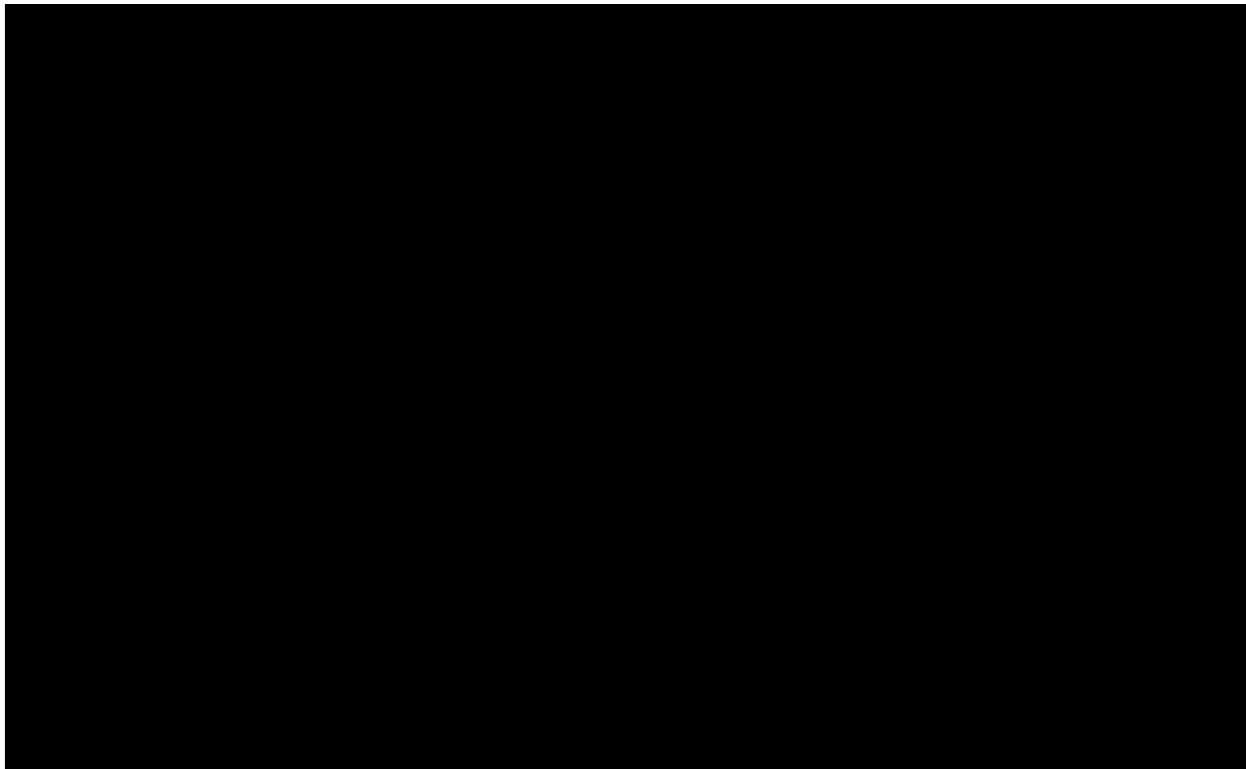
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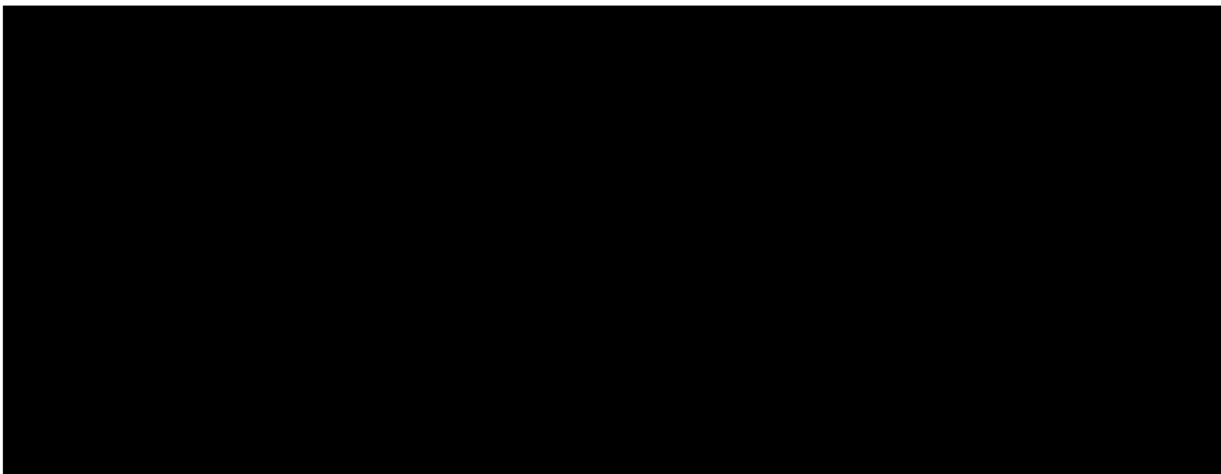
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Springfield

