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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

Re Springfield teletype dated 5/3/68.

Re full coverage of relatives.

On 5/3/68, it was determined from a confidential source, Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, that Denver telephone number 333-5486 is listed to the El Patio Motel, 8400 East Colfax Avenue, Denver. It was also ascertained that this motel is approved by the American Automobile Association and that it is a reputable motel.

On 5/4/68, SA EUGENE J. COBLE was advised by Mr. GRACE BRUNER that he and his wife, VIVIAN, are the only desk clerks at the El Patio Motel and that they work a 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. shift. He also stated that they reside at the motel and since the motel doors are locked at 11:00 p.m., they handle any guests who use the night bell or any possible telephone calls during the remainder of the night. He further advised that the number 333-5486 is the listed number for the motel switchboard, which switchboard they handle. He further advised that he and Mrs. BRUNER were on duty on 4/3/68. He also advised that Mr. W. F. MC MURRAY, proprietor of the motel, occasionally assists them on the desk.

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From a check of the motel records, Mr. BRUNER advised that there were only 15 rooms occupied on 4/3/68. He also advised that the motel maintains no record of prepaid incoming long distance telephone calls for guests. A check was made of the collect long distance calls received at the motel from 3/1/68, and there was no record of any such calls being received from Quincy, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. BRUNER advised they do not recall any long distance calls from Quincy, Illinois, being received by motel guests and they also advised they do not recall any guests resembling JAMES EARL RAY.

From a check of the daily room audit for 4/3/68, it was determined that on that date the following individuals were guests at the motel:

Room 1

Registration Card No. 27262
ELMER C. HAYNES, JR.
708 Coggin Avenue
Brownwood, Texas
Representing U. S. Air Force
Registered 3/12/68 and stayed until 4/8/68;

Room 2

Registration Card No. 27335
EMILIO I. VALER
Calle 7, G4 Alt. De Flamboyon
Bayamon, Puerto Rico
Representing National Cash Register Company
Registered 3/25/68, still there;

Room 3

Registration Card No. 27417
E. J. O'CONNOR
5280 Jay
Wheat Ridge, Colorado
Chevrolet, Colorado license EJ 2170
Representing Ballard and Company;

Room 4

Registration Card No. 27396
LEROY JOHNSON
Laverkin, Utah
Ford pickup, Utah license
Representing Stanley Aviation;

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Room 5
Registration Card No. 27321
JAMES FAGAN
307 Chestnut Street
Honey Brook, Pennsylvania
Registered 3/24/68, left 5/3/68;

Room 6
Registration Card No. 27415
Mr. and Mrs. DE DUTCHER
Hubbard or Hibbard Drive
Jackson, Michigan
Party of two;

Room 7
Registration Card No. 27412
PATRICIA PACKER
4529 Holdrege Street
Lincoln, Nebraska
Representing Frontier Airlines
Staying two nights;

Room 8
Registration Card No. 27399
J. C. MYERS
1001 Valley View
Minot, North Dakota
License ABR20
Party of two
Registered 4/1/68, stayed for four days;

Room 9
Registration Card No. 27416
Mr. and Mrs. JACK KOWACK (?)
Limon, Colorado
Ford, Colorado license 2J625
Party of two;

Room 10
Registration Card No. 27414
Mr. and Mrs. JOE YURFECK (?)
1440 Tuser (?) Road
Bever, Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania license 1A4391
Party of two;

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Room 11
Registration Card No. 27413
JIM SCHULTZ
1921 Pontiac Drive
Enid, Oklahoma
1967 Chevrolet, Oklahoma license GA 7973
Party of five;

Room 12
Registration Card No. 27408
WALTER E. EHRHARDT
1609 East 62 N.
Gladstone, Missouri
Mustang, Missouri license ST6-473;

Room 14
Registration Card No. 27397
PAUL CHAMBERS and wife
914 Edger (?) or Edgw (?)
Durango, Colorado
Cadillac, Colorado license PR(?) 4145
Party of two;

Room 20
Registration Card No. 27285
RALPH KNOTT
551 South Fourth Avenue
Ann Arbor, Michigan
GMC, Michigan license 8601DE
Representing National Cash Register;

Room 20
Registration Card No. 27310
JOHN W. MELDRUM
549 Taylor Drive
Canonsburg, Pennsylvania
Representing National Cash Register Company
Registered 2/1/68, still there;

Room 22
Registration Card No.
JOHN W. CHEERS
2201 South Smithville Road
Dayton, Ohio
Representing National Cash Register Company, Dayton
Registered 3/3/68, stayed approximately six weeks;

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Room 26
Unable to locate Registration Card
Mr. WALLEN.

