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INVESTIGATION

Bureau File Number 44-38861

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

12/4/68

SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re IP tels to Bureau 11/13/68 and 11/14/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ERIC C. WILLIAMS and ARTHUR C. GRUBERT:

On 11/13/68, the following individuals advised the records of their businesses failed to indicate anyone using the name JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC S. GALT or JOHN L. RAYNS registered for 8/21/67, nor did they have a record of an older model Plymouth with Illinois license plates for that date:

MARGUERTE PILGRIM, Manager, Gary Travelodge, 6200 Melton Road, Gary, Indiana.

ETHEL MIHALKO, Assistant Manager, Holiday Inn, 3030 East 8th Avenue, Gary, Indiana.

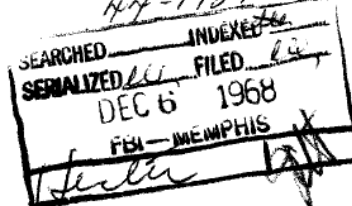
JEAN KIRCHMAYER, Bookkeeper, Diplomat Motel, 4905 Melton Road, Gary, Indiana.

MARGARET LEWIS, Owner, Sleepy Hollow Motel, 5296 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana.

HOWARD NEBBERGALL, Owner, Park Side Motel, 5192 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana.

RICHARD TRETHEWEY, Owner, Don's Motel, 5500 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana.

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IP 44-563

MARTY MARFLAK, Owner, Gary Motel, 5400 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana.

copy On 11/14/68, KATHERINE TROUP, Manager, U. S. 20 Motel, 11200 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana, advised her place of business had no record as above.

12-4-68

AIRTEL

TO: Legat Ottawa (44-4)  
FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Legat Ottawa airtel to Bureau dated 11/29/68.

Referenced communication enclosed copies of Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) reports regarding their negative efforts to identify "Raoul." In the RCMP report itself a statement is set forth placing the reports in a "Confidential" classification.

You should make inquiry with the appropriate officials to determine if these reports can be disseminated to the Department of Justice and to the prosecuting authorities in Memphis, Tennessee. The reports will be held in abeyance pending your inquiry.

You should continue to follow with the RCMP regarding their continued efforts to identify "Raoul," as this matter should be thoroughly resolved.

① - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)

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December 5, 1968

AIRTEL

TO: SACs, Springfield (44-561)  
Chicago (44-1114)

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReSinairtel to Bureau dated 11/29/68.

The LHM enclosed to referenced communication states that 1967 Illinois license LM 5942 was issued on June 5, 1967, to John Harry Rayns, 607 Chestnut, Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, for a 1959 Chrysler, two-door, VIN M531108240, which was purchased used on June 5, 1967, from George Seymour Heller, 7102 North Sheridan Road Chicago, Illinois. Certificate of Title #E1178475 was issued on June 6, 1967, to Rayns for his vehicle with no lien.

According to your LHM, the Illinois license LM 5942 was transferred to Rayns on August 8, 1967, for a 1962 Plymouth, this Plymouth purchased from Bundy Oldsmobile, East St. Louis, Illinois, on July 14, 1967. The application for transfer of license plates indicates that the 1959 Chrysler to be sold at a later date.

Springfield should search the title of the above-mentioned 1959 Chrysler to determine the ultimate disposition of this vehicle, and if applicable have the person who purchased the vehicle from Ray (used name of Rayns) interviewed for full details.

Chicago, if not already done, will interview George Seymour Heller regarding his selling of the 1959 Chrysler to Ray as Rayns.

① - Memphis

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Date 12/10/68

Guest registration cards and the guest ledger pertaining to guests at the Granada Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, Birmingham, were reviewed for the period August 22, 1967, through August 28, 1967, in an effort to determine whether any record might be located of the registration of JAMES EARL RAY under his alias, John L. Rayns.

Such a registration card, #9022, was located reflecting the registration of one JOHN L. RAYNS or RAYMS, residence 1825 Lafayette Street, St. Louis, Missouri, who registered at 9:05 a.m. (Saturday), August 26, 1967. The card reflected that RAYNS had luggage and was assigned to Room 210, at a rate of \$4.50, with one being indicated in his party. No telephone charges were made to his room and the initials of the desk clerk on duty reflected he was assigned a room by A. M. KOONCE.

