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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

MURKIN
~~OO Memphis~~

Re Bureau teletype to Albuquerque 4/16/68 and Memphis teletype to Director 4/17/68, instructing that certain offices including Oklahoma City determine identity of all licensed drivers with the birth date of [redacted]

A review of the Oklahoma State Drivers License Bureau reflects 25 white males with birth date [redacted] possessing Oklahoma Drivers License.

In view of the identification of ERIC STARVO GALT as JAMES EARL RAY, no attempt will be made to locate and identify the above 25 individuals UACB.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)

MURKIN

Retel of RCMP, Ottawa, dated 4/22/68, re PAUL TIBBLETTE and ROBERT BILLINGS.

JOHN CLARK, Chief of Police, Old Orchard Beach, Me., advised SA JAMES V. GIBBONS that PAUL A. TIBBETTS and ROBERT E. BILLINGS, both of Old Orchard Beach, Me., are members of his PD and were in Quebec on social visit and both have now returned to Old Orchard Beach, Me.

Bureau is requested to advise RCMP, Ottawa to discontinue their inquiry concerning these individuals.

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3-Bureau (RM)
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1-Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Mortimer
1-Lab File

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 23, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560880 JK
PC-A5688 LZ

Examination requested by: Atlanta

Reference: Letter 4/15/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint - Hair & Fiber

Remarks:

The results of the latent fingerprint examination of the items described in the attached report will be furnished separately.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta and Los Angeles dated 4/16/68 and Bureau airtel dated 4/16/68, which furnished photographs of pertinent portions of the maps to Atlanta, Memphis and Los Angeles.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Atlanta (44-2388) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)

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REPORT of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 23, 1968
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Lab. No. D-560880 JK
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Re: MURKIN
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Specimens received 4/16/68

Q174 Booklet entitled "What is the John Birch Society"
Q175 Gulf Oil Company map of Atlanta
Q176 "Arrow" map of Greater Atlanta
Q177 Box of Nabisco Saltine Crackers
Q178 Jar of French's Mustard
Q179 Coffee cup
Q180 Water glass
Q181 Small can of Carnation Evaporated Milk
Q182 Jar of Maxwell House Instant Coffee
Q183 Box of "C & H" Sugar
Q184 One knife (Forgecraft)
Q185 One National's Citation pencil
Q186 Wire electric cup heater
Q187 One portable Zenith television model #N 2205-6
Q188 Jar of Kraft's Catalina French Dressing
Q189 Package of Golden Grain California Lima Beans
Q190 Can of "Iris" ground black pepper
Q191 Box of five National's Citation pencils
Q192 Gulf map of Southeastern USA
Q193 Shell map of Texas and Oklahoma
Q194 Map of Mexico
Q195 Map of Los Angeles published by Mitock & Sons
Q196 Map of Los Angeles (Atlantic Richfield Co.)
Q197 Shell map of Louisiana
Q198 Map of California
Q199 Enco map of Arizona and New Mexico
Q200 Standard Oil map of Birmingham and vicinity
Q201 Tie (Brown with brown, blue and silver diagonal stripes)
Q202 Pair of grey trousers
Q203 Booklet entitled "Your Opportunities in Locksmithing"

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Result of examination:

Examination of Q176 ("Arrow" map of Atlanta) revealed the following markings: In area number 7, ink lines were noted on Daniel Street between Arbor Avenue and Boulevard Drive; in area number 03 an ink circle approximately 3/8 inch in diameter the center of which would be approximately on Auburn Avenue at Cortland; in area number 14, two ink circles which are approximately concentric with diameters of about 1/4 inch and 1/2 inch. The centers of these two circles lie approximately at the intersection of Simpson Road and Paines; in area number 09 an ink circle approximately 1/2 inch in diameter and the numeral 10 were noted. The center of this circle lies approximately on 14th Street between Crescent Avenue and Peachtree Road; in area number 06 an ink circle approximately 3/8 inch in diameter appears. The center of this circle is approximately at the meeting place of Highland View and Ponce de Leon Terrace.

The notations set out below were observed on Q196 ("Atlantic Richfield Co." street map of Los Angeles.") On the top of that side of this map which contains the alphabetical street listings a small pencil circle was noted in the "Van Nuys District" at the intersection of Buffalo Avenue and Oxnard Street.

On the large map on the other side of this map the following markings were noted in the Beverly Hills area. Two vertical lines in ink at the east end of the park which is located at Olympic Boulevard and Heath Avenue; vertical lines in ink at San Vicente Boulevard and Hazelin Avenue; an ink line running between the two vertical lines previously mentioned generally following Pico Boulevard and Packard Street; an ink line extending from the vertical lines at the park along Olympic Boulevard to Alfred Street.

An ink line at the intersection of Beverly Glen Boulevard and Woodruff; an ink line at the intersection of Beverly Glen Boulevard and Warnall Avenue.

