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

MAY 3 1968

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI SAN FRAN

8:00 PM URGENT 5/3/68 KCK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BOSTON, CHICAGO (44-1114),
MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN.

RE: [REDACTED]

RE SAN DIEGO TELS TO BUREAU, APRIL THIRTY,
LAST, AND MAY ONE LAST; SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU, MAY ONE, LAST.
AD PAGES OF THE "SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE" AND THE "SAN
FRANCISCO EXAMINER" WHICH ARE IDENTICAL FOR DATES OF SEPTEMBER
ONE THROUGH FOUR, ONE NINE SIX SIX, WERE REVIEWED. THEY CONTAIN
NO AD BEARING THE NAME [REDACTED] TWO ADS APPEARING IN THE PAPER READ
"RIDERS WANTED TO NEW YORK. LATE CAR. LEAVE SEPTEMBER FOUR. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]" AND "RIDER TO NYC. SHARE CAR. LEAVE
SEPTEMBER SIX. [REDACTED] BOTH INDICES
ARE IN SAN FRANCISCO, NOT OAKLAND EXCHANGES. 4-111-3011

AS INDICATED IN RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL, NO BILLING TO [REDACTED] 15 MAY 7 1968
[REDACTED] FOR SUCH AN AD WAS FOUND IN "SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE"
RECORDS FOR PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER NINE THROUGH NOVEMBER TWO,

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SAN FRANCISCO WILL ESTABLISH THE IDENTITY OF THE
SUBSCRIBERS TO THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS LISTED ABOVE. WILL
DETERMINE IF THESE SUBSCRIBERS COULD BE

SUBJECT A&D.

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Date: 5/3/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtel 5/1/68 to the Bureau re location of former inmate (FNU) [redacted] of Missouri State Penitentiary.

[redacted] Records Division, California Institution for Men, Chino, California, advised on 5/3/68 that [redacted] according to their records, was transferred to San Quentin Penitentiary on [redacted] 67. The file on him was transferred to San Quentin at the same time.

Enclosed for San Francisco are one copy of reairtel and its enclosure.

LEAD:

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN QUENTIN, CALIFORNIA: Review records at San Quentin Penitentiary regarding [redacted] to determine his whereabouts in order to interview him concerning subject.

- 3 - Bureau (AM)
 - 2 - San Francisco (173-65)(Encs. - 2)(AM)
 - 1 - Kansas City (44-760)(AM)
 - 1 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)
 - 1 - Los Angeles
- TJA:CM
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FBI ST LOUIS

538 PM URGENT 5-3-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

RE KC TEL, MAY TWO, LAST, CAPTIONED "RE: FELLOW PRISONERS."

[REDACTED] INMATE, MO. TRAINING CENTER, MOBERLY,
ADVISED KNEW SUBJECT WHILE INMATE JEFFERSON CITY, SIXTY DASH SIXTY-
FOUR. STATES NOT CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH HIM AND HAS NOT SEEN HIM
SINCE SIXTYFOUR. NEVER HEARD OF COOLEY OR COOLEY ASSOCIATES, NOR
ANY STATEMENT BY RAY THAT HE INTENDED TO KILL K [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ANOTHER INMATE, STATES NEVER KNEW SUBJECT.

WAS IN "L" HALL OUTSIDE OF WALL WHEN AT JEFFERSON CITY.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 TAMPA 157-3231 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
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MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, MAY ONE, LAST, AND TAMPA TEL, MAY ONE, LAST,
REGARDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BIRMINGHAM, REINTERVIEWED, AND
[REDACTED] REITERATED THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED AT ROYAL AMERICAN
SHOWS DURING THE SUMMER AND WINTER MONTHS FOR APPROXIMATELY
FIVE YEARS. HE ADVISED THAT HE WAS KNOWN ON THE FAIRGROUNDS AS
[REDACTED] AND THAT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], WHO WORKED IN THE SHOW
COOKHOUSE, WOULD REMEMBER HIM. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS IDENTIFI-
CATION CARD MANIFEST NO. [REDACTED] WHICH EXPIRES JUNE THIRTY,
SEVENTY, AND THAT HE HAS RECEIVED W-TWO FORMS FROM ROYAL AMERICAN
SHOWS UNDER HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE PERSONALLY
[REDACTED] FOR "HOTSHOT", WHOM TAMPA HAS IDENTIFIED AS L.P.
DEMAV.

BOTH [REDACTED] AND HIS WIFE REITERATED PHOTO OF RAY RESIDES
MAN KNOWN TO THEM AS [REDACTED] MAY 7 1968

PHOTOS OF [REDACTED] AND WIFE FOLLOW-AMSD FOR ASSISTANCE TAMPA.