The above-mentioned registration card was made available and has been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate handwriting comparisons. A review of the registration records during the above-mentioned period, August 22 - 28, 1967, reflected the following guests had been registered at the Granada Hotel during that period:

August 22, 1967

H. J. LOVE  
address illegible (drunk)

JEWEL LATHAM  
address illegible

JOHN L. HERRIN, JR.  
Birmingham, Alabama

ROY TURNER  
no address

ROY TURNER  
no address

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On 11/20-21/68 at Birmingham, Alabama

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ME 44-1987

SA HENRY A. SNOW:rte

12/10/68

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V. R. BLACKWELL,  
Birmingham, Alabama

D. A. MC KINLEY,  
Bessemer, Alabama

RALPH HOCKLANDER,  
85-E Twenty-second Street,  
Holland, Michigan

PAT PARKER,  
Birmingham, Alabama

J. T. WRIGHT,  
2987 Kohr Drive,  
San Diego, California (Telephone Company)

DAN HILL,  
Route 2, Box 105,  
Summerville, South Carolina

J. N. MARTIN,  
Attalla, Alabama

T. L. ASHLEY,  
Birmingham, Alabama

JAMES A. MOORE,  
Wilsonville, Alabama

M. N. HENLEY,  
city illegible, Alabama (day rate)

O. BROWN,  
city illegible, Alabama (day rate)

J. E. KNOX,  
1140 Wells Avenue,  
Gadsden, Alabama

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W. W. NALLY,  
Smyrna, Georgia

H. T. JOHNSON,  
Birmingham, Alabama

August 23, 1967

R. V. TOMPKINS,  
Curry Court,  
Talladega, Alabama

W. E. BRYANT,  
403 Fourth Avenue,  
Jasper, Alabama

MARVIN AUCY,  
Route 1,  
Huntsville, Alabama

F. O. OLIVER,  
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. GENE PHILLIPS  
Birmingham (do not readmit - she tried to knife  
bellboy)

JERRY LANGSTON,  
Birmingham, Alabama

W. R. SMITH,  
Atlanta, Georgia

ANTHONY DAUGHERTY and  
BERNARD PETTIT,  
34 Court Drive,  
Wilmington, Delaware

JESSE WHITE,  
Springville, Alabama

T. E. (illegible)  
Birmingham, Alabama



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CECIL MORGAN,  
Route 1, Box 91,  
no city, Alabama

B. R. BROWN,  
2893 Dunn,  
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE STRANGE,  
Jasper, Alabama

J. E. JACKSON,  
Chicago, Illinois

H. P. GOINS,  
1754 Pennington Place,  
Atlanta, Georgia

CHARLES SMITH,  
Atlanta, Georgia

ARLEN WORKMAN,  
908 Broad,  
Durham, North Carolina (Navy)

THOMAS C. PRANER,  
Trussville, Alabama

ROBERT BISHOP,  
Sylacauga, Alabama

R. E. GLANTON,  
Tarrant, Alabama

J. B. CARTER,  
Cullman, Alabama (day rate)

W. CROOK,  
Bessemer, Alabama

ROY HIGGINBOTHAM,  
Birmingham (day rate)

WILMA PARKER,  
2211 Forrest,  
Gadsden, Alabama

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C. T. PATTON,  
Cullman, Alabama (day rate)

M. F. KING,  
Maylene, Alabama

August 24, 1967

F. O. OLIVER,  
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. BUSBY,  
5209 Center Street,  
Houston, Texas

TOM WILLIAMS,  
Sou. Cafeterias,  
Birmingham, Alabama

WALLACE JORDAN,  
515 Eleventh Street,  
Sylacauga, Alabama

ARLEN ARRINGTON,  
Holly Pond, Alabama

C. L. WOOD,  
515 Pine Street,  
Leeds, Alabama

G. L. BOSWELL,  
Valpariso, Florida

J. W. BANFORD,  
Bessemer, Alabama

GEORGE CAUSEY,  
Pell City, Alabama

ERNEST G. WALLACE,  
Pea Ridge, Alabama

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W. W. NALLY,  
Smyrna, Georgia

