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On 4/30/68 the following individuals were contacted by SAs JOHN J. LOUGHNEY & JOHN F. MILLER, with negative results re subject RAY's present employment and employment between 4/67 and 9/67. They agreed to be alert for any future employment attempt.

1. VIVIAN KENSINGER, mgr., Ken Loch Golf Club, Finley Road, Lombard, Ill.
2. JOHN CORNELISON, Glen Briar Golf Course, 2 S 661 Route 53, Glen Ellyn, Ill.
3. WARREN WETTERHAHN, general mgr., Nordic Hills Country Club, Itasca, Ill.
4. ABRAHAM C. STAPPENBURG, asst. general mgr. (and staff), Medinah Country Club, Medinah, Ill.
5. VICTOR ALONSO, asst. mgr., Itasca Country Club, Itasca, Ill.
6. EARL SCHMIDT, mgr., Salt Creek Golf Club, 18 W. 700 Thorndale Rd., Itasca, Ill.
7. Mrs. J. BERG, owner-mgr., Golden Acres Country Club, P.O. Box 162, Roselle, Ill.
8. WALTER C. POWERS, mgr., Glendale Country Club, P.O. Box 54, Bloomingdale, Ill.
9. DAVE WALTON, mgr., Indian Lakes Country Club, 21 W. Chick Rd., Box A, Bloomingdale, Ill.
10. T. ROSS, general mgr., Glen Oak Country Club, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

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Memorandum

TO : SAE (44-1114)

FROM : SA DONALD M. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/1/68

The following individuals were contacted by SAs DONALD M. MARTIN and PAUL L. ANDREWS concerning the possibility that their respective golf clubs ever employed or interviewed for employment JAMES EARL RAY. All were advised to immediately advise the FBI if he should, in the future, apply for employment with their respective clubs: (All contacted on 4/30/68)

JACK HOGAN, Professional
RIVER FOREST COUNTRY CLUB
Elmhurst, Illinois (Also listed as Bensenville, Ill.)

DANIEL SILIANOV, Manager
MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB
Bensenville, Illinois

RAYMOND G. PRATT, Acting Manager
WHITE PINES COUNTRY CLUB
Bensenville, Illinois

ADRIAN M. LOOYE, Manager
ELMHURST COUNTRY CLUB
Elmhurst, Illinois (Also listed as Addison, Ill.)

TONY PETRICCA, Manager
BROOKWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
Addison, Illinois

THOMAS BYRNE
Addison Golf Club
Addison, Illinois

WALTER POWER
GLENDALE COUNTRY CLUB
Addison, Illinois

All of the above individuals could not recall having employed or interviewed anyone resembling the pictures JAMES EARL RAY. RAYMOND PRATT, White Pines, did state that a JOHN RAY, who resembled one of the photos was employed there in about 1964 or 1965.

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Memorandum

TO : SA C, CHICAGO, 44-1114

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA RICHARD BARRY SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/30/68, SAs LEO J. HALL and RICHARD BARRY SMITH contacted the following individuals in connection with captioned matter with negative results. FBI wanted flyers for JAMES EARL RAY were given to each individual. Each person advised that such a person has never been in their employ in any capacity and that no such person has made any inquiries regarding employment. All advised that they would remain alert for individuals fitting RAY's description and advised the FBI.

KEN HERRMANN, Manager, Glenwoodie Country Club, Glenwood, Ill.

A. CALDANARO, Manager, Calumet Country Club, Homewood, Ill.

DENNIS KELLY, Manager, Ravisloe Country Club, Homewood, Ill.

JERRY LUDVINGSON, Professional, Cherry Hills Golf Club, Flossmoor, Ill.

ROGER MURDOCH, Manager, Flossmoor Country Club, Flossmoor, Ill.

TED DE GROOT, Manager, Idlewild Country Club, Flossmoor, Ill.

THOMAS O'CONNER, Manager, Midlothian Country Club, Midlothian, Ill.

It was observed that 250W. 151st Street, Harvey, Ill., the address for the Dixie-Hi Golf Club, is now occupied by the Dixie Square Shopping Center.



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The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM H. HAYMAN and SA JOSEPH S. REICHART on April 30, 1968, at Lee and Whiteside Counties, Illinois:

The following persons were contacted at the six country clubs described below:

Mrs. HELEN RENKES, Manager, Morrison Country Club, Morrison, Illinois

Mrs. ALICE ALLEN, Manager, Rock River Country Club, Rock Falls and Sterling, Illinois (one country club with two mailing addresses)

Mr. and Mrs. DAN KRADLE, Owners, Lakeview Country Club, Rural Route 4, Sterling, Illinois (there is no Prairieview Country Club at Sterling)

Mrs. RUTH CAREW, Cook, and Mrs. BLANCHE COLLINSON, Manager, restaurant, Emerald Hill Country Club, Incorporated, Rural Route 1, Sterling, Illinois (ROBERT COLLINS, Manager of club)

EIDON MYERS, Manager, lounge, Plum Hollow Golf and Bowling, Dixon, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. LAIDIG, Managers, Dixon Country Club, Post Office Box 118, Dixon, Illinois.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA P. WAYNE ROBBINS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following individuals were contacted by
SAs P. WAYNE ROBBINS, ROBERT N. DUGAN and SHERROD LEE MC DANIEL
on April 30, 1968, and May 1, 1968:

ALBERT STAUDT, Geneva Golf Club,
Geneva, Illinois

PETER MIRKES
Pheasant Run Country Club
St. Charles, Illinois

DOMNICK PERNA
Pottawamie Park Golf Club
St. Charles, Illinois

ARTHUR BENSEN
St. Charles Country Club
St. Charles, Illinois

CHARLES RACK
Apple Orchard Country Club
Bartlett, Illinois

JACK COMBEST
Bonnie Dundee Golf Club
Dundee, Illinois

JIM ERVIN and BOB WHITE
Randall Oaks Golf Club
Dundee, Illinois

BILL LEITH
Elgin Country Club
Elgin, Illinois

VIC MASI
Wing Park Golf Club
Elgin, Illinois

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Village Links
Glen Ellyn

All of the above individuals advised that they had not employed anyone resembling JAMES EARL RAY during the period April to September, 1967, nor since April, 1968. They were provided copy of the identification order regarding RAY and all advised that if anyone resembling RAY applied for employment at their club, they would contact the FBI, Chicago.

Investigation revealed that Highland Crest Country Club, Elgin, Illinois, is currently Villa Olivia Golf and Country Club, the lead which has been covered by other Agents.

Bowling Green Sport Center, West Chicago, Illinois, is not currently operated as a golf course. Investigation failed to locate CAROL STREAM Golf Club, Carol Stream, Illinois.

