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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA HARVEY E. WILKINSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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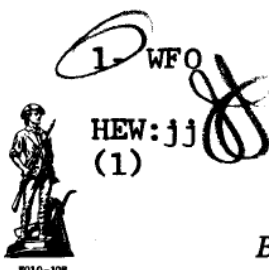
Re memo of SE MELVIN L. MONTGOMERY, 4/7/68.

On 4/19/68 RICHARD SCOTT was contacted by the writer and stated his friend "HERB" had seen the picture of JAMES E. RAY in the newspaper and that SWEENEY was definitely not identical to RAY, alias GALT.

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4/26/68

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Washington Field teletype to Bureau and Philadelphia, dated 4/18/68, regarding check of Bureau of Employee Compensation records at FRC Naval Supply Depot, Mechanicsburg, Pa., on compensation cases X-728831 on ERNEST S. GAULT and X-898778 on JOHN F. WILLARD.

Search of records has been discontinued in view of the identification of JAMES EARL RAY.

It is noted that FBI Identification Record reflects that RAY was in custody in Chicago on 5/6/52, while referenced teletype reflects GAULT had his injury in St. Louis, Mo., on 4/8/52. RAY was in custody at Pontiac, Ill., on 3/1/54, when WILLARD was injured in Massachusetts.

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3 - Bureau (44-38861) (RM)
2 - Washington Field (44-703) (RM)
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FBI WFO

FBI WASH DC

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FBI ATLANTA

3:45P EDT URGENT 4/29/68 VSC

TO WFO 44-703

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

REURTEL, APR. TWENTYNINE, INSTANT.

INSTANT LICENSE B Y EIGHT SIX SEVEN THREE IS NOT A
GEORGIA LICENSE. GEORGIA 'SIXTYEIGHT TAGS ARE WHITE ON
GREEN BACKGROUND.

AM COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

END

CAB

FBI WASH DC*

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

DANIEL SCHWARTZ, THREE FIVE FOUR THIRTY-NINTH STREET,
NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D. C., APARTMENT FIVE ZERO NINE E,
ADVISED THAT AT ABOUT TEN THIRTY P. M., APRIL TWENTY-SEVEN,
LAST, HE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY DRIVING
AN OFF WHITE MUSTANG, GEORGIA LICENSE B Y EIGHT SIX SEVEN THREE,
IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

ATLANTA IDENTIFY REGISTERED OWNER AND HAVE OPERATOR
OF INSTANT CAR INTERVIEWED.

MEMPHIS SENT AIR MAIL COPY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

- 1 - Teletype Unit
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- ② - WFO

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MEMPHIS SENT VIA HWIT COPY.

OF INSTANT CASE INTERVIEWED.

VILVILV IDENTIFY REGISTERED OWNER AND HAVE OBSERVION

IN WASHINGTON. D. C.

ON ONE WHITE MUSTANG. GEORGIA LICENSE B A EIGHT SIX SEVEN THREE.

LAST. HE OBSERVED INDIVIDUALS BEHAVING UNUSUAL FOR THE AREA.

ADVISED THAT HE ABOUT TEN THIRTY P. M. VISIT LAUREL-SEVEN.

WORTHINGTON. WASHINGTON. D. C. VISITING AREA SEVEN NINE E.

DWIGHT SCHWARTZ. THREE FIVE FOUR THIRTY-NINE SEVEN.

WALKIN

FROM: SAC, MEO (44-103)

TO: SAC, VILVILV (44-5389)

TELETYPE

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

RE WFO TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST, RE ALLEGED ONE
HUNDRED DOLLAR BET ON DR. KING'S LIFE.

ROBERT ROULSTON, CITY MANAGER, AMERICAN AIRLINES, NATIONAL
AIRPORT, SAID ON APRIL TWENTYNINE INSTANT THAT HE MADE A
ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BET WITH HENRY O'NEILL, CITY MANAGER, AMERICAN
AIRLINES, NASHVILLE, TENN. THAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING WOULD
BE DEAD BY MAY FIRST, NEXT. ROULSTON SAID HE MADE THIS BET
AT A DINNER ATTENDED BY OTHER AMERICAN AIRLINES OFFICIALS
IN TULSA, OKLA. HE ADDED HE THOUGHT AN ATTEMPT MIGHT BE MADE
ON DR. KING'S LIFE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLANNED MARCH ON
WASHINGTON IN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. HE ADDED THERE WAS NO
SIGNIFICANCE TO MAY FIRST, NEXT DATE. HE DID NOT HAVE ANY

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2-WFO

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INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE HIS BET. HE ADDED HE HAD SEVERAL MARTINIS AT THE TIME HE MADE THE BET AND LATER FELT IT HAD BEEN FOOLISH TO MAKE SUCH A BET. HE ALSO SAID HE DID NOT COLLECT THE MONEY AND REPEATED THE BET WAS BASED ON HIS ANALYSIS OF PREVAILING CONDITIONS. HE WAS SURPRISED THE ASSASSINATION OCCURRED IN MEMPHIS, TENN., RATHER THAN SOMEPLACE LIKE WASHINGTON, D.C.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS FOR INFO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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VIA MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS FOR INFO.

