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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-561)

DATE: 11-8-68

FROM : SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The story of JAMES EARL RAY and the conspiracy to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING in Look magazine issue of November 12, 1968, contains information concerning RAY's escape from prison and his activities during the time he was in a fugitive status.

On page 103 the author, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE indicates that during the time just after RAY's escape from prison the author received a letter from RAY. The letter states

"Except for the \$450 and the old Chrysler I didn't have many possessions. Just a few clothes, a sports jacket, and pants. On my way to East St. Louis I had car trouble, but I got there. I sold that car for \$50, and bought a '62 red Plymouth for \$200. You can find where I bought it: from a dealer on Main Street coming out of East St. Louis toward Belleville. The car lot is between the 1500 and 2000 block on the left hand side of Main Street as you travel east. I used the Rayns name on the car title. I spent a night with the friend who took me to Edwardsville when I escaped. I stayed six or seven days in Quincy, and here are the names of two men there you can see, but don't write about them or they will be arrested for harboring me. I just want to show you that I've got friends who have known me all my life. And they think well of me."

Investigation at East St. Louis and Belleville should be made to substantiate or verify the information that shows RAY purchased the 1962 red Plymouth as indicated in the article. Bureau information indicates that RAY did have a 1962 red Plymouth while he was in Canada.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-
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✓ To: SAC, Springfield

From: Director, FBI

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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America's Legacy of Hate

Assassins on the Loose

by Jack Anderson

President Kennedy had escaped those fatal bullets in Dallas five years ago next Friday, if his brother Robert had left the teeming, tumultuous Los Angeles ballroom by another route, if Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. hadn't stepped onto that fateful balcony in Memphis, the chances are that other assassins would have tried to gun them down anyway. For Federal investigators have uncovered a number of plots on the lives of all three slain leaders.

They had been marked for assassination by volatile Cuban fanatics, hate-crazed Klansmen, inflamed black militants, wild-eyed Minutemen. The only uncertainty was who would be the first to pull the triggers. Yet the plots were totally unrelated and uncoordinated, hatched by men who didn't know one another. They shared only a common burning hatred.

They were incited to violence by irresponsible fright peddlers who traffic in hate, fear and suspicion. The hate that springs from their bile overflows the gutters of America. The Radical Right spends a staggering \$20 million a year on hate propaganda. The Ultra Left wages an even more vicious hate campaign, though the cost is harder to pin down.

Some extremists merely howl "Treason!" The more militant, carrying the logic another step, cry "Kill the traitors!" Still others, obsessed and overwrought, are driven to take action. Any talk of violence in these turbulent times is dangerously provocative. The wonder is that more tormented souls haven't tried to eliminate their imagined enemies.

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Following the 1961 Bay of Pigs fiasco, fiery-tongued Cubans in Miami and New Orleans talked of taking President Kennedy's life in retaliation. Black militants, declaring their allegiance to dictator Castro, also swore revenge. Minutemen and Klansmen, embittered over civil rights, conspired separately to kill President Kennedy, Senator Kennedy and Dr. King.

Here are excerpts, for example, from a telephone conversation which was monitored by a government intelligence unit in Miami on Nov. 1963. The two men on the phone, whose last names must be omitted, belonged to the extremist Constitutional Party and had close ties to the Ku Klux Klan.

Joe: I think Kennedy is coming here on the 19th, or something like that, to make some kind of speech.

Bill: You can bet your bottom dollar he is going to have a lot to say about the Cubans, there are so many of them here.

Joe: Yeah, well he will have a thousand bodyguards, don't worry about that.

Bill: The more bodyguards he has, the more easier it is to get him.

Joe: Well how in the hell do you figure would be the best way to get him?

Bill: From an office building with a high-powered rifle. How many people [room noise, tape not legible] does he have going around who look just like him? Do you know about that?

Joe: No, I never heard that he had anybody.

Bill: He has got them.

Joe: He has?

Bill: He has about 15. Whenever he goes any place, they [not legible]. He knows he is a marked man.

Joe: They are really going to try to kill him?

Bill: Oh, yeah, it is in the working. --- himself, B--- is just as likely to get him as anybody. He hasn't said so, but he tried to get Martin Luther King.

Joe: He did?

Bill: Oh yes, he followed him for miles and miles and couldn't get close enough to him. . . .