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Re: COUNTRY CLUBS

On April 30, 1968, the following individuals were contacted by SA CHARLES W. COUGHLIN and SA ROBERT E. HARTZ concerning subject with negative results:

MIKE SIPULA, Pro-owner, Pine Hill Country Club,
also known as Ottawa Country Club, Ottawa, Illinois

Mrs. ZEDA MUSCOVICH, Manager, Anderson Field Golf
Club, Streator, Illinois

ROBERT BOTTOMLEY, Manager, Streator Country Club,
Streator, Illinois

STAN LESNIK, Manager, Deer Park Country Club,
Oglesby, Illinois, also known as Deer Park Country
Club, La Salle, Illinois

MICHAEL ODDO, Manager, South Bluff Country Club,
Peru, Illinois.

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Re: COUNTRY CLUBS

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT A. KEANE and SA LEWIS H. ALBRIGHT:

The below listed golf and country clubs were contacted on April 30, 1968, photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to the persons in charge of hiring employees and RAY's name and aliases were searched through employment records for the pertinent periods. One copy of the Identification Order of JAMES EARL RAY was left with the individual contacted, as listed below, and it was agreed they would notify this office should subject appear at their establishments.

Westmoreland Country Club
2601 Old Glenview Road
Wilmette, Illinois
Mr. WILLIAM SOKOLICK, Manager

Northwestern Golf Course
6145 Golf Road
Wilmette, Illinois
Mr. WILLIAM CLARK, Superintendent

Glenview Park Golf Club
800 Shermer Road
Glenview, Illinois
Mr. ROY HANNEMAN, Manager

North Shore Country Club
1340 Glenview Road
Glenview, Illinois
Mr. KARL HALLERBERG, Manager

Wilmette Golf Club
Lake and Harmes Street
Wilmette, Illinois
Mr. DONALD STERNBERG, Assistant Manager

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Glen View Club
Golf, Illinois
Mr. NOEL DUNDERDALE

Glenview Naval Air Station
Glenview, Illinois
Mr. PAUL MESSNER, Manager

Mr. PAUL MESSNER, Glenview Naval Air Station, advised that there is no Pickwick Country Club as that was the former name of the naval golf course.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA PAUL H. KELLERMEYER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/30 and 5/1/68 SA JAMES A. MAY and the writer contacted the following golf courses regarding captioned matter and left copies of IO #4182 with the individuals listed. All of the individuals advised that they had not hired anyone recently who would fit the description of JAMES EARL RAY and their records contained no information concerning him.

Evanston Community Golf Course,
operated by Evanston Community
Recreation Association, 1030 Central
Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, KENNETH
JAMES - Manager; municipal course with
no club or bar facilities.

Glencoe Golf Club, operated by
Village of Glencoe, PAUL RIVARD -
Superintendent, STEVE SIDARI -
Assistant Professional; municipal
course with no club or bar facilities.

Lake Shore Country Club, Glencoe,
Illinois, KENNETH DE WEES - Manager.

Skokie Country Club, Glencoe, Illinois,
GLENN GUNDERSON - Manager.

Indian Hill Country Club, Ridge Road,
Winnetka, Illinois, ROBERT SMITH -
Assistant Manager.

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Skokie Playfield Golf Club,
Winnetka, Illinois, same as
Winnetka Golf Course.

Winnetka Golf Course, operated by
Winnetka Park District, GEORGE
SCHUSS - Assistant Manager; municipal
course with no bar or club facilities.

Sunset Ridge Country Club, Winnetka,
Illinois, CLARENCE WATSON - Manager.

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The following golfing establishments were contacted by SAs ROBERT J. TOMPKINS and JOHN W. ROBERTS, JR. on April 30 and May 1, 1968. In each instance, the persons mentioned below indicated they would contact the FBI if any information or suspect contacted their respective establishment. The IO was left with these persons who indicated it would be posted in a conspicuous place available to their employees.

Jackson Park Golf Club, 64th and Stony Island
RALPH ROSHON, Manager
South Shore Country Club, 7059 South Shore Drive
EUGENE FOSTER, Financial Manager
ED ANTHONY, Chief Bartender
Beverly Country Club, 8700 South Western Avenue
SWAN O. SWANSON, Manager
Evergreen Golf Club, 9104 South Western
Mrs. BABE AHERN, Manager
Ridge Country Club, 10522 South California
BUD CUNNINGHAM, Manager
Marquette Golf Club, 67th and Kedzie
JOE MC CARTHY, Manager

The following are no longer in business:

College Campus Golf Club - There is a large building at the listed address 5315 South Drexel, which is now Boucher Residence Hall, University of Chicago. This building was formerly part of George Williams College which is now in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Metropolitan Golf Club, reportedly at 3310 West Douglas, was determined from occupants of the building at this address to be unknown. Two occupants with residency of two years stated they never heard of this establishment.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JEROME F. NOLAN on April 30, 1968:

On April 30, 1968, the following club managers were
contacted and furnished a copy of IO JAMES EARL RAY. All
advised he was unknown to them and any information coming to
their attention would be immediately furnished to the FBI.

AT ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS.

1. Mr. and Mrs. GORDON SAMUELSON, Sandy Hollow
Golf Club, telephone number 399-9656
2. Mr. and Mrs. GORDON SAMUELSON, Sinnissippi
Park Golf Club, telephone number 962-9851
3. RICHARD LUCAS, Mauh Nah Tee See Country Club,
telephone number 399-0711
4. ERIK BRAGE, Forest Hills Country Club,
telephone number 877-5733
5. HANS BUCHELE, Rockford Country Club,
telephone number 968-9881
6. SAMUEL MANARCHY, Ingersoll Memorial Golf
Club, telephone number 962-9877
7. Mr. and Mrs. GORDON SAMUELSON, Elliot Golf Club
(will open next month)

AT ROCKTON, ILLINOIS.

8. ROBERT HOGAN, Macktown Golf Club,
telephone number 624-7401
9. SHIRLEY SARTINO, Red Barn Country Club,
telephone number 624-8711
10. MORRIE HANNON, Wagon Wheel Lodge, telephone
number 624-8711

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN J. SHERIDAN on April 30, 1968:

JIM RICHARDS, Pro, and WAYNE WALKER, Club Manager, Bel Mar Country Club, Route 20, Belvidere, Illinois, advised on April 30, 1968, that no one resembling JAMES EARL RAY was employed by this club during the recent past. They agreed to notify the FBI should anyone resembling RAY apply for employment.

Mr. ORVILLE HAZZARD, Manager, Sunset Golf Club, Mt. Morris, Illinois, advised on April 30, 1968, that this club has no bar and RAY never was employed here. He was given a copy of the IO and agreed to contact the FBI should he ever see anyone resembling RAY.

Mr. ALLEN GOODWIN, Manager, Oregon Golf Club, Oregon, Illinois, advised on April 30, 1968, that no one resembling RAY was ever employed by this club. He was given a copy of the IO and agreed to contact the FBI should RAY ever apply for employment.

