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Re your request of Exhibits Specialist George C. Mumford, Jr., while he was in Atlanta on 4-16-68.

There is being forwarded under separate cover one blue-line drawing of site plan of Capitol Homes Housing Project, Atlanta, Georgia. Enclosed in same package are six photostatic copies of this drawing prepared by Mechanical Section, Administrative Division, for your use.

EXHIBITS SECTION
Administrative Div.
Room 331 OPO
N. P. Callahan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA 44-2386

DATE: 5-7-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

MRS. JOSEPH HERTELL, 2865 Andrews Drive, N.W., Atlanta, 237-1369, called at 4:35 pm today and advised as follows:

On 5-4-68 she and her husband checked in at Stuckey's Carriage Inn, Jekyll Island, at about 4:40 pm. They checked out at 10:00 am today and returned home. During the time they were there they noticed one of the bellhops in particular. He was a w/m, about 30, 5'10", brown hair, blue eyes, spoke with southern accent. He did not wear a bellhops uniform and stated he had only recently matter gotten the job. Claimed to be from Douglas, Georgia.

They noticed **they** that he had apparently never been a bell hop before. He was friendly towards them, but was not familiar with the servises a bellhop generally performs. He stated he had worked for Sears in Atlanta but was evasive when Mr. HERTELL stated he knew the hardware manager there and asked **if** he knew him also.

Mrs. HERTELL feels there is a resemblence between this bellhop and the subject RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, (44-2386) (P) DATE: 5/7/68

FROM:

SA PAUL LEE MILLER

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

On 5/3/68, Mr. T. E. RICHBOURGH, Mgr. of the Electro-Lux Vacuum Cleaner Company, 1155 W. Peachtree, N. E., Atlanta, Ga., was shown the Wanted Flyer for JAMES EARL RAY and asked whether he may have an employee who could possibly look like RAY and also drive a black Volkswagen convertible. RICHBOURGH stated he does have such an employee who could be mistaken for RAY, although he is much younger in appearance than RAY. RICHBOURGH also advised that this individual drove a black Kharmanghia Volkswagen convertible. Mr. RICHBOURGH further advised that this employee, RICHARD PEDDICORD, was employed with Electro-Lux Vacuum Cleaner Company since 1/3/68 and listed his address as 1394 Lanier Place, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

On 5/3/68, SA ROBERT L. McFALL and SA PAUL LEE MILLER interviewed RICHARD DOUGLAS PEDDICORD and eliminated him as any possible suspect in MURKIN. Mr. PEDDICORD advised that he was the individual who visited Mrs. MARIE DOMINICK, 1076 Cumberland Road, N. E., Atlanta, Ga., on 4/5/68, to see her advertised apartment. Mr. PEDDICORD stated he does not think he looks like JAMES EARL RAY and could not understand why anyone could mistake him for that individual. Mr. RICHARD DOUGLAS PEDDICORD furnished the following information about himself:

> Name Sex

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RICHARD DOUGLAS PEDDICORD

Male

White

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Residence

Height Weight

Eyes Hair

Father

Marital Status

Occupation

Employment

1394 Lanier Road

5' 11"

158 lbs.

Brown

Brown

SIMPSON PEDDICORD

Indianola, Iowa

Divorced

Programmer

ECPI Programming Company

579 Peachtree, N. E.

Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. PEDDICORD further advised that he did work for the Electro-Lux Vacuum Cleaner Company and that that company stills thinks he is employed there, although he is currently employed at the ECPI Programming Company.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 30, 1968

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, 107 - 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at his place of employment, The Vista Cafeteria, 1052 Northside Drive, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia.

At the outset of the interview, GARNER acknowledged that he had been on a prolonged "drunk" since about Friday, April 19, 1968, and was at the time of the interview in the throes of a "terrific hangover." GARNER explained that he has had a continual drinking problem for the past few years in that he has from time to time "gone on drinking sprees" for periods lasting several days in duration.

GARNER at this time acknowledged that he was previously on one of his "drunks" from a period beginning about March 22, 1968 through about March 30, 1968 which included the first week that the man known to him as ERIC S. GAIT resided at the rooming house operated by GARNER at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

GARNER said that despite his being in the throes of a "hangover" resulting from his most recent drinking binge, he now felt able to again recount his recollections of his contacts with "GALT". GARNER provided the following information:

GARNER began drinking in his room at 107 - 14th Street about Friday, March 22, 1968. On Sunday afternoon, before darkness (exact time unknown but possibly between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.) the man whom he later knew as ERIC S. GALT appeared at GARNER's door. GARNER said he now believes the door to his room was open, and that he (GARNER) was sitting in a chair in his room in a drunken condition. GARNER recalls that "GALT" inquired regarding obtaining a single room. At the time the rooming house at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. had been closed for sometime possibly three or four weeks. This rooming house had been closed because it had become "infested with 'hippies'" and the

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only way he could get them to move from the rooming house was to close it up. When "GALT" asked for a single room, there was no single room available in the rooming house at 107 - 14th Street, N.E. so he decided to put "GALT" in the rooming house at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. Accordingly, "GALT" was the first roomer in this rooming house for several weeks.

