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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
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(OO: ME)

Re St. Louis teletype to Bureau, Memphis and Little Rock, 5/15/68; Little Rock teletype to Bureau, St. Louis and Memphis, 5/16/68; and, Little Rock teletype to St. Louis, 5/20/68.

Re: JOHN EUGENE GAWRON

On May 20, 1968, JAMES HENRY RAMSEY, Route 2, Weiner, Arkansas, advised SA ESTES G. COLEMAN that he does not know anyone by the name of JAMES EARL RAY. After viewing photographs of RAY, he stated to his knowledge he had never seen RAY. He could not recall anyone fitting RAY's description visiting GAWRON at 1807 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri. He pointed out he had lived at 1805 South 11th Street, St. Louis, from 1963 until June 1967, and again from September 1967, until February 1968. He could not recall having seen anyone fitting RAY's description in the company of GAWRON. He has never heard GAWRON speak of RAY in any manner.

A copy of this airtel is being furnished to St. Louis for information purposes since leads were outstanding in St. Louis to locate RAMSEY.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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By James Earl Ray*

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU, MAY SIXTEEN, LAST.

BUREAU TEL MAY TWENTYTWO, LAST ADVISED BUREAU  
CONTEMPLATING PLACING AN AD IN A PUBLICATION IN AN EFFORT TO  
POSSIBLY SURFACE THE SUBJECT. IT MUST BE DETERMINED WHAT PUBLICATIONS, IF  
REQUESTS KANSAS CITY TO INTERVIEW JAMES L. OWENS, FELLOW INMATE,  
TO DETERMINE WHAT PUBLICATIONS SUBJECT HABITUALLY READ.

RE COMMUNICATION REVEALS JAMES L. OWENS INTERVIEWED BY  
ST. LOUIS THAT DATE.

ST. LOUIS WILL RE-INTERVIEW OWENS RE ABOVE.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-775)

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA ROSENBERGER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re tel call of SAC GEARTY 5/8/68.

On 5/8/68 the writer telephonically contacted DR. JOHN L. SAMPLE, MD., phone MU 3-6687, Charleston, Mo. for the purpose of a possible interview. He stated he would explain the information on the phone which he had previously related to the SAC.

It is the considered opinion of the writer, that DR. SAMPLE was completely drunk at this time. He was incoherent, rambled in his conversation and nothing could be understood by the writer. Only a few words made sense, and that had to do with "a near riot at Charleston on the night of 5/7/68"; "a suspended police officer, whom he SAMPLE thinks might be JAMES EARL RAY, because what could be a better front than hiding on a police department".

He concluded his conversation that it would not be necessary for the writer to contact him in person, but should contact "PEDRO" SIMMONS, the sheriff for full details.

Attached is an article from the Southeast Missourian Newspaper, dated 5/8/68, page three, which the writer believes is the incident to which DR. SAMPLE has reference. FRANK

Officer HUDSON is known to the writer by appearance and he is in no manner a likeness of subject RAY.

In view of this it is suggested that no further inquiry be made along these lines.

*no further action*

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# Suspend Charleston City Policeman After Shooting Incident Tuesday Night

Special to The Missourian

CHARLESTON — A city police officer here has been suspended after an incident in Charleston's Negro district Tuesday night which has both Negroes and whites upset over police action. There was one reported injury but no major violence broke out.

City Manager James Butts identified the officers as Ptlm. Frank Hudson, a probationary officer who has been with the Police Department about three months.

Ptlm. Hudson was scheduled to go before the city manager today for questioning and to present his case. A decision on permanent suspension will be made later this week, Mr. Butts said.

Ptlm. Hudson, about 26, is accused of "inappropriate action for an officer out of uniform," the city manager reported.

The accusation stems from the arrest Ptlm. Hudson made about 8 Tuesday night of Gary Betts, 19, son of the Rev. E. L. Betts. Young Betts, a Negro, suffered apparent minor head injuries. There was no report of charges.

Witnesses said young Betts and another youth were playfully scuffling on the porch of Marshall Currin's Cafe about 8 Tuesday night.

Ptlm. Hudson, off-duty at the time, drove by and thought they were fighting. He called for help from on-duty officers and before they arrived went over to break up what he thought was a fight.

## RESISTS OFFICER

Mr. Butts said the patrolman did not identify himself and was not in uniform. Young Betts did not recognize Ptlm. Hudson as being an officer and began resisting, Mr. Butts reported.

When the patrol car arrived, Ptlm. Hudson attempted to put young Betts in the car. He resisted and the patrolman sprayed the youth with Chemical Mace, a tear-gas type weapon, which he obtained from an on-duty officer, Mr. Butts said.

However, witnesses reported Ptlm. Hudson had the mace with him when he went over to break up the fight and used it then.

Young Betts began to run when the spray hit him. Ptlm. Hudson then grabbed the other officer's pistol and fired warning shots above the youth's head, witnesses and Mr. Butts both said.

One bullet possibly grazed the youth's head, Rev. Betts said. Five shots were fired in all, witnesses reported.

When the youth stopped, wit-

nesses and Mr. Butts both reported Ptlm. Hudson ran over to young Betts and pistol whipped him. The two then went to the patrol car.

Rev. Betts said he got into the patrol car to try to calm his son down but Ptlm. Hudson wouldn't let him stay. "He pushed me out and said I couldn't ride," Rev. Betts said.

## TAKEN TO HEADQUARTERS

The youth was then taken to police headquarters where he remained for a short while without medical treatment. He was released later, treated by a doctor and sent home.

Mr. Betts said some rocks and sticks were thrown by Negroes after the incident but no large-scale trouble erupted.

Mississippi County Sheriff J. W. Simmons is credited with going into the Negro district and calming residents.

Mr. Butts said Ptlm. Hudson was suspended because he took action while off duty and not in uniform and he failed to identify himself as a police officer.

Rev. Betts and Mr. Butts both said the community's Negroes are very disturbed about the incident. "The white people, they are also very much upset," Rev. Betts said.

Mr. Butts said city officials have had discussions with Negro leaders in efforts to keep peace. "They (Negro residents) feel if proper steps are taken by the city to prevent similar

future happenings, this will be sufficient," the city manager said.

Mr. Butts said he and the City Council will make a decision on Ptlm. Hudson's case jointly.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 14, 1968

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JAMES (JIMMY) H. CARPENTER, former Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) number 01761, presently residing 1817 Rutger Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was interviewed on May 12, 1968. CARPENTER was born [redacted] at Jonesboro, Arkansas. On May 1, 1967, he was released on parole from the MSP, Jefferson City, Missouri.

On June 1, 1967, CARPENTER was arrested in St. Louis, Missouri, on a charge of armed robbery and although not convicted on this charge he remained in the St. Louis City Jail for approximately nine months before being released at the time of his trial.