DARROLL RICHARDSON, Club Manager, Rochelle Country Club, Rochelle, Illinois, advised on April 30, 1968, that none of his employees, past or present, resemble RAY. He stated he would cooperate in any way possible in locating RAY if he should learn any information about him.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA J. GLENN MC KENZIE:

On April 30, 1968, the following persons were contacted at their respective golf clubs regarding this matter with negative results for any record of employment for RAY. They were each furnished with a copy of IO #4182 and instructions to contact the FBI should they receive any information of interest:

DORIS MUDARE, Freeport Country Club,
Freeport, Illinois

JOE GENTZ, Park Hills Golf Course,
Freeport, Illinois

EARL HARLE, Galena Golf Club,
Galena, Illinois

THOMAS WATSON, Warren Golf Club,
Warren, Illinois

CHARLES ALTO, Lena Golf Club,
Lena, Illinois

RANDY SMITH, Oakville Country Club,
Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

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On May 2, 1968, the following individuals were contacted regarding information on JAMES EARL RAY.

JOHN S. ZITO
General Foreman
Columbus Park Golf Course
500 South Central Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

WILLIAM RAPP
Owner
Black Horse Public Golf Course
Downers Grove, Illinois

ELLOISE BENAT
Manager
Downers Grove Country Club
Downers Grove, Illinois

THOMAS A. AJACK
Golf Professional
Maple Crest Country Club
Downers Grove, Illinois

THOMAS O'CONNER
Golf Professional
Woodridge Country Club
Lisle, Illinois

JAMES HUSEMAN
General Manager
Midwest Country Club
2200 West 35th Street
Oak Brook, Illinois

FLORENCE SMITH
Assistant Manager
Cress Creek Country Club
Naperville, Illinois

MATHEW MORGAN, Business Manager, Naperville Country Club, Naperville, Illinois, advised, after viewing subject's photograph, that on April 25, 1968, an individual who could

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possibly be identical with the subject applied for a bartender's job. MORGAN furnished an application on the above mentioned individual, which reflected the following:

Name	HOWARD BOYER
Address	4817 West Rice Chicago, Illinois
Social Security Number	<input type="text"/>
Age	47 years
Marital Status	Married
Phone	AU 7-4205
Former Employer	Ferrara Manor 5606 North Avenue Chicago, Illinois (2½ years)
Type work desired	Bartender

This information was furnished to SA JOSEPH M. BURKE.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH M. BURKE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 30, 1968, SA GIFFORD G. BASHAM and SA DAVID L. PIPPENGER contacted the manager of the Naperville Country Club, Naperville, Illinois, and he advised a HOWARD BOYER of 4817 West Rice, Chicago, Illinois, who recently applied for a job as a bartender, looks like the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He supplied the following background data from BOYER's application:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	47 years old
Marital Status	Married
Social Security #	
Home Telephone #	AU 7-4205
Former Employment	Bartender at Ferrara Manor 5606 West North Avenue Chicago, Illinois

On April 30, 1968, SA WILLIAM L. HERRMANN and SA LOGAN C. PICKERL conducted the following investigation:

Mrs. NANCY SCAFURI, Secretary to MARIO CONTI, Manager, Ferrara Manor, 5609 West North Avenue, Chicago, was interviewed re HOWARD BOYER. Mrs. SCAFURI stated she has only limited records but distinctly recalls BOYER as having been a bartender at Ferrara Manor for several months. A check of the record showed he was employed from October, 1966, to January 31, 1968. She was shown a photograph of JAMES RAY, commenting that they do not look anything alike. Mrs. SCAFURI furnished the following description of HOWARD BOYER from memory:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	Early 40's
Height	5'4" tall
Weight	180-185 pounds
Build	Stocky

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Hair	Light brown, slicked back
Glasses	None
Ears	Normal
Marital Status	Married
Wife	REBECCA BOYER
Children	Two or three
Residence	5245 West Wolfram Chicago
Social Security #	None listed

On April 30, 1968, JAMES MC KEON, Bartender, Ferrara Manor, advised he worked with HOWARD BOYER and the photo of JAMES RAY does not resemble him. He described BOYER as a white male, 190 pounds, stocky build, normal ears, dark hair, early 40's. MC KEON added that BOYER had a Boston accent.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA WILLIAM A. MORRISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/9/68

On April 30, 1968, the writer and SA JOHN K. CHADWICK contacted the following golf clubs with negative results:

✓ OLLIE GIRARD, Manager
MELVIN ODLE, Grounds Keeper
Lincolnshire Country Club
Crete, Illinois

✓ CHARLES KELLER, Manager
HARRY BURNS, Grounds Keeper
Lansing Sportsmen Club
Lansing, Illinois

✓ FRED A. PELCHER, Manager
Burnham Golf Club and
Burnham Woods Golf Club
Burnham, Illinois

✓ JOHN URBAN, Manager
Urban Hills Golf Club
Richtor Park, Illinois

✓ ROBERT TARARI, Manager
Longwood Country Club
Steger, Illinois

✓ Mr. and Mrs. JOHN ELLIS, Owner
Tuckaway Golf Club
Beecher, Illinois

✓ IRENE HAYDEN, Owner
Shady Lawn Golf Club
Beecher, Illinois

On May 2, 1968, SA MORRISON contacted the following clubs with negative results:

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✓
IRENE FERENI, Manager
RICHARD TREVARTHAR, Ground Keeper
Prestwick Country Club
Frankfort, Illinois

✓
JAMES DI SANTO, Manager
OSCAR MILES, Grounds Keeper
Olympia Fields Country Club
Olympia Fields, Illinois

✓
FRANK PROHASKA, Manager
Chicago Heights Country Club
Chicago Heights, Illinois

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Golf Clubs,
Lockport and Lemont, Illinois

The following investigation was conducted by SA
GERALD E. DWYER on May 9, 1968:

The following individuals at the following locations were personally contacted and interviewed, searched their employment records for the past five years under the name JAMES EARL RAY and his known aliases with negative results, were furnished a copy of the FBI Identification Order regarding RAY and were alerted to the possibility that RAY might contact them for employment in the future:

Mr. ADAM JEMSEK, Manager
Cog Hill Golf and Country Club
119th Street and Archer Avenue
Lemont, Illinois

Mr. WILLIAM T. HASKELL, Manager
Old Oak Golf Club
143rd and Parker Road
Lockport, Illinois

Mr. WALTER PETREY, Manager
Glen Eagles Country Club
123rd Street and Bell Road
Lemont, Illinois

Mrs. VIRGINIA MIKAN, Manager
Big Run Golf and Country Club
135th Street
Lockport, Illinois

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA ROBERT E. HALL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LOOK-ALIKE - WITNESS
JOHN THOMAS, YELLOW CAB DRIVER

On April 26, 1968, Lieutenant BRANSFIELD, Youth Division, Area 6, Chicago Police Department, stated that the Chicago Police Department Laboratory had advised that they had chemically treated the one dollar bill which the subject's look-alike had given to captioned cab driver JOHN THOMAS on April 22, 1968, but had been unable to raise any latent fingerprints.

