

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/20/68

FROM : SA ALBERT A. HUSTEDT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 1:45 p.m. on 5/20/68, Mrs. BARBARA VAIL, 2803 Loganarta Avenue, Arcadia, California, telephone number 447-7779, employed at Biggers, Pasadena, telephonically advised that yesterday, 5/19/68, she and her brother and his wife boarded the San Diegan train at Oceanside, California, at approximately 4:57 p.m.. She identified her brother and sister-in-law to be Mr. and Mrs. MEL E. MAURER, and noted that he is the vice-president of A. B. Dick and Company, Chicago, Illinois. After boarding the train, they proceeded to the club car, where they sat during the trip to Los Angeles.

While they were in the club car, an individual entered the club car and sat next to Mrs. VAIL. He had two Budweiser beers and departed. While the individual was in the club car, Mrs. VAIL had the feeling that she had seen this individual before and mentioned it to her brother and sister-in-law, who also observed the individual. They decided that the individual strongly resembled the composite photograph of the individual who allegedly murdered Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

This morning they observed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, in the U. S. News and World Report, and all are now convinced that the individual who they observed on the train yesterday strongly resembles RAY. Mrs. VAIL advised that the individual she observed on the train yesterday walked with a slight limp in his left leg.

Mrs. VAIL requested that in the event this information leads to RAY's apprehension, that she be advised in order that she can put in a claim for the outstanding rewards in this matter.

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TO : SAC Los Angeles(44-1574)

FROM : SA Leslie F. Warren

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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5-20-68 that on

Re-memo SA Albert A. Hustedt, 5-20-68 where in Mrs Barbara Vail advised/5-19-68 she had observed a man on the San Diegan train who resembled the composite photograph of James E Ray.

Following investigation by SA Leslie F. Warren:

Photos of Ray were exhibited to Vail 5-21-68. She said she had only had a profile view of the man in question and he closely resembled the artist composite picture of Kings killer. Further this man she had seen in the train resembled the profile photo of Ray taken at the Missouri Dept. of Corrections, 1-4-66. She did not know where the man had boarded the train, ~~she~~ he was still on the train when she got off in Los Angeles. The general physical description on the Wanted Flyer on Ray as to age, height, age, weight and color of hair fit the unk suspect. She was of the opinion the eyes were brown however. She saw him walk from the lounge car to a chair car and noted suspect walked with one leg, the left one, might be an artificial leg. She did not get the impression he was faking this walk. He was dressed in a dark business suit. She did not recall if he wore a regular shirt with tie or a sport shirt. The man appeared to be alone, no one was observed talking to him. He was rather furtive when Vail looked at the suspect and would not look at her directly. Vail said she did not discuss the look a like appearance of this man with Ray, with her brother and wife, Mel E. and Hazel E. Maurer, while they were on the train as she did not want the suspect to hear them talking about him. They had not noted the resemblance until Vail called it to their attention. They were then somewhat in agreement with her observations. Mr. and Mrs Maurer live at 640 Glendale Dr., Glen view, Ill. and have already returned to their home.

Mrs. Vail appeared to be an intelligent woman. She is a sales lady at the Biggar Furniture Co., 630 E., Colorado Bl, Pasadena, Cal. She said she had been with this company 23 years.

The crew of the train in question, The San Diegan, a Santa Fe train, was identified through F.W. Arbuckle, clerk in the office of H.D. Fish, Supt. of the L. A. Div. of the Santa Fe, 5-21-68. The crew was interviewed at the Union Sta. in L. A. as follows: 5-21-68.

P.A. Schamber, Conductor said the most recent photo of Ray resembled a man he recalled being on the train but could not recall any thing in detail or when he got on or off. The train had 15 cars and about 700 passengers on it between San Diego and L.A. on 5-19-68, a Sunday. He said he was too busy.

Conrad Gil, bar tender in the lounge, the only employee in the lounge had no recollection of the man in question and did not recall seeing any one on the train resembling the photos of Ray. Gil was exceptionally busy.

Robert Frank Walker, Assistant Conductor and John Hirons, Brakeman were unable to ident

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the man referred to by Vail or recall anyone resembling the photos of Ray on the train in question. Walker was interviewed 5-22-68 as he was not available on 5-21-68.

Action recommended: None further

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : *(P)* ASAC RICHARD D. ROGGE

SUBJECT: *44-1574-1175, 1097, P. 5*
JAMES E. O'DOWD
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

At 4:28 PM, 5/20/68, HIBBARD LAMKIN, SAC, U. S. Department of State, Office of Security, telephone 688-3290, telephonically contacted the writer concerning above-captioned individual who is the publisher of the "Local Swinger." *44-1574-1175, 1097* LAMKIN stated that a Department of State Special Agent, FRANK TERRY, is in Los Angeles to conduct investigation and in this regard had developed information that above-captioned individual had been recently interviewed by SA JOHN C. O'NEILL of the FBI. He stated in order to coordinate and facilitate TERRY's investigation he desired to know if arrangements could be made for TERRY to confer with SA O'NEILL concerning O'DOWD before he did further investigation.

LAMKIN stated that TERRY is assigned to a division in Washington, D. C. that primarily is interested in running down allegations of homosexuality in the State Department. LAMKIN was advised that this matter would be checked into and that he would be called back.

Addendum:

On 5/21/68 SAC HIBBARD LAMKIN, U.S. Department of State, Office of Security, and SA FRANK TERRY, U.S. Department of State, visited the Los Angeles Office and along with SA's WILLIAM ~~SA~~ NOLAN and JOHN C. O'NEILL discussed the phase of the MURKIN (44-1574) case concerning The Local Swinger, P.O. Box 3802, Downey, California. LAMKIN and TERRY desired to know if Agent O'NEILL had ever obtained a list of the Local Swinger and he was told that ^{COMPLETE} a list was never obtained. They were assured that if JAMES E. O'DOWD contacted this office an effort would be made to determine where he is currently residing. They were also told that the FBI would cooperate fully in the Department of States effort to uncover homosexuals in that Department by relaying an information concerning the whereabouts of O'DOWD.

RDR:cea
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W. J. Nolan

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
RE: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 5/16/68.

CSLA 4143-S advised on this date that all records of overseas telephone calls made from Santa Barbara and San Bernardino, California during March and April 1968 have been reviewed. One call to Auckland, New Zealand, was located. This call was made by EDWIN WEISMAN, 1833 La Coronilla Drive, Santa Barbara, telephone number 962-9239, to M. J. MC CLAREN, Auckland, telephone 18291. The call was placed on 4/28/68 at 4:03 P.M. and the duration was three minutes.

