

King assassination records appeals

Harold Weisberg 5/30/80

Abstracts

Foreign Police

Classification

Bank Robberies

Privacy claims

Informant symbol disclosure

Electronic surveillance - "JUNE" and other

In my appeal of 5/26 pertaining to the abstracts and in a number of much earlier and totally ignored appeals I referred to what follows, as I have come to these copies made earlier, when I read the abstracts.

Pertaining to Serial 5510 I informed you that the withheld name is that of an Englishman and had been disclosed by the FBI, although withheld in that abstract to attempt to protect the unjustifiable withholding in the underlying records.

The abstract for Serial 5513 discloses the name I'd forgotten, Malcolm Davis.

Reading all four abstracts, 5510-5513, takes about a minute, perhaps less, so it cannot be that by the time anyone, including SA Wood, read the fourth he would not have forgotten the first of these four.

When I notified the FBI in writing in 1977 that the Davis name was disclosed there is no justification for repeating the improper withholding in 1980. With 5513 Wood, whose initials are on it, goes farther - he makes a (b)(1) claim for what the Department disclosed in the OPR records. What Wood withheld, in the OPR's words, is that "Du obtained info on King assassination thru electronic surveillance."

Both record and abstract are captioned "JUNE." I doubt very much that the FBI obtained permission to employ electronic surveillance on Davis. Perhaps this is the "national security" Wood perceived, illegal FBI electronic surveillance? The abstract begins with an "OK. H." The record ends with all under action recommended being obliterated, except for the initialled Hoover approval.

The abstract for 5440 discloses improper claim to "national security" and to withhold information provided by the RCMP, the latter in earlier records and abstracts.

Three years ago I informed the FBI that it and the press had identified Mrs. Claire Keating as the Canadian woman who had slept with James Earl Ray. On a number of occasions I informed the Court that the withholding was improper and that it might do harm to another woman who did not sleep with Ray. This abstract begins, "RCMP MONTREAL REPORT 11-22-68

CLASSIFIED 'CONFIDENTIAL' AS IT NAMES MRS. KEATING AS RAY'S COMPANION..."

Identifying "Ray's companion" is a matter of "national security?"

There is no excuse for the withholding of Keating's name in the earlier records and abstracts because I did inform the FBI. However, with the abstracts, Wood deliberately withheld improperly because he was in the courtroom when I provided accurate information about the Keating withholding to the judge. Wood did not have to read my communications - if he or any others in the FBI ever did.

5440 also states that dissemination of the RCMP report is OK "IN VIEW OF HER SUBSEQUENT IDENTIFICATION IN CANADIAN PRESS" because "SHE HAS SUED CANADIAN NEWS SERVICES," exactly what I told the Court, Department counsel and Wood and those who preceded him.

Mrs. Keating and the RCMP are both involved in the 28 additional total withholdings this section of the in ~~xxxxx~~ abstracts, 4870, 4915, 4918, 4919 (2), 4986, 4994, 4996, 5068, 5176, 5207, 5230, 5270, 5271, 5337, 5338, 5377, 5421, 5485, 5499, 5501, 5600, 5646, 5647, 5663, 5716 and 5719.

With all of them what is reasonably segregable is withheld.

The (7)(D) claim is made for all, (7)(C) in addition for several.

4870 is a 4-page Toronto police report. At the very least, the identification is reasonably segregable but is withheld. There is no showing with regard to it or any other record that its content is not public domain.

The underlying record for 4915, totally withheld, is an RCMP report of which some is public and some fabricated. O-R disclosed it includes the claim of Blanche <sup>N</sup>estrice Hutchinson Van Laven that she spent a night with Ray at the Lord Simcoe Hotel; that Ray applied for a job at Lohlaw's <sup>N</sup>Greeteria, which the manager reported to the police, etc. (See also 5035)

There is an obviously ulterior motive for the withholding of 4918, Ray's rights were violated. Six of his letters were intercepted and given to the FBI.

4919 has content that is public domain in the second part. The identification of the first part at least is reasonably segregable. Of the second record O-R's notes say, "Memo to DeLoach - FBI trying to identify citizen band broadcast from 6:36 p.m. 4-4-68." This and all details are public, including by FBI disclosure.

Some of the content of the underlying record for 5068 was disclosed by OPR and indicates there was reasonably segregable information. The record is a referred State Dept. letter: "State Dept letter to Hoover re: negative results of an investigation of a look alike. Protect.\* Several such, including names, are disclosed. Note that where protection is desired it is stated and is not properly assumed in other cases.

5176 is RCMP, as are ~~5207~~ 5207, 5230, 5338 and 5716, with no OPR notes on them.

5337, withheld entirely, holds public domain information about Mrs. Keating, according to OPR: "Claire (Mrs. Michael) Keating, nee Cloutier - interview w/ Canadian woman who spent time with Ray at Gray Rocks. RUTH CHAPPELL - friend of Keating's who also saw Ray; both stayed w/Ray at Har-K Hotel in Montreal; both met Ray at Gray Rocks." Also pertaining to Mrs. Keating, 5600: "Interview of CLAIRE KEATING, re Ray's attitude toward blacks."

Three others withheld the public domain as obtained from the RCMP, according to OPR notes. 5646: "...only 2 unsolved/robberies in Montreal Apr 8 to May 6/68 one neg on photo test and other robber spoke French." 5647: "RCMP 2/26/69 ...Mrs. Agnew has heart condition - Mrs. Spencer was a poor witness in trial on passport fraud." 5653: "RCMP report - robbery investigation neg."

In 5421 the withheld content of the RCMP report appeared in such journals as the National Enquirer, is the subject of ignored prior appeals and over the years received other extensive public attention: "RICHARD ALVIN GIESBRECHT - allegedly had information on 'Raoul'." In fact Giesbrecht is a well-known fabricator who sought to sell his inventions and the FBI itself disclosed copies of the Nation/Enquirer articles and interviews.

4843 and 4844 both disclose what the FBI insists it must withhold the symbol identification of an informer, Springfield's SI 161 C in the first, 1514 in the second.

4925 refers to "special progress reports" said to have been attached to the underlying records but in fact not provided.

