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233PMJ URGENT 8-28-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU EIGHT TWENTY SEVEN LAST.  
SI ONE FIVE FIVE TWO-C CONTACTED TODAY RE INFO ON ROBERT  
LOUIS STANTON FURNISHED BY EAST ALTON P.D. INFORMANT SUBSTAN-  
TIATED PREVIOUS INTELLIGENCE INDICATING STANTON PREFERS FORTY  
FIVE CALIBER AUTOMATIC. STATED STANTON HAS WIDE ACQUAINTANCE  
AMONG CRIMINAL ELEMENT IN GREATER ALTON AREA AND COULD WELL  
HAVE ACCESS TO ENOUGH INFO ABOUT THE BANK OF ALTON TO PULL  
BR. EXPRESSED DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT STANTON WOULD PULL BR,  
STATING HE PREFERRED BURGLARIES.

PCI LARRY R. MANNS CONTACTED AND GIVEN ASSIGNMENT TO  
DEVELOP INFO ON HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND DELMAR GRINDSTAFF.

COPIES MAILED CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

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Date: 8/27/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

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AM COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

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*J. J. Jones*

Approved: *C/DT*  
Special Agent in Charge

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345PM URGENT 8/27/68 PAM

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Date: 8/30/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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AREA AND WILL SET HIM UP FOR INTERVIEW.

NO OTHER NEW INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DATE.

MAIL COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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416PM URGENT 8-30-68 DJM

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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Date: 9/5/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE SEPTEMBER FOUR LAST.

CHIEF WILLIAM PETERSEN (NA), ALTON PD; WILLIAM BEARDSMORE, PRESIDENT, THE BANK OF ALTON; AND PAUL COUSLEY, EDITOR, ALTON EVENING TELEGRAPH, ADVISED NO CURRENT OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HAS COME TO THEIR ATTENTION SINCE MATTER LAST DISCUSSED.

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AIRMAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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450PM URGENT 9-5-68 DJM

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Date 8-2-68

Name and F.P.C.	FBI No.	A.O.	I.O.	W.F.	CC	Cancellation
George William Tyree, Jr. 20 L 1 U OIO 16 S 1 U OOO	4, 714, 268	3337	3780			Federal process dismissed. (8-2-68)
Don Ferris McCall, Jr. 21 M 1 U 15 L 3 Wr	327, 089 B	3338	4092			Located Northridge, Calif., 7-17-68. (8-2-68)
James Earl Ray - 411 16 M 9 U OOO 12 M 4 W IOI	405, 942 G	3339	4182	442 442A		Extradited London, England to Memphis, Tenn., 7-19-68.
John Michael Walton 17 I 30 W OMI I 32 W IOI	356, 640 E	3340	4200			Located Lowndes Co., Alabama, 8-2-68. (8-2-68)
Robert Vance Walton 14 M 13 U OOM 12 Ref: 13 I 25 U OOO 26	361, 075 E	3341	4201			Located Lowndes Co., Alabama, 8-2-68. (8-2-68)
James Joseph Scully 2 M 21 W 19 Ref: 21 I 17 Ra 19	1, 170, 115	3342	4202			Located Arcadia, Calif., 7-23-68. (8-2-68)
Jimmie Johnson 20 L 1 Ut 6 Ref: U M 1 U T	11, 215 F	3343	4203			Located St. Louis, Missouri, 7-15-68. (8-2-68)

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 44-561-769

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P 1)

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44-561-770

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 9/9/68

FROM : SA W. LEON SIZEMORE -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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CARPENTER expressed great concern because she believes it might have to do with captioned case. She said she had told some of her neighbors about her past.

CLAY BLAIR, 11901 Piney Glenlane, Potomac, Maryland, who is writing a book about CARPENTER's relatives, interviewed her and, upon leaving, gave her the above mentioned address and telephone number, 301-299-6325. BLAIR told her if she was bothered by anyone to call this number and he could make two telephone calls and the problem would stop.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 9/13/68

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS (2);  
The Bank of Alton,  
Alton, Illinois  
7/13/67  
BR  
(OO: SPRINGFIELD)

Enclosed for St. Louis and Indianapolis, if not already received, are lists of members and non-members of the National Institute of Dry Cleaners furnished by the Baltimore Division.

These lists are to be used in the mailing of circular letters furnished by the Bureau concerning the subject.

- 2 - Chicago (44-1114)
- 1 - Baltimore (44-669)
- 2 - Indianapolis (Enc. 2)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - St. Louis (44-775) (Enc. 2)
- 2 - Springfield (44-561)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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9/13/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau dated 9/5/68.

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3 - Bureau (44-38861)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
③ - Springfield (2: 44-561)  
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SI 44-561

CHUCK BAZE confined seven days Madison County Jail on minor charge.

