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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) - P -  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau and Richmond,  
4/22/68.

AT CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA:

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs FRANKLIN R. WASHBURG and JOHN G. MC CARTHY:

On 4/22/68, MERVIN L. MC ALLISTER, Arthur's  
Grill, East Main St., Charlottesville, Va., advised  
that he is the owner and operator of the restaurant.  
MC ALLISTER advised that he is the only male Caucasian  
employed at the grill and that he most frequently  
operates as the counter-man. MC ALLISTER was observed  
to have the same physical stature of JAMES EARL RAY,  
but did not possess any of the facial, physical attributes  
of RAY and did not have any scar on the center of his  
forehead or on the palm of his right hand.

MC ALLISTER stated that his lifelong residence  
is Charlottesville, Va., and had opened Arthur's Grill  
in 5/67.

Judge ALLEN SPITZER, Municipal Court Judge,  
Charlottesville, Va., a patron in the restaurant at the  
time, advised that he has known MC ALLISTER as a local

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resident for many years.

On 4/23/68, Assistant COP C. O. DURHAM, Charlottesville, Va. PD and Deputy Sheriff M. W. SANDRIDGE, Albemarle Co. SO, Charlottesville, Va., both advised that MERVIN L. MC ALLISTER, owner of Arthur's Grill, has been a life-long resident of Charlottesville, Va. and has operated the restaurant on East Main St. for a period of about one year.

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