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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA (62-2892)

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SA EDWIN W. FLINT

SUBJECT: SARAH D. FIERSTINE  
412 - 3rd Ave., W.S.E.  
Independence, Iowa  
INFO CONCERNING

Re letter from FIERSTINE to FBI, Omaha dated May 16, 1968.

On 6/5/68, MRS. SARAH FIERSTINE, above address, was interviewed by the writer. She lives by herself, is employed as a dishwasher at White's Cafe, Independence, and is about 60 years of age. On talking with this person on this date, and during an interview several months ago, she related that her children had been taken from her over 25 years ago illegally, and that WMT, TV & Radio Stations, Cedar Rapids, Iowa were responsible, and would not tell her where her true children were located. She claimed that two children which she had raised to adulthood were not here, but that no one would help her recover her true children. She related she had been to numerous attorneys and into court, but that no one would believe her story.

MRS. FIERSTINE admitted that she has been in the State Mental Health Institute, Independence, Iowa several years ago for mental illness. Chief of Police LYMAN A. BAUGH and Sheriff FRED BEIER, both of Independence, Iowa, know this person, and state she is mentally unstable, and is a chronic complainer on alleged acts occurring in the community.

MRS. FIERSTINE said on 6/5/68 that the "character I think your department should have" is someone she thinks is identical to the MURKIN subject. She had written numerous notes on this person, and had hidden them in a large dictionary in her room; she furnished the notes and her opinions, which show the man to be DEAN CARTER, Victoria, Texas, whose description and activities do not fit those of the MURKIN subject. It is apparent that MRS. FIERSTINE had written much of her info on this person, CARTER, after reading newspaper accounts about JAMES EARL RAY.

In view of MRS. FIERSTINE's obvious mental instability, and her inclination to furnish information on above topics, it is suggested that no further inquiry be made on this subject.



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1150 AM 6-7-68 URGENT NCD

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 5P

MURKIN

PAUL BRIDGEMAN, FORMER INMATE, MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ADVISED HE MET RAY IN PRISON IN NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR. LAST SAW RAY FIRST TO MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY, LAST, IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AT OLD FORTRESS BAR. BRIDGEMAN CLAIMS HE WAS APPROACHED BY GIRL WHO ASKED HIM IF HE WAS PAUL AND WHEN HE ANSWERED YES, SHE TOLD HIM HER NAME BEVERLY HILL AND THAT JIMMY WANTED TO SEE HIM. HE ADVISED HE FOLLOWED HER OUTSIDE AND MET RAY. RAY DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE T-BIRD, LIGHT BLUE WITH PLATES WHICH WERE WHITE WITH RED LETTERS. RAY TOLD BRIDGEMAN HE NEEDED SOME MONEY. BRIDGEMAN CLAIMS HE HAD ABOUT FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS ON HIM AND GAVE RAY THIRTY-FIVE

DOLLARS. AFTER HE GAVE RAY MONEY, RAY SAID, "I'LL SEE YOU

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THIS WEEKEND', AND LEFT. BRIDGEMAN CLAIMS THIS WAS LAST AND ONLY TIME HE SAW RAY SINCE RAY'S ESCAPE MSP.

HE DESCRIBED BEVERLY HILL AS FEMALE, WHITE, TWENTY-THREE, FIVE FEET TWO TO THREE INCHES, ONE ONE ZERO POUNDS, BLOND, ATTRACTIVE, WHO APPEARED FAMILIAR TO HIM AND POSSIBLY IS PROSTITUTE.

WHILE AT MSP, BRIDGEMAN TOLD RAY HE HUNG OUT AT OLD FORTRESS AND HIGH HAT BARS IN KANSAS CITY AND THAT IS WHY RAY KNEW HOW TO FIND HIM. BRIDGEMAN RECALLS DISCUSSING WITH RAY WHILE AT MSP A JOYCE MARTIN, AKA JOYCE WILLIAMS, ONE THREE THREE FIVE SOUTH MINNIE STREET, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, WHO WAS DESCRIBED BY BRIDGEMAN AS "GOOD PEOPLE" FOR A CON ON THE RUN. SHE WORKED AT KINGS INN IN COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA.

RAY ALSO MENTIONED A DI RANGO'S OR RANGO'S IN LOS ANGELES CHINA TOWN AS A DOPE HUSTLING PLACE. RAY TALKED LOT ABOUT MOHANNAN (PH) WHO OWNED PLACE CALLED PUSSY CAT A GO-GO ON GAS LIGHT SQUARE IN ST. LOUIS. BRIDGEMAN FELT RAY WELL KNOWN AT THIS NIGHT CLUB AND GOOD INFO CONCERNING RAY CAN BE OBTAINED THER.

RAY ALSO MENTIONED A "JOINT" ON SOUTH BELDEN OR BELVAR IN



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DENVER, COLORADO, WHERE BRIDGEMAN FELT RAY WOULD BE WELL KNOWN.

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BRIDGEMAN MENTIONED FOLLOWING AS BEING FRIENDS OF RAY:  
GEORGE BILL, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA; JIMMY POE, SEVEN  
ONE EIGHT TWENTY-SEVENTH PLACE, NORTH GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS;  
BILL RUSSELL, TWO FIVE TWO THREE WARREN, ST. LOUIS.

BRIDGEMAN DENIED EVER BEING OUT OF U.S. AND DENIED KNOWING ANYTHING CONCERNING RAY'S WHEREABOUTS. BRIDGEMAN DESCRIBED RAY AS BEING A PRETTY COOL CON WHO MANAGED TO OBTAIN INGREDIENTS, I.E., RAISINS, SUGAR, YEAST, WHICH HE USED TO MAKE INTOXICANTS WHILE AT MSP, MAJORITY OF WHICH HE SOLD TO OTHER INMATES. BRIDGEMAN EXPRESSED OPINION RAY WOULD BE CAPABLE OF MURDER BUT ONLY IF THERE WAS MONEY INVOLVED. RAY HAD STRONG DISLIKE FOR NEGROES AND REFUSED TO ATTEND VARIOUS SPORTING EVENTS WHILE AT PRISON DUE TO FACT MAJORITY OF TEAM CONSISTED OF NEGROES.

BRIDGEMAN ADVISED RAY AT ONE TIME MENTIONED WANTING TO GO TO BRAZIL AND ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CASTRO GOVERNMENT OF CUBA. HE ALSO MENTIONED WANTING TO GO TO AUSTRALIA BECAUSE HE FELT THERE WERE NO NEGROES IN AUSTRALIA.

