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Field Office File #:	44-1114	Bureau File #:	44-38861
Title:	JAMES EARL RAY; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.		
Character:	CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY		

Synopsis:

Subject employed at Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, from 5/3/67 - 6/24/67, as a dishwasher and cook's helper under the name of JOHN L. RAYNE, SSN 318-24-7098. RAY resided at 2731 North Sheffield and 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, during that time. Owners, Indian Trail Restaurant, interviewed by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, author, who has underwritten cost of RAY's defense for exclusive story rights. HUIE's version of KING's murder obtained from subject as told to restaurant owners set forth. Right thumb print of subject developed on paycheck from Indian Trail Restaurant.

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DETAILS:

INTERVIEW WITH OWNERS OF INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT
Winnetka, Illinois

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Date 8/30/68

On August 23, 1968, Mr. HARVEY A. KLINGEMAN and Mrs. [illegible] S. KLINGEMAN, owners, Indian Trail Restaurant, 507 Chestnut Street, Winnetka, Illinois, phone HI 6-1703, residence 391 Linden, Winnetka, Illinois, phone HI 6-2932, were interviewed jointly in the conference room at the Winnetka, Illinois, Police Department, after being introduced to the interviewing Agents by Chief DON DEARING (NA), Winnetka, Illinois, Police Department.

They advised that on Tuesday, August 20, 1968, they were contacted by [illegible] BRADFORD HUIE, Hartselle, Alabama, who is the author of "Three Lives For Mississippi". Mr. HUIE was accompanied by Mr. (First Name Unknown) HANSEN, who is a photographer for "Look" magazine. Mr. HUIE exhibited letters which he claimed were from JAMES EARL RAY and were addressed to a Mississippi attorney. These letters were purportedly given to HUIE by the attorney. HUIE told them that he had obtained all commercial rights to RAY's story and for this he has agreed to underwrite the costs of RAY's defense in the forthcoming murder trial in Memphis, Tennessee. The aforementioned letters were written on half sheets of yellow legal foolscap and both of the KLINGEMANs stated that they recognized the handwriting on these papers as that of the subject RAY, whom they knew under the name of JOHN RAYNS. At this point, the KLINGEMANs were exhibited several photographs of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, along with other photographs and they both positively identified JAMES EARL RAY as a man employed by them from May 3, 1967, to June 24, 1967, as a dishwasher and cook's helper. The KLINGEMANs verified the foregoing statement by furnishing to the interviewing Agents their payroll ledger sheet. A review of the ledger sheet reveals the following information:

Name	JOHN L. RAYNS
Address	2731 Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois
Occupation	Cook's helper
Social Security Number	318-24-7098
Wage	$2.10 per hour

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SA [illegible] V. STRATTON

by SA [illegible] J. DURAINE JJD/mr Date dictated 8/28/68

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Number of Exemptions 1
Marital Status Single

In addition, the KLINGEMANs also made available the Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate made out in the same name and address and Social Security Number as set forth above, dated May 10,1968.

They also made available the following listed payroll checks all drawn on the Winnetka Trust and Savings Bank bearing the identification in the upper left-hand corner of Indian Trail Restaurent, Inc., 507 Chestnut Street, Winnetka, Illinois, 60093, made out to either JOHN L. RAYNS or JOHN RAYNS and signed by HARVEY A. KLINGEMAN. The checks are endorsed by JOHN L. RAYNS or JOHN RAYNS, two of which have the address 1648 Hunt, Chicago, underneath the signature. These checks are as follows:

NUMBER	AMOUNT	DATE
4838	$57.69	May 7, 1967
4913	$64.89	May 14, 1967
4987	$84.89	May 21, 1967
5058	$84.89	May 28, 1967
5130	$69.63	June 11, 1967
5283	$95.19	June 18, 1967
5357	$77.53	June 25, 1967

The foregoing checks total $664.34.

Mr. KLINGEMAN advised that to the best of his recollection at this time, the last check, Number 5357, was mailed to RAY's brother, name unrecalled, in Northbrook, Illinois, at RAY's request since he left his employment prior to receipt of the check, stating that he was going to work on boats with his brother. As Mr. KLINGEMAN recalls, he received a letter from RAY requesting that the pay due be sent to his brother.

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Both of the KLINGEMANs characterized JAMES EARL RAY as an excellent employee, quiet, attentive, prompt, polite, a very good worker, but to their knowledge, had no friends or visitors during the time of his employment. They did recall that during the subject's last week of employment, he received three or four phone calls from a male individual who stated that he was RAY's brother. They could not recall the individual's name, nor did they believe that they would recognize this person's voice if they heard it again.