DATE: April 29, 1968

*JEM* : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE  
I. O. #4182; W. F. #442-A  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY  
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM  
NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

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As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SI (44-561)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : James T. Goo

SUBJECT: Murkin  
CR.

On 4/19/68 Ray Lynch, 219 No. Scott,  
mt. Pulaski, Ill advised that he saw  
a man fitting the description of James  
Earl Ray riding on the 36th car of  
the Illinois Central RR going from Springfield  
to Clinton, Ill.

Based on the above the FSP, and the  
IC RR station master, Jack Boudabie, Boudabie  
advised he had relayed the information to Agent  
Pete Todd of the IC RR Clinton office, and  
instructed the train he stopped in Clinton.

Based on the above, suspect was arrested  
for allegedly riding a train; suspect was  
not identical to Ray.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN 44-561R

Re HARVEY LOWMYER

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*[Handwritten initials and a large scribble]*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Robert W. [Signature]*  
*I believe we had this info*  
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HOENIG described LOWMYER as a white male, 25 to 26 years of age in 1957, small, no distinguishing features. He stated he believes that LOWMYER was single.

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SPRINGFIELD:

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS:

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DATE: 4/30/68

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Mrs. FRENCH was contacted at home on 4/29/68.

She advised that her ex-son-in-law, CECIL RAY, formerly of Vandalia, Illinois, has been to her residence on approximately two occasions within the last five years, accompanied by an individual who resembled JAMES EARL RAY. It is her belief that CECIL RAY referred to this person as JAMES RAY. Mrs. FRENCH was unable to furnish any more specific information as to the times or when the visits were made.

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Mrs. FRENCH requested that her information be kept confidential and that her name not be mentioned in conversation with other relatives



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TO : SAC Springfield (44-561)

DATE: 5-1-68

FROM : SRA Elias Williams, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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On 4-22-68 the writer displayed the subjects (Ray) photo to the below listed individuals who operate Houses of Prostitution in Peoria without effecting an identification.

William Tisdale, 103 Warner Alley  
Sarah "Baby Doll" Hawks, 405 Aiken  
Hank Jenkins, 508 Aiken  
Kitty Lewis, 412 Aiken  
Betty Darling, 101 Warner  
Karen Connelly, 2029 SW Adams  
SI 1640-C

Two former madams, Pam Miller and Ethel LeMar, are now deceased and operated two of the largest houses in Peoria during the 1950's and early 1960's.

On 4-22-68 William Marytn, owner, Carter Tug Service, Foot of Main st., Peoria, Ill. was shown a photo of Ray without effecting an identification. The Carter Tug Service is the only Tug and barge Company in Peoria who hire river help.

Stops at the below listed PD's and SO's have been made and no arrest record for Ray or Galt has been located.

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| Peoria PD        | Pekin PD           |
| E. Peoria PD     | Tazwell County SO  |
| Peoria County SO | Woodford County SO |
| Canton, PD       | Chillicothe PD     |

Newspaper coverage including Ray's photo and wire stories have been wide spread within the Peoria RA territory especially from the Peoria Journal Star. No information has been developed indicating RAY had any associates within Peoria.