A note added to the abstract for 4922 says it should be numbered 4960. As provided to me three separate records, all pertaining to fingerprints, are Serial 4922. On the abstract and the first two documents names are excised. On the third, a Lab report,

x under results it is concluded that the <sup>prints</sup> ~~prints~~ on Q349 and Q350 are "not of Walker."  
OPR's notes say "Vincent Joseph Walker - neg." Vincent Joseph Walker is a named disclosed  
by the FBI and thus not properly withheld. He is a "named suspect." Now on 4960 his name  
is not withheld in the abstract. This confirms what I told the judge and you, that the  
FBI's sole purpose in processing the abstracts was to try to ~~prevent~~ protect improper  
processing in the underlying records. There is no excision on the first of several  
different records in the Serial ~~as~~ but there is in the last, HQ to Memphis, 7/19/68.  
However, the worksheets make no claim to any exemption. The other pages of this Serial are  
facsimiles of Scotland Yard information, exactly what I've told you that the FBI discloses  
selectively, for its own purposes, to argue a case or make political points. (This also  
is true of the record underlying the abstract for 5026. It is an original Scotland Yard  
item of evidence and the FBI disclosed it to me in facsimile because it can be construed  
as part of a case against Ray. More of this in 5040.)

Three more abstracts in this series of them (one has two parts) pertain to the  
bank robberies as part of the MURKIN investigation, an appeal on which you have not  
acted. (An additional one below under surveillance.) Items of clothing of the robbers  
and a planned circular letter are the two parts of MURKIN 4938. In MURKIN 5111, 8/24/68,  
Springfield/daily investigation" to determine "if James Earl Ray was participant" in  
Alton job "and used his share of loot to finance subsequent travel and activity."  
Because results were negative it wanted to discontinue daily teletypes and weekly  
summaries. (You may recall that this theory was foisted off on the House assassins.)  
The submission of Jerry and John Ray's palm prints ( 5075) also bears on the theory that  
they were coconspirators.

My requests include surveillance of any form on named persons. You have responded  
with regard to some, limited to approved wiretaps included in HQ records only.

Under the Bank of Liberty, Ill., caption, 91-34552-19, WFO (91-4794) identified D.C.  
347-3837 as the phone of the Committee to Investigate Assassinations, also included in  
my requests. You will recall my appeal coming from the fact that the FBI has me listed in  
five different bank robbery files and my statement that this has to come from some form of

telephone surveillance. I believe that at the time in question Jerry Ray phoned me and he was a suspect in that robbery. I believe the same is true pertaining to the 347-3637 call. At that time Bernard Fensterwald was James Earl Ray's lawyer and the CTIA is his organization.

When the National States Rights Party announced it would assist Ray's defense FBIHQ directed Savannah to "alert its sources" and file reports. This is a form of surveillance. (5046)

In 5310 FBIHQ warned Memphis about the trial judge's order that Ray's communications with his lawyers are privileged and "you should not accept written communications" as they were intercepted and provided to the FBI. It was told "you may accept oral info." Whether oral or written and whether or not in violation of Ray's rights and this court order, this is surveillance and within my requests. (Two such intercepts, both subsequent to the order, are attached to the underlying record.)

FBIHQ told Memphis to "ascertain contents of letter" to Ray. OHR's note is, "Mail opening by Bureau?" The underlying record reflects HQ's knowledge that the sheriff was providing copies of Ray's jail.

5076 pertains to an intercepted letter from Stoner and as Ray's lawyer.

4914 encloses a copy of a letter Ray wrote to his sister.

4972 reports on surveillance of Ray's mail.

4982 reports that enclosures may be disseminated "EXCEPT LONAIRTEL DATED 7/16/68 INCLUDING LETTERS FROM SUBJECT TO PERSONS IN U.S."

5013 reports results of surveillance on two of Ray's lawyers, Stoner and Art "ones.

5023: "Legat London furnished copy of letter from subj. ~~xxxx~~...to J.B. Stoner..."

5086, informant reports Stoner got letter from Ray.

5162 forwards a number of copies of Ray's defense records and communications and warns "THAT THIS INFO MAY BE PRIVILEGED." Xeroxes from Sheriff.

5193, mail interception informs that Stoner is to see Ray 9/25/68.

5196 forwards copies of letters to Ray from Stoner and his brother Jerry.

5198 forwards a copy of James' letter to ~~xxxx~~ brother Jerry.

5202, "END TO FBI LAB. DOCUMENTS SECTION ARE 5 COMMUNICATIONS REC'D FROM SHERIFF WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., WRITTEN BY JAMES EARL RAY, AND TWO LETTERS REC'D BY JUDGE W. HENSTON BATTLE FROM JAMES EARL RAY."

5235 forwards copies of two letters and envelope, Ray to attorney Hanes.

5241 forwards copies of two more of Ray's letters.

5242 forwards a copy of a Ray letter to Hanes and one to and from Jerry Ray.

5267, to and from Jerry Ray.

5327, Ray's letters to Hanes and judge and letter to Ray from London's Bow Street Magistrate's Court.

5328, Letter from Hanes to Jerry and one from Jerry to Hanes.

5386, after instructions not to accept more copies, reports information in this correspondence, including "THERE WILL BE NEW APPROACH TO HIS TRIAL."

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REL: JAN 1-22-69

Rosen to DeLoach

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MURKIN

"OK. H."

This is case involving murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. We have received info that one Malcolm Davis allegedly had a tape of an interview between Ray and unknown subj regarding payoff of the assassination.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO: Mr. DeLoach *DL*

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: January 22, 1969

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. *u*

We have received information that one [redacted] who claims to be a correspondent of Radio America and the British Broadcasting Company in New York City, allegedly had a tape of an interview between James Earl Ray and an unknown individual regarding the details of a payoff of the assassination. The interview is alleged to have taken place three months before the assassination (assassination April 4, 1968). We do not have any information that such a tape exists. *eu*

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We have further determined that [redacted] resides in New York City and [redacted] was formerly with the British Broadcasting Company, but is now a free-lance writer who makes occasional appearances whenever there is a need for a person with a pronounced British accent, on television. *u*

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January 23, 1969

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1 - Mr. Long

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) - 5513

MURKIN

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED  
JANUARY 21, LAST.

YOU SHOULD NOT INTERVIEW ██████████, NOR  
SHOULD YOU CONDUCT ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATION UNLESS BUREAU  
SPECIFICALLY ADVISES.

1 MEMPHIS (44-1987) (airmail)

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated 1-22-69,  
captioned, "Murkin" REL:jms.