Also noted was an ink marking at Sunset Boulevard and Palm Drive.

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Ink parentheses were noted around the words "Emma Way" and "Rocca Pl" which are located in Stone Canyon.

The pair of trousers, specimen Q202, is old and soiled. The lining and pockets are yellowed, the two front pockets have holes in them and the edge of the left front pocket is threadbare. The trousers have a "NEEDLECRAFT" label. The waist is 34 1/2 inches and the inseam is 26 inches. A name handwritten in black on the right rear pocket is probably a cleaners mark. This name appears to be "Z SOLOFF;" however, the last two letters are not clear. No invisible cleaners marks were found on Q202.

Several brown to dark brown head hairs of Caucasian origin were found on the trousers and in the pocket debris. These hairs are different from the hairs from the Mustang and Memphis scene. It was concluded that they did not originate from the same source. No hairs were found on the Q201 necktie.

No fibers were found on the Q202 trousers or on the Q201 necktie that could be associated with cloth items previously submitted in this case.

No marks or labels were found on the Q201 necktie.

Examination of the other items described above disclosed no other pertinent information.

The submitted evidence has been retained.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 3P

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

CONTACT HAS BEEN MAINTAINED ON A CONTINUING BASIS WITH RCMP HEADQUARTERS SINCE FOUR TWELVE LAST;HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT BEEN DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED WHEN SUBJECT WAS AT TWO FIVE EIGHT NINE NOTRE DAME EAST, MONTREAL, DURING THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. THE APARTMENT MANAGER, IN VIEW OF NOTATION ON THE BACK OF THE LEDGER SHEET, SPECULATED THERE MAY HAVE BEEN AN INQUIRY FROM GALT CIRCA THREE ONE SIXTYSEVEN, TO RESERVE UNIT; HOWEVER, THE JANITOR, QUINTAL, RECALLS HE WAS THERE FOR SIX-WEEK PERIOD AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, LEAVING AROUND NINE TWO SIXTYSEVEN, TO RETURN TO U. S. TO "ASSIST SICK RELATIVES." INVESTIGATION IS BEING PUSHED IN MONTREAL BY RCMP HEADQUARTERS.

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APR 26 1968

ROBERT JAMES SHADOFF, AKA, GARY ERIC GALT, ELIMINATED BY RCMP AS WAS WORKING CONTINUOUSLY IN TORONTO. DURING PERTINENT

REH/6 4-25-68

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PERIOD.

ERIC S. GALT, LISTED IN LATEST TORONTO DIRECTORY, ALSO ELIMINATED AS SUPERVISOR AT UNION CARBIDE FOR THIRTY YEARS AND WAS IN TORONTO DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

CHECKS OF ALL PROVINCES AS TO BIRTH RECORDS, DRIVERS' LICENSES, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION, IMMIGRATION, ET C., UNDER NAMES AVAILABLE PRIOR TO IDENTIFICATION OF RAY COMPLETED AND NEGATIVE.

CASE RECEIVED EXCELLENT TV, RADIO AND NEWSPAPER COVERAGE IN CANADA FOLLOWING INITIAL PRESS RELEASE FOUR SEVENTEEN LAST, AND ADDITIONAL RELEASE FOUR NINETEEN LAST. MONTREAL PAPER THIS DATE CARRIED FIRST STORY INDICATING SUBJECT IN CANADA SUMMER SIXTYSEVEN AND THAT BEING SOUGHT BY CANADIAN AUTHORITIES.

INFORMATION BUFFALO TELEX FOUR NINETEEN LAST, RE POSSIBLE ENTRY INTO CANADA AT NIAGARA FALLS FOUR TWELVE LAST FURNISHED RCMP SAME DATE WITH REQUEST THEY ALERT RCMP, MONTREAL, MONTREAL POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND QUEBEC PROVINCIAL POLICE. IN THIS REGARD RCMP NIAGARA FALLS BY TELEX APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST ADVISED DESCRIPTION AS SUPPLIED BY SOURCE CONSIDERED "INCOMPLETE AND NOT ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH KNOWN DESCRIPTIVE DETAILS." THEY FURTHER ADVISED THAT "EVIDENCE RAY HERE AT ALL CONSIDERED MEAGER AND RELIABILITY OF SOURCE IN THIS INSTANCE IN QUESTION."

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WANTED FLYER RECEIVED OTTAWA VIA EAL PILOT TEN THIRTY PM FOUR TWENTY LAST AND IMMEDIATELY TRANSMITTED BY WIREPHOTO BY RCMP HEADQUARTERS ACROSS CANADA ON FOUR TWENTYONE. RCMP PREPARED WANTED FLYER IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH FOR DISTRIBUTION SAME DATE TO ALL POLICE AGENCIES ACROSS CANADA.

