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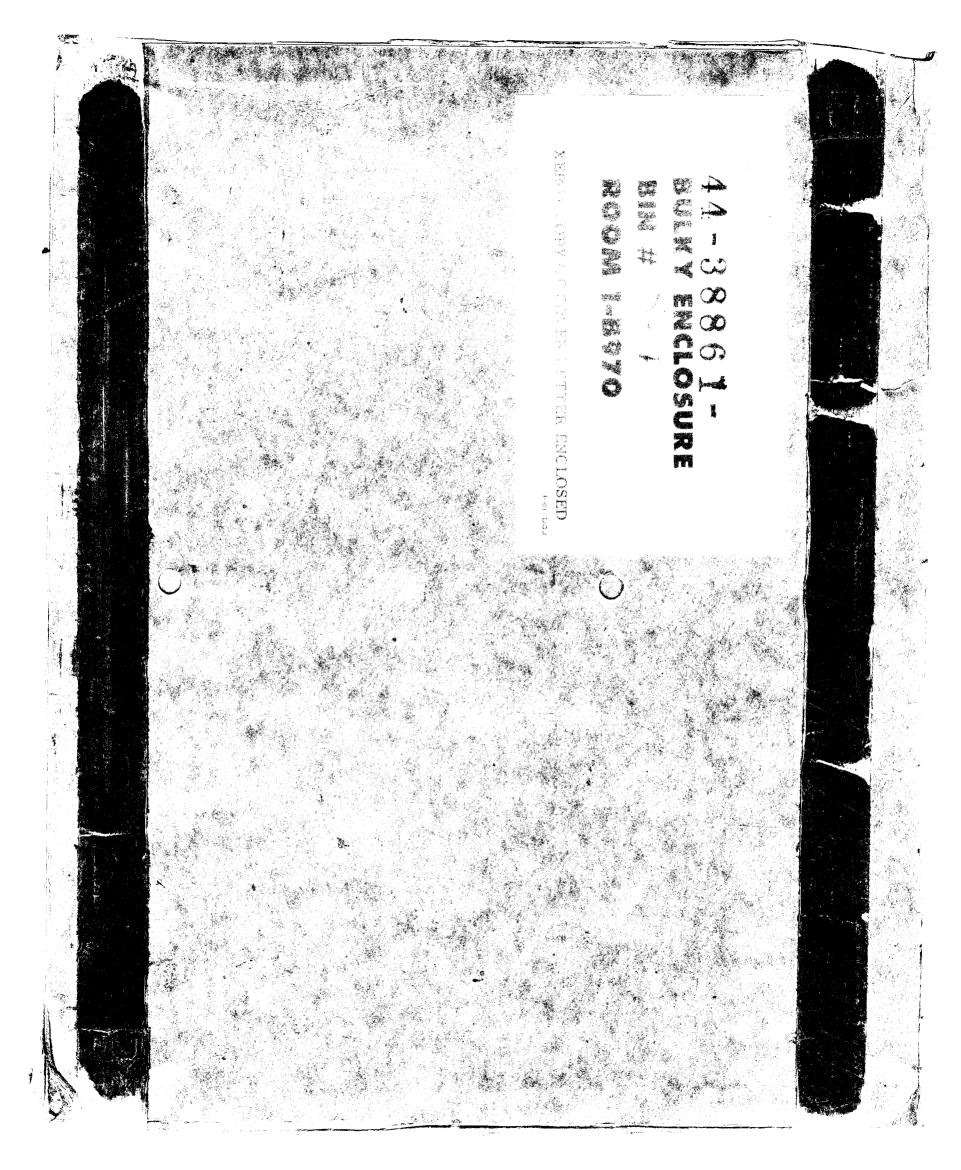
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#### Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN CR

Reference Memphis airtel 5/22/68 submitting envelope and letter received by Mayor of Memphis, and postmarked at Dallas, Texas.

Items submitted not identified in Anonymous Letter File and no identifying features noted thereon. Concluded these items not prepared by subject James Barl Ray, latent examination to be reported separately.

Reference Bureau airtel to Memphis 4/10/68 setting forth the interpretation of scratches on small radio (432) as being "00416." For possible interest of Memphis, it is noted that "00416" was the immate number of James Earl Ray at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

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### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FEI, Memphis (44-1987)

May 24, 1988

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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No.

