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2 new photos of Ray issued

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The FBI distributed Tuesday two more photographs of the accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King — one of them “an extremely good likeness.”

Both were snapshots of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, an escaped convict accused of shooting King to death in Memphis April 4.

The “extremely good likeness” is a candid photograph of Ray in a business suit and tie and shows almost his full face, taken in late January or early February somewhere in California.

The other, which the FBI said was taken last November somewhere in Mexico, shows him wearing sun glasses and what appears to be a white sports shirt. The FBI said Ray is known to wear sun glasses frequently.

The two new photographs—the FBI refused to say where or how they were obtained—will be displayed throughout the country along with three other pictures of Ray which now appear on FBI’s wanted posters.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 5/10/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PATTERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/9/68 HENRY GRADY LOWERY telephonically contacted WFO and advised he would like to talk to an agent about JAMES EARL RAY.

LOWERY was contacted by SAs JOHN L. PATTERSON and ROBERT W. DAWSON at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, 1110 New York Ave. N.W. He advised that his permanent home is in Athens, Ga but he is temporarily residing at 908 I St. N.W. He has taken a job as a security man at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

While on duty at the hotel he observed two men check into the hotel. The first man did all the talking and introduced the second man as his brother. The second man had bandages on his face and was said to have been involved in an automobile accident. LOWERY believed the second man resembled RAY, although much of this man's face was covered with bandages. LOWERY described the first man as 6-1, 200-225 lbs, white, about 40 years old with blond hair and a Swedish accent. The men checked in on 5/4 or 5/5/68.

LOWERY believed the men were staying in separate rooms on different floors. LOWERY thought a woman was staying with the Swede on the ninth floor. While walking past the room where Swede was staying LOWERY thought he heard the name RAY mentioned along with the amount of a million dollars. LOWERY was unable to recall the room number where the Swede was staying.

LOWERY thought that a Negro male who worked in the kitchen was connected with the two men who had checked in. This person, named JIMMY and who had a large scar on his cheek, had a gun and several \$100 bills while at work and he mentioned that he had some friends upstairs.

LOWERY advised that he had read in a newspaper that RAY was traveling with a Swede and a girl and because of this he thought the above people must be RAY and his associates.



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ON 5/9/68 ~~LARREA~~ ARMANDO, Credit Manager of the Washington Hilton Hotel advised that there were no persons staying on the ninth floor who would fit the description furnished by Lowery. He checked with all the room clerks, bellboys, and room service personal and none of them remembered checking in a person who had a banadged face. They werex all to be on the lookout for such a person.

ARMANDO advised that a person named JIMMY JOHNSON who has a large scar on his cheek works in the kitchen. He said JIMMY lives at 1352 Columbia Rd. N.W. JOHNSON has been suspected by the hotel of stealing hotel property and was not to be employed much longer. JOHNSON was first employed 1/30/68. He is very hostile towards white people. ARMANDO knew nothing about JOHNSON knowing any guests of the hotel.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM : ROBERT H. SYLVESTER, Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/14/68

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka- FUGITIVE

An anonymous male, who mentioned during the conversation he is a newspaperman, called WFO at 5:27pm, this date, and advised as follows:

He was recently in conversation with some people who believe they observed an individual who resembles the published photographs of JAMES EARL RAY in Geneva, Switzerland, about three weeks ago. The caller said the people who furnished him this information did not want their identities revealed, nor did they want him to identify himself. They advised him as follows:

During a Saturday night about three weeks ago they were at the Landoldt Restaurant, Geneva, Switzerland, where they observed an American male enter with a man and woman who appeared to be Swiss. The American was well-dressed and has a mid-western accent. He had the sharp nose and cleft chin depicted in the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and he matched the other descriptive characteristics of RAY. Although he was well-dressed, he was observed to use crude language which was mixed with vulgarities.

The woman in the group was a blond (hair appeared dyed) and appeared to be in her forties. She was known to the head waiter of the restaurant, and kissed him when the two men and her left.

The conversation of these three people was loud. The American was interested in obtaining the services of a prostitute. His talk frequently concerned matters of sex. The woman offered to furnish him a transvestite, but he said he wanted a female.

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The people in the restaurant seemed to be making a great effort to please the American. The impression was gained, however, that they knew nothing of his background. He was overheard ordering several expensive and exotic kinds of food, some of which the restaurant had to send out for.

The caller advised WFO he had no further information about this incident. He said he was careful to obtain complete details from his source. He added that he felt that he had secured all information his source had.

For appropriate action.

