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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893)
 SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY;
 MURKIN
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*E.C. McLaughlin
 (Murkin Copy)*

On 10/26/68, [redacted] made available to SA [redacted] at Athens, Ohio, Page 31 of "Look" magazine, dated 4/25/61, Volume 25, No. 9. The page is enclosed for Atlanta, and a xerox copy of the page enclosed for Memphis and the Bureau.

[redacted] advised that this page is the beginning of the article, "The Second Battle of Atlanta," by GEORGE B. LEONARD, JR., Look Staff Writer, and included on page 31 are two photographs. One photograph shows a marching Ku Klux Klansman, and the other a Negro student demonstrator. Source advised he noted this article while thumbing through the old issue of the magazine.

[redacted] he noted the great similarity between the Ku Klux Klansman and the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, photograph of RAY taken in 1966. [redacted] states there is enough similarity between the Ku Klux Klansman in 1961 and RAY to be the one and the same person.

Source advised that the photo credit for the Klansman is the "Atlanta Journal" photographer.

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The photo mentioned above appears in the 4/25/61 issue of "LOOK," however, the date the photo was taken is not known. However, the article mentions that "Both Ku Klux Klansmen and Negro students have marched in downtown Atlanta in recent months."

It is further noted that Bureau teletype to all SAC's dated 4/19/68, captioned MURKIN, reveals RAY had been received at the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, on 3/17/60.

If Atlanta does not know the identity of the Klansman shown in the photo, it may be desirable to contact the "Atlanta Journal" to determine the date the photo was made.

Atlanta is requested to advise Cincinnati only should the Klansman in the photo be identified as RAY.



THE SECOND BATTLE OF ATLANTA

Both Ku Klux Klansmen and Negro students have marched in downtown Atlanta in recent months.

Students picketed stores with segregated lunch counters; Klansmen picketed the students. During the pre-Christmas rush, the two groups met face to face, with no incidents. Said Mayor William B. Hartsfield, "Atlanta is the only city in the country where the Jews and the Klan can picket on the same street—to music by the Salvation Army."