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MURKIN

REBUAIRTEL 12-4-68. RCMP MONTREAL REPORT  
11-22-68 CLASSIFIED "CONFIDENTIAL" AS IT  
NAMES MRS. KEATING AS RAY'S COMPANION AT GREY  
ROCKS INN; HOWEVER, IN VIEW HER SUBSEQUENT  
IDENTIFICATION IN CANADIAN PRESS, NO OBJECTION  
TO DISSEMINATION OF REPORT TO JUSTICE AND  
TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES. SHE HAS SUED CANADIAN  
NEWS SERVICES RESPONSIBLE FOR IDENTIFYING HER  
AS WOMAN REFERRED TO IN "LOOK" ARTICLE BY  
HUIE. *ml* P

*with 4/5/70*

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REL:ca 7/31/68

Rosen to DeLoach MURKIN

Legat, Ottawa furnished results of investigation by RCMP re activities of subj while in Toronto. Photos attached of [redacted] who identified photo of Ray as individual who spent night with her. Report states Ray inquired as to job at store. No record located of his application. RCMP investigated various bank branches with negative results for possibility of Ray having bank acc't or safety deposit box. For your info.

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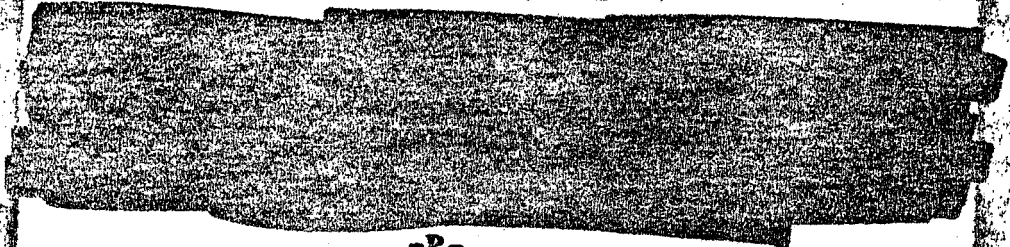
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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[REDACTED] ALTON CREDIT BUREAU, ALTON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THIS DATE HIS RECORDS CONTAIN NO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO [REDACTED] (PHONETIC) OR ANY NAME SIMILIAR.

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Re KC airtel to Bureau, 7/12/68; Buairtel to KC, 7/15/68; and SL tel to KC, 7/17/68.

RE: Service Number [redacted] Air Force

Enclosed for Bureau and receiving offices are one copy each of Special Progress Reports, dated 3/6/61 (consisting 9 pages); 8/11/65; 7/18/67; and Form NR 98-1 (current data for Restoration, Clemency and Parole Review), dated 8/21/67.

On 7/16/68, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Confinement File # [redacted] on file at the Military Personnel Records Center (MPRC), St. Louis, Mo., for [redacted] revealed he enlisted in U. S. Air Force (USAF) on 6/25/56 and dishonorably discharged on 7/26/58 as an Airman Third Class pursuant to sentence of a General Court-Martial. However, additional records were located and a review on 7/17/68 of the USAF service record for [redacted] AF [redacted] indicated that he was honorably discharge and permanently retired on 7/26/58 as an Airman First Class at the U. S. Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas,

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by reason of physical disability; that the diagnosis in his case was "Schizophrenic reaction paranoid type, chronic, severe, VA Code 9203, rated at 100%"; that the disability was permanent, and that the date he became unfit was about June 1957.

He was tried and convicted by a General Court-Martial on 12/12/57, for on or about 6/23/57, did at Goose Air Force Base, Labrador, with premeditation, murder another Airman by means of shooting him with a .45 caliber pistol. He was sentenced dishonorably discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement at hard labor for the term of his natural life. However, by General Court-Martial Order Number 38, dated 10/10/67, pursuant to the direction of the Secretary of the Air Force, the findings of guilty and the sentence in the general court-martial case of [REDACTED] were set aside. Also, all rights, privileges, and property of which [REDACTED] had been deprived by virtue of the findings of guilty and sentence were restored. He was released from confinement at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri.

Special Progress Report of the U. S. Medical Center, Springfield, Mo., revealed the following diagnosis for [REDACTED] "Schizophrenic Reaction, Paranoid Type, Chronic, with acute exacerbation as characterized by an individual with a life history which demonstrates the incipient seeds of a schizophrenic type personality with the evidence of mounting paranoid type of reaction throughout the years culminating in a gross psychotic disorganization at this time with only partial amelioration seen currently." The records further indicated that [REDACTED] had made two suicide attempts and that in 1963 electro shock therapy was initiated following self-mutilation attempt.

His relatives were listed as [REDACTED] father; [REDACTED] mother; [REDACTED] brother; and sister, [REDACTED] all of Lynn St., Independence, Mo. Sister, [REDACTED] East Prairie, Missouri. [REDACTED] was described as Negro male, born [REDACTED] 170-175 pounds, and 72" tall. Scars and marks were shown as 2" scar over left temporal.

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His Veterans Administration Claim Number was shown  
as [REDACTED] Friends were listed as [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
Both Independence, Mo.

No photograph of [REDACTED] was contained in the  
records.

44-38861-4922

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GHS:hw 7-19-68

SAC, ME / MURKIN

REURTEL 7-18. RESULTS BUFILE CHECK RE NAMES  
RETEL FURN U BY AIRTEL, ABV CAPT, 7-18-68,  
WHICH ENCS D CC OF MEMO FROM VINSON AND  
BU REPLY. WITH EXCEPT FOLW FIVE NAMES:

RE [REDACTED] CERN WHOM NO PERT DATA LOCATED BUFILES.  
RE [REDACTED] (SEE UR FILE [REDACTED])

RE [REDACTED] BUFILES SHOW [REDACTED]  
ONE REF. ABSTRACT INDICATES [REDACTED]  
APPRD IN 6-24-68, COMMUN FROM BH CAPT "UNTD  
KLAN OF AMERICA." REQ BH TO DETER IF IDENT.

This abstract shall be numbered

44-38861-4960



F B I

Date: 7/16/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 5/27/68, regarding latent fingerprints of value developed on Q349 and Q350 that were submitted by the Memphis Division.

The FBI Identification Division is requested to compare the latent fingerprints developed on Q349 and Q350 with the fingerprints of [REDACTED]

*Handwritten:* Bailey  
7/18/68  
91075

*Handwritten:* B.G. - BisROH

EX-100 44-38861-4922

REC-35

JUL 18 1968

*Stamp:* FBI REC.D - FEB 2

- ③ - Bureau
- 1 - St. Louis (44-775) (Info)
- 2 - Memphis

RFB:jap  
(6)

*Handwritten:* C.F.P.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

*Handwritten:* A.T.D. 7/19/68

*Handwritten:* SIX

7-19-68

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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MURKIN EX-100 REC-35

Reurairtel 7-16-68.

