

Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: Negative See below

Subject's name and aliases ERIC STARVO GALT			Address of subject			Character of case MURKIN										
Complainant JOSEPH ARKER			Complainant's address and telephone number 5841 Alcove Ave. N. Hollywood, Calif. 766-0276			Complaint received <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 4-25-68 Time 4/pm										
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace										
	Age	Weight	Eyes	Complexion												
	Scars, marks or other data															
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Action Recommended 44-1574 Larry E. Mullins (Agent)			<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Negative</i> <i>Full check done</i> <i>Source used</i> <i>only 8/67</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">44-1574-723</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>SEARCHED</td> <td>INDEXED</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SERIALIZED</td> <td>FILED</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">APR 27 1968</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">FBI - LOS ANGELES</td> </tr> </table>						SEARCHED	INDEXED	SERIALIZED	FILED	APR 27 1968		FBI - LOS ANGELES	
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was a seaman but he would like to tend bar I said he has to be a union man even if he was a cab driver if you are not you are not with the show I then asked him how old he was and he said try to guess I said he was in the thirtys I guessed 32 he then took out his drivers licence and showed me his age I couldn't see it but I read his name as Eric Starvo Galt licence was a white back ground and black letters it was from Birmingham Alabama or Montgomery Alabama I dont remember what we sat in the restaurant about two hours we then got up I said I am going to bed we



6 MISSION STREET
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PHONE (415) 781-3182

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Address _____ City _____

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then walked back to Geary st by way of Taylor st I left him at cor. of Geary & Taylor st I bought a paper, I went to my car & went to my hotel I saw him about a week later I was talking to two friends in front of a restaurant on O'Farrell st he recognized me and then he walked into a alley on O'Farrell st bet Powell & Mason st. this bar is a homo sexual hangout he was wearing a new pair of slacks light blue cotton what a yacht man would wear and a pair of new sneakers I haven't seen him after that incident

Joseph Baker
April 25 1968



CALTRADE MANUFACTURING AND TRADING CO.

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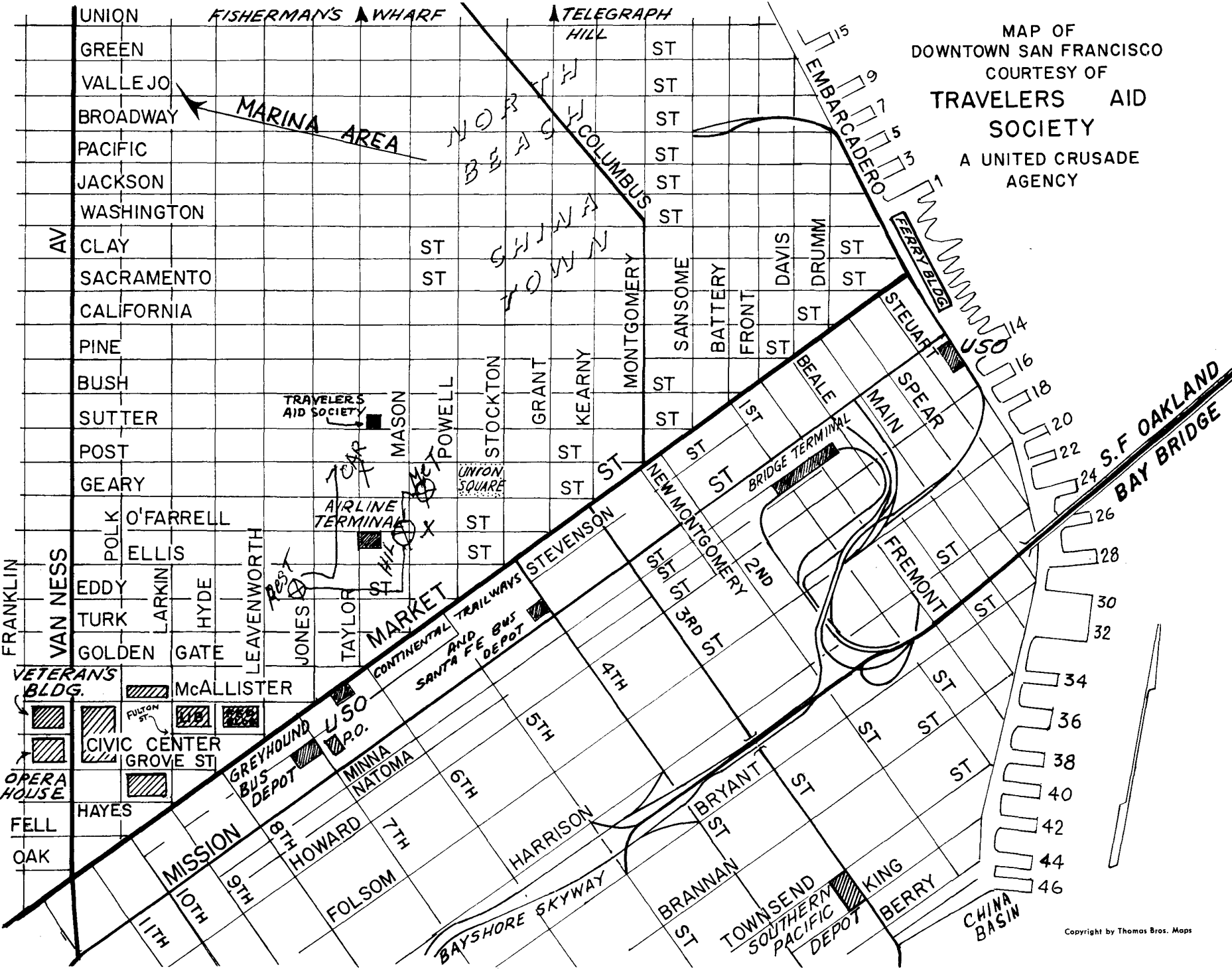
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Eric Starvo Galt about 5ft 10 in
blue eyes recessed probably bitten
fingernails played with left
ear brown hair combed back
parted on left side approached me
for a cigaret on Geary St in S. F.
about midnight latter part of May
or the first week in June of 1967
I said I don't smoke he walked
along with me and carried on a
conversation to Foster restaurant
w/ Eddy Jones I bought him a
cup of coffee and the conversation
went on where you were from and
how long in town he said he was
coming up from New Orleans Louisiana
I asked him how he likes this booze
and sex town of S. F. he said its a
wild town I then asked him what
type of work he does he said he

MAP OF
DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO
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A UNITED CRUSADE
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Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR AND LOUISVILLE
FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN. CR.