GARNER now recalls that "GALT" produced a partly consumed quart or fifth size bottle of vodka. This bottle was square in shape but the brand name could not be recalled. He believes he may have had a drink with "GALT" in his (GARNER's) room at 107 - 14th Street, N.E. after which he accompanied "GALT" to the rooming house next door where he showed "GALT" room number 2. When "GALT" stated that the room was quite small, GARNER opened the door connecting with room number 4 which is utilized normally as a storage room and which has no GARNER told "GALT" he could use the connecting room and at this time there was some mention made that "GALT" would put his television set on the desk in room number 4 as well as other articles belonging to "GALT". GARNER recalls that the connecting door is equipped with a hasp and padlock and that he (GARNER) upon unlocking and opening this door, replaced the padlock, (inlocked) on the hasp. GARNER said he did not see the television or other items belonging to "GALT" at this time and has no clear recollection of ever seeing any of "GALT's" possession prior to "GALT's" departure from this address.

GARNER also recalls that "GAIT" left the partly consumed bottle of vodka with GARNER and that after showing "GAIT" to his room, GARNER returned to 107 - 14th Street, N.E. where he continued to drink.

He said the vodka bottle was undoubtedly thrown away in the trash.

GARNER states that he is unable to recall any of the conversations he may have had with "GALT." When specifically asked whether "GALT" had stated how he happened to pick this particular rooming house; where he had come from; whether he had made inquiries about places to eat, laundry and drycleaning facilities or service to his automobile, GARNER said he cannot recall any conversation concerning these or similar matters.

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He reiterated that his contact with "GALT" on this occasion is very hazy because of his intoxicated condition.

At this point, GARNER stated that information previously provided to Agents concerning having obtained "GALT's" name at the time of initial contact was probably erroneous because he now recalls that he did not have "GALT" write his name at this time but that this was done a week later on March 31, 1968, when "GALT" paid GARNER for a second week's rent in advance.

GARNER said that he continued his drinking activities on through the week of March 24, 1968 and did not begin to sober up until the following weekend. He cannot clearly recall any of his actions during this week but has a hazy recollection of going to "GALT's" room at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. about Tuesday night and of again having some drinks with "GALT" in this room. He states that he cannot recall any of the conversations with "GALT" at this time and he does not recall observing any of the items that might have been in room number 2. He does not recall why he happened to go to the room but suspected that he may have been "checking the building" and just dropped in to visit with "GALT" when he discovered he was in the room. He believes this was Tuesday night, March 26, 1968, but is not sure of this.

GARNER also stated that sometime during the first week possibly on Wednesday, he recalls walking across the street from his residence to Postal Sub Station C for the purpose of buying some envelopes. He said that he was still in a drunken condition but hazily recalls encountering a young man approximabely 20 years of age in front of the Post Office who addressed GARNER by name. This unknown individual asked GARNER a question to the effect 'Who was the man I saw you with last night in the white Mustang?" GARNER said this suggested to him that he had possibly gone with 'GALT' somewhere in 'GALT's" automobile while he (GARNER) was dead drunk but although he has tried to recall such an incident, he cannot recall ever being in "GALT's" car. GARNER was specifically questioned at this point as to whether he has any friends or acquaintances residing in the vicinity of Highland View Street, Ponce de Leon Terrace and Barnett Street, N.E. CARNER said that he did not know anyone in that neighborhood and cannot recall having visited that neighborhood on any occasion in the recent past.

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Several efforts were made to encourage GARNER to recall additional information concerning the unknown man who questioned him concerning being in the white Mustang, but he repeatedly stated that he just does not know this person but that it is possibly someone who has been a patron at one of the restaurants which GARNER has operated in the past.

GARNER recalls no further contact with "GALT" until Sunday, March 31, 1968. At this time GARNER had "begun to sober up" and went to the rooming house at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. to check the rooms. He said he does this frequently to be sure that the "hippies" have not again invaded these premises. On this occasion, he encountered "GALT" in the hall. At this time, "GALT" said "he might as well pay him for another week." GARNER said that he did not enter "GALT's" room at this time but picked up an envelope which was lying on the table in the hall and it was at this time he had "GALT" print his mane thereon with the view of transferring the name to his permanent records when GARNER returned to his own room. GARNER said he knows he was paid in cash but does not recall the denomination of the bills or any further conversation with "GALT" at this time.

GARNER said that he remained in a sober condition from March 31 until the beginning of his most recent drinking spree on April 19, 1968. He is, accordingly, sure that he did not see "GALT" again after he was paid on Sunday, March 31, 1968. He said he may have seen "GALT's" automobile parked in the rear of 113 - 14th Street, N.E. at various times during the week, but could not be positive and does not recall any specific dates. He noted that he does not recall ever seeing "GALT's" car parked in the parking lot behind the rooming house when GARNER returned from his restaurant to 14th Street about 4:00 p.m. He said that when and if he saw the car, it is his best recollection that it would have been during the early morning hours when he left to go to the restaurant or possibly late in the evening. He stated he retains the impression that "GALT" left the rooming house sometime in the morning and would not return until quite late in the evening. He conceded that it is possible that the car may have been absent from the rooming house for periods of two or three days while "GALT" was a tenant there.