MARVIN HERRING,  
no address

JOHN SCOTT,  
Birmingham, Alabama

JAMES BLACK,  
1123 Peachtree Street,  
Atlanta, Georgia

J. B. MC GRAW,  
Ensley, Alabama

V. L. GAY PARKER,  
2211 Forrest Avenue,  
Gadsden, Alabama

MARTIN PHILLIPS,  
Birmingham, Alabama

JACK WILLIAMSON,  
2617 Pansy,  
Huntsville, Alabama

JAMES FOSTER  
no address

T. W. WINSTON,  
Birmingham, Alabama

AL HURST,  
Route 4,  
Piedmont, Alabama

JIM POYNTER,  
308 North Cherry,  
Effingham, Illinois

H. T. JOHNSON,  
Birmingham, Alabama



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August 25, 1967

L. P. FRACHISEN,  
1216 Raley,  
East Gadsden, Alabama

KENNETH WASSURN,  
Birmingham, Alabama

HARRY B. CARTER,  
843 St. Charles Avenue, Northeast,  
Atlanta, Georgia

GEORGE BURK,  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

EDWARD P. MOSS,  
1721 McCahill Street,  
Decatur, Alabama

PATRICIA A. MIROLA and  
KATHLEEN A. DELANEY,  
369 North Street,  
Middletown, New York

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. JOHNSON,  
2116 Fourteenth Street,  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

RICHARD GLENN,  
Birmingham, Alabama

BILL GREEN,  
Route 3, Birmingham, Alabama

JACK MILLER,  
2125 Lake Street,  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

JAMES FOSTER,  
Leeds, Alabama

FLOYD TURNER,  
7905 Fifth Avenue,  
Anniston, Alabama

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RAY MATTOX,  
Route 2,  
Hanceville, Alabama

J. F. MURPHREE,  
1237 Forty-eighth Street, North,  
Birmingham, Alabama

Mrs. LARRY BLACK,  
Birmingham, Alabama

LUKE HARBIN,  
2373 Cherokee Road,  
Birmingham, Alabama

TONY SMITH and  
THOMAS JONES,  
address illegible

WESLEY HISSAIN,  
1824 South Utah Avenue,  
Gadsden, Alabama

JAMES MARSHALL,  
Johnson City, Tennessee

HUGH W. FARR,  
912 Tenth Street, Southwest,  
Birmingham, Alabama

ROY CHAPMAN,  
Mobile, Alabama

BILL WILSON,  
2132 Earglow Avenue,  
Gadsden, Alabama

T. M. VICK,  
Columbiana, Alabama

HELEN PURDY,  
Birmingham, Alabama

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MARK PHILLIPS,  
Oneonta, Alabama

DELL DYARS,  
Route 1,  
Talladega, Alabama

E. J. SMITH,  
104 Second Avenue,  
Huntsville, Alabama

JOHN HOWELL,  
Crimson Towers,  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

R.M. KERSEY,  
1000 Marshall,  
Mattoon, Illinois  
(REA Express)

August 26, 1967

S. COX,  
Birmingham, Alabama

J. C. JONES,  
Birmingham, Alabama

WADE FOWLER,  
Sylacauga, Alabama

JOE SMITH,  
Mobile, Alabama

A. L. CLAYTON,  
Gadsden, Alabama

LARRY DAVIS,  
Route 2,  
Centreville, Alabama



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COLVIN VICTORY,  
5361 First Avenue, North,  
Birmingham, Alabama

PAUL J. LEAGUE,  
819 Asylum Street,  
Flint, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES O'BRIAN,  
1625 Twelfth Avenue,  
Meridian, Mississippi

FRED HERR,  
Birmingham (drunk)