D-680523003 JK

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### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

 $^{\mathrm{To:}}$  FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: **May 24, 1968** FBI File No. **44-38661** 

Re: MURKIN

Lab. No.

CR

D-680523003 JK

Specimens received

5/23/68

Qc351 Photocopies of four-page handwritten letter dated at Montreal, Que. May 14, 1968, to "The Chief of Police Memphis, Tenn. USA" beginning "subject Dr. King..." and signed "Code letter 'G'"

#### Result of examination:

Specimen Qc351 was searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

Nothing of significance was noted as a result of comparing Qc351 with the various writings which have been received in connection with the "MURKIN" investigation.

Qc351 has been retained.



(Mr. Long 2260) Mr. Conrad - Mr. Mortimer 1 - Lab File

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: Kay 24, 1968

Re: MURKIN

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FBI File No. Lab. No.

44-38861

D-680522041 JK

Examination requested by: Memohis

Reference:

Airtel 5/20/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

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### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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Date: May 24, 1968

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Specimens received 8/22/68

Q349 Registration card of the Wm. Len Hotel, Momphis, Tennessee, Folio No. 42754, in the name "Vincent Walker"

Q350 Registration card of the Wm. Len Notel, Merphis, Tennessee, Folio No. 42761, in the name "Lawrence Rand"

#### Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing appearing on Q349 was not prepared by James Earl Ray, K171, K211 and K257. Differences were noted between the handwriting appearing on Q350 and the known handwriting of Ray, but because of the distorted nature of the questioned material on Q360 a definite opinion could not be reached.

Q349 and Q350 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

May 23, 1968

Mr. DeLoach

A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. Martindale

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Cecil Clayton Lillibridge, Cole County (Missouri) Jail, was a cellmate of Ray's at Missouri State Penitentiary and has previously furnished background information regarding Ray. Lillibridge has been reinterviewed and has advised as follows.

When they were cellmates, Lillibridge and Ray discussed a newspaper article concerning the escape of an Italian criminal from the United States to Italy through the use of a Canadian passport. Ray was aware that a Canadian passport may be readily obtained under a false identity. (This appears to be true and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are checking all passports issued since Ray's escape from orison.)

Ray-expressed more interest in hiding in Mexico than in Canada and did not seem impressed when Lillibridge suggested it would be easier for an American to blend into the scene in Canada. Ray said he had once considered Australia as a place to hide and sometime prior to 1962 had written to Queensland inquiring about employment opportunities but had lost interest in Australia because it is sparsely populated and there are few tourists.

Ray spoke to Lillibridge about changing the color of his eyes by wearing colored contact lenses. He also said he had experimented on darkening his skin with a walnut dye that had to wear off.

Lillibridge described Ray as too tight to play poker but said he loaned money to poker players and required repayment of \$3 for every \$2 loaned.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach

RE: MURKIN

In addition to the widespread investigation being conducted throughout the United States, Mexican and Canadian authorities are conducting extensive inquiries at our request and specific inquiries have also been made in various other foreign countries including England, Rhodesia, the Netherland Antilles, Guatemala, Venezuela, New Zealand, and Australia. Newspaper publicity of Ray's fugitive status has literally blanketed the free world with articles appearing in such disparate areas as Germany and Hong Kong.

#### ACTION:

This investigation is being afforded top priority.



# 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long 2260) - Mr. Mortimer 1 - Lab File

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

May 23, 1968

Date:

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Re: CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861
FBI File No. D-680521090 JK

Philadelphia

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Airtel 5/20/68

Reference:

Document - Fingerprint

Examination requested:

Remarks:

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Mohr \_\_\_\_ Bishop \_\_ Casper \_\_ Callahan You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q347 and Q348.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 23, 1968 FBI File No. 44-38661

Lab. No. D-680521090 JK

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Specimens received 5/21/68

Q347 Envelope postmarked "Mansfield, Ohio APR 23 1968 PM" bearing typewritten address "Rev. Hal Lloyd United Presbyterian Church Germantown, Pa."