Joe: Hitting this Kennedy is going to be a hard proposition, I tell you, I believe, you may have figured out a way to get him. You may have figured it at the office building and all that. I don't know how them Secret Service agents cover all them office buildings,

or anywhere he is going, do you know whether they do that or not?

Bill: Well, if they have any suspicion, they do that of course. But without suspicion, chances are that they wouldn't. You take there in Washington, of course it is the wrong time of the year, but you take pleasant weather, he comes out on the veranda, and somebody could be in a hotel room across the way there, and pick him off just like [fades out]."

Only 13 days later, President Kennedy was struck down by slugs from a high-powered rifle-fired from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository in downtown Dallas. Yet Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin, had absolutely no connection with the two men in Miami.

An FBI report in 1964 stated that a band of Klansmen was seeking to hire an ex-convict for \$2000 to assassinate Dr. King. When the civil rights leader was shot to death in April 1968, the fingerprints on the murder rifle were traced to an ex-convict named James Earl Ray. Yet no link has been uncovered between Ray and this Klan squad.

On at least two earlier occasions, Klan terrorists plotted to kill King. They prepared to gun him down when he came to Monroe, La., in July 1964 to agitate for civil rights. The following February, they planned to assassinate him at his Atlanta headquarters. But both times, the FBI learned about the plots in time to throw a heavy guard around him.

Two weeks after King's ultimate martyrdom, the U.S. attorney's office in Kansas City learned that Robert DePugh, fugitive leader of the Minutemen, had given his storm troopers a list of prominent people to assassinate if he should be jailed. Two names on the assassination list were Dr. Martin Luther King and Sen. Robert Kennedy. Yet again, the accused slayers were in no way tied to the Minutemen.

In 1965, an all-points bulletin was issued to police in Colorado to be on the alert for a member of the Minutemen, armed and dangerous, who had threat-

ened to kill Senator Kennedy. He reportedly had read hate pamphleteer Frank Capell's wild paperback, *The Strange Death of Marilyn Monroe*, which accused Kennedy of arranging for the Communists to murder the movie queen to save himself from a scandal.

Plot against Fulbright

Other people of prominence, too, have been marked for murder by the extremists. At the 1966 trial of Robert DePugh, ex-Minuteman Jerry Brooks blurted from the witness stand: "Your Honor, I don't know if I would be out of order, but the defense attorney asked me if I was the one that promoted the idea of killing Senator William Fulbright of Arkansas. . . . I could name the people involved if you want me to do that."

Brooks' testimony was shut off, but FBI files contain details of the plot. Three hoodlums, affiliated with the Minutemen, raised money in Kansas City to buy a getaway car and were in the midst of planning the assassination when the FBI started investigating.

Indeed, the FBI has compiled a list of more than 30 people whom the Minutemen intend to knock off in case of "a Communist take-over." Among the names on the list are Vice President Hubert Humphrey, Chief Justice Earl Warren, ex-U.N. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg and Sen. Wayne Morse.

In March 1963, the Minutemen warned 20 congressmen who had voted against the House Un-American Activities Committee that "cross hairs are on the back of your necks." The chilling message declared: "See the old man at the corner where you buy your paper? He may have a silencer-equipped pistol under his coat. That extra fountain pen in the pocket of the insurance salesman that calls on you might be a cyanide-gas gun. What about your milkman? Arsenic works slow but sure. Your auto mechanic may stay up nights studying booby traps. These patriots are not going to let you take their freedom away from them. They have learned the silent knife, the strangler's cord, the target rifle that hits sparrows at 200 yards. Only their leaders restrain them."

The black militants, who are even more unrestrained in their murder cries, have fingered many of the same intended victims. An informant, reliable in the past, tipped off Chicago police that a group of militants agreed at

hit" Vice President Humphrey and on. Eugene McCarthy during the Democratic Convention. The murder assignments and weapons were handed out, according to the informant, at an Aug. 12 meeting. Puerto Rican police so reported that a group of militant students, carrying pistols equipped with lenses, were on their way to the Democratic Convention "to kill someone." This was one reason for the stringent security measures in Chicago. The inflammatory literature, whether comes from the far Right or far Left, teaches the same doctrine of hatred and violence.

