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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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Special Agent in Charge

AT 44-2386

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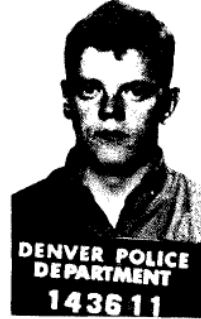
LOOKOUTS - LOCALS

Invest. Burg. of Drums --



James Edward Woods
DPD No. 122770
1006 E. 9th
Cauc., male, 10-8-47, 6-3,
172, Slim build, Reddish
brown hair, brown eyes.
Neat Dresser.
Wanted by Dets. Balay & Walker.
Case No. 277431. DPD.

Failure to Appear, Charge of DUS --



George H. Day
DPD No. 143611
1163 Washington Street
Alias George Hagan Day
Cauc., male, 7-10-49, 5-10,
150, brown hair and eyes.
Wanted by DPD Fugitive Detail.

Theft by Bailee --



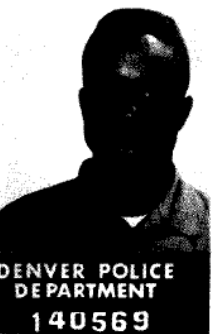
Richard Earl Mohr
DPD No. 106841
2517 W. Dunkeld Place
Cauc., male, 4-30-42, 6',
150, slender build, med.
comp. brown hair, blue eyes.
Poss. Buick 57 Sedan, Grey,
AY 3436. Wanted by Dets.
Burns & Kaiser. Case No.
290449.

Failure to Appear, DUI--



Ernest M. Jiron,
DPD No. 72790
5021 Sherman or 5120 Sherman
Cauc., male, 11-25-35, 5-7,
170, black hair, brown eyes.
Wanted by DPD Fugitive
Detail.

Inves. Petty Theft and Misuse License Plates



Don Ray Gauss
DPD No. 140569
2727 High
Negroid, male, 7-8-40, 6-1,
175, slender build, dark
comp. Black hair. Small
mustache. Suspect orders
gas and drives off without
paying, using license
listing to 1957 Ford, on a
65 or 66 Chev, Car used Chev.
1965-66, Tudor, Red/maroon
AS -3444, . Wanted by Det.
D. A. Sconce. Case No.
288978, 290522, 290408.

Failure to Appear, Charge of Theft --



David W. Shepherd
DPD No. 131817
2750 Welton Street
Alias John Sheherd, David
Wilson Shepherd,
Negroid, male, 42 years,
5-10, 150, black hair,
brown eyes. Wanted by
Fugitive Detail DPD.

Interstate Flight- Robb.-Civil Rights Consp
James Earl Ray, Alias: Eric Starvo Galt,
W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmeyer, James McBride,
James O'Conner, Cauc., male, 3-10-28, 5-10,
165, brown hair, blue eyes. Wanted by Denver
FBI.

Invest. Agg. Assault and Robbery --

Ronnie Maestas, 5183 Broadway, Cauc.,
male, 5-29-51, 4-6, 70, Med. Build, and comp.,
black hair, brown eyes. CAUTION may be armed,
with a switchblade knife. Wanted by Det. Horn,
DPD. Case No. 290434.

GEORGE L. BEATON
CHIEF OF POLICE

LOOKOUTS - LOCALSBurglary--

Candelaria (NMN) Sanchez, 1247 Tennyson, Alias Candy Sanchez, Cauc., female, 12-29-54, 5', 95, slender build, med. comp. dk brown hair, brown eyes. Scratches on face. Wanted by Dets. Burns & Kaiser, Case No. 290020 & 290558.

Invest. Burg. of Drums--

James Bainbrick, Cauc., male, 10-7-45, 5-7, 150, brown hair, brown eyes. Wanted by Dets. Walker & Balay. Case No. 277431.

Theft --

Cruz Cruz, 3132 W. 22nd Ave., Cauc., male, 9014-25, 5-6, 120, slender build, comp. med., Black hair, brown eyes. Hangs out at the Bamboo Hut. Wanted by Det. Russell. Case No. 290445.

Traffic Violation--

Robert Russell, Zarco, 4720 Lafayette St. Alias "Garcia", Cauc., male, 11-9-52, 5-6, 113, brown hair, and eyes. Wanted by Fugitive Detail DPD.