SOMEPLACE LIKE WASHINGTON D.C.

THE ASSASSINATION OCCURRED IN MEMPHIS TENN. EARLIER THAN
ON HIS ANALYSIS OF LEAVING CONDITIONS. HE WAS SURPRISED
DID NOT CORRECT THE WOMAN AND BELIEVED THE BEL WAS BASED
IT HAD BEEN FOOLISH TO MAKE SUCH A BEL. HE ALSO SAID HE
RECENTLY HEARD THAT AT THE TIME HE MADE THE BEL AND GIVES A LOT
INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE HIS BEL. HE ADDED HE HAD
LATE LMO

MEO 44-103

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS ATLANTA
MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, KNOXVILLE,
RICHMOND AND WFO, APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

J. C. VAUGHN, OFFICE MANAGER, CURTIS WRIGHT CORPORATION,
EIGHT TWO ONE FIFTEENTH STREET, N. W., WDC ADVISED THIS DATE
HE WAS A PASSENGER ABOARD DELTA AIRLINER FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX
FROM ATLANTA ON APRIL FIVE LAST. HE SAID THAT HE HAD ATTENDED
AN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION MEETING AT ATLANTA THE EVENING OF
APRIL FOUR LAST.

VAUGHN IS WHITE MALE, SIXTYONE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET
NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, GREY HAIR. NO FURTHER
INVESTIGATION RE VAUGHN IS BEING CONDUCTED BY WFO.

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FBI Checks Canadian Lead In Search for King's Killer

By JEREMIAH O'LEARY
Star Staff Writer

The search for the suspected killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. now has branched into Canada.

This development came after the Federal Bureau of Investigation received information that James Earl Ray, sought as King's assassin visited Montreal last July and August during the Expo 67 fair. The FBI declined comment and provided no details as to whom the 40-year-old suspect might have seen in Canada or the purpose of his visit.

Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., in April 1967 and bought a 1966 white Mustang in Birmingham, Ala., in August. No information is available on his means of transportation between those dates.

Mexico and West Germany also are considered possible hiding places. Ray is known to have visited Mexico after purchasing the Mustang picked up by the FBI in Atlanta the day after the April 4 slaying in Memphis. Ray had a long tour of duty in West Germany when he was in the U. S. Army from 1946 to 1948.

More than three weeks after the assassination, officials are indicating that the trail is cold. Investigators have been banking

heavily on the fact that more than \$150,000 in rewards has been offered for information leading to arrest of the fugitive. They also are working long hours to check out the hundreds of tips that have poured in from people who think they have seen the suspect.

The FBI has done a vacuum-sweeper job of collecting information about Ray, his habits, usual haunts and acquaintances. They are now in the position of knowing nearly everything about Ray except his whereabouts and whether he was working alone or as trigger-man for a conspiracy.

Some officials are leaning more and more to the theory that Ray was paid to shoot King—not on the basis of solid

information, but because it has been impossible to account for the amount of money he spent from the time of his escape from the Missouri prison on April 23, 1967, until last April 4.

KING'S MURDERER VIEWED AS LONER

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said yesterday there is no significant evidence that the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "goes beyond the single actor" who fired the fatal shot.

Clark made the statement in reply to a question concerning reports of a possible conspiracy of Southern businessmen who might have been involved in the King slaying.

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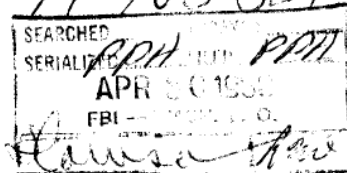
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **April 29, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
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Lab. No. **D-561681 JK**Specimens received **4/26/68** from Washington Field Office

Q292 Mail Order Form to Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., postmarked "PENSACOLA FLA. APR 22 1968," bearing the hand printed name and address "Eric Starvo Galt, E - Street, Elberta, Ala."

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Q292 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.



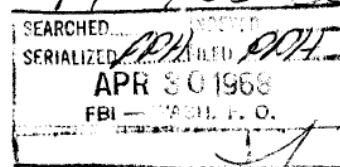
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Date: **April 29, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

OO: **MEMPHIS**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561981 JK**

Examination requested by: **Washington Field Office**

Reference: **Letter 4/26/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q292.**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Washington Field Office (44-703) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1 - Knoxville (44-686) Enclosure (Lab report)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SE MELVIN L. MONTGOMERY

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

Complaint

At 10:34 AM this date, a man who identified himself as JUNIUS PRICE, Cab Driver of Autorama Cab #40 telephonically advised that about 20 minutes previously he had dropped a passenger off at the capitol who "looked just like the murderer of KING". PRICE said he picked this man up at the Regency Motel which is in the 600 block of New York Ave NE and took him to Universal Parts to obtain a fan belt for his car which he pointed out as a 1958 or 1959 Chevrolet, Michigan license XA 9181, and after the person picked up the fan belt, PRICE took him to the capitol. PRICE said he called since the man closely resembled the killer and also because of the peculiar action of going to the capitol instead of back to his car after getting the part. He said he could add nothing else to the above information.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, Dallas
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtel to Memphis, dated 4/23/68,
no copies to WFO or Dallas.