Latent fingerprints previously reported of value on Q349 and Q350 are not identical with fingerprints of named suspect

1 - Mr. Rosen

DAB:psp  
(5)

acd

MAILED 21  
JUL 19 1968  
COMM-FBI

JUL 22 8 55 AM '68

FBI  
REC'D - MEMPHIS

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten signature]*

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TELETYPE UNIT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 7/18/68 2:38 p.m. Reference No: 44-1987  
Received: 7/18/68 to FBI File No: 44-38861  
Answer to: SAC, MEMPHIS Latent Case No: 92075

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to:

RE: MURKIN

Date of reference communication: Airtel 7/16/68  
Specimens: Named suspect:



Result of examination:

Examination by: Bailey  
Evidence noted by:

*Call for record  
Lats given reported on Q 349 & Q 354 notes Walker*

*BAILEY*

Examination completed 12:30 - 7/19 Dictated 7/15/68  
Time Date Date  
*Airtel 7/19/68*

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DAB:psp 7-19-68

SAC, ME

MURKIN

LAT FGPTS PREV REPORTED VAL ON Q349 AND  
Q350 NOT IDENT FGPTS NAMED SUSPECT WALKER.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Lab. File #

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

File #

Lab. #

Qc 389 (44-2887)

1-31-68 J.

Examination requested by:

Le 21, London (8.-75)

Rec'd 7/1/68

Examination requested:

Domestic, Fingerprint

Date received:

7/15/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Mortimer

*Pls return Qc 389 to Mortimer 7/15/68  
for retention.*

Received by LFPS  
7/16/68 WJH

*Photos of latex retained in LFPS  
Qc 389 to Mortimer 7/16/68 WJH*

Specimens submitted for examination

**Two**  
Qc 389 photographs comprising front and back of paper bag bearing on one side the hand printed words "PUT ALL" and on the other hand-printing beginning "PLAC ALL....." and ending "...I. SHL. BAG"

**ALSO SUBMITTED:** Two photographs of latent prints found on bag and copy of telegram from American Embassy, London, to Department of State

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AC 359

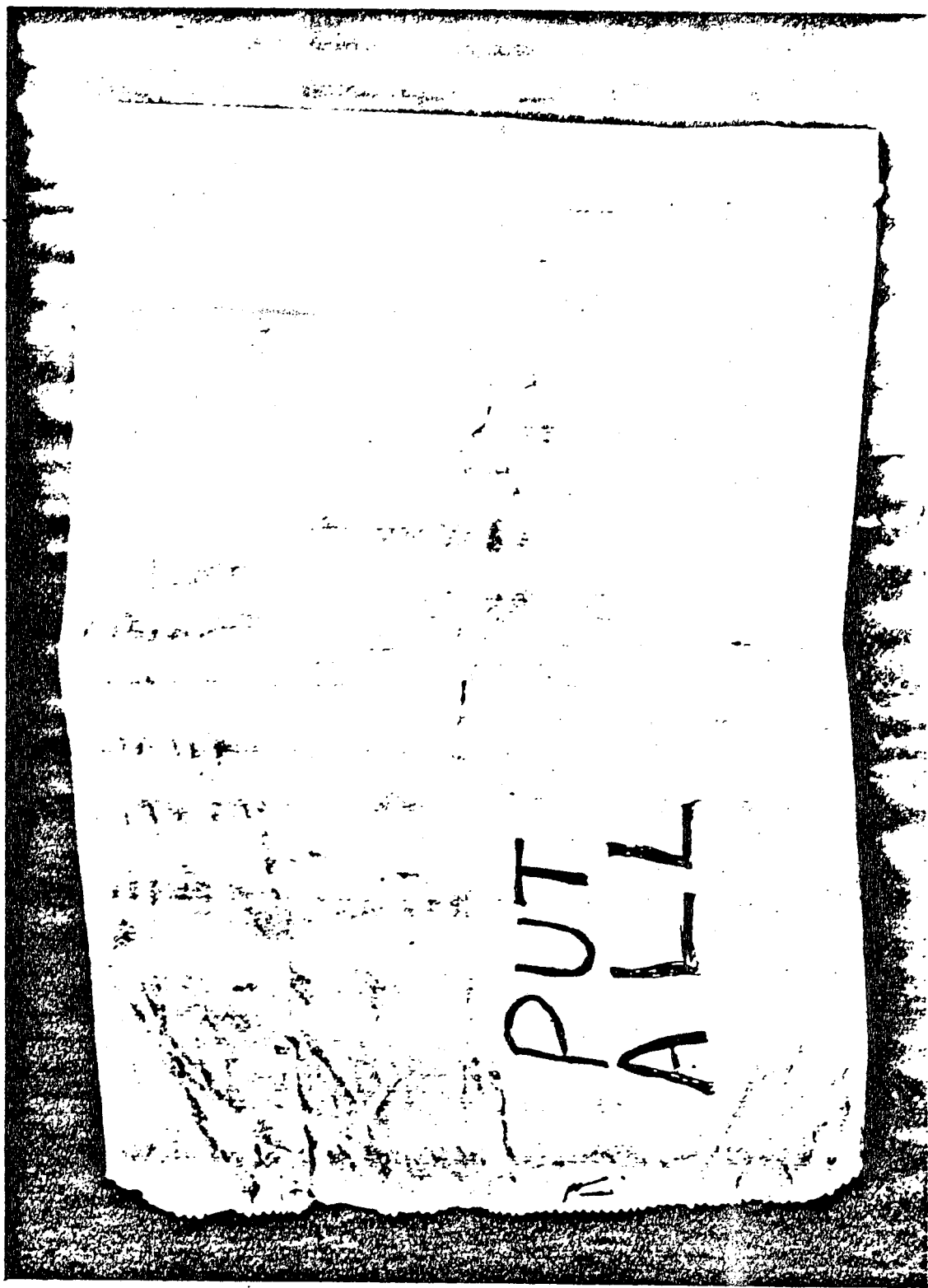
Photo of BR Note  
Legat, London

LC#91075

Evid rec'd 7-16-68

ENCLOSURE

44-38861-4967



PUT  
ALL

44-38861 JK Q0389  
FBI  
LABORATORY

PLACE ALL  
5-10 POUND  
NOTES IN THIS BAG



- 1 - Name Check Section
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. McGowan

JULY 19, 1968

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
 FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUL 19 1968

TELETYPE

MURKIN.

REURTEL JULY EIGHTEEN.

RESULTS BUFILE CHECK RE NAMES IN RETEL FURNISHED YOU BY AIRTEL, ABOVE CAPTION, JULY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, WHICH ENCLOSED COPY OF MEMORANDUM FROM AAG VINSON AND BUREAU REPLY, WITH EXCEPTION FOLLOWING FIVE NAMES:

[REDACTED] CONCERNING WHOM NO PERTINENT DATA LOCATED IN BUREAU FILES.