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*Robert W. [Signature]*

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TO DIRECTOR, (MAIL) AND ST. LOUIS  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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COPIES MAILED TO MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO.  
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FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

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What is status of our efforts  
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LOOK ALIKE LEADS BEING HANDLED ON AN EXPEDITE CONTINUING BASIS. TWO ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS WHO MADE THREATS AGAINST KING ELIMINATED AS CO CONSPIRATORS. BUREAU ADVISED BY SEPARATE TEL.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, SPRINGFIELD,  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN. *44-561*

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO INSTANT.

RE INTERVIEW BROTHER JERRY, MAY ONE LAST JERRY STATES HAS NO INFO OR INDICATION FROM JOHN RAY OR CAROL PEPPER THAT THEY WERE EVER AWARE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS SINCE IN FUGITIVE STATUS. JERRY HAS NO INFO OR INDICATION THAT ANY CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE BY THE SUBJECT WITH EITHER JOHN OR CAROL AND IS OF STRONG OPINION THAT NO CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE. IN LAST INTERVIEW AND OTHER INTERVIEWS, JERRY HAS STATED THAT HE HAS READ THAT THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF ERIC STARVO GALT WAS SEPTEMBER ONE LAST AT BIRMINGHAM. IN ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE POSSIBILITY OF BROTHER JOHN'S ASSISTING SUBJECT IN ESCAPE, JERRY WAS QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT JOHN DID AID SUBJECT AND WHETHER JOHN OR CAROL HAD ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS FROM TIME OF

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ESCAPE UNTIL NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF GALT'S APPEARANCE IN BIRMINGHAM ON SEPTEMBER ONE LAST. TO BOTH QUESTIONS, HE ANSWERED NEGATIVELY.

HE SAID THAT BOTH JOHN AND CAROL CLOSELY FOLLOW THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES CONCERNING THE SUBJECT AND IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM, THEY HAVE DISCUSSED THE VARIOUS ARTICLES AND TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF INFORMATION THEY HAVE. NOTE THAT CHICAGO AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS HAVE PUBLISHED MAPS SETTING FORTH DATES WHERE SUBJECT KNOWN TO BE IN SPECIFIC TOWNS AND TRAVEL ITINERARY.

AM CC TO ATLANTA, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND BIRMINGHAM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1203 Adams Street  
Johnston City Illinois

Dear Sirs:

On the Friday after Dr. Martin L. King was killed on Thursday<sup>night</sup>, there was an item in the "Southern Illinoisian", a newspaper published at Carbondale, Illinois that I have wondered about.

At the student convocation on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. the speaker was an avowed Communist (they are having all types for the "edification" of the students). I don't remember the name, but the account of it was on page 3. He made this statement, "I don't think they ought to let King die"; and Dr. King wasn't killed until 8<sup>th</sup> that night!!

Perhaps if you talked to that man, you might learn something maybe at least why he said it.

I'll sign my name.

Sincerely

(Mrs) Harry A. Summers

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421 South Sixth Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
May 2, 1968

Mrs. Harry A. Summins  
1203 Adams Street  
Johnston City, Illinois 62951

Dear Mrs. Summins:

This will acknowledge receipt of  
your recent letter in this office.

An Agent of this Bureau will be  
in contact with you in the future.

Very truly yours,

TROY COLEMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

SI NOTE:

Letter referred to in above let  
concerned possible info re assassina-  
tion of KING.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA JAMES M. BACHMAN (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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PATTERSON interviewed 4/29/68, stated that person he picked up is identical with RAY. PATTERSON described subject as very loquacious individual. Subject stated he had a brother that he was going to visit at Peoria and was going to pick up a check for \$145.

LEAD:

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS)

Will determine if any individual wearing dark brown suit, tan sox, shabby appearance was picked up at Peoria for hitchhiking or detained on any other charges.

*Vince Patterson, picked up hitchhiker 4/25/68  
48<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> St. going to Peo.  
Lti.*

5-7-68 Margaret Kennedy, Ident. Ofr. Peoria, PD no record EW

5-7-68 Willard Kingsley, Peoria CountySO, no record EW

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FBI CHICAGO

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS, MILWAUKEE

FROM: CHICAGO (44-1114)

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REMILWAUKE AND SPRINGFIELD TELS THIS DATE..