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FBI MEMPHIS

645PM URGENT 5/3/68 CAF

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 3P

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& ADVISE
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MURKIN.

EVIDENCE INSTANT CASE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY MEMPHIS RETURNED THIS DATE TO INSPECTOR W. E. ZACHARY, MEMPHIS PD. DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND POLICE FRANK C. HOLLOWMAN ON PREVIOUS CONTACT HAD REQUESTED EVIDENCE BE HELD BY MEMPHIS OFFICE UNTIL MEMPHIS PD RECEIVED LETTER FROM LABORATORY. LETTER FROM LABORATORY RECEIVED AFTERNOON OF MAY TWO PAST. INSPECTOR ZACHARY WHEN CONTACTED ON AFTERNOON OF MAY TWO REQUESTED EVIDENCE BE HELD UNTIL MORNING MAY THREE. THE NINE BOXES RECEIVED FROM FBI LAB WERE DELIVERED INTO CUSTODY INSPECTOR ZACHARY THIS MORNING.

44-38861-3015

INSPECTOR ZACHARY WAS TOLD THERE IS POSSIBILITY REQUEST ^{REC 7} 12 MAY 7 1968
COULD BE MADE LATER FOR ADDITIONAL EXAMINATIONS IN EVENT ADDITIONAL MATERIAL RECOVERED IN INSTANT CASE. HE STATED ALL EVIDENCE WAS BEING DELIVERED TO OFFICE OF STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL CANALE AND THAT STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL WOULD ASSUME CUSTODY OF EVIDENCE AND PLACE IT UNDER LOCK AND KEY. ZACHARY SAID AT THIS TIME IT

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WAS INTENTION OF STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PRESENT MATERIAL AND EVIDENCE TO LOCAL GRAND JURY ON MAY SEVEN NEXT. ZACHARY SAID THAT PLANS CALL FOR A FIRST DEGREE MURDER WARRANT FOR SUBJECT INSTANT CASE.

INSPECTOR ZACHARY SAID POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE MIGHT WANT A REPRESENTATIVE OF FBI TO TESTIFY IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN OF EVIDENCE BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY FBI IN THIS CASE. SHORTLY BEFORE FIVE PM THIS DATE, INSPECTOR ZACHARY STATED ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAD ASKED HIM TO DETERMINE IF FBI REPRESENTATIVE COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TESTIMONY BEFORE GRAND JURY. ZACHARY STATED ATTORNEY GENERAL FELT IT WOULD ADD TO CASE IF FBI REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT TO TESTIFY AS TO SALE OF WEAPON IN BIRMINGHAM AND FACT THAT WEAPON IN QUESTION IS IDENTICAL WITH WEAPON RECOVERED IN MEMPHIS. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT SAC SHOULD APPEAR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS REQUEST.

INSPECTOR ZACHARY STATED HE WAS OF OPINION IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE PERSONNEL FROM FBI, BIRMINGHAM TESTIFY RE THIS MATTER.

INQUIRY AT NASHVILLE, TENN., CONDUCTED ON MAY TWO

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DISCLOSED THAT G. D. GERLT DID STAY GRIDER'S MOTEL IN NASHVILLE ON MARCH TEN PAST. GERLT AT THAT TIME LISTED OCCUPATION AS EMPLOYEE [REDACTED]. MANAGER OF MOTEL ADVISED SHE RECALLED GERLT AND HAVING DISCUSSION WITH HIM RE TRAVEL TO A NURSERY IN MC MINNVILLE, TENN. THIS APPEARS TO CONFIRM DATA PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY GERLT.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE [REDACTED] AND SISTER [REDACTED] IN ACCORDANCE WITH KANSAS CITY TEL MAY TWO PAST, DISCLOSED ADDRESS GIVEN IS IN UNDEVELOPED FIELD IN MEMPHIS AFFA. [REDACTED] UNKNOWN AT ADDRESSES FURNISHED BY KANSAS CITY IN ITS TELETYPE. KANSAS CITY HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND MEMPHIS WILL MAKE FURTHER EFFORTS TO LOCATE PEOPLE OF INTEREST.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING MEMPHIS DIVISION. VARIOUS LOOKALIKES ELIMINATED THIS DATE.

A & D. P.

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Date: 5/3/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) and TAMPA
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re Bureau airtel to JK and TP, 5/2/68; re _____
_____ - complainant, _____
Orlando, Florida; re Bureau telephone calls to JK and TP, 5/1/68.