All above guests registered at the motel on 4/3/68, except where otherwise indicated.

Mr. BRUNER advised that the motel had had several men staying there who were attending the National Cash Register Company training school at Denver, Colorado; some of them for rather extended periods. He advised that Mr. VELEZ and Mr. WELDRUM were still residing there, but that Mr. WELDRUM was out of town, having gone back to Pennsylvania to visit his family for a few days. Concerning Mr. WALLEN, for whom the Registration Card could not be located, Mr. BRUNER stated that WALLEN is a frequent guest at the motel and that he operates a motel in Estes Park, Colorado.

Mr. W. F. MC MURRAY, proprietor of the El Patio Motel, advised that he had no recollection of any guests receiving any long distance telephone calls either prepaid or collect from Quincy, Illinois. He was unable to recall any guest resembling the description or photograph of subject.

Mr. EMILIO ISHMAEL VELEZ, who has been at the El Patio Motel since 3/25/68, advised that he will have been employed by the National Cash Register Company, International Division, five years by July, 1968. He is a service engineer with offices at 556 Munoz Rivera, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, home address same as set out above. He stated he has been attending the National Cash Register Company in-service training school in Denver. He advised that he has not received any long distance calls from Quincy, Illinois, that he is not acquainted with anyone in Quincy, Illinois, or vicinity and does not recall any guest at the motel since he has been there who resembles the photograph or description of subject. Mr. VELEZ stated he spends a great deal of his free time in the lobby of the motel and has had an opportunity to observe many of the guests.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA EDWARD A. CARPENTER P.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted at the Menard Branch, Illinois State Penitentiary, on April 26, 1968:

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On this same date, a check of the penitentiary records was made for a JERRY RAY who was alleged to be the brother of JAMES EARL RAY and no individual could be identified as being connected with RAY based on available information.

AT MENARD SP; on 4/26
A record was located for JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN who has FBI #821733 whose date of birth is April 15, 1898 and who originally was received at the Menard Branch on December 21, 1925, and he remained at the penitentiary until July 22, 1949 when he was released/and was returned to the penitentiary on December 22, 1950, where he remained until April 8, 1954 when he was released on parole and again returned to the penitentiary on February 8, 1955, where he remained until April 27, 1956 when he was again released on parole and then returned to the penitentiary on September 17, 1957 where he remained until May 7, 1959 when he was again released on parole until September 23, 1959, when he was returned until his ultimate discharge on February 23, 1965.

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Weight 129 pounds
Eyes Blue
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Occupation Farmer
Has cut scar on
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29 South LaSalle Street,
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Warren Clinic
2449 West Washington Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois

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Mr. and Mrs. MYRICK
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Caseyville, Illinois;

A. B. ROBERTSON
2011 Road Street,
Madison, Illinois

Waukegan Rescue Mission
Waukegan, Illinois

Friend WILLIE MAE MORGAN
Waverly, Illinois;

MYRTLE COOK
Acme Hotel
St. Louis, Missouri

Cousin GERTRUDE WALLING
904 Lind Street,
Quincy, Illinois

No other information of value noted in file
for AUSTIN.

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Re Atlanta airtel to Director 4/25/68.

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The following investigation was conducted at
Monard, Illinois, on May 1, 1968, by SA JEROLD W. DONALDSON:

Warden MAX FRYE, Illinois State Penitentiary,
Monard Branch, made available the prison records of JOHN EUGENE
GAWSON, Illinois State Police #25261 (Joliet Penitentiary
#4997). The file reflected the following background data:

NAME	JOHN EUGENE GAWSON
ALIASES	JOHN GAWSON JACK DANSON JOHN GAWSON JACK MURPHY
RACE	White
SEX	Male
DATE OF BIRTH	July 12, 1899
PLACE OF BIRTH	Chicago, Illinois
HEIGHT	5'8"
WEIGHT	170 pounds
HAIR	Gray
EYES	Hazel
RELIGION	Catholic
EDUCATION	8th Grade, Chicago
NATIONALITY	Polish
MILITARY SERVICE	U. S. Marine Corps from May 6, 1918, to May 24, 1917. Marine Corps Serial No. 73896
PARENTS	Deceased, father died 1931, mother died 1951.
FBI NUMBER	134334
OCCUPATION	Cook and baker
CHARACTERISTICS	Smokes, chews tobacco, and drinks heavily