Q348 Accompanying sheet of white paper bearing typewritten message dated April 17, 1968, beginning "This may be the..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

Specimens Q347 and Q348 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file. The watermark "Four Star Bond Southworth Co. USA 25% Cotton Fiber" appears on Q348. The Southworth Company is located in West Springfield. Massachusetts. No indented writing or other identifying features were noted on Q347 and Q348 which might indicate the immediate source of these two items. The typewriting on Q347 and Q348 is not identical to that on other typewritten items which emenated from "Eric S. Galt." The signature on Q348 bears a pictorial resemblance to other signatures in the "Galt" name appearing on items previously submitted; however, the poor line quality and the presence of certain characteristics indicate that the signature on Q348 was not prepared by the subject, James Earl Ray. The typing habits. spelling, grammar, etc. of Q348 differ considerably from these features of previous Galt material.

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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In reviewing hay's past activities it is noted that (1) he has a penchant for self-improvement courses including correspondence courses, (2) he frequently replies to magazine advertisements and (3) he consulted two psychologists in 1 os Angeles for hypnotic treatments for the purpose of learning to relax, gaining self-confidence, overcoming shyness and learning to talk to people. Therefore, it is felt there is a good possibility hay would reply to the following advertisement if it could be brought to his attention.

#### SELF-HYPNESIS

A leading psychologist has perfected a simple, positive method of relaxing, gaining confidence, overcoming shyness and effectively communicating with others. Suick, simple, home study course. Results guaranteed or your money back. Reasonable cost. For free details with no obligation, write F. ... Box...

since the above advertisement guarantees benefits sought by a large percentage of the population, the advertisement could draw a great many replies. Fay's answers to other advertisements have been distinctive, however, as he uses a typewriter and types only in upper case letters.

The use of such an advertisement does not appear to violate postal laws as there is no intent to defraud. Complaints might be made to the Fostal Inspectors, however, Elther by persons answering the advertisement who receive no reply or by Better Business Bureaus or

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach

RE: MURLIN

professional groups who recognize the impossibility of guaranteeing results of this type.

#### ACTION:

- 1. Upon approval, Liaison Section will contact the Chief Postal Inspector without identifying the case involved and obtain his clearance to publish such an advertisement designed to solicit a reply from a particular fugitive.
- 2. A study is being made of Fay's reading habits to select the most likely vehicles for attracting his attention. Upon completion and with clearance of the Postal Inspector, arrangements will be made to run the advertisement.

Mr. Conrad

May 22, 1968

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The Bureau has received an anonymous religious greeting card the envelope of which bears the postmark Moboken, New Jersey, and is dated May 17, 1988. Attached to the greeting card is a "Miraculous" religious medal and a message on this card implies that subject James Earl Bay could be located at an address in Memphis. Tennessee.

The handwriting and hand printing appearing on the envelope and greeting card were searched in the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file, and no identifying features were noted on these two items which might indicate their immediate source.

The writings appearing on the envelope and greeting card were compared with the writings which have been submitted in connection with the MURKIN case but nothing of significance was noted.

The greeting card and envelope will be forwarded to the Latent Fingerprint Section for appropriate examination.

MANUAL NODE. For information.

1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. Deloach

1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long. 2960) 1 - Mr. Trotter

1 - Mr. Griffith

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Mr. Conrad

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MECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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This is the case involving the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Kenneth Lee Wade, San Quentin Penitentiary, was in Missouri State Penitentiary from 1958 through 1965. He states he knew Pay from 1962 until 1965 and they sold amphetamines and other stimulants to prisoners. Inmates Ray Pruitt, Bobby Burns and Glen Shurnick (phonetic) were partners with Ray and V ade.

\$1,000 a month. He gambled with his share of the profits but Ray was conservative in handling his money and Wade believes Ray had substantial savings, perhaps as much as \$5,000, when he escaped. He does not know where or how Ray maintained his savings but Ray could have bribed a guard to take money out of the prison. Wade added that a Lieutenant Lickson or Dixon, who was fired from the penitentiary in 1965, had been used by Wade and Ray to bring items of value in and out of the prison.

In November, 1961, Eay made an unsuccessful effort to escape from Missouri State Penitentiary. He attempted to scale the wall with pipe taken from clothing racks in the dry cleaning plant and was injured when the pipe broke. He was subsequently examined by a prison psychologist who made the following comments:

The subject appears to be a rather simple vinadequate, unspontaneous individual of a rather passive sort. His abortive attempt to scale the walls is characteristic of the kind of judgment (one perhaps should say misjudgment) which may be expected from this individual. He smiles in an inappropriate and embarrassing manner at times and gives one the feeling that they are communicating with a rather simple sort of soul.