The above call does not appear to be either call described in Auckland, New Zealand press of 3/14/68 or 4/30/68. Los Angeles will not interview or further identify EDWIN WEISMAN at this time.

Los Angeles will check with established sources at Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Los Angeles, and determine if any further action can be taken to identify call to Auckland.

Bureau and Memphis will be advised.

Armed and Dangerous.

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Approved: Wgg
Special Agent in Charge

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Airtel

To: SACs, Atlanta (44-2386)
Birmingham (44-1740)
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New Orleans (157-10673)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

You should make appropriate inquiry at banks to determine identity of individuals making a withdrawal of \$10,000 and over in cash, confining this inquiry for period of April, 1968. The possibility exists that subject was a hired assassin and a pay-off could have taken place shortly before or after the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

You should bear in mind that in many instances requests for large withdrawals are brought to the attention of one of the officials of the bank, and this official could possibly provide the initial information desired.

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626 PM URGENT 5.22.68 WEB
TO LOS ANGELES 44-1574 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM ALBANY 44-493 2P

MURKIN

RE LA TEL TO BUREAU, MAY EIGHTEEN LAST, AND AL TEL
TO BUREAU, MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

RAY ANDREW YOUNG WAS REINTERVIEWED MAY TWENTYONE, LAST,
AT DOCKTOR'S PET CENTER, FAIRMOUNT FAIR SHOPPING CENTER,
SYRACUSE, N.Y., AFTER RECEIPT OF REF LA TEL AND HE FURTHER
ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

HE WAS NEVER IN PRISON AND HAS BEEN ARRESTED ONLY THREE
TIMES, ALL AT MASSENA, N.Y.; TWICE, NINETEEN SIXTY AND SIXTYONE
FOR PI AND ONCE, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

HE NEVER WORKED WHILE IN LOS ANGELES, CALIF. HE DOES
NOT RECOGNIZE THE NAME HAROLD'S CAFE, FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH
MAIN, AS BEING A PLACE HE FREQUENTED. HE MAY HAVE BEEN THERE
ONCE. HE FREQUENTED THE CAPTAIN'S DEN, ACROSS THE STREET FROM
THE PHILLIP HOTEL AND THE RED ROGUE BAR, THREE BLOCKS FROM THE
PHILLIP HOTEL WHERE HE STAYED SUBSEQUENT TO APRIL SEVENTEEN
SIXTYEIGHT.

HE WAS NEVER MARRIED TO AND DOES NOT KNOW ONE WILLI SHEA.
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HE STATED HE HAS BEEN MARRIED ONLY ONCE AND THAT TIME WAS TO HIS PRESENT WIFE FROM WHOM HE IS NOW SEPARATED BUT NOT DIVORCED, CAROL YOUNG, NEE AVERY.

HE DOES NOT REMEMBER THE NAME ~~LEAMONT~~ WHITE, ALTHOUGH HE DID MEET A NEGRO MALE WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH WHITE THROUGH ~~JACK WALLACE~~, MIDWAY MOTORS, TWO HUNDRED NORTH VERMONT AVE., LOS ANGELES, CALIF. WALLACE WILL KNOW THE NAME OF THE NEGRO MALE HE MET. YOUNG REITERATED THAT HE DID NOT RECALL BOB OR FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY.

SINCE ABOVE INFORMATION ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE NO INSERT WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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246PM URGENT 5/22/68 JOC

TO LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 1P

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES AIRTEL, FIVE TEN SIXTYEIGHT.

WARREN STONE, CHIEF RECORDS OFFICE, CENTRAL TRAINING FACILITY, SOLEDAD, CALIF., ADVISED FILES CONTAIN NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH JIMMY LEE HILL OR PRISON NUMBER NINE THREE NINE SIX ZERO. STONE ADVISED CHECK OF IDENTIFICATION UNIT AT VACAVILLE PRISON, CENTRAL DEPOSITORY FOR CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON RECORDS, REFLECTED THAT A CROSS REFERENCE INDICATED THAT ONE FLOYD EVANS HILL, AKA JIMMY LEE HILL, CSP NUMBER B ONE ONE ONE ONE TWO, WAS TRANSFERRED TO CALIFORNIA MEN'S COLONY, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF. ON TWO TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT. STONE STATED HILL SHOWN AS WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] WIFE'S NAME ELIZABETH.

LOS ANGELES AT SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA: REVIEW PRISON RECORDS, CALIFORNIA MEN'S COLONY, TO DETERMINE IF FLOYD EVANS HILL, CSP NUMBER B ONE ONE ONE ONE TWO, IS IDENTICAL WITH JIMMY LEE HILL, MSP NUMBER ONE TWO SEVEN SIX SIX, AND IF SO, INTERVIEW HILL RE KNOWLEDGE OF RAY. ENDNJZ.

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Handwritten notes:
- assigned to the
- former cell mate
- at measure still
- Pen with Ray
- [initials]

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

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases ADRIAN ROSE			Address of subject		Character of case Impersonation Matter								
Complainant LIONEL G. STEWART			Complainant's address and telephone number C.I.D. Fort MacArthur 831-7341		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 5-22-68 Time 2-53pm.								
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build								
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion								
	Scars, marks or other data												
<p>Facts of complaint</p> <p>C said he had just been called by JULIAN HART, military editor of the Los Angeles Times. HART stated an employee there, JACK SMITH, a reporter, has been in receipt of three letters from an individual identifying himself as "ADRIAN ROSE, Major General C.I.D.", and furnishing a residence address of 1140 Gower, North Hollywood. These letters are type written, are in good english and grammer, appear to be logical and coherent. He states he either knows the solution to the KING murder, or has already told the FBI about it. He makes some other comments involving various presidential candidates, including ROBERT KENNEDY, wherein he apparently knows secrets about them, or the like.</p> <p>C said ROSE is not in the C.I.D. and has obviously misrepresented himself as being so. He said they have no previous record of him, and they assume he resides at the above address. Further, they were reporting the matter for possibly FBI interest on the KING situation.</p> <p>Indices negative on ADRIAN ROSE.</p>													
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
ATLANTA

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, KNOXVILLE AND
OTHER DIVISIONS, MAY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, RE FRANK WILLIAM
BRICKLEY AND TELEPHONE CALL MADE JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN, FROM
TELEPHONE OF LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.,
TO SIX ONE SIX - SIX TWO TWO - NINE ZERO SIX SEVEN,
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