In conversation with Mr. HUIE, the KLINGEMANs received the following information on a confidential basis and advised that they were rather reluctant to divulge it, but felt that it was their duty as citizens. They requested that this information be maintained on a confidential basis within the FBI. They advised that they contacted Chief DERNING because of his reputation and are now following his advice in furnishing this information to the FBI:

Mr. HUIE showed the KLINGEMANs letters from RAY in which RAY listed employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant. (It should be noted that this restaurant is an old, large, upper class restaurant, of excellent reputation. Chief DERNING advised that the KLINGEMANs themselves have an excellent reputation within the community and that he holds them in very high regard). HUIE told them that RAY had served seven years of a twenty-year sentence at Jefferson, Missouri, prison, during which time he had eight visitors, one of whom was his brother, however, HUIE did not identify which one. Prior to his escape, RAY had stashed away a razor, green prison trousers which had been dyed black, and 12 hersey bars in anticipation that he would have to go without food for some time. RAY also had $300 in his shoe. He escaped in a bread truck and walked to Chicago, Illinois, from Jefferson City, Missouri, which took him about eight days. (The KLINGEMANs do recall that when the subject first appeared at the restaurant, his feet were swollen and that their sister-in-law gave him two Ace bandages to use which he returned three or four days later. This supposedly was mentioned in the letter in HUIE's possession).

Thereafter, RAY read the advertisement in the Tribune wherein the KLINGEMANs had advertised for help in the restaurant. HUIE said that the subject in the letter

mentioned that the employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant was the 'high point of his life'.

HUIE mentioned that RAY had had only three jobs in his life, one of which was in a shoe factory outside of East St. Louis, Illinois, which was prior to his going to prison the last time. He also said that during the time RAY was employed at the restaurant, he was 'tapped on the shoulder' by an individual who recognized him and who threatened to reveal his identity to the police and cause RAY's return to prison if he, RAY, did not work for this person. HUIE said that RAY was given $1,200 during the initial contacts by the alleged conspirators, and was ultimately paid $15,000, but was due to receive more.

Again, according to HUIE, RAY was told to go to Canada to investigate the difficulty of crossing the border. Supposedly RAY made two trips through the Detroit Tunnel into Canada. He also made a third trip to Canada, date and sequence not given, and 'was instructed' to obtain a 40-year-old newspaper, get the names of the males born that date, and search the current phone directory for similar names. He was then to surveil the individuals with similar names to determine whether or not his physical description was similar to theirs. Thereafter, he telephoned persons of his like description, utilizing a pretext, and thereby found a man who had never applied for a passport. RAY then applied for a passport in this name.

The KLINGMANs advised that they were not sure that they were furnishing this information in its proper sequence, but that to the best of their recollection, the information preceding and following was given to them in this order by HUIE. Thereafter, RAY was given more money to purchase a Mustang which was to be driven to Acapulco, Mexico, for the purpose of obtaining a tourist sticker. He then drove through Mexico to the West Coast and hid out there to receive further instructions from the other individuals in the alleged conspiracy. HUIE stated that RAY was flown to Atlanta from the West Coast, but the time was not right, there was no action and he was sent back to California. He was also told to be in Mississippi at a certain time and place. Supposedly Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was at an Holiday Inn Motel in Atlanta, Georgia, when RAY was flown there.

Subsequently, RAY was given money to obtain binoculars and a shotgun and was to go to Memphis to be somewhere at 3 p.m. in room 312 or 313. Supposedly there were other individuals who also came to this room and there was a Negro male who purportedly called KING out to the balcony. According to HUIE, the actual murderer of KING was not RAY, although RAY was present and at a later time (probably the trial) RAY will identify the murderer. RAY did pick up the rifle, ran to his car, and sped to a rendervous in Atlanta, Georgia. He was supposed to pick up a "bundle of money", however, the conspirators did not appear. RAY allegedly spent several days or hours at this apartment in Atlanta, Georgia, awaiting the arrival of his "fellow conspirators".

According to HUIE, the plan was for RAY to go to Mexico, but immediately fly north to throw off pursuit and to steer all investigation to Mexico. However, since the conspirators did not appear in Atlanta, RAY fled to Canada thereafter utilizing his knowledge to obtain a passport and fled to England.

