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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : OTIS L. PAGE
SECURITY PATROL CLERK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

(RE: LOOK ALIKE)

At 6-10 PM, 4/20/68, Mr. BRAD SWOLKIN, 7237 GEM Street, New Orleans, telephone 282-7401, telephonically contacted the office and advised that he observed a 1968 Chevrolet Camaro, blue with black vinyl top, between 5-30 and 6-00 PM, April 19 last on Marconi Drive. SWOLKIN advised he observed an individual slumped down on the ~~driv~~ right side of the car and the individual stayed that way for about 6 blocks. Individual then got up and SWOLKIN observed him. SWOLKIN stated after viewing the picture in today's paper he stated that individual looked ~~like~~ a lot like RAY. He stated license on car was 1968 Mississippi GB 8148, Harrison County.

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SA JERRY W. BRENTS

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LOOK ALIKE

At 10:30 A.M., 4/20/68, SA REED W. JENSEN telephonically advised the writer that he had been advised by officials of the Royal Orleans Hotel that a assistant manager, DOREN CHISM, upon receiving a wanted flier for ERIC S. GALT in the morning mail, stated that she feels that she has seen GALT very recently in the Royal Orleans Hotel, either as a guest or as an individual who tried to cash a check at that hotel. JENSEN further advised that a room clerk, name unknown, also apparently recalls name GALT as a possible guest in the hotel on one previous time. Both Mrs. CHISM and the hotel clerk were currently in the process of checking the hotel records in an attempt to determine whether or not an individual by the name of GALT had, in fact, been a guest of the hotel recently.

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA RONALD G. HINKLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
LOOK ALIKE

Miss DOREN CHISHOM, Assistant Manager, Royal Orleans Hotel, St. Louis Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised this date that she had received today a wanted flier on ERIC STARVO GALT. She stated GALT's picture resembled an individual whom she had seen in the lobby of the Royal Orleans Hotel sometime during the past week. She could not recall any information regarding the individual other than the fact that his eyes and nose resemble the picture in wanted flier on GALT. Miss CHISHOM showed the wanted flier to WOLFGANG S. SALINGRE, room clerk at Royal Orleans Hotel, and he remarked that he had seen the name ERIC STARVO GALT on a rack slip a few days ago. WOLFGANG had told Miss CHISHOM that he recalled the name because when he viewed the rack slip the name STARVO reminded him of a name of a character in a James Bond novel.

Miss CHISHOM attempted to recall any additional information regarding individuals whom she believed were similar to GALT, but stated that inasmuch as she views hundreds of people daily in the Royal Orleans Hotel, she could not recall any specific information.

WOLFGANG S. SALINGRE, 3217 1/2 Louisiana Avenue, Parkway, Front desk clerk, Royal Orleans Hotel, this date advised he was pulling rack slips, which are slips of paper containing names of guests at the Royal Orleans Hotel. He stated he recalled seeing a rack slip with the name ERIC STARVO GALT on it and had called the name to the attention of MARK WELLS BOYD, another room clerk, pointing out to him that the name STARVO was similar to the name of a character in a James Bond novel. SALINGRE believed he viewed the rack slip with GALT's name on Monday, 4/15/68, as he was off Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. WOLFGANG viewed the photograph of GALT and the wanted flier and stated he had never seen any individual similar in appearance.

MARK WELLS BOYD, 2833 St. Charles Avenue, Apt. 29

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Front desk clerk, Royal Orleans Hotel, advised on this date that he recalled when WOLFGANG SALINGRE remarked about a rack slip that had been pulled on Monday, 4/15/68. WOLFGANG made the statement about an ERIC SARVO (LNU). WOLFGANG had stated that the middle name SARVO was similar to a character in a James Bond novel. BOYD stated he could not be sure whether WOLFGANG had said STARVO or SARVO. BOYD stated he did not view the rack slip and therefore did not see the name itself. BOYD advised he had not seen any individual resembling the picture of ERIC STARVO GALT in the wanted flier. BOYD stated he recalled that he believes WOLFGANG made the above observation on Monday, 4/15/68, because BOYD was off duty Tuesday through the rest of the past week.

