

No. D-90696Name James RayCharge Robbery (Gun).

May 9, 1952, Held over to Grand Jury, \$3,000.00 Bond.
Judge Hartigan.

Arr. Offs. Green & McDonough, 35th Dist.
WITNESSES

Complainant Louis Knox, 6945 N. Paulina St.,

Trial before Judge

*6-13-52. J. D. Knoxley 6-4-52. Joint Conv 32419 Robb 1-2 yrs Plea H. Robb
Trans. 7-7-52 to J. O. Pontine, Ill. 1952
302#306443-A Disc. 2-12-54 Exp of Sent.
PREVIOUS RECORD*

Ac. James Earl Ray.

*10-11-49 J. D. Los Angeles Calif. Sup. Burg. 8 mos. Co J
Susp. 2 yrs Prob 1st 90 days Co J*

4-18-50 J. D. Cedar Rapids Ia. Vag.

7-23-51 Alton Del. Hooper At his City his rel to pay later

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WANTED
 BY *Alton, Ill. P.D.*
 DATE *Aug. 26th* 19*59*
 CHARGE *Robbery Armed*
 CANCELLED..... 19.....

DB File
#59-2589

WANTED
 BY *Missouri State*
Jefferson City Mo.
 JUN 25 1967
 CHARGE *Escaped Convict*
 WARRANT REGISTER NO. *101471*

J.C. 64

WANTED
 BY *FBI*
PER FBI Buil. Nov. 67
 UNIT *12 Dec 67*
 CHARGE *Unlawful flt to avoid confinement*
 WARRANT REGISTER NO. *(Robt)*

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AT THE MISSOURI STATE ARCHIVES

FORM 50

INMATES RECORD - COOK COUNTY JAIL

INDICTMENT NUMBER	HOW HELD	BAIL	COMMITTED BY	CHARGE
SKK-5763	FULLY COMMITTED	1500 3000	HARTICAN	ROBBERY
52-1155	CAPIAS	10000	CAPIAS	ROBBERY

WARRANTS

SPECIAL ORDERS

- 95 -

ENTERED TO PENIT

SENTENCED TO

52-1155 (1) YR TO (2) YRS

JUDGE

CROWLEY

DATE

JUN 4 1952

RELEASED

JUN 13 1952

HOW RELEASED

SENT TO PENIT

TIME

PREVIOUS ARRESTS

CONVICTIONS

BLOCK	FLOOR	CELL	DATE	TIME	CAUSE
4	1	24	5/1/52		JUN 13 1952
					ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY RECEIVED

ADDRESS

853 W. FULLERTON

131165

NAME

ALIAS

TIME

CHARGE CODE

RAY JAMES



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST

JULIEN DIAZ 710 0000 UNIT

SENIOR CAPTAIN
JACKETS

DATE 7-1-52

CLASSIFICATION REPORT June 30, 1952

Name: RAY, James E.

Age: 24

Admitted: 6-13-52

Crime: Robbery

Sentence: 1-2 yrs.

CRIMINOLOGIST'S COPY

ADMISSION:

Inmate was admitted June 13, 1952, under a 1-2 year sentence for robbery, after he had held up a cab driver and then taken the vehicle. He was apprehended by the police who shot him during the capture. He admits his guilt, stating that he did not ordinarily drink but became intoxicated and then had the idea of the holdup and did it. He said he had used a pipe in lieu of a gun, placing it at the back of the driver's body.

PREVIOUS RECORD:

His previous record consists of a two years probation, with three months in the County Jail in Los Angeles in December, 1949 for burglary. Inmate admits he was caught by the manager of a restaurant attempting to enter the premises from a back stairway.

SOCIAL HISTORY:

Inmate was born [redacted] in Alton, Illinois, the oldest of three children in a German-English family. He said the father worked regularly as a railroad fireman and was a good provider until his death from heart trouble in 1947. He attended grade school at Quincy, Illinois and later returned to an "academy for adults under the G.I. Bill", where he said he had fifteen months intensive schooling in high school subjects. He was in the Army between February 10, 1946 and December 23, 1946 when he was honorably discharged. He was placed in the stockade once for missing a guard detail. He came to Chicago in order to attend school for a short time and said he had one or two jobs, generally at factories, working as an assembler and machine operator and stockroom clerk in order to maintain himself while going to school. Apparently he was somewhat of a solitary person, but said he had occasional dates. He denies any persistent drinking, although admitting occasional alcoholic excess.