Nonsupport Warrant --

Salah'ed A. ABU HAMDEH, Cauc., male, 8-8-41, 5-8, 160-165, medium build, lt. comp., lt brown hair, blue eyes. Scars SS. Car, Dodge 1962, Cornet Gray. Wanted By District Attorney's Office, DPD. Case No. 14018.

LOOKOUTS - OUTSIDESGrand Larceny--

Paul Richard Lewis, Cauc., male, 29, 5-8, 130-140, slender build, black wavy hair. May go to 1943 S. Columbine and attempt to contact wife. In a 57 Ford, Conv., white with a yellow left door, 68 Louisiana Lic. unknown. Wanted by Fugitive Detail, DPD.

Larceny by False Pretext--

Bettye Cooper, 17th Vine, alias Bettye Williams, Doris Jackson, Cauc., female, no description. Wanted by Fugitive Detail, DPD.

Short Check--

Richard Ernest Benson, 1217 Downing, Cauc., male, 7-11-31, 6', 150, red hair, brown eyes. Wanted by Fugitive Detail, DPD.

Failure to Appear - Insuf. Fund Check--

Roman C. Piernick, 352 Steele, Cauc., male, 10-1-44, 5-9, 180, brown hair and eyes. Wtd. by Fugitive Detail, DPD.

Failure to Appear - Insuf. Fund Check--

Michael P. Truxton, 349 S. Grant, Cauc., male, 5-11-47, 6', 150, blond hair, blue eyes. Wanted by Fugitive Detail, DPD.

Insuf. Fund Check--

L. D. Mosconi, 2224 E. 14th Ave., Cauc., male, 2-11-43, 5-11, 213, brown hair, hazel eyes. Wanted by Fugitive Detail, DPD.

Failure to Appear - Traffic--

Louise Marie Barros, 334 S. Hazel Court, Cauc., female, 9-13-43, 5-5, 130, brown hair and eyes. Wanted by Fugitive Detail, DPD.

LOOKOUTS - OUTSIDES

Walter Robert Jarvis, Jr., 3680 Locust, Cauc., male, 12-29-39, 5-9, 155, black hair, brown eyes. Wanted by Fugitive Detail, DPD.

Non Support--

James W. Bales, 956 Raleigh, Cauc., male, 9-20-35, 6-4, 280, dark brown graying at temples, brown eyes. Wanted by Fugitive Detail, DPD.

Failure to Appear - Mittimus--

Charles Willis Anderson, 738 Lincoln, Cauc., male, 4-17-43, 5-9, 136, brown hair, blue eyes. Wanted by Fugitive Detail, DPD.

Contempt of Court--

Delmar Lee Matticks, 4055 Zuni, Cauc., male, 12-3-42, 6', 160, blond hair, blue eyes. Wanted by Fugitive Detail, DPD.

Contempt of Court--

Robert Grant Ames, 2173 S. Eaton, Cauc., male, 10-23-47, 5-11, 160, brown hair, blue eyes. Wanted by Fugitive Detail, DPD.

Non Support--

James Edward Woods, 539 Adams, Cauc., male, 10-8-46, 6-5, 180, red hair, brown eyes. Wanted by Fugitive Detail, DPD.

ARRESTED OR NO LONGER WANTED

Ayers, Morris C.	3-30-68
Batts, Patricia Diane	4-23-68
Hall, Kenneth Darrel	4-23-68
Hanson, Leslie Boyd	4-14-68
Kinsella, Albert Hector	12-29-64
Lucero, Frank Leon	4-24-68
Peterson, Pete	9-14-67
Quintana, Charles	2-5-68
Singleterry, George	3-29-68
Sommers, Donald Ray	1-11-68
Sommers, Donald Roy	9-5-67
Zock, Frank Walter	11-1-67

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Date April 26, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ 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:

Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA NEIL W. FORE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference memo. dated 4/19/68, subject as above (157-203-227)

On 4/22/68, BONNIE BEARD, Aurora PD and RICHARD DIWVER, Denver PD each examined their respective files with negative results, concerning ANDREW J. MURRAY.

