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TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

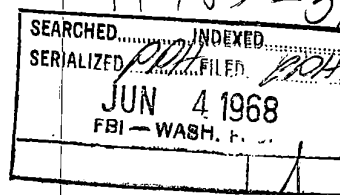
FROM : SA KENNETH J. HASER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(Passport Project)

DATE: 6-4-68

This is to advise that on this date I notified Mr. JAMES E. CORCORAN, Chief, Administrative Division; Mr. FRANK J. MRKVA, Assistant Chief, Field Operations Division; and Mr. WILLIAM T. MALONE, Chief, Passport Files Section, all Passport Office, Department of State that the file review project in captioned case has been temporarily discontinued.

Mr. CORCORAN is arranging to have all appropriate personnel in the Department of State, General Services Administration and the management of FOB #7 notified of this development.



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ReWFOtel and airtel to Bureau 5/10/68, Butel
5/14/68, re review of passport applications.

In view of recent developments in this matter in
Canada, and to conserve manpower urgently needed for other
matters in the WDC area, WFO is postponing further review of
records at the Passport Office, USDS.

It is to be noted that WFO has completed about one-
third (about 750,000 applications) of the project to date.
WFO has maintained notes of work completed in the review of
passport applications and is in position to reinstitute such
review without duplication at any time completion of work
might be deemed necessary. Further, arrangements have been
made with authorities at the Passport Office for postponement
of review of records.

WFO is also postponing further steps in review of
DMV, WDC, records for locating an operators permit for RAY.
WFO has taken steps to have all pertinent records preserved in
connection with this matter and the project can be renewed at
any time the Bureau desires.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/25/68

DAVID E. WATTS, Assistant Executive Director, American Council on Education, 1735 Massachusetts Ave., N. E., Washington, D. C., was interviewed and furnished the following information.

WATTS stated that CHARLES L. BELL had been regularly employed since June 26, 1967 as a computer programmer for American Council on Education.

WATTS was shown the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that BELL did not bear a close resemblance to the photograph. He furnished the following description from Company records and personal knowledge.

Name
DOB
Height
Weight
Build
Hair

CHARLES L. BELL
[REDACTED]
5' 6"
175
Lean
Brown Eyes

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SA DAVID E. WATTS

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BEN R. WALLS, Assistant Business Manager, American Council on Education, 1735 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C., was interviewed and furnished the following information.

WALLS stated that CHARLES L. SELL had been regularly employed since June 26, 1967 as a computer programmer for American Council On Education.

BEN R. WALLS was shown the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that SELL did not bear a close resemblance to the photograph. He furnished the following description from Company record's and personal knowledge.

Name	CHARLES L. SELL
DOB	<input type="text"/>
Height	5' 6"
Weight	175
Build	Heavy
Hair	Sandy Brown

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SA WALTER E. THOMAS RFPDate dictated 4/25/68

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By communication dated April 6, 1968, the Baltimore Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation advised that the Baltimore, Maryland, Police Department, had arrested EMIL MATAMIK as a look alike of the killer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MATALIK, born [redacted] at Highland, Wisconsin, five feet ten inches, one hundred and sixty pounds, and ruddy complexion, had advised that he arrived in Baltimore from Washington, D. C., on that date and that he had resided at 430 K Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., where he had lived for the past four months.

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Re: EMIL MATALIK

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Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies each of the following:

FD 302 re interview of PETE L. SMITH
FD 302 re interview of WALTER L. BISHOP
FD 302 re interview of Mrs. ELVA MCKENNETH
FD 302 re interview of WALTER MCKENNETH
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On 5/9/68, WFO received information that RAY, as ERIC S. GALT, as early as December, 1967, was inquiring as to procedures to enter Rhodesia. In view of this, WFO recommended that plans be effected with the Passport Office, United States Department of State, to arrange for a systematic review of all passport applications received since RAY's prison escape in April, 1967.

This project was commenced and over 700,000 of a total of about 2,100,000 applications were reviewed before the project was halted on 6/4/68, as a result of investigative developments from a similar project in Canada.

As many as 36 Agents a day were used in this review which in some instances consisted of round-the-clock work. Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director, Passport Office, and Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Deputy Director, Passport Office, were most cooperative in arranging for this review.

Miss KNIGHT unhesitatingly made available the full facilities of the Passport Office and Mr. JOHNSON made arrangements for passport employees to be on duty in order that WFO's search could be continued during other than normal working hours. He also arranged for Agent personnel to use the garage facilities of the Passport Office in view of the absence of public transportation available to Agent personnel arriving for work or departing from work at the Passport Office at midnight.

It is recommended that the Director send a letter to Miss KNIGHT expressing appreciation for her warm and whole-

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hearted cooperation in making Passport Office files available to WFO Agent personnel for this project. It is further recommended that the Director express thanks to Mr. JOHNSON for assisting WFO personnel in perfecting the fine details of this review and handling of necessary administrative changes. WFO files reflect that both Miss KNIGHT and Mr. JOHNSON have been staunch Bureau friends for years.