ON MAY TWENTY, INSTANT, MRS. OLA MAE HOLLAND, A WIDOW,
RESIDENCE APARTMENT FOUR, THREE FIVE ZERO SIX JEROME STREET,
CHATTANOOGA, ADVISED SHE HAS RESIDED THIS ADDRESS PAST
THIRTEEN YEARS. SHE OWNS THIS LOW RENT SUBSTANDARD APARTMENT
BUILDING. HOLLAND HAS HAD TELEPHONE SIX TWO TWO - NINE
ZERO SIX SEVEN IN EXCESS OF TWO YEARS. JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN,
FOLLOWING PERSONS RESIDED WITH HER AT THIS ADDRESS AND HAD
ACCESS TO THIS TELEPHONE: CHRISTINE GUY, DAUGHTER, DIED
MAY, SIXTYEIGHT; WALTER JAMES HOLLAND, SON, AGE TWENTYTWO

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AND HIS WIFE, JEAN HOLLAND. WALTER JAMES HOLLAND AND WIFE MOVED JANUARY, SIXTYEIGHT, FROM JEROME STREET; NOW RESIDING UNKNOWN ADDRESS NEAR CHATTANOOGA, TENN. HOLLAND SELF-EMPLOYED WITH BOBBY WALLACE DOING INDIVIDUAL HOUSE ROOFING UNKNOWN LOCATION NORTH ALABAMA.

MRS. HOLLAND AND SON, WALTER JAMES HOLLAND, WERE NOT USUALLY AT HOME DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS. TELEPHONE WOULD NORMALLY HAVE BEEN ANSWERED BY DECEASED DAUGHTER. MRS. HOLLAND NOT AWARE OF ANY LONG DISTANT CALLS RECEIVED AT HER TELEPHONE FROM CALIFORNIA JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN.

MRS. HOLLAND HAS KNOWN MR. AND MRS. ROY D. BRICKLEY, SR., ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA, SLIGHTLY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. THEY HAVE ONLY TWO SONS, ROY D. BRICKLEY, JR., AND FRANK W. BRICKLEY. THEY HAVE TWO OR MORE DAUGHTERS. ONE DAUGHTER, MRS. GLENN ARCHIE (BERTIE LEE) HOLLAND FORMERLY RESIDED ONE TWO TWO THREE THIRTYFIFTH STREET PLACE, CHATTANOOGA, DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THREE FIVE ZERO SIX JEROME
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STREET. THEY WERE RESIDING THIS ADDRESS JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN. THEY HAD NO TELEPHONE AND WOULD RECEIVE TELEPHONE CALLS THROUGH MRS. OLA MAE HOLLAND-S TELEPHONE. THERE IS POSSIBILITY ONE OF BRICKLEY BROTHERS CALLED FOR SISTER USING MRS. OLA MAE HOLLAND-S TELEPHONE AND SHE WOULD NOT BE AWARE OF SUCH CALL. MR. AND MRS. GLEN ARCHIE HOLLAND CURRENTLY RESIDING SALEM ROAD, ROSSVILLE, GA.

SINCE IT APPEARS LONG DISTANT CALL FROM ONE OF BRICKLEY BROTHERS, LOS ANGELES, JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN, WAS TO THEIR SISTER, NO ADDITIONAL EFFORT BEING MADE TO LOCATE WALTER JAMES HOLLAND FOR INTERVIEW RE THIS CALL.

ATLANTA, AT ROSSVILLE, GA., INTERVIEW MRS. GLENN ARCHIE HOLLAND, SALEM ROAD, ROSSVILLE, RE CALL RECEIVED FROM LOS ANGELES JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
ATLANTA

FROM SAC KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY EIGHTEEN LAST TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS
RE FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY, TELEPHONE CALLS MADE JUNE
SIXTYSEVEN FROM PHONE OF LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, LOS ANGELES,
CALIF., TO FOUR ZERO FOUR DASH EIGHT SIX SIX DASH SEVEN
THREE ONE ZERO.

MAY TWENTY INSTANT, TOMMY DALTON, SECURITY OFFICER,
SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH CO., CHATTANOOGA,
TENN., ADVISED ABOVE PHONE REGISTERED TO BETTY AGNES STEEL,
ONE ONE THREE ORCHARD ST., ROSSVILLE, GA., NOV. TWENTYTHREE
SIXTYSIX TO APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT WHEN DISCONNECTED.

ALICE DOBBS, ELECTRIC POWER BOARD, CHATTANOOGA, ADVISED
BETTY ARMASTINE STEELE RESIDED ONE TWO ZERO FOUR LOGAN AVE.,
ROSSVILLE, GA., DEC. THREE SIXTYSIX TO PRESENT. FORMERLY
RESIDED FIVE ONE FIVE CARDEN AVE., ROSSVILLE, DEC. TWENTYONE
SIXTYFIVE TO DEC. SIX SIXTYSIX; TWO ZERO THREE PEERLESS ST.,
ROSSVILLE, JAN. TWENTYTWO SIXTYFIVE TO DEC. TWENTYONE
SIXTYFIVE; AND TWENTYONE PIGRAM CIRCLE, ROSSVILLE, PRIOR

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TO JAN. SIXTYFIVE. DIVORCED FROM WALTER L. STEELE, EMPLOYED
ROSSVILLE YARN, ROSSVILLE, ON DATE OF APPLICATION, JAN.
TWENTYTWO SIXTYFIVE. FORMERLY EMPLOYED PEERLESS WOOLEN
MILLS, ROSSVILLE. ELECTRIC POWER BOARD, CHATTANOOGA, DOES
NOT SERVE ORCHARD ST., ROSSVILLE. THIS SERVED BY NORTH
GEORGIA POWER CO.

ON MAY TWENTY INSTANT MARGARET NANCE, CHATTANOOGA CREDIT
BUREAU, ADVISED FILES REFLECT BETTY AGNES STEEL, DIVORCED FROM
WALTER STEEL, DEC. SIXTYFOUR. MRS. STEEL, WHITE FEMALE,
DOB KNOWN TO CREDIT BUREAU FILES
NINETEEN SIXTY TO PRESENT, UNSATISFACTORY CREDIT. OCT.
SIXTYSEVEN HER ADDRESS ONE TWO ZERO FOUR LOGAN AVE., CHATTANOOGA,
FORMER ADDRESSES TWO ZERO THREE PEERLESS ST., OCT. SIXTYFIVE
AND TWENTYONE PIGRAM CIRCLE, ROSSVILLE, PRIOR TO PEERLESS
ST. ADDRESS. NO ADDRESS OF ONE ONE THREE ORCHARD ST.,
ROSSVILLE, LISTED FOR BETTY AGNES STEEL. HER EMPLOYMENT
JUNE SIXTYTWO TO PRESENT LISTED AS ROSSVILLE YARN PROCESSING
CO., ROSSVILLE, GA.