Other hate literature is downright psychopathic, sometimes illustrated with grotesque drawings. "Scientists say the Negro still is in the ape stage," declares an illustrated Nazi pamphlet. "Longrelization of the races would destroy white Christian civilization." The propaganda put out by the lunatic is equally fantastic. One tract accuses FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover of conning "innumerable crematories and concentration camps throughout the world."

'Medals' for slayers

but cold print doesn't have the dramatic force of a hot harangue. After a little Negro girl was killed in the bombing of a Birmingham church, a blue-rouser told a Ku Klux Klan rally in St. Augustine, Fla.: "If they can find these fellows, they ought to put medals on them. It wasn't no shame they was killed. Why? Because when I go out to rattlesnakes, I don't make no difference between little rattlesnakes and rattlesnakes." Not long afterward, the violence flared in St. Augustine. Social trouble was whipped up in Birmingham by H. Rap Brown, who told a "Black" rally: "Black people have been wrong. I say there should be more looting than looting. So if you loot, a gun store... the white man is your enemy. You got to destroy your enemy."

The extremist leaders usually take no part in carrying out the violence they preach. They stir up suspicions, exacerbate tensions, then fade into the background when the action starts. Sometimes there is an immediate explosion. In the fiery-tongued Brown led at a Cambridge, Md., rally in 1963, "Burn this town down," hotheads repeatedly attempted to do it.

Both white and black racists have formed action groups. The white racists call themselves by such names as Breakthrough, Counterthrust, Paul Revere Associated Yeomen, Christian Youth Corps and Defenders of the American Constitution. The black racists have a penchant for long names, whose initials spell out such fighting words as COMBAT, FIGHT, FUSE, RAM, RAP and SCAR. Some of these groups on both sides are grimly preparing for a race war. The more radical call not only for assassinations but for outright guerrilla warfare.

"Prepare yourselves and your sons," urges a Paul Revere bulletin, "to fight in the streets, in the alleys, in the parks, in public buildings, around the waterworks, power plants, city hall, TV and radio stations, while your wife and daughters protect their lives and your home with gas masks, shotguns, rifles and pistols."

The Black Panther Party, whose "prime minister" is Stokely Carmichael, puts out a similar "mandate" to its members. "All members," declares Mandate No. 3, "must acquire the technical equipment to defend their homes and their dependents and shall do so. Any member of the party having such technical equipment who fails to defend his threshold shall be expelled from the party for life."

Black militants have called the past race riots "mere dress rehearsals for revolution." White militants take the same view that a violent showdown is coming. Yet, astonishingly, these avowed enemies have been known to work together. FBI reports claim that Minutemen and black militants actually joined in rifle practice in the New York area, that the Ku Klux Klan and Black Muslims in Georgia worked together for separation of the races. Several black militant leaders urged followers to vote for George Wallace, who was also the candidate of the white militants.

The close alliance between the opposite extremes is illustrated by the Black Muslim movement. Its prophet and panjandrum, Elijah Mohammad, was arrested during World War II on a sedition charge. Federal files indicate that his organization had the backing of Maj. Satakata Takatashi, who for ten years preceding Pearl Harbor directed Japanese intelligence in the U.S. Under the name of Gulan Bogan, Elijah Mohammad (whose real name is Elijah Poole) promised his Muslims before

Pearl Harbor that they would be "liberated" by the Japanese after an attack on the U.S. in 1941. However, he was never tried for sedition but was convicted of draft evasion.

An about-face

From pro-Axis, Mohammad has now executed a complete about-face and preaches the Marxist line. His chief disciple, Malcolm X, became an outspoken Marxist before his defection and murder in 1965. And Malcolm X's chief disciple was Stokely Carmichael, an open admirer of Communist heroes Che Guevara, Mao Tse-tung and Ho Chi Minh.

Another curious trait, which both Right-wing and Left-wing extremists have in common, is an anti-Semitic bias. The Nazi Party and Black Panther Party use almost identical, inflammatory language in attacking Jews. A black rally in Los Angeles was attended by Arab students who claimed to represent the Tri-Continental Students Association.

Extremist doctrine from Left and Right helped to incite the assassinations of the Kennedy brothers and Dr. King. The three martyred leaders were brought to a violent end by three human ciphers, who for dark reasons none but they could understand took history into their own hands. Yet there were other invisible fingers on the triggers.

The atmosphere in Dallas was charged with hatred when President Kennedy arrived for his date with death five years ago. "Wanted" handbills were handed out in the streets, showing front and side views of the President, with the words: "Wanted for Treason."