Shortly after his release from MSP CARPENTER advised he met subject JAMES EARL RAY on the street in the 1800 block of South 11th Street and conversed with him for a few minutes. According to CARPENTER, this date would have been around May 11, 1967, since he recalls he obtained employment on that date in St. Louis. At the time of this first contact subject RAY was wearing a mustache and mentioned the fact that he was "hot" and had to be careful. He was dressed in a sweater and dark trousers and this visit with subject RAY was very short.

CARPENTER recalled seeing RAY on another occasion on the street in the 1800 block of South 11th Street three or four days later. On this occasion he and subject RAY had a beer together in a tavern believed to be located on the west side of the street in the 1800 block. Subject RAY stated he was broke and CARPENTER loaned him \$10. RAY also mentioned he needed a "rod" to get hold of some money and CARPENTER told him he was trying to go straight, had no pistol, and would not try to get one.

CARPENTER mentioned he saw RAY on one other occasion two or three days later in approximately the same location. At this time he, CARPENTER, was in an automobile and RAY was on the street. He was of the opinion that RAY did not see him on this occasion. According to CARPENTER, although he does not recall the exact words of the conversation he got the impression from RAY that he was going to pull a holdup or robbery of some kind in St. Louis to get some money and then travel to the east side or somewhere in Illinois where he had

On 5/12/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL: 44-775 - 748  
 by SA CLETIS B. BIDEWELL  
SA WILLIAM H. WARFIELD CBB: pdp Date dictated 5/13/68

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friends or relatives. He stated these individuals were not specifically mentioned but he got this impression from conversing with subject RAY.

CARPENTER advised subject RAY furnished no information concerning where he was staying in St. Louis and made no mention of associates or relatives with whom he might be associated or living. CARPENTER stated he did not observe RAY in company with any other individual on any of the above-mentioned occasions. He did state that RAY mentioned in the conversation that he "walked out" of the MSP with a group of visitors from the outside. It was CARPENTER's understanding that this was in connection with a ball game that had been played at the penitentiary and that the date, approximately, RAY walked away was April 24, 1967. CARPENTER was questioned specifically concerning any information he might have as to the identity of any individual assisting subject RAY in his escape and he stated he could furnish no information whatever in this respect. He further stated he has not seen subject RAY since around May 18, 1967, and is not in possession of any information concerning his possible whereabouts since that time.

CARPENTER advised he recalled subject RAY very well from his association with him at the MSP. He described RAY as a "loner" who participated in gambling in the penitentiary. He stated, however, that RAY spent so much of his time in solitary confinement due to his attempts to escape that he did not have much opportunity to participate in these activities. He advised that he was as close to RAY as anyone in the penitentiary and recalled that RAY took narcotics, and often came to his, CARPENTER's, cell to converse and offer narcotics to CARPENTER. With regard to RAY's closest associate at MSP, CARPENTER advised that he was as close to RAY as any inmate. He went on to state that based on this association and his general knowledge of RAY it was hard for him to imagine RAY being involved in the MARTIN LUTHER KING slaying. In this respect he stated he did not feel RAY would be motivated by animosity toward Dr. KING and was not the type of individual who would be trusted by people wanting to dispose of KING. He knew of no connections that RAY had while in MSP which

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would afford him access to information regarding a planned assassination of Dr. KING. It is CARPENTER's opinion that if RAY made such connections he did so while on the run subsequent to his escape.

CARPENTER recalled an inmate at MSP known as (first name unknown) COOLEY (phonetic) described as white male, 45 years old at the present time, 6' tall, 150 pounds, slender build, black hair. He stated this individual walked with a noticeable limp, believed to be in his right leg, and that the right leg was curved out noticeably. He advised that COOLEY was an inmate at MSP on two separate occasions. He believes that COOLEY was last released prior to 1960 when subject RAY entered MSP. COOLEY worked in the penitentiary kitchen. He described COOLEY as a "fanatic". CARPENTER could relate no specific circumstances on which he based his opinion that COOLEY was a fanatic, or what COOLEY was fanatical about. CARPENTER merely stated that COOLEY had "way out" ideas, and that he, COOLEY, attempted to appear as an intellectual. He recalled that COOLEY read science and sex books continually. Inasmuch as COOLEY's last release was prior to subject RAY's incarceration at MSP, CARPENTER does not believe there was any association between subject RAY and this COOLEY. CARPENTER knows of no organization known as COOLEY's organization or any group headed by COOLEY.

During the interview CARPENTER mentioned an individual known to him as JACK (last name unknown) who in May of 1967 was in charge of a rooming house at 1805 South 11th Street. CARPENTER met this individual while incarcerated in St. Louis subsequent to his arrest on June 1, 1967. It was his recollection that JACK (last name unknown) was arrested on June 2, 1967, suspected of burglary of a tavern located near his residence at 1805 South 11th.

During conversation with JACK (last name unknown), who was described as a white male, age 70, 6' tall, 200 pounds, gray hair, subject RAY was discussed. Although JACK did not specifically say so, CARPENTER got the impression that RAY

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was probably living with him or staying part-time with him at 1805 South 11th. He also recalled JACK mentioning subject having a brother residing somewhere in the general area. Although CARPENTER could not recall the brother's name he thought it to be JOHN. JACK (last name unknown) advised it was his understanding that subject RAY, who was well known to him, was believed to have walked away from the penitentiary following a ball game.

It was CARPENTER's understanding that JACK (last name unknown) had never done any time in Missouri but had spent approximately 29 years in penitentiaries in Illinois on charges of safe cracking, robbery and so forth. At the time JACK was arrested in St. Louis on June 2, 1967, he was extremely worried because his parole out of Illinois did not expire for a period of two or three more weeks.

CARPENTER stated that during his incarceration at MSP he "ran the store" for quite a period of time. He is presently employed as a cook for JOHNNY CLAYTO at 18th and Delmar Streets and plans to enter the St. Louis City Hospital in the near future for an eye operation to remove cataracts. About the time CARPENTER saw subject RAY in St. Louis he was employed for a short period of time as a cook in a cafeteria located in the Mart Building in St. Louis.



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**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

John Eugene Gawron was interviewed by St. Louis Office and advised he taught Ray to be a burglar. He stated that on or about 6/23-24/67, he read in the Chicago "Tribune" of a \$50,000 bank burglary in a southern state and recalled that he and Ray cased the same bank in 1958 or 1959, but did not rob the bank at that time because he injured his leg. A few days after reading this article Gawron claims he was visited by a man whom he refuses to identify and whom he believes he introduced to Ray in 1959. This man told Gawron he and others had robbed the bank, displayed a valise full of money and gave Gawron \$250. About six weeks ago this man again visited Gawron and allegedly indicated to him that Ray and one or more other persons had been involved with him in the bank robbery.