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NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN CURRENT CHATTANOOGA CITY DIRECTORY
LISTS ONE ONE THREE ORCHARD, ROSSVILLE, GA., AS OCCUPIED BY
WALTER CYMBALL, PHONE NO. EIGHT SIX SIX DASH NINE THREE
ZERO FIVE. WALTER CYMBALL, WIFE MYRTLE W., HAVE NO OCCUPATION
LISTED. NO RECORD OF EITHER CHATTANOOGA CREDIT BUREAU.

ATLANTA, AT ROSSVILLE, GA., CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGA-
TION RE MRS. BETTY AGNES STEEL.

MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES ADVISED VIA AMSD.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: May 20, 1968

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. NOLAN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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John Howard Bow

Re Serial 1316

Re memo of SA BILLY DALE HUBBARD dated 5/15/68 at Los Angeles (Serial 1316)

Mrs. POLLY ST. WART, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, 872 Norro Street, San Luis Obispo, California, (protect identity) advised on 5/20/68, that Arroyo Grande number 489-1153 is listed to MARY HOAGLAND, 331 South Mason Street, Apartment 1-B, Arroyo Grande, California, and was listed to her in February, 1968; that Pismo Beach number 773-4613 is listed to Bank of America, 801 Price Street, Pismo Beach, California, and was listed to the bank in February, 1968; and that Pismo Beach number 773-4679 is listed to BEE BLAIR, Apartment 2, Pismo Beach, California, and was listed to her in February, 1968.

AT ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA:

Many called Mrs. Mary Hoagland
Mrs. MARY HOAGLAND, 331 South Mason Street, Apartment 1-B, advised on 5/20/68, that on or about 2/14/68 and 2/18/68, she received three telephone calls from JULIA FORBES, a friend she has known for several years, and that the calls came from the Los Angeles area but Mrs. FORBES did not furnish her address. She stated that about a week ago she received another telephone call from Mrs. FORBES who related that the FBI would probably be calling on Mrs. HOAGLAND in regard to the telephone calls which Mrs. FORBES made to Mrs. HOAGLAND in February. Further that Mrs. FORBES explained that the man who was wanted by the FBI for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had lived for a time in the same hotel where Mrs. FORBES had lived, and that the FBI was checking all telephone calls which had been made from the hotel. She stated that Mrs. FORBES did not furnish her present address. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to Mrs. HOAGLAND and she stated she was not acquainted with RAY by name, aliases or photographs.

AT PISMO BEACH, CALIFORNIA:

Mr. JAMES VAN DUSEN, Manager, Pismo Beach Branch, Bank of America, 801 Price Street, advised on 5/20/68, that the bank does not have a special telephone operator, and that no log is maintained concerning incoming calls. He stated that he was unable to recall a telephone call from the Los Angeles or Hollywood area on 2/15/68, and that he had checked with all of the other bank employees and none could recall the telephone call in question. He stated that JAMES EARL RAY does

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not have a checking or savings account or a safety deposit box at the bank under his true name or known aliases. Photographs of RAY were exhibited to Mr. VAN DUSEN and all the other bank employees and all stated that the photographs did not appear familiar to them.

Mrs. BEE BLAIR, 240 Hinds Avenue, Apartment 2, advised on 5/20/68, that she recalls that on or about 2/19/68, she received a long distance telephone call from the Los Angeles area from RONALD FORBES, who she has known for several years. She stated that FORBES was inquiring as to the whereabouts of his wife, JULIA, with whom he has been having marital difficulties. She advised that she told FORBES that she did not know JULIA's whereabouts. Further that FORBES stated that he was going into bankruptcy because JULIA had run up bills amounting to \$5,000, but that FORBES did not furnish his address, and she does not know where he was calling from. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to Mrs. BLAIR and she stated she was not acquainted with RAY by name, aliases or photographs.

AT GUADALUPE, CALIFORNIA:

Mrs. LOUISA (THOMAS) MC KENNA, 4437-2nd Street, advised on 5/20/68, that she is the daughter of ALFRED G. RAMOS, and lives with her husband, THOMAS MC KENNA, and parents, at that address. She stated that on or about 2/18/68, she received a long distance telephone call from Mrs. JULIA FORBES, aka Mrs. Julia Wendrey, from the Los Angeles area. She stated that Mrs. FORBES is the foster mother of THOMAS MC KENNA, and left the Guadalupe area in September, 1967, in the company of ROBERT WANDREY, her former husband. Further that Mrs. FORBES did not furnish her address when she made the telephone call in February, 1968, and that she does not know Mrs. FORBES present whereabouts. She stated that it might be possible to locate Mrs. FORBES through Mrs. FORBES' sister, Mrs. RENELE (ROY) MONTAMBAULT 6112 Southeast 6th Street, Midwest City, Oklahoma, telephone number 405 - 737 5876.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to Mrs. MC KENNA, THOMAS MC KENNA, and Mrs. ALFRED G. RAMOS, and all stated that they were not acquainted with RAY by name, aliases or photographs.

Teletype

5/20/68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MIAMI (44-1854)
FROM TAMPA 157-3231)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: SUSPECT JOHN THOMAS BOWLES.

ATTEMPTS TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT CALLHAN DENTAL
LABORATORY, TAMPA, MAY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, NEGATIVE. AUTO-
MATIC ANSWERING SERVICE INDICATED CALLAHAN UNAVAILABLE UNTIL
MAY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT.