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MURKIN

ReWFOtelcall today.

Miss FRANCES KNIGHT, Director, Passport Office, United States Department of State, today furnished the following information to SA KENNETH J. HASER, WFO:

She commented that she had been contacted by PAUL SCOTT of Publishers-Hall Syndicate. SCOTT, according to Miss KNIGHT, is a reliable and reputable free lance writer.

SCOTT inquired if the FBI was checking passport files in connection with captioned matter and Miss KNIGHT replied that the FBI would be able to check files if a specific name were known, pointing out that the passport records contained over 25 million index cards. SCOTT's questions then centered on whether a United States citizen needed a passport to visit Canada and Miss KNIGHT received the impression SCOTT was interested in JAMES EARL RAY in respect to his possibly being in Canada. Miss KNIGHT advised SCOTT that any citizen could visit Canada without a passport.

Above for information.

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Mr. Allen

Allen-Scott Report

Study King Talk For New Clues

By ROBERT S. ALLEN
and PAUL SCOTT

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's massive probe of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King is taking a possibly sensational turn.

With James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin, apparently either outside the U. S. or now dead, FBI agents have increased their surveillance of several American Communists known to have been closely associated with King, including one who wrote speeches for him in the past.

This new development was triggered by evidence gathered by the more than 1,000 agents who have worked on the mysterious King shooting and by several "tips" and letters sent to the FBI.

One of the most interesting of these "tips" came from an alert TV viewer and concerns the now famous "Mountain Top" speech King made on April 3, the night before his slaying, showing a premonition of his impending death.

"If the speech was truly made in Memphis on April 3 as reported," the letter pointed out, "then how can one account for King stating his age as 36 (instead of 39) and why does he speak of demonstrating in Alabama twice during the speech?"

After checking out the time and location of King's final speech, several of the crack FBI agents assigned to the case decided to begin seeking answers to a number of their own questions, including:

"If King had personally written that speech, why would he make mistakes like those contained in it — especially the one involving his age?"

"If the speech was written by someone other than King, who was the author and when was it written?"

The answers to these questions are considered highly important to the investigation, since, if another person was concerned in the preparation of that speech, the writer might be able to shed new light on it — especially those mistakes.

Also, if King had received help with the speech, the passages dealing with the civil rights leader's premonition of death would probably have been fully discussed. King's request to the Detroit police department for protection when he visited that city a few weeks before his

death indicated he feared for his life then.

Information gathered by the FBI on King, prior to his assassination, showed that a secret member of the Communist Party's executive committee was one of King's closest advisers and speech writers.

This ghost writer for King prepared many of his most famous speeches, according to testimony given by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover during a closed door meeting of a House Appropriations subcommittee.

Since Ray during his trips prior to King's assassination visited the same city in which this ghost writer lives, the FBI is now investigating to determine if the two met covertly.

Recent evidence fathered by FBI agents in one of the most massive probes in the nation's history has forced serious investigation of these possibilities:

- That somebody close to King or within his own organization tipped off his assassin as to the civil rights leader's route on the day of his slaying.

- That Ray was hired directly by certain black nationalists who paid him with money made available by foreign sources.

- That an international Communist "assassin squad" was involved in the slaying.

Because of Ray's mysterious trips to Mexico and Canada shortly before the assassination, the entire U. S. intelligence operation, ranging from the Central Intelligence Agency to the Defense Intelligence Agency, has been pressed into the hunt for King's killer.

One CIA report indicated that Ray, who is linked to the murder weapon by fingerprints and ballistic data, may have visited Cuba during his Mexican trip, according to information furnished by a Mexican airline official.

The FBI assumption is that, if there was a conspiracy to kill King, those involved made arrangements to spirit their hired killer out of the U. S. to Cuba via either Mexico or Canada.

Probably the greatest irony of the probe of King's assassination is that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, one of the civil rights leader's severest critics when he was alive, is doing everything in his power to solve the case.

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The Northern Virginia Sun
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Bu Supervisor BATES advised he had received a telephone call from MR. MARSHALL STANSELL, Resident Manager, Hillside Terrace Apartments, 1818 23rd. Street, S.E., WDC., concerning a tenant who resembled JAMES EARL RAY, STANSELL desiring that an FBI agent personally contact him at 11:00 A.M., 4/24/68.

On 4/24/68 MR. STANSELL advised SA'S SIDNEY H. ROCHE and WALTER B. SAVAGE as follows:

STANSELL said a former tenant, RAY THORNTON, had lived with MARGARET L. RAE at 1909 23rd. Street, S.E., Apt. 141B, until 1/31/68 when they moved out owing back rent. He said that RAE had a child by THORNTON and that both were known at Herby's Restaurant, Alabama Avenue, S.E., WDC. STANSELL said that he judged THORNTON'S age as mid-thirties, approximately five eight to ten, stocky build, with black hair that appeared to be dyed. He said THORNTON did not appear to have a job and he was seen so often about the apartment complex, that his sudden disappearance on 1/31/68 aroused his suspicions concerning THORNTON. He said that THORNTON was known to the proprietor of Herby's Restaurant.