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RE: MULAIN

In a report dated 10/21/66 the psychologist reviewed extensive testing and interviews conducted with Ray and concluded:

"According to all the test results I have on the man he is nothing more nor less than a severe neurotic apparently seeking to repress out of awareness, or to keep concealed, something he seems to be afraid someone else is going to find out.

"The import of this at this time is to urge you to communicate with the Warden that this man might well be considered 'escape-prone' -- a runner (psychologically, anyway) -- and suggest that the Warden, in accordance with a 'gentlemen's agreement' we have with the Hospital authorities, notify the Hospital authorities that this man should be considered as an escape-prone neurotic type individual, according to our information on him."

While at Missouri State Penitentiary Bay was consistently rated as an efficient and cooperative worker. A work and training report dated 10/1/62 describes him as an experienced baker and a very good one.

Arrangements are being made with the State Department to provide all U. S. diplomatic establishments abroad with information concerning Ray's fugitive status. There are approximately 290 such establishments throughout the world.

In the allegations previously made to the Los Angeles "Times," Bob claimed Eay had charged telephone calls made from Memphis to a telephone company credit card issued to Riddell Catering, U. S. Rubber, Detroit, and that the card was in the name of Riddell or a Robert Brinkley.

Fiddell Industrial Caterers has the concession at the U. S. Fubber Company plant in Detroit. The company is owned by H. V. Brinker and his son, Fobertson "Robert" Brinker. The catering company does not have a telephone or a telephone company credit card.

Memorandum to Mr. Deloach

RE: MURKIN

Robertson Brinker does have a telephone company credit card. He denied that any Memphis calls have been charged to this card and was unable to explain how such an allegation might have originated. He denied that his credit card had ever been lost or used by any other person.

H. V. Brinker recalled that he was in Boca Raton, Florida, from 3/1/68 to 4/1/68 and traded at a Sunoco service station at the intersection of U. S. One and Palm Aire. He was impressed with the efficiency of one of the employees and told the service station employee to call him or his son if he ever wanted a job. He gave this man one of his business cards. He cannot recall if he wrote Robert's name on the card but he told him Robert's name and said that they catered for U. S. Rubber. We are checking out this service station employee to determine if he is identical with Bob.

#### ACTION:

This case is continuing to receive vigorous attention.

LABORATORY

1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2263)
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

May 21, 1968

MURKIN

Re: CR

00: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

44-38861 D-680517109 JK

Atlanta Examination requested by:

Reference:

Letter 5/15/68

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q341.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 21, 1968 EBI File No. 44-38861

<sup>6</sup>Lab. No. D-680517109 JK

Re: MURKIN  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{R}$ 

Registration card of Woodland Motor Court in the name "Richard B. McGinnis"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q341 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, whose known hand printing and handwriting appear on K171, K211 and K257.

Q341 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861 D-680518001 JK

FBI File No.

Examination requested by:

San Diego

Reference:

Airtel 5/16/68

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination of the two submitted items.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to San Diego and Memphis dated 5/18/68.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON. D. C.

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 21, 1968
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Lab. No. D-680518001 JK

Re: MURKIN

CR

Specimens received 5/18/68

SPECIMEN CHECK # AMOUNT DATE PAYABLE TO

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Q343

391 \$5000.00 5/14/68 C. C. Alley

William A. Marshall

Security First National Bank, Chula Vista, California

Q344 Deposit receipt dated 5/14/68 for \$5000.00, bearing the signature "William A. Marshall"

#### Result of examination:

Significant differences were noted as the result of comparing the "William A. Marshall" signatures on Q343 and Q344 with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, K171, K211 and K257, indicating that the questioned Marshall signatures were probably not prepared by Ray.

Because of variations within the limited questioned signatures a definite conclusion was not reached.

Q343 and Q344 are temporarily retained. Photographs were made.

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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 5/17/68 William Thomas, City Editor, and Jerry Cohen, reporter, Los Angeles "Times" furnished the following information.

on 5/13/68 or 5/14/68 the "Times" was telephonically contacted by a man who claimed to have information concerning the death of martin Luther King, Jr. Thomas talked to this man on the telephone three or four times and on the evening of 5/16/68 Thomas and Cohen met this man at a bar. He identified himself only as Bob. From his conversation, Thomas and Cohen believe Bob has been in several penitentiaries.