MVB, Tallahassee, Florida, advised Florida
License _____ registered to _____
_____, Orlando, Florida, for use on 1967 Chevrolet Sports
Coupe.

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Tampa ascertain if registrant could be identifiable
with subject.

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C. C. Bishop

- 3 - Bureau
 - 2 - Tampa
 - 2 - Jacksonville
- TJW:pas
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Mr. Bishop	_____
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DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)

MURKIN.

REBURAD TO ALL OFFICES APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

BUREAU REQUESTED COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY,
FBI NO. FOUR ZERO FIVE NINE FOUR TWO G WITH LATENTS PREVIOUSLY
FURNISHED BY SA IN FOLLOWING CASES, FURNISHING RESULTS TO
MEMPHIS AND SAN ANTONIO.

UNSUBS; THE FIRST STATE BANK, KOSSE, TEXAS, JANUARY
TWENTYNINE TO THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, BB, BUFILE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], SA FILE [REDACTED]

UNSUBS; FIRST NATIONAL BANK, STREETMAN, TEXAS, APRIL
FOUR DASH FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, BB, BUFILE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA FILE [REDACTED]

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REVIEW OF NINETYONE CASES IN SA DIVISION FOR PURPOSES
OUTLINED IN REBURAD COMPLETED.

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NR 61-3017

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Airtel

To: SAC's, San Antonio (44-1242)
Memphis (44-1987)
REC 11
From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 3017
MURKIN EX-116

Re San Antonio teletype 5-1-68.

Latent fingerprints previously reported in case entitled "Unsubs.; The First State Bank, Kosse, Texas, 1/29-30/68; BB," Bufile [redacted], latent case [redacted], are not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

There has been no evidence for latent print examination received to date in the case entitled "Unsub.; First National Bank, Streetman, Texas, 4/4-5/68; BB," Bufile [redacted]

- 1 - San Antonio (91-2483)
- 1 - San Antonio (91-2552)
- 1 - Bufile (91-29193)
- 1 - Bufile (91-29794)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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[Redacted vertical text]

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- DeLoach _____
- Mohr _____
- Bishop _____
- Casper _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 5/2/68/10:00 am

Reference No: 44-122

Received: 5/2/68/mja

FBI File No: 44-388

Latent Case No: 91075

Answer to: SAC, SAN ANTONIO

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to: Me 44-1987

RE: MURKIN

Date of reference communication: Teletype 5/1/68

Specimens:

Named suspect:
JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G

Compare fingerprints of suspect with latents developed
in case entitled:
UNSUB: THE FIRST STATE BANK, KOSSE, TEXAS, JANUARY
29 - 30, 1968, BB
Bufile: [redacted]
LC: [redacted]

Also compare latents [redacted] - call for file

Result of examination:

Examination by: BONEBRAK
Evidence noted by:

Latent fingerprints in [redacted] mobile [redacted]

No evidence... see 2515 for lat exam [redacted]

Unsub First National Bank

Streetman, Tex.

4-4/5-68 BB

Bufile

c.c.w.s.H

Examination completed 4 p.m.
Time

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Date

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FBI WASH DC

FBI OKLA CITY

204PM URGENT 5/3/68 EPC

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA 44-2386

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686 3P

Mr. Tolson	_____
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MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, APRIL THIRTY LAST RE

[REDACTED], AKA [REDACTED]
 SIXTY-SEVEN OKLAHOMA LICENSE [REDACTED] REGISTERED
 TO A FIFTY FIVE BUICK TWO-DOOR, SN [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HOLLIS, OKLAHOMA,
 MOTHER OF [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED], MOTHER, AND [REDACTED], FATHER,
 DISCLAIM ANY KNOWLEDGE [REDACTED] WHEREABOUTS. LAST SAW HIM
 MID-SIXTY SEVEN AND LAST HEARD HE WAS WORKING IN GEORGIA.
 [REDACTED] KNOWS NOTHING RE FIFTY FIVE BUICK AND CLAIMS DID NOT KNOW
 REGISTERED IN HER NAME.

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SISTER TO [REDACTED], [REDACTED] NORMAN,
 OKLAHOMA, HAS NOT SEEN [REDACTED] SINCE MID-SIXTY SEVEN. SHE
 ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE HIM AT HIS RESIDENCE, CROWN MOTEL, OKLAHOMA CITY,
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FOREPART FEBRUARY LAST AND [REDACTED] HAD LEFT THERE.