On 4/24/68 HERB AIKEN, proprietor of Herby's Restaurant advised that MARGARET RAE had a child by GARY THORNTON with whom he was acquainted. He said that THORNTON was in the U.S. Air Force until about one year ago and that he was stationed at Bolling Air Force Base. AIKEN and his waitresses, all of whom know THORNTON as a former customer, stated he is definitely not identical to JAMES EARL RAY. They further agreed that THORNTON is in his early twenties, that he is at least six feet three or more in height and very thin. HERB AIKEN stated that his part-time bartender, Master Sergeant LEE AYERS, of Bolling AFB was also an associate of THORNTONS.

On 4/24/68 M/Sgt. AYERS advised that THORNTON was definitely not identical to RAY, adding that THORNTON was stationed at Bolling AFB until about one year ago. AYERS stated that he believed that THORNTON was about twenty two years of age and six feet four inches tall. He stated he did not know the whereabouts of THORNTON and that he had seen a photo of JAMES EARL RAY and that THORNTON in no way, resembles RAY.

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On May 3, 1968, Mr. WILLIAM O. WOOD, 1801 Calvert Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., who is employed as a library assistant, District of Columbia Public Library, Central Branch, 8th and K Streets, N. W., was interviewed at his place of employment by SAs ROBERT W. DAWSON and ROGER D. ASHLAND. Mr. WOOD advised that on April 18, 1968, at approximately 6:20 p.m., he was in the 1800 block of Columbia Road, N. W., when he observed an individual he believed to fit the public description of the murderer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He described this individual as a white male, 30 to 35 years of age, five feet, eleven inches, 175-180 pounds, slender build, light to medium brown hair thinning and medium complexion. This individual was neatly dressed in a dark blue or black suit and carried a thin black portfolio-type brief case. Mr. WOOD stated this individual looked excited or scared and uncertain of himself. He stated this individuals facial characteristics looked like the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, as shown on a Federal Bureau of Investigation identification order.

RAY was wearing a suit, except that this individual looked six or eight years older. Mr. WOOD stated that he observed this mans activities and that the man went to the Promenade Apartment building located at 1884 Columbia Road, N. W. Mr. WOOD stated he has not seen the individual since that date although he has been on the look-out for him.

On May 3, 1968, Mrs. KATHERINE HAGEN, Resident Manager, Promenade Apartments, 1884 Columbia Road, N. W., advised SAs DAWSON and ASHLAND that she did not recognize photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and that she did not know anyone residing at the Promenade Apartments who resembled the photographs of RAY.

Miss CARLENE THORPE, reservationist and switchboard operator, Promenade Apartments advised SAs DAWSON and ASHLAND

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that she did not know anyone residing at the Promenade Apartments who resembled the photographs of RAY and further that she did not know any visitors to that apartment building who resembled the photographs.

On May 8, 1968, Mr. OSBORNE GEORGE, evening receptionist and switchboard operator advised SA DAWSON that he was on duty the evening of April 18, 1968. He stated that he could not recall anyone resembling photographs of RAY entering the Promenade apartments on that evening and further that he could not recall any resident or visitor at that address who resembled the photographs of RAY.

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On May 14, 1968, LELAND CROWDER, of 4511 Dix, N. E., Washington, D. C., telephonically contacted SA ELMER L. TODD, and advised that he is employed as a parking lot attendant at the Reporter Building, 7th and D Streets, S. W., Washington, D. C. He stated that a man had just parked a Rambler at this lot with District of Columbia License [REDACTED] and this man appeared to be identical to JAMES RAY.

On May 14, 1968, LELAND CROWDER, supra, indicated to SA JOHN J. HINCHCLIFFE the man who he thought was identical to JAMES EARL RAY as the individual entered a Rambler with District of Columbia License [REDACTED].

SA HINCHCLIFFE interviewed this individual and determined his identity to be GEORGE BRYANT HUTCHINS of 1610 Park Road, N. W., Washington, D. C., date of birth [REDACTED] place of birth Washington, D.C., white, male, height five feet nine inches, weight 186, eyes brown, hair black.

Mr. HUTCHINS has brown eyes and a comparison of his fingerprints to IO number 4182 indicates that he is not identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/9/68

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JOHN SCARD, 101 G Street, South West said he is Chairman, American-Southern Africa Council, 800 Fourth Street, South West, Washington, D. C. He furnished a letter dated December 28, 1967 from ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California. He said this letter was received by the American-Southern Africa Council in December, 1967. The letter was typewritten in capital letters and double spaced. It is set out as follows:

"12-28-67

"DEAR SIR,

"I RECENTLY READ AN ARTICLE IN THE L. A. TIMES ON YOUR COUNCIL,

THE LOCAL JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY PROVIDED ME WITH YOUR ADDRESS.