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SL is on W. bank of Miss River  
Could not have occurred in  
SL Territory. Files + PD already  
reviewed for cases where Ray might  
be possible subject. Gawron said in  
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RE: MURKIN

During this interview Gawron refused to identify the bank or the man who visited him. He did say that the bank was in the deep South in a State like Mississippi, but not in Mississippi, in a city that is not small and is near a river. The robbers were out of state in five minutes and the loot amounted to \$50,000, plus or minus two thousand.

Based upon available information, the Chicago "Tribune" and the Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed without finding any reference to a robbery such as Gawron described.

Gawron has now been reinterviewed and he denies having any contact with Ray since Ray's escape. Regarding the southern bank robbery Gawron previously alleged Ray was involved in, Gawron now states that this could have occurred in July, 1967, instead of June, and was in a city on the east bank of the Mississippi River.

Each office receiving this communication should make a review of their records to determine if such bank robbery or any other robbery coming within the jurisdiction of the Bureau occurred. You should make inquiry at appropriate police departments to determine if a robbery of this magnitude exists in their files.

Armed and dangerous.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : SA THOMAS L. BUCKLEY

SUBJECT: M U R K I N  
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OO: ME

On 5/17/68, SA THOMAS L. BUCKLEY contacted Deputy Sheriff WALTER IVY at the New Madrid County SO and Deputy ROY HURLEY of the Portageville PD, re the activities of JAMES D. DAILY. Both of these individuals stated that they had noted no unusual activity on the part of DAILY during the previous week.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

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FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

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TO: DIRECTOR ; MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3P

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON.

SPRINGFIELD SEE BUAIRTEL MAY SIXTEEN LAST FOR GAWRON ALLEGATIONS OF RAY BR PARTICIPATION SIXTY SEVEN.

GAWRON REINTERVIEWED LATE LAST NIGHT. REVEALED LOCATION OF BANK ROBBED TO BE ALTON, ILL., AND IDENTITY OF UN NAMED MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY TOLD HIM HE AND RAY ROBBED SAME AS JIMMIE LNU. LAST SAW JIMMIE WITH MAN PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN TO HIM NAMED JOHNNY LNU WHEN THEY VISITED HIM NIGHTS OF MAY THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN LAST. EX CONS JOHNPAAUL VELANTI AND JAMES H. CARPENZER FBI NUMBER TWO THREE ZERO TWO FOUR THREE, ALL KNOWN TO HAVE VISITED GAWRON THOSE DATES.

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SEVEN FOUR NINE FOUR, SPRINGFIELD FILE NINE ONE DASH THREE SIX NINE NINE. DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER TWO MAN COULD FIT RAY. DESCRIPTION NUMBER ONE MAN DOES NOT FIT CARPENTER WHO IS FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE FORTY LBS, SLENDER.

SL CITY JAIL RECORD ESTABLISHED CARPENTER IN CITY JAIL, SL, FROM JUNE FIVE SIXTY SEVEN TO MARCH ONE SIXTY EIGHT. COULD THEREFORE NOT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN BR, OR HAVE CONTACTED GAWRON AS CLAIMED IN SIXTY SEVEN.

GAWRON LED AGENTS TO ABOVE BANK. IDENTIFIED IT AS ONE HE AND RAY HAD CASSED IN FIFTY NINE. MO PLANNED WAS SUBSTANTIALLY SAME USED IN ACTUAL BR. SAID HAD DELIBERATELY MISLED SA'S AS TO AMOUNT OF LOOT AND LOCATION TO GAIN TIME TO BE SURE HE WOULD BE IN CLEAR. HE AND RAY PLANNED TO STAY WITH WEEK FOOD SUPPLY AT ROOMING HOUSE IN ALTON WHICH HE DESCRIBED AND LED SA'S TO AT ONE TWO ZERO NINE FOURTH STREET.

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IN VIEW OF ABOVE, GAWRON BEING CONSIDERED KNOWN UNRELIABILITY.  
OTHER OFFICES RECEIVING REFERENCED AIRTEL BEING ADVISED BY AIRTEL.  
RE JERRY RAYNES, JOHN LARRY RAY, CAROL PEPPER.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS INDICATE NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.  
RE JUDGEJ JOHN C. CASEY

JUDGE CASEY NOT AVAILABLE THIS EVENING. WILL BE CONTACTED  
PRIOR TO TIME COURT IN SESSION TOMORROW.  
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Date 5-22-68

RE: MURKIN

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- The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report,  conceal all sources,  paraphrase contents.
- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: ReBulet 5-20-68.

In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has underwritten the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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Via TELETYPE - URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)'

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

ATTORNEY DAVID BRYDON, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ADVISED  
J. D. DAILY, ST. LOUIS, MO., CONTACTS HIM OFTEN TRYING TO GET  
A PAROLE FOR AN INMATE SERVING LIFE IN THE MSP WHO IS INFLICTED  
WITH TUBERCULOSIS.

MAMIE HOOKER, LACLEDE CO., MO., ADVISED J. D. DAILEY  
IS SON OF HER HALF BROTHER. SHE HAS NOT SEEN  
HIM FOR NINE YEARS AND COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFO.

MSP RECORDS REVEAL WILLIAM F. SCHOLL, FBI NO. TWO SIX  
EIGHT FIVE ZERO EIGHT A, WAS PAROLED IN SIXTYTHREE TO BELLWOOD,  
ILL. HE REPORTEDLY AN ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT. CHICAGO ADVISED.

ATTORNEY PHILLIP BAKER, INDEPENDENCE, MO., ADVISED  
HE REPRESENTED SUBJECT IN HIS APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF  
HABEAS CORPUS IN SIXTYTHREE. THE HEARING WAS UNSUCCESSFUL  
AND RAY PAID HIM FIFTY DOLLARS ATTORNEY'S FEES. HE ALSO

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ADVISED HE RECEIVED A LETTER JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE FROM  
JERRY RAY, ST. LOUIS, STATING JAMES RAY WAS GOING TO SEND HIM  
MONEY AND LATER ON SEND MORE WHICH BAKER WAS TO SEND TO  
JERRY RAY. MSP RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT ANY PAYMENT FROM  
SUBJECT TO BAKER AND IN FACT, RECORDS REVEALED JUNE NINETEEN,  
SIXTYTHREE, BAKER SENT FIFTY DOLLARS TO RAY. BAKER, UPON  
RE-INTERVIEW, ADVISED IN A LETTER FROM RAY DATED MAY NINETEEN,  
SIXTYTHREE, HE INDICATED A MONEY ORDER WOULD BE SENT TO  
HIM AND HE SHOULD TAKE FIFTY DOLLARS OF IT. ANOTHER LETTER  
FROM RAY POSTMARKED JUNE ELEVEN, SIXTYTHREE, INDICATED RELATIVE  
WAS SENDING A MONEY ORDER FOR ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. LETTER  
POSTMARKED JUNE TWELVE, SIXTYTHREE, UNSIGNED, ADVISED ONE  
HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK WAS ENCLOSED FOR LEGAL FEES. THIS  
LETTER BORE RETURN ADDRESS NATHAN J. MURPHY, INMATE NO. ZERO  
FOUR SEVEN TWO FIVE, MSP. BAKER, ON JUNE SEVENTEEN, SIXTYTHREE,  
SAID HE SENT RAY A CHECK FOR THE FIFTY DOLLARS WHICH WAS IN  
EXCESS OF HIS FEE. BAKER CONTINUING TO CHECK HIS RECORDS  
FOR ANY INFO. WHICH MAY BE OF HELP. HE ADVISED RAY RECOMMENDED

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HIM TO A PRISONER BY THE NAME OF ~~JOHN WILLIAM MYERS~~, MSP, WHO CONTACTED HIM IN JULY, SIXTYTHREE. BAKER REFUSED TO HANDLE THIS CASE.

