FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

FBI File No. 244-38861 1968

Re: MURKIN CR D-680826086 JK

D-680826161 JK

Specimens received

8/26/68, from FBI, Chicago

Eight payroll checks of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc., payable to JOHN RAYNS or JOHN L. RAYNS, further described as follows:

SPECIMEN	NUMBER	DATE	AMOUNT
Q 398	4838	5/7/67	\$84.89
Q399	4913	5/14/67	84.89
0400	4987	5/21/67	84.89
0401	5058	5/28/67	84.89
0402	5130	6/4/67	89.63
0403	5209	6/11/67	89.63
0404	5283	6/18/67	95.19
2405	5357	6/25/67	77.53

Q406 Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate dated
May 10, 1967, bearing Social Security Number
and signed "John L. Rayns"

Specimens received 8/26/68, from FBI, Chicago

- Q407 Sheet from rooming house ledger, page 13, bearing on line 24 the signature "John Larry Rayms"
- Q408 Registration card, No. 8075, dated 6/18/67, bearing the signature "John L. Rayns"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that JAMES EARL RAY, K171, K211 and k257 prepared the questioned Rayms signature on Q407; the questioned handwriting on Q408 and the questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q406. Although significant similarities were noted in the endorsements on Q398 through Q405, except the

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endorsement on Q403, when compared with the known writings of RAY, the presence of unexplained variations, insufficient comparable material and distortion in some of the questioned endorsements precluded a definite determination as to whether RAY prepared the endorsements on Q398 through Q405.

The endorsement on 0403 is too distorted for comparison purposes. Although some similarities were noted in the date on line 24 on 0407 beside the Rayms signature when compared with the comparable writing of RAY, the limited and overwritten nature of this date precluded a definite determination as to whether RAY prepared this date.

Q393 through Q408 have been photographed and will be returned to Chicago separately.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Atlanta letter to Director 8/10/68.

On 9/10/68 Mrs. ANNE MURPHY, Telephone Adjustment Sales, Curtis Publishing Company, Independence Square, Philadelphia, Pa., was requested to furnish any information she had re the subscription of E. S. GALT, 330 Auburn Avenue N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

On 10/2/68 Mrs. MURPHY provided a photostat of the order request by E. S. GALT. She stated that this was the only information in Curtis Publishing Company files re the subscription.

Enclosed for Memphis is the photostat provided by Mrs. MURPHY.

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THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES IN LISBON, PORTUGAL: 19 OCT 17 1968

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AIRMAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

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SCOTLAND YARD; DETECTIVE SGT. PETER ELLIOTT, SCOTLAND YARD; MISS MONICA BAKER, SEVEN WINSLOW WAY, WALTON-ON-THE-THAMES; CONSTABLE WHITHAM, SCOTLAND YARD; MRS. DORIS CATHERINE WESTWOOD, TWO FIVE RITZROY SQUARE, W. ONE; EIGHTEEN ONE-THIRD CROMWELL ROAD, LONDON, S. W. FIVE; MRS. JANET ELIZABETH NASSAU, FLAT NINE, TWENTY NINE EARL'S COURT SQUARE, S. W. FIVE, THIRTY SIX PENYWEIN ROAD; MRS. ANNA ELIZABETH THOMAS, ONE TWO SIX WARWICK WAY, LONDON, S. W. ONE; IAN CALVAN, FIFTY ONE CADOGAN PLACE, S. W. ONE; KENNETH LEONARD HUMAN, LONDON AIRPORT. HEATHROW TERMINAL TWO.

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N. P. Callahan

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In connection with our investigation concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., there is set forth below the estimated cost to the Bureau through the close of business September 30, 1968.

The total estimated cost is \$1,281,847. A peak of 3,075 field agents was assigned to this case and 5,380 hours of unpaid overtime have been performed. Bureau and personally owned automobiles have been driven an estimated 477,312 miles.

ACTION:

None; informational.

- 1 Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
- 1 Mr. Mohr (sent direct)
- 1 Mr. Rosen (sent direct)
- 1 Mr. Callahan (sent direct)
- 1 Mr. Bishop (sent direct)
- 1 Mr. Martindale (sent direct)

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987) October 18, 1968

Director, FBI (44-38861)

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ReMairtel to the Bureau dated 10/2/68.

Memphis as office of origin in this case, should follow the matter concerning Donald Lee Mitchell with the Kansas City Division, in order that it will be resolved at an early date.

Memphis will also make a prompt evaluation of this matter upon receipt of information from Kansas City and appropriately advise the Bureau.

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