CHECK OF RCMP RECORDS UNDER NAME OF RAY AND ALIASES NEGATIVE STOP PLACED. CHECK RE WALTER TERRY RIFE LIKEWISE NEGATIVE AND STOP PLACED.

Innes advised to cancel stop on Rife, 4/1/3 WM

~~CORRECTION - PAGE TWO LINE TEN SHOULD READ "GAGE RECEIVED EXCELLENT TV, RADIO AND NEWSPAPER ETC."~~

END ACK PLS

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cc Mr. Rosen

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669) P

SUBJECT: O MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Baltimore, dated 4/16/68.

On April 18, 1968, CLARENCE L. BLACKBURN, #56984, Maryland House of Correction, Jessup, Maryland, advised that he believed the killer of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING to be, one, JAMES VAUGHN (phonetic), aka "Buddy". BLACKBURN worked with VAUGHN in late 1965 or early 1966 in the Washington, D.C., area out of Carpenter's Local #132. BLACKBURN said that VAUGHN is a native of Memphis, Tennessee and has a lengthly police record there. He stated that VAUGHN once told him that "If KING ever came to Memphis, he would never leave there alive".

BLACKBURN described VAUGHN as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	26-30
Height:	6'
Weight:	165
Hair:	Brown hair which is combed back
Characteristics:	Long Nose

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Approx. 1938-42

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He said that VAUGHN is a heavy drinker and could be regarded as a loner. He also stated that VAUGHN is a neat dresser. VAUGHN also has a silly smile which BLACKBURN stated was the reason he wrote the letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, feeling that VAUGHN was

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Request United States Attorney General Ramsey Clark to use his influence to prevent the execution of JAMES EARL RAY, convicted killer of Negro civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to prevent any other action which would be detrimental to the cause of civil rights in the United States.

Request Director, FBI, to instruct all Bureau offices to contact prominent Negroes in their respective areas to request that they urge Attorney General Ramsey Clark to use his influence to prevent the execution of JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2085)

SUBJECT: WANKIN

Request authority to destroy this letter to Director and letter dated April 18, 1968, captioned "CONFERENCE L. BLACKBURN, Director, Department of Corrections, Jessup, Maryland, Request to speak to Attorney General Ramsey Clark to request that he use his influence to prevent the execution of JAMES EARL RAY (Deceased), as KING MURDER CONSPIRACY, Atlanta, Georgia, Bureau File 44-38861, Atlanta File 44-2085."

Reference is made to Atlanta letter to Director, dated April 18, 1968, captioned "CONFERENCE L. BLACKBURN, Director, Department of Corrections, Jessup, Maryland, Request to speak to Attorney General Ramsey Clark to request that he use his influence to prevent the execution of JAMES EARL RAY (Deceased), as KING MURDER CONSPIRACY, Atlanta, Georgia, Bureau File 44-38861, Atlanta File 44-2085."

BLACKBURN described JAMES EARL RAY as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	30-35
Height:	6'
Weight:	160
Hair:	Brown thin growth at front
Eyes:	Brown
Characteristics:	Tough mean

Reference is made to Atlanta letter to Director, dated April 18, 1968, captioned "CONFERENCE L. BLACKBURN, Director, Department of Corrections, Jessup, Maryland, Request to speak to Attorney General Ramsey Clark to request that he use his influence to prevent the execution of JAMES EARL RAY (Deceased), as KING MURDER CONSPIRACY, Atlanta, Georgia, Bureau File 44-38861, Atlanta File 44-2085."

BLACKBURN described JAMES EARL RAY as a "very tough, mean, cold, calculating, dangerous man." BLACKBURN said that JAMES EARL RAY is a "very tough, mean, cold, calculating, dangerous man." BLACKBURN said that JAMES EARL RAY is a "very tough, mean, cold, calculating, dangerous man." BLACKBURN worked with JAMES EARL RAY for four years and knows RAY well. BLACKBURN said that JAMES EARL RAY is a "very tough, mean, cold, calculating, dangerous man."

the one who killed Doctor KING. BLACKBURN indicated that VAUGHN had once told him that "He had shot at people in Memphis" before leaving there in 1965.

VAUGHN allegedly has a brother-in-law in Norfolk, Virginia, named THOMAS BRENT (phonetic), address unknown.

BRENT is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Approximately 37
Height:	5'6"
Weight:	150-160
Hair:	Brown - worn in a flat top
Marital Status:	Married
Wife's Name:	ANN

BLACKBURN stated that VAUGHN is to be in Norfolk with his brother-in-law at present, although he could furnish no address for either party and requested that the interviewing Agent attempt to obtain BLACKBURN'S release from the Maryland House of Correction, so that he could go to Norfolk and locate VAUGHN.

A review of BLACKBURN'S medical record at the Maryland House of Correction, Jessup, Maryland, reflected that a prison psychiatrist considered him as "emotionally unstable with a tendency to exaggerate on things which he has very little knowledge of".