The KLINGEMANs advised that the rest of HUIE's story substantially follows the newspaper accounts which appeared after subject RAY's arrest in England. They did note that HUIE stated that RAY did rob a bank in London because he "got real low on money". HUIE at no time identified the alleged fellow conspirators of RAY. He did swear the KLINGEMANs to secrecy and told them that he would mail the "Look" proofs on September 10,1968, and the story would be in the November 10,1968, issue of Look magazine. Both Mr. and Mrs. KLINGEMAN advised that they would make these proofs available to the interviewing Agents for review.

The KLINGEMANs advised that RAY began working for them as a dishwasher and because of his excellent attitude was advanced to cook's helper. During the time he was in their employ, they did not observe him in a car, nor did they know him to own an automobile. He had no visitors, he did not wear glasses, he had no women friends, nor did he make any advances toward the female personnel employed at the restaurang and they noted that his hair was "less bushy" during the time he was at the restaurant than shown in the photographs.

They are not sure how he came to work from his apartment, but believe he might have been met at the Eden's Expressway by WILLIE PERRY and FRED BURNS, who were also employees at the restaurant.

His conduct was excellent and they cannot recall him making any comments one way or another about members of the Negro race and specifically no comments whatsoever concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RAY made no reference to his previous employment, but did mention that he was in Brinerhaven, Germany, during World War II. They advised that when RAY received the phone calls during his last week of employment he seemed to be disturbed and that his concentration on his work was not as good as it usually was.

They then recalled that according to HUIE, that when JAMES EARL RAY left England, he was going to Lisbon to get to Africa, however, he was unable to do so which is when he returned to England and held up a bank receiving about $200 in loot. They again stated that the information furnished to them by HUIE came from letters which RAY had written to his attorney, who in turn turned them over to the author. Also Mr. KLINGEMAN stated that in one of the letters which he believed was to the attorney from RAY, while he was in London, England, there was a drawing identifying a location which appeared to be Diversey Street and Sheffield Avenue in Chicago, Illinois.

At the conclusion of the interview, the Klingemans again requested that this information be maintained in confidence and expressed a willingness to co-operate with the FBI in any way possible.

INVESTIGATION AT 2731 NORTH SHEFFIELD

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 9/3/68

EDWARD DOWDELLY, who resides at 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of employment, 7300 Linder Avenue, Skokie, Illinois. DOWDELLY was advised interviewing Agents were interested in the person whose name appears on page 13 of the rent registration book DOWDELLY keeps for 2731 North Sheffield. DOWDELLY was shown a xerox copy of page 13 and was asked if he could recall the person signing the register as JOHN LARRY RAYNE on April 30, 1967. DOWDELLY advised he recalled an individual who had stayed in the rear basement apartment by that name.

DOWDELLY was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNEDY, FBI Number 6155984

FRANK GRUDZINSKI, FBI Number 959823A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 4059430

PHILLIP J. KEATS, Chicago Police Department IR No. 86181

ROBERT L. CRAIG, FBI Number 5300260

WILLIS G. DEKRINGWATER, FBI Number 9506247

Mr. DOWDELLY advised the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY looks familiar to him; however, he could not be certain if this person was identical with the man who registered as JOHN LARRY RAYNE.

Mr. DOWDELLY advised the individual he recalled as being identical with the man who used the name JOHN LARRY RAYNE and who occupied the rear basement apartment had trouble with his feet. He recalled this individual had to rub some kind of preparation on to his feet. Mr. DOWDELLY stated this man did not have any visitors and he did not know of any associates of this individual. He recalled that Mr. RAYNE said he had worked on the Mississippi River as a cook

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by SA WILLIAM J. DOWDLY, Jr. and SA JOSEPH H. [illegible]/cmm Date dictated 8/30/68

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on barges. He also recalled that when Mr. BAYNE left the apartment, he said he was going to Canada and was going to look for a job in Canada. Mr. DONNELLY could not recall if this man received any mail while he stayed at the apartment.

Mr. DONNELLY said he did not know if Mr. BAYNE had a car or where he worked. He did not know what of type of work he did, but he did know he left the apartment every day as if to go to work.

Mr. DONNELLY described JOHN LARRY BAYNE as a white, male, age 30 to 40, medium height, slender build, dark hair.

Mr. DONNELLY advised after looking at the xerox copy of page 13 of the rent record book that it appeared the next person to rent the rear basement apartment was GEORGE WASHINGTON YACHS, Jr.