All the while, waiting for him with an Italian-made Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, was Lee Harvey Oswald. The permanent pout on Oswald's face was the only outward sign of the tortured thoughts that surged through his mind, a mind bursting with the violent, revolutionary doctrines of Karl Marx. Even after an unhappy experience in Russia, Oswald continued to read library books about communism, formed a Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New Orleans and tried to enlist in the Castro forces. Once, he took a shot in the night at Right-wing Gen. Edwin Walker. Another time, he threatened to kill the vice president (then Lyndon Johnson), but his wife locked him in the bathroom until he got over his violent mood.

James Earl Ray, who stands accused of killing Dr. King, likewise was nourished on suspicion and hatred. He was seen frequently in his home town of Alton, Ill., in the company of a wizened old Nazi sympathizer named Henry Stumm. Presumably, Stumm instructed Ray from the Nazi literature that the old man continues to receive.

An Alton resident familiar with Ray's background told PARADE: "Henry Stumm had been influencing Ray for years. You can't be sure how much of it rubbed off on Ray, but he got more and more arrogant as he grew older." Reached by telephone, Stumm acknowledged his name, listened in silence to questions about his relationship with Ray, then hung up without uttering another word. Others who knew Ray have described him as a Negro-hating racist.

Sirhan Sirhan, who pumped .22 slugs into Senator Kennedy, learned to hate before he came to this country. He was taught anti-Jewish hate propaganda in an Arab refugee school, financed largely by the U.S. through the United Nations. In an arithmetic class, for example, Sirhan and his classmates were asked: "If you have three Jews sitting on a fence and you kill two of them, how many Jews will you have left?"

Steeped in hate lore

Similar hate literature, which is distributed around the world by the Arab League, followed Sirhan to America. He became steeped in stories about Jewish injustice to the Arabs. Mahmoud Abdel Hadi, an Egyptian newsman who interviewed members of Sirhan's family, reported that the 24-year-old fanatic had become incensed when he saw Senator Kennedy on television don a Jewish yarmulke during a campaign visit to a Portland, Ore., synagogue.

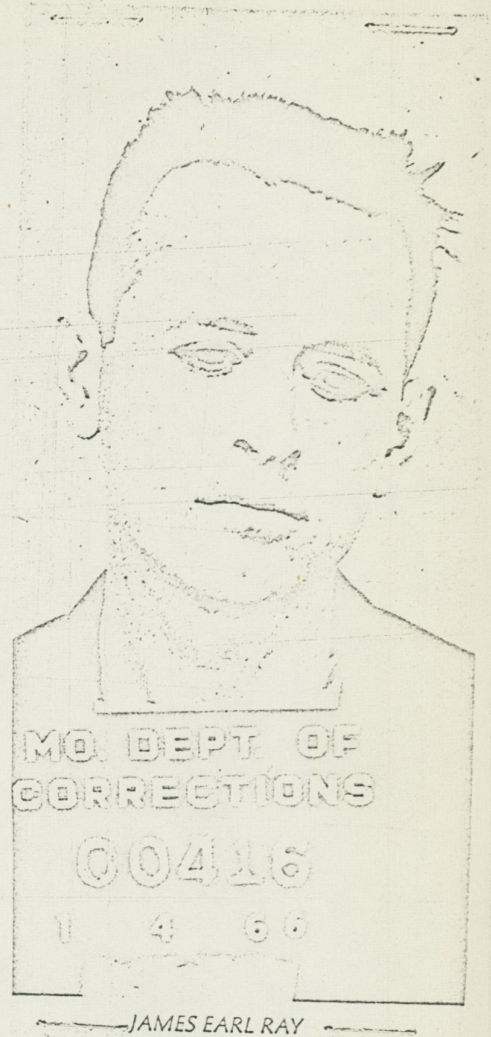
"All these refugees are crusaders," Mahmoud Naguib of the Arab Information Center told PARADE. "That is why, perhaps, Sirhan decided to do this — to dramatize the plight of the Palestinians." Indeed, Sirhan is reported to be determined to turn his trial into an anti-Zionist forum.