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DENVER, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BAR ON SOUTH BELDEN OR BELVAR AND CONDUCT ANY INDICATED INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO DEVELOP INFO CONCERNING RAY.

KANSAS CITY, WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY BEVERLY HILL AND CONDUCT ANY INDICATED INVESTIGATION AT OLD FORTRESS BAR AND HIGH HAT BAR.

LOS ANGELES, WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOYCE MARTIN, ONE THREE THREE FIVE SOUTH MINNIE STREET, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA FOR ANY INFO SHE MAY HAVE CONCERNING RAY. WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW GEORGE GILL, SANTA ANA. WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE THE DI RANGO'S OR RANGO'S IN LOS ANGELES CHINA TOWN AND CONDUCT ANY INDICATED INVESTIGATION CONCERNING RAY.

OMAHA, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE IOWA AUTO REGISTRATION FOR BEVERLY HILL.

ST. LOUIS, WILL INTERVIEW BILL RUSSELL, TWO FIVE TWO THREE WARREN AND MAKE INQUIRY AT PUSSY CATA A GO-GO FOR INFO CONCERNING RAY.

SPRINGFIELDS, WILL INTERVIEW JIMMY POE, SEVEN ONE EIGHT TWENTY-SEVENTH PLACE, NORTH GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS.

JACKIE KLINE, GIRL FRIEND OF BRIDGEMAN, ALSO INTERVIEWED

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BUT COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFO CONCERNING RAY.

ALL OFFICES EVALUATE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY  
BRIDGEMAN AND FURNISH MINNEAPOLIS WITH ANY PERTINENT INFO  
BECAUSE CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH BRIDGEMAN AND KLINE.  
BRIDGEMAN WILL BE QUESTIONED CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED MEETING WITH  
RAY IN OKLAHOME WHEN RAY HAD PLENTY OF MONEY

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620 PM IMMEDIATE 6/7/68 JRC

TO DIRECTOR, DENVER, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS, OMAHA,  
SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE, JUNE SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, TO ABOVE  
OFFICES SUMMARIZING INTERVIEW OF PAUL BRIDGEMAN.

KAYE HAMMOND, DAY BARTENDER FOR THREE YEARS AT OLD FORTRESS  
TAVERN, KANSAS CITY, MO., IDENTIFIED PHOTOS OF PAUL BRIDGEMAN AND  
JACKIE KLINE AS FREQUENT PATRONS DURING LAST FEW MONTHS, BUT COULD  
NOT IDENTIFY PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY AND HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF AN BEVERLY  
HILL AS DESCRIBED BY BRIDGEMAN AS PATRON OR EMPLOYEE OF TAVERN.

JAMES DUARDI, ALLEGED FENCE AND ASSOCIATE OF THE ITALIAN  
CRIMINAL ELEMENT AND PROPRIETOR OF THE TAVERN, HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED  
ON JUNE FOUR AND HAD ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED BRIDGEMAN AS FREQUENT PATRON  
UNTIL RECENT WEEKS. DUARDI BEING RE-INTERVIEWED CONCERNING POSSIBLE  
IDENTITY OF BEVERLY HILL.

KANSAS CITY INDICES NEGATIVE ON BEVERLY HILL. LOCAL POLICE  
RECORDS AND VICE OFFICERS BEING CONTACTED TO TRY TO IDENTIFY BEVERLY  
HILL. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, MINNEAPOLIS, DENVER, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, OMAHA,  
ST. LOUIS, AND SPRINGFIELD.  
FROM MEMPHIS

MURKIN.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL THIS DATE.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT MEMPHIS DISCLOSES JAMES EARL RAY  
IN ATTENDANCE AT DANCE SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES ON FEB. ONE, FIVE,  
SIX EIGHT AND TWELVE. IN ADDITION, RAY WAS ENROLLED INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL OF BARTENDING AT LOS ANGELES FROM JAN. NINETEEN THROUGH  
MARCH TWO, SIXTYEIGHT. INFORMATION AT MEMPHIS DOES NOT DISCLOSE  
RECORDS AT BARTENDING SCHOOL WERE FAITHFULLY KEPT, HOWEVER,  
LOS ANGELES REPORT DATED APRIL EIGHTEEN, PAGE ONE HUNDRED FORTY,  
SHOWS INTERVIEW WITH CLASSMATE DONALD J. JACOBS, WHO SAID SUBJECT  
WAS ONLY ABSENT FROM SCHOOL ON FEW OCCASIONS. INFORMATION IN SAME  
LOS ANGELES REPORT, PAGES ONE HUNDRED TWO AND ONE HUNDRED THREE,  
SHOWS DEPOSITS MADE ON FEB. TWENTY THREE ARE RECEIPTS OF  
ST. FRANCIS HOTEL COVERING PERIOD FEB. EIGHTEEN THROUGH TWENTY ONE.  
IN THESE DEPOSITS WAS CHECK FROM PACIFIC TELEPHONE CO. IN AMOUNT  
TWENTY EIGHT DOLLARS SIXTY FIVE CENTS, PAYABLE TO ERIC S. GALT.  
THIS WOULD PLACE SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES AT LEAST SOME TIME DURING  
THIS PERIOD.

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IN ADDITION, SUBJECT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN OWNER OF WHITE MUSTANG DURING FEB., NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AS IT WAS SERVICED AT LOS ANGELES ON FEB. THIRTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. SUBJECT AS GALT WROTE LETTER DATED FEB. SEVENTEEN AS RESULT OF LOCAL SWINGERS CLUB. THIS WOULD ALSO SEEMINGLY PLACE SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES FOR PERIOD OF INTEREST.

MEMPHIS SUGGESTS OFFICES LISTED ABOVE HOLD INVESTIGATION IN ABEYANCE UNTIL CERTAIN POINTS CLARIFIED IN REINTERVIEW OF BRIDGMAN, WHOSE RELIABILITY IS QUESTIONABLE. BRIDGMAN SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC AS TO WHEN HE MET RAY, WHERE HE MET RAY, AND WHO CAN CONFIRM PRESENCE OF BRIDGMAN IN KANSAS CITY DURING PERIOD HE CLAIMS HE MET RAY. SPECIFICALLY, WHERE DID BRIDGMAN STAY WHILE IN KANSAS CITY; WHO IS PROSTITUTE BEVERLY HILL, AND WHERE DID SHE LIVE IN KANSAS CITY. WHERE DID BRIDGMAN MEET HER? ALSO, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME IN FEB., THERE IS NO INFO AVAILABLE TO INDICATE SUBJECT WAS IN NEED OF FUNDS. HE APPARENTLY SHORTLY BEFORE FEB. ENROLLED IN DANCING SCHOOL, ENROLLED IN BARTENDING SCHOOL, AND SEEMINGLY HAD NO PROBLEM WITH FUNDS. THIS WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH HIS BEING BROKE AND TRAVELING DISTANCE TO KANSAS CITY AND THEREAFTER BORROWING SMALL SUM FROM BRIDGMAN, IT BEING NOTED ROTHBERG WHEN INTERVIEWED IN

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DALLAS INDICATED THAT BRIDGMAN HAD TOLD HIM HE RAN INTO RAY IN OKLAHOMA AND RAY AT THAT TIME HAD AMPLE FUNDS.