Lola Winklepleck, RCMA, furnished the following information concerning ANDREW J. MURRAY:

MURRAY, born [redacted] at Altoona, Pennsylvania, is a M/Sgt. assigned to Lowry AFB. He resides at 13710 Hoffman Blvd, Aurora and transferred to Lowry on 9/61. His personal and moral reputation is good and there was nothing derogatory in file.

M/Sgt. MURRAY was interviewed at Lowry AFB and advised that he formerly owned a 1956 Buick, four door, stationwagon, color white, bearing 1968 Colorado license PM 7888. He advised that on 4/6/68, he sold the vehicle to RICHARD D. VIGIL, telephone number 477-0253. The license plate was left on the vehicle, with the understanding that VIGIL was to return the plates. MURRAY advised that VIGIL was a painter and is described as a white, male (of Mexican descent) late 30's, 5'4", slight build with a thin mustache. MURRAY gathered from conversation, that the individual has lived his entire life in the Denver area. He advised that the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY did not resemble VIGIL.

It was determined that telephone number 477-0253 was listed to RICHARD D. VIGIL, 2445 Julian, Denver.

On 4/22/68, VIGIL was interviewed and advised that he is the owner of a 1956 Buick, four door, stationwagon, color white, bearing 1968 Colorado license PM 7888. He advised that last Thursday or Friday he was at a service station located at 28th and Welton St. VIGIL is a white, male, age 32, 5'6", 140 lbs, brown eyes, black hair, worn long, with a thin mustache and his right arm is missing from the elbow down. He was eliminated as a suspect in this case. 157-203-217

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Memorandum

TO : SAC

FROM : EDWARD N. HAWKINS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

This date writer was telephonically contacted by one L. R. SHAW, Route 1, Box 126, Littleton, Colorado, no telephone.

Mr. SHAW advised that he had noticed a individual who fit the description of JAMES EARL RAY, this individual is presently employed at the Jonas Brothers Furs, 10th and Broadway, Denver. Above individual has been employed there in the crateing department for approximately 1 week. Mr. SHAW advised that he also noticed that this individual has a tattoo on his right, description of tattoo unknown, size is approximately 1 1/2 inch by 1 inch.

, Writer advised Mr. SHAW that the information he has furnished would be gladly taken.

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TO DENVER 157-203

OMAHA 44-310

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN, CR.

RE OMAHA TEL TO DENVER APRIL TWENTY LAST AND OMAHA AIRTEL
TO MEMPHIS APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

DENVER WILL OBTAIN REGISTRATION CARD FOR SAM MASEY,
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : ASAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 4:30 p.m., 4/26/68, Sergeant VAN HOOK of the Colorado State Patrol at Limon, Colorado, telephonically advised one DENNIS PATRICK O'HARA had been picked up in the vicinity of Limon while hitchhiking. Sergeant VAN HOOK stated O'HARA bore a general resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY, as set forth on RAY's wanted flyer, and the Sergeant wanted to check out O'HARA.

O'HARA's date of birth was [REDACTED], and he had in his possession a California operator's license issued on 7/28/66, in California, which showed his address as 7580 San Beri Way, Galeta, California. He also had an address of 400 Seaside Avenue in Honolulu. O'HARA indicated he was an Army veteran, SN [REDACTED]

Upon being furnished the above information by SA LEARNED, who received the call from VAN HOOK, I contacted SA (FNU) AHERN of the Los Angeles Office and asked him to check out O'HARA concerning the Galeta, California, address, and I then contacted SA CLAYBORN at the Identification Bureau at the Bureau and requested him to check the prints of RAY against those of O'Hara.

SA CLAYBORN called me shortly afterwards to advise the prints were not identical, at which point I contacted Los Angeles and told them to discontinue their inquiry concerning O'HARA, and I then telephonically contacted SA BERRY at Colorado Springs, who handles Limon on a road trip. I told SA BERRY to contact Sergeant VAN HOOK with the above information and to express our appreciation to the Sergeant for checking out this matter with us.

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Re information furnished by Memphis attorney RUSSELL X. THOMPSON.

Occupants of 3050 Hudson Street, Denver, Colorado, identified as MAX SHERMAN, RON GARCIA, ANTHONY VASQUEZ, and DONOVAN LEON CURTIS, Aka DON LE CURTIS. None fit description of JAMES EARL RAY.