PASCO BIGBIE,  
Birmingham, Alabama

PAUL WESSE (or WESSON),  
3924 Knollwood Lane,  
Birmingham, Alabama

PAUL SOUTH (or SMITH)  
Birmingham, Alabama

LEE SMITH  
132 South Spruce Street,  
Kansas City, Missouri

FRED GINGSS (?)  
Birmingham, Alabama

C. A. HENDERSON,  
Hanceville, Alabama

C. R. DAVIS,  
1114 Jupiter Street,  
Gadsden, Alabama

Mr. SELLERS (beaten up)  
Route 1, Box 407,  
Jemison, Alabama

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BILLY JACKSON,  
481 South Brevard,  
Cocoa, Florida

\* JOHN L. RAYNS (receipt executed for card),  
1825 Lafayette Street,  
St. Louis, Missouri

August 27, 1967

B. L. FROST (trouble),  
29 Lakewood,  
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. WELLS,  
Birmingham, Alabama

F. O. OLIVER,  
Birmingham, Alabama

E. Q. BLACK, JR.,  
667 West 12th Street,  
Jasper, Alabama

August 28, 1967

JIM POYNTER,  
308 North Cherry,  
Effingham, Illinois

T. M. VICK,  
Columbiana, Alabama

GERALD W. HAMILTON,  
Birmingham, Alabama

H. L. GRIMES,  
3890 Lee Street,  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

J. B. HAYES,  
Cullman, Alabama

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ROSEMARY LINDSEY,  
Birmingham, Alabama

J. E. WATKINS,  
Birmingham, Alabama

CURTIS PARKER,  
Birmingham, Alabama

R. B. FROST (trouble)  
Birmingham, Alabama

DON CLARK,  
Gary, Indiana

A. L. WHITE,  
911 Westover Drive,  
High Point, North Carolina

ROY BURGESS,  
630 Kennan Road,  
Huntsville, Alabama

JOE BRADY,  
no address (day rate)

Mrs. P. STONE,  
415 Naylor Street,  
San Antonio, Texas

CORLEE PARISH,  
no address (day rate)

W. J. BROTHER,  
Birmingham, Alabama

PETE MARTIN,  
Birmingham (day rate).

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/10/68

CHARLIE TRONCALE, Manager-Owner, GRANADA Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, inspected the registration card of one JOHN L. RAYNS (or RAYMS), who was a guest at his hotel on August 26, 1967. He advised that he had no independent recollection of that guest and did not recall him. He advised that he had previously viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY without having made any identification but he pointed out that he is rarely in his establishment and all guests' registrations are handled by the desk clerk on duty.

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On 11/20/68 at Birmingham, AlabamaFile # BH 44-1740by SA HENRY A. SNOW:rteME 44-1987-Sub M-299  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/10/68

ADRIAN M. KOONCE, regular night clerk at the Granada Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, reviewed the registration card, #9022, which reflected the registration of guest, JOHN L. RAYNS or RAYMS at his hotel at 9:05 a.m. (Saturday), August 26, 1967. Mr. KOONCE identified his initials as being the desk clerk on duty at that time and stated that ordinarily throughout the work week, he is on duty at night but on Saturdays, he works the day shift. He stated he had no independent recollection whatsoever of the guest whom he had registered as RAYNS or RAYMS on August 26, 1967, but that his notation indicated the guest did not have luggage, and occupied Room 210 at a rate of \$4.50 per day, with only the guest being indicated as in the party. No telephone charges were made to the room and the method of arrival of the guest was unknown. The time of departure was not indicated in the records of the Granada Hotel.

Mr. KOONCE related that he had previously viewed several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and had been unable to recall that individual as being a previous guest in his establishment and did not connect the photographs of RAY with the registration of guest RAYNS or RAYMS.

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On 11/21/68 at Birmingham, AlabamaFile # BH 44-1740

SA HENRY A. SNOW:rte

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F B I

Date: **December 11, 1968**

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via **AIRTEL** \_\_\_\_\_ **AIRMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

**TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)**

**FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)**

**MURKIN  
OO:ME**

**Responsive to your airtel of December 4,  
1968, enclosed are fifteen copies each of the requested  
FD-302's.**

*W. G. M.*  
**②-Memphis (Enc.45)  
2-Birmingham  
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*Henry  
finally got  
it done.*

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

OTHER FILE REFERENCES: REF. AUTRES DOSSIERS:	DIVISION "B"	DATE 15 NOV 68	RCMP FILE REFERENCES: REF. DOSSIERS GRC:  68GIS 790-107 68C 190-19 68HQ 791-2-60
	SUB-DIVISION - SOUS-DIVISION		
	DETACHMENT - DÉTACHEMENT Montreal G.I.S.		