Bob related a fantastic account of an alleged conspiracy in connection with hing's death. The details, which will be discussed later in this memorandum, are at variance with the results of our investigation. Specific investigation to check out Bob's story has failed to verify any relevant allegation and it appears very doubtful he has any knowledge of the case; however, we are continuing investigation in this regard and are making every effort to identify and locate Bob for interview.

The "Times" gave Bob \$100 on the evening of 5/16/68. He said he needed this money to leave town. The "Times" does not know how to contact him and does not expect to hear from him again.

Thomas said the "Times" sole purpose was to get a story out of Bob's material but he did not wish to interfere with the Bureau's investigation and although reporters were standing by in Ransas City, Memphis, Birmingham, Huntsville, and Miami, no overt steps had been taken to verify Bob's story and nothing would be published before 5/21/68. Thomas said he was also contemplating making this information available to the Attorney General.

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Details of Bob's allegations are set forth below.

1. BOB ALLEGES: The day before the shooting, Eay was picked up in Athens. Alabama, and taken to Memphis.

FACTS: King was killed 4/4/68. Ray, as Eric S. Galt. registered at the Rebel Motel. Memphis, 4/3/68 and checked out 4/4/68. Motel records show he was driving his Mustang.

2. BOB ALLEGES: At the Memphis rooming house from which the shot was fired, another man registered as Samuel Lewis. Lewis was the backup man to kill King at the rally on the night of 4/4/68 if Ray was unable to perform the murder from the rooming house.

FACTS: The proprietor of the rooming house states Lewis is unknown to her either by name or as a guest registering on 4/4/88.

3. BOB ALLEGES: Lewis' rifle was left in the furnace of the rooming house and is believed to still be there.

FACTS: The rooming house has no furnace. No such rifle has been found.

4. BOB ALLEGES: After the shooting, Ray walked two or three blocks to the getaway car accompanied by a man and a woman. Ray's Mustang was not in Memphis 4/4/68.

FACTS: Investigation indicates Ray left Memphis alone in his Mustang which was parked near the rooming house.

5. BOB ALLEGES: The getaway car was a new Buick with Alabama license plates, equipped with a police radio, and owned and driven by Eddie Wilburn, Huntsville, Alabama, a member of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars.

FACTS: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Huntsville, does not have such a member but one Esmond Wilburn, also known as Eddie. sometimes visits the club. Wilburn owns a Cadillac and is employed by a health insurance company. He denies having been out of Alabama since December. He was in Huntsville 4/3-6/68 according to company production records and the personal recollection of his employer.

6. BOB ALLEGES: Upon leaving Memphis, Ray, Wilburn, and two girls and a child from Huntsville, drove to Kansas City in six and one-half hours.

FACTS: Investigation indicates that when Ray left Memphis he drove alone to Atlanta in his Mustang.

7. BOB ALLEGES: In Eansas City Ray spent the night in a small one bedroom, gray-shingled house about three miles from the center of the city.

FACTS: Although the "Times" provided a rough map drawn by Thomas based upon information furnished by Bob, investigation has failed to locate the Kansas City house described by Bob.

8. BOB ALLEGES: Ray left Kansas City at dusk, 4/5/68, and was flown to Belle Glade, Florida, in a private airplane owned by William Pierce, a wealthy Ku Klux Klan member who owns a Belle Glade airport, a motel, cottages on a nearby lake, and once owned a contracting company in Cuba. Pierce often flies his own plane to New Orleans, is acquainted with New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison and is related to Eddie Wilburn.

FACTS: No person meeting Pierce's description could be found. One William L. Pierce, a Belle Glade welder, formerly owned a migrant boarding house and was briefly wealthy over twenty years ago when he sold a rope making machine in Cuba. One Leland Clifford Pearce owns cottages at a lake near Belle Glade and formerly sold cattle to Cuba. Neither Pierce nor Pearce flies nor owns a plane and both deny knowing Jim Garrison or being related to Eddie Wilburn.

9. BOB ALLEGES: On 4/11/68 Ray boarded a charter boat or yacht at Key West owned by Ben Thompson.

FACTS: No such boat has been located. Benjamin Larnard Thompson, Jr., Miami, states he operated fishing boats off the Florida Keys prior to August, 1966. He denied any knowledge of this matter.

