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Several attempts have been made to contact DELMAR BELL, 2211 Lee Street, without locating him at home.

### At Belleville, Illinois.

On April 25, 1968, the St. Louis Office telephonically advised that LESLIE JR. NULL, 1304 McKINLEY Street, East St. Louis, Illinois, had telephonically advised the St. Louis Office that he has seen a man at Hazel's Tavern, East St. Louis on several occasions whom he believes resembles the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, which have appeared in the news media.

HAZEL PETTY, Proprietor, Hazel's Corner, 6395 Rock Springs Road, East St. Louis, Illinois, advised that she is acauainted with LESLIE JR. NULL who lives directly behind her residence and frequents her tavern on occasion. She stated that after viewing the several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, that she has seen no one in her tavern resembling RAY.

PETTY then stated that she recalls conversation several days ago in the tavern where some of the patrons were teasing an individual who resembled the pictures, and stated they were going to turn him in for the reward. She stated she had forgotten the matter until interviewed, but stated that for this reason is "checking up" with MARIA PENN who lived on Black Lane a short distance south of Collinsville Road, and believes the man's name is JERRY CALLAHAN.

GERALD EUGENE CALLAHAN was interviewed at the residence of MARIA PENN, 2921 Black Lane, and aside from having a short haircut resembling the haircut of JAMES EARL RAY, bore slight if any resemblance to RAY. His fingerprints were compared with the fingerprints on the identification record and were found not similar. He furnished the following descriptive data:

Name Race Sex Date of birth GERALD EUGENE CALLAHAN White Male November 5, 1941

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Place of birth

Age Height Weight

Hair Eyes

Tattoo

Occupation

Credit record

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26 5'10"

> 170 pounds Dark brown

Hazel

Tattoo of nude woman up

right arm

Assembler Ford Motor Company

Hazelwood, Missouri Presently on probation

St. Clair County, for carrying concealed weapons and dis-

orderly conduct.

Check of East St. Louis, Belleville, Granite City, Madison, Venice Police Departments, and St. Clair County Sheriff's Office, determined that those departments, the major ones in the Belleville area, do not maintain latent fingerprints in connection with cases in their jurisdiction.

## Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-561)

DATE: 5-14-68

FROM : SA Charles R. Wood, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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613PM URGENT 5-14-68 RMF

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ ST. LOUIS /44-775/ SPRINGFIELD /44-561/
FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY NINE LAST.

AUSTIN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. RESIDES IN CHICAGO'S
WEST SIDE COLORED AREA. STATES LAST SAW SUBJECT IN ST. LOUIS.
MISSOURI, IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE, HAD NO IDEA SUBJECT ESCAPED FROM
PRISON AND WAS NOT AWARE RAY WAS BEING SOUGHT FOR MURKIN.

RE JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN AKA; FORMER ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT.

ONLY KNEW RAY FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS DURING FIFTYNINE, ROBBERY
OF SUPERMARKET ALTON, ILLINOIS, WAS ONLY SCORE HE PULLED WITH
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POSSIBILITY OF SUBJECT KNOWING WHER HE IS.

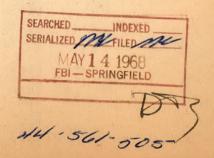
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JESS JASPER, FRED SMITH Motor Sales, 1500 East Main Street, Clinton, Illinois, advised on May 8, 1968, that FRED SMITH was presently in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he was attending a automobile auction and would not be back until May 13, 1968. JASPER viewed the wanted flyer of JAMES EARL RAY, and after viewing such, stated that he had not seen RAY in the Clinton, Illinois area, nor did he have any information regarding the whereabouts of RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT C. HAINES:

#### At Edwardsville, Illinois

States Attorney LEON D. SCROGGINS, Madison County Court House, reviewed files maintained in his office and stated that a warrant for neglect and refusal was issued for CECIL RAY on complaint of his wife JUDITH in Madison County Court at Edwardsville. He stated that the information obtained at the time the complaint and warrant were issued disclosed that CECIL RAY was residing in Joliet, Illinois, and accordingly, certified copies of the warrant were forwarded to authorities at Joliet.

He indicated that he had no knowledge of the current whereabouts of CECIL RAY and that nothing in file indicated anything except that he was in Joliet.

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FROM

SA CHARLES TRAVELSTEAD

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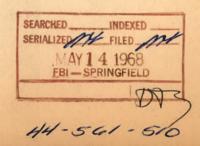
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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date MAY 1, 1968

On April 19, 1968, WALTER TERRY RIFE, home address 214 Lind Street, Quincy, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of business, Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, Quincy, Illinois. Before the interview, RIFE was advised of his rights by SA ELYON H. DAVIS and a Waiver of Rights Form was read to RIFE. RIFE advised he would not sign the Waiver of Rights Form but that he was willing to discuss anything with FBI Agents.