BRIDGMAN INTERVIEW SHOULD BE VIGOROUSLY PRESSED IN ORDER TO CLARIFY DETAILS, IT BEING NOTED BRIDGMAN PROBABLY HUSTLER OF HOMOSEXUALS AND AS SUCH NOT ADVERSE TO BEING LIAR.

NO OTHER PERTINENT INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY THIS DATE, MEMPHIS.

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AT EVANSDALE, IOWA

Iowa MVB reflects BEVERLY ANN HILL, resides 1114 Blake Avenue, Evansdale, Iowa:

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Date of birth     |       |
| Height            | 5'3"  |
| Eyes              | Brown |
| Weight            | 115   |
| Social Security # |       |

In reference to aforementioned individuals, it is to be noted that by Minneapolis teletype, 6/7/68, the Minneapolis Division advised that in February, 1968, at Kansas City, Missouri, one BEVERLY HILL, female, white, age 23, 5'2" or 5'3", 110 pounds, blonde, attractive, possibly a prostitute, had entered a bar in Kansas City, Missouri, where she contacted a PAUL BRIDGEMAN, a former ex-con and friend of JAMES EARL RAY. This woman advised BRIDGEMAN that "JIMMIE" wanted to see him outside. BRIDGEMAN left the bar and located RAY sitting in a 1963 Thunderbird, light blue in color, believed by BRIDGEMAN to have Iowa license plates.

Lead for Des Moines in original Minneapolis teletype to check Auto Registration Section, Iowa Motor Vehicle Bureau, Des Moines, to determine if registration existed for a BEVERLY HILL on a 1963 Thunderbird.

Above-mentioned check of Iowa Motor Vehicle Bureau negative; however, Iowa Driver's License Section, Iowa MVB, indicated current licenses and expired license for above-mentioned BEVERLY HILLS.

As receiving the above-indicated leads will attempt to contact the BEVERLY HILL residing their respective areas and through interview or other means determine whether they have a connection with JAMES EARL RAY or Kansas City, Missouri, as of February, 1968.



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TO: ~~DIRECTOR (MAIL) (44-38861)~~  
~~MEMPHIS (44-1987)~~  
~~MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)~~

*From* FROM: OMAHA (44-310)  
MURKIN.

*File as MEMO*

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL JUNE SEVEN INSTANT.

GERTRUDE SAYLOR, CLERK, AUTO REGISTRATION SECTION, IOWA MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU, DES MOINES, IOWA, ADVISED TODAY CHECK HER RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT ANY REGISTRATION FOR A BEVERLY HILL ON A NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE THUNDERBIRD.

CHECK OF DRIVERS LICENSE SECTION, IOWA MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU, INDICATES THREE BEVERLY HILLS LISTED RECORDS DRIVERS LICENSE SECTION. TWO HAVE CURRENT LICENSES AND ONE IS EXPIRED.

OMAHA INVESTIGATING TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THESE WOMEN CONNECTED WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

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1 - Bureau (Air Mail)  
④ - Omaha  
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ADDENDUM:

LEADS

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AT BURLINGTON, IOWA

Drivers License Section, Iowa Motor Vehicle Bureau, reflects following information on BEVERLY JOANN HILL, 344 Melrose, Burlington, Iowa:

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Date of birth     | <input type="text"/> |
| Height            | 5'2"                 |
| Eyes              | Blue                 |
| Weight            | 150 pounds           |
| Social Security # | <input type="text"/> |

Occupation code number indicates a waitress or bartender.

BEVERLY JOANN HILL held temporary Iowa driver's license 9/22/66 to 9/22/67. Expired October, 1967.

AT CLINTON, IOWA

Iowa MVB reflects BEVERLY JEAN HILL, 712 South 6th Street, Clinton, Iowa:

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Date of birth     | <input type="text"/> |
| Height            | 5'7"                 |
| Eyes              | Blue                 |
| Weight            | 120                  |
| Social Security # | <input type="text"/> |

FBI OMAHA

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FBI CHICAGO

FBI WASH DC

103PM URGENT 6/8/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED AT LONDON,  
ENGLAND, JUNE EIGHT INSTANT. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE  
AND REMOVE ALL STOPS.

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TELETYPE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACs MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR, ET AL, JUNE FIVE LAST; BUTEL  
TO ATLANTA, ET AL, INSTANT.

RE: EAL FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA TO TORONTO APRIL FIVE - EIGHT LAST.

UAL TICKET NUMBER ZERO ONE SIX TWO ONE THREE TWO SEVEN  
EIGHT THREE THREE NINE ISSUED ON MARCH TWENTY SIX LAST,  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA, TO MYER KATZMAN, COMMODORE CORPORATION,  
TWO FOUR ONE ZERO DODGE STREET, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, WITH ATP  
CARD. KATZMAN FLEW ON EAL FLIGHT THREE TWO ZERO FROM  
BIRMINGHAM TO ATLANTA TO TORONTO ON APRIL FIVE LAST. IN VIEW  
OF DATE OF ISSUE AND USE OF ATP CARD, IT APPEARS KATZMAN NOT  
IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT.

OTHER UAL TICKETS USED APRIL NINE LAST. AM CC TO OMAHA.  
NO INVESTIGATION REQUESTED RE KATZMAN UNTIL ADVISED BY BUREAU.

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① - Omaha (AM)  
RJD: pas  
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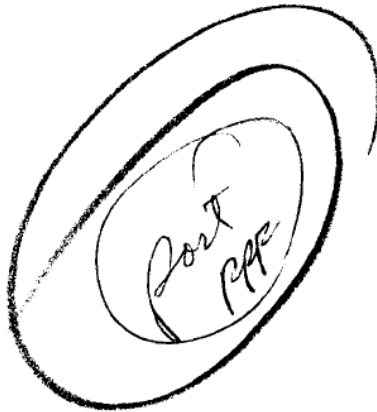
DATE: June 8, 1968

*PCY*  
*re*  
FROM: SAC PAUL C. YOUNG

RE: MURKIN

Subject JAMES EARL RAY apprehended at London, England, 6/8/68. Discontinue efforts to locate and remove all stops.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.