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JAMES EARL RAY,
ALSO KNOWN AS
ERIC STARVO GALT,
W.C. HERRON,
HARVEY LOWMYER,
JAMES MC BRIDE,
JAMES O'CONNER,
JAMES WALTON,
JAMES WALYON,
JAMES WILLARD,
"JIM" - FUGITIVE

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

On May 14, 1968, an anonymous male who mentioned that he is a newspaperman telephonically advised the Washington Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, that he recently had a conversation with some people who believed they observed an individual who resembles the published photographs of James Earl Ray. These people believe they observed Ray in Geneva, Switzerland, approximately three weeks ago. The anonymous male stated the people who furnished him this information did not want their identities revealed nor did the caller wish to identify himself.

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The anonymous male stated that he had been advised that during a Saturday night approximately three weeks ago his sources were at the Landoldt Restaurant, Geneva, Switzerland, where they observed an American male enter with a man and woman who appeared to be Swiss. The American was well dressed and had a Midwestern accent. He had the sharp nose and cleft chin as depicted in the photographs of James Earl Ray. His other physical characteristics matched those of Ray. Although he was well dressed, he was observed to use crude language which was mixed with vulgarities. The woman in the group was a blond, apparently dyed hair, and appeared to be in her forties. She was known to the head waiter of the restaurant and ~~was~~ *was* known to him when she left with the above two men.

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JAMES EARL RAY

The conversation of the three individuals was loud and the American talked frequently concerning sex matters and expressed an interest in obtaining the services of a prostitute. The woman offered to furnish him a transvestite, but he stated he wished a female.

The people in the restaurant seemed to make a great deal of effort to please the American. He was overheard ordering several expensive and exotic foods, some of which the restaurant sent out for. The impression was gained, however, that the people in the restaurant knew nothing of the American's background.

It is requested that efforts be made to determine whether the American mentioned above is identical with James Earl Ray.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are 6 copies and for Memphis and Kansas City 2 copies and 1 copy, respectively, of an LHM captioned "JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER JR. - VICTIM; CR" and dated as above.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to furnish copies of enclosed LHM to Legat, Bern, Switzerland.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)
MURKIN

ReWFOtel dated 5/9/68.

On 5/14/68, Mr. KEN H. TOWSEY, Information Officer, Rhodesian Government, Washington, D.C. (PROTECT IDENTITY) telephonically contacted SA ROBERT W. DAWSON of this office to determine if a formal request is being directed to the Rhodesian Government concerning JAMES EARL RAY. He was advised this matter is being discussed with the U.S. Department of State.

Mr. TOWSEY again offered all assistance possible on behalf of his government. He was extremely gracious and cordial and indicated he was disappointed that such a request had not been forthcoming to this date but stated that he understood the possible reluctance on the part of the U. S. Government to address a formal request to a government with which it does not have diplomatic relations and does not recognize. Mr. TOWSEY stated that he was writing his government concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING and was furnishing his government with a newspaper clipping from "The Evening Star" dated

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5/9/68, and captioned "Holed Up-Or Buried?" "The Ray Mystery Deepens" by JEREMIAH O'LEARY, Star Staff Writer, in order that his government might be apprised of this matter in the event a formal request is made by the U. S. Government in the future.

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URGENT

TO: SAC, JACKSONVILLE

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

WFO RECEIVED COMPLAINT TODAY THAT A LATE MODEL BLACK BUICK WAS TRAVELING NORTHEAST ON NEW YORK AVENUE, WDC. THE DRIVER WAS REPORTED AS RESEMBLING THE PICTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY. THE VEHICLE BORE FLORIDA LICENSE ONE W ONE NINE FOUR ONE ZERO THREE. JACKSONVILLE DETERMINE TO WHOM VEHICLE REGISTERED AND SET OUT LEADS TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS FOR ELIMINATION PURPOSES. NCIC NEGATIVE.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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NEGATIVE AT WDC. MONEY ORDER FIVE SIX ONE FIVE SIX FIVE SEVEN
NINE TWO THREE PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE WITHOUT KNOWING
EXACT PLACE OF PURCHASE. AFTER LOCATION IS DETERMINED REVIEW
OF SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND MONEY ORDERS REQUIRED.

MEMPHIS ADVISE WFO EXACT PLACE AND DATE OF PURCHASE MONEY
ORDER FIVE SIX ONE FIVE SIX FIVE SEVEN NINE TWO THREE.

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Says King's killer is alive

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark expressed the belief Sunday that escaped James Earl Ray, accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King, remains alive. He said he was "very optimistic" that Ray would be captured.

Clark said he found no evidence to support theories that Ray had been hired by conspirators to kill King and then himself was killed. "We have no evidence to believe that he is not still alive," he said.

"I believe we will find him," Clark said. Citing the "massive manhunt" under way for Ray, he said, "it is awfully difficult for an individual, and particularly an individual about who so much is known, to remain at large in the United States under these circumstances."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReWFOairtel 5/10/68.