CHICK GALLOWAY, CITY DESK, "LOS ANGELES TIMES", ADVISED CALL RECEIVED FROM ANONYMOUS MALE APRIL TWENTY FOUR, LAST, STATING JAMES EARL RAY PRESENTLY RESIDING ONE THREE FOUR MANN STREET, APARTMENT H, GREENUP, KENTUCKY. ANONYMOUS MALE STATED APARTMENT RENTED IN NAME CLAUDE COFFEY. ANONYMOUS MALE STATED INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM RELIABLE SOURCE IN A BACK ROOM, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. GALLOWAY STATED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL APPEARED ARTICULATE AND DID NOT APPEAR TO BE INEBRIATED. WHEN ATTEMPT MADE TO OBTAIN NAME AND ADDRESS, ANONYMOUS CALLER ~~JUST~~ LAUGHED.

LOUISVILLE HANDLE.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

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JST:gcw
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JST

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 3:55¹⁵ PM Per [Signature]
4:10 pm

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA JOSEPH R. CONLON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

Re memo of SA RAYMOND E. LINDSTROM dated
4/21/68.

On 4/24/68, the writer showed suspect's photograph in captioned matter and furnished a description of him to ROBERT SCHAFFER, manager and WALLACE BERNARD and DON SARGENT, employees at Beautiful Billiards, 2499 Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach. SARGENT indicated he was working during the early morning hours of 4/21/68. All of these individuals advised that suspect's photograph was not familiar to them and they have not seen anyone fitting the description of suspect at this business establishment.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA JOSEPH R. CONLON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

Re memo of SA TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS dated 4/21/68.

On 4/24/68, suspect's photograph and his description was furnished to JOHN DOLAS, manager and the following waitresses who are employed at Suts located at 5172 East 2nd Street, Long Beach: BEATRICE SLAYTON, LIL RUSSELL, HELEN KNAPP. These three waitresses were on duty when the restaurant opened on 4/21/68. None of these individuals were able to advise that they recognized the photograph or description of suspect as anyone they have seen in Suts.

Miss LILLIE MOCK, 1900 Myrtle Avenue, Long Beach, California, advised she is a domestic for JAMES J. CHAMORRO, who lives in apartment D at 301 Bay Shore Avenue, Long Beach. She said the photograph of suspect as displayed to her by the writer is not identical with CHAMORRO. She also showed the writer a picture of CHAMORRO and there was no similarity between the two.

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943 PM URGENT 4/25/68 DLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM, LOS
ANGELES (44-1574), AND KANSAS CITY (44-760)
FROM PHOENIX (44-371) 1P

MURKIN . CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU ET AL, APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST.
ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT: WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND.

HOLLAND INTERVIEWED INSTANT DATE AT FEDERAL PRISON CAMP,
SAFFORD, ARIZONA AND DENIED KNOWING SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.
HOLLAND FURTHER STATED HE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN GAMBLING WITH
SUBJECT RAY IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, PRIOR TO APRIL NINETEEN FIFTY
SINCE HE WAS INCARCERATED IN USP, ATLANTA, GA. FEBRUARY TWENTY
EIGHT FORTY EIGHT FOR DYER ACT VIOLATION UNTIL SIX TWENTYFIVE
FIFTYTWO CONDITIONAL RELEASE FROM USP LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.
CHECK OF HOLLAND'S ID RECORD OF PX CASE TWENTY SIX DASH TWO FOUR
ONE ONE TWO CONFIRMS THIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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URGENT 4/18/68 CRS

TO: LOSANGELES

FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

Hold discuss with Bureau

MURKIN.

RE TELETYPE FROM MEMPHIS TO BUREAU AND MOBILE , TWO FORTY FIVE P.M. APRIL SIXTEEN SIXTY EIGHT, WHICH REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TEL APRIL FOURTEEN.

ON APRIL EIGHTEEN SIXTY EIGHT, CECIL JACKSON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO FORMER GOVERNOR GEORGE C. WALLACE, ADVISED WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT HEADQUARTERS DOES NOT HAVE LIST OF CALIFORNIA VOTERS REGISTERED WITH AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY. STATES APPROXIMATELY FIFTY PER CENT OF REGISTRANTS ARE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND LIST WOULD BE IN POSSESSION OF COUNTY AUTHORITIES.

JACKSON STATES WILLIAM K. SHEARER, WHO WAS FORMERLY CLOSELY ASSOCIATES WITH WALLACE CAMPAIGN, AND RODNEY DUFF, ALLEGEDLY A MEMBER OF MINUTE MEN, ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA, WOULD POSSIBLY KNOW ERIC S. GALT IF HE WERE IN ANY WAS ACTIVE IN LOS ANGELES AREA. JACKSON STATED SHEARER CAPABLE OF PLOTTING

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AN INCIDENT SUCH AS THE MURDER OF DR. M. L. KING.

LOS ANGELES, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL INTERVIEW SHEARER
AND DUFF TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE ACQUAINTED WITH GALT.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM. P,

END.

NJZ

FBI LOS ANG

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*Let's give the matter
consideration before
going ahead. Get out
coll. @*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ASAC J. T. SYLVESTER, JR., New Orleans, this date telephonically furnished the following from a news article by LOUIS LOMAX.