JAMES J. MC GOVERN, ONE ZERO ZERO TWO THREE WEST DEVON  
ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS, OWNS SIXTY SIX CHEVROLET PANEL TRUCK BEARING  
SIXTY EIGHT ILL. LICENSE B TWO NINE ONE SIX ONE SEVEN, WHICH  
VEHICLE OBSERVED THIS DATE AND BOTH LICENSE PLATES ATTACHED  
THERETO. HE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION THIS MATTER..

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AND RENTED CAMPER. CARNAHAN OWNER OF SKOKIE AUTO AIR COMPANY  
AND DETERMINED NOT IDENTICAL SUBJECT RAY..

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FBI CHICAGO

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN 44-561<sup>9</sup>

Re Unidentified photograph of Minuteman.

ReNYairtel to Bureau dated, 4/19/68; and Denver teletype to Bureau dated, 4/24/68.

WILL JARVIS, 15 Bacon Court, Bronxville, NY, confirmed that he wrote an article for "Life" magazine published October, 1961. He is unable to identify unknown individual in accompanying photograph. He spent only two days in Illinois regarding this assignment and agreed not to obtain the names of individual Minutemen. He no longer has his notes pertaining to this assignment.

SUBJECT RAY IS ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA ELYON H. DAVIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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The records show that JAMES EARL RAY's home address was 1439 Cherry Street, Quincy, Illinois. His education was listed as four years of grade school at Quincy, Illinois and four years of high school at Chicago, Illinois. Identities of the schools not shown.

The file showed previous employment with the Arvey Corporation or Avery Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, as a laborer for one year. Hourly wage \$1.40, dates of employment not shown.

The previous employment totthat was apparently with Neo Produce Company, Chicago, Illinois, Period of employment was four months, position, labor.

The file showed the following description of JAMES EARL RAY:

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| Race                     | White      |
| Height                   | 5'11"      |
| Weight                   | 150 pounds |
| Date of applica-<br>tion | 8/6/51     |

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The file showed previous employment with the Arvey Corporation or Avery Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, as a laborer for one year. Hourly wage \$1.40, dates of employment not shown.

The previous employment to that was apparently with Neo Produce Company, Chicago, Illinois. Period of employment was four months, position, labor.

The file showed the following description of JAMES EARL RAY:

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Race                | White      |
| Height              | 5'11"      |
| Weight              | 150 pounds |
| Date of application | 8/6/51     |

On 4/23/68, PETER DUNKER, Superintendent, Drill Press Room, after viewing the application of JAMES EARL RAY and the photographs of RAY advised that he cannot

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remember or recall JAMES EARL RAY. He pointed out that RAY only worked in his department for three weeks and that many thousands of people had worked in the Drill Press Section of Quincy Compressor. He stated that the record showed that RAY FELKER would have been the immediate foreman of RAY.

On 4/23/68, RAY FELKER, supervisor, Quincy Compressor, Inc., advised that after viewing several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he does not remember JAMES EARL RAY and does not recall the name. He advised that there is no one presently employed in the drill press operation that was working on the night shift in 1951. He advised that he cannot furnish any further information concerning RAY.

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA ELYON H. DAVIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/23/68, ELSIE RUDER, clerk, Local Board #1, Quincy, Illinois, advised that the files of her office show that JAMES EARL RAY, 214 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois, registered with the local board #1 on 4/13/49. His home address was shown as 214 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois and his date of birth, 3/10/28 at Alton, Illinois. His closest relative was shown as LUCILLE RAY, his mother, at 214 Spring Street. His occupation was listed as student, American Television School, St. Louis, Missouri.

The file showed previous military service with the United States Army from 2/19/46 until 12/23/48 and this was with the First Division, 16th Infantry Regiment. The file showed RAY to be holder of Serial Number 16163129.

The file showed his description as:

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| Eyes       | Blue       |
| Hair       | Black      |
| Complexion | Ruddy      |
| Height     | 5'11"      |
| Weight     | 157 pounds |

Mrs. RUDER advised that this was all of the information located at Local Board #1. The complete file would be located at the Illinois State Headquarters of the Selective Service System, Springfield, Illinois.

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