Lieutenant BRANSFIELD stated that the Chicago Police Department had been unable to come up with any further information concerning this alleged look-alike or his possible identity.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (175-4) (C)
SUBJECT: KELLY WILLIAMS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Chicago teletype 9/22/66, captioned, "REPORTED
THREAT TO THE LIFE OF SENATOR EVERETT DIRksen, VICE PRESIDENT
HUBERT HUMPHREY AND SENATORIAL CANDIDATE CHARLES H. PERCY.
INFORMATION CONCERNING".

Enclosed herewith are seven (7) copies of an LHM dated
and captioned as above. One copy has been furnished to Secret
Service locally.

Chicago and Atlanta indices and Identification Division
files contain no information identifiable with KELLY. Neither
Chicago or Atlanta have any information indicating Dr. MARTIN
LUTHER KING or associates have ever utilized professional
chauffeurs in their travels.

The information developed indicating a possible danger
to the President was furnished to Secret Service, Chicago, on
9/21/66, and they have been furnished all information developed
since that time. They have advised that they will probably
reinterview KELLY WILLIAMS and conduct additional inquiry on him
as a possible visitor to the White House.

There does not appear to be any violation of the assault-
ing the President statute and WILLIAMS has not made threats to any
public officials. In view of his apparent mental problems,
coupled with serious doubts cast on his veracity, no further
inquiry is contemplated and this case is being closed.

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Chicago, Illinois
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REILLY WILLIAMS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On September 26, 1966, Mrs. Ralph H. Kunstader, Apartment 304, 908 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that one Kelly Williams, a male Negro, about 66 years of age, had worked for various members of her family for over 20 years, until his retirement about a year ago. He was retired at that time as his physical condition was such that the Kunstaders did not want him driving their car. She explained that he had syphilis of the central nervous system and as a result his legs were crippled and he was developing a tremor in his hands.

About five weeks ago Williams called Mrs. Mattie Solomon, Mrs. Kunstader's mother, at the Kunstader apartment and asked to speak to Mrs. Kunstader. When informed she was not home, he told Mrs. Solomon that he was working as a chauffeur for Dr. Martin Luther King and drove one of his several air-conditioned Cadillacs. He said he had no permanent address as he was traveling all over the country with Dr. King and was out of town most of the time. He mentioned he was well paid and handled large sums of money for King.

Sometime later Williams called again and spoke with Mrs. Kunstader. He told her he was calling from a pay phone and it was difficult for him to talk as he was being watched constantly. This surveillance was a result of his having learned so many things and Mrs. Kunstader assumed he meant from Dr. King and his associates. He said terrible things were going to happen and the lives of the President, Senator Dirksen and all of the friends she loved were being threatened. He wanted to give the information he had in detail to the President or Senator Dirksen and asked Mrs. Kunstader to arrange for a meeting with either of them. He asked her not to notify the police and said he could not come to her home or the Senator's office because of the surveillance on him.

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Williams again said he had no residence in Chicago where he could be reached and gave Mrs. Kunstadter the name, address and telephone number of his sister and asked that messages be left there as he was in touch with his sister when he was in town. Mrs. Kunstadter wrote the sister's name on her phone pad as Nettie Harris, 9810 South Wallace, Chicago, telephone 339-1802.

Immediately on termination of the above phone call, Mrs. Kunstadter called Edna Olson in Senator Dirksen's Office and related the substance of the call to her. Mrs. Kunstadter then called Mrs. Harris and asked her if Williams was having any mental problems. Mrs. Harris said she did not know of any problems in this regard.

The following day, Mrs. Kunstadter received another call from Williams and he said he would meet Mr. Rainville of Senator Dirksen's Office, Mrs. Kunstadter or her husband, Dr. Kunstadter and furnish them with further details. He said he would talk to them only in his car as he drove around the city. She agreed to try to set up a meeting for Williams with Mr. Rainville.

Mr. Rainville was out of town at the time of the above calls and on his return a day or two later, Mrs. Kunstadter discussed the calls with him. She then called Mrs. Harris and left with her Mr. Rainville's telephone number with the request that Williams get in touch with him.

On September 21, 1966, Edna C. Olson of Senator Dirksen's Office stated that the first phone call from Williams to Mrs. Kunstadter must have been about August 31, 1966, as Mrs. Olson left on vacation September 1, 1966, and was aware of the call before she left. The same date Harold E. Rainville advised that he has not heard anything from Relly Williams.

On September 20, 1966, Dr. Ralph H. Kunstadter was contacted at his office, Suite 610, 664 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He said he knew nothing about the phone calls from Williams other than the information related to him by his wife. He did confirm that Williams had syphilis of the central nervous system about 10 years ago. Dr. Kunstadter arranged for Williams to get treatment for this condition from Dr. Louis D. Hoopes, a specialist in this field. Dr. Kunstadter said this disease very often affects the mind, but he did not feel as though he could give an opinion of Williams' mental condition at the present time.

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On September 20, 1966, Dr. Louis D. Boshes, Medical Doctor, with offices at 30 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised he has been a physician and friend of the Ralph H. Kunstadter family for many years. Dr. Boshes stated Kelly Williams, the Kunstadter chauffeur, was referred to him for a diagnosis in October, 1961, by the Kunstadter family.

Dr. Boshes advised he was not acquainted with Williams prior to this occasion. Williams' disease was diagnosed as neural syphilis. Williams was hospitalized for one week during which time the diagnosis was verified through extensive medical tests. Dr. Boshes stated neural syphilis attacks the spinal cord and central nerve system. The result of the disease is a deterioration of the brain.

Dr. Boshes stated he continued to treat Williams for the disease and in December, 1962, Williams began to have serious eye deficiency as a result of the disease. Treatment was continued by Dr. Boshes to November 7, 1963, which was the last time Williams was seen by Dr. Boshes.

Dr. Boshes stated the progression of the disease was beginning to accelerate on the last occasion he saw Williams. Dr. Boshes related a "paranoid" complex is a very common result of the disease. Dr. Boshes stated he has not seen Williams since November of 1963, but enough time has elapsed for his status to have degenerated to that of a paranoid. When that stage is arrived at its basis symptom manifests itself by the patient having delusions which he is convinced are fact and which he will earnestly relate as factual situations.

On September 21, 1966, Mrs. Nettie Harris, Williams' sister, 9810 South Wallace, Chicago, Illinois, advised she sees Williams personally on a very irregular basis and last saw him in person about January of this year. She claimed she did not know his present location and has had only one phone call from him in the past month. On that occasion Williams said he was expecting a phone call from his former employer, Mrs. Kunstadter, and that she would leave a message for him. He has not been in contact with her since that time.

Mrs. Harris said she did not know of any employment Williams has had since leaving the Kunstadters and knew nothing of his recent travels or activities.