KANSAS CITY WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MYERS AND MURPHY.

AM COPIES FURNISHED CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P  
 RE: MURKIN

REBUAIRTEL, 5-16-68, concerning allegation by JOHN EUGENE GAWRON that subject and an unnamed man robbed bank June - July, 1967.

On re-interview late 5-22-68, GAWRON revealed location of bank as Alton, Ill., and identity of unnamed man who robbed same with subject as JIMMIE (LNU). Stated he was visited by JIMMIE nights of 5-13 and 5-14-68.

One JAMES H. CARPENTER, FBI # 230 243 is known to have visited GAWRON on those dates with another individual.

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SL files disclose BANK OF ALTON, Alton, Ill., was robbed by two unknown subjects on 7-13-67 (Bufile 91-27494) (Sifile 91-3699) (SLfile 91-3877). Description of number two man could fit RAY. Number ~~two~~<sup>one</sup> man description does not fit CARPENTER, who is 5'8", 140 #, slender build.

St. Louis City Jail records established CARPENTER was in City Jail from 6-5-67 to 3-1-68, and therefore could not have participated in the Alton BR, or met GAWRON during 1967 as alleged.

In view of foregoing, GAWRON is being considered as being of known unreliability.

Subject should STILL be considered as a possible suspect in all unsolved bank and other robberies subsequent to 4-23-67.

Subject A & D.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SL (44-775) ATT: SA HAROLD DOBSON

DATE: 5-23-68

FROM : SA JAMES A. DUFFEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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There are attached a rough draft 302 reflecting interview with complainant DONALD MC CLARY concerning Look-Alike ROBERT HAYDEN, and an insert reflecting interview with Sheriff DEAN MASON, Paris, Mo. eliminating HAYDEN.

### SPOT CHECK at RAYNES FARM

A spot surveillance was maintained at the RAYNES Farm RFD Center, Mo. 5-21-68, but nothing unusual was noted.

*No need to retype  
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resolved locally.  
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Mr. DONALD MC CLARY, Rt. 3, Hannibal, Mo. advised a neighbor who recently moved next door greatly resembles the subject. He stated this man and a woman who claims to be his mother bought the next  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres to him about two months ago. They moved several older cars and trucks to the property before moving in, and he sought legal advise to prevent a junk yard from being next door. His attorney called someone at Stoutsville, Mo. and the woman, Mrs. AIDA HAYDEN, allegedly the mother of ROBERT HAYDEN, stated that she wanted no trouble and would sell out at the purchase price. Mrs. HAYDEN and her son ROBERT moved in, and a week later left for a two week period, during which time MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed.

ROBERT HAYDEN has purchased \$1,000 worth of mechanics tools from Montgomery Ward, and is inept in their use. Recently HAYDEN stated that he was going to sell all of the cars and trucks, the recently purchased house and move to California, where he has a job waiting.

HAYDEN claims employment operating a bulldozer at Palmyra, Mo. but rarely leaves home, and doesn't associate with his neighbors. He is supposed to have been married, and his wife ran off with a man named LOTT, according to Mrs. AIDA HAYDEN who has talked with his wife.

HE described ROBERT HAYDEN as a W,M,A, 40 years old, 5'8", 165# brown hair, blue eyes medium complexioned. Supposed to have two children, a son employed at Monroe City, Mo. and a daughter CATHY, a student attending school at Monroe City, and living with a relative in the Monroe City Area.

Mr. MC CLARY stated he is a railroad employee and has been gone from home a great deal, and the information about the HAYDENS was gleaned from his wife's contact with Mrs. HAYDEN.

He stated he has been suspicious of HAYDEN and today when he got a good look at him stated he appeared similar to JAMES EARL RAY and he decided to let the FBI resolve the matter.

On 5-23-68 at Hannibal, Mo. File# 44-775

by JAMES A. DUFFEY Date dictated R/D 5-23-68

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RE: ROBERT HAYDEN

A check of the phone directories for Stoutsville, Monroe City and Paris, Mo. reflect no number for either ROBERT or AIDA HAYDEN.

Sheriff DEAN MASON, S.O., Paris, Mo. advised that ROBERT HAYDEN W.M.A, age 40, 5'8", 160# brown hair, blue eyes, is the son of HERBERT HAYDEN, who died in the Fall '1967 and AIDA HAYDEN. The father HERBERT was a barber at Paris for many years, but owned and lived on a farm near Stoutsville, Mo. until his death. ROBERT HAYDEN lived with his parents, and is a heavy equipment operator, and farmer. He has two children JOHN, age 18, and CATHY, age 16, a student at Monroe City High School.

Sheriff MASON stated that Mrs. AIDA HAYDEN recently sold the farm near Stoutsville, Mo. bought a house near Hannibal, Mo. and moved there two months ago.

Sheriff MASON stated that ROBERT HAYDEN'S wife did run off with a man named LOTT, and he was called to the HAYDEN farm when this woman came there attempting to get CATHY, during the Summer, 1967.

Sheriff MASON added that there is a slight resemblance between HAYDEN and the photo of subject RAY, I.O. 4182, but they are not the same person. He added that HAYDEN is an alcoholic, has a minor arrest for being drunk in Paris, but has no criminal conviction. He stated ROBERT HAYDEN has probably talked his mother out of some of the farm money to buy old cars, and new tools, as he has been a handler of second hand cars for several years, but not a successful one, as he drinks too much, buys too high and sells too low.



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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL MAY TWENTY ONE LAST.

RE ALLEGED ASSOCIATE ANDREW WILSON DE CORE.

DE CORE INTERVIEWED, ADVISED WAS ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT WHILE BOTH INCARCERATED AT MENARD PRISON. FRIENDSHIP ON CASUAL BASIS AND AT NO TIME DID THEY ENGAGE IN LONG CONVERSATIONS.

HAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH RAY SINCE LAST SEEING HIM IN MENARD. PICKED SIXTY PHOTOGRAPH AS BEST LIKENESS AS HE RECALLS HIM. CANNOT FURNISH ANY IDENTITIES OF FELLOW INMATES WHO WERE CLOSE TO RAY IN MENARD. SPECIFICALLY COULD NOT RECALL ANYONE NAMED JAMES LOAMA OWENS.

STATES SHOULD HE EVER DEVELOP ANY INFO CONCERNING SUBJECT'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OR RECALL ANY CLOSE ASSOCIATES WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI.

AM CCS TO ST. LOUIS, SAN FRANCISCO AND SPRINGFIELD.

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TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

The Bureau <sup>HAS</sup> advised that one JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, when interviewed in St. Louis, stated that he thought JAMES EARL RAY to be a burglar, and contended that on or about 6/23 or 6/24/67, he read in the "Chicago Tribune" of a \$50,000 bank burglary in a Southern state and recalled that he and RAY had cased this bank in 1958, or 1959.

GAWRON claimed that he was visited by a man whom he refused to identify, and this man told him that he and others had robbed the bank and displayed a valise full of money. GAWRON further claimed that about 6 weeks ago this man again visited him and indicated that RAY and one or more other persons had been involved in the bank robbery. The bank was allegedly in the Deep South in a city near a river, and the city was on the east bank of the Mississippi River.

For the information of St. Louis, the American Bank and Trust Co., Airline Highway Branch, Baton Rouge, La., was robbed on 3/30/67, and \$55,693 was taken. The title of this case is, "UNSUBS (2), AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST CO., AIRLINE HIGHWAY BRANCH, BATON ROUGE, LA., 3/30/67; BR; NO 91-3073; Bufile 91-26681."

A lone W/M entered the bank at approximately 12:10 PM, and pulled a gun believed to be a German Luger, and told the 2 employees in the bank to lie down behind the counter. During the commission of the bank robbery, a shot was fired, believed to have been accidental, and the shell casing and slug were recovered. Latent fingerprints from the bank and from the get-away-car were also developed. The individual who entered the

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bank is described as a W/M, approximately 40 years old, 5'8", 145-155 pounds, small build, dark hair, dark complexion. He had a black mustache, which appeared to be false, and also wore glasses with dark frames. The subject wore a dark brown hat and had on black loafer-type shoes.

The second UNSUB was driving the get-away-car and was not observed by the bank employees.

St. Louis should interview JOHN EUGENE GAWRON to determine if the bank robbery he had referred to is the bank robbery committed in Baton Rouge, La., on 3/30/67. Names of suspects should be secured and submitted to the Identification Division for comparison with latent prints in Latent Case #78257, which is the Latent Case Number for the latents in the American Bank and Trust Co. robbery. Photos of any logical suspects should be furnished to New Orleans for display to witnesses.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)  
MURKIN

The Bureau may wish to give consideration to the following potential investigative leads and suggestions:

In view of subject RAY's statements to associates that he had previously been employed as a river man and cook on board a water vessel and his knowledge of various "beer joints" located in close proximity to the terminus of the navigable Warrior River, on which large barges operate, it is suggested that subject's photograph and description be published in "The Waterways Journal," Room 701 Chemical Building, 721 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo., which is considered the "bible" for all employers and employees who work on the major rivers.

It is noted RAY was working in the Missouri Penitentiary bake shop at the time of his escape. In view of the possibility RAY may seek employment as a baker, it is suggested that RAY's photograph and description be circularized in all publications designed for or directed to the baking industries. It is also suggested that similar circularization be given to all baking unions.

In view of the fact that RAY may have been employed aboard a barge on the Inland Waterways System, the Bureau is requested to consider circularization and/or contact with Coast Guard stations and cutters patrolling the navigable river system. It is noted Coast Guard personnel board and inspect craft on the rivers and might be in a position to

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locate RAY or former associates of RAY.

Inasmuch as RAY was known to have been interested in locksmithing and tinkering with locks in his spare time and was once enrolled in a correspondence course from the Locksmith Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, it is suggested that the Bureau consider having Newark recontact the Locksmithing Institute regarding all correspondence course applications from 4/5/68 to the present time to ascertain if RAY may have reapplied for enrollment in a locksmithing course under an assumed name, and identify other locksmithing schools and publications.

It is noted that RAY expressed a great interest to fellow convicts while confined in Missouri State Penitentiary in baseball and baseball news and was considered an avid baseball fan. Therefore, it is suggested that the Bureau may wish to contact the J. J. Taylor Spink Publishing Company of St. Louis, Mo., publishers of "The Sporting News," the recognized "bible" of baseball fans, to ascertain if "The Sporting News" would consider publishing an article and photograph of RAY.

In line with the above suggestion, it is suggested that the Bureau instruct all divisions having major and minor league baseball teams contact appropriate officials of these clubs to insure circularization of concession stand operators and security personnel and other appropriate individuals in view of the fact that RAY may attend professional ball games.

It is suggested that the Bureau may wish, in light of the successful results achieved in previous Bureau cases of major proportion, to consider contacting the Saturday Evening Post and Reader's Digest magazines, which have international circulation, to ascertain if these magazines would publish an article concerning RAY's fugitive status.

The Bureau may wish to explore the feasibility of taking fingerprint pictures of all thumb impressions of all persons who applied for permanent visas to Canada and Mexico from March until the present time and submit these to the Identification Division for comparison with subject's thumb prints.

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It is noted that the Bureau previously directed that Birmingham, Atlanta, Memphis and several other southern divisions personally contact all laundries and cleaning establishments within their respective territories regarding RAY's fugitive status, as well as the reward being offered for his apprehension. It is, therefore, suggested that the Bureau may desire to have all divisions contact all cleaning and laundry facilities within their respective areas, noting, however, that in the divisions with extremely dense population centers, the use of mailing lists may be more feasible than personal contact.

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TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)  
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re marriage records for JERRY RAYNES or RAYNS and LUCILLE MAHER.

On 5/17/68, the files of Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville, Fla., were checked under the names JERRY RAYNES, JERRY RAYNS, and LUCILLE MAHER negatively regarding a record of marriage for the years 1929 to 1941.

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Via TELETYPE - URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR 44-38861  
MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM: KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE RALPH RENFRO IN JOPLIN, MO., NEGATIVE.  
LEADS SET OUT FOR LOUISVILLE AND OMAHA.

CECIL LILYBRIDGE, FORMER CELLMATE OF SUBJECT, ADVISED  
THE ONLY MAGAZINE HE OBSERVED RAY READING WAS "TIME."

ORIGINAL RECORDS BELSAW LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, KANSAS  
CITY, MO., BEING OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO LAB FOR HANDWRITING  
EXAMINATION. THESE RECORDS FROM APRIL ONE, LAST, TO THE  
PRESENT TIME, INCLUDING ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE APPLICATIONS.

DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATION OFFICES FOR STATE OF MO.  
BEING CIRCULATED WITH IDENTIFICATION ORDERS THROUGH DRIVER'S  
LICENSE HEADQUARTERS AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

ALL LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

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Sears Roebuck & Co. 13 E. Second St. Covington, Ky.	(10)	Sears Roebuck & Co. 13 West 7th Street Covington, Kentucky	(25)
Sears Roebuck & Co. 4133 Dixie Highway Shively, Ky.	(5)	Sears Roebuck & Co. 820 West Broadway Louisville, Ky.	(24)
Sears Roebuck & Co. 1010 State Street Bowling Green, Ky.	(22)	Sears Roebuck & Co. 4121 Shelbyville Road St. Matthews, Kentucky	(26)
Sears Roebuck & Co. 2102 Williams St. Cape Girardeau, Mo.	(4)	Sears Roebuck & Co. U.S. 60 East Frankfort, Kentucky	(7)
Sears Roebuck & Co. 1500 Broadway Paducah, Kentucky	(13)	Sears Roebuck & Co. 1408 N. Kingshighway St. Louis, Missouri	(76)
Sears Roebuck & Co. 213 E. Main Street Lexington, Kentucky	(13)	Sears Roebuck & Co. 1005 State Street East St. Louis, Illinois	(34)
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Sears Roebuck & Co. 3708 Grand Blvd. St. Louis, Missouri	(64)	Sears Roebuck & Co. 112 E. Main Street Belleville, Illinois	(2)
Sears Roebuck & Co. 7412 Manchester Rd. Maplewood, Missouri	(7)	Sears Roebuck & Co. 15 Crestwood Plaza St. Louis, Missouri	(42)
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)  
RE: MURKIN

Re Louisville teletype to Director dated 4/26/68; Atlanta teletype to Louisville dated 4/30/68; Atlanta telephone call to Louisville, 5/22/68; and Louisville telephone call to Atlanta, 5/23/68

Re: Sears Roebuck Battery located in 1966 Mustang

With further reference to the tracing of Sears Roebuck All-State Battery located in 1966 Mustang recovered at Atlanta, Ga., on 4/5/68, and with particular reference to telephonic conversation between Supervisor CHARLES HARDING, Atlanta Office, and SA C. ADDISON KINCAID of the Louisville Office, the following additional facts are being furnished:

On 5/22/68, Mr. JOHN DARNELL, Globe Union Company, Louisville, Ky., manufacturers of All-State Automobile Batteries of the type recovered in instant 1966 Mustang, stated that this battery is a Model 52 which carries a stock number of 22-F. Mr. DARNELL informed that in a 1966 Mustang the battery normally installed would be a Model 25, 35 or 36 or Stock No. 24-F. He stated that this battery

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could be purchased in any of the Sears Roebuck retail automobile store outlets located in Eastern Missouri, Southern Illinois, all of the State of Indiana, all of the State of Ohio, all of the State of West Virginia, or all of the State of Kentucky. He stated that as of the present time, there are 133 retail Sears Roebuck automobile stores which stock and sell this battery.

With reference to the possibility of obtaining this battery through mail order, Mr. DARNELL stated that this could be possible but only upon referral of the mail order to the Louisville plant of Globe by Sears Roebuck in Chicago, Illinois, for delivery direct from the Louisville plant. It is to be noted that the central distributing point and warehouse of Sears Roebuck in Chicago would not stock a 22-F battery manufactured at the Louisville plant inasmuch as Chicago is served by the Milwaukee plant of Globe Union.

With reference to the possibility of purchase of the battery by mail order, Mr. DARNELL checked all mail orders filled by the Louisville plant upon such referral by Sears Roebuck in Chicago and stated that no mail order received was for a Model 22-F battery, thus eliminating the possibility of purchase of instant battery through mail order.

Pursuant to conversation held with Supervisor CHARLES HARDING of the Atlanta Office, Mr. DARNELL was requested to furnish and did furnish copies of the Sears Roebuck retail automobile store outlets in the area surrounding Memphis, consisting of stores in the Greater St. Louis, Missouri, area and Southeastern Missouri, as well as Southern Illinois as far North as Alton, Illinois, as well as stores in Western Kentucky. Next to the name and address of the Sears Roebuck stores so listed in parenthesis are listed the total number of the type 22-F battery furnished these various stores during the pertinent period from 2/22/68, to April 5, 1968. It is to be noted that while instant battery carries a date code of 3/68, Mr. DARNELL explained that the code date is effective on the 21st of each month indicating that this battery was distributed possibly as early as 2/22/68, as a March product.

For the information of offices not previously receiving correspondence regarding tracing of instant

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battery, this battery is described as an All-State high voltage, internal connector battery with the identifying Model 52 contained in white letters in a small circular plastic case on three sides of the battery. It also bears the marking "F-41 B E 8, square 48" located on the top of the lead shield washer on the negative post. The date code "C-8" indicating the battery was manufactured in March, 1968, is contained in a small white decal on the side of the battery.

Enclosed for the Bureau and each receiving office is a copy of the list of Sears Roebuck retail stores carrying this battery and through which retail outlet same may have been purchased during the above period from 2/22 to 4/4/68.

No leads are being set forth herewith by the Louisville Office relative to further tracing of this battery but same is being left to the descretion of the OO as indicated in referenced teletype of the Louisville Office dated 4/26/68.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN, SIX EIGHT, CLAIMS TO BE SUBJECT'S  
CLOSEST ASSOCIATE AT MSP PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S ESCAPE.

SW BELL TELE. CO. (PROTECT) ADVISED FOLLOWING PHONE CALL  
CHARGED TO CARMEN PATTON, FIVE TWO ZERO SIX WASH., SLMO, NOLAN'S  
LANDLADY: OCT. TWENTYNINE, SIXTYSEVEN (AREA CODE SIX ONE EIGHT),  
TWO SEVEN FIVE DASH FOUR FOUR SEVEN EIGHT, LEAMINGTON, ILL.  
POSTAL GUIDE AND HIGHWAY MAP FAILS TO LIST LEAMINGTON. PHONE CO.  
SAYS TOWN IN SOUTH CENTRAL, ILL.

SPRINGFIELD IDENTIFY LEAMINGTON SUBSCRIBED.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, St. Louis

DATE: Apr 19, 1968

FROM : R. B. Smith, SA

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY  
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At 5:15PM, 4-19-68 Mr. ~~JOSEPH LAWRENCE~~, Famous Barr called to say that two customers of his, man and wife, names unknown, had just asked him to call the FBI to state that in the past week they have noticed a man staying at Ramada Inn, near the airport, between 9PM and 10PM in either the dining room or bar, depending on the time, who closely resembles subject in this case, whose picture they saw in news this afternoon. They said sometimes he wears dark glasses and other times he does not. They described him as a "ringer for this man".