More than 900 Arab refugees have come to this country from an environment similar to that which spawned Sirhan. They are insignificant in numbers, however, compared to the home-grown bigots, fanatics and malcontents who have been nurtured on hatred. Even as these words are being written, murder lots are festering in sick and inflamed

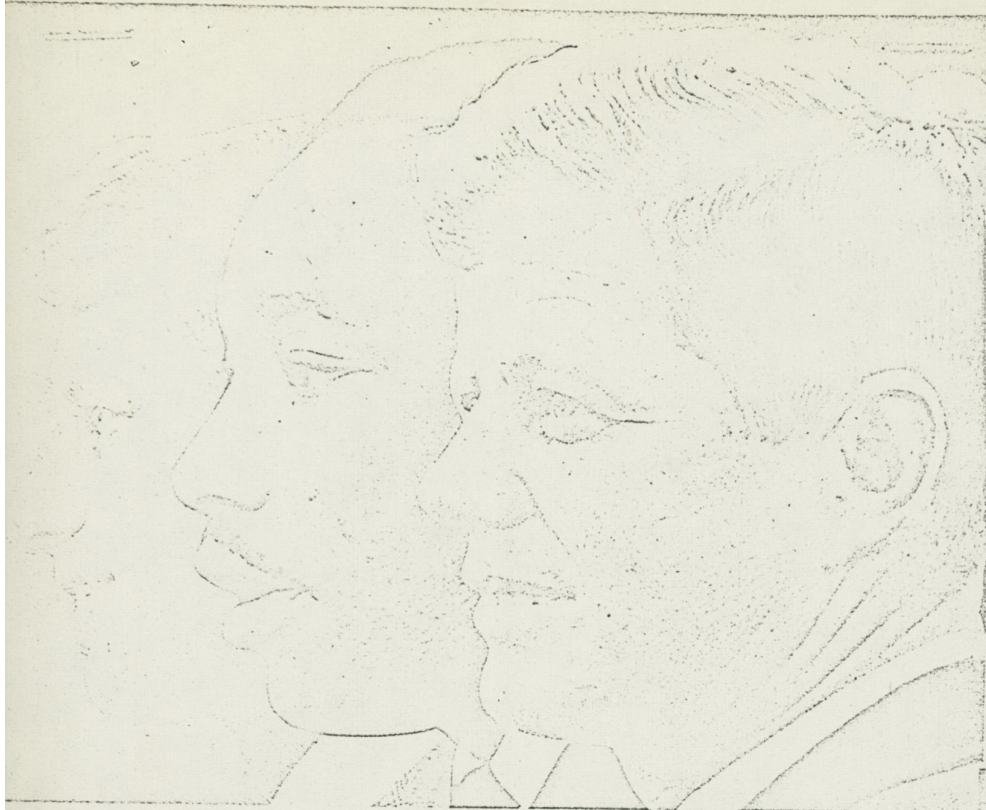
Can the poisonous brew of propaganda, which incites these men to violence, be shut off? It is dangerous to tamper with freedom of the press or speech. Yet the law recognizes that a rabble rouser must not be allowed to incite an inflamed mob, causing them to kill and burn.

Tensions are so volatile in this country that the authorities should consider taking legal action against anyone whose outpourings might be likely to precipitate violence against individuals or races. Before Washington's ex-U.S. Attorney David Bress was appointed to the federal bench, he was studying scurrilous, inflammatory literature put out by hate groups to see whether it violated the criminal libel laws.

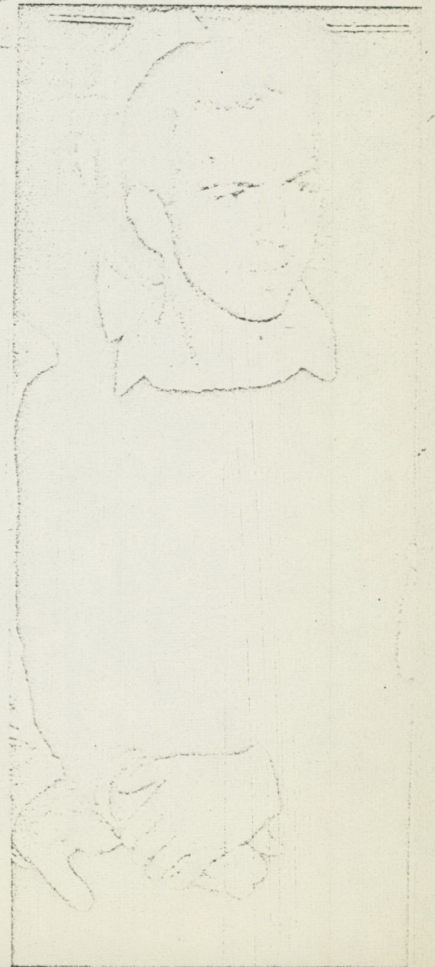
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Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., President John F. Kennedy.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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To: SAC's, Springfield (44-561)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel 4-15-68, submitting major case prints of Allan Richard Thayer.