- 1 - SAC
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- 1 - Supervisor, Desk #3
- 1 - Each Headquarters Agent
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TELETYPE

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TO: BUREAU  
MEMPHIS

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

RE OMAHA TELETYPE JUNE FIVE LAST.

JOE MONROE BEANS, WHO WAS NAMED AS POSSIBLY BEING IDENTICAL  
WITH SUBJECT RAY BY KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROLMAN LOCATED EL DORADO,  
KANSAS JUNE SIX LAST AND ELIMINATED THROUGH FINGERPRINT  
EXAMINATION AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH RAY. NO FURTHER  
INVESTIGATION OF BEANS BEING CONDUCTED.

AIR MAIL COPY TO OMAHA.

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SA HARMON J. OGREN

MURKIN

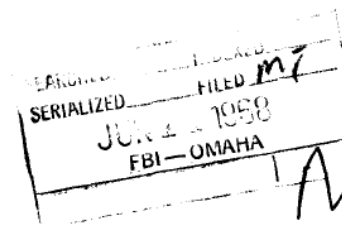
Re memo of SA JACOBSEN dated 5/21/68 to locate and identify one SAMUEL L. ROGERS who looked like JAMES EARL RAY.

ADELINE BAUER, Nebraska DMV advised on 5/24/68 that she could not locate a motor vehicle titled to SAMUEL L. ROGERS.

MABEL JOHNSON, Nebraska DMV, advised both on 5/24 and again on 5/31/68 that the DL for ROGERS has not as yet reached her Department file and therefore she could not locate the license number of the vehicle used by ROGERS for testing if it was noted on the application.

As RAY apprehended no further check is being made with respect to this lead.

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*attn: SA Carroll*

**MEMO**

RE: MURKIN  
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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau 5/20/68 (ser. 232)

The following investigation was conducted by SA DALE

F. MORITZ:

The following phone number was called from a public phone booth along Highway 90 and Interstate Highway 10 in the state of Texas during the period 12/15-17/67:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Calling No.</u> | <u>Called No.</u>   |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 12/17/67    | 379-9084           | <u>515-388-4928</u> |

On 5/28/68 Mr. TOM MEDVEC, Security Supervisor, Northwestern Bell Telephone Co., Des Moines, Iowa (protect identity), advised that the 388 prefix in the 515 area code area is for the town of Roland, Iowa, however phone numbers for this community (pop. 748) run only as high as 4899 and 388-4928 is a non-existent number.

On the possibility that the prefix number may have been 288 (Des Moines, Iowa prefix), Mr. MEDVEC advised that phone number 288-4928 is listed to EUGENE E. CHAPMAN, 116 Parmer Drive, Des Moines, Iowa.

On 5/28/68 Mrs. EUGENE E. CHAPMAN, 116 Parmer Drive, Des Moines, Iowa, was contacted and advised that neither she or any member of her family received a long distance phone call from anywhere in Texas during December, 1967 or at any other time. Mrs. CHAPMAN said she has had this same phone number



since 1959, her husband is a carpenter, and she does not know  
JAMES EARL RAY.

6/11/68

ROUTING SLIP TO ALL FIELD OFFICES

FROM *RW* SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka -  
FUGITIVE  
CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY

OO: MEMPHIS

Re report of SA JOE C. HESTER 6/5/68 at Memphis.

Page 17, paragraph 4, line 6 - 12/17/67, should  
be 12/7/67.

Please correct your copies.

SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

TOR:tjm

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attw: SA Carroll

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RE: MURKIN

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Re Bureau airtel to all offices 5/9/68 (ser. 218)

The following investigation was conducted by SA DALE F.

MORITZ:

On 5/20/68 ROBERT DILDINE, Identification Division, Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Des Moines, Iowa, advised this Bureau maintains fingerprint records received from the 99 Iowa counties on unidentified deceased and copies of these prints are also furnished to the FBI Identification Division.

DILDINE said his records contain no prints of unidentified deceased for the period 4/5/68 to date.

Mr. ELDON SADDORIS, Iowa Bureau of Vital Statistics, Des Moines, Iowa, advised his office receives copies of court records from the various Iowa counties on unidentified deceased, however no such records have been received from 4/5/68 to date.

Lt. WAYNE DAWSON, Identification Division, Des Moines, Iowa PD, advised that fingerprint records on unidentified deceased are maintained by the Des Moines PD and copies of these prints are also furnished the FBI Identification Division and the Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation. He stated his records contain no prints for unidentified deceased from 4/5/68 to date.

An appropriate stop was placed concerning unidentified deceased with the Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Iowa Bureau of Vital Statistics and the Des Moines, Iowa PD.

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TO DIRECTOR

KANSAS CITY

MEMPHIS

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FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 4P

MURKIN

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL JUNE SEVEN, LAST, AND MEMPHIS TEL  
JUNE THIRTEEN LAST.

PAUL BRIDGEMAN, FORMER INMATE, MSP, JEFFERSON CITY,  
MISSOURI, REINTERVIEWED AND ADVISED HE SAW JAMES EARL RAY AT  
FORTRESS BAR, KANSAS CITY, APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AFTER  
HIS DISCHARGE FROM MSP, JANUARY SIXTEEN, LAST. HE ADVISED  
AT TIME HE WAS LIVING AT FIVE FOUR THREE EIGHT SKYLINE DRIVE,  
MISSION, KANSAS, (ROE VILLAGE). HE ADVISED A MIKE HEAD,  
DESCRIBED AS MALE, WHITE, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SIX ZERO  
POUNDS, SANDY BUSHY HAIR, WHO WORKS FOR HIS FATHER IN SMALL  
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, WAS IN BAR AT TIME AND SAW BEVERLY HILL  
AND WANTED TO KNOW WHO SHE WAS.