The file revealed that GAWSON was originally received
at Joliet, Illinois, Penitentiary on November 2, 1934, under
sentence of one to life for burglary. GAWSON received Monard
Branch, Illinois State Penitentiary on July 25, 1956, from
Adams County, Illinois, as a parole violator. GAWSON paroled
from Monard on March 21, 1959, to Veterans Administration Hospital,

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Wood, Wisconsin. He remained there three days and left without permission. GARRON carried at that time in an absconder status until November 10, 1961, when he was returned to Menard Penitentiary. He was paroled on April 11, 1963, to the Soldiers and Sailors Home, Quincy, Illinois, but was never received at this home. GARRON's address as of April, 1966, was shown as 1807 South 11th, St. Louis, Missouri.

The following individuals were listed as correspondents in GARRON's file:

Miss MARY MCKICHELS, cousin, 1618 Park Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Miss CAROL MAHER, later shown as Mrs. CAROL PEPPER, a friend, 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Missouri, and ALBERT PEPPER, 1713 Lafayette Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Questionnaires were filled out by the following individuals:

Date of questionnaire not shown on file. LUCILLE MARY EYAS (friend), who lists an address of 791 1/2 Washington (date not shown) and 527 York, Quincy, Illinois, in July, 1967.

CAROL ANN MAHER (Second cousin), later shown as CAROL ANN PEPPER, 1913 Henry, St. Louis, Missouri.

ALBERT HENRY PEPPER (friend), 1615 Allen, St. Louis, Missouri.

JOHN LARRY RAY (friend), 1915 Hickory, St. Louis, Missouri.

Also included in the file were 3 re-classification reports dated June 10, 1940; December 2, 1961; and September 2, 1966, which would be of pertinent background value.

DIAGNOSTIC DEPOT
ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY
JOLIET

June 10, 1940

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CLASSIFICATION REPORT

JDD No.:	Name: GAWRON, John	Age: 40	Admitted: 11/2/34
Crime:	Burglary		Sentence: 1-Life


Transfer.
Classification.
Recommendations

RECLASSIFICATION

1. Stateville Division.
2. Group III: Without psychosis or mental defect. Doubtfully improvable. Inadequate personality. High average intelligence (C plus 104, Army Alpha score - 1934). Alcoholic tendency. Partial deafness.

This inmate was classified as a doubtfully improvable offender with delinquent attitudes and lack of initiative and ambition. His criminality appeared to be related to his alcoholic tendency. He was recently examined when he wrote a request for transfer to Stateville because of problems of ill health. He claimed that he was disabled in the World War and that his ear drums were ruptured. He now complains of head pains and discharging ears. He feels, rather vaguely, that larger, dryer cells at Stateville would be more conducive to good health. His conduct within the Old Prison has been satisfactory. He has been punished on only two or three occasions. He has a fairly good attitude toward his employment. He shows no evidence of mental disease. Under the new policy he should be classified for Stateville since it is likely he will have to serve a number of years within the institution. In the interests of his general health and to further the present classification policy, resegregation is recommended.

3. Continued medical treatment for the ear condition and work in a dry, inside place is suggested.


R. G. Barrick, M.D.
Chairman
Classification Board.

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PREVIOUS NUMBER

Joliet #489-F

PAROLE VIOLATOR

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST
MENARD DIAGNOSTIC DEPOT UNIT

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

Menard #25261

December 2, 1961

Admitted: 11-2-34 (Jol.)