MY REASON FOR WRITING IS THAT I AM CONSIDERING EMIGRATINGTO INDONESIA, HOWEVER THERE ARE A COUPLE LEGAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED."ONE: THE U. S. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ISSUE A PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL TO INDONESIA."TWO: WOULD THERE BE ANY WAY TO ENTER INDONESIA LEGALLY (FROM THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT POINT OF VIEW).I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU COULD GIVE ME ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION ON INDONESIA.On 5/9/68 at Washington, D. C.File # WFO 44-703-556by SA ROGER B. ASHLAND:IDADate dictated 5/9/68

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ERIC S. GALT

1535-N. Serrano

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

900274

The letter set out above was signed ERIC S. GALT.

JAMES ACORD said he was in Africa when this letter was received in ACORD's office. As a result ACORD did not answer the letter and ACORD's Secretary sent a form letter enclosing literature about Rhodesia to ERIC S. GALT. The reply was sent about January 10, 1968 to GALT at the above address in Los Angeles, California.

ACORD said he would like this letter returned to him as it may be a valuable document in the future. ACORD also requested this information furnished by him be kept from the press.

An attorney, MICHAEL D. JAFFE accompanied JAMES ACORD with the above information. ACORD said JAFFE was with him as a friend rather than as ACORD's attorney. MICHAEL D. JAFFE resides at 1200 South Washington Street, Apartment 623 E, Alexandria, Virginia. JAFFE's office is at 300 Independence Avenue, South East, Washington, D. C.

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"SINCERELY

ERIC S. GALT

1535-N. Serrano

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/9/19681

A letter dated December 28, 1967 received by American-Southern Africa Council, 800 Fourth Street, South West from ERIC S. GALT, 1535-N. Serrano, Los Angeles, California was hand carried to Special Agent EDWARD J. MC DONOUGH, FBI Headquarters, where reproductions of this letter were made. The original of the letter was then hand carried to Special Agent JAMES H. MORTIMER, Document Section, Laboratory, FBI Headquarters.

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by SA ROGER D. ASHLAND:RDA Date dictated 5/9/68

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Date 5/10/68

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ACORD said a valid passport is all that is required to visit Rhodesia. A visa is not needed by a tourist. Immigration to Rhodesia would require complete documentation.

ACORD said the American-Southern Africa Council has 15,000 members in the United States. The members pay dues and contribute for special projects. The organization also obtains money from the sale of products made in Rhodesia such as radios and electronic items. The American-Southern Africa Council conducts public relations on behalf of Rhodesia and other Southern Africa nations. A Newsletter is distributed and other promotional material prepared. ACORD added he also lectures on Rhodesia and South Africa and organizes tours to South Africa.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/12/68

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Date 5/15/68

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Mrs. JOSEPH E. JORDAN, 221 54th Street,
South East said a long distance telephone call was
 received at approximately 9:25PM on May 10, 1968
 at the JORDAN residence telephone 582-4790. She said
 her son JOSEPH E. JORDAN, Jr. age 10 answered the
 telephone. She said her son was asked by a woman
 telephone operator, "Is this JOE JORDAN's residence?".
 She added her son said, "He's not here. He's at work."
 A man then said over the phone, "Hi JOE." The son said,
 "I'm JOE, Jr." The caller then said, "That's who I want."

Mrs. JOSEPH E. JORDAN said, she took the phone
 call at this point and the caller said, "Hello, Miss. Are
 you JOE JORDAN's wife?" Mrs. JORDAN said "Yes". The caller,
 a man believed by Mrs. JORDAN to be a Negro without a
 southern accent said "I want to speak to JOE." Mrs. JORDAN
 said he was not home. The caller said "We have to get in
 touch with him, Mrs JORDAN, we were the ones who killed
 MARTIN LUTHER KING." The caller also said, "Your husband
 is the payoff man and is holding the cash. He has the
 check for us but we are stranded and need more cash tonight."
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mrs. JOSEPH E. JORDAN, 221 54th Street, South East said a long distance telephone call was received at approximately 9:25PM on May 10, 1968 at the JORDAN residence telephone 582-4790. She said her son JOSEPH E. JORDAN, Jr. age 10 answered the telephone. She said her son was asked by a woman telephone operator, "Is this JOE JORDAN's residence?". She added her son said, "He's not here. He's at work." A man then said over the phone, "Hi JOE." The son said, "I'm JOE, Jr." The caller then said, "That's who I want."