Mr. DONNELLY stated that someone of the individuals who had lived in his apartments had told him he was moving out of the apartment to go home and stand trial for murdering his brother-in-law. However, Mr. DONNELLY was unable to recall who had made this statement to him, and he did not know if this statement had been made by Mr. BAYNE or some other person.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date September 3, 1968

GLORIA DONNELLY, 2731 North Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number LA 5-0691, was interviewed at her residence. Mrs. DONNELLY advised she and her husband, EDWARD, own the building at 2731 North Sheffield. Mrs. DONNELLY stated that they rent apartments in the basement and on the second floor of their building.

Mrs. DONNELLY reviewed the Rent Record Book maintained for the rentals at 2731 North Sheffield, and determined there was an entry dated April 30, 1967, showing a rental to a JOHN LARRY RAYNS. Mrs. DONNELLY stated the handwriting on the entry would be the handwriting of the person renting the room. This person occupied the rear basement apartment.

Mrs. DONNELLY advised from the Rent Record Book she could not determine how long this individual stayed at the apartment; however, the best she could recall at this time was that Mr. RAYNS stayed there approximately three or four weeks. Mrs. DONNELLY advised the apartment is rented by the week and the rental is $12, or $13 a week.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated she had some difficulty recalling this individual, but to the best of her recollection he was a quiet man who did not associate with anyone else in the building and did not have any friends or visitors come by the apartment. She further recalled Mr. RAYNS had complained of his feet hurting. She stated on one or two occasions when she was in the rear basement apartment while he was renting it, she noticed he had a lot of books and had bought some cooking utensils.

Mrs. DONNELLY said that Mr. RAYNS received one letter that she knew of while he stayed at the apartment. This letter was from some place in Canada; after receiving this letter, Mr. RAYNS came up and told them he was going to move and go to Canada. He said he was going to work in Canada. Mrs. DONNELLY advised he said something about trying to get on a ship; however, she could not recall any further details of this comment. Mrs. DONNELLY said that

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after receiving the letter, RAYMS moved the same day. He did not leave a forwarding address or indicate where he was going; however, he left the distinct impression he was going to Canada in answer to the letter received.

Mrs. DONNELLY advised that while Mr. RAYMS rented the basement apartment, he went to work, or at least left the house daily by 7:00 a.m. She advised she could not recall Mr. RAYMS having any type of car.

Mrs. DONNELLY said that her aunt, JEAN WILES, who had resided with her, rented the apartment to Mr. RAYMS. Mrs. DONNELLY advised JEAN WILES passed away on May 1, 1968; she recalled her aunt told her this man came into the apartment as a result of seeing an advertisement in the local newspaper called "The Booster". Mrs. DONNELLY advised this is a neighborhood paper and they run advertisements in this paper whenever they have a vacancy.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated the only ones in the building now who would have been in the building at the time Mr. RAYMS occupied the basement apartment are ANNIE KEEGAN and EDWARD SPERLING. She stated that these two persons rent rooms on the second floor.

Mrs. DONNELLY advised DOROTHY LENNING and her daughter, PHYLLIS, had occupied the front basement apartment for approximately two years. They moved some time in the spring of 1967, and may have been living in the front basement apartment at the same time that Mr. RAYMS was living in the rear basement apartment.

Mrs. DONNELLY reviewed her Rent Records, and from these records she advised an individual named GEORGE WASHINGTON WACHS, JR. appeared to be the next man to rent the rear basement apartment. The record book showed that Mr. WACHS rented this apartment on May 17, 1967, or June 17, 1967.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated there is currently a disconnected phone in the rear basement apartment. She did not know how long this phone had been in the apartment or if it had been connected when Mr. RAYMS lived in the apartment. Mrs. DONNELLY checked this phone and determined the number on the phone is 327-0336.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated she could not recall Mr. RAYMS leaving anything behind when he left other than

some cooking utensils, which would have been left in the apartment for the use of other occupants of that apartment.

Mrs. DONNELLY was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNEDY, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number 615590 A

FRANK BRUDZINSKI, FBI Number 959823 A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 G

PHILLIP JOSEPH KURTZ, Chicago Police Department Number 80181

ROBERT I. CHERN, FBI Number 539026 D

WILLIE G. DENNINGWATER, FBI Number 950024 F

Mrs. DONNELLY stated she was unable to identify any of these individuals as being the man named RAYNE who resided in the basement apartment.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated the person who had the most contact with this man was her aunt, JEAN WILES, now deceased. Mrs. WILES ran the rooming house and baby sat for her children and was home all day, and had much more contact with the tenants than herself.

Mrs. DONNELLY described JOHN L. RAYNE as follows: a white male, in his late 20's or early 30's, tall and thin, dark hair. She could not be more specific in her description.

