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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Carl Ray, Possible Look-Alike of James Earl Ray

Re Albuquerque, Denver, Los Angeles and Phoenix teletypes 5/4/68; El Paso airtel 5/3/68; and FBI Laboratory Reports 5/10 and 5/13/68.

Enclosed for the Director and Memphis is one copy of referenced Albuquerque teletype for each inasmuch as teletype did not include Director and Memphis.

One copy of this letter is being furnished the other offices due to their investigative interest in CARL RAY.

On 5/7/68, First Class Cabin Stewardess CATHERINE HINES, aboard Frontier Airlines Flight 785 F, 4/27/68, on flight from Albuquerque to Phoenix, and Tourist Cabin Stewardess Miss J. JACKSON, aboard the same flight, advised SA BOYD D. ADSIT that they recall no one by the name of CARL RAY being aboard that flight and neither recognized any picture of JAMES EARL RAY as being that of any person aboard the flight.

On 5/4 and 5/5/68, all hotels in Denver and all motels in vicinity Stapleton International Airport were checked for reservation by CARL RAY with negative results.

In view of the differences between the descriptions given of CARL RAY by the various airlines employees and the description of JAMES EARL RAY, and in view of the information set forth in referenced FBI Laboratory reports, Denver does not contemplate setting forth leads to have other persons aboard Frontier Airlines Flight 785, Albuquerque to Phoenix, 4/27/68, interviewed concerning CARL RAY unless advised to the contrary by the office of origin.

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