Mrs. JOSEPH E. JORDAN said, she took the phone call at this point and the caller said, "Hello, Miss. Are you JOE JORDAN's wife?" Mrs. JORDAN said "Yes". The caller, a man believed by Mrs. JORDAN to be a Negro without a southern accent said "I want to speak to JOE." Mrs. JORDAN said he was not home. The caller said "We have to get in touch with him, Mrs JORDAN, we were the ones who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING." The caller also said, "Your husband is the payoff man and is holding the cash. He has the check for us but we are stranded and need more cash tonight." The caller also said, "We were supposed to get in touch with JOE at 4:30PM."

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Date 5/17/68

Mr. KEN TOWSEY, Information Officer, Information Office of the Rhodesian Government, 2852 Mc Gill Terrace, N. W., was interviewed at his residence, 6807 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, Maryland.

Mr. TOWSEY advised that JOHN ACORD had visited Rhodesian Information Office earlier on May 9, 1968, and had given Mr. JOHN HOOPER of that office a copy of a letter dated December 28, 1967, from ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, in which GALT had expressed an interest in travel to Rhodesia and asked to be furnished with information on that subject. He said that ACORD had told HOOPER that he, ACORD, had come across the letter in the files of his Office, the American-Southern Africa Council on this date.

Mr. TOWSEY stated that his interest in this matter was to offer on behalf of his Government all assistance possible, however, he asked that a formal request be made to his Government for such assistance. He stated that a written or oral request in any form would be honored.

Mr. TOWSEY requested that any request made of his Government and any information or assistance furnished by his Government not be made public in view of implications of exploiting the existing situation of his Government and of possibly expanding hostility toward his Government.

TOWSEY stated that if such request were presented to him he would not use open telegraph to pass the request on to his Government but would use the mails which are assumed secure. He stated that this method would require considerable time. He suggested that the United States Government might wish to present a request through the American Consulate at Salisbury, Rhodesia.

Mr. TOWSEY stated he wished to be advised concerning

On 5/9/68 at Bethesda, Maryland

File # WFO 44-703-560

SAs ROGER D. ASHLAND and
by ROBERT W. DAWSON *RWD* RWD:cabb

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the channels used to transmit any request.

Mr. TOWSEY stated he would review the files of his local office and would furnish any information believed to be of assistance in this investigation.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/23/68

United States Postal Money Order Number 1,916,211,078, dated March 8, 1968, in the amount of \$15.00 payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, and United States Postal Money Order Number 5,615,057,923, dated March 28, 1968, in the amount of \$7.50, purchased at Atlanta, Georgia, payable to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, both bearing the handwritten signature of one ERIC S. GALT, were delivered by Special Agent SIDNEY H. ROCHE to Special Agent FRANCIS M. DEVINE of the Laboratory Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On 5/23/68 at Washington, D.C.File # WFO 44-703-561by SA SIDNEY H. ROCHE:acd
SHRDate dictated 5/23/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC WFO (137-45087)

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA R. STEVEN POLACHET

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: RICHARD JOSEPH ZIELONKA
AKA

Dates of Contact 4/19/68; 5/14/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN		44-703
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC On 4/19/68, PCI advised of facts in MURKIN case and he advised that he could furnish no information concerning the case. On 5/14/68, PCI was displayed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and he said that he had never seen any RAY.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage SAME

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Mr. JOHN R. TAKACH, Chief, Money Order Branch, General Accounting Office, furnished to the writer, SA SIDNEY H. ROCHE, two original money orders:

Number 1; #1,916,211,078, dated March 8, 1968, in the amount of \$15 purchased at Santa Monica Western Branch, Los Angeles, California, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. The signature on this money order bore the name ERIC S. GALT who listed an address as 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Number 2; #5,615,057,923, dated March 28, 1968, purchased at the Atlanta, Georgia Office in the amount of \$7.50, payable to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. This money order also bore the signature of ERIC S. GALT who listed an address as 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. TAKACH said it was not necessary for Agent ROCHE to leave a receipt for these money orders but would like the money orders to be returned to his office upon completion of examination by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On 5/22/68 at Washington, D.C.

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by SA SIDNEY H. ROCHE:sas

Date dictated 5/27/68

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OPEN CORRESPONDENCE CLUB INVESTIGATIONS - MAY - 1968

<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>Atlanta, Georgia Division</u>			
RJS	Columbia, S. C.	364-00188-E	Bullard
The Register	Delray Beach, Fla.	364-00839-E	Marquette
Enterprises of America	Pinellas Park, Fla.	364-01459-E	"
His and Her Club	Savannah, Ga.	364-03123-E	Capps
ABC Publications	Hollywood, Fla.	364-03126-E	Marquette
Jean Marie	Orlando, Fla.	364-03137-E	"
Rebel Florida	Orlando, Fla.	364-41602-E	Richie
Kay Manor	Miami, Fla.	364-48750-E	Marquette
<u>Fort Worth, Texas Division</u>			
Sterling Action Club	Corpus Christi, Tx.	364-39986-E	Marsh
F and T	Fort Worth, Tx.	364-40081-E	"
?	Fort Worth, Tx.	364-40330-E	"
Horizons Correspondence Club	Dallas, Tx.	364-40389-E	"
<u>Boston, Massachusetts Division</u>			
Nutmeg Press	Grosvenor Dale, Ct.	364-23774-E	Allain
Kitten Club	North Adams, Mass.	364-30737-E	"
Action Relationships	Boston, Mass.	364-42967-E	"
Arthur A. Swanson	Boston, Mass.	364-43051-E	"
Jane Weton	Boston, Mass.	364-43137-E	"