For the information of Dallas and WFO, referenced
airtel enclosed a copy of the pre-sentence report for
JAMES EARL RAY, dated 4/26/55 from the Western District
of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri.

This pre-sentence report indicated that JAMES
EARL RAY, WALTER TERRY RIFE and an unknown woman companion,
in March, 1955, engaged in passing numerous stolen U. S.
Postal money orders in Missouri, Arkansas, Florida,
Tennessee, and New Orleans, Louisiana.

WFO
In March, 1955, exact date unknown, RIFE passed
a U. S. Postal money order, number [REDACTED], (last 3 digits only)
at Wright Tailors; that on 3/21/55 RIFE passed U. S. Postal
money order number [REDACTED] (last 3 digits only) at Schneiders;
and on 3/16/55, RIFE passed U. S. Postal money order number
[REDACTED] (last 3 digits only) at Todd's Sportswear Shop. These
three establishments are all located in New Orleans, La.
The first two money orders passed were in the amount of \$75
and the last money order in the amount of \$50.

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1-Memphis (Info)
2-New Orleans
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The money orders were apparently made payable to WILLARD J. MC BRIDE with the purchaser listed as VERNON MC BRIDE.

One money order passed in Kansas City, Missouri contained the full number [REDACTED] and these first six digits may be the same numbers attributable to the above mentioned money orders for which the last three digits only were furnished.

On 4/24/68 U. S. Postal Inspector, THOMAS E. DAILEY, New Orleans, La., advised that any investigative report prepared by his office concerning the passing of the three money orders in New Orleans would now be located in either Ft. Worth, Texas or Washington, D. C. He stated that he assumed this report would be at the Regional Office in Ft. Worth, Texas, which is located in Room 202 of the main Post Office Building, Ft. Worth.

LEADS:

DALLAS DIVISION

AT FT. WORTH, TEXAS: Will contact Regional Office of Postal Inspectors and attempt to determine if a copy of the investigative report concerning the passing of the three money orders in New Orleans is located at this office, and set out appropriate leads.

WFO

AT WFO, WASHINGTON, D. C.: Contact Headquarters of U. S. Postal Inspectors and attempt to locate investigative report concerning passing of money orders in New Orleans, and set out appropriate leads.

FBI WFO

FBI WASH DC

1053PM CAB

FBI LOS ANG.

7:50PM URGENT 4-29-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BALTIMORE, CHARLOTTE, DALLAS, DETROIT,
LAS VEGAS, LITTLE ROCK, LOUISVILLE, MIAMI, MINNEAPOLIS,
NEW HAVEN, OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA, SACRAMENTO, ST. LOUIS,
SAN FRANCISCO, TAMPA, AND WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

REMYTEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST.

RE: TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN HOLLYWOOD AREA, LOS ANGELES,
FROM NOVEMBER NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, THROUGH
MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST, APPROXIMATELY. NOVEMBER NINETEEN
UNTIL APPROXIMATELY JANUARY TWENTY RESIDED NEAR ST.
FRANCIS HOTEL AND JANUARY TWENTY ONE TO MARCH SEVENTEEN
RESIDED THERE. TOLL NUMBERS FROM TELEPHONE BOOTHS AT THE
HOTEL ARE BEING ANALYZED FOR ANY POSSIBLE CALLS BY SUBJECT
WHILE IN LOS ANGELES AREA.

FOLLOWING NUMBERS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN
CALLED FROM THE TELEPHONE BOOTHS LOCATED IN THE ST.
FRANCIS HOTEL.

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BALTIMORE

FEBRUARY ELEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, OXON HILL, MARYLAND,
TEN ZERO THREE AM, SIX THREE ZERO DASH THREE ONE EIGHT TWO.

CHARLOTTE

FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, PEMBROKE, NORTH CAROLINA,
SEVEN FIFTY THREE PM, FIVE TWO ONE DASH FOUR SIX EIGHT NINE.

MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA,
NINE THIRTEEN AM, SEVEN THREE FIVE DASH FOUR TWO ZERO NINE.

DALLAS

MARCH TWELVE, SIXTY EIGHT, FORT WORTH, SIX ELEVEN PM, NINE
TWO FOUR DASH NINE THREE ZERO NINE.

DETROIT

FEBRUARY TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, ST. INGLIS, MICHIGAN,
TIME NOT KNOWN, SIX FOUR THREE DASH ONE TWO EIGHT SEVEN.

LAS VEGAS

DECEMBER TWENTY THREE, SIXTY SEVEN, LAS VEGAS, THREE TWENTY
EIGHT PM, SEVEN THREE FIVE DASH NINE SEVEN ONE THREE.