Without disclosing source of information, CURTIS interviewed on 4/26/68, and advised only other resident of 3050 Hudson, besides those listed above, was one W. A. RIDDLE, described as follows:

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Sex	Male
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2 - Denver

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4-46PM URGENT 4/29/68 CAB

TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA ROYD D. ADSEIT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis A/T 4/12/68, (ser. 167), D. A/T to Memphis 4/16/68 (ser. 169), DM A/T to FBI Lab 4/16/68 (ser. 168), ASAC memo 4/24/68 (ser. 281), and Bur A/T, 4/23/68 (ser. 273).

In addition to investigation coverage in outgoing communications and memos mentioned above, the following was conducted:

On 4/16/68, CSDM 305 advised that original telephone service was provided DON L. CURTIS in June, 1965 for telephone number 355-5646, no address listed. CURTIS was at time manager of Happy Canyon Barbershop and had a roommate by the name of ANTHONY VASQUEZ, who was unemployed. More recently, CURTIS's address has been listed in telephone company records as 3050 Hudson St. His phone was disconnected in 2/68 for non-payment, but was re-established in 3/68 at which time he was a barber at University Hills South Barbershop.

Visual observation of 3050 Hudson by writer on 4/16/68 revealed it to be a one-story, one-family type brick dwelling. One of two old cars parked in the driveway had a 1967 Colo plate on it- PP 752. Records of DMV showed this tag to have been issued to DON L. CURTIS, 3475 S. Penna. St., Englewood, for a 1959 2 door Plymouth.

Records DPD, RCMA and DMV failed to reveal any info re ANTHONY VASQUEZ. Criminal record of CURTIS is already recorded in this file.

On 4/18/68, Postman WES SMITH, Racial Source (Protect Identity) advised he has delivered to 3050 Hudson for the past 6 years, and, according to his personal records MARQUEE REYES owned the property prior to moving to 2660 Sichel St., Los Angeles on 5/14/66. Thereafter, JOHNNIE BOOKMAN moved in and subsequently left in Nov. 1966. D. L. CURTIS then moved in. Smith thinks Curtis had a wife who moved in at the same time. A short time later another couple moved in with the Curtis's, a young man and woman, and as far as Smith knows they are still living there. 157-203-325



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SMITH said one W. A. RIDDLE received mail in March, 1968, but SMITH has never seen RIDDLE.

When the name of ANTHONY VASQUEZ was mentioned, SMITH immediately identified it as the name of the other couple who moved in with Curtis. He described VASQUEZ as a light-complected Mexican Black hair, 5' 7½", about 35 yrs. old.

Smith also believed that Curtis has had a female housekeeper from time to time by the name of ARA-STRONG, since she has received mail at the address.

Receiving no further word from Memphis re DN A/T of 4/16/68 and ASAC's tel call to Memphis 4/18/68, the writer checked out 3050 Hudson on 4/26/68. A very effeminate male, age 25-30, sallow complexion, 5'11", 145 lbs, thin, shock of long, unruly black hair, answered the door. He gave his name as Max Sherman. He indicated DON CURTIS was at work at the University Hills South barbershop and that only he and another roomer, Ron Garcia were at home. The writer observed Garcia, who was a Mexican, approx. 28 yrs old, 5'7", 155 lbs. Neither man came near the description of RAY and both were observed to have numerous "homemade" tattoos on their arms and upper bodies. They said they plus CURTIS were the only residents.

On 4/26/68, the writer observed and interviewed Donovan L. Curtis at the University Hills South Barbershop and vicinity. Since he had already been eliminated as a suspect (although he was not so informed) the real purpose of the contact was to determine who lived at 3050 Hudson. CURTIS stated current residents consist of MAX SHERMAN, who sometimes does female impersonations in Denver Bars, Ron GARCIA, a Mexican, ANTHONY "TONY" VASQUEZ, another Mexican even darker than GARCIA, and himself. He stated SHERMAN AND GARCIA were the newest of the bunch having arrived in the past 5 or 6 weeks. *RAY's picture unknown to Curtis.*