Block heading at the top of the article: "LOUIS LOMAX, who is identified in this news article as a regular reporter on Negro affairs, North American Newspaper Alliance. The news syndicate said he had established contact with the underworld and has been able to elicit facts in the KING assassination case not known to others."

"By LOUIS LOMAX, Beverly Hills, NA, NA.

"A startling new development in the hunt for the person or persons responsible for the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., now focuses on a mysterious Hollywood blonde and a New Orleans industrialist. The FBI let it be known Monday that they were in search of the Hollywood blonde but could not locate her.

// news to no.

"This reporter located the blonde in question late yesterday afternoon. She is in her middle 20's and, as suspected, was a close confidante of JAMES EARL RAY, then known as ERIC STARVO GALT, and the suspected killer of Dr. KING. Investigation by this reporter revealed that the young woman was a habitue of the Sultan Room and a Rabbit's Foot Bar along Hollywood Boulevard. She used several names and was known as 'Jeri.'

"She spent several nights, perhaps weeks, with RAY (GALT). On the day he left Los Angeles on the trip that led him to Memphis, he purchased 'JERI' an airplane ticket to a midwestern city, where she is now visiting with her parents. There is certain evidence that RAY arranged to visit with the girl and her parents in the midwestern city 'after I take care of some business in the South.' This was the way RAY explained his mission to the girl in question. The FBI search for the

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"girl still continues, and there is no indication that the agents are aware of the girl's whereabouts.

"'JERI' is important to the investigation because of her close relationship to RAY, while he was in Los Angeles. RAY (GALT) kept this quiet and, on the whole, remained to himself. However, 'JERI' was in his apartment on several protracted occasions, and the conviction is that she may well have information about the various contacts RAY was known to have made in the South, particularly in New Orleans.

"As important as 'JERI' is to the stalled investigation, she is overshadowed by additional information uncovered by this reporter about RAY's New Orleans contacts. These are the facts that can be published:

"On December 16, 1967, RAY was in telephonic contact with a major New Orleans industrialist, a man who is considered the economic and political 'killer' of the community.

"On December 17, 1967, RAY met in person this New Orleans industrialist. On the day of the meeting RAY was registered in a motel. Contact between RAY and the industrialist was made from this motel, and the meeting withheld in 'downtown New Orleans.' Investigators are attempting to zero in on the industrialist in the light of a disclosure from an inmate out of Missouri Prison where RAY once served time and where RAY expressed interest in an offer of \$100,000.00 put up by '7 businessmen' for anyone who would kill Dr. KING.

"This reporter has also been able to establish a time table for RAY that leads up to a few days before Dr. KING's assassination.

"On Valentine's Day RAY, who was then living in Room 408 of the St. Francis Hotel along Hollywood Boulevard, visited another girl friend - not the blonde - and offered his console TV set for her portable. The girl accepted the trade, and RAY loaded the portable set in his car and told the girl he was leaving town.

"Although they are tightlipped about it, the FBI has found the portable TV set, probably in a Birmingham, Alabama, rooming house.

"RAY was seen on the same day in a parking lot of the Los Angeles Sears Roebuck store on Pico Boulevard.

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"Three days later RAY called upon a New Orleans family and delivered to them a package sent by their daughter. in Los Angeles. The published record then shows that RAY then drove into Alabama, finally into Memphis.

"The FBI is having major difficulty tracing both the blonde and the industrialist because the trail leads through the underworld and semi-underworld.

"However, this reporter is aware of how the telephone contact between the industrialist and RAY was established. A search is now on in local records which revealed both the industrialist's name and telephone number.

"Other information developed by this reporter indicated that 'JERI' spoke with a foreign accent and is probably from one of the Scandinavian countries."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : (44-1574)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA THEODORE M. GARDNER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re FD-71 of SA PHILIP S. ANDRIST, dated 4/19/68.(Serial 493).

On 4/24/68, DOROTHEA MERRILL, Manager, Hollywood Center Motel, 6720 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California, was contacted by the writer and SA DENNIS C. LEMASTER, and during the course of this contact she furnished the following information:

She stated that Registration Card Number 1266 showed that ROBERT L. ALLEN, Sacramento, California, driving a 1968 Ford, occupied Room 24 at the motel during the evening and morning of 4/17-18/68.

She remembered checking this party into Room 24, sometime during the night of 4/17/68. She could not describe ALLEN further and stated she did not know there was a woman with him until informed so by the Coca Cola delivery man on the morning of 4/18/68.

According to the delivery man, ALLEN looked like the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He told her that ALLEN did not appear as if he were trying to hid anything, but the girl did.

MERRILL advised that the above-described Registration Card will be retained for use in her permanent records.

Further leads on this aspect are being left to the discretion of that person assigning leads in this case.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ADMINISTRATIVE

Mr. BLOOMINGTON (protect), Pacific Tel. Co., advised above date following telephone numbers listed as follows:

985-4327 is a trunk line (one of many) listed to Universal Studios on Lankersheim Blvd., North Hollywood.

385-5054 listed to Diamond Jim's Restraunt, 2404 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.

461-2050 to MELODY O'BRIEN, a dancer Carlton Way, Apt. 202, Los Angeles.

627-7181 to Greyhound Bus Depot, 208 East 6th Street, Los Angeles.

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tel wall of booth
in Sullon Room*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM G. ATHERTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

An examination of the first telephone booth located in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, North Hollywood, California reflects the following notations:

It is noted that the telephone located in this booth bears the number Area Code 213 462-9901.