On April 19, 1968, Mrs. IDA WASHBURN, Carpenter's Local #132, Washington, D.C., was telephonically contacted and she advised that her records reflected that CLARENCE BLACKBURN was a member of Local #132 in late 1965 and early 1966 but that there is no record of any JAMES VAUGHN under all conceivable spellings, as having been a member of that Local at that time. Mrs. WASHBURN stated, however, that it is possible that if VAUGHN did work out of Local #132, he may have only obtained a work permit and not a full membership, in which case, he would not be carried on their records.

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On April 22, 1968, Miss VIOLA WOOD, District Council of Carpenter's Locals, Washington, D.C., advised that her files reflected no JAMES VAUGHN under any conceivable spellings as having been a member of any Carpenter's Local in the Washington, D.C., area in either 1965 or 1966.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will determine through the Memphis Police Department that such a person as JAMES VAUGHN (phonetic) exists, and if he could be considered involved in any manner in the conspiracy. If VAUGHN is found to be a suspect, Memphis should set forth appropriate leads to attempt to locate him.

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Date: 4/23/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Newark airtel to Director, 4/15/68; and New York airtel to Director, 4/17/68.

RE: DONALD CAMERON GAULT

Commander GEORGE BURKE, U.S. Naval Air Base, Willow Grove, Pa., advised that DONALD CAMERON GAULT, Serial Number 905-74-32, is an aircraft ordnance chief senior grade. On 3/29/68 GAULT departed on a training mission to the Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, which is located in the vicinity of Coco Beach, Fla. GAULT returned with his crew to Willow Grove on 3/31/68.

3 - Bureau (44-38861)
1 - Birmingham (Info)
1 - St. Louis (Info)
1 - Memphis (Info)
1 - Miami (Info)
1 - Newark (44-854)(Info)
1 - New York (Info)
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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Date: 4/23/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

MURKIN

Re Washington Field airtel to Bureau, 4/18/68.

RE: Look-Alike to Artist Sketch

Re airtel indicated that Mrs. JEROME POLAHA, Arlington, Va., had telephonically advised Washington Field that her husband had recognized the artist sketch of unsub as a former college schoolmate.

On 4/18/68, Mr. JEROME POLAKA, 2413 Utah St., Arlington, Va., advised he viewed the photo of the artist sketch of the unsub which had appeared in the "Washington Daily News", 4/17/68, and that this sketch reminded him of a person whom he knew at the University of Nevada who was in the Class of 1963. He could not recall this person's name but recalled he was approximately 5'7", small build, with brown hair, and that he recalled this individual was one of the few persons who owned an MG at the time.

Mr. POLAKA was shown a photograph of the subject and stated that there was no resemblance between this person and the University of Nevada graduate who resembled the artist sketch in the newspaper.

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In view of the above, no further efforts are being made to identify this individual.

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1 - Foreign Liaison
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TO LEGAT, BONN

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

44-38861 1967

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MURKIN

REBUCAB APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST.

REVIEW OF ARMY SERVICE RECORD OF JAMES EARL RAY, ASN ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, DISCLOSES HE WAS ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS IN GERMANY:

FIFTYTHIRD QUARTERMASTER BASE DEPOT, APO ONE TWO FOUR, NURENBURG, GERMANY, ON DAY, AUGUST TWELVE, FORTYSIX;

SIX HUNDRED TWENTYSIXTH QUARTERMASTER REFRIGERATION COMPANY (M), APO ONE SIX TWO, NURENBERG, GERMANY, AUGUST TO DECEMBER, FORTYSIX;

COMPANIES C AND B, THREE HUNDRED EIGHTYSECOND MILITARY POLICE BATTALION, APO SIX NINE, BREMERHAVEN, GERMANY, DECEMBER FORTYSIX, TO APRIL FORTYEIGHT. IT IS NOTED THAT DURING THIS ASSIGNMENT HE WAS TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO "D/S W/BRAKE MP SCHOOL, APO SEVEN FIVE ONE, BREMEN, GERMANY," FEBRUARY TO MARCH, ~~SIXTY~~ FORTY-SEVEN.

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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, BONN
RE: MURKIN

COMPANY B, SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT, APO SEVEN FIVE SEVEN, FRANKFORT, GERMANY, APRIL TO JUNE, FORTYEIGHT;

COMPANY B, SIXTEENTH INFANTRY, APO SEVEN FIVE SEVEN, AND SIX NINE SIX (NOTE APO SIX NINE SIX WAS FIRTH), JUNE TO DECEMBER, FORTYEIGHT;

SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTYNINTH STAGING AREA, APO SIX NINE, BREMERHAVEN, GERMANY, DECEMBER, FORTYEIGHT.

HIS DESCRIPTION DURING HIS ARMY SERVICE WAS -- BORN [redacted] ALTON, ILLINOIS, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE FORTYFIVE POUNDS, WHITE, BLACK HAIR, BLUE EYES, OCCUPATION - MILITARY POLICEMAN.

YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO RECONSTRUCT RAY'S BACKGROUND WHILE OVERSEAS; TO IDENTIFY HIS GIRL FRIEND AND ALERT HER AND APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS TO REPORT ANY CONTACT WITH HIM OR ANY INFORMATION THAT HE IS IN GERMANY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4/22/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

SUBJECT: [redacted]RKIN
OO: Memphis

Re SI tel to Director, 4/20/68; and SL tel to Director, 4/22/68.

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies of LHM.

Re SI teletype set forth interview with JAMES EARL RAY's sister, MELBA MARIE RYAN, Quincy, Ill., who recalled that subject [redacted] had spoken of enjoying his military duty in Germany and had indicated he had a girl friend there. She speculated that he would attempt to return to Germany. That teletype requested that his military record be reviewed, and that a lead be set forth for Legate, Bonn, to reconstruct his background overseas and attempt to identify his girl friend.

The enclosed LHM identifies his duty stations while in Germany, and requests coverage as indicated above.

RAY CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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MAX CONSIDERED VIRILE AND EXUBERANT DAYDREAMER

Enclosed HHH identifiers are clearly those Xxxxxx M. Allen and Leonard Strength as indicated above. The enclosed HHH personnel are quite sincere.

[redacted] and attempt to identify [redacted] further.

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Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies of HHH's [redacted] MAX CONSIDERED VIRILE AND EXUBERANT DAYDREAMER.

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies of HHH's [redacted] MAX CONSIDERED VIRILE AND EXUBERANT DAYDREAMER.

Enclosed also are [redacted] Xxxxxx Xxxxx's [redacted] MAX CONSIDERED VIRILE AND EXUBERANT DAYDREAMER.

[redacted] Xxxxxx Xxxxx

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

St. Louis, Missouri

April 22, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY,
Also Known As
Eric Starvo Galt,
W. C. Herron,
Harvey Lowmyer,
James McBride,
James O'Conner,
James Walton
James Walyon,
John Willard
"Jim"

A Federal warrant was issued April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging the above individual with conspiring to interfere with a constitutional right of a citizen. A Federal warrant was also issued July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging this individual with interstate flight to avoid confinement for the crime of robbery.

Ray's sister, Melba Marie Ryan, has advised that he enjoyed his military duty in Germany, and had a girl friend there for which reason he might attempt to return to Germany.

A review of his Army service record on April 22, 1968, disclosed that he was assigned as follows in Germany, Army Serial Number 16 163 129:

53rd Quartermaster Base Depot, APO 124, Nurenberg, Germany, one day, August 12, 1946;

626th Quartermaster Refrigeration Company (M), APO 162, Nurenberg, Germany, August to December, 1946;

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Re: James Earl Ray

Companies C and B, 382nd Military Police Battalion, APO 69, Bremerhaven, Germany, December, 1946 to April, 1948. It is noted that during this assignment he was temporarily assigned to "D/S W/Brake MP School, APO 751, Bremen, Germany", February to March, 1947;

Company B, 7892nd Infantry Regiment, APO 757, Frankfort, Germany, April to June, 1948;

Company B, 16th Infantry, APO 757, and 696 (note APO 696 was Firth), June to December, 1948;

7749th Staging Area, APO 69, Bremerhaven, Germany, December, 1948.

His description during his Army service was -- born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois, 5'11", 145 pounds, white, black hair, blue eyes, occupation, Military Policeman.

Legal Born

It is requested that an attempt be made to reconstruct his background while overseas; to identify his girl friend and alert her and appropriate individuals to report any contact with him or any information that he is in Germany.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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FBI

Date: 4/23/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)

RE: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau, ET AL, 4/20/68.

Original and one copy of article appearing on page 1, Cleveland Press, 4/23/68, entitled "JAILMATE OF KING SUSPECT GIVES CLUES TO PHONY NAMES".

On 4/20/68, the Cleveland Office was telephonically contacted by a guard from the Cuyahoga County Jail who advised that an inmate, JAMES T. BOND, wished to speak with an FBI Agent in connection with JAMES EARL RAY.

On Saturday, 4/20/68, JAMES THOMAS BOND was interviewed at the Cuyahoga County Jail by SA MARTIN P. MC CANN, JR., at which time he advised as follows:

JAMES T. BOND advised that he is presently incarcerated in the Cuyahoga County Jail, having been arrested on 3/13/68, in Lakewood, Ohio, on a carrying concealed weapon charge. BOND stated he is presently on parole out of Missouri State Penitentiary until 1969. He stated that he had been serving a 10 year sentence for armed robbery and had served in Missouri State Penitentiary from 10/62 through 12/65, at which time he was placed on parole.

