

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 7/12/68

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 6/19/68.

AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on 6/10/68.

[redacted] Gulfport Police Department, advised they have the following identification record for [redacted] who was described as a white male, born [redacted]

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
[redacted]	Drunk and Vagrancy	\$15.00 fine on drunk charge and Vagrancy Nol Processed
[redacted]	Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, test showed 18% alcohol	Charge reduced to reckless driving and fined \$110.00
[redacted]	Improper license	Charge dismissed

[redacted] son of the owner of [redacted] advised he is personally acquainted with [redacted] who, according to their records, was employed by them from November, 1966, until September, 1967. He was a good [redacted] however, he was an alcoholic and when they were rushed and working fast, he could not stand the pressure and would become shaky and start drinking. He said the reason they tolerated [redacted]

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██████████ as long as they did was the fact that his father felt sorry for him. He said that one day he did not show up for work and that was the last they ever saw him. They received information from some source that he was deceased.

██████████ advised that he would be skeptical of any information furnished by ██████████ and would not consider him to be a reliable individual because of his use of alcoholic beverages.

██████████, owner and manager of ██████████ Hotel, ██████████ advised she is personally acquainted with ██████████ and he rented the front room on the second floor on the southeast corner, which would be Room 201, from them for a number of months. Since he was there for a number of months, she was unable to verify the exact dates of arrival or departure but did locate records showing that he was a guest in the hotel as of ██████████. She recalled that he came to them from Pass Christian, Mississippi, and he was later evicted by them. His eviction was the result of his drinking, which they do not tolerate in the hotel and the fact that he claimed he could not sleep and would play his radio and records all hours of the night. He was not the type guest they like to have in the hotel. She added that she could not state if any information furnished by him would be reliable or not but she would be inclined not to believe him and it would depend on his condition at the time he furnished the information, and whether he had been drinking.

██████████ further advised that she had located records showing that ██████████ occupied Room 205 in the hotel as of ██████████. This room would have been two rooms down the hall from ██████████ room.

She recalled that ██████████ was living at the hotel the same time as ██████████ and that they were also friendly with one another and would visit in each other's room.

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Complaints were received from other guests as to their misconduct. She further recalled that [REDACTED] played a guitar during the time that he lived at the hotel. She had no information as to [REDACTED] residence or employment at this time but did recall that he was originally from Beaumont, Mississippi, as that is her home town also. She said she did not know him or his parents during the time she lived in Beaumont, but during conversation with her he mentioned that he was from Beaumont and this fact stuck in her mind.

Inasmuch as [REDACTED] current whereabouts is not known at this time and since [REDACTED] identification of JAMES EARL RAY was based upon a brief meeting with an unknown individual who did not identify himself approximately one year before the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY appeared in the paper, no further efforts are being made by the Jackson Division to locate [REDACTED] and attempt to identify the person with [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] room, UACB. The fact that [REDACTED] was at the time an alcoholic and acquaintances of his at that time did not consider him reliable is of significance in evaluating his information.

One copy of this communication is being furnished the Milwaukee Division for their information since it is possible they may have further contacts with [REDACTED]