Left Wall:

Drawing of a German type Cross
"DEATH
Drawing of a swastika
BEFORE
DISHONOR
~~STP~~
HATE"

"CAN YOU SEE BY THE SUNLIGHT"

"INA ITAY"

KNAC SWITZOR
437- 03- 66

K DAY
BERT FILES
454 5656

B. CAVE
467 7796

WM OGDEN
714-847 0169

464 9377
NICH LAI

748 379 1149
936-9619

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757-3522

NANCY(SOLICITATION) 464-1131 Ex 440

12077 Ventura Plaza, Studio City
H. ZIMMERMAN AGENCY 766 8119

24.-8593

467-3090

464-0667

462-9358
HERBIE JULIUS
MONICA BLVD

876-9434

663-9267

FAMILY THEATRE
462-1317

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Above Phone:

UNION
1636 N. Wilcox
HO 5 4192

2848

DOT 386-8710

STIVERS 386-3440

836-3000

935-4004

624 889 68888
TOM

38

483 8491 or 8441

306
386 0273

SUE 107 Lilinokalani
Honolulu, Hawaii, 96815

938 5769

624 8896

839-4188

879-0265

JACK POLISH (ILLIG)
483 6122

LYNCH
469-7673

482-9890

464-0667

467-2141 ROBERTSONS

663 0194

748 6141 WORK

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Above Phone Cont.

HO 3 5885
JOANNIE

BKC (ILLEG) MODURMENT
56465
AP6E

747-4455

434 1134 (ILLEG)

DOTTY 989-2121

O B S C E N E

FUCK JEWS (the following was added in crayon), MEXICANS AND
NIGGERS! AND MARTIN LUTHER COON

985-4327 - *Unusual* *Slits* 's

HO 3 9855

662 9947 OFFICE

464 9641 RABBIT

223 1401

PERFECT PHOTO CO
386 0573

467 0400

242 3006

683-45-67

469-12-81

748 1212

566 8601 or 8001

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Right Wall:

483-6122

FRANKIE

BKLYNE (ILLMO)

5292 EXT

269 7491 or 7991

933 7217

CASH HOTEL
830 or 838-2141
DU 2 2328

933-7217

6882299 JOHN DOP

LANCE THOMAS 462 8592

464-ILLEG BETSY

462 8592

6662711

823 4611

LANCE THOMAS WHITTIER BLVD LEFT DOWNEY RD LEFT EAGLE ST 670 1992

461 2050 VAUGHAN FILKINS

40-501

461-2050 (Written about 15 times on this wall)

LA C.N. BUS DEPT 627 7181 *Greyhound*

PR 2 2222 MISS

749 8281

461 2050

SHAEPER 465 5151

LANCE THOMAS 670 1992 884 4796

276 5551

462 0473

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RIGHT WALL CONT.:

477 2722

749 8281

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ON SHELF BELOW PHONE:

627 2552

754 3172

EO 6 0443

272 8001

622 0662

387 4181

314 PR 3 1737

467 4167 (ILLEG)

268 1181

249 0510

463 3106

464 0667

732 7328

DR WELLS (ILLEG) 466 9614

483 9081

627 0348 or 0368

FBI ATLANTA

1127 PM URGENT 4/25/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, SPRINGFIELD,
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYEIGHT:
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT RAY'S LAST KNOWN
RESIDENCE EXPANDED TO FIFTEENTH STREET, AREA. INVESTIGATION
CONDUCTED TO DATE NEGATIVE.

ATTEMPTS MADE TO REINTERVIEW JIMMIE DELTON GARNER,
BUT HE CONTINUES IN A HIGHLY INTOXICZTED CONDITION. EFFORTS TO
INTERVIEW HIM DISCONTINUED FOR THIS DATE DUE TO HIS CONDITION.

CONTACTS WITH PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS ON FOREIGN
FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA ON APRIL FIVE LAST CONTINUING AND NEGATIVE
TO DATE.

CONTACT OF INDIVIDUALS ADVIERTISING AUTOMOBILES FOR
SALE THROUGH NEWSPAPER ADS BETWEEN MARCH TWENTYFOUR AND APRIL
FIVE LAST CONTINUING AND NEGATIVE TO DATE.

THREE LOOK-ALIKE SUSPECTS CHECKED OUT AND ELIMINATED
BY SPECIAL AGENTS.

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Heenan *JW*

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THE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS, ATLANTA, CONTACTED CONCERNING RAY IN VIEW OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATING RAY IS ADDICTED TO NARCOTICS. NARCOTICS BUREAU IS CONTACTING INFORMANTS FAMILIAR WITH NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES ATLANTA AREA AND OUR INFORMANTS FAMILIAR WITH NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN RECONTACTED WITH OTHER BEING CONTACT APRIL TWENTYSIX NEXT.

RACIAL INFORMANTS ARE BEING RECONTACTED CONCERNING RAY AND ANY INFORMATION WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED INDICATING THAT A BOUNTY MAY HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE LIFE OF KING.

LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA REINTERVIEWED AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY'S BACKGROUND AND LEADS HAVE BEEN SET OUT.

ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING BILLY JOE FAULKNER TO DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING THE PERIOD RAY WAS IN ATLANTA AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MURDER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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FBI LOS ANG

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FBI NEW YORK

7:02 PM URGENT 4/25/68 WPK

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO,
CINCINNATI, CHICAGO, DALLAS, INDIANAPOLIS, DETROIT,
KANSAS CITY AND SEATTLE
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN

RE WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

RE LA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWO SEVEN, LAST.