RE:  
OBJET:

Martin Luther KING -  
Murder of:  
- Assistance to F.B.I. -

1. Further to the memorandum of the A/Officer i/c C.I.B. dated in Ottawa the 28 OCT 68, the hotel mentioned is none other than the Harkey Apartments where RAY resided whilst in Montreal. This building concept is fairly large and is situated at the corner of Havre and Notre-Dame East Street in Montreal. The Acapulco Club is part of this building and has its main entrance on Havre Street while the Harkey Apartments have its main entrance around the corner of Notre-Dame Street.

2. Further to verbal instructions received from Insp. DUCHESNEAU, enquiries conducted at the Neptune Tavern, 121 rue des Commissaires West, have revealed the following.

3. Mr. Eugène GAUDET, co-owner of Neptune Tavern, residing at Rang St-Dominique, Les Cèdres, Comté de Soulanges, P.Q., telephone 452-4438, was interviewed and stated being fully aware of newspaper articles which had been written in respect to RAY's activities in Montreal. He could not however identify photographs of RAY as having been a client at his tavern nor could he offer any information on the blond latin named RAOUL.

4. Mr. Arthur MORIN, day waiter at Neptune Tavern during the period concerned and residing at 1827 St-André Street, Montreal P.Q., was interviewed and could not offer any information of value relative to RAY and one RAOUL ever having been customers at the Neptune Tavern. From his records, Mr. GAUDET was able to supply the name of a former waiter who had been employed on the evening shift at the tavern during the Summer of 1967. This former waiter was identified as Michel BACON, 2823A Ontario East, SIN [REDACTED]. Attempts to interview BACON at 2823A Ontario East, have revealed that BACON is no longer residing there and it was not possible to obtain any information as to his present address or employer. It was however, learned that BACON was believed to still be in the Greater Montreal area. Enquiries have been instituted through the regional UIC Office in Montreal in view of locating BACON through his present employer.

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5. Jean-Marie CHARRON, co-owner of Neptune Tavern residing at 5100 Boulevard Pie IX, Apt. 104, Montreal, P.Q., was interviewed and he stated that at approximately 6:30pm on one of the last days of October 1968, two (2) men who had identified themselves as newspaper reporters from U.S.A. had presented themselves at the tavern and had exhibited to CHARRON two (2) pictures one of which, they stated being the photograph of James Earl Ray, and the other being a photograph of [REDACTED].

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One of the newspapermen who spoke broken French, enquired from CHARRON if either RAY or RAOUL had ever been customers at his tavern. CHARRON states having declined to make any identification either of RAY or RAOUL.

6. The picture of RAY which was in possession of these two (2) men was identical to the last photograph which was obtained prior to RAY's arrest. The dress and tie were similar with the exception that RAY was holding the lapel of his suit jacket with his right hand. The picture of RAOUL was a full-face picture, passport-type photograph which showed RAOUL to have blond curly hair, age approximately 30 years old, wearing a white shirt, a tie, and a dress jacket. CHARRON stated to us that from our photographs of RAY, he could not state whether or not RAY had ever been a customer at the Neptune Tavern. The same applied in the case of RAOUL. One comment made by CHARRON was to the effect that the photograph of RAOUL which had been exhibited by the American newspapermen indicated to him that RAOUL was not a sailor. One of the newspapermen also made mention that RAY was in possession of a Neptune Tavern matchbook which served to indicate to them that RAY could have visited the tavern.

7. The newspapermen who spoke to CHARRON were described as follows: First - Spoke English like an American, height 5'6", built small, hair blond, spoke broken French. Second - Spoke like an American, approximately 6' tall, thick dark hair, wore a band indicating that he was married.

8. Please find attached hereto, photostat copies of a newspaper article which appeared in "The Gazette", Montreal, P.Q., on the 12 NOV 68.

