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LARRY AMATEIS, FIELD SERVICE MANAGER, GLOBE UNION, INC., MILWAUKEE, ADVISED F-FOUR ONE INDICATES BATTERY MANUFACTURED AT LOUISVILLE PLANT, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY AND THE "C EIGHT" INDICATES THAT THIS BATTERY WAS SHIPPED FROM THE LOUISVILLE PLANT TO A SEARS STORE IN MARCH OF SIXTY EIGHT.

HE ADVISED THAT LOUISVILLE SHIPS BATTERIES TO ALL OF KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN, OHIO, MISSOURI, N.E. PORTION OF INDIANA, SOUTHERN HALF OF W. VIRGINIA, NORTHERN PORTION OF TENNESSEE AND SOUTHERN HALF OF ILLINOIS.

HE ADVISED THE PERSONS TO CONTACT AT THE LOUISVILLE PLANT ARE MR. JOHN GAYHART OR MR. DARNELL, PHONE NO. FIVE ZERO TWO - NINE SIX FOUR - SIX FOUR THREE ONE.

HE STATED IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT SEARS STORE THIS BATTERY WAS SHIPPED TO. HE DOUBTS IF THE LOUISVILLE PLANT WOULD BE ABLE TO FURNISH THIS INFO UNLESS THERE WAS A WARRANTY CARD ISSUED WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE BATTERY.

LOUISVILLE AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, CONTACT MR. JOHN GAYHART FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFO RE INSTANT BATTERY.

END

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FBI LOUISVLE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA DONALD L. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO:MEMPHIS

Re memo dated 4/23/68.

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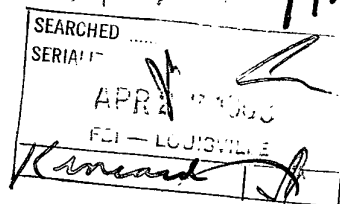
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

DATE: April 26, 1968

FROM : SA T.F. Kellerman

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY-, aka-Fugitive
CIVIL RIGHTS-CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT-ROBBERY

On April 26, 1968 JAMES DAVIS, Radio Operator, KSP, Post #12, Frankfort, Ky. stated that All-State wanted had already been put out by his department for this fugitive and the notice was still outstanding. For this reason it would not be repeated at this time.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Louisville 44-947

DATE: 4-26-68

FROM : SA John K. Penrod

SUBJECT: *MURKIN*
CR
OO: Memphis

Re memo of SA Kincaid dated 4-23-68

Credit and criminal checks were conducted on 4-25-68 with negative results under subject's true name and known aliases in the following counties:

Livingston
Mc Cracken
Ballard
Carlisle
Hickman
Fulton
Graves
Calloway
Marshall

LS 489-C was contacted on 4-24-68 and was unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning subject.

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FBI LOUISVLE

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU
AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN
PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS
CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE
MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY
BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO
ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE
FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS.
THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987),
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), AND LOS ANGELES (44- 1574)
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

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Per J.R.

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1038AM URGENT 4/27/68 MWS

TO LOUISVILLE (44-947)
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 1P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE LOUISVILLE TEL TO CLEVELAND, APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST.

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LOUISVILLE HANDLE.

AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

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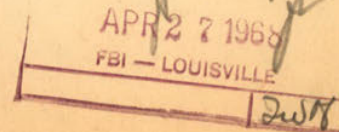
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11:09 A.M. URGENT 4-27-68 VAR

TO: LOUISVILLE (3PGS.)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. CR.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL TO MEMPHIS APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST RE
EDWARD GEORGE WILSON.

LETTER RECEIVED MINNEAPOLIS FROM [REDACTED]
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HE HAD INFORMATION REGARDING INSTANT CASE.

ON APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST [REDACTED] ADVISED HE WAS
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advised 11:03pm 4/27/68
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Date: 4/25/68

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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-

RE: MURKIN
CR

Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

- 1 - Each Continental Office
2 - Memphis

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Approved: *R. Jensen* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/24/68

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau (Enc. 4)
2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each)
2-Kansas City
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Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

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