Miss CHISHOM and WOLFGANG SALINGRE advised that rack slips are made for each registration card filled out at the Royal Orleans Hotel. The rack slips are pulled after a guest has left the hotel.

The registration cards and the rack slips for the month of April, 1968, were checked by the above writer and SA WILLIAM B. WOOD for the following names with negative results:

ERIC STARVO GALT;

HARVEY LOWMEYER;

JOHN WILLARD;

JAMES EARL RAY.

Miss CHISHOM also advised that she personally did not trust the veracity of WOLFGANG SALINGRE as he has lied on several occasions in the past. She furnished this information to interviewing Agents in view of the fact that no rack slip or registration card could be found in the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and in view of the fact that SALINGRE states he recalled the full name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

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(RE: LOOK ALIKE)

At 6-00 PM, 4/20/68, an anonymous caller telephonically contacted the office and advised that he was watching a program on Channel 26 at 5-50 PM, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ which showed pictures of Cubans coming into the United States. Caller stated one Cuban in particular looked a lot like RAY. This particular Cuban was shown getting off a plane in Miami, with wife and child. Individual was wearing a bow-tie.

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA ALBERT LEE SIMMS, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/20/68 at 7:52 a.m., an individual who refused to give his name telephonically advised that on Friday, 4/12/68, he picked up a white male and dropped him off on Jefferson Highway at the Deck Bar. This hitchhiker had his hair cut very short and as a result the sun had blistered his scalp. This hitchhiker claimed he was on his way to California but had no money. The caller advised he gave this individual a dollar for his breakfast and during the ride, the hitchhiker claimed that he intended to earn money for his trip by doing some painting.

The caller stated that this hitchhiker wore clean neat clothes, but did need a shave. He stated that upon viewing the photograph of subject RAY he realizes that there is a strong resemblance to the hitchhiker. He could furnish no further information regarding this individual.

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At 7-15 PM, 4/20/68, Clarence Tripplett, 1206 Burdette Street, New Orleans, telephone 865-1819, telephonically contacted the office, and stated he was recently arrested by the NOPD and went to court on April 9, 1968. Tripplett stated an individual that was being held in Orleans Parish Prison and went to court same date looked enough like RAY to be his twin. Tripplett stated this individual looked like the picture of RAY shown in todays paper, which pictures RAY with hair cut extremely short.
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TO : SAC(157-10673)

FROM : Willia m H. Deily, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

At approximately 4:15am Mr. Kim O'Donnell ~~telephonically~~ who resides at the Hummingbird Hotel, 804 St. Charles Ave., phone # 523 8178, telephonically contacted this office and advised as follows:

O'donnell stated that while at Casey's bar, 700 St. Charles Ave., he was certain that the man sitting next to him resembled James Earl Ray, whose picture was in the Times - Picayune. When asked to describe the man, O'donnell stated that he could not describe the man but he was certain that he resembled the man in the paper.

At 5:20am, O'donnell again telephonically contacted this office and said that he was sure that the man that he saw was James Earl Ray. He said that the bartender at Casey's also thought that the picture in the paper resembled the customer in the bar.

At 5:25am, SA Carney was advised of the above and at 5:29am SA Oertel was also advised of the above.

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FROM : SA WILLIAM B. WOOD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re memo of SA ALBERT LEE SIMS, JR., 4-20-68

On 4-20-68, STOYETTE McKNIGHT, Sheraton Delta Hotel, recontacted the New Orleans office of the FBI and advised that he had the individual he had previously called about in the Walgreens Drug Store, Sheraton Delta Hotel Branch.

On 4-20-68, CARL J. ZUMMO, Asst. Mgr. Walgreens Drug Store, Sheraton Delta Hotel Branch, advised that he had been on duty at this store all day and had not seen anyone in his store who bore a resemblance to subject RAY.

On 4-20-68, GLA DYS CAIN, Cashier, Walgreens Drug Store, Sheraton Delta Hotel Branch, advised that she had been on duty since 2pm this date and had seen no one resembling subject RAY in this store.

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