9. In an attempt to corroborate CHARRON's statement to the effect that a photograph of a man reported to be RAOUL had been exhibited to him, further enquiries will be conducted in the Montreal area. Some of the persons who were interviewed earlier during the course of this investigation will be contacted in a view of ascertaining if they have any information pertaining to RAOUL.

D.D. 28-11-68

Sgt.  
( E.J.C. Mager ) #17440  
Montreal C.I.S.

(JIB RAOUL) S/SGT.  
N.C.O. I/C C.I.S.

12-11-68

**AIRTEL**

**To: Legat, Ottawa (44-4) (Enc. 1)**  
**SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 2)**

**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

Re Legat Ottawa airtel to the Bureau dated 12-3-68.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) report enclosed to re communication contains an interview with one Jean-Marie Charren, co-owner of Neptune Tavern, Montreal, Canada, who states that two men who identified themselves as "newspaper reporters" from the United States exhibited two photographs to him; one allegedly of James Earl Ray, and the other allegedly of "Raoul." To date these "newspaper reporters" have not been identified, and the RCMP is making an all-out effort to identify the reporters, as well as "Raoul."

William Bradford Huie has written two articles for "Look" magazine concerning the activities of Ray and contained in these articles are various accounts of Ray's activities in Canada, as well as photographs of establishments in Canada including the Neptune Tavern in Montreal. The credit in "Look" magazine for the photographs has been given to one James Hansen. The possibility exists that Huie and Hansen are the "newspaper reporters" who appeared in the Neptune Tavern.

The Bureau has obtained photographs of William Bradford Huie and James Hansen and enclosed are two photographs each for Legat Ottawa. Legat Ottawa should request the RCMP to exhibit photographs of Huie and Hansen to Jean-Marie Charren, co-owner of the Neptune Tavern in Montreal, to determine if Huie and Hansen were the individuals who exhibited photographs to him; one allegedly being Ray and one allegedly being "Raoul."

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Hester

Airtel to Legat, Ottawa  
SAC, Memphis  
RE: MURKIN

In the RCMP report enclosed to Legat Ottawa airtel to the Bureau 12-3-68, mention is made of newspaper article appearing in "The Gazette" Montreal on November 12, 1968. Legat Ottawa should obtain this article and forward same to the Bureau.

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The Bureau does not have any information indicating two "newspaper reporters" from the United States have been in Canada exhibiting photographs.

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**AIRTEL**

**To: SAC, San Francisco**  
**From: Director, FBI (157-3231)**  
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San Francisco keep the Bureau advised of developments.

**Enclosure (1)**

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
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Based upon available data, William Dearborn Hersey not identifiable in Bureau files.

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# Memorandum

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✓ FROM : Director, FBI (44-38861)

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the car, he got to Birmingham on August 26th., actually he was there one day earlier to -

DONALDSON - When you say the dealing here, are we talking about the assassination plot?

HEWEY - Yes, I'm talking about what finally resulted in the assassination of KING. Now apparently RAY did not know anything about the murder of Martin Luther KING, certainly not before March the 22nd., 1968. All RAY knew was that he had a deal with certain contacts for which he was paid money and ultimately he was to receive passport, full travel papers, assistance to go anywhere he wanted to go, plus \$12,000. The ultimate of this was to be the final pay-off when they were finished. RAY says that everytime he attempted to ask what the crime was to be, he was told well, you're not being paid to ask questions, we will take care of that. You're getting along all right, and so RAY then went back to California. Of course, in the second instalment in "LOOK" I revealed some of the things that he did there. He had started a great deal of that hypnotism and he visited a hypnotist in -- in -- who thought that hypnotism could help him understand himself better or improve his personality. Like many people in California, RAY went on a great self-improvement kick while he was in Los Angeles at that time. An analysis of RAY by the hypnotist which we published now, I think is the most revealing analysis of RAY that we've had anywhere.

DONALDSON - How large was the conspiracy and have you any theory why, why they wanted to kill Martin Luther KING.

HEWEY - From everything that I know and RAY's movements and other things that I have established I am convinced that the people behind the conspiracy wanted to use the death of Martin Luther KING to cause more racial trouble in the United States.