WFO is conducting review of passport applications at the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), detailing all available personnel commensurate with fulfilling other Bureau responsibilities.

As pointed out in referenced airtel a limited number of Agents can be detailed to the files of the Passport Office during normal work hours due to current work in process there in limited space. WFO has therefore perfected arrangements for the files to be open continuously from 9:00 a.m., Mondays to 5:00 p.m., Fridays except holidays beginning 5/20/68. WFO is scheduling agent personnel on around-the-clock basis to complete appropriate reviews as soon as possible. Passport Office is supplying appropriate personnel and security to safeguard USDS interests.

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Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Deputy Director, Passport Office, Department of State, advised SA KENNETH J. HASER on 5/16/68, that these arrangements for this review of passport files have been approved by Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director Passport Office, Mr. G. MARVIN GENTILE, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Security, and Miss BARBARA WATSON, Acting Administrator, Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, all Department of State. Mr. JOHNSON is also handling necessary arrangements with the Captain of the Building Guards of the General Services Administration for entry and exit of Agent personnel when the passport building is normally closed to the public.

WFO will advise Bureau and Memphis of any developments.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/16/68

Mr. KENNETH H. TOWSEY, Information Officer, Rhodesian Information Office, 2852 Mc Gill Terrace, N. W., telephonically advised that a review had been made of the files of the Rhodesian Information Office on May 10, 1968, and he was unable to locate any information which he believes might relate to JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC S. GALT.

On 5/10/68 at Washington, D. C.File # WFO 44-703-492by SA ROBERT W. DAWSON:cabbDate dictated 5/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/7/68

At 4:15 p.m., April 26, 1968 Special Agent JAMES W. NORMENT, JR., obtained from Supervisor M. S. CLARK at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Laboratory, Washington, D. C., nine packages addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the Memphis Office, FBI.

SA NORMENT transported the nine packages to the National Airport, Washington, D. C., and observed them being placed in the luggage bin of American Airlines Flight 789 at 4:59 p.m., April 26, 1968. The flight departed National Airport at 5:01 p.m. with SA NORMENT aboard, and arrived at the Memphis, Tennessee, Airport at 7:20 p.m., Central Standard Time. SA NORMENT observed the nine packages being removed from the bin of Flight 789 at 7:22 p.m.

SA NORMENT was met at the Memphis Airport by SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK, who drove SA NORMENT and the nine packages to the Memphis Field Office, FBI, arriving at 7:45 p.m., April 26, 1968.

On 4/26/68 at Washington, D. C.

File # WFO 44-703-493

by SA JAMES W. NORMENT, JR. ^{JWN} JWN:krk

Date dictated 5/1/68

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MURKIN

Enclosed are eight copies of an FD 302 relating to the transportation of evidence from the FBI Laboratory to the Memphis Office, 4/26/68, by SA JAMES W. NORMENT, JR., WFO.

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To: SAC's, WFO (44-703)
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✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re WFO teletype 5/10/68, and delivery of a typewritten letter dated 12/28/67, and signed Eric S. Galt, Q334, by SA Roger Ashland, WFO, on 5/10/68.

Three latent fingerprints of value were developed on the letter. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, or Bureau employee Robert H. Sylvester. Based on information furnished, no fingerprint record located for John P. Acord.

Results of laboratory examination and disposition of Q334 separate.

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TO: SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re WFO airtel to Baltimore, 5/10/68.

On 5/10/68, SA FRANCIS X. O'NEILL, JR. attempted to contact WARDELL HICKS at 1112 60th Avenue, Fairmount Heights, Maryland, with negative results. Mrs. LEE DURMM, 1113 60th Avenue and Mr. FLOYD AZBELL, 1116 60th Avenue, Fairmount Heights, did not know this individual.

On 5/14/68, JEFFERSON JOHNSON, Chief of Police, Fairmount Heights Police Department, advised he did not know WARDELL HICKS, aka Bubble-Eye Mason.

On 5/14/68, a review of the records of the Credit Bureau, Inc., Washington, D.C., determined that WARDELL HICKS previously resided at 1602 6th Street, N.W., and at 1911 8th Street, N.W., with his wife, ROBERTA. His occupation is shown as a cement finisher and also as a clerk for Joe Koplin Liquor Store, Washington, D.C.

Prince Georges County Identification Bureau, records negative re WARDELL HICKS aka Bubble-Eye Mason.

Baltimore conducting no further investigation in this matter since all leads appear to be in Washington, D.C.

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Attempt to locate and interview WARDELL
HICKS at Washington, D.C.

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re: JOE BAILEY MUSGROVE

Re Houston airtel to Bureau 5/7/68 and WFO airtel
to Bureau 5/2/68.