Mrs. DONNELLY made available page number 13 of her Rent Record Book which obtained the signature of JOHN LARRY RAYNE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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EDWARD SPERLING, 2nd Floor Apartment, 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his residence. SPERLING was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNEDY, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number 615590 A

FRANK GRUDZINSKI, FBI Number 959823 A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 G

PHILLIP J. KURTZ, Chicago Police Department IR Number 80181

ROBERT I. CHERK, FBI Number 539026 D

WILLIE G. DEERINGWATER, FBI Number 950024 F

SPERLING advised the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY bears a resemblance to a man who had lived in the rear basement apartment at 2731 North Sheffield, approximately a year ago.

SPERLING advised the man he was referring to was a man named RAYNE. SPERLING stated he never saw this individual have any visitors or associate with anyone in the area. He further stated this man was not friendly with any of the other people living in the building. He recalled that this man lived at the building for approximately one month.

SPERLING advised he thought on one occasion he saw this man around or getting into an old car; however, he could not recall the car's description. SPERLING was unable to furnish any other facts regarding this individual.

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Date September 3, 1968

ANNIE KEEGAN, 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at her residence. [redacted] stated she did not get acquainted with any of the people who had rooms in the basement, and she stated she was unable to provide any information regarding a person who stayed in the rear basement apartment who used the name of HAYNE.

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Date September 3, 1968

PHYLLIS LENNING, 925 Schubert, Apartment A, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at her residence. LENNING advised she formerly resided at 2731 North Sheffield, in the front basement apartment. She stated she and her mother moved from that apartment on approximately May 10, 1967. She stated the apartment at 925 Schubert, was rented from May 1, 1967, to the present.

LENNING stated she could not recall anyone moving into the rear basement apartment at 2731 North Sheffield, at the approximate time they moved from their front basement apartment. LENNING was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNEDY, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number 615590 A

FRANK GRUDZIESKI, FBI Number 959823 A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 G

PHILLIP J. KURTZ, Chicago Police Department IR Number 80181

ROBERT I. CHERN, FBI Number 539026 D

WILLIE GENE DEERINGWATER, FBI Number 950024 F

LENNING stated none of these individuals looked familiar to her.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH M. BERRY on August 24,1968:

A check of the public telephones located in the M. SARNITSKY Pharmacy, 1000 West Diversey Parkway, determined the numbers of these telephones are 348-9470, and 348-9471.

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1 Date 9/2/68

Mr. JAMES K. ABBOTT, President of Nelson Chevrolet, 1002 West Diversey, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of employment. Mr. ABBOTT advised an individual named GEORGE WASHINGTON WACHS, Jr., was employed by the Nelson Chevrolet Company from May 1, 1967, to August 9, 1967. He was dismissed for excessive absenteeism.

Mr. ABBOTT checked the employment records for WACHS and determined that at the time he was hired he resided at 5300 West Wellington. Mr. ABBOTT made xerox copies of a sheet entitled Social Security Information containing background information on GEORGE WACHS and a copy of an application for position also containing background information on GEORGE WACHS.

Mr. ABBOTT stated he does not know the current location of GEORGE WACHS.

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INVESTIGATION AT 1648 WEST LUNT

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Date 9/3/68

LOLA BALLARD DESPINS, Day Clerk at the Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at her place of employment. DESPINS was shown a xerox copy of Registration Card Number 8075. She advised this card was made out by her and the person registering filled out the name, the street, the city and the state.

DESPINS stated she recalls the individual named on this card, JOHN L. RAYNS; however, she can not recall the individual's facial features. Mrs. DESPINS was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNEDY, FBI Number 615590A

FRANK GENDRINSKI, FBI Number 959823A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 4059428

PHILLIP J. KENTS, Chicago Police Department IR No. 90181

ROBERT I. CELES, FBI Number 5390360

WILLIE G. DARRINGTON, FBI Number 950024F

Mrs. DESPINS stated some of these individuals looked familiar to her.

Mrs. DESPINS made available a ledger sheet for room number 105 for June, 1967. This sheet shows room number 105 was rented on June 18, 1967. The amount for this rental was a total of $13.61. A notation on June 19, 1967 shows "checked out". Mrs. DESPINS advised this means the person renting the room on June 18, 1967, checked out on June 19, 1937. She stated this person did not come by the desk and did not get back his $1.00 deposit.

