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FROM : S. F. Latona

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. Robert K. Dwyer, Special Assistant to the District Attorney of Memphis, Tennessee; Mr. James Beasley, Assistant District Attorney; and Mr. John Carlyle, Investigator for the District Attorney's Office, today, visited the Identification Division and discussed with Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake what his testimony will be at the trial of this case in Memphis scheduled to begin November 12, 1968.

Mr. Dwyer and Mr. Beasley expressed their opinion that the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, taken following his return to Memphis, will not be admissible and requested that all latent fingerprint identifications be charted using fingerprints of Ray taken following his arrest in London. These prints are now on file in Memphis in the District Attorney's Office and will be forwarded to the Identification Division by registered mail on September 27, 1968.

Mr. Dwyer believes that the prints of Ray taken in Memphis will not be admissible as they were taken after he was placed in custody and represented by counsel.

Mr. Bonebrake will subsequently be advised when to appear in Memphis.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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