EDWARD CALLAHAN, CALLAHAN DENTAL LABORATORIES, ONE ZERO
ZERO ONE ZERO LOCKMAN COURT, TAMPA, FURNISHED FOLLOWING ON MAY
TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT. JOHN BOWLES, SIX ZERO SEVEN BUCKHEAD RIDGE,
OKEECHOBEE, FLA., TELEPHONE NUMBER R A THREE FOUR ZERO THREE ONE,
CONTACTED HIM IN PERSON ON MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST TO HAVE DENTURES
MADE AND GAVE CALAHAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK THAT DATE AS PARTIAL
PAYMENT. TWO APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR APRIL FOUR AND FIVE LAST, BOTH
BOR TEN A.M., HOWEVER CALLAHAN RECALLS BOWLES MADE TWO APPEARANCES
AT LAB BETWEEN MARCH TWENTYSEVEN AND APRIL FOUR, EXACT DATES UN-
RECALLED. DENTURE IMPRESSIONS MADE APRIL FOUR AND CALLAHAN

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ESTIMATED BOWLES LENGTH OF STAY ON APRIL FOUR AS ONE TO ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS AND ON APRIL FIVE SIXTYEIGHT RECALLS BOWLES AT LAB SEVERAL HOURS, RECEIVED DENTURES AND PAID REMAINDER OF BILL OF TEN DOLLARS. CALLAHAN OF OPINION BOWLES FLEW HIS PRIVATE PLANE TO TAMPA FOR APPOINTMENTS AND HAD USE OF BORROWED CAR, LATE MODEL CHEVROLET. ON APRIL FIVE SIXTYEIGHT IN DISCUSSION OF KING MURDER, CALLAHAN DESCRIBED BOWLES AS ASSUMING "DIE HARD SOUTHERNER" ATTITUDE AND EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS BEING GLAD MURDER OCCURRED. WITHIN WEEK'S PERIOD FOLLOWING APRIL FIVE APPOINTMENT, BOWLES REAPPEARED TO HAVE ADJUSTMENT MADE TO DENTURES. CALLAHAN'S RECORDS REFLECT BOWLES FURNISHED LOCAL TAMPA TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO THREE SIX - ONE THREE TWO ONE. ALSO RECALLS ON TWO OCCASIONS BOWLES WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, NAME UNKNOWN, DESCRIBED W/F, LATE THIRTY'S FIVE FT. FOUR IN., ONE THIRTY LBS, DARK HAIR.

RUTH VANDENBERG, VANDENBURG AIRPORT, RTE, TWO BOX NINE TWO, ON MAY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: AVAILABLE RECORDS REFLECT JOHN BOWLES RENTED HANGAR SPACE THIRTYSEVEN SEPTEMBER AND TEN DAY PERIOD OCTOBER SIXTYSEVEN. RECALLS BOWLES PLANE AS J-THREE CUB, TWO PASSENGER, COLOR UNRECALLED, BELIEVED PURCHASED FROM UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL IN TAMPA AREA. NO RECORDS MAINTAINED RE ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES UNLESS OVERNIGHT PARKING OF PLANE INVOLVED AND NO BLIGATION OR REQUIREMENT EXISTS TO FILE FLIGHT PLANS.

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VANDENBERG LOCATED ON GAS TICKET RECEIPT IN NAME OF BOWLES DATED APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT FOR SIX POINT THREE GALLONS AND INDICATED POSSIBILITY BOWLES MAY HAVE MADE GAS PURCHASES EARLIER IN APRIL AND RECEIPT ONLY MADE OUT TO CASH. WITHOUT CERTAINTY OF DATES SHE RECALLED ONE OF BOWLES' ARRIVALS WHEN HE USED OFFICE PHONE TO CALL A RELATIVE, NAME UNRECALLED, TO PICK HIM UP AT AIRPORT AND COMMENTED HE HAD DENTIST APPOINTMENT. VANDENBERG RECALLS ON OCCASION WHEN BOWLES ACCOMPANIED BY FEMALE WHO SHE TOOK FOR GRANTED WAS HIS WIFE, DESCRIBED W/F, DARK HAIR, FIVE FT. - FIVE FT. TWO IN., MID THIRTY'S.

TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO THREE SIX - ONE THREE TWO ONE LISTED TO CHARLIE GRIZZAFFE, THREE THREE W. CREST, TAMPA.

TOM GRIZZAFFE ADVISED MAY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT PARENTS PRESENTLY AT LAKE OKEECHOBEE, FLA. AND STAYING AT PROPERTY OWNED BY THEM, BUCKHEAD RIDGE APARTMENTS, RA OR RO THREE FOUR ZERO THREE ONE.

MIAMI INTERVIEW CHARLIE GRIZZAFFE AND WIFE FOR ACTUAL LENGTH OF TIMES BOWLES KNOWN TO BE AT TAMPA ON PERTINENT DATES.

AIRMAIL COPIES LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC LOS ANGELES 44-1574

DATE: 5/22/68

FROM : SA JAMES E. FEENEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS dated 5/10/68.
Re CINcinnati radiogram to Los Angeles dated 5/20/68.

Los Angeles directories fail to disclose the existence of 17538 Baker Street in Los Angeles, California.

On 5/22/68 H. KINSFURSKY, Postal Inspector's Office, Los Angeles, California advised that there is no such address as 17538 Baker Street, California. (PROTECT)

On 5/22/68 Deputy T. FERRARA, Firestone Division, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, 7901 Compton Boulevard, Los Angeles advised that there is no such number as 17538 Baker Street in his division.

It is noted that no telephone is listed in the referenced complaint and the name of the complaint is listed to a non-existent address. In addition a similarity of names, JACK MICHALES (complainant) and registered owner of License D - 17703 (OHIO), ^{GERALD F. MICHAELS} appears to give some indication that a prank may be involved in this matter. In view of this and the fact that two individuals have been contacted by the Cincinnati Division and both said that the registered owner of instant vehicle bears no resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY, Aka, no further investigation is being conducted in this matter.

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TO: SAC CINCINNATI (157 - 1893)

FROM: SAC LOS ANGELES (44 -1574)

MURKIN

Re Look-Alike Ohio License D 17703
REURAD 5/20/LAST

CINCINNATI DISCONTINUE.

INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES DISCLOSES COMPLAINANT'S ADDRESS

NON - EXISTENT. SIMILARITY OF COMPLAINANT'S NAME AND NAME OF

VEHICLE OWNER INDICATES POSSIBLE PRANK.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT LOS ANGELES.

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TO LOS ANGELES (44-1574) PLAINTEXT

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

RECEIVED BY CODED TELETYPE

MURKIN.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO LETTER RAY WROTE TO PATRICIA
K. ANDERSON THROUGH "THE LOCAL SWINGER" SUTEL DESCRIPTIVE
DATA OF ANDERSON AS PUBLISHED BY "THE LOCAL SWINGER" WHICH
CAUSED RAY TO SELECT HER AS A CORRESPONDENT. COPY MAILED
MEMPHIS.

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NEED CORR LINE FOUR WORD EIGHT AND NINE AFTER WORD A

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UHGTY08)"; 4619:-/4827;2

YOU GARBLED PLS TRY AGAIN

MA CORRESPONDENT. COPY MAILED

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

REBUTEL MAY TWENTY TWO INSTANT, CONCERNING "LOCAL
SWINGER" LIST.