CHUCK BAZE will be interviewed on release, it being determined not advisable to interview him at County Jail because of reported leaks at the jail.

9/13/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
COST DATA

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Re Springfield airtel to Memphis, 8/1/68.

The following are the cost data figures re this matter for the Springfield Division, from 8/1/68 to 8/31/68:

HOURS

A. Special Agents

Regular Hours	20	15
VOT Hours	10	7
Total	30	22

B. Clerical Employees

Regular Hours	10	5
Overtime Hours	2	1
Total	12	6

MILEAGE

Total 200 100

AGENTS ON CASE

Total 5 6

OUT-OF-ORDINARY COSTS

None

None

2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
② - Springfield (44-561)  
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9/5/68

**AIRTEL**

**AIR MAIL**

**TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)**  
**FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**  
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<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

**B. Clerical Employees**

Regular Hours	10
Overtime Hours	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

**MILEAGE**

**Total 200**

**AGENTS ON CASE**

**Total 5**

**OUT-OF-ORDINARY COSTS**

None

2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
② - Springfield (44-561)  
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9/9/68

AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: CRIME RECORDS SECTION

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On September 9, 1968, GEORGE PARSONS, liaison source, Quincy, Illinois, advised that on this date he was contacted by GEORGE MC MILLAN and LAUGHLIN MC DONALD. MC MILLAN advised that he is a free lance writer who resides in Atlanta, Georgia, and had written articles for major publications such as Look and the Saturday Evening Post.

MC DONALD advised that he was a Civil Liberties Union attorney who resides in Cahpel Hill, North Carolina. He told PARSONS he is presently on leave of absence from his position with the Civil Liberties Union.

MC MILLAN and MC DONALD advised PARSONS they are presently writing a book concerning JAMES EARL RAY and had contacted PARSONS inasmuch as he kept MELBA RAY, aka Melba Ryan, sister of JAMES EARL RAY, once as a foster child.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: CRIME RECORDS SECTION

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC

FROM : SA ELYON H. DAVIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 9-9-68

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Date: 9/3/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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PCI LARRY R. MANN ADVISED WILLIE LEE HAS FLED THE STATE AND PRESUMABLY RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA TO ANSWER BURGLARY CHARGES THERE AND TO AVOID RECRIMINATION FROM PERSONS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO "GET HIM".

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EFFORTS BY PCI TO LOCATE DICK COVINGTON UNPRODUCTIVE TO DATE.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

- ① - Springfield (44-561)
  - 1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)
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Approved: *TC*  
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539PM URGENT 9-3-68 DJK  
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FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

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Date: 9/4/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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 SUBJECT: MURKIN

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SI 1614-C

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
COST DATA

Re Springfield airtel to Memphis dated 9/5/68.

The following are the cost data figures re this matter for the Springfield Division, from 9/1/68 to 9/30/68:

HOURS

A. Special Agents

Regular Hours	15	12
VOT Hours	7	6
Total	22	18

B. Clerical Employees

Regular Hours	15	5
Overtime Hours	1	1
Total	16	6

MILEAGE

Total 100 120

AGENTS ON CASE

Total 6 5

OUT-OF-ORDINARY COSTS

None NONE

2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Springfield (44-561)

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AIRTEL

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Total 100

AGENTS ON CASE

Total 6

OUT-OF-ORDINARY COSTS

None

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2 - Springfield (44-561)

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Date: 10/4/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Bank employees and law enforcement agencies can provide no current or additional information in this matter.

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Date: 10/11/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Recontact with bank officials and police agencies during past week unproductive.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Director, dated 5/1/68.

On 10/16/68, ROBERT H. STRADER, 122 William Drive, Apartment J, Brownsburg, Indiana, telephonically contacted this office advising that he wished to speak to an agent in regard to captioned subject. Arrangements were made to meet him at which time he furnished information substantially the same as was furnished by his wife, MARGARET CARMICHAEL STRADER, in referenced airtel. The only discrepancy with information furnished previously by his wife was that he compared photographs that were published of JAMES EARL RAY to the persons that he remembered having overheard at the Gulf Truck Stop, Lebanon, Tennessee, in late March, 1968. After comparison he advised that none of the five men he overheard at the truck stop were identical to JAMES EARL RAY. His wife had previously stated in referenced airtel that one of those persons had been RAY.

STRADER advised that after hearing this conversation with the five men in the restroom at the truck stop on or about the last day of March, 1968, that he and his wife turned around and traveled back to Memphis, a distance of about 65 miles, to report what he had overheard. When they returned to Memphis, however, he got scared, did not want to get involved and did not report what he had heard to anyone. They left Memphis and traveled East in the direction they had been traveling before returning to Memphis. Mrs. STRADER, in referenced airtel, advised to the contrary that he did not mention hearing of the plan to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING that day and she did not advise of having returned to Memphis to report such information.