MAILING LIST OF WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY FOR ONE NINE SIX SIX, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, AND ONE NINE SIX EIGHT CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY THOUSAND NAMES FURNISHED ON APRIL TWO FOUR, LAST, BY BERNARD LANDE, PRESIDENT, RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPANY, ONE SEVEN ZERO SIX ROCKAWAY AVENUE, LYNBROOK, NY, TO SAS JOHN F. CURRAN, NORMAN A. MURRAY, AND ROBERT G. OFTEDAL.
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*NY phone to
noting address 4/26
in existence. NY called
to re-check original mailing
list - 4/26/68
4/26/68
See 734*

*Lead
will you furnish this out
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SEARCH BY SAS FOR NAMES, GAULT AND JAMES E. RAY,
NEGATIVE. LIST REFLECTED INDIVIDUALS NAMED RAY AS FOLLOWS.
DATE REFLECTS YEAR, LIST COMPLETED:

MR. R. L. RAY, THREE FIVE FOUR SEVEN SOUTH FEDERAL
STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

DONALD J. RAY, NINE NINE FOUR SOUTH ROYS AVENUE,
COLUMBUS, OHIO (ONE NINE SIX SIX).

RONNIE RAY, FOUR ZERO SIX WEST FRANKLIN STREET, ELECTRA,
TEXAS (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

ANGIE RAY, NINE FOUR TWO AND ONE-HALF SOUTH CLALA,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, MOVED IN ONE NINE SIX SEVEN OR
ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, NO FORWARDING ADDRESS INDICATED.

B.J. RAY, THREE TWO SEVEN FIRST AVENUE EAST, PACIFIC
WASHINGTON (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.)

MARVIN L. RAY, EIGHT ONE ONE BOYER AVENUE, WALA
WALA, WASHINGTON (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

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JACK D. RAY, FIVE ZERO ZERO FIVE EAST ORION, INDIANAPOLIS,
INDIANA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

W.S. RAY, FIVE TWO FOUR SEVEN COLLEGE AVENUE,
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

FLOYD RAY, BOX SEVEN ZERO EIGHT SEVEN FLINT, MICHIGAN
(ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

ROBERT G. RAY, ONE FIVE TWO SIX EAST SIXTY SIXTH PLACE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

DELMA RAY, NINE TWO THREE WEST GRAND, HAYSVILLE, KANSAS
(ONE NINE SIX SEVEN)

DEBBIE RAY, SIX SIX THREE THREE DERBY AVENUE, APARTMENT
FOUR, RESEDA, CALIFORNIA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

RECEIVING OFFICES INSTRUCTED TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF
ABOVE ARE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT, JAMES E. RAY, OR A
RELATIVE. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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659 PM URGENT 4/22/68 DLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), LITTLE ROCK (157-1215),
DALLAS (44-2649), KANSAS CITY, AND JACKSONVILLE.

FROM PHOENIX (44-371) 2P

MURKIN. CR. 00: MEMPHIS.

REFXTEL APRIL TWENTYONE LAST.

EDNA WILSON, WIFE OF DAVID L. WILSON, LISTENED TO TAPE OF ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALLER AND STATED SHE HAS HEARD THE VOICE BEFORE AND BELIEVES IT IS THAT OF HER FORMER HUSBAND RICHARD HARRELL, AKA JIMMY, FROM WHOM SHE SEPARATED IN LATE FIFTYTHREE. HARRELL WAS COMMITTED THERAFTER TO ARIZONA STATE PENITENTIARY, FLORENCE ARIZONA, FROM FLAGSTAFF SO, AND SHE BELIEVES HE HAS BEEN IN PEN ELSEWHERE ALSO. SHE MARRIED HARRELL AT LAKE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS WHERE HIS PARENTS LIVE AND FATHER IS BELIEVED NAMED EMMET HARRELL. HE ALSO HAS A MARRIED SISTER FANNIE LNU AT MC GEE, ARKANSAS. AFTER SHE MARRIED DAVID WILSON THEY WENT TO IDAHO IN SUMMER OF NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND AT THAT TIME HARRELL CAME TO RESIDENCE OF HER SISTER TILLIE HERNANDEZ AT FLAGSTAFF LOOKING FOR EDNA WILSON. IT IS NOTED ANONYMOUS CALLER MENTIONED HE HAD BEEN OUT TO THE HERNANDEZ HOUSE ONCE.

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RECORDS OF COCONINO COUNTY SO, FLAGSTAFF, UNDER NUMBER FOUR EIGHT THREE NINE, CONCERN RICHARD BURNAHAM HARRELL, AKA JIMMY, BORN [REDACTED] AT PUCKETT, MISSISSIPPI, FIVE FEET SIX, ONE ONE FIVE POUNDS, IN NINETEEN FIVE FIVE. WRITTEN NOTATION INDICATES POSSIBLE FBI NUMBER FOR HARRELL IS SEVEN FIVE ONE ONE NINE FIVE A.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ARREST RECORD FOR HARRELL AND FURNISH SAME WITH PHOTOS TO RECEIVING OFFICES.

LITTLE ROCK AT LAKE VILLAGE LOCATE PARENTS OF HARRELL AND OTHER RELATIVES AND INSTITUTE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS FOR INTERVIEW.

PHOENIX WILL CONTACT ASP, FLORENCE, ARIZONA, FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HARRELL.

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829PM 4/21/68 IMMEDIATE JDD

TO DIRECTOR(44-38861), MEMPHIS(44-1987), DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE,
KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK.

FROM PHOENIX (44-371) (9 PAGES)

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS. OO MEMPHIS.

DEPUTY SHERIFF RAY STOCK, COCOMINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, ADVISED THAT AT TWO TWENTY A.M.
APRIL TWENTY LAST HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM ANONYMOUS MALE
WHO STATED HE HAD DONE STATE TIME WITH RAY AKA GAULT. CALLER
ALSO SAID HE HAD DONE FEDERAL TIME AT TEXARKANA, TEXAS WITH
ONE DAVID WILSON WHO LATER MARRIED FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA GIRL
BY NAME OF HERNANDEZ. CALLER STATED RAY AND WILSON HAD DONE
TIME TOGETHER AND THAT DAY OR TWO PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION OF
KING HE, CALLER, MET WILSON ABOARD PLANE FROM PHOENIX TO
DETROIT, MICHIGAN AT WHICH TIME WILSON HAD TICKET TO NASHVILLE,
TENNESSEE EN ROUTE MEMPHIS. CALLER STATED HE HEARD LATER
THAT RAY WAS IN MEMPHIS THAT TIME BUT CALLER DID NOT KNOW
FOR SURE. CALLER INDICATED DURING CONVERSATION THAT WILSON
WANTED TO GET EVEN WITH RAY FOR SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED IN
PENITENTIARY. CALLER INDICATED THAT WILSON HATES "NIGGERS".