RIFE furnished the following information:

RIFE advised that he last saw JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, in 1957 when WALTER TERRY RIFE was released from the United States Prison at Leavenworth, Kansas.

RIFE advised that he had been arrested in 1955 with JAMES EARL RAY at Hannibal, Missouri, and both had been charged with the possession of stolen money orders from a Post Office. He advised that these had been taken from a Post Office at Kellerville, Illinois, in a burglary and that he and JAMES EARL RAY had then traveled throughout the United States cashing these postal money orders. He advised that they had traveled to New Orleans, Florida, Kansas City and California, cashing the stolen money orders before being arrested at Hannibal, Missouri.

Both were then sentenced to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

RIFE advised that he had seen JAMES EARL RAY almost on a daily basis at the penitentiary at Leavenworth from 1955 until RIFE was released from the penitentiary in 1957. RIFE later learned that RAY was not released from the penitentiary at Leavenworth until 1958. He stated that he had not been in contact with RAY since that date and had no knowledge of RAY's activities other than he had heard that RAY was sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary in the early 1960's. He had no idea as to the charge concerning RAY at that time; however, he thought it was some type of armed robbery.

 $_{0n}$  4-19-68  $_{at}$  Quincy, Illinois

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SA THOMAS M. SCHOENHOFER June SA ELYON H. DAVIS

/ras Date dictated 4-25-68

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money and he knew that during that time that RAY broke into houses and stole money or goods he could sell. RAY also pulled stick-ups with a gun and that RAY committed burglaries in which safes were involved. RIFE advised that he does not want to talk about any particular job that he might have been involved in with RAY. He stated that RAY would also roll drunks to obtain money and would obtain money any way that a thief could obtain money. He stated that RAY was a roamer and a loaner and did not seem to have any close friends.

RIFE felt that in the event that JAMES EARL RAY ever returns to the Quincy, Illinois, area, RAY will contact RIFE. RIFE stated, however, that he has no knowledge that RAY has returned to Quincy since 1955 and does not believe RAY has returned to Quincy or he would have known something concerning the return of RAY.

RIFE advised that he would not hide JAMES EARL RAY and would immediately notify the FBI of any information he receives concerning RAY's whereabouts.

RIFE advised that he personally knew nothing concerning the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING in Memphis, Tennessee and that he most certainly himself was not in the Memphis area during the period of March 27, 1968 through April 4, 1968. He advised that this could be verified from all people connected with the Virginia Hotel as well as members of the Police Department of Quincy, Illinois. He stated that night policemen cruise by his restaurant at the Virginia Hotel practically every hour of each night and that the night detectives and also patrolman LARRY COLLINS could verify that he had not left the Quincy, Illinois, area.

RIFE advised that he knew that JAMES EARL RAY's uncle EARL RAY had moved to California from the Quincy, Illinois, area ten to fifteen years before and that he thought the uncle had died with a heart attack. He knew that somewhere he had understood that EARL RAY was dead.

RIFE advised that he could furnish no information concerning possible contacts of JAMES EARL RAY.

The Harboring Statute was explained to RIFE by SA ELYON H. DAVIS.

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RIFE advised that he first met JAMES EARL RAY around 1942 when apparently RAY and his family moved to Quincy, Illinois, from some small town in Missouri. He stated that RAY had close connections in Quincy and that during the period of time that he had known RAY, RAY had resided with his Uncle, EARL RAY, in Quincy and at the time he and RAY were arrested in Hannibla, Missouri, RAY was living at the Victor Hotel on North Sixth Street in Quincy, Illinois. He advised that the Victor Hotel has been closed for many years and that he understands the operator of the Victor Hotel is now deceased.

RIFE advised that he had never heard RAY mention his father or talk very much concerning his relatives and RIFE advised that he did not know that MELBA RYAN, who resides at the Virginia Hotel was RAY's sister until learning on that date that RAY was charged with the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

RIFE advised that when he and RAY were apprehended in Hannibal, Missouri, they were accompanied by KATHERINE DORIS BUSKIRK. He advised that he is certain that RAY had never met BUSKIRK until the date of their arrest in Hannibal and that he (RIFE) had picked up BUSKIRK in a tavern in Quincy and took her to Hannibal on a date. He advised that BUSKIRK is presently married to WILBUR CONNORS in Quincy, Illinois.

RIFE stated that he remembered distinctly that BUSKIRK and RAY did not know each other until he introduced them on the date the three were arrested in Hannibal. He stated that BUSKIRK was not actually arrested but was released and that she had nothing to do with the passing of the stolen postal money orders.

RIFE advised that he had never visited in the RAY home in Quincy, Illinois, and had no idea as to the address of RAY's people or the number of relatives that RAY had in Quincy. He stated that he and RAY as a normal thing, did not actually run around together but would meet each other in taverns at which time they would talk and decide to do something together.