RE [REDACTED] SEE YOUR FILE [REDACTED]

RE [REDACTED] BUFILES SHOW ONE REFERENCE. ABSTRACT FOR THIS COMMUNICATION INDICATES [REDACTED] APPEARED IN JUNE TWENTY-

FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, COMMUNICATION FROM BH CAPTIONED "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA." REQUEST BH TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL

RETEL. IF IDENTICAL, ADVISE BUREAU.

4 JUL 20 1968.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

GHS:hw (5)

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MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

EX 100  
 REC-65  
 44-38861-2196

44-38861-5026

LS

REL:ca 8/8/68

LEGAT, LONDON

MURKIN

REURAIRTEL 7/26/68. DOCUMENT 9 LISTS ITEM  
PROPERTY OF SUBJ. DETERMINE IF ANY INVEST  
CONDUCTED BY NEW SCOTLAND YARD RE THIS ITEM,  
IF SO RESULTS THEREOF & SUBMIT RESULTS TO BU.  
WE OBTAINED COPY OF THIS ITEM & FORW IT TO YOU  
BY AIR MAIL ON 8/8/68. AIR MAIL TO ME

#124

8/8/68

CODE

CABLEGRAM

URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REURAIRTEL SEVEN TWENTY-SIX, SIXTY-EIGHT.

DOCUMENT NINE IN REPORT OF NEW SCOTLAND YARD ENCLOSED WITH RE COMMUNICATION LISTS AN ITEM "ONE - BARCLAYS BANK SLIP IN NAME OF SNEYD" THE PROPERTY OF SUBJECT. YOU SHOULD

DETERMINE IF ANY INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY NEW SCOTLAND YARD RE THIS ITEM, IF SO, RESULTS THEREOF AND SUBMIT RESULTS

TO BUREAU. MEMPHIS HAS OBTAINED COPY OF THIS ITEM AND HAS

FORWARDED IT TO YOU BY AIR MAIL ON EIGHT EIGHT INSTANT.

AIR MAIL TO MEMPHIS.

RECEIVED

TELETYPE UNIT

8/8/68

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2 - SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

1 - Foreign Liaison (cleared with SA Graham Day)

REL:cs

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VIA TELETYPE

AUG 8 1968

ENCIPHERED

NOTE:

By communication dated 7/26/68, Legat, London enclosed a report of New Scotland Yard, which is the results of their investigation concerning the activities of James Earl Ray while in London, England. Included in the investigation is a list of the personal possessions of Ray located in his suitcase which was shipped from London, England, to Brussels, Belgium, on 6/8/68. An item in his personal possession is

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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REC'D - TELETYPE UNIT

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MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

NOTE CONTINUED:

"One - Barclays Bank Slip in name of Sneyd." These personal possessions of Ray are now in the hands of Shelby County Sheriff in Memphis, Tennessee. Our Memphis Office advises that it appears that this is a transaction involving a change of currency from Portuguese to English, as the slip is for Barclays Heathrow Airport branch, and the date of the transaction is 5/17/68, the day that Ray returned to London from Portugal. The Memphis Division has obtained a copy of this item from the Shelby County Sheriff and they are forwarding a copy of this direct to Legat Minnich and, of course, are furnishing the Bureau with copy. Legat is being advised to this effect.

We do not have the results of any investigation conducted by New Scotland Yard regarding this slip nor do we have any information indicating the significance of this slip. It is possible that New Scotland Yard conducted investigation concerning this particular item as they do not record the results of negative investigation. We are requesting our Legat, London to determine if investigation conducted and if so, to submit results to Bureau. It is possible that subject did make a deposit in a bank, however, our Legat advises that New Scotland Yard authorities could not locate any bank account or safe deposit box of the subject in London.

44-38861-5040

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REL:erg 8-9-68

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference ur memo 8-6-68, in which Murkin  
clays Bank slip listed in Document #9 appended to report  
of New Scotland Yard. Encd 2 copies of this Barclays  
Bank slip, 1 is exact copy of original, & 1 which writing  
has been typewritten due to illegibility of writing. It  
appears James Earl Ray, upon his return from Portugal  
to London on 5-17-68, may have exchanged currency.

44-38861-4838

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6-26-68

SAC, SI

MURKIN

BEING TRANSMITTED UNDER SEPARATE COVER BY REGISTERED MAIL ARE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF CLOTHING PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY SPRINGFIELD UNDER CAPTION, "UNSUBS (2); THE BANK OF ALTON, ALTON, ILLINOIS.

44-38861-4838

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REL:erg 7-12-68

SAC, SPRINGFIELD

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD AIRTEL 6-26-68. REAIRTEL SET  
FORTH INFO ON CIRCULAR LETTER. ADVISE BUREAU  
EXACT COST FOR YOU TO DISTRIBUTE THESE LETS  
& BY WHAT MEANS THEY ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED,  
ALSO COST OF PREPARATION.

44-38861-5111

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8/24/68

SAC, SI

MURKIN

SINCE 5/68, DAILY INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED CONCERNING ROBBERY OF BANK OF ALTON 7/13/67 WITH VIEW TO DETERMINING IF JAMES EARL RAY WAS PARTICIPANT AND USED HIS SHARE OF LOOT TO FINANCE SUBSEQUENT TRAVEL AND ACTIVITY. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION SET OUT. UACB, SINCE INVESTIGATION FAILED TO DATE TO LINK RAY WITH ROBBERY, SPRINGFIELD WILL DISCONTINUE SUBMISSION OF DAILY TEL AND SUBMIT WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTELS WITH CONTINUED EMPHASIS PLACED ON THIS MATTER.

*[Handwritten signature]*



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GJB:avl 8-14-68

SAC, ME

MURKIN

REUAIRTEL 8-5-68, SUBMTNG PALM PRINTS OF  
JERRY W. RAY AND JOHN LARRY RAY. LATENT  
PRINTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THIS CASE NOT  
IDENT FGR AND PALM PRINTS OF JERRY OR JOHN  
RAY. PRINTS ENCLOSED.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (91-34552)

DATE: 4/30/70

FROM : SAC, WFO (91-4794) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS (2); Farmers Bank of Liberty,  
Liberty, Illinois  
10/17/69  
BR  
(OO:SI)

ReSIairtel to Bureau, dated 3/26/70.

Subscriber to Washington, D.C. telephone 347-3837 is the Committee To Investigate Assassinations, 927 15th Street, N.W. No further inquiry is being made by WFO. WFO indices negative.