The remaining unidentified latent prints in this case are not identical with the finger or palm prints of Thayer.

The prints of Thayer are being temporarily retained in the Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division.

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This serial served as cover letter for the return of Thayer's prints from Bu

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TO: SAC'S, SPRINGFIELD
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE SPRINGFIELD ROUTING SLIP APRIL SEVEN.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND PALM PRINT THIS CASE
NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS AND PALM PRINTS BILLY RAY
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 2P

MURKIN

LOOK MAGAZINE ARTICLE INDICATES JAMES EARL RAY PURCHASED NINETEEN SIXTYTWO PLYMOUTH, EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS. ILLINOIS MVB RECORDS SHOW NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN LICENSE LM FIVE NINE FOUR TWO ISSUED TO JOHN L. RAYNS, FIVE NAUGHT SEVEN CHESTNUT, P. O. BOX TWO NINE THREE, WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, FOR SIXTYTWO PLYMOUTH, FOUR DOOR SEDAN, VIN TWO NINE TWO ONE ONE SIX FIVE NINE THREE FOUR, ILLINOIS TITLE NUMBER B ONE SIX NAUGHT FOUR FIVE SIX THREE. "DRIVERS PERMIT" ISSUED TO RAYNS NUMBERED D SEVEN FIVE FOUR FOUR SIX FOUR.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-561)

DATE: 11/26/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM J. BILLEAUD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Mr. WEST pointed out that there was no trade-in involved in the transaction. He also advised his file on RAYNS indicates Illinois sales tax form #1978804, which was dated 7-14-67, was completed on that date and this along with the license information was mailed to the Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, on 7/31/67. Mr. WEST stated that from his records he had to assume RAYNS transferred his license from a previously owned automobile to the 1962 Plymouth, inasmuch as he was able to find a receipt #463 in the amount of \$3, which is the fee normally paid for transfer of title. WEST stated if an individual purchases an automobile and applies for a new license, he would be charged a minimum of \$7.

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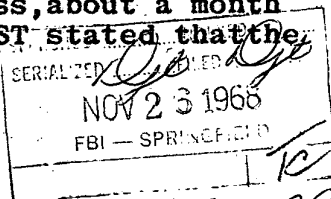
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FROM : CC BILLY G. OLENSKI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P)

MURKIN

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau, dated 11/25/68.

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To: SAC, Springfield (44-561)
 SAC, Chicago (44-1114)

From: Director, FBI 44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau dated 11-19-68.

You should insure that all known names that Ray used are checked through Illinois Motor Vehicle Bureau to determine if Ray purchased a vehicle.

For your information records of a motel in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada where Ray was registered as a guest on August 18, 1967, indicates he was driving a Plymouth, license No. LM 5942 (no further description given) and gives an address of 507 Chestnut Street, Chicago, Illinois.

It is noted that 507 Chestnut Street, Winnetka, Illinois, is the address of Indian Trail Restaurant where Ray was employed after his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Chicago will determine if 507 Chestnut Street exists, and if so, conduct appropriate inquiry.

Expedite your investigation.

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

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau dated 11/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding automobile transactions and title transfers by JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, during the Summer and Fall of 1967. Also enclosed for Chicago and Memphis are two copies each of this letterhead memorandum.

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Mr. WEST pointed out that there was no trade-in involved in the transaction. He also advised his file on RAYNS indicates Illinois sales tax form #1978804, which was dated July 14, 1967, was completed on that date and this along with the license information was mailed to the Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, on July 31, 1967. Mr. WEST stated that from his records he had to assume RAYNS transferred his license from a previously owned automobile to the 1962 Plymouth, inasmuch as he was able to find a receipt #463, in the amount of \$3.00, which is the fee normally paid for transfer of title. Mr. WEST stated if an individual purchases an automobile and applies for a new license, he would be charged a minimum of \$7.00.

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