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CALLER INDICATED WILSON WAS IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA AT TIME OF HIS CALL. CALLER AGREED TO PHONE BACK IN THIRTY MINUTES AND TALKED TO FBI AGENT BUT NO CALL RECEIVED.

INVESTIGATION AT FLAGSTAFF DETERMINED DAVID L. WILSON, IS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, BORN WESTBURN, TENNESSEE, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], SIX FEET THREE, ONE NINETY POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, FBI SEVEN TWO NINE TWO FOUR TWO C. WILSON EVADED ATTEMPTS TO BE CONTACTED BY FBI BUT MADE HIMSELF AVAILABLE THROUGH LIEUT. ROBERT JACKSON, FLAGSTAFF POLICE DEPARTMENT, A FRIEND. WILSON INTERVIEWED IN PRESENCE OF LIEUT. JACKSON BY BUAGENT AND EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY RECENT TRIP TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. HE CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT AT CONTINENTAL BODY SHOP, PHOENIX FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS AND CHECK OF EMPLOYMENT RECORDS VERIFY HIS PRESENCE DURING PERIOD PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION. WILSON STATED HIS WIFE HAS BEEN LIVING WITH HER SISTER AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA FOR PAST WEEK OR SO AND ON FRIDAY APRIL NINETEEN LAST HE RENTED CAR AT PHOENIX TO VISIT WIFE AT FLAGSTAFF.

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PRIOR TO LEAVING PHOENIX HE MET ANOTHER FORMER PRISON MATE, CLARENCE CLARK (PHONETIC) AT MAGOO'S NIGHT CLUB, PHOENIX, AND CLARK ACCOMPANIED WILSON TO FLAGSTAFF. WILSON SAID HE DROPPED CLARK ON CITY STREET IN FLAGSTAFF AND CLARK WAS BOUND FOR DENVER, COLORADO.

WILSON AGREED TO LISTEN TO TAPED PHONE CALL IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY CALLER AND HALF WAY THROUGH CALL WILSON PANICKED AND LEFT THE ROOM REFUSING TO TALK FURTHER. LIEUT. JACKSON DROVE WILSON HOME AND ON RETURN STATED WILSON IN GREAT FEAR BLURTED THAT HE WAS FULLY INFORMED OF ASSASSINATION PLOT WHICH INVOLVED GROUP OF EXCONS ALL KNOWN TO HIM. WILSON STATED THAT VOICE ON TAPE NOT CLARK, BUT THAT OF AN EXCON FROM KANSAS CITY WHOM HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY. WILSON SAID JACKSON WOULD KNOW CALLER'S IDENTITY BY TOMORROW, AS ONE PHONE CALL BY WILSON WOULD RESULT IN DEATH OF SQUEALER TOMORROW. WILSON ALSO TOLD JACKSON THAT RAY NOT ACTUAL KILLER. SAID RAY WAS ORIGINAL TRIGGER MAN BUT BACKED OUT DAY BEFORE AND OTHERS PINNED IT ON HIM IN VIEW OF HIS WANTED STATUS. SAID REAL KILLER STILL IN ATLANTA AND RAY PRESENTLY

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HIDING IN FAJORA (PHONETIC), MEXICO. WILSON LEFT JACKSON'S CAR IN PANIC AND STATED HEADING BACK TO PHOENIX TO MAKE PHONE CALL. WILSON DRIVING SIXTYFOUR YELLOW MERCURY COMET, ARIZONA LICENSE JXE THREE FOUR ZERO.

WILSON INTERVIEWED AT PHOENIX ON APRIL TWENTYONE INSTANT. WILSON STATED HE LAST SAW RAY LAST SUMMER AT LUPTON OR LUFTON, MISSOURI WHERE WILSON WAS ARRESTED FOR DWI AND WAS IN COUNTY JAIL FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS UNTIL HE COULD PAY FINE. AT TIME OF ARREST WILSON STATED HE WAS WITH GENE BRISINDINE (PHONETIC) TRUCK DRIVER FOR WILLIS SHAW, ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS. ON RELEASE HE WENT TO BAR ABOUT FOUR BLOCKS FROM COUNTY JAIL TO USE PHONE AND RAN INTO RAY WHO RECOGNIZED WILSON AND WHOM WILSON SAID HE HAD SEEN BEFORE ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT REMEMBER WHERE. RAY ASKED HIM IF HE WEREN'T WILSON AND HE SAID HE WAS AND RAY INDICATED THAT THEY HAD DONE TIME TOGETHER. RAY LOANED HIM FIFTY DOLLARS WHICH HE USED THE FOLLOWING DAY AFTER SPENDING THAT NIGHT IN LOCAL MOTEL FOR BUS TICKET TO FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA. WILSON QUESTIONED WHERE HE HAD SERVED TIME WITH RAY AND HE COULD

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INSTITUTE, TEXARKANA, TEXAS FOR MAIL THEFT AND FEDERAL P.V. AND WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THERE TO FCI, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO NINETEEN SIXTY TWO. HIS LAST ARREST WAS AT SPRINGFIELD COLORADO BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON MAY TWO NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. ABOVE INFORMATION IS NOT COMPLETE RECORD OF WILSON BUT RECORD DOES NOT CORRESPOND AT ANY POINT TO RECORD OF JAMES EARL RAY SO FAR AS KNOWN TO PHOENIX. WILSON DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING KINGS ASSASSINATION OR ANY PLOT BY EXCONVICTS TO ASSASSINATE KING. WILSON ALSO DENIED STATING RAY ORIGINAL TRIGGER MAN AND DENIED STATING THAT THE REAL KILLER WAS STILL IN ATLANTA. WILSON CLAIMS HE DID NOT STATE RAY WAS IN ANY SPECIFIC PLACE IN MEXICO BUT HAD MERELY COMMENTED THAT IF HE WERE RAY HE WOULD BE IN MEXICO.