JAMES E. O'DOWD, CO-OWNER "LOCAL SWINGER" DID NOT HAVE
THE ORIGINAL LIST OF SWINGERS FROM WHICH JAMES EARL RAY
SELECTED PATRICIA ANDERSON. O'DOWD STATED HE HAD TAKEN
MOST OF THESE ADVERTISEMENTS FROM THE LOS ANGELES FREE PRESS
AND OTHER LISTS. THE LIST WHICH O'DOWD MADE AVAILABLE WAS OF
THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HE RECALLED HAD COMMUNICATED WITH THE
CLUB AND WHO MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY RAY, BUT
HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON HOW ANDERSON WAS
ADVERTISED IN THE "LOCAL SWINGER" INASMUCH AS ORIGINAL LIST
IS NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED ANDERSON HAS
ADVISED THE SWINGER CLUB MUST HAVE GOTTEN HER NAME FROM OLD
SUBSCRIPTION LIST INASMUCH AS SHE HAD NEVER CONTACTED THEM.
ANDERSON'S NAME IS NOT INCLUDED IN NEW LIST OF THE "LOCAL
SWINGER."

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : SAA CLIFFORD E. HEDRICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

5/21/68

At 6:10PM, JOHN PRESTON SMITH, JR., who resides at 8506 Colorado Avenue, ~~Riverside~~, California telephone 714 688-7630, telephoned the Los Angeles Office and advised he is employed in Los Angeles and on his way home at about 5:30PM, 5/21/68 he observed a light yellow late-model Mustang eastbound on the San Bernardino Freeway at ~~km~~ about the vicinity of Milikin Road offramp/~~(Pomona)~~ which was occupied by a white male and female. The vehicle bore ~~WA~~ District of Columbia license 572046. The male occupant (driver) bore a striking resemblance to photos published in the newspapers of ERIC STARVO GALT. The unknown male appeared to have a scar on the left side of his face and his hair was short in crew-cut style. SMITH made his exit from the freeway at the Milikin Road offramp and the Mustang continued eastbound on the freeway.

In the event it is necessary to recontact SMITH, he is employed by the City of Los Angeles Water and Power at Pico and Wall Streets and could be contacted by telephone from 7:50 to 8:15AM at 481-6713. His job location at the present time is on 6th Street near Wall Street, Los Angeles.

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TO SAC WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE LOOKALIKE, D. C. LICENSE FIVE SEVEN TWO ZERO FOUR SIX.
COMPLAINT RECEIVED ~~THAT~~ DRIVER OF LATE MODEL MUSTANG,
ABOVE LICENSE, RESEMBLED SUBJECT. ADVISE ^{of} REGISTERED OWNER AND
WHERE CAN BE LOCATED LOS ANGELES AREA.

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ENCLOSED FOR ALBANY TO DISPLAY AS INDICATED ABOVE:

ALBANY, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS,
DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE, CHARLOTTE.

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Via Teletype

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC *Memphis*:

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

RE: MURKIN

RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TELSMAY SEVENTEEN
LAST CONCERNING LA TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED ~~REDACTED~~ INDICATES INDIVIDUAL
KNOWN TO LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, EMPLOYEE OF WESTERN UNION,
LOS ANGELES, AS BOB BRICKLEY (ALLEGED TO BE BROTHER OF
FRANK BRICKLEY) IS IN REALITY LESTER EDWARD PACKETT FBI
NUMBER EIGHT TWO SEVEN ONE SEVEN ZERO A, SUBJECT OF BUFILE
EIGHTY SEVEN DASH FOUR SIX TWO EIGHT TWO, IN WHICH KC WAS
OO; KC FILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH EIGHT TWO ZERO NINE: KX FILE
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SEVEN DASH FOUR NINE ZERO ZERO; MM FILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH
ONE ZERO FOUR NINE NINE. ALSO SUBJECT OF KX FILE TWENTY SIX
DASH ONE THREE FOUR FOUR EIGHT, LA FILES EIGHT SEVEN DASH

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NINE FOUR ZERO ZERO, AND TWENTY SIX DASH THREE THREE NINE SIX ZERO.

PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT EXHIBITED TO LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE WHO IDENTIFIED IT AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS BOB BRICKLEY. NANCY BURGDORF, APT. MANAGER, EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, L.A., IDENTIFIED SAME PHOTO AS FORMER RESIDENT THAT APT. WITH ODELA A. PACKETT WHO IS IDENT WITH FBI NUMBER THREE NINE ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN A. ~~████~~ SHE IS CURRENTLY SERVING THIRTY DAYS FOR PROSTITUTION IN L.A. PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT WAS TAKEN BY KNOXVILLE PD DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

POLAROID COPY OF PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO AL FOR EXHIBITION TO RAY ANDREW YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y., TO DETERMINE IF THIS WAS INDIVIDUAL WHO APPROACHED HIM WHILE HE WAS STAYING AT CLARK HOTEL APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

JERRY COHEN, LA TIMES NEWSPAPER, ADVISES PAPER PROMISED THEIR INFORMANT "BOB" LNU, THEY WOULD NOT REVEAL HIS IDENTITY OR HOW TO LOCATE. COHEN DID HOWEVER TELL THIS OFFICE HE WOULD ADVISE IF ANY PHOTOS EXHIBITED WERE NOT IDENTICAL WITH INFORMANT. COHEN STATED PHOTO OF FRANK BRICKLEY NOT IDENT, BUT QUOTE DECLINED TO COMMENT END QUOTE, WHEN PHOTO LESTER PACKETT EXHIBITED TO HIM.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/22/68

FROM : SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN

SUBJECT: MURKIM

On 5/22/68 the writer interviewed GERALD CAMINER, and RICK MOOS, Bank of America, 111 West 7th Street, Los Angeles (MU3-3302). They furnished the following information.

MOOS advised that MARIE MARTIN had a loan, # 06576-7940, with the Bank of America, 3901 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles for the purchase of 1966 Mustang, VIN 6R 070117486, California License # RHV 519. This loan application was dated 4/5/67 and was paid off on 10/13/67, with a "bulk" payment. At the time of pay off she resided on Floyd Avenue, Los Angeles. At the time loan was applied for she was employed as manager of the Orbit Bar, Melrose, Los Angeles. Her mother was listed as Loraine Callaway, New Orleans. All references listed by MARTIN was residents of the New Orleans area.

MOOS advised that RONALD DENINNO aka RONNIE DENINNO opened an account with the B of A, Wilshire-Rampart Branch, Los Angeles on 5/22/67. Account number was [REDACTED] This account was transferred to the Beverly-Vermont Branch, Los Angeles on 9/27/67 and closed on 2/29/68.