On 5/9/68 Mr. DONALD J. HYDEN, Supervisor, Personnel Department, McDermott International, Inc., 615 de Montluzin Building, New Orleans, La., advised that JOE BAILEY MUSGROVE has been employed with McDermott International as a pipeline welder since 10/9/67 under a one year contract to be served in Nigeria. Mr. HYDEN further stated that Mr. MUSGROVE departed for Nigeria in 1967 and is due to return at the termination of his contract in October, 1968.

A review of the personnel file of JOE BAILEY MUSGROVE revealed the following identifying and background information:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	<input type="text"/> Seminole County, Okla.
Height	5' 9"
Weight	155 pounds
Eyes	Blue

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Hair
Marital Status

Social Security Number
Previous Employment

Brown
Married to BETTY LUE RAMSEY
MUSGROVE
Box 1002
Farmington, New Mexico
[REDACTED]
Fouty D. Bursun
Farmington, New Mexico,
1954-67

Mr. HYDEN advised that Mr. MUSGROVE can be located through the Overseas Office, care of McDermott Overseas, Inc., Post Office Box 2841, Lagos, Nigeria. He further stated that it is very possible Mr. MUSGROVE may have resided at the Bristol Hotel, Lagos, Nigeria, during his days off or for any vacation.

BuAgent viewed a photograph of MUSGROVE which appeared on his application for employment and this picture does not appear to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

King Killer Eludes Wide FBI Hunt

By Drew Pearson
and Jack Anderson

The FBI's failure to apprehend the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King has led to reports that J. Edgar Hoover is not interested in catching the murderer. The reports are based partly on the fact that Hoover and King were not on good terms, Hoover having publicly branded King as "the most notorious liar in the world."

We have checked into the operations of the FBI in this respect and are convinced that it is conducting perhaps the most painstaking exhaustive manhunt ever before undertaken in the United States. Its G-men have checked every bar ever patronized by James Earl Ray, every flophouse he ever stopped at, every cantina in Mexico he ever visited. It has collected an amazing array of evidence, all linking Ray with the murder.

That he has not been found may be due, first, to the possibility that he himself was murdered by those who hired him to kill Dr. King; or, second, that he is hiding in some remote Mexican village.

If he has money — and apparently he had — Ray might be able to live in a distant part of Mexico indefinitely. The Mexico City police are efficient and co-operative, but in some villages few Mexicans can read or write

radio news "of the outside world does not penetrate.

Studied Crime Fiction

What the FBI has established about King's assassin was that he was a professional killer who had studied the suspense writing of Ian Fleming and Ayn Rand. His pseudonym, Eric Starvo Galt, for instance, was taken from both authors.

Yet, while a student of crime he was also a bungler. For he left behind the murder rifle with his fingerprints on it and, wrapped around the rifle, a bedspread which contained strands of his hair. He also left behind a blue zipper bag containing a brush with hair matching those on the bedspread.

All the evidence we have been able to gather points to the probability that Ray was hired to kill Dr. King. He broke out of the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, after boasting to fellow prisoners that he intended to make a big "score" on the outside. He remarked to one inmate that he might try to collect a rumored \$1 million bounty that supposedly had been offered by "a businessmen's group" for the death of Dr. King.

Four months later, on Aug. 30, 1967, he opened a safe deposit box in the Birmingham Trust National Bank and suddenly began passing out crisp \$20 bills like a big spender.

He paid \$499 for dancing instruction, then quit after a few lessons. He spent \$395 for mail-order photographic equipment that he didn't know how to operate.

He shelled out money for a bartending course, but showed no interest in working behind any bar. He also took a course in lock-picking from a correspondence school in Michigan. His white Mustang cost \$1995, which he paid in cash. He drove it from Mexico to Montreal, from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Occasionally he slipped \$20 to bar girls and prostitutes. In Mexico he lived with a prostitute in small towns like Jalisco and Puerto Vallarta where prices were cheap. Once he posed in sun glasses for a picture with his Mexican prostitute. In Los Angeles, he advertised in the hippie newspaper that he would like to meet "a passionate married woman." He also paid \$1 to the Swinger's Club for the names and addresses of five girls.

All told, Ray spent an estimated \$10,000 in seven months. Yet he never held a job, and committed no crimes following his escape from the Missouri penitentiary that the FBI has discovered. Previously he had been involved in a long list of filling station and other robberies. But after his escape he became a loner, in some respects became another Lee Harvey Oswald. Meanwhile, he sought to establish

a new identity as Eric Starvo Galt.

Careful Plans

It seems likely that Ray planned the murder of Dr. King for several months. He finally purchased the Remington rifle in Birmingham on March 30, then moved to a boarding house in Atlanta. In his room, agents found a map of Atlanta with four locations circled.