PERSONALITY:

Inmate is a 24-year-old, rather small sized, young appearing man, who gives the impression of being sincere in his remarks, yet is actually fairly adept at evasion. He seemingly is a person who has some drive, but has not been able to settle down to just what he wants. He accepts his predicament and should go along uneventfully here. He has no system of delinquent traits and his future adjustment will depend in part on the character of his institutional maturation.

CLASSIFICATION:

Group III. Without psychosis or intellectual defect.
Unstable personality. Unquestionably improvable offender.
Problematic prognosis. Superior intelligence, Army Alpha III. Kahn negative.

RECOMMENDATION:

Pontiac Division.

Inmate has no definite vocational objectives, but has a background of some semi-skilled factory experience. He also shows an interest in high school subjects and seems to be the type who might be interested in trying for a G.E.D. diploma.

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W.P. Facke, Chairman
Classification Board

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST

PONTIAC UNIT

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Inmate RAY, James E. No. 19121 Age 27 Date 7-19-55

This Professional Summary is being prepared at the request of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, where this former inmate is serving a sentence of 3 years and 9 months for Forging Money Orders. This request was forwarded from the Joliet Diagnostic Depot. The material in this Summary is derived from the files of the Criminologist and should be regarded as confidential.

Inmate was received at the Joliet Diagnostic Depot 6-13-52, to serve a sentence of 1 to 2 years for Robbery. He had held up a taxicab driver in Chicago, taking his vehicle, and was apprehended shortly thereafter by the police, who shot him during the capture. He admitted his guilt, stating that he was heavily intoxicated and had used a pipe in place of a gun, placing it at the back of the driver's body. He had previously been on a 2-year probation in Los Angeles, California, for burglary, he being caught in the act of entering a restaurant from a back stairway.

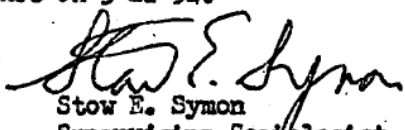
He was born at Alton, Illinois, [redacted] the oldest of three children, his father working regularly as a railroad brakeman until his death in 1917. He was raised primarily in Quincy, Illinois, where he graduated from eighth grade and later had some high school training under the G. I. Bill. He was in the Army between 2-18-46 and 12-23-48, when he was honorably discharged for lack of adaptability. He had been in Chicago for a short time prior to the offense, and had had several short term jobs as a factory hand or storeroom worker. He was unmarried, and seemed to be somewhat of a solitary person, with occasional alcoholic excesses.

On the Army Alpha examination, he scored 111, or superior. It was thought that he had no systematic delinquent traits, and segregation at Pontiac was recommended.

At Pontiac, he requested a farm assignment, and was so placed, after a short period in the inmates' kitchen. He worked as a cook in the farm dormitory, and a helper in the officers quarters, and was always considered an average worker. He had no punishment reports.

The latest medical report in our possession, dated 1-30-53, is essentially negative, and he was never referred to the Psychiatrist for any unusual or abnormal behavior. Our office had a couple of routine contacts with him, and it appeared that he had been behaving unstably ever since leaving the Army, and that he was subject to impulsive delinquent behavior in connection with drinking, which, in turn, was related to his tendency to become easily discouraged. Our last contact with him was on 2-19-54.

He was discharged by expiration of sentence on 3-12-54.


Stow E. Symon
Supervising Sociologist

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST

VS-10M-11-51

PONTIAC UNIT

RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT

Name RAY, James E. No. 19121 Age 25 Color Date 2-18-54

DISCHARGE DATE 3-12-54

CRIMINOLOGIST'S COPY

Inmate was admitted to the Joliet Diagnostic Depot on 6-13-52, under a sentence of 1 to 2 years for Robbery, and was transferred to Pontiac on 7-7-52. On 5-14-53, he was given the Max "X" effective 3-12-54.

Inmate makes no physical complaints. He has received no punishment reports.

Inmate received no visits, and corresponds with his mother and brother.

He is now assigned to the honor farm, where he has been almost continuously, except for a brief period in the inmates' kitchen. At present, he is considered a good worker in the officers' quarters, and has been considered a good cook in the past.