Prior to July 26, 1967 MARIE MARTIN and RONNIE DENINNO paid off MARIE'S loan with a check in the amount of \$540.00 drawn on the account of STEE S. CHRISTENSEN, 4695 A Marine Avenue, Powell Avenue, Powell River, British Columbia, dated 6/23/67. This check was made on an account maintained at the Bank of Montreal, Westview Branch, 4715 Marine Avenue, Powell River, B.C. At the time The check was returned once marked NSF and the second time "account closed".

On 9/26/67 RONNIE DENINNO made good this check when he deposited an insurance check in the amount of \$3,000 or \$4,000 dollars in his account. (Exact amount can be determined from review of microfilm if deemed necessary).

and MOOS
During conversation with MARTIN and DENINNO regarding this check drawn on the account of CHRISTENSEN, MARTIN stated she received the check from CHRISTENSEN in New Orleans and that she had printed the name RONNIE DENINNO on the check as the payee.

LEAD: Interview MARIE MARTIN to determine information re STEEN S. CHRISTENSEN, noting RAY was residing in Canada at the time check was dated. Xerox copy of check attached.

Write discretion!

STEEN S. CHRISTENSEN
4695-A MARINE AVENUE TEL.: 485-5622
POWELL RIVER, B.C.

No 254

Date June 23 1967

TO THE ORDER OF BONNIE DEVINNO \$ 540.-
Five Hundred Forty — xx DOLLARS
100

MY BANK **BANK OF MONTREAL**
WESTVIEW BRANCH
4715 MARINE AVENUE
POWELL RIVER, B.C.

Steen Christensen

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TO DIRECTOR (44-33861) AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU MAY SIXTEEN LAST AND
LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU SAME DATE.

RE PHONE CALL FROM GRAPEVINE TAVERN, ST. LOUIS, TO
LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN SIX ONE DASH ZERO NINE
ONE EIGHT ON MARCH FOUR LAST.

SUBSCRIBER TO ABOVE NUMBER IS CAROL SARACENO, FOUR
THREE FIVE ZERO FARMDALE AVENUE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD,
CALIFORNIA. SARACENO INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND ADVISED
SHE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM HER MOTHER IN ST. LOUIS
MARCH FOUR LAST. SARACENO STATED HER MOTHER CALLS HER
CONSTANTLY FROM ST. LOUIS AREA. SHE HAD HER TELEPHONE
NUMBER CHANGED BECAUSE OF NUMEROUS COLLECT CALLS FROM HER
MOTHER. SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF MOTHER IN
ST. LOUIS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA WILLIAM V. SCRUGGS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/23/68

On 5/15/68, Captain DON BURKE, Pomona, California Police Department, advised that at 10:02 AM, 5/15/68, his department had received an anonymous telephone call from a female, perhaps in her 50's, advising "if you want the man who shot Mr. KING, he is living at 331 East Pearl, and he has a loaded shotgun at the front and back door. If you pick him up be careful".

It was determined that the current resident of 331 East Pearl is one GEORGE FLEMING CHAPLINE, with telephone number 622-0671. It was also determined from the records of the Pomona Police Department that CHAPLINE had never been arrested, but that he was born [redacted] and has made numerous complaints and furnished information from time to time from the Pomona Police Department from December 7, 1967, up through 1/1/68.

Records of the Credit Bureau reflected CHAPLINE was employed at Wallach's Music City and is divorced from FRANCES CHAPLINE. He has a good credit record.

On 5/15/68, CHAPLINE was contacted at his residence by SAs SCRUGGS and JOHN L. WALTERS, along with Detectives of the Pomona Police Department. It was noted that in no way did CHAPLINE fit the description of RAY. Mr. CHAPLINE allowed a search of his house to determine if anyone else was there. This search was conducted with negative results. Mr. CHAPLINE stated nobody has been residing with him at this apartment.

On 5/15/68, Captain BURKE later advised that CHAPLINE had contacted him and advised that he believes the manager's wife at his residence is attempting to get him evicted, and might be the person making the anonymous telephone call concerning him.

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On 5/15/68, at 4:14 PM, SA SCRUGGS also received an anonymous call from an elderly woman who advised that the killer of Dr. KING was living at 331 East Pearl in Pomona. This person was advised that she had previously made the same complaint to the Pomona Police Department and that it had been determined by the FBI and the Pomona Police Department that the individual at 331 East Pearl was not RAY. The anonymous caller advised that she knew it was RAY and that she had just seen him again at the apartment with the shotgun. The anonymous caller was requested to furnish her identity at which time she hung up the telephone.

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RADIOGRAM

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-1574); SACs, INDIANAPOLIS, ~~MEMPHIS (44-1987)~~
FROM: CINCINNATI (157-1893)

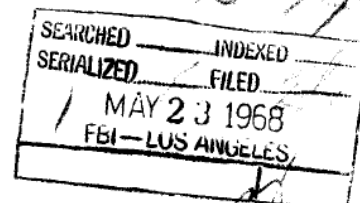
MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN, LAST,
AM CCS. CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS.

CHILLICOTHE FEDERAL REFORMATORY CLOSED DECEMBER, SIXTYSIX,
AND MOST RECORDS TRANSFERRED TO TERRE HAUTE. INDIANAPOLIS
HANDLE CHECK OF RECORDS RE SAMUEL LEWIS.
AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.
END.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)

RE: MURKIN
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Re Butel, 4/25/68, to El Paso, Houston and San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company the long-distance calls placed at each public telephone on Highway 90 and Interstate Highway 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67. Subject reportedly made eight long-distance telephone calls while in Texas.

Set forth by field divisions are some of the telephone calls made from the San Antonio Division, 12/15-17/67, which were obtained from available Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records. The various field division will determine from the subscriber or person receiving the call, the identity of the caller. If the caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain

5-Bureau	2-Little Rock
(2-Legat, Mexico City)	③ Los Angeles
2-Albuquerque	2-Memphis (44-1987)
2-Atlanta	2-New Haven
2-Baltimore	3-New York
2-Chicago	2-Oklahoma City
3-Dallas	2-Omaha
2-Denver	2-Pittsburgh
3-Detroit	2-San Francisco
3-Indianapolis	2-San Antonio
2-Jackson	JMK:csh
2-Jacksonville	(51)
2-Kansas City	

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all available information. Further, determine if the subscriber or the person receiving the call has any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to furnish Legat, Mexico City two copies of this airtel and set forth the same lead for Legat, Mexico as set forth for the other recipient offices listed above.