WILSON QUESTIONED ABOUT IDENTITY OF ANONYMOUS CALLER. HE INDICATED BY ATTITUDE HE HAD IDEA OF CALLER'S IDENTITY BUT STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO REVEAL SAME TO INTERVIEWING AGENTS. INTERROGATION INDICATED CALLER POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO

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CLARENCE CLARK WHO WILSON STATED HE SERVED TIME WITH AT RAIFORD, FLORIDA. WILSON DESCRIBED CLARK AS WMA, IN HIS FORTIES, SMALL THIN BUILD, FIVE FEET ONE OR TWO INCHES, ONE THIRTY FIVE TO ONE FORTY POUNDS, GRAY HAIR.

PHOENIX CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY SUBSTANCE TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CALLER AND STATEMENTS MADE BY WILSON TO LIEUT. JACKSON.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION WILL FURNISH ALL RECEIVING OFFICES COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION RECORDS OF JAMES EARL RAY FBI THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A, AND DAVID L. WILSON, FBI NUMBER SEVEN NINE TWO TWO FOUR TWO C. IDENT DIVISION ALSO REQUESTED TO SEARCH RECORDS ON BASIS OF NAME AND DESCRIPTION HEREIN FOR IDENTIFICATION RECORD ON ONE CLARENCE CLARK WHO WOULD HAVE SERVED PRISON TERM AT RAIFORD, FLORIDA DURING PERIOD OF WILSON'S INCARCERATION THERE AND IF SUCH RECORD FOUND FURNISH SAME TO RECEIVING OFFICES.

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION CONTACT STATE PENITENTIARY, RAIFORD, FLORIDA AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTITY CLARENCE CLARK DESCRIBED ABOVE AND DETERMINE IF HE SERVED TIME WITH WILSON. IF IDENTIFIED, FURNISH IDENT DIVISION WITH

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APPROPRIATE NUMBERS WITH REQUEST THAT ALL RECEIVING OFFICES BE FURNISHED IDENT RECORD. ALSO FURNISH DETAILS OF WILSON'S INCARCERATION AT RAIFORD.

DALLAS DIVISION AT TEXARKANA WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY CLARENCE CLARK (PHONETIC) DESCRIBED ABOVE AS INMATE OF THAT INSTITUTION APPARENTLY DURING NINETEEN SIXTYONE AND SIXTYTWO AND IF IDENTIFIED WILL REQUEST IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FURNISH COMPLETE ARREST RECORD TO RECEIVING OFFICES. DALLAS WILL ALSO SET OUT ANY NECESSARY LEADS TO LOCATE CLARK FOR INTERVIEW.

MEMPHIS ADVISE IF THERE IS ANY INDICATION OF CONSPIRACY OF EXCONS AS MENTIONED BY WILSON TO LIEUT. JACKSON.

KANSAS CITY WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION THROUGH GENERAL AVAILABLE SOURCES IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY CLARENCE CLARK, PHONETIC, WHO IS BELIEVED TO POSSIBLY BE THE ANONYMOUS CALLER SINCE WILSON ALLEGEDLY TOLD LIEUT. JACKSON THE CALLER WAS FROM KANSAS CITY. NO LEAD BEING SET FOR KANSAS CITY RE LUFTON SINCE NOT LISTED IN POSTAL GUIDE. KANSAS CITY SHOULD UPON RECEIPT OF IDENTI RECORD OF WILSON ATTEMPT TO

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VERIFY PLACE WHERE HE STATES HE WAS INCARCERATED DURING SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN FOR DWI AND WHERE HE MET RAY UPON HIS RELEASE.

LITTLE ROCK AT ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS WILL THROUGH WILLIS SHAW LOCATE GENE BRISINDINE AND INTERVIEW BRISINDINE CONCERNING ALLEGED ARREST AND INCARCERATION OF WILSON DURING SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN WITH PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING LOCATION OF THE OCCURRENCE SINCE THERE IS NO LUFTON, MISSOURI IN POSTAL GUIDE.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT TO SALT LAKE CITY AND DENVER IN VIEW OF PROSPECTIVE LEADS.

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FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (P)
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Remytel, 4/24/68.

Enclosed herewith for Los Angeles is one (1) Xerox copy each of Phoenix teletypes to Bureau, et al, 4/21/68 and 4/22/68, as mentioned in retel.

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URGENT 4-24-68 AKM

TO LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON PLAINTEXT
FROM BALTIMORE (44-669) 1P

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RECEIVED BY CODED TELETYPE

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL FOUR TWENTYTHREE.