*Wash. D.C.*

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

*ma*

- ③ - Bureau (1-91-35511)
- 4 - Springfield (2-91-4653) (2-91-4774)
- 1 - WFO

JJM/mee  
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REC-116

91-34552-19

18 MAY 1 1970

UNRECORDED COPY FILED IN 91-34552-19

*1124*



54 MAY 11 1970

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

*Jerry Ray  
Savannah*

44-38861-5046	21	7/29/68
SAC, SV	MURKIN	
SAVANNAH WILL ALERT SOURCES TO ADVISE THIS OFFICE PROMPTLY OF ANY INFO RE FUTURE CONTACTS WITH RAY. -P		

FBI

Date: 7/29/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1766) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, 7/25/68.

The Bureau's attention is directed to Savannah airtel to Bureau dated 6/25/68 captioned "National States Rights Party; RM (Organization), Bufile 105-66233", setting out information that Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, NSRP Director, had announced that the Patriotic Legal Aid Fund of Savannah had offered to defend JAMES EARL RAY, accused slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Copies of this airtel and letterhead memorandum were furnished to Birmingham and Memphis at that time.

Savannah will alert its sources to advise this office promptly of any information concerning future contacts with RAY.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Savannah

EX-103

CNO/dkm  
(6)

REC-21

*MAR 5 - Five  
6 Long*

44-38861-5046

*L. G. Bishop*

REC 14 2 55 PM '68  
 JUL 31 11 07 AM '68  
 FBI  
 REC.D - CIA WPH12  
 REC 2 15 05 PM '68

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge  
79 AUG 21 1968

*Want order  
on gun mail*

44-38861-5310

2 enc  
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REL:GCM 10/31/68

SAC, MEMPHIS

MURKIN

BU IN RECEIPT OF COPY OF LET FROM JAMES EARL RAY ADDRESSED TO J.B. STONER. JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE, RULED WRITTEN NOTES EXCHANGED BETWEEN RAY & HIS ATTORNEY ARE PRIVILEGED. SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF HAS AUTHORITY TO PERUSE NOTES TO DETERMINE IF ATTEMPT TO BREACH SECURITY OF JAIL. YOU SHOULD NOT ACCEPT WRITTEN COMMUNICATION. YOU MAY ACCEPT ORAL INFO.

10/31/68

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Bureau is in receipt of a copy of a letter from James Earl Ray addressed to J. B. Stoner, Savannah, Georgia, as provided to you by the Sheriff of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. This letter is thanking Stoner for coming to Memphis and states that Ray's brother will be in touch with Stoner.

In your teletype of 9/30/68, you advised that in the motion filed by Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's attorney, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, pertaining to Ray's corresponding with his attorney, Judge W. Preston Battle, ruled that written notes exchanged between Ray and his attorney are privileged; however, the Shelby County Sheriff or his designated agent has the authority to peruse these notes to determine if there is any attempt to breach security of the jail. These notes should not be perused for the purpose of ascertaining the full contents of the messages.

In view of the above order of W. Preston Battle, you should not accept any written communication from the sheriff regarding correspondence between Ray and other individuals. If it is not in violation of the court order you may accept information from the sheriff if he volunteers this information and it is on an oral basis only.

REL:gcw  
(4)

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ENCLOSURE

MAILED 4  
OCT 31 1968  
COMM-FBI

*[Handwritten initials and signatures]*

*[Handwritten signatures]*

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MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

NOTE:

Bureau is in receipt of a copy of a letter from James Earl Ray addressed to J. B. Stoner, Savannah, Georgia, as provided by the Sheriff of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, to our Memphis Office. This letter is thanking Stoner for coming to Memphis and states that Ray's brother will be in touch with Stoner.

Memphis by teletype of 9-30-68, advised that in the motion filed by Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's attorney, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, pertaining to Ray's corresponding with his attorney, Judge W. Preston Battle, ruled that written notes exchanged between Ray and his attorney are privileged; however, the Shelby County Sheriff or his designated agent has the authority to peruse these notes to determine if there is any attempt to breach security of the jail. These notes should not be perused for the purpose of ascertaining the full contents of the messages.

This communication is advising Memphis not to accept any written communication from the sheriff regarding Ray's correspondence; however, they may accept information on an oral basis from the sheriff. Memphis also being instructed to insure that the acceptance of this oral information is not in violation of the court order.

Prior information indicates that Ray has been in contact with J. B. Stoner with a view towards engaging him as counsel, although Hanes continues to be Ray's attorney of record.

I suppose he's another one of Clark's  
stoges. I guess that's about all for now

Sincerely  
James E. Ray



JAMES RAY  
COUNTY JAIL  
MEMPHIS, TENN.



To Mr. J. B. Stoner

P.O. Box - 6263

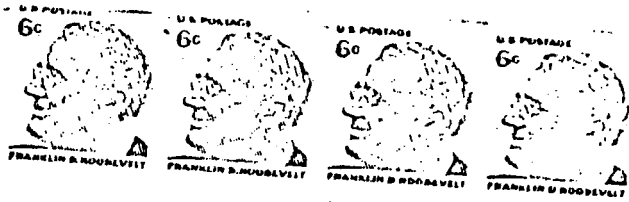
Savannah, Georgia - 31405

11-8-68

Dear Mr. Stoner;

I will just write a few lines to thank you  
for coming to Memphis, also my brother came  
to visit me after you and I talked to him  
about the libel case and he said he  
would write you and explain some things  
... that are done in

J. RAY  
COUNTY JAIL  
MEMPHIS, TENN.  
USA



To, Mr. Frank Melton  
Chief Magistrate  
Bow Street Court  
London, England.  
c/o Chief Clerk,

10-7-68

DEAR SIR;

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH IF  
IF YOU COULD GIVE ME ANY INFORMATION  
ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

MR. EUGENE ASK ME THIS QUESTION ALSO,  
THINKING I HAD SELECTED HIM, AS I  
UNDERSTAND IS THE PROCEDURE IN ENGLISH  
COURTS, I UNDERSTAND MR. FRANK MELTON  
APPOINTED HIM OFFICIALLY BUT I WOULD LIKE  
TO KNOW WHO RECOMMENDED MR. EUGENE

SINCERELY

James E. Ray

P.S. THE NAME.

Ramon George Sneyd

WAS USE AT THE

BOW ST. HEARING.

44-38861-5000

OPR notation reads:  
"Mail opening by  
Bureau?"