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LITTLE ROCK

FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, LITTLE ROCK, ONE FORTY SEVEN PM, SIX SIX FOUR DASH ONE FOUR SEVEN EIGHT. TICKET REFLECTS THIS COLLECT CALL TO MRS. VERA D. AND KEN STURGIS, EIGHT ZERO TWO WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, LITTLE ROCK.

LOUISVILLE

JANUARY TWELVE, SIXTY EIGHT, STURGIS, NINE TWELVE PM, THREE THREE THREE DASH TWO SEVEN TWO EIGHT.

MIAMI

FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, FORT LAUDERDALE, ELEVEN FORTY EIGHT AM, FIVE SIX FOUR DASH TWO THREE SEVEN ONE.

FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, FORT LAUDERDALE, TWELVE NINETEEN PM, FIVE SIX FOUR DASH TWO THREE SEVEN ONE.

MINNEAPOLIS

JANUARY TWENTY ONE, SIXTY EIGHT, MINNEAPOLIS, ONE THIRTY FOUR AM, EIGHT SIX SIX DASH FOUR FOUR THREE NINE.

NEW HAVEN

FEBRUARY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT, FIVE ELEVEN PM, EIGHT FOUR SEVEN DASH NINE ZERO FIVE TWO.

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FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX, SIXTY EIGHT, BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT,
ELEVEN EIGHTEEN PM, THREE THREE SIX DASH FOUR NINE FOUR SEVEN.

OKLAHOMA CITY

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, MIDWEST CITY, ONE TWENTY
ONE PM, SEVEN THREE SEVEN DASH FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX.

PHILADELPHIA

JANUARY THREE, SIXTY EIGHT, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,
SEVEN THIRTY SEVEN PM, TWO FOUR SEVEN DASH TWO ZERO TWO SEVEN.

DECEMBER TWELVE, SIXTY SEVEN, SHARON HILL, PENNSYLVANIA,
EIGHT SIXTEEN PM, FIVE EIGHT SIX DASH TWO ZERO SIX ZERO.

SACRAMENTO

DECEMBER EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SACRAM@O, SIX ZERO
SEVEN PM, NINE TWO FIVE DASH EIGHT FOUR ZERO THREE.

DECEMBER TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, SACRAMENTO, TEN ZERO
FIVE PM, NINE TWO FIVE DASH EIGHT FOUR ZERO THREE.

ST. LOUIS

MARCH TEN, SIXTY EIGHT, KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI, TEN FORTY
EIGHT AM, SEVEN EIGHT ONE DASH EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN SIX.

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SAN FRANCISCO

FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA,
EIGHT TEN PM, TWO FIVE TWO DASH FOUR SEVEN ONE THREE.
TICKET REFLECTS PERSON TO PERSON CALL TO LENORE WIDEN, NINE
FOUR THREE BRENTWOOD.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SAUSALITO, TWO FORTY
THREE PM, THREE THREE TWO DASH FIVE FIVE NINE TWO.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SAUSALITO, SEVEN TWENTY
THREE PM, THREE THREE TWO DASH FIVE FIVE NINE TWO.

FEBRUARY NINETEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SAUSALITO, THREE FORTY
THREE PM, THREE THREE TWO DASH FIVE FIVE NINE TWO.

FEBRUARY NINETEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, SEVEN TWENTY
NINE PM, THREE SIX FIVE DASH NINE SEVEN SIX THREE.

FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, EIGHT ZERO
TWO PM, THREE SIX FIVE DASH NINE SEVEN SIX THREE.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, SEVEN
THIRTY TWO PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.

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FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, SEVEN ZERO ONE PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.

FEBRUARY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, FOUR ZERO THREE PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.

FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, NINE ZERO THREE PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.

FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX, SIXTY EIGHT REDWOOD CITY, NINE SEVENTEEN PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT SEVEN ZERO.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, MILL VALLEY, SEVEN TWENTY FIVE PM, THREE EIGHT EIGHT DASH SEVEN ZERO FOUR FOUR.

FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, MILL VALLEY, SIX THIRTY FOUR PM, THREE EIGHT EIGHT DASH SEVEN ZERO FOUR FOUR.

DECEMBER ELEVEN, SIXTY SEVEN, SAN FRANCISCO, TWELVE TWENTY NINE PM, THREE SIX TWO DASH SIX ONE SIX ZERO.

DECEMBER TWELVE, SIXTY SEVEN, SAN FRANCISCO, ONE FIFTY SEVEN PM, THREE SIX TWO DASH SIX ONE SIX ZERO.

FEBRUARY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, REDWOOD CITY, EIGHT FIFTY THREE PM, THREE SIX NINE DASH EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO.

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TAMPA

DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN, BRADENTON, FLORIDA,
SIX TWELVE, PM, SEVEN FOUR SIX DASH FOUR FIVE EIGHT FOUR.