BRIDGEMAN STATES EMPHATICALLY HE DOES NOT KNOW BEVERLY  
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HILL BUT HAS SEEN HER AROUND KANSAS CITY AND BELIEVES HER TO BE A PROSTITUTE. HE STATED SHE MAY BE SISTER TO BUSTER HILL WHO WAS IN MSP AND WAS RELEASED ABOUT SAME TIME RAY ESCAPED. BRIDGEMAN ADVISED HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON ON TUESDAY AND RATHBERG VISITED HIM IN KANSAS CITY WITH BRIDGEMAN'S SON THE NINETEENTH, TWENTIETH, AND TWENTY-FIRST OF JANUARY. HE NEXT SAW RATHBERG IN OKLAHOMA CITY WHERE THEY STAYED AT DOWN TOWNER MOTEL. HE RECALLS FIRST TIME HE SAW RATHBERG IN OKLAHOMA CITY WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AFTER HE SAW RAY IN KANSAS CITY. BRIDGEMAN ADVISED PRIOR TO BEVERLY HILL ARRIVING AT FORTRESS, BARMAID, KNOWN TO HIM ONLY AS JOYCE, RECEIVED CALL FROM UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE ASKING IF BRIDGEMAN WAS AT BAR. JOYCE TOLD CALLER THAT BRIDGEMAN WAS THERE AND THEN ASKED BRIDGEMAN IF IT WAS ALL RIGHT. BRIDGEMAN ADVISED HE TOLD HER IT WAS OK AND APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES LATER, BEVERLY HILL SHOWED UP.

AS POINTED OUT IN REFERENCED MINNEAPOLIS TEL, BRIDGEMAN INSISTS THIS WAS LAST AND ONLY TIME HE SAW RAY SINCE RAY'S ESCAPE MSP.

BRIDGEMAN CERTAIN VEHICLE RAY WAS IN WAS LIGHT BLUE T BIRD AND BELIEVES IT TO BE ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE T BIRD.

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HE IS ALSO CERTAIN LICENSE PLATES WERE WHITE WITH RED LETTERS AND BELIEVES CAR TO BE LICENSED IN IOWA.

BRIDGEMAN ADVISED IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH RAY, RAY MENTIONED HE WAS "HOT" AND ASKED FOR MONEY. BRIDGEMAN ADVISED HE KNEW RAY HAD ESCAPED AND, THEREFORE, GAVE HIM THIRTY OR THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS.

BRIDGEMAN EMPHATICALLY DENIED SEEING RAY IN OKLAHOMA WHEN HE HAD PLENTY OF MONEY AND EMPHATICALLY DENIED TELLING ANYONE HE HAD SEEN RAY IN ANY PLACE OTHER THAN KANSAS CITY AS STATED ABOVE.

AS TO BEVERLY HILL, HE BELIEVES AT ONE TIME SHE DID WORK AT COLONY INN, KANSAS CITY, BUT IS NOT CERTAIN. AS TO BUSTER HILL, HE DOES KNOW HE WORKED AS BARTENDER IN JEWEL BOX, KANSAS CITY, AT ONE TIME.

JOYCE DESCRIBED AS A "LITTLE RED-HEADED GIRL".

BRIDGEMAN SUGGESTED POSSIBLE OTHER CONTACTS OF RAY IN KANSAS CITY WOULD BE ONE JIMMY DEWESSE WHO CELLED WITH RAY IN C HALL WHILE RAY AT MSP, AND CARL SPERO WHO KNEW RAY AT MSP. BRIDGEMAN BELIEVES BOTH OF ABOVE RELEASED FROM MSP PRIOR TO RAY'S VISIT TO KANSAS CITY IN FEBRUARY.

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KANSAS CITY, CONDUCT INDICATED INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY  
OR REFUTE BRIDGEMAN'S STORY.

MEMPHIS, CONSIDER ADVISING OTHER FFICE TO COVER LEADS  
SET OUT IN MINNEAPOLIS TEL JUNE SEVEN, LAST.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
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In view of subject's apprehension, any office having outstanding leads or requests for circularization in any publication of any kind should cancel outstanding request now.

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1 All Continental Offices  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : SAC OMAHA (137-1601)

DATE: 6/12/68

FROM : SA EDWIN W. FLINT

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: FREDERICK PETER KRAFT

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| Dates of Contact   |                |  |
| 6/11/68  |                |  |
| Titles and File #s on which contacted  |                |  |
| MURKIN   | 44-310         |  |
| BANK BURGLARY SUSPECTS   | 91-880         |  |
| Purpose and results of contact   |                |  |
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| <p>PCI said that he knew ROBERT DALE PORTER, formerly of Waverly, Iowa during the period from December, 1967 to February, 1968, while both were living at Waverly, Iowa. PORTER was discharged from the Missouri State Penitentiary, and was living with his mother at Waverly during this period. KRAFT said he knew of no contact between PORTER and any former Missouri State Penitentiary inmates during this period, at Waverly, Iowa. He said PORTER never talked of seeing or hearing from any former associates at the Mo. Pen. during this time. (44-310)</p> <p>PCI said he has not been able to secure information on any persons who might be involved in any bank burglaries in northern Iowa, or elsewhere. He said he would have no suspects from persons he knew at Waverly, Iowa in 1967 and 1968. PCI could furnish no positive information on logical suspects for this type of offense. (91-880)</p> |                |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.  | Rating<br>GOOD | Coverage<br>44, 88, 91, 94   |
| EWF<br>(3)   |                | SEARCHED INDEXED<br>SERIALIZED FILED<br>JUN 13 1968<br>FBI - OMAHA<br><i>Carroll</i> |

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# FBI Work On King Case Termed 'Just Beginning'

By PAUL SCOTT

WASHINGTON — Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation went through one very tense period and spent more than \$5 million during their brilliantly conducted two-continent man hunt for James Earl Ray, who is accused of killing Dr. Martin Luther King.

After successfully tracking and locating Ray in London early in May, the G-men temporarily lost his trail when he

slipped through their surveillance network and flew to Portugal.

While Ray's disappearance almost caused a near panic among top Justice Department officials here, cooler-headed FBI agents directing the search kept the search from collapsing by immediately setting up a new dragnet.

With only the lead that Ray, alias Raymon George Sneyd, had apparently fled to Europe, the FBI agents reasoned that because of his temperament and the foreign language barrier he would soon return to an English-speaking country.

Special watches for Ray were then carefully organized at all ports of entry in Great Britain, Canada and the U.S., on the belief the suspect would try to return to one of those nations.

Before any heads within the agency could roll, the swift chain of events that followed proved the effectiveness of the FBI strategy.

Eleven days after his second disappearance, Ray, alias Sneyd, flew back to London from Lisbon. With the help of British authorities, the FBI again picked up his trail.

Ray was then kept under surveillance until he suddenly prepared again to depart Great Britain for Europe — this time for Brussels. He was arrested at London Airport before he could board his plane.