Name: GARON, John

Age: 62

Re Admitted: 11-16-61

Crime: Burglary

Sentence: 1-Life

RECLASSIFICATION REPORT

BEHAVIOR ON PAROLE

This 62 year old white man was paroled from Menard on 3-21-59 to a Veteran's Administration Hospital at Wood, Wisconsin, but remained there only three days and then left without permission. He now says, "I got loaded up on liquor and goof balls, and when I came to I was in the Union Station at Chicago and found I had a ticket to St. Louis so I just went on to St. Louis and stayed there." He says he lived in St. Louis during the entire time he was at large as an absconder, and lived with a cousin at a rooming house at 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis. He says he obtained employment, usually casual and part-time in nature, through an employment agency, and also received a V.A. compensation check amounting to \$61.00 monthly. During his last few months of liberty he also received public aid assistance. He states that on two occasions, from July to September, 1959 and again from October, 1960 to January, 1961, he was a patient at the Cochran V.A. Hospital in St. Louis because of a heart condition. Inmate says he was not arrested at any time while in St. Louis, but about 11-9-61 he and an acquaintance were picked up at Louisiana, Missouri, his identity as an Illinois violator was then discovered, and he waived extradition for return. He says this acquaintance left St. Louis to drive to Quincy, Illinois, asked inmate to go along, and he accepted. He says they stopped at Louisiana, Missouri and were questioned by police about the burglary of a supermarket in that area, but he knew nothing about that offense. Enclosed with reports from the Division of Supervision concerning this inmate is a detailed report of investigation by the Missouri Highway Patrol of the burglary, but we find nothing in this which would suggest that inmate and his companion were suspected of having any connection with the crime, and it seems evident that no charge was filed in Missouri. However, it will be noted that this episode seems to have at least some points of resemblance to the behavior which led to his return as a parole violator in July, 1956.

REVIEW OF SOCIAL FACTORS:

The Reclassification Report of 9-2-56 offers a summary of inmate's background and we would refer to that report. As indicated above, he assertedly lived with a cousin who operates a rooming house in St. Louis after he absconded from his most recent parole. Although he says he was under the influence of liquor and "goof balls" at the time he absconded from parole, he claims that thereafter he indulged only in moderate drinking. He says he worked at various part-time jobs as a janitor, etc., while in St. Louis until he was placed on public relief following his release from the Cochran V.A. Hospital in January, 1961 following a heart attack. He now corresponds with his cousin in St. Louis.

PERSONALITY:

Physically, inmate's appearance suggests his advancing age, and he gives a history of two fairly severe heart attacks in recent years. He has also been hard of hearing for a number of years, and receives V.A. disability compensation. We would refer to the current medical report for further information as to his condition. Recent psychometric test indicates superior intelligence, with a score approximating that previously obtained. Temperamentally, he is a rather beaten, prisonized individual who has in the past had a history of heavy drinking during the occasional interludes when he is not incarcerated, but who claims only moderate indulgence following the binge which led to his prompt absconding from his V.A. Hospital placement. We regard him as a rather dependent institutionalized

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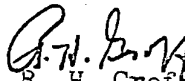
person who has long been an outcast from conventional society and who tends to submerge himself into anonymity whenever he is confronted with the demands of a free community adjustment.

CLASSIFICATION:

Group III: Without evident mental disorder or mental defect. Adult unimprovable offender. Superior intelligence (AGCT 115). Inadequate personality makeup. High guarded prognosis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Menard general division. Medium or maximum security. Light routine work assignment.



R. H. Groff (Member)
Classification Board

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST
MENARD D. D. UNIT

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

#25261-Menard

September 2, 1956

Name: GAWRON, John

Age: 57

Admitted: 11-19-34-J

Crime: Burglary

Sentence: 1-Life

Sentence: 6-7-46-J(PV)
7-25-56-M(JPV)

RECLASSIFICATION

- 1. Transfer.
- 2. Classification
- 3. Recommendations

BEHAVIOR ON PAROLE:

This 57 year old white man was paroled from Joliet for the second time on 9-21-54 to placement at the Soldier's and Sailor's Home in Quincy. He remained there until March 1956, then left because he learned the police were looking for him in connection with investigation of an Armed Robbery at LaGrange, Missouri. Reports indicate that inmate had been drinking considerably while at the Soldier's and Sailor's Home, and had also been keeping company with a Mrs. Lucille Ryan, the mother of a Menard parolee, #23737 Ryan. This parolee was also arrested in connection with the armed robbery at LaGrange, Missouri, and is apparently now incarcerated in that state. Records indicate that another parolee, Menard #23686 Cain, was also arrested for questioning in connection with that investigation, but was released. Inmate says he left the home when he learned that police were looking for him, moved to a room in Quincy, and he evidently eluded investigation at that time. Although he refused to reveal where he was living, other information indicates that he was later living with Mrs. Ryan. According to his own story, he obtained employment with a road construction company after he left the home, and it would appear that his whereabouts might have been traced in this manner, had there been sufficient interest. Records indicate that a violation warrant was issued late in March 1956, and that he was then arrested by Quincy police on 6-28-56 as a burglary suspect. Cain, Menard #23686, had been arrested a few days earlier in connection with two burglaries in which inmate does not appear to have been directly implicated, although the loot was apparently taken to Mrs. Ryan's home, where inmate was staying. Cain then admitted some earlier burglaries, and implicated inmate as an associate in at least one of them. Inmate now professes rather naive innocence of any knowledge of these offenses, professes that he did not understand much of the questioning to which he was subjected following his arrest, and is evidently decided on a policy of admitting as little as possible. He does admit considerable drinking while on parole, and his technical violation in failure to send in a few reports. From present information, it would appear that there was a concerted and calculated series of criminal episodes in which two Menard parolees, Cain and Ryan, as well as at least one other associate were involved, and in which inmate was also implicated on the basis of Cain's statements.