DECEMBER TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY SEVEN, TAMPA, EIGHT THIRTEEN
AM, EIGHT THREE FOUR DASH FIVE EIGHT ZERO ONE. TICKET
REFLECTS RECEIVER OF CALL GEORGE DAVERNOY, FOUR SEVEN ZERO
ONE SAN JOE STREET.

WASHINGTON FIELD

MARCH TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, WASHINGTON, D.C., SEVEN FIFTY ONE
PM, THREE THREE SEVEN DASH FIVE THREE ONE FIVE.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBER AND
IDENTITY OF CALLER AND ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE GAINED
CONCERNING RAY IF HE MADE ANY OF THESE CALLS.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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4-52PM URGENT 4/29/68 CAB

TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE IO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE SIXTY-SEVEN.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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BRG

FBI WFO

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2200 -
Sgt Charles C. Samsen
APD, Robert Bureau
advised & will
comply.
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HINCHCLIFFE *W*
GILBERT *W*
JAMES *W*

~~JOHNSON~~

KELLY *W*

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PETTY *W*

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Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC/ ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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2 - Chicago	2 - Milwaukee	2 - San Juan
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Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

AT 44-2386

For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

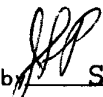
In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 24, 1968

CHESTER EVANS, 1 C Merrill St., Baltimore, Md., employee, United Airlines, Baltimore Friendship Airport, delivered to Special Agent JOHN L. PATTERSON a brown envelope with unknown contents. EVANS advised he obtained the envelope from LINDA YAFFNEY, stewardess on United Airlines Flight 64 from Los Angeles, California to Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Md., on April 12, 1968.

On 4/12/68 at Friendship Airport, Md. File # WFO 44-703 - 358
by  SA JOHN L. PATTERSON Date dictated 4/18/68

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FBI

Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices. *— 1A*

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

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2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each) *Washington Field*
2-Kansas City

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Date: 4/29/68

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To: SAC's, WFO (44-703) - Enclosures (2)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re WFO letter 4/26/68, submitting a mail order form, Q292, and an envelope for examination.

No latent prints of value developed on the two items, which are enclosed to WFO.

Laboratory report separate.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

Australian visa issuing authorities have no record of inquiry regarding visa from anyone using name or aliases of subject.

1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
① - Washington Field

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TEL APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST.

RE: TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN HOLLYWOOD AREA, LOS ANGELES, FROM NOVEMBER NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, THROUGH MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST, APPROXIMATELY. NOVEMBER NINETEEN UNTIL APPROXIMATELY JANUARY TWENTY RESIDED NEAR ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AND JANUARY TWENTYONE TO MARCH SEVENTEEN RESIDED THERE. TOLL NUMBERS FROM TELEPHONE BOOTHS AT THE HOTEL BEING ANALYZED FOR POSSIBLE CALLS BY SUBJECT. TOLL CALL MARCH TWO LAST, WDC, SEVEN FIFTYONE PM, THREE THREE SEVEN DASH FIVE THREE ONE FIVE. LISTED TO COLONIAL PARKING, INC., TWO ONE FOUR ZERO PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, WDC. CALL RECEIVED AT TEN FORTYSEVEN PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME BY ANSWERING SERVICE

for

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Teletype Unit
- 1 - Los Angeles (Air Mail)
- 1 - Memphis (Air Mail)
- 1 - Kansas City (Air Mail)

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FOR COLONIAL. CALL FROM PETER HOLDEN, TWO TWO ZERO ZERO MILLS ROAD, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, LOS ANGELES PHONE TWO ONE THREE DASH SIX SIX ZERO DASH ZERO FIVE ONE NINE, RESIDENCE SEVEN SIX EIGHT DASH NINE SEVEN SEVEN FOUR.

HOLDEN LEFT NO MESSAGE BUT SAID HE WOULD CALL BACK AT ONE AM. NO SECOND CALL RECEIVED BY COLONIAL'S ANSWERING SERVICE. COLONIAL BELIEVES HOLDEN CALLED ABOUT HIS ONE HALF TON BLACK PICKUP CHEVROLET TRUCK WITH WHITE TOP AND VIRGINIA LICENSE TAGS. TRUCK PLACED IN STORAGE TEN FOURTEEN SIXTYSEVEN; TAKEN OUT OF STORAGE MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST. PLACED IN STORAGE ON MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST. REMOVED FROM STORAGE ON APRIL EIGHT LAST. AREA CONTACT LISTED AS AUTO DRIVEWAY, JOHN RICHMOND, TELEPHONE 3 4 7 - 3 4 4 4 THREE FOUR SEVEN DASH THREE FOUR FOUR FOUR. TWO MEN NAMES NOT KNOWN CAME TO COLONIAL STORAGE LOT ON APRIL FOUR, FIVE OR SIX LAST TO REMOVE SOME SPRAY PAINT EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FROM TRUCK IN STORAGE TO A BEIGE ONE HALF TON TRUCK WITH RACKS FOR CARRYING LADDERS AND VIRGINIA LICENSE TAGS. ONE MAN WHOSE