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10. BOB ALLEGES: In the weeks before the killing, Ray stayed at Belle Glade.

FACTS: Investigation at Belle Glade has been negative. Ray is known to have been living in Los Angeles from November, 1967, until 3/17/68. He was in New Orleans on about 3/21/68, checked into an Atlanta rooming house, 3/24/68, was in Birmingham, 3/29-30/68, paid rent in Atlanta, 3/31/68, and was in Memphis, 4/3-4/68.

11. BOB ALLEGES: On the day of the killing Ray made telephone calls from Memphis to Belle Glade. The calls are believed to have been made from a bus station.

FACTS: This is being checked out.

12. BOB ALLEGES: The payoff was made through Vilburn in Reno, 4/3/68, by rigging a keno payoff of \$25,000 at the CAL-NEVA Lodge. Charlie Cate, an employee of the lodge, was cognizant.

FACTS: The CAL-NEVA Lodge has been closed since Labor Day, 1967. One Charles Thomas Cate is a pit boss at the CAL-NEVA Club. He has been interviewed with negative results. The owner of the club states there was no Reno payoff on 4/3/68 of more than \$400 and there has not been a \$25,000 payoff for almost three years.

13. BOB ALLEGES: A man using Ray as a first name was in Room 700, Clark Hotel, Los Angeles, 4/17-18/68.

FACTS: This man has been identified as Kaymond Andrew Young, Massena, New York, and has been eliminated.

14. BOB ALLEGES: Lamont White, Western Union employee in Los Angeles, sent money to Louisiana and purchased two pistols for Frank Brickley, Chattanooga, who was in prison with Ray.

FACTS: Leamont White, an effeminate Negro states: He has known Frank and Bob Brickley for five or six years. Both are heavy drinkers. White owned two pistols which disappeared in the summer of 1967 and he suspected Frank or Bob Brickley, or their

cousin whose name he cannot recall, of stealing the guns from his home. About two months ago white got a collect call from Frank either from Nashville or Knoxville and sent him \$20 or \$30. He last saw Bob Brickley less than two months ago at which time Bob said Frank was in prison. White believes only the Brickleys or their cousin would know of the guns stolen from him and the money he sent Frank.

Frank Brickley is apparently identical with Frank William Brickley who has a lengthy criminal record but does not appear to have served time with Ray. We are seeking Brickley and his brother for interview.

15. BOB ALLEGES: Ray worked for a week as a bartender at Harold's Cafe, a "queer" bar in Los Angeles, where he is known by a man named Connie.

FACTS: The manager of Harold's is known as Connie. He and other personnel deny any knowledge of Ray.

16. BOB ALLEGES: Ray is or was married to Willi Shea, who once worked at the Top Rail Bar, Los Angeles.

FACTS: The Top Rail Bar does not normally employ women. Willi Shea is unknown there or at the home address furnished by Bob.

17. BOB ALLEGES: Ray used a telephone company credit card for various calls including those allegedly made from Memphis to Belle Glade. The credit cardwas issued to Riddell Catering, U.S. Rubber, Detroit, and was in the name of Riddell or a Robert Brinkley. Riddell lives in Harper Woods, Michigan.

FACTS: This is being checked out.

18. BOB ALLEGES: Samuel Lewis, the backup man at the Memphis rooming house, served time at Chillicothe and Terra Haute and was discharged in 1963 from prison in Milan, Michigan. Lewis spent the night of 4/4/68 in Memphis and took an early morning bus to knoxville. On 4/7/68 left Enoxville by bus for Los Angeles via Memphis and El Paso. Bob furnished the "Times" a Greyhound bus ticket issued 4/7/68 at Knoxville for passage to Los Angeles via Memphis and El Paso.

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FACTS: The Los Angeles "Times" City Editor believes it is possible Bob is identical with Samuel Lewis. Investigation indicates Bob may be identical with Frank William Brickley. There is no evidence that there was such a backup man but Brickly and Lewis, if he exists, will be located and interviewed.

#### ACTION:

All aspects of this investigation are receiving vigorous attention.

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Mr. DeLoach

May 18, 1968

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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King. Jr.

The Memphis Police Department has received several anonymous letters from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, alleging that Eay is at some ruins south of Mexico City. A similar letter has now been received alleging Ray is buried in the ruins and enclosing a rough map indicating the grave. This is being expeditiously checked out.