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**Teletype**

5-14-68

TO: ALL SAC'S  
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SUBJECT SPENT A CONSIDERABLE SUM OF MONEY FROM APRIL 23, 1967 TO APRIL 4, 1968, AND THE SOURCE OF HIS MONEY HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, HIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES AND BANK BURGLARIES IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE WITNESSES ARE AVAILABLE. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE REQUESTING OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TO WITNESSES IN THEIR UNSOLVED ROBBERIES.

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TOR: 1:11PM

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtels to Bureau 5/7/68 and 5/8/68 as well as San Francisco airtel to Bureau 5/8/68 and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 5/10/68.

For the information of St. Louis, referenced Kansas City airtel of 5/8/68 named seven former inmates of Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) who should be contacted to ascertain if they can furnish any information concerning the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/10/68, a review of the Los Angeles Police Department file 304218-D on DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT reflected that FONTENNOT is a transient drunk with arrests for drunk as recent as 12/15/67. Records fail to reflect any employment or residences in California, and FONTENNOT has been arrested for sleeping on park benches as recent as 8/1/67.

The following background and descriptive information was obtained from the Los Angeles Police Department file 304218-D:

Name	DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
DOB	<input type="text"/>

- 3 - Bureau
  - 2 - Kansas City (AM)
  - ② - St. Louis (AM)
  - 1 - Memphis (Info.) (AM)
  - 2 - Los Angeles
- FEB/mmc  
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Special Agent in Charge



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Height	5'4"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Address (1966)	605 Kemp Street Midland, Texas
Relatives	CLIFTON FONTENOTE New Orleans (1967)
FBI Number	860 489 B
Occupation	Transient
Characteristics	Common Drunk

Referenced airtel from San Francisco to Bureau 5/8/68 reflects that (FNU) WADE has been located and interviewed by San Francisco and no further efforts are being made in an attempt to identify FONTENNOT as WADE who was in the Missouri State Prison with JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/14/68, Mrs. LEORA PICO, 1278 East 126th Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that CHERRI PICO, sister of CHARLES AMOS STEWART, used to live in common-law with her son at their residence but she has not been in Los Angeles since November, 1967, when she left for places unknown in Missouri. Mrs. PICO advised that CHARLES STEWART has not been in Los Angeles to the best of her knowledge. Mrs. PICO advised she has no idea as to the whereabouts of her son who was living with CHERRI and she has no idea as to the present whereabouts of CHERRI or her brother CHARLES STEWART.

On 5/14/68, Mrs. MARY RUSSELL, Trailer No. 60, 8111 Stanford Drive, Garden Grove, California, advised that JUDITH LEA MC FARLIN, wife of DAVID DON MC FARLIN, had spent some time as a house guest of hers in 1966. Mrs. RUSSELL advised that she has no idea where DAVID DON MC FARLIN might be but she stated that the last she heard was that JUDITH

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MC FARLIN was residing with her parents at 4331 A Lafayette, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone PR 1-3288. Mrs. RUSSELL stated that JUDITH is her Grand Neice by marriage, but she knows nothing about JUDITH's husband.

On 5/14/68, Mrs. PAULINE COMBS, 4676 West 133rd Street, Hawthorne, California, telephone 675-1047, advised that Mrs. ROSELEE GRIDER, wife of LAWRENCE ALBERT GRIDER, has not been living in California for many months. She advised that she has never met Mr. GRIDER and she has no information regarding his whereabouts. Mrs. COMBS stated that ROSELEE GRIDER was last known to reside at 1510½ North Lyon Street, Springfield, Missouri.

On 5/15/68, a review of the records of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office failed to reflect any record for "SAM MASSY" as being arrested in Los Angeles City or County for armed robbery in 1965 or 1966. The records were further checked under the spelling MASSIE, MASSEY and MASSI with negative results.

LEADS

KANSAS CITY

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. Will locate and interview Mrs. ROSELEE GRIDER, 1510½ North Lyons Street, in an effort to locate LAWRENCE ALBERT GRIDER, her husband, who was in the Missouri State Penitentiary during the same period as JAMES EARL RAY, in order that he may be interviewed regarding any information he may have pertaining to RAY.

ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. Will locate and interview Mrs. JUDITH LEA MC FARLIN, 4331 A Lafayette Street, in an effort to locate DAVID DON MC FARLIN, her husband, who was in the Missouri State Penitentiary during the same period as JAMES EARL RAY, in order that he may be interviewed regarding any information he may have pertaining to RAY.

*Says best her knowledge he is w mother Mrs. L Davis general  
advance, Mo.  
Stoddard County  
Mo. Ref.*

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*Burton advised*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, St. Louis (44-775)  
(Attention SA Welton)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA John O. Trethewey, Jr. *902*

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka  
Eric Starvo Galt  
MURKIN, CR  
OO: Memphis

On 4/10/68 Dennis R. Patterson, St. Louis Bureau of Vital Statistics, made available the St. Louis City Birth Files for examination. Accordingly, the following is a list of all the Galt's born in St. Louis since the year 1900; for which there are records:

Clarece Eaton Galt, DOB [ ] Father - Thomas F. Galt.  
Mother - Clarace Galt. Both of St. Louis.

White Female, DOB [ ] at 5030 Kensington, to Thomas F.  
and Clarace Galt.

Charles E. Galt, DOB [ ] at 3557 Lafayette.

Mary Louise Galt and Judith Brooks Galt, Twins, DOB [ ]  
6010 Berlin.

White Female, DOB [ ] 4021 Washington.

David Brown Galt, DOB [ ] 2319 Albion Place.

White Female, DOB [ ] 4021 Washington.

Noel Galt, DOB [ ] 2319 Albion Place.

Francis Galt, white Female, DOB [ ] 4021 Washington.

Warren M. Galt, DOB [ ]

Anna Kennett Galt, [ ]

Homer W. Galt, DOB [ ] 2228 & Montgomery.

Martin Epler Galt, w/m, DOB [ ] 7351 Burrwood Drive,  
Normandy, Mo. to Martin E. Galt and  
Margaret R. Fruchte Galt.

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Larry Edward Galt, DOB [ ] 2335 St. Louis Ave., adopted by Homer W. Galt.

Elisabeth Ann Galt (twin), DOB [ ] Ferguson, Mo.

David Brown Jr., DOB [ ] 553 Ford Dr., Ferguson, Mo., to David Galt and Grace Galt.

Ellen Scott Galt, DOB [ ] Ladue, Mo.

On 4/10/68 a check of the Marriage Records, Municipal Courts Building, St. Louis, showed that Homer W. Galt married Ermalee Brewer on 9/24/45. It also revealed that Homer Wesley Galt married Mrs. Nellie Mae Tourville on 11/17/49, at which time she resided at 1516 N. Grand, and who was born in Cherryville, Mo. This Homer Wesley Galt was white; DOB [ ] and resided at 3965 Westminister.