ON FOUR TWENTYFOUR MRS. WINFRID VIKTOR OXFORD,
EIGHT THREE ONE THREE NICHOLSON STREET, HYATTSVILLE,
ADVISED HER BROTHER WERNER W. GOHL, SIX TWO NINE WEST EIGHTEENTH
STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA WAS THE OWNER OF A DARK GREEN
CHEVY TWO, WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD SIXTYSEVEN MARYLAND LICENSE
F J ONE FOUR FIVE ZERO. MR. GOHL IS EMPLOYED AS A PAINTER
AND PAPER HANGER IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA, AND APPROXIMATELY ONE
YEAR AGO WAS WORKING FOR A MR. TRICK AT TELEPHONE NUMBER SY
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : (44-1574)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA THEODORE M. GARDNER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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J. Gardner

On 4/24/68, W.H. DAMERELL, Special Agent, Department of Corrections, Special Service Unit, State of California, 107 S. Broadway, Room 3134, Los Angeles, California, appeared at the Los Angeles FBI Office and furnished the following information:

Recently he had occasion to contact one FLORENCE HOLLOWAY SIMPKINS, 1232 W. 5th St., Los Angeles, and during the course of this contact she advised as follows:

Formerly she resided common-law with a man by the name of JOHN FISHER, whose true name is DONALD MARTIN BLAA. During July, 1967, FISHER had occasion to drive to Cleveland, Ohio. He stayed about one month and then returned to Los Angeles, via Kansas City, Missouri. While in KANSAS City, he met and drove to Los Angeles, two white men, who are brothers, whose first names are EARL and RAY. FISHER was driving a 1959 cream-colored Ford sedan, California license S B F 294.

Upon arriving back in Los Angeles, FISHER obtained lodging for EARL and RAY in Long Beach, California, near an area where sailors and merchant seamen "hang out." From October to November, 1967, FISHER lived with SIMPKINS at 1219 W. 4th St., Los Angeles. At the end of November, 1967, about two days after Thanksgiving, he moved in with EARL and RAY in their Long Beach residence. Sometime after this, and before Christmas, 1967, FISHER moved into the St. Francis Hotel, Pasadena, Calif. About the first of February, 1968, he again took up residence with SIMPKINS. Sometime around Valentine's Day, 1968, FISHER commented to her that EARL and RAY owed him some money and that he was going to meet them in the bar located at the St. Francis Hotel. On, or about 2/20/68, FISHER took SIMPKINS with him to this bar. There she met EARL and RAY, who were at the bar with another couple. The man of this latter couple is believed to be a musician, and the girl is one AVIS KIRKWOOD, who at that time resided at 908 Viena Vista, Duarte, California, and who was employed at a hospital in Duarte. Her supervisor at the hospital was a Mrs. LESLIE.

According to DAMERELL, SIMPKINS told him that EARL fit the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY that she saw in the newspaper. She told him that EARL's face was not quite as full as the photograph showed him to be.

SIMPKINS told DAMERELL she last saw FISHER at King Edward's bar, located 5th and Los Angeles Sts., Los Angeles. He has an ex-wife by the name of IRENE who is a waitress at the Teris Restuarant, Teris Hotel, 6th St., Los Angeles. FISHER is a former bartender, employed Lou's Wagon Wheel, on 7th St., across from the Commadore Hotel, Los Angeles.

DAMERELL stated SIMPKINS is an ex-alcoholic, former check writer, and according to her probation officer is "prone to lie." However, DAMERELL stated that she was hesitant in furnishing the above information, because she was admitting violation of her parole when she admitted associating with people of FISHER's nature.

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DAMERELL stated that he attempted to assess whether or not SIMPKINS was telling him the truth when she furnished the above information. He advised that he could not really say whether she was telling him the truth or not.

DAMERELL described SIMKINS further as a white female, age 62.

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Date: 4/24/68

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To: SAC's, Los Angeles (44-1574)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Los Angeles teletypes 4/20/68, and 4/23/68.

Fingerprints James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, not identical latent fingerprint previously reported in case entitled "Unsub.; U. S. National Bank, Buena Park Branch, 6301 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California, 11/22/67; BR, " Bufile #91-28587, latent case #87819.

No palm prints here for Ray for comparison latent palm print previously reported latent case #87819 and case entitled "Unsub.; First Western Bank, Compton Office, 1701 Long Beach Boulevard, Compton, California, 2/28/68; BR, " Bufile #91-29482, latent case #90307.

No latent prints of value reported in other three bank robbery cases named in Los Angeles teletype of 4/23/68.

Fingerprints of Ray compared with remaining latent fingerprints in bank robbery section of National Unidentified Latent File, but no identification effected.

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Per *[Signature]*

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1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California 90017
April 25, 1968

Mr. Louis J. Fortuna
Chief of Police
San Bernardino Police Department
San Bernardino, California 92400

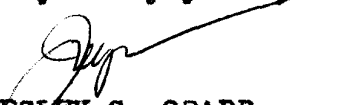
Dear Chief:

Enclosed herewith is pertinent material on the new Top Ten Fugitive JAMES EARL RAY, I.O. #4182.

Release date was Saturday, April 20, 1968, and we would appreciate your posting the photographs on your bulletin boards at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,


WESLEY G. GRAPP
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM D. COSTIGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Memo of SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS dated 4/18/68 (ser. 382).

On 4/22/68, the writer telephonically contacted ETHEL PHILLIPS, 294-9955, to obtain additional information to ascertain the name and working hours of the person believed to be identical with ERIC GALT. Mrs. PHILLIPS stated that since contacting the FBI originally, she and other workers have had the opportunity to observe additional photographs of the suspected killer of Dr. KING. She stated that she, as well as her co-workers, is certain that the person she referred to in her initial call is not GALT. She said that her original opinion was based upon the head shape and ears observed from GALT's photograph. She described her co-worker as a male Caucasian, approximately 30 years of age, 5' 6", 110 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. She said that the more recent and better pictures displayed in local newspapers and on TV no way resemble the man that works in her plant and, further, that this person has a full head of brown curly hair. She stated she has been unable to determine his name but that should she learn his name or any additional information, she will immediately contact the FBI in Los Angeles.

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1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California 90017
April 25, 1968

Mr. Beach Rogers
News Director
Radio Station KFWB
6419 Hollywood Boulevard
Hollywood, California 90028

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Enclosed herewith is pertinent material on the
new Top Ten Fugitive JAMES EARL RAY, I.O. #4182.

Release date was Saturday, April 20, 1968,
and we would appreciate your broadcasting information
on this fugitive at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,



WESLEY G. GRAPP
Special Agent in Charge

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