Williams told Mrs. Harris that he had a "stroke" about a year ago and this was the reason for his retirement. She knew of no other physical or mental problems he has had.

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On September 21, 1966, Elector Watkins, 3538½ South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he has known Kelly Williams as a fellow professional chauffeur for about 20 years. He last saw him three or four months ago at which time Williams told him he was retired and that he was going to Los Angeles, California, to be a prophet. Based on the discussion he had with Williams at that time, Watkins is of the opinion that Williams is mentally disturbed. His conversation was vague and he had a "far away" look in his eyes when he discussed his plans to go to California. He had no idea of Williams' present whereabouts.

On September 21, 1966, Mr. Kenneth W. Putnam, Personnel Manager, Formfit Corporation, 5150 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois, advised records of the concern reflect that Kelly Williams, a Negro male, was employed from May 6, 1955 to April 2, 1965, as a "handyman" at the plant. Williams birth was listed as born in 1900 in Alabama. Williams' Social Security Number was [redacted] while employed by Formfit. Williams' residence addresses, all in the City of Chicago, were listed in the following order for the years 1955 to 1965, but the exact year of residence at these addresses was not indicated:

5730 South Michigan Avenue, Apartment No. 3
5534 South Wabash Avenue, Apartment No. 2
5612 South Michigan Avenue, Apartment No. 2
9310 South Wallace Street

Mr. Putnam stated he has been personally acquainted with Kelly Williams for a number of years. He related Williams has been employed as a chauffeur for the Kunstadter family for many years. The Kunstadter family founded the Formfit Corporation.

Mr. Putnam advised Williams' employment at Formfit was actually improvised and not an employment in the true sense of the word. A job was simply made available to Williams when he was not actually engaged in driving for the Kunstadter family and during extended periods when the family members were out of the city.

Mr. Putnam related the Kunstadter family terminated Williams' chauffeur services in 1965, because Williams health failed to the extent it was not believed he could safely drive an automobile. Mr. Putnam stated Williams was afflicted with a neural disorder of some kind that affected his hands and legs. Mr. Putnam stated

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Williams was a "Bacon Bugeye character". Williams had a "hep" way of expressing himself and related wild experiences which were obviously false and created solely in his own mind.

Mr. Putnam advised during Williams' employment at Fornit he was credited with little over \$1,000 in the employees' profit participation plan. Williams became entitled to this money on his being finally terminated by the company. Because of Williams' known irresponsibility with money, he was not to be paid the funds due him, from the profit participation plan, in a lump sum. Williams has been paid at four month intervals. Williams' last check, in the amount of a little over \$300.00 was mailed to him on September 15, 1966, at 9310 South Wallace Street, Chicago, which is allegedly the address of his sister Mrs. Hattie Harris.

Mr. Putnam advised that Williams phoned him on September 15, 1966, inquiring of the check. Williams stated he has been driving for a Reverend Shutehworth (phonetic), who Williams identified as being involved in the Chicago Civil Rights Movement. Williams further related he and his sister Mrs. Hattie Harris were about to be evicted from his sister's home at 9310 South Wallace Street, and they needed the money from his check to "keep the landlord from throwing them into the street". Mr. Putnam stated he assured Williams his check had already been mailed to him and he should receive it at his sister's residence.

Mr. Putnam concluded he has not heard from Williams since their phone conversation and assumes Williams received his check.

Kelly Williams was contacted on September 22, 1966, in the third floor rear apartment at 5634 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He stated he rents a room from Jerry Williams (no relation) who is the actual resident of this apartment. He has resided at this location for about two years. He has use of the apartment telephone, 463-3444, and has an extension of the phone on his bedside table.

It was approximately 2:00 PM when Williams was contacted and at that time he was attired in pajamas and bathrobe. He walked with a shuffle and was noticeably stooped. He said although he had difficulty walking he could operate an automobile satisfactorily. He attributed his trouble to a "stroke" which he had about a year ago. He was not hospitalized at that time, but was in bed in the apartment for several days. He was treated for this "stroke" by Dr. F. K. Lawless.

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He related that several months ago he was approached by another Chauffeur, whose name he does not know, and asked if he wanted a job driving some people out of town. He said he was interested and was later called at his residence to meet some men at the airport after which he drove them around in a rented car. Thereafter, he received calls occasionally telling him to report at specified locations for chauffeur jobs. He drove them around Chicago and to various other cities in the United States. He drove different men, both white and colored, none of whom he can identify. They told him they were connected with the civil rights movement, but based on their conversations, overheard by him, he did not believe they were sincere supporters of this movement. Rather they appeared to be trying to further their own aims and offered him large sums of money to organize street gangs and start trouble. He declined to do this and as a result is closely watched by these people. He declined to furnish any more details regarding the information he overheard when chauffeur for these persons and said he would talk only to the President of the United States. It was explained to Williams that the President is an extremely busy man and relies on others, in this case the interviewing agents, to obtain information for him. He remained adamant in his refusal to further discuss the information and said that if "They" found out he was talking to the FBI his life would be in danger. He said "Killers are on my trail" and reiterated that he is being constantly watched. He told the agents if they would arrange for the President to see him the President in turn would commend the agents and make them "Big Men".

Williams was asked why he did not give Mrs. Hunstadter his true residence address and phone number and he said he was out of town so often that he could not be reached at his apartment very often. He claimed he was gone for about two weeks after his discussion with her.

Williams informed the agents that he is a "Prophet" and in this capacity he tries to help young people with their problems. He exhibited a business card which he carried which states at the top "no fees". The center portion states, "Prophet Kelly Williams 'When your Problems are Heavy and Your Troubles are Deep' - - See 'The Prophet' " The bottom of the card had the telephone number DOorchester 3-9212 and the address 5730 South Michigan, 3rd apartment, printed thereon. This latter printing was crossed out and the phone number 463-3444 with the address 5634 South Wabash Avenue, had been written in.

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A delayed certificate of birth filed July 21, 1944, was exhibited by Williams, showing his date of birth as March 7, 1909, in Montgomery, Alabama. He also showed correspondence giving his Social Security Number [REDACTED] and indicating his pension as \$103.00 per month. He owns a 1963 Chevrolet with 1966 Illinois license AP1748.

The following description of Williams was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	Kelly Williams
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Born	[REDACTED]
	Montgomery, Alabama
Age	68
Height	5'11"
Weight	175
Build	Slender
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Peculiarities	Wears mustache Stooped, walks with shuffle

On September 22, 1966, Dr. T. K. Lawless, 4321 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, advised that Kelly Williams had been treated in his office on four occasions in 1961 and 1962. He was there the last time on March 1, 1962. He complained about an eruption on his legs and was highly nervous. He was given an ointment for his skin and a drug for his nervous condition. The first drug prescribed for his nerves was not potent enough and he was given a more powerful drug later. Dr. Lawless said based on the drugs prescribed in 1961 and 1962, he felt that Williams at that time was "highly neurotic". He said he would have no information or opinion regarding his present condition.