They were Dr. King's residence, his headquarters at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Ray's boarding house, and the spot where he abandoned his Mustang after the murder. In the middle of the map was also a clear thumbprint from Ray's right thumb.

Evidently, Ray changed his mind about waylaying King in Atlanta and followed him to Memphis instead.

If white extremists put up the blood money it was probably not the Ku Klux Klan or the Minute Men, for they are an impatient lot who would not have waited for several months for Ray to get results.

Black extremists have also not been ruled out. They might have sought to get rid of King in order to remove the prophet of nonviolence.

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Bill Gold Ailing

Bill Gold is ill. The District Line column will be resumed upon his return.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

Re Buairtel, 5/14/68.

Mr. PAUL J. HANLON, employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, advised SA HARVEY E. WILKINSON on 5/16/68 that he could not furnish anything additional concerning information contained in his letter to the FBI dated 5/10/68. He did not know what license plate the Volkswagen car he saw had on it, and could furnish no additional pertinent info. Receipt of his letter was, of course, orally acknowledged.

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URGENT

TO: MIAMI
FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN.

RE WFO TEL TO JACKSONVILLE DATED MAY FIFTEEN, LAST,
WHICH ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

WFO RECEIVED COMPLAINT TODAY THAT A LATE MODEL
BLACK BUICK WAS TRAVELING NORTHEAST ON NEW YORK AVENUE,
WDC. THE DRIVER WAS REPORTED AS RESEMBLING THE PICTURE OF
JAMES EARL RAY. THE VEHICLE BORE FLORIDA LICENSE ONE W
ONE NINE FOUR ONE ZERO THREE. JACKSONVILLE DETERMINE TO
WHOM VEHICLE REGISTERED AND SET OUT LEADS TO DETERMINE
WHEREABOUTS FOR ELIMINATION PURPOSES. NCIC NEGATIVE.

RECORDS, DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE, TALLAHASSEE,
FLORIDA, REFLECTS SIXTY SEVEN - SIXTY EIGHT FLORIDA
LICENSE [REDACTED]

ISSUED TO ALBERTO VADIA, TWENTY THREE HUNDRED CORAL
WAY, MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOR USE ON SIXTY EIGHT PONTIAC,

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MIAMI AT MIAMI: WILL DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF
REGISTRANT OF INSTANT VEHICLE FOR ELIMINATION PURPOSES.

WFO AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 5/20/68

FROM : SA DONALD A. BASSETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

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RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
IO # 41882
WF # 442-A
TOP TEN
CR - CONSPIRACY
UFAC - ROBBERY

On 5/18/68 one ENOCH CREEK, 1901 16th Street N.W., WDC, telephone 483-5618 telephonically contacted the WFO to advise that an individual resembling the subject was currently employed at the Three Thieves Restaurant, 2233 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. as a dishwasher.

CREEK was subsequently interviewed, at which time he disclosed that he resides in apartment 302 of the above address and that he is employed as a cook at the Three Thieves. He said that the person resembling RAY (middle picture on W.F. #442A) has been employed at the restaurant for 4-5 weeks and that this individual acts "suspicious". He could not elaborate on the "suspicious" actions of the person.

On 5/18/68 contact was made with Mr. NATHAN SCHNALL, Manager, Three Thieves Restaurant, supra. SCHNALL advised that his dishwasher, JOHN GAUNT, resembled the first artist conceptions of KING's killer, but stated that he does not look like photographs which have subsequently been released in this matter.

Subsequent observation and interview of GAUNT disclosed that he was not identical with RAY, this being based on fingerprint comparison, facial characteristics, and lack of appropriate scars. GAUNT's full name is JOHN MC ANAW GAUNT and he is described as a white male, DOB [redacted] at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, 5' 11", 180 pounds, medium build, address 1641 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., #4 with brother - RICHARD GAUNT, employed at Three Thieves since 4/19/68, Social Security # [redacted] graduated from High School Orleans, France 1964, Father - JOHN MARSHAL, Mother - MARTHA JEAN MARSHAL - both reside Headquarters MAG, U.S. Forces, Taipan, Taiwan.

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No mention was made what investigation in connection to
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TO DIRECTOR\ MEMPHIS AND WASHINGTON FIELD PLAINTEXT
FROM NEWARK \44-854\

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU MAY ONE SEVEN LAST.D

MONEY ORDERS LOCATED AT FIDELITY UNION TRUST CO.\

NEWARK ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS-----

ONE. NUMBER ONE NINE ONE SIX TWO ONE ONE ZERO
SEVEN EIGHT PURCHASED THREE EIGHT LAST AT SANTA WESTERN
STATION\ LOS ANGELES\ CALIFORNIA.