INVESTIGATION CROWN MOTEL DISCLOSED REGISTRATION RECORDS NOT AVAILABLE, BUT CLERK [REDACTED] RECALLS [REDACTED] THERE FROM ABOUT FIRST PART DECEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN, TO FEBRUARY ONE LAST. CHECK OF SERVICE STATIONS, CAFES, BARS, ETC. IN PROXIMITY CROWN MOTEL NEGATIVE IN LOCATING ANYONE KNOWING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OWNER [REDACTED] OKLAHOMA CITY, STATES [REDACTED] WORKED FOR HIM FROM ABOUT FIRST PART DECEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN, TO FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY LAST. LEFT SUDDENLY ON A SATURDAY, PROBABLY FEBRUARY THREE LAST, TAKING FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS WORTH OF UNIFORMS AND UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF CASH FROM REGISTER. SAME DATE HE LEFT, [REDACTED] MADE TELEPHONE CALLS TO UNKNOWN TIRE COMPANY MARIETTA, GEORGIA, SEEKING EMPLOYMENT. [REDACTED] BELIEVES THIS COMPANY ROYAL TIRE SERVICE OR POSSIBLY A GOODYEAR TIRE CO. AT TIME EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED], [REDACTED] DRIVING FIFTY EIGHT BUICK, WHITE TOP, GRAY BOTTOM, BEARING SIXTY SEVEN GEORGIA LICENSE.

ATLANTA AT MARIETTA, GEORGIA: THROUGH ROYAL TIRE SERVICE AND
END PAGE TWO

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GOODYEAR TIRE CO. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED] SUGGEST CHECK
MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU RECORDS IN GEORGIA FOR SIXTY SEVEN TO LOCATE
REGISTRATION FOR [REDACTED] CAR.

KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR PLAINTEXT
FROM NEW YORK 1P

MURKIN

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RE BERMUDA TELEPHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED] TO THE BUREAU MAY THIRD, LAST.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO NY MAY THIRD, LAST. RICHARD PIPERNO, PUBLIC RELATIONS, PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] IS AN EMPLOYEE OF PAN AM AT HAMILTON, BERMUDA. HE STATES [REDACTED] DOES RESEMBLE SUBJECT, JAMES EARL RAY, HOWEVER, ADVISED [REDACTED] HAS NEVER BEEN OUT OF BERMUDA.

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PIERNO ADVISED [REDACTED] CAUSED NO INCIDENT AT THE HAMILTON, BERMUDA AIRPORT.

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NY INDICES NEGATIVE RE [REDACTED]

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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SUBJECT, RAY, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND

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326PM URGENT 5-4-68 PAS
TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND KNOXVILLE
FROM NEW YORK 44-1689 2P
PLAINTEXT

MURKIN.

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RE LETTER FROM ERIC S. GALT, DATED NINE TWENTY SIX SIXTY SEVEN TO MODERN PHOTO BOOKSTORE.
REKXTEL TO NEW YORK, FIVE THREE LAST.
RETEL ADVISED POSTAL INSPECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WAS RETURNING TO POSTAL INSPECTOR, NEW YORK, A LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, BEARING RETURN ADDRESS OF MODERN PHOTO BOOKSTORE, NEW YORK CITY.

INVESTIGATION AT NEW YORK REVEALS ERIC S. GALT ORDERED A BOOK TITLED, "FOCAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PHOTOGRAPHY", FROM MODERN PHOTO BOOKSTORE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY BY LETTER DATED NINE TWENTY SIX SIXTY SEVEN REQUESTED THE BOOK NOT BE MAILED. THE LETTER STATES GALT WAS MOVING AND WOULD LATER SEND CORRECT ADDRESS. MODERN PHOTO BOOKSTORE HAS NOT HEARD FROM GALT SINCE LETTER DATED NINE SIXTY SEVEN.

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COUPON AND LETTER OBTAINED FROM BOOKSTORE AND
BEING SUBMITTED TO LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

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CALLER:

Thompson
Time *3:50 p*

CC- MR. TROTTER

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9-44PM URGENT 5/3/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) (PLAINTEXT) BOSTON, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MEMPHIS (44-1987) SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN

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RE ^{SPE} [REDACTED] SUBJECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, SAN FRANCISCO MAY ONE LAST, AND SAN DIEGO MAY ONE LAST.