His future plans are indefinite, although he will go to Quincy, Illinois, first.

Inmate's delinquencies seem due to impulsive behavior, especially when drinking. There is a relationship to inmate's tendency to be easily discouraged, and this tendency still exists.

Inmate has always been considered to be without psychosis or mental defect and, while in the institution and during the present examination, has evidenced no behavior which might indicate the need for a special psychiatric examination at the present time, although one will be attempted, if possible.

The prognosis is doubtful.

Stow E. Symon
Supervising Sociologist

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST

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PAROLE PROGRESS REPORT

Name RAY, James E. No. 12121 Age 25 Color White Date 4-9-53

Hearing Minimum Case Docket May, 1953

CRIMINOLOGIST'S COPY

This report is based upon the usual material gathered at the Diagnostic Depot, our attendance at Staff meetings, the receipt of Work Progress Reports, and one short and one long interview with the inmate.

The etiology of inmate's difficulties is not completely known. He seems to have been highly unsettled after leaving the Army, and we would judge that some traumatic experience occurred which he does not care to tell, or cannot verbalize. He seems to be rather solitary and unhappy, and there have been at least two instances of poorly thought out delinquent behavior connected with drinking.

When admitted, inmate expressed an interest in a farm assignment, and was placed in the inmates' kitchen temporarily, until an opening developed on the farm. He has been assigned to the farm continuously since August, 1952, as helper in the farm dormitory kitchen. The report of 10-21-52 characterized him as average in his attitude and in his ability to get along with officers and inmates. The report of 1-30-53 stated that he was good, as far as attitude toward his work was concerned, and ability to get along with officers and other inmates, but that he was only fair as far as proficiency, initiative, progress and ability to work in the free community were concerned.

He has had no punishment reports.

Little is known as to the associational pattern or friends.

He has had no visits, and corresponds with his mother and brother. If released he will have to be assisted by the Parole Officer.

It is difficult for us to make an adequate prediction in this case. In view of the two known instances of impulsive delinquent behavior connected with drinking, the lack of any indication of change or progress here, and the age at which this pattern was continuing, we would judge that he would eventually repeat this behavior, especially if discouraged.

Much would depend upon his obtaining some sort of placement with which he would be satisfied, and which would place him with people who were taking an interest in him.

The prognosis seems to be problematic to doubtful.

Stow E. Symon
Supervising Sociologist

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/2/68

Captain GEORGE GREEN, who is Watch Commander of the 8th District, Chicago Police Department, 63rd Street and St. Louis Avenue, and who resides at 2942 South Emerald, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information:

Captain GREEN shot JAMES EARL RAY in the vicinity of 9 West Delaware Street, Chicago, in May, 1952, while apprehending RAY during hot pursuit following the robbery of a cab driver. Captain GREEN and his partner, Detective JOHN MC DONOUGH, ordered RAY to halt several times. RAY temporarily eluded the police officers by diving through a window through the basement of a residence. When RAY was ascending the basement steps ignoring orders to surrender, he was shot in the right arm by Captain GREEN. The bullet passed through the right arm approximately mid-way between the elbow and wrist. The bullet then grazed left arm. Only one shot was fired in effecting RAY's apprehension.

Captain GREEN further stated that when RAY dove through the window into the basement, he landed in an area where bathtubs were stored and either injured his face around the head area from glass or upon landing in the basement. Captain GREEN opined RAY's wounds in the head area and in the left arm were probably superficial and would leave no scars.

Captain GREEN was unable to suggest the identity of any associates of RAY in the Chicago area.

On 5/1/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44 1114

SA ROBERT L. BUCKINGHAM: pas

5/2/68

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Date 5/2/68

JOHN MC DONOUGH, retired Chicago Police officer, and now inspector for the Chicago Civil Defense, City Hall, 140 South Dearborn Street, and who resides at 4427 North Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, stated he could only vaguely recall the shooting and apprehension of JAMES EARL RAY in 1952. MC DONOUGH stated he was unable to recall in which arm RAY was shot by MC DONOUGH's former partner, Chicago Police Department Captain GEORGE GREEN, during the apprehension of RAY following a robbery.