REVIEW OF SOCIAL FACTORS:

Subject was born in Chicago on 7-12-99 as the sixth of seven children of a native-born mother of Polish descent and a German immigrant father. During inmate's youth the family lived in a disorderly and delinquent area on the near northwest side in Chicago. He says his father "had a political job" with the Chicago street department, and the family was evidently of limited socio-economic status. He now says his father died in 1930 and his mother

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also died in 1951. Inmate says he now has two living brothers, but has had no contact with either of them for a considerable time. He claims to have completed eighth grade in public school. In February 1915 he was committed to St. Charles for stealing auto tires, apparently escaped twice, and it seems to have been during an escape from that institution that he enlisted in the Marines in May 1916. He was medically discharged from the Marines in May 1917. In April 1918 he was committed to Pontiac under one year sentence for larceny. In June 1921 he was committed to Leavenworth under 5 year sentence for altering and passing government obligations. In September 1927 he was sentenced to a six month term in the Chicago House of Correction for burglary. In June 1929 he was sentenced to a 1-15 year term at Folsom for burglary, and was paroled in December 1931. As records indicate, it was in November 1934 that he was originally committed to Joliet under his present 1-Life sentence, and his only period in the free community since have been his recent parole period and one earlier parole from December 1944 until June 1946, during which he worked at the Hines VA Hospital part of the time and was eventually involved in another burglary. His civilian work history has thus been extremely irregular and casual. In previous interviews inmate has stated that he was married in 1932 and was later divorced, but he now denies that he was ever married and says this was a common-law attachment. Leisure activities have centered primarily around drinking. Inmate now has no effective community attachments.

PERSONALITY:

Physically inmate is an aging individual who is apparently somewhat hard of hearing, and he gives a history of chronic ear trouble dating from his Marine service in 1916-17. He has received partial disability compensation for a considerable number of years, and apparently is fearful of giving a history of too satisfactory health because he feels that this might possible be reduced or cut off. Previous psychometric tests have indicated superior intelligence, but his present reactions suggest that he is functioning on a considerably lower level. Temperamentally he is a rather beaten, prisonized individual who has been incarcerated much of his life and who has no goals or constructive motivations. He has been inclined toward heavy drinking when not incarcerated, and apparently this was a problem during his recent parole period even before he became involved in more serious violations. In present interview he attempts to create as much sympathy for himself as possible, professes innocence of any serious wrong-doing, and claims to know nothing of the various new criminal charges for which he was under investigation. He now impresses us as an essentially dependent, institutionalized person who is unable to avoid involvement in criminal activity in the free community, and for whom any hope of satisfactory adjustment now seems remote.

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CLASSIFICATION: Group III. Without psychosis or mental defect. Adult unimprovable offender. Superior intelligence. Inadequate personality with alcoholic tendencies. Highly guarded prognosis.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Menard general division. Maximum security seems advisable for the present. Light routine unskilled work assignment.

R. H. Groff
R. H. Groff (Member)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC SI (137-2818)

FROM : SA William Roberts, III

SUBJECT: ACEL HAWKINS

DATE: 4/29/68

CI SI R (Prob)
 PCI PSI R

Dates of Contact		
4/4 - 4/11 - 4/19/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
157-838		
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Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>① On 4/4/68, PCI advised he had no info re possible racial violence in SI, or who might have killed King</p> <p>② On 4/11 & 4/19/68, respectively, PCI advised he did not know ERIC S. GALT or James E. Ray & had no info re King's murderer.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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330 PM URGENT 5/9/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, SPRINGFIELD

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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TO CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, AND ST. LOUIS
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE MY TEL THIS DATE.