PHOTOGRAPH OF [REDACTED] TAKEN [REDACTED] NINETEEN FIFTY THREE, RENO POLICE DEPARTMENT, RENO, NEVADA, NUMBER [REDACTED] WAS DISPLAYED TO [REDACTED], SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, MAY THREE INSTANT, AND HE ADVISED PHOTOGRAPH IDENTICAL TO THE [REDACTED] WHO GAVE HIMSELF AND TWO OTHERS A RIDE TO KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED SUSPECT [REDACTED] MUCH HEAVIER THAN APPEARS IN ABOVE PHOTO

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Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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WAI 4:17PM RJW

DEFERRED 5-4-68 RJW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM BALTIMORE (44-371)

PLAINTEXT

MURKIN.

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Long

RE PHONEX TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR , ATLANTA, AND BALTIMORE DATED
FIVE THREE SIXTYEIGHT.

ON FIVE FOUR SIXTYEIGHT

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, ADVISED [REDACTED] NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY.
[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] MOVED DURING OCTOBER SIXTYSEVEN AFTER
SUFFERING A BROKEN LEG. SHE STATED THAT THE NAME [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] UNFAMILIAR TO HER.

END

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Mr. Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

FBI DENVER

425PM URGENT 5-4-68 JRW

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, PHOENIX, LAS VEGAS, A
/ ALBUQUERQUE, EL PASO AND CHICAGO
FROM DENVER 157-203

in [unclear]
REY

MURKIN

RELATEL THIS DATE TO DIRECTOR, CONCERNING CARL RAY.

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

IS LISTED TO MRS. ROSA M. NIENHAUS, [REDACTED], DENVER.
MRS. NIENHAUS IS AGED WIDOW WHO STATES DOES NOT KNOW CARL RAY,
NOR ANYONE FITTING DESCRIPTION OF CARL RAY. NO FRIEND OR RELATIVE
STAYED AT HER HOUSE IN RECENT PAST.

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5:52 PM URGENT 5/4/68 OLP

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 1P

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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RE PHOENIX TEL TO DIRECTOR FIVE THREE LAST.

RE: TELCALL FROM EL PASO NUMBER SEVEN SEVEN
TWO ZERO SIX FOUR SIX TO NEW ORLEANS NUMBER

DECEMBER SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

NEW ORLEANS PHONE NO. _____

NUMBER LISTED TO ARNOLD THOMAS,
NEW ORLEANS.

ON FIVE FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT ARNOLD AND ISABELLE THOMAS
INTERVIEWED AND COULD NOT RECALL PHONE CALL FROM EL PASO,
TEX., ON DEC. SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. THOMAS AND WIFE
BOTH NEGROES AND STATED THEIR SON HAD DIED IN LOS ANGELES
ON DEC. ELEVEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AND HIS BODY HAD BEEN CARRIED
BY HIS BROTHER FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS ARRIVING
NEW ORLEANS DEC. SEVENTEEN SIXTYSEVEN. THOMAS STATED
THIS CALL UNDOUBTEDLY FROM BROTHER TRANSPORTING BODY OF
DECEASED SON.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE
WITH ARNOLD THOMAS OR ISABELLE THOMAS.

NEW ORLEANS LOCATING SON FOR INTERVIEW IN REGARDS INSTANT CALL.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS, PHOENIX, AND EL PASO.

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MAY 7 1968

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 6, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. McDonough
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

Extensive investigation and coverage is continuing in Mexico with particular emphasis in areas where Ray has been known or alleged to have been in the past.

The Agent on the scene at Campeche, near the Yucatan Peninsula, reports that maximum cooperation is being received from both the Campeche State Judicial Police and the State Highway Police.

The City of Campeche has a population of more than 55,000 and there are seven other municipal areas in the state that comprise major population centers. The State of Campeche is slightly larger than West Virginia and has a population of 170,000.

The State police agencies in Campeche have a radio communications system covering each community in the State. They have made appropriate broadcasts and publicity has been obtained in various publications with additional publicity arranged for major editions over the weekend. Reliable Americans residing in the area are being specifically contacted.

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All hotels, motels, barber shops, liquor stores, grocery stores, and houses of prostitution in the city of Campeche have been checked without developing any information concerning Ray's present whereabouts or his alleged stay in Campeche sometime in the 1950's.

_____ also known as _____ formerly an inmate with Ray at Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that Ray took pep pills and disliked Western music. _____ stated Ray indicated a desire to go to New Orleans and spoke as if he had not been there before.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

[REDACTED] also knew Ray at Missouri State Penitentiary. The informant said one [REDACTED] wanted Ray to beat up his girlfriend, [REDACTED] (phonetic), Doe Run, Missouri, when Ray got out of prison. This is being checked out.

It has previously been reported that the Postal Inspector at Los Angeles made available a letter and photograph Ray mailed through a correspondence club to Patricia K. Anderson in February, 1968.