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GARNER related that on Friday, April 5, 1968, he went to his restaurant at 1052 Northside Drive, N.W. about 5:30 in the morning. He remained at that restaurant until about 10:00 a.m. at which time he returned to the rooming houses on 14th Street for the purpose of getting the linen ready to be picked up by an employee of the Atlanta Linen Company which performs the laundry services for GARNER. GARNER stated that when help is available, he usually takes one of the female employees from the restaurant when he goes to the rooming houses on Friday to change the linen. He recalled, however, that on Friday, April 5, 1968, he was "short of help" at the restaurant and accordingly went alone to get the linen. He believes he could have arrived at the rooming house between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. at which time the driver for the Atlanta Linen Company was waiting for him. GARNER said he went to all of the occupied rooms and took the linen from the beds. Upon entering room number 2 at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., he observed that the bed was made up but from the appearance of the bed it looked as though someone had been lying on top of the spread. He found on top of the bed a note possibly written on a piece of cardboard of the type placed in shirts by the laundry. This note was apparently from "GALT" and although he cannot recall the exact wording, stated something to the effect that "GALT" had to go to Birmingham and would return in about a week to pick up his television and/or property. GARNER said he tossed the note in the waste can in the room and obtained the linen from the bed which he turned over to the employee of the Atlanta Linen Company.

While in the room, he observed that the door connecting room number 2 and the adjacent storage room had been locked but he did not enter the room at this time to determine what property had been left there by 'GALT". Sometime later, he did enter the room and noted that a television set was in the room along with miscellaneous items which he cannot specifically recall that were lying on the desk in the room.

GARNER said that he has not received any word or communication from "GALT" concerning the property left there. He cannot recall seeing "GALT" talk to any of the other roomers at either of the rooming houses and knows nothing concerning any of "GALT's" activities while he resided at this address. He is certain that "GALT" did not mention having been referred to this rooming house by anyone and feels that he would have recalled this even though he was in an intoxicated condition during a great portion of the time "GALT" resided there.

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Memorandum

TO

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE:

5/7/68

FROM

SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN

SUBJECT:

MURKIN - SAFE DEPOSIT BOX CHECK

ReBuairtel to Atlanta, 5/6/68.

In an effort to locate JAMES EARL RAY, now a Top Ten Fugitive, the following investigation is set forth:

Prior investigation determined RAY has rented safe deposit boxes since his escape from prison.

Agents receiving assignments in this matter are to contact personally an officer of the bank branch, and with the cooperation of the Safety Deposit Box Teller, conduct the following specific investigation:

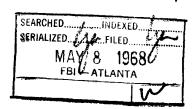
- (1) Exhibit photos of RAY to Safety Deposit Box Teller to determine if RAY has been into vault.
- (2) Review their Safety Deposit Box name file to determine if they have or have had a box rented in the following names:
 - JAMES EARL RAY
 - ERIC STARVO GALT
 - W.C. HERRON
 - BARVEY LOWMYER
 - JAMES MC BRIDE
 - JAMES O'CONNER
 - JAMES WALTON
 - JAMES WALYON
 - JOHN WILLARD

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- (3) Determine everyone who has entered Safety Deposit Box on April 5, 1968, and April 12, 1968. Will eliminate everyone who has entered a box on these days as being RAY.
- (4) Determine owner of all new boxes rented from 3/18/68 to 4/12/68 and eliminate as being RAY.
- (5) Determine owner of all boxes closed on 4/5/68 to 4/12/68 and eliminate as being RAY.

BASIS FOR ELIMINATION:

- A. The Safe Deposit Box Teller will normally know a large percentage of Safety Deposit Box Holders and can eliminate them as being RAY.
- B. Those holders not known to the teller can be eliminated by a check of the bank's central records. If box holder has maintained a checking account, savings account, or has done business for a year with the bank, or is known to bank employees, eliminate him.
- C. If none of the above eliminate holder, a review of the City Directory or credit check can eliminate holder as possibly being RAY.
- D. If the holder cannot be eliminated in the above manner, the agent assigned this bank or branch will be held personally responsible for going to the address of the box holder to conduct appropriate investigation to eliminate him as being RAY. KEEP IN MIND SUBJECT IS ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Agents having more than one location to check are to contact banks in order as listed in assignment.

Any positive information should be brought to the attention of the SAC immediately.

Upon completion of assignment, negative investigation can be reported at the end of this serial, noting

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dates and persons contacted. Positive information to be appropriately recorded.

These assignments are to be handled immediately upon receipt.

SUBJECT RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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