44-38861-5000

SAC, ME

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REL:cs 8/2/68

MURKIN

RENKTEL 7/29/68. ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN CONTENTS  
OF LETTER ADDRESSED TO RAY FROM ██████████.  
THIS SHOULD BE EFFECTED WITHOUT ANY POSSIBLE  
EMBARRASSMENT TO BU.

VIA TELETYPE  
JUL 29 1968  
ENCIPHERED

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

WASHDC-BA-

1226PM URGENT 7/29/68 PSF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS(44-1987) PLAINTEXT

~~MEMPHIS VIA WASHINGTON~~

FROM NEWARK (44-854)

*Melton*  
*JH*

MURKIN

ON JULY TWENTY NINE INSTANT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AG, MAILED A REGISTERED LETTER, NUMBER [REDACTED] ON JULY [REDACTED] LAST

BETWEEN TWO THIRTY PM AND THREE PM TO JAMES EARL RAY, SHELBY CO. JAIL, MEMPHIS, TENN. THE SOURCE ADVISED THERE

APPEARED TO BE A CHECK INSIDE THE REGISTERED LETTER AND THE LETTER SHOULD ARRIVE SHELBY CO. JAIL THIS AM. THE SOURCE DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS A WM, FORTY THREE YEARS OF AGE, SIX FEET THREE, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., CREW CUT, MIXED GRAY HAIR. NK INDICES AND ACPD NEGATIVE ON [REDACTED] CREDIT

REC-38 44-38861-5000

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BUREAU REFLECTS [REDACTED] WAS A SGT. IN US ARMY IN FORTY FIVE AND RECEIVED A PURPLE HEART FOR WOUNDS RECEIVED ON ANZIO BEACH. OCCUPATION REFLECTED AS BARTENDER FOR [REDACTED]

No Record in Bureau Indices 7/29/68  
*[Signature]*

*Airtel me SAC, me cc - NK 7-2-68 REY/ce*

REC'D - 1025H

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AND [REDACTED] BAR, AC, WHICH NO LONGER EXISTS. VOTER  
REGISTRATION RECORDS REFLECT [REDACTED] REGISTERED VOTER AND  
FORMERLY RESIDED [REDACTED], AC, AND  
OCCUPATION LISTED AS BARTENDER.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

THIS INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS IN VIEW OF  
POSSIBLE CONTACT BY SHELBY CO. OFFICIALS.

SACS, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY NK.

END

WFL

FBI WASH DC

APR 15 1968  
CODING UNIT

7/2/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. L...

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5000

MURKIN

ReNktel 7/29/68.

Unless circumstances dictate to the contrary, you should, through your established sources at Shelby County Sheriff's Office, attempt to ascertain the contents of the letter addressed to Ray from [redacted] as described in referenced communication. This should be effected without any possible embarrassment to the Bureau.

SAC, Newark (44-854)

REL:ca  
(5)

NOTE: Newark advises that [redacted] has stated that [redacted] mailed registered letter on 7/26/68, to James Earl Ray, Shelby County, Memphis, Tenn. Source advised there appeared to be a check inside the registered letter. [redacted] is described as a white male, age 43, 6'3" tall, 170 pounds. Bureau indices, Newark indices and Atlantic City Police Department files negative on [redacted]. Credit Bureau, Atlantic City indicates [redacted] served in U. S. Army in 1945. His occupation is listed as a bartender.

No investigation is being conducted in this, however, Memphis is being advised that unless circumstances dictate to contrary they should, through established sources at Sheriff's Office, attempt to ascertain contents of letter. This is to be done without any possible embarrassment to the Bureau.

MAILED 22  
AUG 2 - 1968

- Tolson
- DeLoach
- Mohr
- Bishop
- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
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MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

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REC'D - CIV RIGHTS  
FBI

REC'D - CIV RIGHTS  
FBI

NOTE CONTINUED:

We have been advised that AUSA in Memphis in a nonrelated case completely researched the matter of the Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee, having the right to censor incoming and outgoing mail of prisoners. He found the Sheriff has the legal right to do so.



RAY- SURVEILLANCE

Attached is abstract for MURKIN HQ 5076. It refers to a letter to J.B. Stoner from John Ray re his handling libel action. My recollection is that we got a copy of such a letter by Jerry, not by John. Is my recollection wrong?

I have established a surveillance file. I think it includes interceptions of which we did not get copies under discovery. I know it includes FBIHQ's instructions to keep on accepting information obtained by Sheriff Morris after Battle's order that Ray's mail with lawyers not be examined other than casually, to be sure it held no indication of intended escape. HQ said merely don't take it in writing but do take it orally.

NW 4/23/80

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8-14-68

SAC, ME

MURKIN

Subj has received a letter from J. B. Stoner indicating that John Ray had been in touch with Stoner and that James Earl Ray desired Stoner to handle a libel action some publication that had stated the subj's father was a drunkard.

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7/15/68

SAC, ICG

~~MURKIN~~

MURKIN

ENCLOSURE TO BU, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS OF LET MAILED  
FROM R.G. SNEYD TO SISTER, ST. LOUIS, BUREAU MAY  
DESIRE TO COMPARE HANDWRITING OF ENCLOSURE WITH  
KNOWN HANDWRITING OF SUBJECT

*Handwritten notes and signatures:*  
14-306  
[Signature]

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7-30-68

SAC, MEMPHIS

MURKIN

Reliable sources Shelby Co. Jail advise subj RAY has had no additional contact, either personal or by mail, with JESSE B. STONER. No Nat'l States Rights Party activity within Memphis Div. P

44-38861-4982

4 encl.  
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7/26/68

LEGAT, LONDON

MURKIN

ENCLOSED IS SCOTLAND YARD REPORT THIS MATTER, AND  
THREE COPIES OF LIST OF LONDON COMMUNICATIONS TO  
BUREAU, ALL OF WHICH MAY BE DISSEMINATED TO  
TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES EXCEPT LONAIRTEL DATED  
7/16/68 INCLUDING LETTERS FROM SUBJECT TO PER-  
SONS IN U.S. REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE FOR PRISON  
STAFF REPORTS PERTINENT TO CASE AND WHEN RE-  
CEIVED THESE MAY BE FURNISHED TENNESSEE AUTHORI-  
TIES.