RE JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, AKA.

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CHARLES AUSTIN INTERVIEWED RE SUBJECT RAY AND SHOWN
PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY BUT ADVISED HE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT
NOR HAD HE EVER HEARD HIS BROTHER MENTION SUBJECT.

CHICAGO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOSEPH ELMER SUSTIN FOR ANY
INFORMATION RE SUBJECT RAY.

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Date: 5/9/68

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(Priority)

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent *2:01 P.M.* Per *[Signature]*

5/8/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-361) -P-
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OO: MEMPHIS

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Missouri

JERRY LANCASTER, 4431 North 19th, St.
Louis, Missouri

St. Louis and Indianapolis are requested to attempt to locate and interview above individuals concerning any information they might possibly have regarding subject **JAMES EARL RAY.**

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2 - Indianapolis
1 - Memphis (INFO)
2 - Springfield (44-561)

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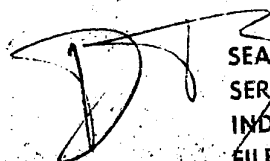
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Date: May 7, 1968

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To: All SACs and LEGATs
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2049) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE: JOHN C. MURKIN

Re Chicago teletypes to Bureau dated 4/21 and 5/2/68, Dallas teletype to Bureau dated 4/29/68, and Springfield teletype to Chicago and Dallas dated 5/3/68.

A summary of investigation conducted at Dallas is set out as follows:

On 5/6/68, JOHN C. MURKIN was located at his place of employment, the Texas Manplate Company, 1900 E. Ervey Street, Dallas. Records of that company as furnished by Mrs. MARGARET ROSS, Personnel Department, reflected that MURKIN had been employed by that company as a printer since 4/18/68, with his residence shown as 3908 East E.L.L. Thornton Expressway, Dallas. Personnel records of the above company also reflected that MURKIN sustained an injury while on duty on 4/22/68, and at that time he gave the above address.

On 5/6/68, MURKIN was interviewed at the Texas Manplate Company and stated that he left Chicago, Illinois, on 2/31/68, by way of Greyhound Bus, directly to Dallas, Texas, with an approximate 2-hour layover at St. Louis, Missouri, on the same date. He stated that he arrived Dallas early on the morning of 4/1/68, and immediately contacted a friend of his

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by the name of EDDIE CHAMFIELD, who lives at 2806 East E. L. Thornton Freeway. MERRICK stated that before leaving Chicago he lived at 4931 Belmont and worked for the Best-Print Company. He stated that while in Chicago he was a member of the American Nazi Party (ANP) and plans to continue his membership with the ANP by paying his dues to the ANP headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. MERRICK further stated that he does not plan to contact any of the ANP members in Dallas, Texas, since he is becoming inactive in the ANP inasmuch as he is getting married shortly to a Dallas girl by the name of CHARLENE HARRIS, who works at the Coca Cola Bottling Company, Dallas, Texas.

MERRICK then stated that on 4/1/68, he obtained a construction job through his friend, EDDIE CHAMFIELD, with the Leroy Roberts Construction Company, 4931 Mission Street, Dallas, Texas. He stated that he worked continuously at this construction company with EDDIE CHAMFIELD until approximately 4/12/68, at which time he left that company because he did not like construction work. MERRICK stated that he then began working for the Texas Hosiery Company on 4/14/68, and has been so employed to the present date.

MERRICK then stated that in regard to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR, he does not recall ever making any threats against the life of KING, however, since he is a member of the ANP, he does not agree at all with the policies followed by KING or his successors. He stated, however, that as a member of the ANP he does not believe in violence and the present policy of the ANP is against physical violence.

MERRICK is described as white male; born 3/5/46, at Chicago, Illinois; 5'10"; 145 pounds, Selective Service No. 11-122-00-68 (Classified as 1-A with the Boston, Illinois Selective Service Board); blue eyes, blond hair.

MERRICK stated that since he is getting married in the near future, he plans to stay in the Dallas area and purchase a home and become inactive in the ANP.

He further stated that Mr. LEROY ROBERTS or his foreman, BILL DAVISON, could vouch for his whereabouts from 4/1 to 12/68.