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FATHER MAY OWN TRUCK IN STORAGE SAID DRIVEWAY SERVICE WANTED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS TO DRIVE TRUCK IN STORAGE TO CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE TWENTYFIVE YEARS TO THIRTY YEARS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE SEVENTYFIVE TO ONE EIGHTYFIVE POUNDS, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BLOND HAIR, STOCKY BUILD WEARING ONE PIECE LIGHT TAN COVERALL. OTHER MAN WITH HIM DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE THIRTY TO THIRTYTHREE YEARS OLD, SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE NINETY POUNDS WEARING DARK GABARDINE JACKET. BOTH HAD SOUTHERN ACCENTS AND WORE EXPENSIVE SHOES LIKE ALLIGATOR STYLE LOAFERS WITH MEDIUM POINT. THEY HAD PICKUP TRUCK TUNED UP FOR TRIP TO CALIFORNIA. ON APRIL EIGHT LAST ANOTHER MAN DROVE TO COLONIAL PARKING LOT IN MUSTANG AND PLACED PACKAGE BELIEVED TO HAVE CONTAINED CLOTHES AND A TWENTYTWO CALIBER RIFLE IN CAB OF TRUCK IN STORAGE. THESE WERE PLACED BEHIND DRIVER'S SEAT. A BOX OF AMMUNITION WAS PLACED IN GLOVE COMPARTMENT OF TRUCK. HE SAID HE WAS A DRIVER FOR DRIVEAWAY AND WAS GOING TO DO SOME HUNTING WHILE EN ROUTE WITH THE TRUCK TO CALIFORNIA. HE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE

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MALE IN LATE THIRTY'S, SIX FEET ONE TO TWO INCHES, ONE SEVENTY-FIVE TO TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WITH GRAY AND REDDISH TINT. AFTER PUTTING ABOVE ITEMS IN TRUCK HE DROVE AWAY IN MUSTANG AND RETURNED IN A TAXI TO DRIVE PICKUP TRUCK AWAY. WFO INDICES NEGATIVE RE PETER HOLDEN.

IN VIEW OF PERIODS TRUCK USED BY HOLDEN, RICHMOND FURTHER DETERMINE HOLDEN'S ACTIVITY.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

4/30/68

PLAIN

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bu phone call from Supervisor RICHARD BATES, 4/23/68.

Bu Supervisor BATES advised he had received a telephone call from MR. MARSHALL STANSELL, Resident Manager, Hillside Terrace Apartments, 1818 23rd. Street, S.E., WDC., concerning a tenant who resembled JAMES EARL RAY, STANSELL desiring that an FBI agent personally contact him at 11:00 A.M., 4/24/68.

On 4/24/68 MR. STANSELL advised SA'S SIDNEY H. ROCHE and WALTER B. SAVAGE as follows:

STANSELL said a former tenant, RAY THORNTON, had lived with MARGARET L. RAE at 1909 23rd. Street, S.E., Apt. 141B, until 1/31/68 when they moved out owing back rent. He said that RAE had a child by THORNTON and that both were known at Herby's Restaurant, Alabama Avenue, S.E., WDC. STANSELL said that he judged THORNTON'S age as mid-thirties, approximately five eight to ten, stocky build, with black hair that appeared to be dyed. He said THORNTON did not appear to have a job and he was seen so often about the apartment complex, that his sudden disappearance on 1/31/68 aroused his suspicions concerning THORNTON. He said that THORNTON was known to the proprietor of Herby's Restaurant.

On 4/24/68 HERB AIKEN, proprietor of Herby's Restaurant advised that MARGARET RAE had a child by GARY THORNTON with whom he was acquainted. He said that THORNTON was in the U.S. Air Force until about one year ago and that he was stationed at Bolling Air Force Base. AIKEN and his waitresses, all of whom know

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THORNTON as a former customer, stated he is definitely not identical to JAMES EARL RAY. They further agreed that THORNTON is in his early twenties, that he is at least six feet three or more in height and very thin. HERB AIKEN stated that his part-time bartender, Master Sergeant LEE AYERS, of Bolling AFB was also an associate of THORNTONS.

On 4/24/68 M/Sgt. AYERS advised that THORNTON was definitely not identical to RAY, adding that THORNTON was stationed at Bolling AFB until about one year ago. AYERS stated that he believed that THORNTON was about twenty two years of age and six feet four inches tall. He stated he did not know the whereabouts of THORNTON and that he had seen a photo of JAMES EARL RAY and that THORNTON in no way, resembles RAY.

WFO conducting no further investigation concerning GARY THORNTON.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)
MURKIN

ReNOat to DL dated 4/25/68 and records of Postal Inspector.

On 4/30/68, Mr. MARLIN BROWN, Mail Director, Mail Loss and Depredations Division, Postal Inspectors, U. S. Post Office Department, WDC, advised SA ROBERT W. DAWSON that a memo in the files reflects that available records concerning RAY's conviction in 1955, for postal violations was made available to FBI, KC, Mo., by Postal Inspector in Charge, DONALDSON, at Kansas City.