Dr. Lawless' file indicated that Williams was asked if he had ever had syphilis and he stated he had not. He didn't have contracted gonorrhea in 1926.

Jerry Williams, 5524 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised on September 22, 1966, that he has the apartment located on the third floor rear at the above address. He rents one of the bedrooms to Kelly Williams, a retired chauffeur. Kelly Williams is crippled and has difficulty getting around, as a result

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he leaves the apartment very seldom and spends most of his time in bed or in his bathrobe in the apartment. Jerry Williams does not know of any jobs Kelly has had since his retirement about a year ago and knows he has not been out of Chicago on trips. He has never been gone from the apartment for more than one night at a time.

Jerry Williams said he could not comment on any physical or mental problems Kelly may have as their association is such that they do not discuss their problems or activities with each other.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA ROBERT E. HALL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/29/68

RE: ALLEGED CHAUFFEUR OF KING

Re WFO teletype to the Director, Chicago, Memphis, and New York 4/25/68.

CHARLES BARR, Executive, Standard Oil of Indiana, Room 359, 910 South Michigan, telephone 431-6314, advised April 26, 1968, he had no recollection of any conversation at a dinner party in honor of Senator BENNETT on April 3, 1968, in Chicago, at which party Mr. BARR was the host. Mr. BARR advised the following persons attended this party at the La Tour Restaurant, 400 East Randolph:

~~Senator WALLACE BENNETT of Utah.~~

CHARLES HOOD, Executive, Standard Oil of Indiana, Room 359, 910 South Michigan, 431-6314.

ALLEN and Mrs. VIRGINIA MC DONALD, home telephone CL 3-7480. Mrs. MC DONALD is Assistant Chairman, Cook County Republican Party, 235 East Wacker Drive, Chicago.

Mrs. PATRICIA HUTAR, President, Public Affairs Service Associates, Inc., Pure Oil Building, 35 East Wacker, 782-4122.

Miss MARA LATSON, Assistant to Mrs. HUTAR.

Miss BETH GUYER, Assistant to MARA LATSON.

Doctor FRANK WOOLLEY, Research Associate, American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn, 527-1500, (long-time friend of Senator BENNETT)

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BRIAN DUFF, 618 Maple, Wilmette, home phone AL 1-3815; business 1701 Central Street, Evanston, Illinois, telephone 864-3322, or 869-5421. (DUFF ran for Illinois State Auditor on Republican ticket - not nominated.)

The following wd attended Mr. BARR's party were contacted on April 26, 1968:

BRIAN DUFF stated he had no recollection of any conversation concerning a chauffeur of KING. DUFF gave the following seating arrangements for the persons at this party and this listing goes from left to right:

Senator BENNETT, Mrs. VIRGINIA MC DONALD, Mr. ALLEN MC DONALD, BETH GUYER, BRIAN DUFF, MARA LATSON, CHARLES HOOD, FRANK WOOLLEY, CHARLES BARR and PATRICIA HUTAR.

FRANK WOOLLEY stated he attended the dinner party April 3, 1968, for Senator BENNETT, sat with HOOD on his left and BARR on his right; however, he recalled no conversation concerning Doctor KING's chauffeur.

Virginia Mc Donald
Mrs. ~~PATRICIA HUTAR~~ advised no person ever worked for her or her husband who subsequently worked for KING and she recalled no conversation at the dinner party for Senator BENNETT concerning KING's chauffeur.

Mrs. PATRICIA HUTAR stated she heard no conversation concerning KING's chauffeur at the dinner party for Senator BENNETT; however, at the reception preceding this dinner party she recalls hearing such a conversation as related by HAROLD RAINVILLE, Administrative Assistant to Senator EVERETT DIRKSEN. It was her recollection that this story was related by RAINVILLE concerning KING's driver and money maintained by the driver in a bag.

HAROLD E. RAINVILLE, Administrative Assistant to Senator EVERETT DIRKSEN, 219 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, advised as follows:

RALPH KUNSTADTER, Pediatrician, home 900 North Michigan, office 664 North Michigan, office telephone DE 7-4545, Chicago, Illinois, sometime in the past had advised that he at one time employed a man as a chauffeur who subsequently worked for KING as a chauffeur. This man had been required to carry large sums of money in a bag for KING and this man was scared that someone would rob him of this money. This man had been advised by Doctor KUNSTADTER to contact RAINVILLE but this man failed to so contact RAINVILLE.

Doctor RALPH KUNSTADTER, 664 North Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, advised that for several years his family had employed an elderly colored male, KELLY WILLIAMS, as a chauffeur. Approximately 18 months ago this man had been released from his service by KUNSTADTER because of his physical condition which Doctor KUNSTADTER recalled as being syphilis of the brain. Doctor KUNSTADTER stated this person was probably deceased by now as he was over 65 and on Social Security.

Doctor KUNSTADTER stated he later heard this man went to work for KING but he had no recollection of hearing anything to the effect that this man was required to carry over \$200,000 in cash in a black bag at all times for KING.

KUNSTADTER stated that approximately one year or so ago this man had contacted his family and allegedly had some knowledge of threats which had been made against Senator DIRKSEN. Doctor KUNSTADTER accordingly attempted to have WILLIAMS contact Senator DIRKSEN's office concerning this matter.

It is to be noted that in September, 1966, the Chicago Office conducted extensive investigation concerning a similar story concerning a person who allegedly worked for Doctor KING as a chauffeur and who formerly worked for Doctor RALPH KUNSTADTER. This investigation is

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set forth in Chicago file 175-4 and letterhead memorandum reporting results of this investigation was directed to the Bureau by airtel captioned, "KELLY WILLIAMS. INFORMATION CONCERNING," on September 27, 1966. No further investigation was conducted at that time concerning WILLIAMS in view of his apparent mental problems coupled with the serious doubts which were cast on his veracity. Copy of the aforementioned memorandum is as follows:

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA RENE J. DUMAINE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

Information has been received from the Los Angeles Division to the effect that RAY worked at a bakery in Missouri State Penitentiary. Los Angeles has conducted negative employment checks in the bakery industry in that area but suggests that the Chicago Division also institute the same type inquiry.

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Check with Bakeries Unions, Chicago area.

Information also received from Los Angeles to the effect that CHARLES STEIN and RITA STEIN, aka ROSAS, were possibly involved in illegal narcotics activities. The Atlanta Division has developed information that the subject is an addict and involved in illicit drug traffic. Investigation is presently being conducted to determine if the STEINS were possibly involved with RAY in this traffic.

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GREEN

Contact Narcotic Bureau, Chicago Police Department, and State Bureau of Narcotics re STEINS. Check also for any info re subject and place stop on subject.