On 5/5/68, Mr. BILL DAVISON, Foreman with the Leroy Roberts Construction Company (supra), advised SA JAMES W. ANDERTON that his payroll records reflect that JOHN C. MERRICK was employed

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by that company as a fork lift operator (assistant) from 4/1/68 through 4/12/68. Mr. RAYMOND stated that in addition to his pay roll records he recalls MURKIN working during that period with his friend, ERNIE CHRISTIAN.

FD-302s regarding above interview follow to Memphis.

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA LARRY W. GREEN P.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau tel to Springfield, 4/29/68.

JUDITH RAY, 1013 Main Street, Highland, Illinois, was interviewed April 30, 1968, concerning her knowledge of possible association with the subject, JAMES EARL RAY.

JUDITH RAY, stated that her husband, CECIL RAY, is at the present time separated from her although they are not divorced. She stated that there is a state warrant outstanding against her husband, CECIL, issued by the States Attorney's Office at Edwardsville, Illinois, charging her husband with nonsupport of the 4 children which she has. JUDITH RAY stated that it is her understanding from the States Attorney's Office At Edwardsville, Illinois, that her husband may have recently moved to Wisconsin, in order to escape the warrant outstanding against him in the State of Illinois.

However, she stated that his location, if he has moved to Wisconsin, is unknown to her. She further stated that it is her belief that her husband CECIL RAY has not moved to Wisconsin, but is instead living in Vandalia, Illinois, with some of his relatives. She stated that she has on several occasions contacted relatives of her husband in Vandalia but they have refused to help her locate her husband. She related that it is her belief that the relatives know the location of her husband but refuse to cooperate with her in finding him and they know the warrant will be issued against him.

Mrs. RAY stated that she does not know of any association which her husband may have had with the subject but said he could have associated with him before their marriage in 1955 and may have associated sometime since then with him in Alton, Illinois.

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She stated that approximately 11 years ago, she and her husband resided in a downtown apartment in Alton, Illinois, and they resided there for approximately 3 years. She stated that during their stay in Alton, her husband brought numerous friends home with him to drink in the apartment or play cards and he never identified any of these persons with him. She stated that she never inquired as to their identity and would not be familiar with the name JAMES EARL RAY.

Mrs. RAY stated that her husband is wellknown in the Vandalia, Illinois area in that he was raised in that City. She stated that her husband's relatives all live in Vandalia and they possibly may know the present whereabouts of her husband.

She stated that she is anxious to learn the present whereabouts of her husband and that she will cooperate with the FBI in any way possible in determining his location. She stated that it is her belief if anyone knows his present whereabouts, it will be a member of his family in Vandalia.

It is her belief that his relatives there may be protecting his present address.

She stated that a member of the family most likely to know his address will be GILBERT RAY who lives on Randolph Street, Vandalia, Illinois. She stated that a brother of her husband, LARRY RAY, also resides in Vandalia, Illinois, but his address is unknown. //

Another brother, STANLEY RAY resides in Vira, Illinois, and both parents of her husband are deceased. //

Mrs. RAY stated that LEONARD BOWLS is a close friend of her husband and may possibly know his present whereabouts. She stated that he is the owner of Metzgers Tavern, Vandalia, Illinois, and the exact address is unknown to her. //

She further stated that PRESTON PRIOR who is the owner of a Mobil Station in Vandalia, which station is located at the junction of the Old Highway and the New Super Highway may possibly know her husband's present whereabouts in that her husband has worked for him from time to time. //

Mrs. RAY stated that she knows very little about her husband's associates and that he would be the one to contact concerning them. She further stated that she knew very little of her husband's family background before they were married and there may be some associates at that time that she is unfamiliar with.

LEADS (w/ SERIALS 361 - 362)

1. VANDALIA - CONTACT ABOVE FAMILY, ETC. OF CECIL RAY AS TO HIS WHEREABOUTS SO THAT HE MAY BE LOCATED & INTERVIEWED RE SUBJ.
2. EDWARDSVILLE - CONTACT STATES ATTY'S OFFICE FOR ANY INFO RE CECIL RAY'S WHEREABOUTS.

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LEADS (w/ SERIALS 361-362)

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2. EDWARDSVILLE - CONTACT STATES ATTY'S OFFICE FOR ANY INFO RE CECIL RAY'S WHEREABOUTS.

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