

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4022068

FROM : SA KENNETH J. HASER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is to advise that when the identity of JAMES EARL RAY became known on the afternoon of 4-19-68, the writer initiated a check of the files of the Passport Office, Department of State concerning him, with nothing identifiable being located. Further checking is underway at the Washington National Records Center at Suitland, Md. in retired passport files and anything of interest will be reported.

In order to cover the possibility that subject RAY may have recently been issued a passport and the record thereof is not yet in Washington, the writer arranged through Mr. EDWARD STOKEN of the Passport Office to send a teletype message to all its Passport Agencies. The Passport Office on 4-19-68 also telephoned its Agency in Honolulu to check on RAY, with negative results. Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Acting Director, Passport Office telephonically advised SA HASER on 4-19-68 that the Agencies had all teletyped Washington that their records are negative as to RAY.

Mr. JOHNSON also issued instructions whereby the weekend Duty Officer of the Passport Office, Mrs. NELL ALLEN, was alerted concerning RAY and ~~for~~ instructions to all Passport Agencies to refer immediately to the nearest FBI Office any information received concerning RAY and intended travel. Mrs. ALLEN was told to telephone the Duty Agent at WFO concerning any information received. SA HASER alerted the Night Supervisor's office in WFO concerning this matter.

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