In view of the above, no further action is being taken by WFO at WDC concerning above lead. It is to be noted that Mr. BROWN advised that records concerning postal violations are maintained at Post Office Headquarters for five years only.

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- 2 - Memphis
- 2 - Dallas (44-2649) (AM)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-10673) (AM)
- 2 - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)
- ① - WFO

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J. Edgar Hoover Urged to Quit King Investigation

Special to The Washington Post

MILWAUKEE, April 28—An American Civil Liberties Union official tonight called on FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to remove himself from the investigation into the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Charles M. Morgan Jr., Atlanta Southern Regional Director for the ACLU, spoke at a Wisconsin Civil Liberties dinner here.

Morgan noted that in November, 1964, Hoover had characterized Dr. King as "the most notorious liar in the country."

Morgan also noted that in 1964 Dr. King and Hoover publicly fought over the al-

leged lack of FBI protection for civil rights workers. "Now less than four years later," he said, "Hoover is called on to investigate the assassination of Dr. King."

Morgan said Hoover should be replaced by someone "in whom Negroes and all other Americans can have faith and confidence."

He also criticized the FBI's

handling of the assassination investigation. He said the FBI, by saying that Dr. King's suspected killer—James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt—was armed and dangerous,

was almost the equivalent of saying that Galt was wanted dead or alive.

Morgan said he had asked Hoover and the attorney General's office to urge all law-enforcement agencies to take Dr. King's suspected killer alive even at the risk of the lives of the law officers involved.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN - COST DATA

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|----|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1) | Number of man hours spent on case: | <u>Regular</u> | <u>Overtime</u> |
| | Agent | 874 | 202 |
| | Clerical | 100 | --- |
| 2) | Total miles driven: | 2,968 | |
| 3) | Out-of-ordinary costs: | | |
| | Plane fare for Agent | | |
| | transporting evidence | | |
| | WDC to Memphis | \$122.00 | |
| 4) | Number Agents working on case: | 20 | |

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI; SACS DETROIT, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

WFO RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL ON APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST FROM
A MAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JUNIUS PRICE, CAB DRIVER,
AUTORAMA NUMBER FORTY, WHO ADVISED THAT HE HAD JUST DROPPED
OFF A MAN AT THE U. S. CAPITOL WHO "LOOKED JUST LIKE THE
MURDERER OF KING". PRICE SAID HE PICKED MAN UP AT THE REGENCY
MOTEL, NEW YORK AVENUE, N.E., WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC). HE
SAID MAN HAD A NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT OR NINETEEN FIFTYNINE
CHEVROLET, BEARING MICHIGAN LICENSE XA NINE ONE EIGHT ONE.

INVESTIGATION AT REGENCY CONGRESS INN, SIX ZERO ZERO
NEW YORK AVENUE, N.E., WDC, REVEALS A RICHARD KOLAT, ONE THREE
TWO NINE LENIWOOD ROAD, LINWOOD, MICHIGAN, IS A GUEST OF THE

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2-Teletype Unit
2-WFO

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INN. HE IS IN POSSESSION OF A NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE CHEVROLET, MICHIGAN LICENSE XA NINE ONE EIGHT ONE, AND IS STAYING IN ROOM TWO ONE ZERO. KOLAT CHECKED IN APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST WITH HIS WIFE. PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED TO PERSONS AT INN WHO HAD OBSERVED KOLAT, AND THEY ADVISE KOLAT DOES NOT RESEMBLE RAY. EFFORTS TO LOCATE KOLAT AT WDC ON APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST AND APRIL THIRTY LAST NEGATIVE.

DETROIT AT LINWOOD, MICHIGAN. WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF KOLAT IS IDENTICAL TO RAY.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-703)

DATE: 5-1-68

FROM : SA Francis B. Mc Givern

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Complainant
At 10:15 a.m. this date Lt. John Gruver, USN retired, 744 N. Jerie Avenue, Tucson, Arizona (602-325-1850) telephoned the WFO from Tucson and stated that he had just heard over local radio stations in Tucson, KAIR AND KPUC that James Earl Ray is reported to have landed in Sidney, Australia. Gruver who sounded as though he had been drinking stated that he has two friends in Australia, who could be of assistance to the FBI in locating Ray. These are Ned Kirkby, who operates the Colonial Sugar and who lives in Sidney and Jim Copley who lives in Perth, Australia.

Gruver stated that prior to calling WFO he had also furnished the information to the Phoenix Office of FBI.

The above is for information.

Gruver called back at 11:00 a.m. to report that he had telephoned the Chief of Police in Sidney and Ned Kirkby and he feels that both will be very cooperative in locating Ray.

