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Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

For your information, the following quoted teletypes require attention by all personnel of this office and were received from the Bureau on this date.

"You are reminded that all leads in this case must be covered within 24 hours, and all leads must be set forth by telephone or teletype. All border offices covering entry into Mexico and Canada and exit therefrom should insure that appropriate stops are maintained re subject and all names known to be used by him at respective offices of U. S. Immigration and Border Patrol. You should also insure that previous stops placed with any facility should include all names used by the subject.

"Distribute sufficient quantities of wanted flyers and IO's to Narcotic Investigative Agencies in order that their informants may be contacted. You should contact all criminal informants and appropriate racial and security informants. Legats Ottawa and Mexico City being advised separately."

ALL AGENTS EVEN THOUGH YOUR INFORMANTS HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONTACTED PRIOR TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF RAY, THEY SHOULD NOW BE RECONTACTED AND WANTED FLYER EXHIBITED.

The second teletype is as follows. 44-1740-1193

SEARCHED INDEXED
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APR 23 1968
FBI — BIRMINGHAM

1 - SAC
1 - ASAC
1 - #3 Supervisor
1 - Each Agent (60)
(2) - 44-1740
1 - 66-1022
HAS:gas
(66)

"In connection with identification JAMES EARL RAY as subject instant matter. the source of his funds becomes of paramount interest. Past background of RAY is well known to offices receiving this teletype. Each office should review its UNSUB bank robbery and bank burglary matters and where latents were recovered should identify the case in question and request Bureau search these latents against the latents recovered in Murkin case.

"Possibility also exists that RAY may have been involved in burglary or robbery not within FBI jurisdiction and may be matter of interest to local police departments. Receiving offices should contact major law enforcement agencies within their divisions and determine whether or not any armed robberies or burglaries perpetrated in which latents recovered or in which UNSUB may fit general description of subject RAY."

Of possible help in connection with such contacts, pages 9 and 10 of Birmingham report submitted on 4/17/68 are quoted below showing the dates that the person now identified as RAY, previously known as GALT, was in Birmingham.

DATES AND LOCATIONS GALT KNOWN WHILE AT BIRMINGHAM

August 26, 1967:	Rented room at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, in boarding house operated by PETER CHERPES.
August 28, 1967:	Rented safe deposit box #5517 at Main Office of Birmingham Trust National Bank in downtown Birmingham.
August 29, 1967:	Replied to newspaper classified ad for purchase of 1966 white Mustang from local resident, WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, at his residence

September 8-22, 1967:	Period during which S & H Green Stamps, which were found in GALT's abandoned Mustang in Atlanta, were distributed to customers at Standard Oil Service Station, 2188 Highland Avenue, Birmingham.
September 12, 1967:	GALT enrolled for 5 weekly classes in dance instruction at Continental Dance Club Studios, aka Friendship Club, Birmingham, giving residence address as 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham.
October 3, 1967:	Dry-cleaning ticket, which had been recovered from GALT's effects at Atlanta, identified as having been issued on this date for the pressing of a coat at Mayfield Cleaners, 2222 Highland Avenue, under name CAULT.
October 3, 1967:	Records of Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, reflected shipment of photographic equipment and camera to GALT at the Highland Avenue rooming house address.
October 4, 1967:	PETER CHERPES, operator of rooming house, 2608 Highland Avenue, signed for package addressed to GALT.
October 5, 1967:	GALT wrote typewritten letter from his rooming house at Birmingham to the Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, returning one camera which had been delivered along with other photographic equipment.
October 7, 1967:	Approximate date of GALT's departure from his Birmingham rooming house and no further correspondence received from him by PETER CHERPES.

October 18, 1967:	Letter from Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, returned from the rooming house address at Birmingham.
October 22, 1967:	Records of Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, reflect typewritten letter from GALT requesting a refund on the returned camera be sent to him at Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, Hotel Rio.
November 20, 1967:	Records of the film company at Chicago reflect letter from GALT advising he had not received his refund and requesting same be sent then to 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California.
December 13, 1967:	GALT's safe deposit box, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, cancelled and found empty upon receipt of letter enclosing keys, believed mailed in Louisiana.
March 29, 1968:	GALT purchased one rifle from AEROMARINE Supply Company, Birmingham, and had scope mounted.
March 30, 1968:	GALT returned above gun to AEROMARINE and traded same for the murder weapon.

In connection with the second quoted teletype, SA ARNETT should review bank robbery files and SA SAWYER should handle contacts with the Sheriff's Office and Police Department.

EACH SRA SHOULD HANDLE SIMILAR CONTACTS IN THEYR HEADQUARTERS CITY WITH LOCAL OFFICERS.