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7/31/68

SAC, SV

MURKIN

(b)(7)(D)

On 7/29/68, [REDACTED] ADVISED JESSE B. STONER RECENTLY MENTIONED ART HANES, ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY, HAD CALLED (APPARENTLY AT THE NSRP OFFICE), ACTED MAD, & POINTED OUT TO STONER & DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS HE DID NOT RECALL EVER MEETING THEM & WAS NOT "THEIR FRIEND". [REDACTED]

(P)

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REL:cs

8/6/68

Rosen to DeLoach

MURKIN

Legat London furnished copy of letter from subj as Sneyd addressed to J. B. Stoner, Savannah, Ga. Noted Stoner possibly ident with Jesse B. Stoner, Vice Pres, National State Rights Party, who is described as racial rabble rouser. Learned Dr. Edward R. Fields, Director of National State Rights Party announced Patriotic Legal Aid fund offered to defend Ray.

(b)(7)(D) [redacted] financial status of fund such as could not contribute to Ray's defense.

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8/16/68

SAC, SV

MURKIN

J.B.

(b)(2)(D) ON 8/15/68, [REDACTED] STONERY, VICE CHMN. NSRP, HAD TOLD DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS, NSRP DIRECTOR & EDITOR OF "THE THUNDER-BOLT" (NSRP PUBLICATION) [REDACTED] HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM JAMES EARL RAY. [REDACTED] DID NOT ELABORATE ON STMT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW WHEN STONER RECD. LETTER, NOTING STONER MAY HAVE HAD IT FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. INFORMANT HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE TO BE ALERT FOR ANY CONTACTS BETWEEN NSRP OFFICIALS AND RAY.P.



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8/26/68

SAC, ME

MURKIN

ENCLOSED TO BUREAU 1 XEROX COPY EACH OF FOLLOW-  
ING DOCUMENTS, MADE AVAILABLE BY SHERIFF WM.  
N. MORRIS, JR., SHELBY CO., TENN.: MAP WHICH  
PURPORTS TO SHOW HOW SUBJECT ESCAPED FROM MO.  
STATE PEN.; LTR ADDRESSED BY SUBJ TO HIS SISTER  
MRS. CAROL PEPPER, MAPLEWOOD, MO.; LIST OF  
QUESTIONS, UNANSWERED, WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN  
PREPARED FOR SUBJ BY WM. BRADFORD HUIK.  
SINCE SOME QUESTION THAT THIS INFO MAY BE  
PRIVILEGED, NOT BEING DISSEMINATED. THIS BEING  
FURNISHED FOR BUREAU INFO ONLY. -P-

44-38861-5193

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9-23-68

SAC, ME

MURKIN

SHERIFF WILLIAM N. MORRIS ADV'D TODAY THAT  
CORRESPONDENCE HAS BEEN HAD BETWEEN JAMES EARL  
RAY AND J. B. STONER INDICATING STONER WILL SEE  
RAY IN MEMPHIS 9/25/68 AND MAY REPRESENT HIM.  
P.

44-38861-5196

4 Encl.  
15

9-24-68

SAC, ME

MURKIN

TRANSMITTED TO BUREAU ARE TWO COPIES EACH OF  
LETTER PREPARED BY J. B. STONER TO JAMES EARL RAY  
& COPIES OF LETTER FROM JERRY RAY TO JAMES EARL  
RAY. XI P

44-38861-5198

Encl. 1

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9-25-68

SAC, ME

MURKIN

ENCLOSED IS COPY OF LETTER DATED 9-25-68 FROM  
JAMES EARL RAY TO HIS BROTHER JERRY. P

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ENCL. 7

9-26-68

SAC, ME

MURKIN

FWD TO FBI LAB. DOCUMENT SECTION ARE 5 COMMUNICATIONS REC'D FROM SHERIFF WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR. WRITTEN BY JAMES EARL RAY, AND TWO LETTERS REC'D BY JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE FROM JAMES EARL RAY. P

ENCL. FIVE SEPARATE COMMUNICATIONS.

44-38861-5235

2 Enc's  
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10/11/68

SAC, ME

MURKIN MEMPHIS

Enclosed to Bureau 2 Xerox copies of ltr & envelope addressed by subject JAMES EARL RAY to ARTHUR HANES, SR., Atty, BH, Ala. This ltr written by RAY, 10/3/68, while incarcerated in Shelby Co. Jail, Memphis, Tenn. Copies this ltr being furnished Bureau for info only.

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44-38861-5241

ENCL 4

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10/10/68

SAC, ME

MURKIN

Two Xerox copies ea of 2 ltrs written by  
subject JAMES EARL RAY while incar. in  
Shelby Co. Jail, Memphis, Tenn. Copies  
of this correspondence furnished for info  
of Bureau. -P-

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10 encl.  
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10/14/68

SAC, ME

MURKIN

Submitted for Bureau's information are 2 cc's each of following: Order issued by Judge BATTLE re seating accommodations in courtroom during forthcoming trial; "Order on Scire Facias," Ltr. prepared by subj to his brother JERRY, 10/14/68; ltr to subj from brother JERRY dated 10/9/68, and ltr from subject to ARTHUR HANES, Atty. -P-



44-38861-5267

Encl. 3

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10-18-68

SAC, ME

MURKIN

ENC'D TO BUREAU ARE XEROX OF LETTER FROM JERRY  
RAY TO SUBJECT AND XEROX OF LETTER FROM SUBJECT  
TO JERRY RAY. FOR INFO ONLY. P

44-38861-5327

3 Encl  
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10-24-68

SAC, ME

MURKIN

ENC'D ARE TWO COPIES OF: LET TO JAMES E. RAY  
FROM CHIEF CLERK, BOW ST. MAGISTRATE'S COURT,  
LONDON; JAMES EARL RAY LET TO HON. W. PRESTON  
BATTLE; LETTER FROM RAY TO ATTORNEY ARTHUR  
HANES. FURNISHED FOR BUREAU'S INFO. P

44-38861-5328

4 encl.  
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10-25-68

SAC, ME

MURKIN.

SUBMITTED ARE LETTER FROM SUBJECT TO HIS BRO.  
JERRY, AND LETTER FROM JERRY RAY TO JAMES EARL  
RAY. P

44-38861-3886

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11-19-68

SAC, MR. MURKIN

SHERIFF MORRIS ADVISES HE IS IN RECEIPT INFO THAT SUBJ HAS ADVISED WM. BRADFORD HULE THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS INDICATE THERE WILL BE NEW APPROACH TO HIS TRIAL, WITH FINAL DECISION LEFT TO PERCY FOREMAN, NEW ATTY. ALSO REQUESTED NO MONEY DUE HIM BE SENT ANYONE, INCL. HIS BRO. JERRY. RAY STATED READ ARTICLE INDICATING HANKS NEGOTIATING WITH "LIFE" TO SELL DEFENSE FILE HE WAS GOING TO PRESENT AT RAY'S TRIAL. THIS FURN'D FOR INFO BUREAU. P