CURTIS said male acquaintances will often stop over at his house when they first come to town and stay indefinite periods until they find jobs or move on, but, recently, the only other one to stay at his place was a W. A. RIDDLE, white, male, 5'9"-10", age 31-32, light brown hair, slim build. He arrived several weeks ago, and about one month ago after CURTIS could see that RIDDLE was not going to try to find a job, CURTIS "kicked him out." Curtis said he has seen him around town on occasion since that time in various downtown bars, the last time being "a couple of nights ago." He was unaware whether or not RIDDLE ever left town after Curtis forced him to leave his place. *Curtis said Riddle come from North, possibly Chicago.*

On 4/22/68, indices Denver Office and records of DLV, RCMA and DPD as checked by IC Don Ray failed to reveal any information concerning W. A. RIDDLE.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA ROYD D. ADSIT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of William John Spring dated 4/26/68 concerning
~~RONNIE EMBERTON.~~

Writer observed and interviewed EMBERTON at his place of employment, Dodge City, 7700 W. Colfax, Denver (Lakewood), Col6. on 4/26/68. EMBERTON is 5'5½" 140 lbs, 50 years old, with thinnin reddish hair and blue eyes. There is no resemblance between him and subject of this case. He commented that he is ex-Army and had the task of writing the history of the Army in Tokyo during WWII.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (158-203)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA BOYD D. ADSIT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/23/68, FRED BAKER, "Denver Post" reporter, contacted ASAC JOHN F. MORLEY and advised that GARLAND VENABLE, Manager, Auditorium Hotel, 14th and Stout Sts., Denver had just advised him that a man had stayed at the hotel last Friday and Saturday who looked like JAMES EARL RAY. VENABLE said the man had stayed at the hotel on previous occasions.

On 4/23/68, the writer interviewed Mr. VENABLE and checked the Hotel's records. Mr. GARLAND D. VENABLE desires his identity protected. He described the hotel guest as JOE CARVER, 5'9", 160-170 lbs, black hair, in his late 30s. Hotel records show CARVER's address to be 735 or 435 Valincia Dr., Clearwater, Fla. The dates he stayed at the hotel, the rooms he stayed in, and the times he checked in are as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>CHECK-IN TIME</u>
4/2	404	2:16am
4/3	521	8:54pm
4/4	535	12:57am
4/15	237	9:31pm
4/16	"	10:44pm
4/18	"	11:33pm
4/19-22	237	11:36pm

VENABLE said CARVER paid in advance each day that he stayed. He had no luggage and when he left in the morning of 4/22, he left a sport coat, shirt and underwear in the hotel room. In the effects was an unsigned application for a surety bond which indicated that JOE ALLEN CARVER was born 10/25/34, is single, father-Juan Alberto Carver (self-employed), mother-Francis Juana Carver, employment - optician in Florida since 1957. A pay check stub indicated present employment with Speer, Killmon and Evans Optical Co., 1649 Tremont, Denver.

On 4/23/68, Dr. ROBERT W. SPEER, of the above optical company verified that CARVER was an employee until 4/19/68 and was obviously a qualified optician. He described him as 5'9" when wearing his elevator heels and chubby. He had no scar on forehead and does not resemble photos of RAY.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA BOYD D. ADSIT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of Complaint Clerk Spring, 4/24/68 concerning
undub in white Pontiac outside Westland Industrial Bank on 4/23/68
(serial 289)

Officer MICHAEL WIGGINS, Jefferson County Sheriff's
Office advised writer on 4/25/68, that report filed by Officer
Bob White under case #68-6168 indicated that White checked out
the individual in the Pontiac at 8:33am 4/23/68 and determined
occupant to be HARRY ADELORE COMFAULT, dob 12/26/11, driver of a
1959 Pontiac, 4 door, white, bearing current Fla. lic. 4W29629.
COMFAULT produced Immigration and Naturalization Registration
card showing his INS # to be A 8863962.

Officer Bob White advised writer on 4/25/68, that
he had observed the Wanted Flyer of JAMES EARL RAY prior to
checking out COMFAULT and he is certain that COMFAULT is not RAY.
He said COMFAULT was obviously much older, was of ruddy complexion
and wore a moustache. He recalled that COMFAULT was from Tallahassee
Fla., and was on his way to Illinois. He had an old registration
slip for the car which indicated the car previously bore California
plates. He produced an Illinois driver's license

In view of Officer White's information, no further
investigation is believed warranted.



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DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA OYD D. ADSIT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SPC EDWARD H. WALKINS, 4/26/68, re unsub working at Jonas Brothers Furs, 10th and Broadway, Denver, who resembles JAMES EARL RAY.