Mrs. DESPINS stated she recalled that the individual who rented the room came to the desk, signed the registration card, then went outside. Then he came inside to

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sign the registration card, he had no luggage. However, when he walked around the windows on the outside to go to his apartment, she recalled he was carrying a suitcase.

Mr. DEEPIES did not see anyone with Mr. BAYES and she did not know him to have any visitors; however, his apartment is entered from the rear of the building and visitors would not come past the desk where she works.

Mrs. DEEPIES advised room 105 is a small room with a small bed, chest of drawers, and table. The occupants of room 105 share a bath with other roomers in the area.

Mrs. DEEPIES reviewed the ledger sheet for room 105 for June, 1967, and determined Mr. BAYES did not make any long distance phone calls or any phone calls which were reported on this ledger sheet.

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Date September 3, 1968

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Mrs. MAYE CAHAPA, Manager, Lincoln Apartment Motel, 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number RD 4-0900, was interviewed at her place of employment. Mrs. CAHAPA was shown photographs of the following individuals:

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FRANK GRZEBINSKI, FBI Number 959823 A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 A

PHILLIP JOSEPH KUNTZ, Chicago Police Department IR Number 80181

ROBERT I. CHEEN, FBI Number 539026 D

WILLIE G. DEERINGWATER, FBI Number 950024 F

Mrs. CAHAPA advised none of these photographs looked familiar to her.

Mrs. CAHAPA reviewed the registration cards for May, and June, 1967; card number 8075 reflected that a person named JOHN L. RAYNE, address 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, checked into room number 105 on June 18, 1967. This man was checked in by clerk LOLA BALLARD. The registration card is marked "rented for one week".

Mrs. CAHAPA advised she was not familiar with the person named JOHN L. RAYNE, who stayed in room 105 as per the above information. Mrs. CAHAPA advised the clerk, LOLA BALLARD, still works at the Lincoln Apartment Motel and has remarried, her married name being DEMPSEY.

Mrs. CAHAPA made available registration card 8075 to the interviewing Agents.

On 8/24/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44-1114

by SAs JOSEPH E. BURKE
ROBERT E. HALL JEB/prk Date dictated 8/28/68

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LABORATORY REPORTS REGARDING RESTAURANT PAY CHECKS

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LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

44-1114
44-38861
91075

August 30, 1968

SAC, Chicago

MURKIN
CR

REFERENCE: Airtel 8-23-68
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Chicago
SPECIMENS: Eight payroll checks of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc., Q398 through Q405
Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate, Q406

Specimens examined and one latent fingerprint of value developed on check, Q404.

See attached page for result of comparison.

Specimens enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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Your File No. 44-1114
FBI File No. 44-38861
Latent Case No. 91075

August 30, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G

The latent print developed on the check #5283, Q404, is identical with the right thumbprint of James Earl Ray.

The check is enclosed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: September 4, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680826086 JK
D-680826101 JK

Specimens received 8/26/68, from FBI, Chicago

Eight payroll checks of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc., payable to JOHN RAYNS or JOHN L. RAYNS, further described as follows:

SPECIMEN	NUMBER	DATE	AMOUNT
Q398	4838	5/7/67	$84.89
Q399	4913	5/14/67	84.89
Q400	4987	5/21/67	84.89
Q401	5058	5/28/67	84.89
Q402	5130	6/4/67	89.65
Q403	5209	6/11/67	89.65
Q404	5283	6/18/67	95.19
Q405	5357	6/25/67	77.53

Q406 Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate dated May 10, 1967, bearing Social Security Number 318-24-7098 and signed "John L. Rayns"

Specimens received 8/26/68, from FBI, Chicago

Q407 Sheet from rooming house ledger, page 13, bearing on line 24 the signature "John Larry Rayns"

Q408 Registration card, No. 8075, dated 6/18/67, bearing the signature "John L. Rayns"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that JAMES EARL RAY, K171, K211 and K257 prepared the questioned Rayns signature on Q407, the questioned handwriting on Q408 and the questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q406. Although significant similarities were noted in the endorsements on Q398 through Q405, except the

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endorsement on Q403, when compared with the known writings of RAY, the presence of unexplained variations, insufficient comparable material and distortion in some of the questioned endorsements precluded a definite determination as to whether RAY prepared the endorsements on Q398 through Q405.

The endorsement on Q403 is too distorted for comparison purposes. Although some similarities were noted in the date on line 24 on Q407 beside the Rayms signature when compared with the comparable writing of RAY, the limited and over-written nature of this date precluded a definite determination as to whether RAY prepared this date.

Q393 through Q408 have been photographed and will be returned to Chicago separately.

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