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<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>Chicago, Illinois Division</u>			
Carlton Enterprises	Chicago, Ill.	364-01633-E	Hinckley
Social Exchange Publishing	" "	364-01637-E	"
Arnold J. Madiol	Grand Haven, Mich.	364-43568-E	Potts
Martin's	Detroit, Mich.	364-43569-E	"
Random House	Warren, Mich.	364-48063-E	Hinckley
<u>Cincinnati, Ohio Division</u>			
Swinger's Travel & Vacation Club	Fort Wayne, Ind.	364-27059-E	Herzog
Vigo Villa	Terre Haute, Ind.	364-28234-E	Herzog
<u>Kansas City, Missouri Division</u>			
Swinging Set	Kansas City, Mo.	364-11096-E	Fay
Club Lolita	Kansas City, Mo.	364-38211-E	Fay
<u>New York, New York Division</u>			
Ram Enterprises	New York, NY	364-32101-E	Miller
Pace Setter Corp.	Brooklyn, NY	364-32705-E	Miller
Black Book	New York, NY	364-32822-E	Dolan

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<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Division</u>			
Mixer	Trenton, NJ	364-00460-E	Similes
Select Club	Camden, NJ	364-22100-E	Ferguson
Frenchy	Chinchilla, Pa.	364-44883-E	Similes
Swinger's Life	Enola, Pa.	364-45329-E	Ferguson
The In Crowd	Philadelphia, Pa.	364-45370-E	"
Club Ecstasy	York, Pa.	364-45500-E	"
Stonehill Studios	Berkeley Heights, NJ	364-48312-E	Kallies
<u>Saint Louis, Missouri Division</u>			
R J S	Davenport, Iowa	364-46385-E	Wensman
Ron Williams	Saint Louis, Mo.	364-46572-E	"
<u>Saint Paul, Minnesota Division</u>			
The Group	Wayzata, Minn.	364-39222-E	Gosnell
Action	St. Paul, Minn.	364-47443-E	Gosnell
<u>San Francisco, California Division</u>			
A to Z Club	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-21863-E	Poindexter
Ad Reply Service	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-38729-E	"
The Group	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-38802-E	Vanden Bosch

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<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>San Francisco, California Division (Continued)</u>			
The National Close Up	North Hollywood, Cal.	364-38870-E	Poindexter
Jan	Reno, Nevada	364-38993-E	Lawrence
Reynolds Machinery	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-39006-E	Poindexter
Tape Club	" " "	364-41205-E	"
Swinging Sam Young	Ontario, Cal.	364-41386-E	"
Swingers Club	Santa Monica, Cal.	364-41403-E	"
United World Publications	San Diego, Cal.	364-41409-E	"
Sincerely Yours Club	La Puente, Cal.	364-44006-E	"
Phi Pi Epsilon	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-44144-E	"
Modern Enterprises	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-44296-E	"
Japan International	Newport Beach, Cal.	364-44297-E	"
Remco	Las Vegas, Nevada	364-44337-E	"
Blue Star	Reno, Nevada	364-44412-E	Vanden Bosch
James L. Hubbel	Strathmore, Cal.	364-44539-E	" "
The Local Swinger	Downey, Cal.	364-44606-E	Poindexter
Donald Fickes	Norwalk, Cal.	364-44660-E	"
Sir, Inc.	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-44661-E	"
Le Group	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-44686-E	"
Roberta Perkins	Santa Rosa, Cal.	364-44696-E	Vanden Bosch
Kinsey Club	San Diego, Cal.	364-44745-E	Poindexter

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<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>Washington, D. C. Division</u>			
Richard Stanley	Charleston, W. Va.	364-28406-E	Bradley
David C. Bohner	Washington, D. C.	364-28571-E	Bradley
Mr. and Mrs. E. King	Hagerstown, Md.	364-29026-E	Bennett

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

MURKIN

ReATTel to Bu dated 5/23/68 requesting WFO obtain from Postal Inspector, WDC, a list of all obscene pen-pal clubs in the United States presently under investigation by the Post Office Department.