RIFE advised that during the period of time that he had known JAMES EARL RAY, RAY had been "a thief". He stated that RAY would do anything during that period of time to make

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JAMES TABOR, Supervisor, Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois advised 68 Illinois license CM 4065 issued 1/27/68 to GERAIDINE SPEAKMAN, 4435 S. Richmond Street, Chicago, Illinois for 1966 Chevrolet 2dr, VIN 164376J170981. DL# reflected as S125-2903-2710, SSN

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Geneva JONES, Supervisor, Drivers License Section, Secretary of State, Springfield advised DL# \$125-2903-2710 originally issued March 21, 1967 to GERALDINE J. SPEAKMAN 8420 Latrobe, Oaklawn, Illinois. A duplicate was issued 11/8/67 showing change of address to 4435 S. Richmond Street, Chicago, Illinois. This license expires 4/17/70 and describes her as F, 5'5", 110, Blond hair, blue eyes, DOB 4/17/32.

DL# F535-5834-3880 issued 9/30/65 to MARY CAROL FONTANA, 3914 West 62nd Pkce, Chicago, Illinois. This license expires 10/1 68 and describes her as F 5', 124, black hair, brown eyes, DOB 10/1,43.

Above information telephonically furnished to Chicago C-L Section and confirming letter not necessary.

# Memorandum

TO SAC (44-561)

DATE:

5-16-68

FROM SA LOUIE F. DEAN

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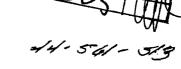
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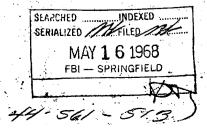
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FROM:

SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau, 5-3-68, re full coverage of relatives and toll calls.

On 5-8-68, WILLIAM HINKLE, Office Manager, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Quincy, Illinois, an established source, advised that there is no further information concerning the collect call on 4-15-68 from the telephone number at the Virginia Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, to telephone number 475-4400 at Tucoma, Washington.

HINKLE also advised that there is no information presently in his office which would aid in determining the number called in Seattle, Washington and if a toll ticket is received indicating the number, it will be furnished.

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TO BIRECTOR (44-38861), SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS (44-1987), SEATTLE, PORTLAND, SAN FRANCISCO, SACRAMENTO, LOS ANGELES, BUTTE, SALT LAKE CITY, LAS VEGAS, PHOENIX, ALBUQUERQUE AND EL PASO.

FROM SAN BIEGO (44-387) 3P

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SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN. - 44-5614

RE MARIE MARTIN.

MARIE MARTIN INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH UPON RETURN FROM VACATION
WHICH INCLUDED TRIP THROUGH MIDWESTERN STATES TO YOUNGSTOME, CAIS
SHE COMPIRMED IMPORMATION SHE HAD PROVIDED ON PREVIOUS INTERVIEWED
AND PROVIDED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL IMPORMATION CONCERNING JAMES
EARL RAY. SHE ADVISED SUBSECUENT TO EXCHANGE OF TELEVISION MARE
BETWEEN HERSELF AND RAY AND PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE MARCH SETENCE
SIXTY EIGHT, RAY APPEARED IN NEED OF MONEY. SHE ADVISED RAY SAME
HE WAS AWAITING MONEY FROM BROTHER, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED.
ADVISED IT APPEARED NECESSARY THIS MONEY BE RECEIVED BY HAY IN
ORDER TO MAKE HIS SECOND TRIP SOUTH TO OR THROUGH NEW ORLHAMS.
MARTIN ALSO SAID THAT ON ONE OCCASION RAY SAID SHE REMINDED MIN
OF A GIRL IN GUADALAJARA. SHE SAID RAY ALSO ADVISED HE LIVED
IN MEXICO SIX YEARS AND ALSO THAT HE HAD USED MARIJUANA ON CENT

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TELEVISION SETS, WHICH MARTIN STATES WAS ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY FOURTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER PEASIBILITY OF EXAMINING WESTERN UNION MONEY ORDERS ISSUED DURING ABOVE PERIOD THROUGH THE MONEY ORDER AUDITOR, MINNEAPOLIS.

MARTIN ADVISED THAT FOR INFORMATION SHE PREVIOUSLY
FURNISHED TO LOUIS LOMAX SHE RECEIVED CHECK FOR FIFTY DOLLARS
WHICH SHE BELIEVES WAS NO GOOD.

INVESTIGATION LOS ANGRERS CONTINUING.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ATLANTA, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, NEW ORLEANS AND SPRINGFIELD.

PM URGENT 5-16-68 JDG

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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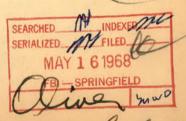
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