Despite Ray's capture, the FBI investigation of King's assassination is far from closed. For instance, FBI and Canadian authorities are still investigating how Ray was able to exploit legal loopholes like a pro in obtaining his Canadian passport.

Several dozen agents are probing Ray's alleged contacts with U.S.-based American South African Council which he wrote Dec. 30, 1967, to ask about emigrating to Rhodesia. Also being carefully checked is Ray's contact with a person whom the FBI photographed with King at a major U.S. airport.

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One of the ironies of the FBI investigation is that just two months before the King assassination the bureau was obliged to cut in half the number of agents in Europe, including those in London as a result of President Johnson's order slashing overseas personnel of all government security and intelligence agencies.

When Ray's trail led to London, however, many of these agents were sent back overseas with instructions to forget about the economy move until the suspected assassin was picked up.

In their intensive search for Ray, the FBI spent more than \$5 million in the first nine weeks of its investigation. At times, upward to 3,000 agents were assigned to the case.

Half that number of agents are still involved in the continuing investigation. In addition to running down new leads, they are rechecking Ray's reported travels to and from Memphis, the scene of the assassination.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (44-310) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany 4/19/68 bearing above caption.

The estimated cost data during June, 1968, in this case for the Omaha Division was as follows:

(1) Man hours spent on case:

|                        | Regular Hours | Overtime Hours | Total Hours |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| (a) Special Agents     | 80            | 8              | 88          |
| (b) Clerical Employees | 30            | 0              | 30          |

(2) Estimated mileage of Bucars: 300 miles

(3) Unusual expense - estimated additional telephone expense in Resident Agencies: \$10.00

(4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case: 10

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 7/9/68.

The Bureau has requested that all divisions continue to submit monthly cost data until further notice.

In view of the above, all divisions are requested to comply with the Bureau's instructions, including offices who have negative cost data to report.

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2 - Memphis

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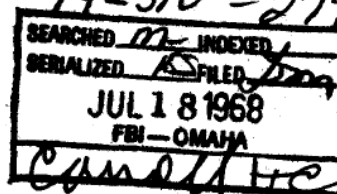
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (44-310) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
COST DATA

RE: Omaha airtel to Memphis 7/5/68, bearing above caption;

Estimated cost data during July, 1968, in this case for Omaha Division was as follows:

(1) Man hours spent on case:

|                       | <u>Regular<br/>Hours</u> | <u>Overtime<br/>Hours</u> | <u>Total<br/>Hours</u> |
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| Special Agents        | 0                        | 0                         | 0                      |
| Clerical<br>Employees | 0                        | 0                         | 0                      |

(2) Estimated mileage of Bucars None

(3) Unusual expense - estimated additional telephone expense in Resident Agencies None

(4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case None

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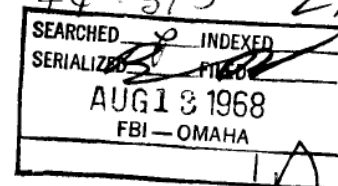
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Date 8-2-68

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| George William Tyree, Jr.<br>20 L 1 U OIO 16<br>S 1 U OOO        | 4, 714, 268 | 3337 | 3780 |             |    | Federal process<br>dismissed.<br>(8-2-68)                    |
| Don Ferris McCall, Jr.<br>21 M 1 U 15<br>L 3 Wr                  | 327, 089 B  | 3338 | 4092 |             |    | Located Northridge,<br>Calif., 7-17-68.<br>(8-2-68)          |
| James Earl Ray<br>16 M 9 U OOO 12<br>M 4 W IOI                   | 405, 942 G  | 3339 | 4182 | 442<br>442A |    | Extradited London,<br>England to Memphis,<br>Tenn., 7-19-68. |
| John Michael Walton<br>17 I 30 W OMI<br>I 32 W IOI               | 356, 640 E  | 3340 | 4200 |             |    | Located Lowndes Co.,<br>Alabama, 8-2-68.<br>(8-2-68)         |
| Robert Vance Walton<br>14 M 13 U OOM 12 Ref: 13<br>I 25 U OOO 26 | 361, 075 E  | 3341 | 4201 |             |    | Located Lowndes Co.,<br>Alabama, 8-2-68.<br>(8-2-68)         |
| James Joseph Scully<br>2 M 21 W 19 Ref: 21<br>I 17 Ra 19         | 1, 170, 115 | 3342 | 4202 |             |    | Located Arcadia,<br>Calif., 7-23-68.<br>(8-2-68)             |
| Jimmie Johnson<br>20 L 1 Ut 6 Ref: U<br>M 1 U T                  | 11, 215 F   | 3343 | 4203 |             |    | Located St. Louis,<br>Missouri, 7-15-68.<br>(8-2-68)         |



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| PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania 19107 | 500 Widener Building                                  | 215 LO 3-5300 |
| PHOENIX, Arizona 85013           | 244 West Osborn Road                                  | 602 CR 9-5511 |
| PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania 15222   | 1300 Federal Office Bldg.                             | 412 471-2000  |
| PORTLAND, Oregon 97205           | 423 U. S. Court House Bldg.                           | 503 224-4181  |
| RICHMOND, Virginia 23220         | 206 West Grace Street                                 | 703 644-2631  |
| SACRAMENTO, California 95814     | 2020 J Street   | 916 441-1275  |
| ST. LOUIS, Missouri 63103        | 2704 Federal Building                                 | 314 CH 1-5357 |
| SALT LAKE CITY, Utah 84111       | 3203 Federal Building                                 | 801 EL 5-7521 |
| SAN ANTONIO, Texas 78206         | 433 Federal Building                                  | 512 CA 5-6741 |
| SAN DIEGO, California 92103      | 3211 Fifth Avenue                                     | 714 297-3361  |
| SAN FRANCISCO, California 94102  | 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36015                     | 415 552-2155  |
| SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico 00917      | Pan Am Building 255 Ponce de Leon Avenue              | 765-6000      |
| SAVANNAH, Georgia 31405          | 5401 Paulsen Street                                   | 912 354-9911  |
| SEATTLE, Washington 98104        | 1015 Second Avenue                                    | 206 MA 2-0460 |
| SPRINGFIELD, Illinois 62701      | 421 South Sixth Street                                | 217 522-9675  |
| TAMPA, Florida 33602             | Room 610, Federal Off. Bldg.                          | 813 228-7661  |
| WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535          | 506 Old Post Office Building                          | 202 393-7100  |



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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (44-310) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
COST DATA

RE: Omaha airtel to Memphis 8/7/68;

Estimated cost data during August, 1968, in this case for the Omaha Division was as follows:

(1) Man hours spent on case

|                       | <u>Regular<br/>Hours</u> | <u>Overtime<br/>Hours</u> | <u>Total<br/>Hours</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Special Agents        | 0                        | 0                         | 0                      |
| Clerical<br>Employees | 0                        | 0                         | 0                      |

(2) Estimated mileage of Bucars

None

(3) Unusual expense - estimated additional telephone expense in Resident Agencies

None

(4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case

None

3 - Memphis  
2 - Omaha  
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(4)

*Processing to Henry 9/23/68*

*Carroll*

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10/4/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (44-3105) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
COST DATA

Re Omaha airtel to Memphis 9/3/68.