Anderson has been located and advised she has no knowledge of the subject except for the letter and photograph she received and gave the Postal Inspector. She said she was not a member of the correspondence club and believes her name may have been obtained by the club from an old magazine subscription list. Efforts are continuing to identify and locate the other four girls Ray allegedly wrote through this club.

Local authorities now plan to seek a murder indictment against Ray by presenting the facts to a grand jury at Memphis on 5/7/68. The State Attorney General's Office has requested that a representative of the FBI testify before the grand jury and the Special Agent in Charge at Memphis will do so.

ACTION:

Extensive investigation is continuing throughout the field on a top priority basis to locate and apprehend Ray as quickly as possible.

[Handwritten initials]

FBI

Date: 5-6-68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-
MURKIN

RE: ERIC RAY, aka
Earl Ray
Friend of _____

Re El Paso teletype, 4-26-68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
_____ at Saltville, Va., on 4-27-68:

_____, U. S. Post Office (PROTECT IDENTITY)
advised there is no listing for anyone by the last name of
_____ with his office. _____ checked town and rural
routes as well as general delivery.

Mr. JIM LITTON, owner of the Salina Motel, which is
the only motel or hotel in Saltville, Va., checked his records
covering the period of 4/18-27/68 and could locate no record
for anyone by the name of _____ staying at the motel. He
stated the available license numbers do not reflect any numbers
such as _____ or _____. He stated he works at the motel
everyday and does not recall seeing a rust color white top
Ford at the motel.

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 - 2 - El Paso (157-186)
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
 - 2 - Richmond
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Bishop

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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RH 44-657

Chief of Police K. K. ADAMS, Saltville, Va. PD, advised the current telephone directory does not reflect anyone by the last name of [REDACTED]. Chief ADAMS advised the records of his department do not reflect the name of RAY as ever being arrested. He stated the name of [REDACTED] is not a local name and he does not ever recall hearing this name before.

A check of the parking lots for the Olin Mathieson Chemical Co. did not locate any car fitting the description of the car allegedly operated by [REDACTED].

Former Chief of Police CHARLES NORRIS, a lifelong resident of the Saltville, Va. area, advised he has never heard of anyone by the last name of [REDACTED] ever being in the area.

AT MARION, VA.

On 4-27-68, [REDACTED] Smyth Co., Va. Credit Bureau, advised SA [REDACTED] she has no listing for anyone by the last name of [REDACTED].

The current town and telephone directories for the Marion, Saltville and Chilhowie areas did not reflect the name of [REDACTED].

AT SALTVILLE, VA.

On 5-6-68, Chief of Police ADAMS advised that he had been unable to locate a woman identifiable with [REDACTED] in Saltville, Va., and that the automobile reportedly in her possession had not been observed in the Saltville, Va. area.

LEADS:

EL PASO

AT FT. BLISS, TEXAS

Will maintain contact with [REDACTED] to determine if he learns whereabouts of his wife, [REDACTED] and set forth leads to have her interviewed re subject.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/6/68

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

TO: LEGATS, MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ANOTHER ANONYMOUS LETTER SIGNED ONLY WITH INITIAL "V," POSTMARKED FIVE THIRTY P.M., MAY TWO SIXTY-EIGHT AT HAMILTON, ONTARIO, INDICATING THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS PRESENTLY IN MEXICO CITY, COPILEO RUINS.

LEGATS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

- Foreign Liaison Unit (Cleared with Mr. D. Brennan)

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NOTE: Memphis Police Department received the third anonymous letter signed only with initial "V." This letter postmarked 5:30 p.m., May 2, 1968, at Hamilton, Ontario, indicates that James Earl Ray presently in Mexico City at Copileo Ruins. The two previous anonymous letters were dated 4/23/68. Legats, Ottawa and Mexico City presently conducting investigation in this matter and present information being furnished Legats for appropriate action.

- ___ Tolson
- ___ DeLoach
- ___ Mohr
- ___ Bishop
- ___ Casper
- ___ Callahan
- ___ Conrad
- ___ Felt
- ___ Gale
- ___ Rosen
- ___ Sullivan
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PLAINTEXT

1 - Mr. Long

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REMETEL MAY THREE LAST.

IF NECESSARY
AUTHORITY IS HEREBY GRANTED TO SAC MEMPHIS TO
TESTIFY BEFORE LOCAL GRAND JURY ON MAY SEVEN NEXT IN
REGARD TO POSSIBILITY OF OFFICIALS OBTAINING FIRST DEGREE
MURDER WARRANT FOR SUBJECT RAY.