On 4/26/68, Mr. Roy T. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer, Jonas Brothers Furs, advised writer that the company's crater is ROBERT EUGENE LANAH, 129 Irvington, Denver., who has worked for the company off and on since 2/6/68. Johnson check LANAH's time card and determined that he was working at his job on April 3, 4, and 5. Johnson produced LANAH's application which showed LANAH was born [redacted] is 6'4" and weighs 225 lbs. He has 3 children. He attended grammar school in Sioux Falls, S.D. until 1943 and obtained a GED from the US Army. He was a S/Sgt upon getting out.

LANAH was personal observed by the writer on 4/26/68. His size, and general facial features completely eliminates the possibility that he and Ray are the same person.



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TO OMAHA (44-310) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DENVER (157-203)2P

MURKIN

RE DENVER TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY LAST; OMAHA AIRTEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST, AND MEMPHIS TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYNINE INSTANT.

REGISTRATION CARD OBTAINED FROM CHARLES RUTHER, ROCKLAND HOTEL, DENVER, THIS DATE. WRITING ON CARD SUBJECT TO DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION AS FIRST GIVEN BY RUTHER ON APRIL TWENTY LAST. NAME COULD BE SAM MAJEY AND ADDRESS COULD BE TWO EIGHT ZERO NINE (LAST DIGIT INDISTINCT) HARNEY, OMAHA, NEBRASKA. CARD BEING FORWARDED TO FBI LABORATORY THIS DATE.

DESCRIPTION OBTAINED FROM RUTHER THIS DATE VARIES SOMEWHAT. MAJEY DESCRIBED AS THIRTYONE TO THIRTYTWO YEARS OLD, FIVE NINE TO FIVE TEN, ONE SEVENTY TO ONE EIGHTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR WORN BACK FROM FRONT AND WAVY, STOCKY BUILD, RUDDY COMPLEXION, AND APPEARED TO HAVE VERTICAL SCAR ABOUT ONE INCH LONG CLOSE TO RIGHT CORNER OF MOUTH. NO OTHER SCARS NOTICED. DRESSED IN DARK BLUE SPORT COAT
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BLIND NOTE:

Above data and registration card obtained by SA JERRY A. KING on 4/29/68.

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Special Agent in Charge

4/29/68

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

RE: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

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The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct any possible handwriting examination of this card with handwriting previously submitted in this matter, it being noted the portion of the registration card filled out by guest is the information on the top two lines, consisting of his hand-printed name and his address, which is in both handprinting and script.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC *Denver (137-1812)*

FROM : SA *Paul E. Bush*

SUBJECT: *Dr 387-PC*

DATE: *4-24-68*

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Dates of Contact <i>4-26-68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
<i>James Earl Ray aka 704-R7M</i>	<i>157-203</i>	
<i>Joseph Edward Briola, et al. WAB-E</i>	<i>166-219</i>	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <i>157-203 - Inft alerted to this matter.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC <i>166-219 - Inft stated Briola, Ciccerone and DiGullarardo all in Denver during past few days - all on bond awaiting trial in Phoenix. He stated that Ciccerone got out of jail in Phoenix few days ago and as of 4/18/68, was back in Denver.</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>	Coverage <i>Same as set # 19</i>

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King Case Fingerprints Conflicting

ATLANTA — (UPI) — The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) complained Thursday it had been searching for the accused killer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with conflicting sets of fingerprints received from the FBI and Missouri prison officials.

The FBI quickly replied that its prints for James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, were correct, and the Missouri State Prison warden admitted the wrong prints had been dispatched to various law enforcement agencies after Ray escaped last year.

CORRECTED SET

But Warden Harold R. Swanson said the mistake was discovered almost immediately and a corrected set of prints for Ray was distributed to the same police agencies.

Major Barney Ragsdale of the GBI said Georgia never received its corrected set.

"They never sent us one," he said. "If they had, we'd have corrected it. It sure is dangerous to put something like this in our file here and ever expect us to find James Earl Ray for them."

"Evidently most every department in the country has an incorrect set," he said.

NOT AWARE

Swanson insisted that every department sent the original prints had been sent the corrected ones. But when Missouri officials hadn't received theirs, he said he was unaware the original prints had been circulated that widely.