DONALDSON - These were criminals, or these were the people behind the criminals?

HEWEY - No, these were the people perhaps behind the criminals. They wanted KING to be killed, that is, to take - they wanted KING killed during the election year. You see we have had an awful lot of talk about crime on the streets and about gorilla warfare, I believe the Canadian Prime Minister TRUDEAU made a speech yesterday about that in which he predicted or warned that perhaps gorilla warfare in the United States might very well spill over into large Canadian cities, so I think that the people who planned Dr. KING's assassination did it coldly and with calculation to kill him at a moment - at a dramatic moment when he was in the news and to kill him for maximum effect meaning to cause a violent conflict between white and negroe people in the United States.

That did result in about one hundred, more than a hundred

- HEWEY - Yes, there were riots and certainly it has --
- DONALDSON - But the fighting behind the riots was that a spontaneous reaction to KING's death?
- HEWEY - I would think that that was spontaneous but I think that the planners who planned to assassinate Dr. KING had certainly understood that that would be one of the results. In all political assassinations the victim is the secondary target. The real target you see is the society, so I think that it was - if it - I also am certain at this point that they did not plan to kill KING in Memphis. The Memphis conflict came up rather quickly, they had planned to murder KING in connection with the Poor Peoples' March.
- DONALDSON - When he got to Washington.
- HEWEY - Well, if not when he got to Washington, when he was recruiting and organizing the Poor Peoples' March in the South but perhaps not in Washington but while he was recruiting it because that was what the planners thought would project Dr. KING back into the news, was the Poor Peoples' March and as you'll see from what I will publish on November 12th., there were certain activities even involving RAY as far as the Poor Peoples' March was concerned. So as the conflict in Memphis came as a sort of dividend to the planners and the decision to murder Dr. KING in Memphis instead of in Birmingham or Atlanta or Selma or some

other place that KING was associated with. The decision to kill him in Memphis was a rather sudden decision.

DONALDSON - Mr. HEWEY you must have a picture in your mind of what these planners of the assassination are. What are they leftist, rightist, are they black, are they white?

HEWEY - I don't think that I can say positively at this moment but you should bear in mind, and I'm sure that everyone who thinks about it, realizes that by April 4th., 1968, there were several groups in the United States both black and white who had - who wanted to see violence, racial violence, in our streets. There are several groups still do - and certainly Dr. KING knew that, I saw him sometime before he was assassinated and I urged him at that time to be more careful and of course I observed from him what everybody else did - observed in him - and never did I see a man who was more certain of his own death - of his own approaching death and this I think was because he knew that there were several groups that felt that perhaps violence could come as a result of his death and there were several groups who wanted to see that violence, indeed who had invested interest in such violence.

DONALDSON - Purely the violence, they were not anxious just to kill KING.

HEWEY - I think that we will be able to establish, certainly James Earl RAY is not the type of racial assassin we



have seen in other cases. If you put the murderers of Mrs. LIUSO (ph), the murderers of the three in Ashobicani (ph), Mississippi, the Ku-Klux Klan murderers of Professor L. PENN in Georgia, the murderers of the negroe boy Enit TILL (ph), if you stood them all up and then you put James Earl RAY in with them, well RAY wouldn't fit.

DONALDSON - RAY is not a racist -

HEWEY - He's not the kind of man who would kill deliberately himself in the hope of preventing racial change. RAY may have disliked negroes, with his background it would be remarkable if he did not but certainly this was not his motivation, so I think that he and others were used and were paid by people who wanted to see great trouble in the United States in 1968.

DONALDSON - Do you think there was some kind of conspiracy?

LANG - Well, here again, I've had my say on the matter, and, the judge of course, his order covers that sort of thing. The Attorney General of the United States started proclaiming immediately after the slaying of Dr. KING that one man acted alone and I disagreed with him and to that extent, why I'll have to agree with what Mr. HEWEY has told you.

DONALDSON - Mr. HEWEY has a theory as to why Dr. KING was killed and that it was deliberately done to provoke all the rioting which subsequently followed.