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DATE: APRIL 25, 1968

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1987) (5)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SUBJECT: [illegible]

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BOND advised that during this time of incarceration at Missouri State Penitentiary he was in K Hall, cell 187. He stated that the Missouri State Penitentiary has one-man cells and that JAMES EARL RAY, during this period of time, was incarcerated in cell 191.

BOND stated that RAY was a bread man and that he worked in the bakery. He stated that RAY's duties consisted of slicing the bread for the meals and that because of these duties RAY would be up earlier than the other inmates and would usually be back in his cell at 7:00 AM and would be free to come and go as he pleased during meal hours.

BOND advised that RAY was a racist and many times he heard him discussing his dislike for Negroes.

BOND advised that he would be considered a friend of RAY's but this was due mainly to the fact that they both had free time and that their cells were near each others and that during break periods they would discuss various matters.

BOND stated that RAY had no close friends inside the prison and would be considered strictly a loner. BOND stated that RAY was hooked on amphetamine powders. BOND stated that RAY always had an "outfit" in his cell, stating that an "outfit" was a nose dropper with a needle with which he would shoot a solution made up from the amphetamine powder into his veins. BOND stated that he considered RAY a "fiend" on amphetamine powders. He stated that he was constantly shooting the amphetamines into his veins. BOND stated that he was not sure exactly what type of amphetamines RAY used but that he knows that RAY secured the amphetamines through a source in the prison at a price that ranged anywhere from $50 - $100 per spoonful. BOND stated that on occasion RAY would break down the amount of powder he received and in turn would sell it in smaller packages.

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BOND stated that RAY was a very nervous individual and that he attributed this nervousness to his using amphetamines. He stated that because of the use of this drug RAY was a very poor eater and slept very little. BOND stated that he did not recall RAY smoking hardly at all and that he drank very little. BOND stated that RAY would have access to "hooch" made from potato or rice that was made in the prison bakery but that to the best of his knowledge RAY drank very little. BOND stated that if amphetamine powder was not available RAY would break up "bennies" and use it.

BOND advised that RAY was strictly a lone wolf and never discussed his own personal background. BOND stated that RAY was an avid reader of sex books and girlie magazines but that he had never known him to engage in any homosexual acts.

BOND stated that he did not recall RAY getting many visitors and very few letters. He stated, however, that on occasion when RAY did not have sufficient money to buy the amphetamine RAY would get a letter smuggled out of the prison to some unknown individual who in turn would send a check directly to the inmate RAY was purchasing the drug from and as soon as the check cleared BOND would get the amphetamine.

BOND advised that while incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary he had his own little business going which was renting books. He stated it was because of his renting books to RAY he was familiar with the type of books RAY read. He stated that he did not recall specifically but believed that RAY had read practically all of the James Bond series with the exception of "Man With a Golden Gun".

BOND stated that RAY was a constant reader and that he used to write considerably. He stated that he did not know if RAY was writing letters or what, but that he had observed him on many occasions writing page after page.

BOND stated that RAY's personal habits, as far as cleanliness of his person, were excellent but he did not keep his cell clean and things would be thrown all over the cell at various times.

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BOND stated that RAY seldom went to the movies but he did not think this too strange inasmuch as the movies were a source of trouble in the prison where numerous prisoners were knifed by fellow-prisoners on various occasions.

BOND stated that RAY had talked of escaping on numerous occasions and he believes that on one occasion he had been put into maximum security when he was caught with a rope and a hook. BOND stated that on another occasion RAY took part in a tunnel job that had been discovered by prison authorities who were unaware who had been involved in this attempt.

BOND stated that RAY never trusted anyone, that he was suspicious of everyone and had a feeling that everyone was out to get him.

BOND stated that on occasion he and RAY had talked about the philosophy of FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE, the philosopher, and he stated it was RAY's feeling that "man can do anything as long as it seems right for him".

BOND stated that RAY had a habit of pulling at his left ear constantly. He stated it was impossible to be with RAY for any period of time at all without being aware of this.

BOND, after much reluctance, advised that the inmate RAY purchased the amphetamine from was JIM BRADLEY. BOND described BRADLEY as the "top con" and stated that everyone in the Missouri State Penitentiary would know BRADLEY. BOND stated that this information being furnished by him must be kept confidential since a retainer is outstanding for him and he may be returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary and he fears retaliation should it be known information furnished by him.

JAMES T. BOND advised that his wife and child are presently residing with his mother, Mrs. REBECCA BOND, 1343 West 78th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, telephone 651-1366. BOND stated that his DOB was [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, and the only other name he has ever been known by was JAMES SNYDER.

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At approximately 6:00 PM on 4/22/68, JAMES BOND telephonically contacted SA MARTIN P. MC CANN, JR. at which time he advised him that the papers, namely the Cleveland Press, were attempting to contact him since his release from Cuyahoga County Jail on a writ on 4/22/68. BOND stated that his lawyer evidently had contacted the papers in the belief it might help his case. BOND asked if it were possible for the FBI to prevent the newspapers from printing his name. BOND was advised that there was nothing that the FBI could do in the way of repressing the newspapers and that inasmuch as it was his own attorney who had made this information available to the newspapers there was nothing that the FBI could do in this matter.