James L. Owens, who participated with Ray in the 1959 robbery for which Ray received a twenty-year sentence, frequently saw Ray in Missouri State Penitentiary. He has advised Ray sold drugs in the prison and also operated a "three for two" loan business. Owens expressed the opinion Eay would not have accumulated over \$1,000 from these sources by the time he escaped.

Lenneth Lee Wade, San Francisco, former inmate at Missouri State Penitentiary, has alleged that he, Ray and three others earned \$1,000 a month from the sale of drugs in the penitentiary. wade is being interviewed in detail to determine if this is true and if so, how and where hay maintained his share of the proceeds.

Jerry Naynes, subject's father, St. Louis, was recently visited by subject's brothers John, of St. Louis, and Jerry, of Chicago. Both brothers were drinking. Raynes now states that during this visit Jerry mentioned something about the subject's having been in Chicago in the summer of 1967. He says he cannot remember anything more specific about the conversation and that We may have misunderstood Jerry.

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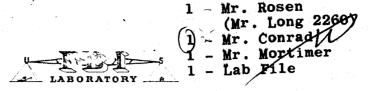
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It is noted that Raynes is an old man and an alcoholic. His mind seems to wander and he appears to have difficulty recalling recent events. John and Jerry Ray are being reinterviewed regarding Rayne's allegation.

### ACTION:

Vigorous investigation is continuing throughout the field.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 17, 1968

Re: MURKIN

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

44-38861

Lab. No.

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San Antonio

Reference:

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- Q338 Brown manila envelope postmarked at San Diego, California, bearing handwritten address "Maxine Ingram 121 Omaha San Antonio, Texas" and accompanying handwritten message beginning "Maxine Drop..."
- Q339 White envelope with no postmark bearing handwritten address "Mrs. Dempes 8251 Burley Chicago, Illinois 60617"
- Q340 Post card to Maxine Ingram bearing handwritten message beginning "Be sure & put...," ending "...tell's you not to."
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Remarks:

As the result of a search in the Anonymous Letter File, the writings on Q338 through Q340 have been identified with other material submitted to the Laboratory attributed to Robert P. Anderson, and which have been included in Bureau file 62-111085. (LA file 9-3759; SA file 55-67; CG 9-3944). Nothing of significance was noted between the writings on Q338, Q339 and Q340 when compared with the various writings which have been received in the MURKIN case.

In view of the incoherent nature of the material submitted, a copyof which has been enclosed for San Antonio, and the past mental history of Anderson, no additional examinations are being made.

The material submitted is returned to San Antonio.

No Laboratory report is being submitted.

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Specimens received 5/15/68

K271 Three pieces of paper each bearing three sample laundry tapes, Serial No. 33607, obtained from Colesville Cleaners, Silver Spring, Maryland

K272 Yellow piece of paper bearing two sample laundry tapes obtained from Waldorf Laundry, Waldorf, Maryland

K273 White card bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Lustre Cleaners, Suitland, Maryland

K274 White card bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Morningside Laundry, Hyattsville, Maryland

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the machines used to prepare specimens K271 through K274 were not employed to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on Q69 and Q70 and that the machines designated K272, K273 and K274 were not used to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on Q97 and Q99. Differences were noted between the laundry tapes represented by K271 and those appearing on Q97 and Q99 but the lack of identifying features precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

K271 through K274 have been retained.

Mr. DeLoach

#### May 17, 1968

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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 5/14/68 a man using the name William A. Marshall signed an escrow contract to purchase a home at Bonita, California, for \$51,000. He presented a \$5,000 check on a local bank as earnest money and indicated that he had a \$65,000 certified check in his hotel room. The \$5,000 check he gave is worthless. He claimed that he was employed by International Harvester, Bloomington, Illinois, and had been recently transferred to the San Diego area.

on the afternoon of 5/14/68 Marshall appeared at an automobile agency in Chula Vista, California, where he selected a car and after displaying the escrow contract showing he had made a \$5,000 deposit on a home, he was permitted to take the car when he said he wanted to show it to his wife. The car has not been returned.

Bonita and Chula Vista are suburbs of San Diego.

Several witnesses who were in the company of Marshall for periods of time ranging up to three hours state that he bears a resemblance to photographs of the subject and one witness is almost positive of the identification. Intensive investigation has been instituted to identify and locate Marshall.