- LANG - Well, at this time, I of course couldn't comment on what my thoughts and opinions are it might of course play a part in the trial, I don't know.
- DONALDSON - Well you did originally believe that more than one person --
- LANG - Well I stated at one time that in my judgment there were more people than one involved in the case, yes sir.
- DONALDSON - I gather that this may be quite a long trial, I understand the prosecution is drafting up hundreds of witnesses.
- LANG - Yes sir that's true, they have on their list between four and five hundred witnesses. Now whether they subpoena them all or if they subpoena them, whether they put them on the stand or not, I don't know, only the prosecution knows and it could perhaps stretch into a rather lengthy trial.
- DONALDSON - They have a large number from Canada too I believe.
- LANG - Yes sir, they have a long list, from Canada, from Mexico, from Portugal and England and of course they're working best in the United States
- DONALDSON - Basically the large number of witnesses from all over the place would tend to build up the idea in the public mind of a conspiracy rather than otherwise.

- LANG - Well, it may be and of course here again I'm merely speculating on the prosecution's idea behind this, maybe they want all these witnesses there to try to show that there wasn't, you see.
- HEWEY - Whether there's a connection between the assassination of John KENNEDY and the assassination of Martin Luther KING, this remains to be seen, however, I must have had at least fifty telephone calls, at least one or two of them from Canada incidentally, from people who called and sells assassination books who have read all the books and studied all the files including the voluminous Wine Commission Report, they have people in the United States particularly who make a career out of it now, at least a vocation out of it. So many of these people have called me telling me that they are positive that there is connections between the two. One man is meeting me in New York with photographs. RAY's description of the character he called RAOUL who he met in Montreal and the man who also had a telephone number in New Orleans, this same Latin figure who is perhaps redheaded and perhaps looks blonde if the sun is shining on him in one angle and is about 35 years old. This figure also appears in G.M. GARRISON's mythology.
- DONALDSON - G.M. GARRISON, the D.A. and ---
- HEWEY - And the District Attorney in New Orleans who has worked so hard to prove that the assassination of John KENNEDY was a New Orleans based conspiracy. Now certainly

it appears from what I know now that the assassination of Martin Luther KING was largely Louisiana based. I think RAY was discovered in Montreal but certainly there must be a good deal of criminal contact between Montreal and New Orleans or these people who visit Montreal, some of them also visit New Orleans and so this remains to be seen but you know, in conspiracies where there are four or more people like - A, B, C and D - "D" frequently does not know the identity of "A" and "B" - he only knows "C" and in order to unravel the conspiracy you then have to get "C" and "C" certainly knows who "B" is and this is the way conspiracies have to be unravelled. This is why I think that it may be some time before we know everything about the assassination of Martin Luther KING.

DONALDSON - Do you think RAOUL is going to turn up eventually?

HEWEY - I think somebody very much like RAOUL will be arrested one of these days and before too long.

DONALDSON - In connection with the assassination?

HEWEY - In connection with the assassination of Martin Luther KING. I think certainly James Earl RAY knows the identity of at least one other man and perhaps two other men in the plot and I believe that before long the identities of those people, the public will become aware of them.

DONALDSON - Tell me Mr. HEWEY, why did RAY decide to tell his

story to you.

HEWLEY

- RAY, like many criminals, yearns for some form of recognition. His life has been a miserable one and so he yearns for recognition, moreover, in my view from all that he's written me - the many thousands of words he's written to me, I have the feeling that he wanted recognition as a criminal. Several times in his writing he told me for instance that he had to get the plastic surgery because he anticipated that at any moment the F.B.I. would put him on the top ten, meaning the ten most wanted criminals, and, for those of us who have studied RAY's record this seems rather strange because RAY isn't - before the murder of Dr. KING RAY had never seemed to qualify for the top ten in the criminal hierarchy and so - but yet he seemed to anticipate that he would be and almost you can feel that he wants to be on the top ten and certainly he's a man that as I've written, his rather impassive countenance lights up, he chuckles or something only when he's told about how he has left a false clue somewhere and the idea of F.B.I. agents or Canadian Mounted Police chasing down alleys on false leads is the only thing that he really chuckles about, you see, this fascinates him. So he thinks of life as himself against the police. That's the game that he plays and he wants to excel at it.

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