YOU MAY TESTIFY AS TO THE EVIDENCE RECOVERED NEAR
SCENE OF CRIME AND RESULTS OF LABORATORY EXAMINATION AND
INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE EVIDENCE, SPECIFICALLY:
ONE. WEAPON ABANDONED NEAR SCENE OF SHOOTING WAS
PURCHASED AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON MARCH THIRTY SIXTY-EIGHT
AND CARTRIDGE CASE RECOVERED FROM GUN WAS IDENTIFIED AS
BEING FIRED IN THE WEAPON. TWO. PAIR OF BINOCULARS WAS
PURCHASED AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT
AND LATENT FINGERPRINT LOCATED ON BINOCULARS MATCHES
LATENT FINGERPRINT FOUND ON ABANDONED WEAPON. THREE. ~~MAY~~ MAY 1968

OF MEXICO WAS LOCATED IN ROOMING HOUSE USED BY SUBJECT
AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. TWO FINGERPRINTS WERE FOUND ON THIS

INITIALED
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

- _____ Tolson
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MAY 13 1968 MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

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TELETYPE SAC MEMPHIS
RE: MURKIN

MAP AND ONE OF THESE MATCHES THE LATENT FINGERPRINT ON THE ABANDONED WEAPON AND PAIR OF BINOCULARS. FOUR. IT WAS DETERMINED BY THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION THAT THE LATENT FINGERPRINTS FOUND ON THE ABANDONED WEAPON, TELESCOPIC SIGHT MOUNTED ON ABANDONED WEAPON, PAIR OF BINOCULARS, FRONT PAGE OF MEMPHIS NEWSPAPER, "COMMERCIAL APPEAL," AFTER SHAVING LOTION, SCHLITZ BEER CAN AND THE TWO PRINTS LOCATED ON THE MAP OF MEXICO ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE OF JAMES EARL RAY. FIVE. NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES WERE NOTED BETWEEN THE SAMPLES OF TAPE SUBMITTED BY HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND THE LAUNDRY TAPES APPEARING ON THE SHORTS AND T-SHIRT. SIX. THE HAIRS AND FIBERS FOUND IN THE MUSTANG BELONGING TO ERIC STARVO GALT ARE SIMILAR TO THE HAIRS AND FIBERS FOUND IN THE EVIDENCE RECOVERED NEAR SCENE OF CRIME.

YOU SHOULD SPECIFICALLY REFER TO THE LABORATORY REPORT IN WHICH FINDINGS OF THE LABORATORY ARE RECORDED FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. CONFINE YOUR TESTIMONY TO THOSE FACTS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH BASIS FOR RETURNING THE INDICTMENT. YOU SHOULD INSURE THAT THE USA OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE IS AVAILABLE TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

NOTE:

The Memphis Police Department turned over the evidence they recovered near scene of the crime to our Memphis Office, and this evidence in turn was forwarded to our Laboratory for appropriate examination. The Memphis authorities previously obtained a murder indictment against subject under name of Eric Starvo Galt. The evidence as forwarded to our Laboratory and the findings thereof have been returned to the Memphis Police Department.

Memphis advises that it is the intention of the State Attorney General to present material and evidence to local grand jury on 5/7/68 and that plans call for a first degree murder warrant for subject in this case. Memphis points out that according to an officer of the Memphis Police Department the possibility exists that State Attorney General's office may desire a representative of the FBI to testify in connection with certain evidence because of extensive investigation conducted by the Bureau. State Attorney General felt it would add to the case if FBI representative present to testify as to the sale of weapon in Birmingham and that this weapon is identical with weapon recovered in Memphis.

SAC, Memphis is being granted authority to testify, if necessary, and guidelines being set out as to testimony he may offer. Memphis now advises that the State Attorney General's office stated that the testimony of FBI personnel may not be needed as the FBI Laboratory report may be used to cover items of evidence. This communication is being transmitted in the event testimony of SAC Jensen is needed.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 7, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. McDonough

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

The Bureau has previously designated the Memphis Office as office of origin in this case. Attached for approval are instructions concerning the handling of reports based upon current developments and the need to further streamline our procedures.

Certain offices, which have conducted the bulk of investigation to date, are to submit results of their investigation in individual reports. Other divisions are to submit positive and pertinent information developed in form suitable for insertion in the over-all reports prepared by the Memphis Office.

Inasmuch as Legats do not submit investigative reports, they are being instructed to submit results of investigation which can be disseminated in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination. Any administrative data which cannot be disseminated will be set forth in the administrative section of the transmittal communication.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is an airtel to all SACs and Legats setting forth instructions in line with the above.

