

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

FROM : SA ROBERT W. GOODWIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
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DATE: 5/17/68

Re memo to instant file dated 5/7/68, Serial No. 44-1987 SUB 169.

On 5/15/68 Miss JANET BILLINGS was interviewed at her place of employment, the law firm of Armstrong, et al, 15th Floor of the Commerce Title Building, 24 South Main Street, Memphis, Tenn. She advised that on the night of 5/7/68 she observed a man whom she felt resembled JAMES EARL RAY on three separate occasions. At approximately 10:30 P. M. that night, she observed said person at the Loeb's coin-operated laundry, located at Madison and Belvedere, where said person was washing his clothes. He was also carrying a transistor radio which was being played very loudly. At approximately 11:00 P. M. that night, she saw said person at the Fred Montesi Grocery Store buying groceries. At approximately 11:30 P. M., she saw said person back at said laundry where he was observed to be violently shaking a bubble gum vending machine, ostensibly because he could not get the prize out of the machine, which he desired.

Miss BILLINGS described said person as having very short dark-brown hair, blue eyes, 5' 10", 165 pounds, wearing baggy clothes, brown jacket with pin-striped shirt, black pants and black slip ons.

Upon observing the current photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, she advised that the person she observed as mentioned on the night of 5/7/68 was not identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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