<u>LEGAT, MEXICO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
	12/16/67	223-8252	1227	Sabinas, Coahuila, Mexico
	12/17/67	278-9068	1250	Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico
	12/15/67	223-7920	427056	Records show to "Lerdo, Mex." Place "Monty"
	12/16/67	223-8252	427056	Monterrey, Mexico
	12/17/67	223-8252	468515	Mexico City
<u>ALBUQUERQUE</u>				
	12/16/67	563-9704	505-877-9947	To JENNY SHOUP
<u>ATLANTA</u>				
	12/15/67	875-9087	404-544-2190	Columbus, Georgia
<u>BALTIMORE</u>				
	12/15/67	563-9793	301-675-0381	
	12/16/67	563-9719	301-675-0381	
<u>CHICAGO</u>				
	12/16/67	223-8252	312-847-4122	
	12/16/67	432-9322	312-533-1084	

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
<u>DALLAS</u>			
12/16/67	278-9012	214-247-6949	
12/17/67	432-9277	214-295-5689	
12/16/67	278-9194	214-351-6970	
12/15/67	223-8148	214-374-6379	
12/15/67	278-9041	214-465-0015	
12/15/67	278-9086	214-748-5851	
12/17/67	278-9194	806-362-7797	
12/16/67	278-9030	806-364-0709	
12/16/67	278-9066	806-364-4789	
12/15/67	223-0300	806-373-1108	
12/15/67	223-7271	806-385-5322	
12/17/67	278-9068	806-765-5963	
<u>DENVER</u>			
12/17/67	379-9059	303-641-1586	Gunnison, Colorado
<u>DETROIT</u>			
12/17/67	379-9953	517-867-3781	Gustine
12/17/67	432-9447	616-236-5598	Miss SNEAA WATKINS Tolman, Michigan
<u>INDIANAPOLIS</u>			
12/15/67	674-9919	317-473-7263	

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
12/15/67	875-9079	317-963-2331	Sharpsville, Indiana
12/17/67	379-9925	219-456-2832	Fort Wayne, Indiana

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling No.</u>	<u>Called No.</u>	<u>Place and/or Person Called</u>
<u>JACKSON</u>			
12/17/67	674-9919	601-475-7722	
12/17/67	432-9005	601-762-3813	
<u>JACKSONVILLE</u>			
12/17/67	875-9055	904-433-1459	Pensacola, Fla.
<u>KANSAS CITY</u>			
12/15/67	674-9761	913-539-4300	
<u>LITTLE ROCK</u>			
12/16/67	223-7271	501-375-6561	
12/16/67	432-9005	501-624-4536	VELMA THOMPSON
12/17/67	432-9277	501-835-3481	WORKMAN
<u>LOS ANGELES</u>			
12/15/67	223-8266	213-231-5482	
12/17/67	988-7491	213-429-9378	
12/17/67	223-7271	213-663-3675	
12/16/67	379-9092	714-540-7240	Santa Ana, Calif.
<u>MEMPHIS</u>			
12/15/67	223-8080	901-947-1819	Memphis, to RUBY SIMONS or SIMORS
<u>NEW HAVEN</u>			
12/17/67	223-7689	203-754-6121	Waterbury, Conn., from Miss JAMES, Room 319, Palace Hotel

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<u>NEW YORK</u>			
12/16/67	432-9407	212-588-7147	
12/16/67	379-9059	914-343-3240	Middletown, N.Y.
<u>OKLAHOMA CITY</u>			
12/17/67	674-9919	405-771-3268	
<u>OMAHA</u>			
12/17/67	379-9084	515-388-4928	
<u>PITTSBURGH</u>			
12/17/67	432-9595	304-727-8137	St. Albans, West Virginia
<u>SAN FRANCISCO</u>			
12/17/67	223-7765	415-654-4366	

Unless pertinent information is developed during the course of the investigation requested above which pertains to the San Antonio Division, it is not necessary to advise the San Antonio Division of the results.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: **May 21, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
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To: All SACs
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

[Signature]
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and dangerous.

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Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC DALLAS (44-2649)
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR AND DALLAS MAY EIGHT LAST,
INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO DIRECTOR AND DALLAS MAY ELEVEN LAST.

ON MAY TWENTY THREE INSTANT STEPHEN THOME, SON OF HAROLD J. THOME, ADVISED FAMILY HAD NO RELATIVES IN TEXAS TO HIS BEST KNOWLEDGE. THOME FURTHER ADVISED FATHER HAD CALLED HIM MONDAY NIGHT FROM UNKNOWN LOCATION, PAYING FOR CALL. SON TOLD FATHER FBI WANTED TO TALK TO HIM AND URGED FATHER CONTACT FBI. FATHER REFUSED, STATING HE FELT FBI WOULD KILL HIM. SON STATED THIS INDICATED FATHER'S DISTURBED MENTAL CONDITION. SAID FATHER INTENSELY INTERESTED WORLD PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD. HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION RE WHEREABOUTS OF FATHER.

THOME ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

JAMES EARL RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

1 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)

1 - Los Angeles

LDJ:CM

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Approved: 

Special Agent in Charge

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TO ALL SACS (PLAINTEXT)

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

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MURKIN

INASMUCH AS RAY IS KNOWN TO STAY AT "FLOPHOUSES" AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS.

ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTY-EIGHT, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTY-FIVE YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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*WF 4/2-8 - Given complete destruction including
all Salvation Army installations of division
as well as all match & sheet (polyphane type)
on 4/2/68. *JP**

*Handle Salvation Army
& St Vincent etc.*

Documents will handle Dues

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SA LEWIS W. KOLDEWEY

SUBJECT: BOB JONES
MURKIN

On 5/14/68 Mr. and Mrs. NEAL BROWN, 522 E. Mariposa Avenue, Rialto, California, advised they operate the Upton Cocktail bar at 16823 Arrow Highway, Fontana, California. Recently they hired BOB JONES as their bartender. NEAL BROWN said that JONES knew some of the tricks of bar tending and must have learned them in a school or from experience. His background was vague.

In view of this NEAL BROWN had offered JONES as a suspect in being possibly identical with JEAMES EARL RAY. The characteristics of RAY were reviewed with both Mrs. and Mrs. BROWN and his photo displayed; they said they would view their bar tender in light of these characteristics.

On 5/16 Mrs. NEAL BROWN said that she has been working in their bar and viewed JONES when he was on duty. She determined that he was not at all identical with RAY.

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