11⁴⁸ AM LT GRUVER CALL SA Lloyd Bu
again furnished same info.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

On 5/1/68, at 10:15 a.m., Lt. JOHN GRUVER, U. S. Navy, retired, 744 North Jerie, Tucson, Arizona, Telephone 602-325-1850, by long distance telephone advised SA FRANCIS B. McGIVERN, WFO, that he had heard over Tucson radio stations KAIR and KPUC that JAMES EARL RAY is reported to have landed in Sidney, Australia. GRUVER sound as though he had been drinking. He stated he had friends in Australia who could be of assistance in locating RAY. He identified these friends as NED KIRKBY, Colonial Sugar, Sidney, and JIM COPLY, who lives in Perth, Australia. GRUVER further stated he had furnished the above information to the PX Office of the FBI.

At 11:00 a.m., GRUVER advised McGIVERN he had telephoned Chief of Police, Sidney, Australia, and Mrs. NED KIRKBY, and feels they will be cooperative in locating RAY.

At 11:48 a.m., GRUVER telephonically furnished same information to SA LLOYD BRUCE, WFO.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Info)
- 1 - Phoenix (Info)
- 1 - WFO

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Above furnished for info of Bureau and listed
offices.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
RICHMOND (44-651)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST AND
WFO TELETYPE APRIL THIRTY, LAST, CONCERNING TELEPHONES AT
SAINT FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

TELEPHONE CALL MARCH TWO, LAST, TO WASHINGTON, D.C.,
THREE THREE SEVEN - FIVE THREE ONE FIVE, RECEIVED BY ANSWERING
SERVICE FOR COLONIAL PARKING, INCORPORATED, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
FROM PETER HOLDEN, TWO TWO ZERO ZERO MILLS ROAD, ALEXANDRIA,
VIRGINIA, LOS ANGELES TELEPHONES SIX SIX ZERO - ZERO FIVE ONE
NINE, RESIDENCE SEVEN SIX EIGHT - NINE SEVEN SEVEN FOUR.

HOLDEN LEFT NO MESSAGE, BUT INDICATED WOULD CALL BACK
BUT SECOND CALL NOT RECEIVED. COLONIAL BELIEVES HOLDEN CALLED

- 2 - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - Teletype Unit
- 1 - Baltimore (44-669) (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- ② - WFO

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ABOUT HIS ONE-HALF TON, BLACK AND WHITE CHEVROLET PICK-UP TRUCK IN STORAGE FROM OCTOBER FOURTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. TRUCK REMOVED MARCH TWENTYSEVEN, LAST AND RETURNED TO STORAGE MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, AGAIN REMOVED FROM STORAGE APRIL EIGHT, LAST. AREA CONTACT LISTED AS JOHN RICHMOND, TELEPHONE THREE FOUR SEVEN - THREE FOUR FOUR FOUR. TWO MEN, NAMES NOT KNOWN, CAME TO COLONIAL STORAGE LOT ON APRIL FOUR, FIVE OR SIX, LAST AND REMOVED PAINTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, ALSO TOOK TRUCK TO GARAGE FOR TUNE UP. THEY WERE DRIVING BEIGE COLORED, HALF TON TRUCK WITH RACKS FOR LADDERS AND VIRGINIA LICENSE TAGS. ONE MALE, WHOSE FATHER MAY OWN TRUCK IN STORAGE, DESCRIBED AS WHITE, TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTY YEARS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS TO ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTYFIVE POUNDS, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BLOND HAIR, STOCKY BUILD. OTHER DESCRIBED AS WHITE, THIRTY TO THIRTYTHREE YEARS, SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE HUNDRED NINETY POUNDS, BOTH HAD SOUTHERN ACCENTS.

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ON APRIL EIGHT, LAST, ANOTHER MAN DROVE TO COLONIAL PARKING LOT IN A MUSTANG AND PLACED PACKAGE BELIEVED TO HAVE CONTAINED CLOTHING AND A TWENTYTWO CALIBER RIFLE IN CAB OF TRUCK IN STORAGE. A BOX OF AMMUNITION WAS PLACED IN GLOVE COMPARTMENT. HE INDICATED HE WAS DRIVER FOR DRIVE AWAY AND WAS GOING TO DO SOME HUNTING EN ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA WITH TRUCK. HE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, LATE THIRTIES, SIX FEET ONE INCH TO TWO INCHES, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTYFIVE TO TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WITH GRAY AND REDDISH TINT. AFTER PUTTING ITEMS IN TRUCK, HE DROVE AWAY IN MUSTANG AND RETURNED IN A TAXIE TO DRIVE PICK-UP TRUCK AWAY.

JOHN RICHMOND, AUTO DRIVE AWAY, WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISED ORDER DATED MARCH EIGHTEEN, LAST, FROM AUTO DRIVE AWAY, TWO TWO SEVEN SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, SAM LUGASH, MANAGER, FOR SIXTYSEVEN CHEVROLET, HALF TON PICK-UP, VIRGINIA TAGS T FIVE FIVE TWO FIVE EIGHT, SERIAL CE ONE FOUR SEVEN