BOND stated that he then would attempt to have the papers at least keep his name out of the papers when they printed this information.

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Jail Mate of King Suspect Gives Clue to Phony Names

By ALAN HORTON

I talked to a 31-year-old West Sider who, for four years, was in Missouri State Pen Cell 187.

James Earl Ray, the alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was in Cell 191, some 10 feet from 187.

The West Sider is in trouble with the law again. That's how I found out about his connection with Missouri State Prison.

"I guess I knew Jimmy Ray as well as any man," the West Sider said between drags on a smoke. "I rented him books in prison. One of the books he got from me was Ian Fleming's 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service.'

"In that, Ernst Stavro Blofeld was the head of SPECTRE. I also rented him Agn Rand's 'Atlas Shrugged.' John Galt is in that."

IS IT COINCIDENCE that Ray used the alias Eric Starvo Galt to throw the FBI of his trail?

ENCLOSURE

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

A1 THE CLEVELAND PRESS
(Cleveland, Ohio)

Date: 4-23-68
Edition: FINAL
Author:
Editor: THOS L. BOARDMAN
Title: MURKIN

Character: 44-565
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Classification:
Submitting Office: CLEVELAND

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FBI

Date: 4/23/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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Via AIRTEL URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)

MURKIN

At approximately 7:12 p.m., 4/22/68, a Mrs. WILLIAMS, giving telephone number 422-3727, telephonically contacted the San Diego Office and advised that approximately one week and a half previously, a male cousin of a neighbor and another male individual named JIMMY RAY BUNDY visited this neighbor. The cousin was driving a car with a North Carolina license.

JIMMY RAY BUNDY left rather unexpectedly hitchhiking on his way back south. Mrs. WILLIAMS and her husband thought that BUNDY bore a striking resemblance to ERIC STARVO GALT and that his actions while at the neighbor's home were most circumspect. Mrs. WILLIAMS further advised that BUNDY had a peculiar reluctance to converse.

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Mrs. WILLIAMS was recontacted by SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN and she advised that the neighbor, Mrs. MARJORIE GREGG resides directly across from her place at 138 Quail Drive, Chula Vista, California. The cousin of Mrs. GREGG is driving a 1957 Chevrolet bearing North Carolina license plate HJ7057.

Mrs. WILLIAMS advised that she determined that JIMMY RAY BUNDY was taken to Alpine, California by Mrs. GREGG several days ago where he was let out to hitchhike back to North Carolina. He was immediately picked up by an automobile bearing an orange license plate.

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3 - Bureau
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The following investigation was conducted by SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN and CHARLES W. BONE:

Mr. MILTON GRAY MANNING, temporarily residing at 138 Quail Drive, Chula Vista, California, advised that he is the cousin of MARJORIE GREGG who is the owner of the residence at 138 Quail Drive.

On approximately 4/9/68, MANNING and a friend named JIMMY RAY BUNDY left Greenville, North Carolina in his 1957 Chevrolet bearing North Carolina license plate HJ7057 en route to California.

According to MANNING, he and BUNDY have been in California for approximately 1½ weeks, however JIMMY RAY BUNDY departed from Alpine, California, hitchhiking enroute to Greenville, North Carolina or Portsmouth, Virginia.

According to MANNING, JIMMY RAY BUNDY was employed for his father, JIM BUNDY who operates his own real estate company at Portsmouth, Virginia. JIMMY RAY BUNDY came to Greenville, North Carolina to visit his mother, Mrs. IDA SAWYER, who lives in the Village Grove section of Greenville, North Carolina. BUNDY's mother is presently married to RUDELL SAWYER of the Village Grove Section, Greenville, North Carolina and believes that the telephone number is listed under his stepfather's name.

While in Greenville, JIMMY RAY BUNDY decided to come to California with MANNING for the purpose of obtaining employment.

Employment was not obtained by BUNDY, therefore, he decided to return to the southern states.

Mrs. MARJORIE GREGG, cousin of MILTON GRAY MANNING verified the information furnished by MANNING and advised that she took JIMMY RAY BUNDY to Alpine, California on the morning of 4/19/68 for the purpose of his obtaining a ride to either Greenville, North Carolina or Portsmouth, Virginia. Mrs. GREGG advised that JIMMY RAY BUNDY obtained a ride almost immediately in an out of state automobile bearing orange license plates.

Mrs. GREGG advised that she has known JIMMY RAY BUNDY and his family for many years and upon being shown a

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photograph of JAMES EARL RAY she stated that there was no resemblance between RAY and JIMMY RAY BUNDY.