Enclosure

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COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DeLoach	_____
Bishop	_____
Casper	_____
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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

cc Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Rosen
Mr. McGowan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to the Director's notations, asking why the evidence in captioned case has not been returned to the Memphis Police.

This is my responsibility. I knew of the necessity to return this evidence as soon as logically possible; however, I also realized that the Director would not want the evidence returned only to have the Memphis Office obtain it once again and send it back for further comparison purposes with new evidence.

In compliance with the Director's instructions, the evidence was to be returned as soon as Laboratory examinations were completed. There has been a constant accumulation of evidence, making it imperative that the original items be retained briefly for comparison purposes. The true name of the subject was not known until Friday, 4/19/68.

There has been no request from the Memphis Police relative to the return of this evidence. To the contrary, the police feel that this is strictly an FBI case and have indicated this fact accordingly.

The evidence will be returned to the Memphis Police immediately. There will be no consultation with the Department.

ACTION: To answer the Director's inquiry.

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I should have advised that my instructions were not being carried out & why. #

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La Habra, Calif
5/2/68

Dear Mr Hoover

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Murkin

0 I saw this Man on April 10th, as this enclosed letter says- I am a frustated man, what can I Do to get him??

Told the local Police, phoned L A 2 times wrote them this letter-- What else?

They checked the License # and of course no answer, he would Not be, having a License anyone could trace, would He now?

I am enclosing the pictur~~2~~ of the man I saw-only he had a sort of baseball, cap, pulled low on his head. I was very afraid of him, as I do NOT carry a Gun.

Have alway had a Phtographic Mind, so will Not need the picture back, I will soon be 65, but since the age of 9 or 10, can reme;ber anyone- that I have had only a glimpse of--

If You want anything more about this man send someone to see me,, as I observed a million things I cannot tell, you in this letter.

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ENCLOSURE

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MAY 8 1968

La Habra, California 90631

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Los Angeles, Calif TEL

(Duty Officer)

La Habra Calif
4/20/68

Dear Sir:

Seems as tho I should keep still about this, but something tells me I should write your office about the Killer of Dr King- I did phone your office yesterday about this, but feel I can express myself better in a letter —

On the Morning of April 10th, 1968 about 9 or 9:30 AM, I was standing in the door of the Texaco Station at the corner of Central Ave., and Beach Blvd waiting for the Mechanics there to Service my Car, In walks this real weird man, he walked as if in a trance looking expressionless, looked almost like a sphinx he looked straight ahead, had on a cap and asked for the Keys to the mens room, as I am a native of L A I can quickly pick any accent from another part of the country, he sounded like any native Californian or for that matter maybe the middle west, but definitely none other, than these two regions. He was well dressed as I said he had this cap on, a pull over Grey Shirt and lighter colored trousers, he was about 6 Ft tall he had on boots which may have made him appear taller weighed about 175#, and seemed a well built man, but when I saw this character cold chills ran up my spine and something told me to be very careful of this man, so I acted as if I paid no attention, he stayed in the mens room only a very short while, came out hung the keys exactly as they were, I mean very neat, and correct Then as he turned his back I watched him (He never drove his car into this station) it was pointed North off Beach Blvd., which is also Hiway #39- Now this car was something else-it didn't fit the man, the car was an old maybe 1952 or 1953 Chevy 2 Dr, which was in a bad way, he had a lot of trouble getting it to go but finally did and that was the last I saw of him, the License was Calif. I gave this info. the next day, all they say is, they cannot trace the #, but they were still trying to do so, right before him on Hiway 39 North was La Habra Heights, I don't see how his car could have made it over thos Heights, I think then he must have turned East and headed out to Pomona and the Desert Country via the Diamond Bar Canyon Road, and is now around the Desert Country of Calif, Oh yes the man I saw had brown hair and blue eyes (which seemed almost closed) his hair of course was mostly hidden

shoot to kill during a riot - a capital offense, or

WANTED BY THE FBI

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY
JAMES EARL RAY



DESCRIPTION

Age: 34 years
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 160 lbs
Hair: Brown, wavy
Eyes: Blue
Build: Slender
Complexion: Fair
Scars and Marks: Scar on left hand
Tattoos: None
Distinguishing Features: None

CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, and interstate flight. He is currently on parole from the Missouri State Penitentiary. He is a member of the Black Panther Party and is active in the civil rights movement.

CAUTION

IT IS URGENT THAT YOU BE ON THE ALERT FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY BY OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON PAGE 2.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535
TELEPHONE, NATIONAL 8-7117

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