- 3- Bureau (Encl. 2)
- 2- Atlanta (44-2386) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Baltimore (44-669) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Boston (Encl. 2)
- 2- Chicago (44-1114) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Cincinnati (157-1893) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Columbia (Encl. 2)
- 2- Dallas (44-2649) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Detroit (44-989) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Houston (44-1509) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Indianapolis (Encl. 2)
- 2- Kansas City (44-760) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Las Vegas (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Los Angeles (44-1574) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Miami (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Memphis (44-1987) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Minneapolis (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Newark (44-854) (Encl. 2)
- 2- New Haven (157-818) (Encl. 2)
- 2- New York City (44-1609) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Omaha (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Philadelphia (44-1368) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Pittsburgh (44-578) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Sacramento (100-427) (Encl. 2) (AM)

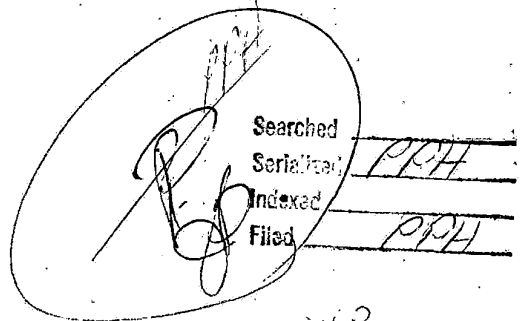
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- 2- St. Louis (44-775) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- San Diego (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- San Francisco (173-65) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Savannah (Encl. 2)
- 2- Tampa (157-3231) (Encl. 2) (AM)

Enclosed herewith for each office listed below having leads in their division are two copies each consisting of five pages which contain list of correspondence clubs under Post Office investigation.

Also enclosed for information is one copy each for Bureau, Memphis and Atlanta.

Offices covering Headquarters divisions of Postal inspectors will contact division chiefs for addresses and other identifying information regarding the clubs listed and furnish such information to other FBI field offices for further investigation where appropriate.

All offices having clubs within their division will thereafter conduct appropriate investigation to determine if subject JAMES EARL RAY is a member or has ever corresponded with that club.

Discretion should be used with lists being furnished and source of agency furnishing list should not be disclosed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 6/1/68

FROM : SA ALLAN M. POWER

SUBJECT: MURKIN -CR

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

At 4:45 pm, 6/1/68, Detective CHASE, Intelligence Division, MPD (Phone 175-2684), telephonically advised the writer that he had just received a phone call from STEVE ISAACS (sp), City Editor for the Washington Post (Phone 223-6000 Ext. 426). CHASE advised that ISAACS reported that he had a female reporter who covered a meeting this afternoon where RALPH ABERNATHY from the Poor People's Campaign was supposed to speak. For some reason, Mr. ABERNATHY was relaced by Mr. (ANDY?) YOUNG. This female reporter mentioned to ISAACS that there was a "red neck" in the crowd who closely resembled ERIC STARVO GALT (JAMES EARL RAY). This reporter noticed that this "red neck" left abruptly when it was learned that ABERNATHY would not speak. ISAACS then indicated that ~~he~~ another reporter covering this meeting who also thought that this "red neck" resembled GALT.

CHASE advised ISAACS that he was going to notify the FBI immediately, which he did. CHASE also mentioned that ISAACS would be expecting a call from the FBI.

Above information submitted to case agent ROBERT W. DAWSON.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM : HARVEY E. WILKINSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/3/68

Re Bu airtel 5/10/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA HARVEY E. WILKINSON:

On 5/16/68, Mr. RONALD RICHARDSON, Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent, Bartenders' Union, Local 75, AFL - CIO, 633 Bond Building, 1404 New York Ave., N.W., advised as follows:

After being shown IO of subject, did not recognize picture and name or aliases checked in file with negative results.

County ^{clubs} ~~clerk~~s in the area are not unionized.

Individual usually gets job as bartender first and then joins the Union. Difficult to get job if one is not "bondable" because of monies involved. All Maryland handled out of Baltimore. No appreciable union activities in Virginia because of "Right to Work" Laws.

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On 5/15/68, SA ROBERT W. DAWSON determined that the ABC, WDC, does not require a permit for bartenders. Union membership is required at some locations and the local union is Bartenders Local #75, 1404 New York Avenue, N. W., WDC.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM : ROBERT H. SYLVESTER, Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/3/68

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE

An individual who identified himself as EDWARD FATH, an employee in the Editorial Photo Section of "The Evening Star" newspaper, with residence at Broad Run Farms, Sterling, Virginia, called WFO at 5:36pm, 6/3/68, and advised as follows:

At approximately 8:30pm, ^{Friday, 5/31/68,} and again during the morning of 6/3/68, he observed an individual entering a residence in the northwest section of WDC who he believes is ident with JAMES EARL RAY, the individual wanted in connection with the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Mr. FATH said he has studied a recent "Life" magazine article about JAMES EARL RAY, and today he looked at photographs of RAY in the files of his newspaper. Based on these he has concluded the above-described individual appears ident with RAY.

Mr. FATH said he would be willing to furnish complete details in personal interview with a SA of the FBI. He suggested contact at his office.

For appropriate handling.