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Bakery Union lead assigned - STILLING

Narcotic Bureau leads assigned - GREEN



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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : ROBERT A. MC GUIRE - COMPLAINTS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/29/68

On 4/29/68, Mrs. PATRICIA FITZPATRICK, Travelers Aid Office, located at the Greyhound Bus Depot in the Loop, Chicago, phone ST-2-0950, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office and advised as follows:

CHARLES MANIWETH hangs around the above bus terminal and FITZPATRICK has had conversation with him on occasion. He usually appears at the depot once a week. She advised that MANIWETH stated he had heard JAMES RAY was hiding out in the vicinity of Clark and Division Streets, Chicago, and that he (MANIWETH) was going to locate him.

FITZPATRICK described MANIWETH as an individual who would do anything for a buck. She stated he is a pimp and also a hustler for homosexuals in the Clark and Division area. She advised that he knows this area well and has located several individuals for the police.

FITZPATRICK further advised that she did not have an address for MANIWETH stating he had a flat near bug house square. She advised that MANIWETH's father, HERMAN, resides at 5459 N. Spalding, Chicago, with business phone RA-6-4090.

The following is a description of CHARLES MANIWETH:

W/M
5'6"
120
Brown Hair
Brown Eyes
Slender Build
Age: 19

Indices negative.

The above is submitted for your information.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Chicago (44-1114)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : Robert J. Jansen
Complaints

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On instant date, SA John Tarpey was contacted by S. Robinson, Chicago, PD, and Robinson said that he saw a 1964 or 1965 Red Plymouth, bearing Utah license # IU 8151, and the driver resembled Ray. Subject was driving west on the Eisenhower Expressway at approximately 7:00 AM

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Rein. interview S. Robinson, Chicago PD.
display photograph of subject &
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-1114)

FROM : Richard G. Stilling

SUBJECT: Murkin

DATE: 5/1/68

Re: Memo of SA V. E. Daniels, dated 4/16/68

On 5/1/68, Mr. FELIX JAMES, 761 S. Kilbourn Ave., Chicago, advised a man using the name of MASON FARRELL looks very much like the artists conception that appeared in the Chicago's paper concerning the ~~XXXX~~ man who killed King. JAMES was shown a photo of the subject and he advised that FARRELL is not the subject of this case.

Mr. MASON FARRELL, 1945 W. Scheller, Chicago, Ill., advised he has no information concern the killing of King. FARRELL is described as follows:
W/M, 6'4", 165 lbs., dob [redacted] Erore Ky., hair light brown, eyes hazel, right eyes is blind and slightly cocked.

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On May 1, 1968, GUS W. MARZAHN, 1616 West Nelson, Chicago, advised SA ROY W. RHODES, JR., he is the owner and operator of the Midwestern Drapery Service, with offices at his home address. He further stated the photo of JAMES EARL RAY was familiar to him, as someone he has seen before, probably while he was at the Honor Farm at Pontiac, Illinois. He said, however, he recalls nothing about RAY, and doesn't recall having ever had any conversations with him while at Pontiac, sometime around 1952-54, and had no idea of anyone who might have been friendly with RAY. And, of course, he has no contact with RAY since his stay at Pontiac.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Chicago

FROM : SA Robert John Miller

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/1/68

At about 10:30 PM, 4/26/68, at the instructions of the SAC the writer met SA's Robert L. Baker and R. Ronald Bell at the New Wilson Cafe, 1122 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. At the cafe the SA's met with Thomas Pawel and Raymond SHLEMON of the Chicago Tribune and WALTER JOSEPH BINGHAM, 1248 Wheeling Road, Mount Prospect, Illinois (no phone). BINGHAM stated he served for eight years with the St. Louis, Mo. Police Department and two enlistments with the U.S.M.C. BINGHAM stated that he is presently employed by the Business Methods Institute, 29 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Ill. (Bingham) further related that from about ~~October~~ August, 1967 to 2/29/68 he was employed by the Cleveland Institute of Electronics, 1776 E. 17th Street, Cleveland, Ohio working under George Allen and Chester Marten. His job, Bingham continued, would be to contact prospective students who would have answered ads placed by the Cleveland Institute in various periodicals. BINGHAM stated the company would send IBM card re these potential students to an immediate supervisor HARVEY STRUNK, who resides on Jubel Road, Berwyn, Illinois.



According to BINGHAM he had read an article in a recent addition of ~~the~~ *see B/64*

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concerning the captioned matter and a statement regarding photographic equipment that the subject allegedly had or received along a bill with him. BINGHAM advised that while with the Cleveland company he believed he called on a James RAY and he also recalls calling on an individual who had a quantity of good camera equipment setup in his living room. BINGHAM believed the fellow with the camera equipment lived on Magnolia but he is not certain if this fellow is identical with the customer by the name of RAY.

Bingham recalled that when he called on the individual with the camera equipment this person was strapped to the waist and he had pictures of males hanging about the room who were also strapped to the waist. This individual also mentioned something about having recently been in California. Bingham stated this individual was about his height, 5' 10 1/2", but he honestly could recall his facial features as he was uneasy and distracted because of his dress.

Bingham further advised he had conversed the neighborhood with the Chicago Tribune people.

and determined the individual with the camera equipment resides on the third floor at 4747 North Magnolia Avenue and that the name of the party at this address is HARDY.

At 1:05 AM, 4/27/68 FRANCIS ALLEN HARDY, 4747 North Magnolia Avenue, Chicago, Illinois was contacted by the SA's. HARDY advised that he is employed as a Electronics Maintenance man by the ROULAND CORP 4525 N. Knox, Chicago, Illinois on the evening shift. HARDY stated that he was working the evening of the instant murder and recalls after hearing of the murder over the radio was a little apprehensive because of the fact there is quite a mixture of racial groups working at the plant.

During this interview a photograph of the subject was exhibited to HARDY who advised that he knows no one who looked like RAY.

The following is a description of HARDY as obtained from observation and interview:

Name - FRANCIS ALLEN HARDY
Address - 4747 No. Magnolia Ave, Chicago

Date - 6/29/30
Place - Fairmount, N.D.
Race - White

Sex - Male

Height - 5'11"

Weight - 150 lbs.

Hair - ^{Brown} - started with grey

Eyes - Blue - grey

Relatives - Irma Norman - mother
5850 N. Mobile

Carl Norman - Step-father
5850 N. Mobile

Carroll Hardy - brother

Panama, Michigan

Donald Norman - Step-brother

Arlington Hts (attorney)

Military Service - USAF 1948-53

Undesirable Discharge - Homo

" " Number - [REDACTED]

Arrest Record - 1965, Chicago, Conv. del of Minor
1 yr. House of Corrections,
5 yrs. Probation

Remarks - described himself as a
"practicing homosexual"

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA LAURENCE SCHENCK, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/2/68

On 5/2/68 JAMES RICKERT, 2120 North Sheffield, Chicago telephonically advised that his estranged wife has told him that she has been dating the man who shot MARTIN LUTHUR KING for some time. He advised he could furnish no further information concerning this man, but that his wife would undoubtedly have additional information.

