

UNITED STATES
Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA PAUL D. LAMBERTH

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Writer received call at 9:40 a.m. this date from a sales clerk, Woodward and Lothrop, Mr. MELVIN B. ATKINSON, who is in the Major Appliance Section, 2nd floor, North Building, 11th and G, S. W., Washington, D.C. ATKINSON said he noticed an individual who is similar in appearance to the newspaper photos of JAMES EARL RAY, suspect in instant matter. This person came through his area of the store and went to the men's room on two occasions, once in the late morning of 4/18/68, and again at the same time on 4/19/68. ATKINSON said the man acted suspiciously, appeared unkempt (as if he had been sleeping in his clothes) and was dressed on 4/19/68 in khaki trousers, white shirt with tie, and dirty shoes, although he was clean shaven. The man was about 6' tall, and fits the general description of RAY.

ATKINSON could furnish no information to further identify this individual, but stated that he (ATKINSON) is an ex-policeman and felt it was important enough to call the FBI. He was advised to immediately advise the FBI and his store police if the above described man returns. ATKINSON gave his phone number as 347-5300, X678 or 654.

SA COGHLAN was advised of above call.

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no action until Atkinson calls

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4/21/68 re cover up. D advised Reser... was directly related to PH Lead, CR Doehman