Estimated cost data during September, 1968, in this case for the Omaha Division was as follows:

(1) Man hours spent on case

|                    | <u>Regular<br/>Hours</u> | <u>Overtime<br/>Hours</u> | <u>Total<br/>Hours</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Special Agents     | 0                        | 0                         | 0                      |
| Clerical Employees | 0                        | 0                         | 0                      |

(2) Estimated mileage of Bucars None

(3) Unusual expense - estimated additional telephone expense in Resident Agencies None

(4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case None

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11/5/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, Omaha (44-510) (P)  
SUBJ: MURKIN  
COST DATA

Re Omaha airtel to Memphis, 10/4/68.

Estimated cost data during October, 1968, in this case for the Omaha Division was as follows:

(1) Man hours spent on case

|                    | <u>Regular<br/>Hours</u> | <u>Overtime<br/>Hours</u> | <u>Total<br/>Hours</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Special Agents     | 0                        | 0                         | 0                      |
| Clerical Employees | 0                        | 0                         | 0                      |

(2) Estimated mileage of Bucars None

(3) Unusual expense - estimated additional telephone expense in Resident Agencies None

(4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case None

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| REPORTING OFFICE<br><b>NEW ORLEANS</b>  | OFFICE OF ORIGIN<br><b>MEMPHIS</b> | DATE<br><b>NOV 27 1968</b>   | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD<br><b>11/20-21/68</b> |
| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka;<br/>DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -<br/>VICTIM</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA ALBERT B. MILLER</b>                       | TYPED BY<br><b>bab</b>                     |
|   |                                    | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>CR - CONSPIRACY<br/>UFAC - ROBBERY</b> |  |

REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel, 11/14/68.

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ENCLOSURES:TO MEMPHIS

Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, original data as follows:

1. Complete telephone bills, 3 pages of which have been xeroxed in this report, dated 12/19/67 (7 pages)

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|--|-------|------|-------|---------|------------|--|-----------------|---|
| ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED  |       |      |       |         |            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE   | ACQUIT-<br>TALS | CASE HAS BEEN:<br><br>PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO<br>PENDING PROSECUTION<br>OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| CONVIC.  | AUTO. | FUG. | FINES | SAVINGS | RECOVERIES |  |                 |   |
| APPROVED   |       |      |       |         |            | SPECIAL AGENT<br>IN CHARGE   |                 |   |
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| 1 - Bureau (44-38861)<br>3 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc-153) (RM)<br>2 - Mobile<br>② - Omaha (Enc-2)<br>2 - San Diego (Enc-1)<br>2 - New Orleans (157-10673) |       |      |       |         |            | 44-310-230<br>SEARCHED INDEXED<br>SERIALIZED FILED<br>NOV 29 1968<br>FBI - OMAHA |                 |   |
| Dissemination Record of Attached Report  |       |      |       |         |            |  |                 |   |
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| Request Recd.  |       |      |       |         |            |  |                 |   |
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and 1/19/68 (11 pages).

2. Nine (9) work sheets. (Xeroxed in this report.)
3. 142 registration cards. (Xeroxed in this report.)

As indicated in instant report this material is to be returned to Mr. BRYAN DUPEPE, owner manager of the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, La., when it has served its purpose. On 11/30/68 SA ALBERT B. MILLER, FBI, New Orleans, La., gave Mr. DUPEPE a receipt to that effect, a copy of which is NO 157-10673-1A68

TO OMAHA

One copy of Buairtel dated 11/14/68 .(NO 157-10673-1198)  
One copy of New Orleans airtel, 5/7/68. (NO 157-10673-851)

TO SAN DIEGO

One copy of Buairtel 11/14/68.(NO 157-10673-1198)

LEADS:

MOBILE

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. Will locate and interview H. R. QUINN and JOE LACEY, JR., 1211 Westmoreland, Montgomery, Ala., make of car S.W. (probably station wagon), Alabama license 3-2146, 2 in party.

OMAHA

AT SIOUX CITY, IOWA. Will locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. DONALD C. (illegible) SMITH, 3319 Dodge Ave., Sioux City, Iowa, no car or license indicated, 2 in party.

SAN DIEGO

AT LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA. Will locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON, 5646 Taft Avenue, LaJolla, California, arrived by taxi, 2 in party.

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Will locate and interview Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, 5231 LaJolla Boulevard, LaJolla, California, arrived by taxi, 1 in party.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Bureau and Memphis will recall that New Orleans report of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER, 4/29/68, (NO 157-10673-802) sets forth investigation at the Provincial Motel and information regarding motel records as furnished by owner manager, DUPEPE at that time.

New Orleans airtel 5/7/68 (NO 157-10673-851) to Memphis and other offices, including Mobile and San Diego, set forth leads to have the motel registrants interviewed.

As indicated in instant report Mr. DUPEPE has located additional motel registrants.

In view of the instructions set forth in re Buairtel 11/14/68 (NO 157-10673-1198) New Orleans is not setting forth leads to interview all the registrants not previously interviewed. However, because of the proximity of certain registrants, i.e., the LARSONs, the SMITHs and QUINN and LACEY, New Orleans has set forth leads to interview them. These interviews should be conducted along the lines set forth in New Orleans airtel 5/7/68. To possibly identify some of the long distance calls shown in this report they should be asked whether they made calls or know anyone who did. Also during the interviews they should be questioned for possible identification of "RAOUL".