TWO. NUMBER FIVE SIX ONE FIVE SIX FIVE SEVEN NINE
TWO THREE. WITH THE FIFTH NUMBER MIGHT BE AN EIGHT OR ZERO
RATHER THAN A SIX. PURCHASED THREE TWENTY EIGHT LAST AT
UNKNOWN ATLANTA REGIONAL POST OFFICE.

WFO OBTAIN ORIGINAL MONEY ORDERS AND FORWARD TO
LABORATORY FOR HANDWRITING EXAMINATION.

THE INFORMATION RE THESE MONEY ORDERS WAS TELEPHONICALLY
FURNISHED BUREAU LOS ANGELES AND ATLANTA ON APRIL ONE FOUR LAST
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AND CONFIRMED BY NEWARK AIRTEL TO BUREAU FOUR TWENTY LAST
WITH COPIES TO LOS ANGELES\ ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS.

NEWARK WILL FORFARD MICROFILM COPIES TO WFO FOR
ASSISTANCE.

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NWL P DELAY

FBI WASH DC

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REPEAT NINE

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
NEWARK (44-854)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN.

RE WFO TEL TO ME MAY SIXTEEN, LAST; NEWARK REPORT MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

FOR INFO NK, WFO TO LOCATE USPO MONEY ORDERS PAID LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, NEW JERSEY, IN NAME OF ERIC S. GALT, PLACE AND DATE OF PURCHASE REQUIRED.

NK IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW MICROFILM RECORDS, FIDELITY UNION TRUST COMPANY, NEWARK, N.M., AND IDENTIFY FROM THE STAMPED IMPRESSION ON THE TWO POSTAL MONEY ORDERS DESCRIBED ON PAGE TEN OF RE REPORT, THE PLACE AND DATE OF ISSUANCE. NK WILL THEN REQUEST WFO TO OBTAIN ORIGINALS OF THESE MONEY ORDERS AND FORWARD SAME TO FBI LABORATORY REQUESTING HANDWRITING EXAMINATION. NK WILL ALSO SET FORTH LEAD TO OFFICE COVERING AREA OF PURCHASE OF MONEY ORDER TO CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION, ASCERTAINING

Airtel ~~CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING PURCHASE, WITH AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY~~
Teletype ~~THE PURCHASER AS BEING RAY.~~

A.M. ~~AM COPY TO WFO. P. END.~~

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

Re telephone call of JOHN M. DOWNEY to Director's Office, 6:06pm, 5/16/68.

DOWNEY's call concerned an individual by the name of FRED GABLE (PH), whom DOWNEY believes is identical with JAMES EARL RAY. DOWNEY met this individual five or six months ago at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C.

DOWNEY advised WFO during the evening of 5/16/68 that he prefers to be interviewed re this matter during the A. M. of 5/17/68.

WFO will interview DOWNEY A. M. of 5/17/68, display to him photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and establish whether or not GABLE (PH) is identical with RAY. Bureau will be immediately advised of results of this interview.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA LOUIS A. CRESCIOLI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: JOHN M. DOWNEY--Complainant
2745 29th Street, NW, WDC, Tel# AD 2-7945; and
Suspect FRED GABLE (ph)

DOWNEY telephoned Director's office at 6:06PM, 5/16/68 and advised that he is personal friend of Director and also Mr. TOLSON. He said he was in the Town and Country Lounge of Mayflower Hotel, WDC, about 5 or 6 months ago and met a man who gave his name as FRED GABLE (ph). After a couple of drinks and during the course of the conversation, GABLE mentioned he had been just released from prison. DOWNEY asked GABLE how much money he had; GABLE replied that he had \$20.00. DOWNEY asked why he was then spending a dollar for a drink, if he had so little money on his person. GABLE replied that he wanted to know how bartenders mix drinks in high class bars. DOWNEY felt GABLE had paid his debt to society and offered to buy him a meal. GABLE Accepted this offer. After leaving the Mayflower Hotel, they stopped on 16th and M Sts., NW, and bought two cups of coffee. For no reason at all, GABLE told DOWNEY: "You are a copper" and said that he had a gun in his pocket and if DOWNEY followed him, GABLE would shoot him.

DOWNEY did not report the above incident to the PD. DOWNEY explained that he was thankful he was not shot, and hesitated to tell anyone about the above incident, thinking that no one would believe him. DOWNEY now believes that GABLE is identical to photograph of Fugitive JAMES EARL RAY, and feels that GABLE may return to WDC. DOWNEY said he is willing to review photos and discuss this matter further with FBI.

Above facts related to SA CRESCIOLI at 8:35PM, 5/16/68 by SOG DIV 6 Night Supvr OSBORN LEON DOBBS, who requested that WFO have an agent contact DOWNEY on evening of 5/16/68 re captioned matter.