Ragsdale said the incorrect prints were discovered during a routine check of the GBI's file prints for Ray against those distributed by the FBI.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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DENVER, COLORADO

Date: 4-26-68
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203) P.

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA ROBERT C. GUSTAFSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

AT CHEYENNE, WYOMING:

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Denver

DATE: April 29, 1968

JEM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I. O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 250.

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.

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Mar-Lee DRUG
AND HOME PRODUCTS STORE

IN THE MAR-LEE SHOPPING CENTER IN THE "HEART" OF SOUTHWEST DENVER

4335 W. FLORIDA AVE. DENVER, COLORADO 80219

April 26, 1968

Gentlemen:

It is with hesitation that I write you about this matter. I believe that the chances of there being any connection between the man I will mention below and the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., are very, very slight. However, if you have not already checked this matter, you might want to do so at this time.

Also, I have no direct knowledge of this incident but heard about it from a friend. The incident concerns a phone call placed by this man to the office of Dr. King several years ago in which he stated that Dr. King would be killed within a few days. I do not know if such a call is a federal offense or not; however, I do not believe that any purpose would now be served by prosecuting on this late date. My only point in mentioning it now is that, knowing how this man felt and also knowing that he shot a local Negro shortly after this call, I wondered if by any chance he might have paid for the killing of Dr. King.

The name of this man is Mr. Holt Chew.

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Sincerely yours,

Thomas M. Sweeney

Chew has been checked out.
I called Sweeney today
& asked his name
4/30
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA ROBERT D. ALSEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo to SAC from SA ROBERT G. GUSTAFSON concerning rumor that manager of Ramada Inn Hotel, Casper, Wyo., is custodian of funds to be used to represent the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and re telcall from SA GUNTER that source, Mr. Scotty Jack, was in Denver for the day.

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LEAD:

AT CASPER:

Without revealing source, attempt to determine if the rumor is true keeping in mind that the Bureau is most anxious to uncover any conspiracy that led to King's death.



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SA BOYD D. ADSIT

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Memorandum

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FROM : SA BOYD D. ADSIT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

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The following contacts were made:

AP, UPI and the two newspapers were contacted by ASAC JOHN F. MORLEY.

KBTV - T.V., KLZ-T.V. by Supervisor JOHN H. BROUGHTON.

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MURKIN

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Enclosed for Memphis is a stop card which indicates that a stop has been placed with Trans World Airlines, Stapleton Airport, Denver, Colorado.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

FROM : SA BILL E. PEMBERTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 4/30/68

Re: Denver memo of JOHN S. SMITH, dated 4/23/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA BILL E. PEMBERTON:

On April 23, 1968, EVELYN MC MILLON, Master Files Section, Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles, Denver, Colorado, advised that 1968 Colorado License TF 431 is issued to DWAYNE C. KIRK, 8054 Conifer Road. She further stated that the license was issued for a 1968 Dodge Pickup, VIN 1181804018. MC MILLON stated that Colorado Temporary Sticker T30045C is issued to MELVIN J. BLOCK, 1220 South Benton, Denver, Colorado, for a 1966 Ford, VIN 6N64C134068.

On April 23, 1968, MELVIN LESTER, owner, High Spot Bar, 3905 South Santa Fe, Englewood, Colorado, was displayed wanted flyers regarding JAMES EARL RAY and ERIC STARVO GALT. LESTER stated that to the best of his knowledge he had never seen any individual in his place of business resembling the wanted flyers of GALT and RAY. LESTER stated that he was not acquainted with DWAYNE C. KIRK or a MELVIN J. BLOCK. He further stated that if any further information comes to his attention, he will notify the local office of the FBI.

On April 23, 1968, Mrs. MAYNORES KIRK, 8054 Conifer Road, Denver, Colorado, advised that her husband DWAYNE KIRK is employed by Whitaker Industries, 4747 South Pecos, Englewood, Colorado. Mrs. KIRK was displayed wanted flyers regarding ERIC STARVO GALT and JAMES EARL RAY, at which time she stated photographs on the wanted flyers did not resemble her husband. Mrs. KIRK provided recent photographs of her husband, and after observing these photographs it was determined by the agent that KIRK did not resemble JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT.

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