Ray and James Loama wens were seen entering the Jefferson-Gravois Bank, St. Louis. Owens has been interviewed and denied any contact with Fay since leaving prison. He jurnished the following information.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach RE: MURAIN

Owens first met Fay at a St. Louis Rescue Mission in 1959. Fay was using the name Jim O'Connor and later used the names Eyan and Fay but always used Jim as his given name.

owens never knew Ray to work but he was thrifty and always seemed to have money. He knew Ray was a robber and Ray said he only robbed businesses he felt were protected by insurance. He was close mouthed and a loner but likeable and he was also a thinker who read widely on a variety of subjects.

Ray liked cars and pistols. He once demonstrated his marksmanship to Owens by repeatedly shooting a tin can while it was bouncing. Ray believed women were to use and forget and had a preference for "street bums."

On one occasion Owens claims Ray showed him \$1,000 in travelers checks and said he was going to Canada. Then Owens next saw Ray a month later he said he had been to Canada. Ray also talked of prior trips to Mexico to cool off and mentioned Vera Cruz, Acapulco, Nogales and Mexico City.

Ray told Owens he had been forced to leave Mexico City when a man came at him with a knife and he hit the man in the head with a pistol.

Fay planned the Eroger robbery for which Owens and Ray were arrested in 1959. Owens thought it had been well planned but was unsuccessful because it was executed when both were drunk. He said this was an exception to Pay's drinking habits which were usually moderate.

Owens pleaded guilty to the Broger robbery and received a seven-year sentence. Ray stood trial and was given twenty years. This he was at Missouri State Penitentiary Owens frequently saw Hay in the yard and Ray never displayed any animosity towards him.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach EE: MUEKIN

It was James Wallace who alleged he had seen Hay and Owens entering the bank in 1967. Owens claims he saw Wallace in 1965 when he was at the Jefferson-Gravois Bank. Wallace was standing on the corner with a woman and asked Owens if he was putting money in or taking it out. Owens replied he was putting it in.

The records of the Jefferson-Gravois Bank show that Owens opened an account in 1965 which was closed in 1966.

#### ACTION:

Vigorous investigation is continuing on a top priority basis.

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On night of 5-16-68, James M. Wolf, Laboratory Aide, Laboratory Division, advised he had just received a letter from his aunt, Dr. Ruth Turrell, 928 Shore Drive, North Palm Beach, Florida. She advised in this letter that she believes she had seen an individual resembling James Earl Ray recently in connection with her work at the Turrell Clinic which is at the same address as above.

#### ACTION:

Above information furnished to Outy Agent John Hanion, Miami Office. He was instructed to have Dr. Turrell interviewed for any information she might have and to follow up with logical investigation to identify this individual.

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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King. Jr.

It is noted Ray was allegedly seen three times in May, 1967, in the neighborhood of John Gawron, St. Louis. Gawron, who is on the verge of senility, lived with Ray's mother from 1954 until her death in 1961. Gawron denies contact with Ray since Ray's escape from prison in April, 1967, but alleges Ray participated in a \$50,000 Southern bank robbery in June or July, 1967, and that one of Ray's accomplices gave Gawron \$250 from the loot of this bank sobbery. It has not yet been established that any such robbery occurred.

John Larry Fay, subject's brother, St. Louis, has again been reinterviewed. John still denies any knowledge of Ray since his escape from prison. He states hay would have contacted him if Ray had been in St. Louis, especially if Ray needed help. John added that he would still help Ray if Ray asked him to but that he "might" tell the FBI about it afterwards.

According to John Ray, Cawron is crazy. He said Gawron lives in the past, talking about pulling robberies or burglaries and sometimes casing them but never actually committing them. John expressed the opinion Ray would never contact Cawron because he does not trust him.

John Larry Fay believes when his brother escaped from prison he had plenty of money as a result of dealing in amphetamines while incarcerated. He also believes Fay would have immediately left the country and bases this on statements Fay made when John visited him in prison.

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memorandum to Mr. DeLoach

RE: MURKIN

It has previously been alleged Ray was seen in St. Louis with James L. Owens in the summer of 1967. John Larry Ray advised that the subject would not associate with Owens but would kill him on sight since he blames Owens for his arrest and twenty-year sentence in 1959.

#### ACTION:

Vigorous, widespread investigation is continuing on a top priority basis.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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