Civil Court Records for St. Louis examined <sup>on 10/11/68</sup> indicated that divorce proceeding was filed by Erma L. Galt against Homer W. Galt on 8/19/46.

Examination on 4/10/68 of the SLMO County Marriage Licence Bureau Records indicated the following marriages of Galt's:

Albert C. Galt (21 yrs.) to Dorothy Maxwell (19 yrs.) on 4/12/13.

Martin E. Galt, Jr. to Margaret R. Fruchte of University City, Mo. on 10/9/40.

Agnes P. Galt to Clark, William G. Jr. on 7/28/44.

Stewart S. Galt, 123 N. Elisabeth, Ferguson, Born [ ] at St. Louis, to Lilian Sommer, 123 N. Elisabeth, Ferguson, born [ ] in Bern Switzerland, on 6/4/54 (first marriage for both).

Martin Epler Galt III, #8 Bellerive, Country Club Grounds, ST. Louis County, Mo., born [ ] at SLMO, to Marianne Schultz, 56 Clermont, Ladue, Mo., born [ ] at SLMO, on 7/21/67 (first marriage for both).

In examination of birth, marriage, and other legal records as far back as 1867 the names Eric and Starvo were not found in connection with the name Galt, nor were any similar sounding names.

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Date: 5/13/68

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Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: SAC's St. Louis (44-775)  
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel 5/7/68.

Latent fingerprints previously reported and remaining unidentified in the case entitled "Unsubs.; Perry State Bank, Perry, Missouri, 3/8/68, BB," Bufile #91-29677, latent case #91189, are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. The latent impression of the lower joint of a finger previously reported in this case was compared, insofar as possible, with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, but no identification was effected. No palm prints in Identification Division files for Ray.

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To: All SACS  
LEGATS, Mexico City  
Ottawa

*File*  
From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

*In dex Ray Country club employment*

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968, and prior to his departing Los Angeles, in March of 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

This should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

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445PM URGENT 5-17-68 KLJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY (44-760), ST. LOUIS (44-775)  
AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 3P

MURKIN

RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL, FIVE EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT, AND MEMPHIS  
TELETYPES, FIVE SIXTEEN AND FIVE SEVENTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: ~~KENNETH LEE WADE~~

KENNETH LEE WADE ON FIVE SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, ADVISED MONEY EARNED  
IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) COULD BE EITHER IN CURRENCY AND/OR  
SCRIPT OR SERVICES SUCH AS COMMISSARY CHITS OR LEATHER GOODS, ETC.  
MONEY COULD BE SENT OUT OF THE MSP BY GUARDS WHO WERE BRIBED BY PRI-  
SONERS TO ACT AS COURIERS INVOLVING ITEMS LEAVING OR ENTERING THE PRISON.  
WADE STATED HE DID NOT DESIRE TO IDENTIFY ANY GUARD AS THAT GUARD MIGHT  
STILL BE AVAILABLE AND USEABLE BY PRESENT MSP INMATES.

WADE STATED RAY WOULD EARN ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS PER MONTH  
FROM HIS BAKERY WORK, AND IT WAS HIS RECOLLECTION THAT FIFTEEN OR  
TWENTY DOLLARS PER MONTH COULD BE FURNISHED TO RAY BY FRIENDS OR  
FAMILY OUTSIDE OF THE PRISON FOR HIS PERSONAL USE IN PURCHASING COMMIS-  
SARY ITEMS.

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WADE ADVISED THAT RAY WOULD NOT PLACE ANY "PRISON EARNINGS" IN HIS ACCOUNT AT THE PRISON AND CLAIMED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW RAY HANDLED HIS PRISON EARNINGS. HE STATED THIS WAS A STRICT PERSONAL MATTER WITH RAY. WADE ALSO ADVISED THAT HE GAMBLED A LOT OF HIS MONEY, BUT RAY WAS CONSERVATIVE IN THE HANDLING OF MONEY AND IF HE, WADE, WAS BROKE, HE COULD USUALLY GET A LOAN FROM RAY.

WADE STATED HE HAD NO REASON TO LIE TO THE FBI. HE STATED THAT HE NEEDS HELP TO GET A REDUCTION OF SENTENCE OR TRANSFER TO ANOTHER LESS STRICT INSTITUTION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND THAT HE WOULD BE COOPERATIVE, HOPING HIS COOPERATION COULD BE OF VALUE TO BOTH THE FBI AND HIMSELF.

WADE STATED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S WHEREABOUTS. HE ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS SOURCE OF FUNDS. HE STATED HE HAS NO DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE AS TO HOW RAY GOT HIS MONEY OUT OF MSP.

WADE STATED IT WAS HIS SPECULATION THAT RAY COULD HAVE HAD FIVE

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THOUSAND DOLLARS AT THE TIME HE ESCAPED. RAY WAS CONSERVATIVE IN MONEY MATTERS AND PROBABLY HAD SOME MONEY ON HIS PERSON AT THE TIME HE EXCAPED AND SOME MONEY SOME PLACE AFTER HE GOT OUT. HE STATED IT WAS HIS SPECULATION THAT RAY, BECAUSE OF HIS CONSERVATIVE HANDLING OF MONEY, WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN MUCH OF A CHANCE ON WHERE HE PLACED THIS MONEY IF THAT IS WHAT HE DID.

WADE ADVISED A LIEUTENANT DICKSON OR DIXON (PH) WAS DISCHARGED BY THE MSR IN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND HE HAD BEEN USED BY WADE - RAY AND ASSOCIATES TO BRING IN AND TAKE OUT ITEMS OF VALUE. WADE STATED RAY WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF WILLIE SHOW OR SCHOAF (PH), A NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR OR SIXTYFIVE PAROLEE WHO ORIGINALLY CAME FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AREA. WADE STATED WILLIE SHOW OR SCHOAF (PH) SENT SOME "STUFF" BACK INTO THE PRISON FOR US AFTER HE GOT OUT.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., THROUGH MSP RECORDS, IDENTIFY WILLIE SHOW OR SCHOAF (PH) AND LIEUTENT DICKSON OR DIXON (PH) AND THEREAFTER SET OUT LEADS TO INTERVIEW THESE MEN FOR INFORMATION RE RAY AND/OR HIS SOURCE OF FUNDS.

INSERTS FOLLOW.

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FBI ST LOUIS

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**Radio**

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**Teletype**

5-22-68

TO: ALL SAC'S

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

IN ASMUCH AS RAY IN KNOWN TO STAY AT "FLOPHOUSES" AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS.

*Project worked up on this*

ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, 68, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER 30 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER 55 YEARS OF AGE, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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