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Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44- 38861

Lab. No. D-680625135 IH
PC-A7235 BX IZ
CW

Specimens received 6/25/68

Q377 Scratch pad

Q378 - Q382 One clean and four soiled handkerchiefs

Q383 Wittnauer wrist watch.

Q384 TWA message slip for YARUM CHANDRA DUTT

K486 Four test bullets and four cartridge cases from
"Liberty Chief, .38 Special revolver" serial #715

Result of examination:

Q377 was examined for watermarks and indented writing with negative results. The hand printed word "CERTIFICATE" appears on the cover of this pad. Although a number of hand printing similarities were noted in this word when compared with Ray's hand printing indicating it was possibly prepared by the subject, the limited nature of this hand printing precludes a definite identification of Ray as the author of this hand printing.

No visible or invisible laundry marks were found on specimens Q378 through Q382.

Specimen Q383 is a men's 17-jewel Wittnauer wrist watch encased in a Wittnauer watchcase. Both the watchcase and the movement are of Swiss origin. The wrist watch movement does not bear a serial number and there is no physical evidence that the movement has been repaired since there are no jewelers' "scratch marks" inscribed on the inside of the case. The watchcase bears two sets of numbers, one above the other, as follows:

8001
11K

44-38861

000107
Bulky
5586

The Wittnauer factory should be able to advise as to the significance, if any, of these markings. The possibility of tracing the retail sale of specimen Q383 appears remote. No foreign material was located on or in the watch which could assist in tracing the wrist watch.

The wrist watch has a stainless steel expansion-type band bearing the markings "ADMIRAL U.S.A." There is an Admiral Watch Band Company, Incorporated, 9 DeBrosses Street, New York City, which manufactures watch bands.

The test bullets and cartridge cases from the .38 Special caliber "Liberty Chief" revolver, serial number 715 were compared with all similar specimens in the National Unidentified Ammunitions File without effecting an identification.

Two latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q384 but they were not identical with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G. The questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q384 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY. K486 has been previously forwarded to Legat, Ottawa. Q377 through Q384 have been previously forwarded to Legat, London.