RICKERT advised his wife is LINDA RICKERT and can be located at 986 Berkeley, Carpentersville, Illinois, telephone number 428-3184.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent GERALD E. DWYER:

On April 20, 1968, Chief of Police TED LINICH, Crest Hill, Illinois, telephonically advised SA GERALD E. DWYER of the Joliet, Illinois, Resident Agency, that a Miss PAT ASHWAY, 900 North Center, Joliet, Illinois, home telephone number 727-4285, employed by Joliet Awning Company, 103½ Elsie, Crest Hill, Illinois, had reported seeing an individual resembling ERIC STARVO GALT.

ASHWAY told LINICH that on April 10, 1968, and again on April 18, 1968, she had observed a man employed by the Edmon Brothers General Hauling, 550 North Eastern, Joliet, Illinois, carry away trash from the place of her employment, Joliet Awning Company, 103½ Elsie, Joliet, Illinois. ASHWAY stated that this unidentified white male resembled the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT which she had seen recently in the local Joliet, Illinois, newspaper.

Chief of Police LINICH advised that he had furnished the above information to Detective LEE EVERSON, Joliet, Illinois, Police Department.

On April 20, 1968, Miss PAT ASHWAY, 900 North Center, Joliet, Illinois, was interviewed and advised that on April 10, 1968, and again on April 18, 1968, she observed a white male picking up trash at her place of employment. She stated that this unidentified white male was picking up trash for the Edmon Brothers General Hauling, 550 North Eastern, Joliet, Illinois, and that this unidentified white male resembled the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, which photograph she had seen in the local Joliet, Illinois, newspaper.

Miss ASHWAY stated that she had been relatively close to the unidentified white male and described him as being approximately 30 to 32 years of age, 5'7" to 5'8", 145 to 150 lbs., full, bushy brown hair, and was wearing dark colored sunglasses. She stated that the unidentified subject had no scars or marks and she could recall no further identifying data.

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On April 21, 1968, Detective LEE EVERSON, Joliet, Illinois, Police Department, advised SA GERALD E. DWYER that he had personally interviewed JOHN L. EDMON, Jr., 550 North Eastern Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, owner of Edmon Brothers General Hauling, 550 North Eastern Avenue, Joliet, Illinois.

EVERSON advised that EDMON is a Negro male and EDMON told EVERSON that he had only one white male employee working for him. EDMON told EVERSON that the individual's name was TIM KEANE, Tinley Park, Illinois, and has been employed by him for approximately six months. EDMON also advised that he, EDMON, has another job and is employed at the Caterpillar Tractor Company, Joliet, Illinois. EDMON stated that TIM KEANE, Tinley Park, Illinois, is also employed by the Caterpillar Tractor Company, Joliet, Illinois, and has been employed there for six months. EDMON stated that he works with KEANE at the Caterpillar Tractor Company, Joliet, Illinois, and it was through this association that he was able to have KEANE work for him as a laborer for the Edmon Brothers General Hauling, Joliet, Illinois. EDMON stated that TIM KEANE was with a driver from the Edmon Brothers General Hauling, Joliet, Illinois, when trash was picked up in Crest Hill, Illinois, on April 10 and again on April 18, 1968.

EVERSON advised that he had verified KEANE's employment at the Caterpillar Tractor Company, Joliet, Illinois, through Mr. JOHN FORBIN, Security Department, Caterpillar Tractor Company, Joliet, Illinois. EVERSON stated that FORBIN told him that he, FORBIN, had personally viewed KEANE's time card at the Caterpillar Tractor Company, Joliet, Illinois, and determined that KEANE had worked 40 hours for each of the three week periods from March 25, 1968, through April 15, 1968.

In view of the above investigation and information, the individual reported by Miss PAT ASHWAY as resembling ERIC STARVO GALT as a possible suspect or subject in instant matter is thereby eliminated.

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Re: Burglary of United States Post Office
Kellerville, Illinois
March 7, 1955

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN L. HOGAN at Chicago, Illinois, on April 30, 1968:

Mr. E. F. WANDEL, Section Chief, Postal Inspector's Office, made available their file number 35437-MD which reflects the following information:

The Kellerville, Illinois, Post Office, Fourth Class, was forcibly entered between 1:00 and 2:00 a.m. on March 7, 1955. The loss consisted of 66 blank postal money orders numbers 742239535 through 600, a postmarking stamp and a money order stamp.

On March 8, 1955, a money order in the amount of \$45 was passed at Alton, Illinois. The payee was listed as JAMES WALTON and the purchaser was W. C. HERRIN. On March 21, 1955, two money orders in the amount of \$75 were passed at Kansas City, Missouri. The payee was WILLARD J. MC BRIDE and the purchaser was VERNON MC BRIDE. Investigation developed that the person passing these postal money orders drove a 1949 Lincoln two-door sedan, bearing 1955 Florida license 1W25183. The Motor Vehicle Bureau determined that this plate and car were sold on March 12, 1955, at Miami, Florida, to WALTER P. or T. BERRY, Shamrock Tavern, c/o EARL MILLER, Quincy, Illinois.

As a result of the alert on this automobile, WALTER T. RIFE and JAMES EARL RAY were arrested by the Missouri State Police at Hannibal, Missouri, on March 23, 1955. Thirty-four money orders were recovered in the 1949 Lincoln sedan. Both RIFE and RAY readily admitted cashing 32 postal money orders but denied involvement in the burglary of the United States Post Office. In a signed statement, RIFE stated that the name WILLARD J. MC BRIDE and VERNON MC BRIDE were the only names used with the exception of one money order which contained the name JAMES WALTON and W. C. HERRIN. He further stated that after passing a money order at Alton, Illinois, he and RAY drove to Miami, Florida, in his Nash automobile and under the alias WALTER T. BERRY, traded this automobile for a 1949 Lincoln.

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RAY talked freely to the postal inspectors concerning his association with RIFE, their travels together and the passing of instant money orders. He refused to furnish a written statement. At this time, he had known RIFE for a period of approximately one week.

On April 1, 1955, both subjects entered guilty pleas in the United States District Court, Kansas City, Missouri, concerning the forging and cashing of stolen postal money orders and possession of stolen money orders. On July 1, 1955, RIFE was sentenced to three years in prison and RAY was sentenced to 3 3/4 years.

A review of this file reflects that the 32 money orders cashed by RIFE and RAY were cashed at St. Louis, Missouri; Alton, Illinois; Hot Springs, Arkansas; Memphis, Tennessee; Hot Springs, Louisiana; Kansas City, Missouri; St. Petersburg, Miami, Miami Beach, Daytona Beach, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, and Tampa, Florida.

Instant burglary was never solved and the Post Office Department closed their case in this matter. Their file does not contain any background information or descriptive data concerning either RIFE or RAY.