Mobile, Omaha and San Diego will submit results of investigation by report rather than insert.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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## Copy to:

Report of: SA ALBERT B. MILLER                      Office: NEW ORLEANS  
Date: NOV 27 1968  
Field Office File #: NO 157-10673                      Bureau File #: 44-38861  
Title: JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Records of Provincial Motel, New Orleans, La., indicate RAY using alias of GALT, stayed at the motel December 17-19, 1967. Data concerning occupants of motel December 14-22, 1967, obtained. It shows RAY as GALT was in Room 126. Prior to RAY occupying Room 126 it was occupied by H. R. QUINN and JOE LACEY, JR., 1211 Westmoreland, Montgomery, Ala., make of car S.W. (probably station wagon), Alabama license 3-2146, 2 in party. While RAY was in Room 126 Mr. and Mrs. DONALD C. (illegible) SMITH, 3319 Dodge Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa, 2 in party, occupied Room 125 which is next to Room 126. Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, 5231 LaJolla Blvd., LaJolla, Calif., 1 in party, registered in Room 126, 12/19/67, after RAY checked out of Room 126. Probably with Mrs. LARSON, occupying a nearby room, were Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON, 5646 Taft Ave., LaJolla, Calif., 2 in party. It would appear the three LARSONs arrived by taxi rather than personal car. Toll cards December 14-22, 1967, from public phone at Provincial Motel not available. Clerk who registered RAY and owner-operator of laundry and dry cleaning which does work for Provincial Motel interviewed and no additional info obtained.

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DETAILS: AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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Date 11/21/68

Mr. BRYAN DUPEPE, Owner Manager, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, French Quarter, New Orleans, Louisiana, was contacted concerning guests residing at the motel during the period December 17-19, 1967, which was when JAMES EARL RAY was reportedly registered at the Provincial Motel as ERIC S. GALT, and for guests residing at the motel three days before, i.e., December 14-16, and three days after, i.e., December 20-22, 1967.

After an exhaustive search of motel records, Mr. DUPEPE made available the following work sheets and motel registration cards and long distance phone bills which have been xeroxed and are attached. The originals are being retained in the files of the Memphis Office of the FBI and are to be returned to Mr. DUPEPE after they have served their purpose.

In explanation of the records Mr. DUPEPE furnished the following information:

Each workday has a work sheet. The date is shown at the top, e.g., Thursday, December 14, 1967. The entries on the sheet are made by the morning desk clerk and the afternoon desk clerk. The numbers on top of the sheet, e.g., 36967-36975, are ledger numbers and are used for internal bookkeeping purposes. The other numbers, e.g., X 12, S/O 17, R 8, T 25, mean 12 rooms are ready because the occupants have paid and checked out, 17 persons are staying over, 8 rooms were rented the day in question, and a total of 25 rooms were occupied the day in question.

In further explanation, using the Thursday, December 14, 1967, work sheet as an example, Mr. DUPEPE explained, Room 101 was not rented although as indicated by the circle it was ready for renting. S/O, staying over in Room 102 was TAGLAVORE. Further down in the rooms, room 109 was rented for the first time on December 14, 1967 to JOHNSON. The number 36968, under JOHNSON, means that was his ledger card number. Each guest is assigned a

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On 11/20/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by SA ALBERT B. MILLER /bab Date dictated 11/20/68

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ledger card whereon are recorded charges for room, food, beverage, valet and phone calls. All the ledger cards for December, 1967, have been destroyed and whatever charges each guest had are unavailable at the motel. All these services are rendered by the motel except valet which is handled by Lee Laundry and Cleaners, 830 Chartres Street. Every two weeks or so this company sends the motel individual slips showing valet work done for the applicable room. These slips are checked against valet slips in the motel and are then destroyed at the motel. Mr. DUPEPE advised he does not know what records Lee Laundry and Cleaners maintain.

As far as telephone calls are concerned local calls are dialed through the switchboard at the motel and the phone company has no record of them. Collect long distance calls going out are not recorded at the motel. Other long distance calls going out and collect calls coming in are paid by the motel and recorded. These are recorded by the switchboard operator at the motel and then checked against the monthly bill submitted by the phone company. The calls for December, 1967, recorded by the motel switchboard operator have been destroyed. Mr. DUPEPE made available the phone bill dated December 19, 1967 which shows long distance calls from November 9, 1967 to December 18, 1967. Page 7 a copy of which is attached shows calls from December 11, 1967 to December 18, 1967 and one for December 3, 1967. Pages 1 and 2 of the following month's bill, dated January 19, 1968, shows calls from December 19, 1967 to part of December 25, 1967 and one for December 8, 1967. Mr. DUPEPE explained occasionally, such as December 8, 1967 in this instance, a call is not recorded in the period of the bill. The check marks against the amounts shows these have been checked against the individual ledgers. Mr. DUPEPE stated from the phone bill he has no way to determine from which rooms the calls were made. The ledger cards, which have been destroyed, would have shown that information.

Further in regard to phone calls, Mr. DUPEPE advised the motel has only one public pay phone. This is located in the motel's outdoor alcove between the office and the swimming pool. The phone number is 523-8802.

The procedure for registering at the motel is as follows, Mr. DUPEPE explained: If a guest has a reservation

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notice of the reservation ~~is kept at the regis-~~tration desk. At the time the guest comes in the work sheet is consulted and the guest assigned the appropriate room. The guest then normally fills out a registration card. In a rare instance the card is filled out by the clerk. After the card is filled out the reservation notification is generally stapled to the registration card. After it has served its purpose and prior to filing, the reservation notification is taken from the registration card and destroyed. The registration card, copies of which have been xeroxed and are attached, are filed. If the registration card bears the imprint of a staple in all probability that person had a reservation. Generally speaking if the card bears no such imprint chances are the person had no reservation. Mr. DUPEPE explained this is no hard and fast rule because the reservation notification could have been fastened to the registration card by paper clip. Generally written on the bottom of the card is the time or, at least tentative time the registrant will check out.

Concerning the work sheet, taking December 14 again as an example, Mr. DUPEPE stated Rooms 116 and 220 are not rented and the "H" means hold and as indicated they required plumbing work.

Xeroxed and attached are work sheets for December 14, 1967, through December 22, 1967. Motel registration cards which are xeroxed and attached were located for everyone on the work sheets except Room 115 HIGGINS on December 14, 1967, Room 112 FISHER and Room 234 MADDEN on December 21, 1967, and no registration card was found for CRISSEY, Room 212, on December 22, 1967. Information regarding BRANCH and PRUET is set forth herein. Mr. DUPEPE advised in all probability data are misfiled among the various records of the motel.

It is observed there is a registration card for Mr. and Mrs. BARNEY BRANCH, 4334 Stern Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, 1968 Chevrolet, license US 6320, California; (not too legible), on December 14, 1967, Room 108, but the work sheet shows that room vacant. Written in but erased appears to be BRANT (not too legible) and in all probability they registered and then decided they did not want the room.

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