SUPVR. ELMER TODD cognizant. SA JAMES NORMENT cognizant and handling.

WFO indices reflected references 100-18865-30p7 and 31-0-1008 concerning JOHN M. DOWNEY, resident of 2704 Porter St., NW, WDC, in 1947 and 1950 (both files attached to this memo).



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)
MURKIN

Re telephone call of JOHN M. DOWNEY to Director's Office, 6:06 p.m., 5/16/68.

JOHN M. DOWNEY, 2745 29th Street, N. W., WDC, advised SA ROGER D. ASHLAND on 5/17/68 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY resemble an individual he met in the Town and Country Lounge of Mayflower Hotel, WDC on about April or May, 1967. DOWNEY said the person he met in the lounge said his name was FRED GABLE or FRED GABO (ph). This person told DOWNEY he had just gotten out of prison and only had \$20.00. DOWNEY offered to buy him a meal. Instead, DOWNEY bought him two cups of coffee and this person turned on him and said, "You are a copper." He also said he had a gun in his pocket and if DOWNEY followed him, he would shoot him.

DOWNEY described FRED GABLE or GABO as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	40 years old
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	175 pounds
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Ruddy

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Hair:	Dark brown
Scar:	Small one on forehead
Eyes:	(Could not recall color of eyes)

DOWNEY added during the conversation with this person at the bar, DOWNEY asked him why he was buying dollar drinks, if all he had was \$20.00. The man answered he wanted to know how bartenders mix drinks in high class bars.

Inasmuch as DOWNEY has not furnished specific information which would aid in locating FRED GABO or GABLE, WFO is conducting no active investigation at this time. WFO will keep in mind the above information in handling of leads in this matter.

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FBI WASH DC --

12-25PM GFH 8-55AM URGENT 5-21-68 CND
TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM SAN DIEGO PLAINTEXT

POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST ROBERT F. KENNEDY\ PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
SPEECH AT CHULA VISTA\ CALIFORNIA. MAY TWENTY\ NINETEEN
SIXTY EIGHT. INFORMATION CONCERNING

MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

FOLLOWING TELETYPE SENT TO BUREAU\ AND SAC,S
LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS\ MAY TWENTY LAST.

QUOTE INFORMATION RECEIVED INSTANT DATE BY REPRESENTATIVE
SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE THAT A FOURTEEN YEAR OLD BOY
NAMED KEITH KING\ CHULA VISTA\ CALIFORNIA\ WHO ATTENDED SPEECH
OF MR. ROBERT F. KENNEDY AT CHULA VISTA\ CALIFORNIA INSTANT DATE\
WAS APPROACHED BY A MAN WHO RESEMBLED JAMES EARL RAY. THIS
INDIVIDUAL ASKED KING WHERE AND WHEN KENNEDY WAS GOING TO SPEAK
AGAIN. KING TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL THAT HE DID NOT KNOW. THIS
INDIVIDUAL THEN ASKED HIM WHERE THERE WAS A PLACE HE COULD EAT
THAT HAD A TELEPHONE.

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FOR INFORMATION\ CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY HAS BEEN
GIVEN TO JAMES EARL RAY IN LOCAL CHULA VISTA NEWSPAPERS
OVER PAST WEEKEND. AS RESULT OF PUBLICITY\ NUMEROUS CALLS
OF LOOK-A-LIKES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED\ WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

SECRET SERVICE ADVISED LOCALLY.

MR. WILLIAM DOBREVIR\ "CITIZENS FOR KENNEDY"\ KENNEDY
CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS\ SAN DIEGO\ CALIFORNIA ADVISED INSTANT
DATE OF ABOVE AND HE ADVISED KENNEDY DEPARTED SAN DIEGO\
CALIFORNIA ENROUTE TO LOS ANGELES\ CALIFORNIA. IN VIEW OF
KENNEDYS DEPARTURE\ LOCAL AUTHORITIES NOT ADVISED.

LOS ANGELES NOTIFY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.

LHM FOLLOWS. SAN DIEGO HANDLING MURKIN ANGLE SEPARATELY.

AIR MAIL COPY FOR MEMPHIS END QUOTE.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO NOTIFY WASHINGTON\ D.C. OFFICE OF
SENATOR KENNEDY AND WFO REQUESTED TO NOTIFY LOCAL AUTHORITIES\
WASHINGTON\ D.C.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReNewark teletype 5/20/68, concerning U.S. Post Office money orders.

On 5/21/68, JAMES M. BONES, Inspector, U.S. Post Office, advised that he was instituting appropriate searches to locate two money orders listed in instant teletype and that he would advise WFO when final searches could be conducted.

Bureau and Memphis will be advised concerning instant searches.