MANNING also was displayed photograph of RAY and he likewise stated there was no resemblance between the two. MANNING and GREGG described JIMMY RAY BUNDY as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	31 years
Height	5' 10" to 6 feet
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Blue
Characteristic	Knot on back of neck

LEADS

CHARLOTTE

AT GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. Attempt to locate JIMMY RAY BUNDY or his mother, Mrs. IDA SAWYER, for the purpose of eliminating BUNDY as being identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

NORFOLK

AT PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA. Attempt to locate JIMMY RAY BUNDY or his father, JIMMY BUNDY, for the purpose of eliminating JIMMY RAY BUNDY as being identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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CABLEGRAM URGENT 1 - Foreign Liaison
1 - Mr. Hudson

TO LEGATS LONDON
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

LEGAT PARIS HAS ADVISED INVESTIGATION BY FRENCH POLICE REVEALS MICHEL EDOUARD GERST WAS IN PARIS APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, AND COULD NOT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION. GERST NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY. REMOVE STOPS PLACED ON GERST.

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NOTE: Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., forwarded an anonymous letter indicating the slayer of Martin Luther King was one Edouard Gerst, an East German Communist who was reportedly in Cuba. Legat Paris subsequently located a record for Michel Edouard Gerst, born [redacted] in France. Legats Paris, Bonn and London placed stops with appropriate agencies of those countries. Legat Paris subsequently advised French Police determined Gerst was in France during pertinent period. Above action taken prior to identification of Ray as subject.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MERKIN

REUTEL APRIL TWENTYTHREE.

REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED FINGERPRINTS INSTANT CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI NUMBER FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO FOUR EIGHT TWO. NO PALM PRINTS HERE FOR PORTER.

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1 - Mr. Rosen

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM LAS VEGAS (157-133)

MURKIN

REBUTEL ALL SAC'S, APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST.

WANTED FLIERS AND IDENTIFICATION ORDERS REGARDING JAMES EARL RAY DISTRIBUTED TO NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN NEVADA. ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY INFORMANTS AND SOURCES. MAJOR HOTELS AND CASINOS IN LAS VEGAS AND RENO AREAS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND FURNISHED IO'S. LAS VEGAS COMTEMPLATES CIRCULARIZING ALL HOTELS AND MOTELS IN NEV. AND REQUESTS AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN HUNDRED IO'S.

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4-26-68

Airtel

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Charlotte (44-1365)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) — 1973

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Reairtel 4-23-68, concerning suspect, Jerry Wayne Trexler.

Immediately advise by return mail whether date set forth on page 2 concerning the arrest of Trexler by the Salisbury, North Carolina, Police Department on 4-8-63, is correct. If not correct, score appropriate errors.

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JLH

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call 4/20/68, regarding unknown individual driving 1960 Chevrolet, bearing N. C. license YT-1618.

On 4/20/68, it was determined that this license number was issued to JERRY WAYNE TREXLER, Box 58, East Spencer, N. C.

On 4/20/68, W. H. MORGAN, mail carrier, Spencer, N. C., advised he is familiar with TREXLER, a former resident of Spencer, N. C., who presently resides at East Spencer, N. C. He was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised there does not appear to be any resemblance between RAY and TREXLER.

Mrs. H. A. HARKEY, postal clerk, East Spencer, N. C., on 4/20/68, advised that TREXLER has resided in East Spencer for several months but she is not personally acquainted with him.

Mrs. M. B. WINGATE, clerk, Town Hall, East Spencer, N. C., advised on 4/20/68, that TREXLER resides at 12 Spencer Street, and has resided there since at least 12/29/67. He is not personally known to Mrs. WINGATE.

On 4/20/68, CHARLES E. HERON, Chief of Police, East Spencer, advised he is familiar with TREXLER inasmuch as he has arrested him several times for drunkenness. No records are maintained by the PD and the dates of arrest are not known.

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Via _____ _____
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HERON advised that a photograph of RAY does not resemble TREXLER.

On 4/20/68, Chief DAVE SCHULER, Salisbury, N. C., PD, advised that TREXLER was arrested 4/8/63, by his department. SCHULER does not know TREXLER personally.

On 4/22/68, Mrs. MEREDITH NANCE, Tar Heel Construction Co., Salisbury, N. C., advised that TREXLER has been employed by that company since 1/30/68, and is still so employed. She said that the payroll records show that he did not report for work on 3/30/68 or 4/4/68, but that he did work on 3/29/68 and 4/3/68.

In view of arrest of TREXLER on 4/8/63, and failure of individuals who know TREXLER to identify him with photographs of RAY, no further action being taken by Charlotte.

Insert being prepared and will be submitted to Memphis.

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TELETYPE URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

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RE ...
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TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5-3-78
(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

TO: ALL SACS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN REMOVED ON JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM STOPS PLACED.

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SERVICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE REMOVED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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