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The following interviews were conducted at Washington, D. C., on April 8, 1968, by Special Agents JOSEPH C. KELLY and SIDNEY H. ROCHE:

Dr. DAVID MARK ROSENBAUM, Expert, National Resources Analysis Center, Systems Evaluation Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation building, 550 17th Street, Northwest, advised that he is acquainted with one RUSSELL YOUNG, Executive Assistant to the Vice President, Government Communications Division, American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and while in company with Mr. YOUNG sometime during the first, several days of April, 1968, YOUNG remarked to ROSENBAUM that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING was possibly going to be killed in Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. ROSENBAUM said that since the statement had been proven true, in as much as Dr. KING was killed, he felt that he should notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation of this information. He added that he could not suggest the source of YOUNG's information, and that he intended to call Mr. YOUNG and advise him that he had furnished the information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. WILLIAM RUSSELL YOUNG, Executive Assistant to the Vice President, Government Communications Division, American Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, Room 1104, 1730 K Street, Northwest, telephone 392-5196, stated that he commented earlier in the month of April, 1968, while in the presence of one Dr. DAVID ROSENBAUM, that in view of the feelings and opinions expressed by the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, he predicted that someone would kill

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KING at sometime or another. Mr. YOUNG said that it was merely a premonition on his part and he has never heard any information which might lead him to believe that a conspiracy was involved in this killing, nor did YOUNG have the slightest idea when or by whom the murder would take place.

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

6/4/68

SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

Re WILLIAM RUSSELL YOUNG

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of a report insert concerning information regarding WILLIAM RUSSELL YOUNG.

WFO is conducting no further investigation concerning YOUNG.

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2 - Memphis (Enc. 15)

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On April 7, 1968, CHARLES A THOMAS, JR., 7215 G Street, Seat Pleasant, Maryland, a clerk-carrier at Friendship Station Post Office, Washington, D. C., advised SA WILLIAM S. MEEHAN that JIMMY THOMPSON, a fellow postman, has made frequent trips to Tennessee recently and he owns a white Mustang. Further, that THOMPSON had been absent from work since Wednesday, April 3, 1968. He said he had no other reason for reporting this information than THOMPSON's absence. He stated THOMPSON has never displayed any anti-Negro tendencies and to the contrary he is more than friendly toward Negro fellow employees.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent SIDNEY H. ROCHE at Washington, D. C., on April 8, 1968:

Mr. KENNETH FEWELL, Superintendent, Friendship Station, United States Post Office Department, 4005 Wisconsin Avenue, Northwest, advised that his records revealed that JIMMY ROGER THOMPSON is employed at this station as a clerk-carrier and that according to employment records THOMPSON was on duty at this location on April 3, 1968, and April 4, 1968, at which time he was due to finish work at 2:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968. He was off April 5, April 6, and April 7, 1968, and reported back to work at 5:30 A.M. on April 8, 1968. Mr. FEWELL stated that he has known THOMPSON as an employee at this location and knows that he has relatives in Chuckey, Tennessee, located near Bristol, Tennessee, and has been known to visit them upon occasion.

Mr. FEWELL described THOMPSON as a white male, about twenty-five years of age, about 210 pounds, five feet ten inches to five feet eleven inches tall, blonde hair, stocky build, characteristics, walks like a small town, country boy and is a sloppy dresser.

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Re JIMMY ROGER THOMPSON

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies each of two report inserts concerning THOMPSON.

WFO is conducting no further investigation regarding THOMPSON since he was at work in Washington, D. C., on 4/4/68, and he does not fit the description of the subject this matter.

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On April 22, 1968, JAMES K. BROWN, 4811 Quarles Street, Northeast, Washington, D. C., advised SA ROBERT W. DAWSON that the white male he picked up in his taxicab at the Greyhound Bus Depot and drove to the 2300 block of 23rd Street, Southeast, on April 11, 1968, did not resemble the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt.

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On April 13, 1968, Sergeant BERNARD F. KELLY, Homicide Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, telephonically advised SA JAMES J. MC CLOSKEY that JAMES K. BROWN, a cab driver, was in his office and had some information concerning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

JAMES K. BROWN, 4811 Quarles Street, N.E., Apartment 1, telephone 397-2910, furnished the following information to SA MC CLOSKEY on April 13, 1968.

He drives Taxicab Number 264 for the Yellow Cab Company and normally drives between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 or 2 a.m. He stated that he did not know if the following information is significant; however, after reading the local newspapers and noting that a suspect in the Dr. KING assassination was in the Merchant Marines, he decided he should relate his experience.

On Thursday evening, April 11, 1968, at about 6:30 p.m., he picked up three fares at the Grayhound Bus Depot. Two of the passengers were Negro males and the third was a white male. After delivering the two Negro males to their destination, he proceeded to the 1800 block of 23rd Street, S.E., as requested by the white male, who was described as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	Middle or late 30s
Height:	5 feet 9 inches - 5 feet 10 inches
Weight:	175 pounds
Build:	Slimmer
Hair:	Black and grey - bushy, unruly, uncombed

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