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- 1 - Newark (44-854) (Info)
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Date: **5/20/68**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **AIRTEL** _____
(Priority)**TO: SAC, WFO****FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854)****MURKIN****Re Newark teletype to Bureau 5/20/68.**

Enclosed for WFO are microfile copies of US Postal MO #1,916,211,078 purchased 3/8/68 in the amount of \$15 at Santa Western Station, Los Angeles, Calif., and #5,615,657,923, purchased 3/28/68 in the amount of \$750 at Atlanta, Ga. It is to be noted that the fifth number could be an eight or zero rather than a six.

Above furnished for assistance in locating originals.

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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RADIOGRAM

URGENT

TO: ALL SACS
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN

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

all included on WFO IO mailing list Rmd

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

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2 - SAC, WFO (BY COURIER SERVICE)

Disc per Ben Rodriguez 6/1/68

Mr. Meyer Silver, DMV notified 4/10/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 5-21-68

FROM : JOSEPH P. DOYLE, CLERK

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

MRS SUSANNAH RUBENSTEIN, 3020 Courtland Place, N.W., WDC, telephone 232-2680 telephonically advised writer at 1:51 p.m. this date that at 1:50 p.m. this date she received a telephone call from Dallas, Texas. The call was collect and the party calling instructed the operator that she desired to speak "person to person" to JAMES E. RAY. MRS RUBENSTEIN informed the operator that there was no one at that phone with that name and the operator excused herself and terminated the call.. MRS RUBENSTEIN stated that the operator informed her that the party calling stated that her name was BARBARA RAY.

Rubenstein advised she lived in a single family dwelling & does not know any Ray in the area.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

for FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)
MURKIN

ReWFOairtel 5/16/68.

PASSPORT APPLICATION REVIEW PROJECT

WFO is continuing review of passport applications at Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS). All available WFO personnel, commensurate with fulfilling other Bureau responsibilities, has been detailed to this project.

Upon instituting this project there were approximately 2,153,000 passport applications in file since 3/1/67. Applications are received at the rate of about 20,000 per day. As of 5 p.m., this date, about 12 % of this project has been completed. Approximately 3 % of this project is being completed each work day and it is estimated that approximately six weeks will be required to complete this project.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN.

SUSANNAH RUBENSTEIN, THREE ZERO TWO ZERO CORTLAND PLACE
NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D. C., TELEPHONE TWO THREE TWO-TWO
SIX EIGHT ZERO, ADVISED THAT AT ONE FIFTY P.M., MAY TWENTY-
ONE LAST SHE RECEIVED COLLECT CALL FROM DALLAS, TEXAS WITH
PERSON CALLING WANTING TO SPEAK PERSON TO PERSON WITH JAMES
E. ROY. OPERATOR IDENTIFIED PERSON CALLING AS BARBARA RAY.
MRS. RUBENSTEIN INFORMED OPERATOR JAMES E. ROY UNKNOWN THIS
ADDRESS AND CALL WAS TERMINATED. MRS. RUBENSTEIN STATED HER
ADDRESS IS ONE FAMILY DWELLING AND NO PERSON WITH NAME ROY
KNOWN TO RESIDE IN AREA.

DALLAS THROUGH SOURCES ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY CALLER AND

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CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

AIRMAIL COPY FOR MEMPHIS.

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PENDING.

5/23/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

ReNKteletype 5/20/68.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Lab are two United States Postal Money Orders bearing signature ERIC S. GALT.

Number one Money Order # 1,916,211,078, dated 3/8/68, in amount of \$15.00 purchased Los Angeles, California, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. GALT lists address as 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Number two Money Order # 5,615,057,923, dated 3/28/68, purchased Atlanta, Georgia, in amount of \$7.50, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. GALT lists address as 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Money orders furnished to SA SIDNEY H. ROCHE on 5/22/68, by JOHN R. TAKACH, Chief, Money Order Branch, Government Accounting Office, Washington, D.C.

Laboratory requested to compare signature on money orders with known handwriting of RAY to determine if identical.

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- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 1 - Newark (44-854) (Info)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
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Date: **May 21, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **Airtel** _____

(Priority)

To: All SACs
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

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

MURKIN

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

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

Armed and dangerous.

*44-703-516**[Handwritten initials]**Dawson*

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Date 5-22-68

RE: MURKIN

PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action
☐ The enclosed is for your information, all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SARI - WASH. F. O. dated

Remarks: ReBulet 5-20-68.

In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has under-written the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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TO WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE LOOKALIKE, D.C. LICENSE [REDACTED]

COMPLAINT RECEIVED DRIVER OF LATE MODEL MUSTANG, ABOVE
LICENSE, RESEMBLED SUBJECT. ADVISED OF REGISTERED OWNER AND
WHERE CAN BE LOCATED LOS ANGELES AREA.

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