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In addition to the above information, STRADER advised that he was approached by a man on the night of 10/13/68, at the bar of Howard Johnson's, located at I-465 and Indiana State Highway 136, in Indianapolis. This man, according to STRADER, knew all about STRADER and was aware of his poor financial status. This man followed him to the car and told STRADER that he could make \$100,000 if he would testify to what he heard in the restroom in Lebanon, Tennessee, in late March. The man did not tell him who would pay the money, but told STRADER that if he was interested he was to be in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the airport at 3:00 AM, on Saturday, 10/19/68. The man also told STRADER that if he did not believe him, to go to the Holiday Inn bar, at the Indianapolis airport at 5:00 PM the next evening. STRADER advised that he did, in fact, go the next evening to the Holiday Inn bar, which was on 10/14/68, but he was not approached by anyone. On the morning of 10/15/68, at approximately 5:30 AM, STRADER heard a noise at his apartment door, and found a note which stated, "Sat. 3:00 AM, OKLA. City. How much money". STRADER stated that he became very worried and finally on 10/16/68 made a telephone call to ARTHUR HAYNES, attorney for JAMES EARL RAY, in Birmingham, Alabama, attempting to find out if HAYNES was responsible for the offer of \$100,000 for STRADER to testify. He talked to HAYNES, at which time HAYNES mentioned to STRADER that he had received a mysterious phone call several days before, advising that he should get in touch with a ROBERT STRADER, however, HAYNES had taken it as a prank call. HAYNES knew of no offer of money to STRADER if he would testify, but did take STRADER's address and phone number.

After talking to HAYNES, STRADER immediately called the Indianapolis office and requested to talk to an Agent. STRADER gave as his reason for not contacting the FBI previously, that he was an ex-con and was not fond of dealing with police in any manner, however, he was scared and felt that he must make known the above information. STRADER furnished both notes he had received to interviewing Agents.

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Indianapolis Office is retaining these notes at this time and has instructed STRADER to promptly advise if he is recontacted in the future by anyone concerning this matter. As the substance of this interview with STRADER has previously been furnished to the Bureau and Memphis, it does not appear further investigation is necessary. The Indianapolis Office will keep the Bureau and Memphis advised of any further developments.

It should be noted that in referenced airtel, mention is made of the fact that STRADER was a patient twice at Patton State Hospital, Sacramento, California, and once at Atascadero State Hospital in California.

10/17/68

**AIRTEL**

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In addition to the above information, STRADER advised that he was approached by a man on the night of 10/13/68, at the bar of Howard Johnson's, located at I-465 and Indiana State Highway 136, in Indianapolis. This man, according to STRADER, knew all about STRADER and was aware of his poor financial status. This man followed him to the car and told STRADER that he could make \$100,000 if he would testify to what he heard in the restroom in Lebanon, Tennessee, in late March. The man did not tell him who would pay the money, but told STRADER that if he was interested he was to be in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the airport at 3:00 AM, on Saturday, 10/19/68. The man also told STRADER that if he did not believe him, to go to the Holiday Inn bar, at the Indianapolis airport at 5:00 PM the next evening. STRADER advised that he did, in fact, go the next evening to the Holiday Inn bar, which was on 10/14/68, but he was not approached by anyone. On the morning of 10/15/68, at approximately 5:30 AM, STRADER heard a noise at his apartment door, and found a note which stated, "Sat. 3:00 AM, OKLA. City. How much money". STRADER stated that he became very worried and finally on 10/16/68 made a telephone call to ARTHUR HAYNES, attorney for JAMES EARL RAY, in Birmingham, Alabama, attempting to find out if HAYNES was responsible for the offer of \$100,000 for STRADER to testify. He talked to HAYNES, at which time HAYNES mentioned to STRADER that he had received a mysterious phone call several days before, advising that he should get in touch with a ROBERT STRADER, however, HAYNES had taken it as a prank call. HAYNES knew of no offer of money to STRADER if he would testify, but did take STRADER's address and phone number.

After talking to HAYNES, STRADER immediately called the Indianapolis office and requested to talk to an Agent. STRADER gave as his reason for not contacting the FBI previously, that he was an ex-con and was not fond of dealing with police in any manner, however, he was scared and felt that he must make known the above information. STRADER furnished both notes he had received to interviewing Agents.

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Indianapolis Office is retaining these notes at this time and has instructed STRADER to promptly advise if he is recontacted in the future by anyone concerning this matter. As the substance of this interview with STRADER has previously been furnished to the Bureau and Memphis, it does not appear further investigation is necessary. The Indianapolis Office will keep the Bureau and Memphis advised of any further developments.

It should be noted that in referenced airtel, mention is made of the fact that STRADER was a patient twice at Patton State Hospital, Sacramento, California, and once at Atascadero State Hospital in California.

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