On 5/1/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44-1114
by SA ROBERT L. BUCKINGHAM: pas Date dictated 5/2/68

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RE: COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL RECORDS

On April 26, 1968, Mrs. GLORIA CARNEY, Clerk, Medical Records Library, Cook County Hospital, 1835 West Harrison, advised the admittance card for subject reveals admission on May 6, 1952, for gunshot wounds. The card lists the address as 853 Fullerton, discharge date not shown. Other records pertaining to RAY on film and there would be no way she could obtain them this date.

Mrs. CARNEY advised on April 29, 1968, that a review of the filmed records pertaining to RAY reveal subject was treated for gunshot wound in left forearm and lacerations of the skull. The record did not disclose specific points of injury. The two-page chart contained strictly medical information as to treatment administered.

RE: BRIDEWELL HOSPITAL

On April 26, 1968, Mrs. MARTY TROTTER, Medical Records Librarian, Bridewell Hospital, 2800 South California, advised that a check of the records immediately available did not indicate any information for the subject. She said that the records for 1952 are presently in storage and that it would take several days to review them due to the shortage of help.

On May 6, 1968, Mrs. TROTTER advised that she had conducted a search of all available records and could not locate any record identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY.

The foregoing investigation at the hospitals was conducted by SA LEONARD F. KACZMAREK.

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RE: VETERANS ADMINISTRATION RECORDS

On April 24, 1968, the Washington Field Office advised that the subject enlisted in the United States Army February 19, 1942, in Chicago, Illinois, and was discharged December 23, 1948. He was assigned Veterans Administration claim number 7661340. File located Veterans Administration Regional Office, Chicago. He also had insurance policy number N19868336. There was no record for the subject at the Veterans Administration Board of Veterans Appeals.

On the same date, Mr. MORT ROTHSTING, Attorney, Veterans Administration, advised SA JAMES W. SWINFORD that the file for the subject is located in the Veterans Administration records at the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

On April 25, 1968, the St. Louis Office advised that RAY had United States Army Serial Number 16163129 and a Veterans Administration claim for education number 7661340. The subject filed claim for education or training allowance on April 19, 1949, at Veterans Administration Regional Office, Chicago.

Additional details concerning that claim were not shown but it was indicated that the rehabilitation and education folder had been retired to the Federal Records Center, Chicago, March 15, 1955. The addresses in the St. Louis file show 5050 North Broadway, April, 1949, and 459 St. James Place, November, 1950, both Chicago, Illinois. No further information noted with exception of miscellaneous papers which verified RAY's military service.

On April 25, 1968, MORT ROTHSTING, Attorney, Veterans Administration, advised SA SWINFORD that the subject's Veterans Administration claim file was inactive since March 15, 1955, was retired to the Federal Records Center, Chicago, and then forwarded to the Veterans Administration Records Processing Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

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WILLIAM CIRONE, Administrative Division, advised same date that the inactive file rehabilitation and education folders, including the subject's, were destroyed approximately two years ago.

On April 29, 1968, Mr. MORT ROTHSTING, Attorney, Veterans Administration (VA), Chicago, Illinois, advised SA SWINFORD that although the rehabilitation and education folder for JAMES EARL RAY under Public Law 86-146 were destroyed, he located a microfilm record of payments received by RAY for training under the aforementioned law. He advised payments were received by RAY from May 2, 1949, to January 31, 1952, during which time VA checks were mailed to RAY at the following addresses:

61 East Cedar Street
Chicago, Illinois

2238 Dayton Street
Chicago, Illinois

2025 North Sedgwick Street
Chicago, Illinois

1429 Cherry
Quincy, Illinois

459 St. James Place
Chicago, Illinois

He advised the identities of the institutions where training was received by RAY were not recorded and the above is the only information on file for RAY with the VA office in Chicago.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION

RE: 853 West Fullerton Avenue

On April 20, 1968, Mrs. ANN MC KAY, wife of President ARTHUR MC KAY, McCormick Theological Seminary, 834 West Chalmers, telephone 281-3540, was contacted by SAs RICHARD J. ZEDICK and JOSEPH DERTINGER, Jr.. Mrs. MC KAY advised the residence at 853 West Fullerton is the property of McCormick Seminary and was so during 1952. Mrs. MC KAY stated during 1952 this house was privately rented and may have been sublet to roomers without knowledge of the seminary. During 1952, no students or faculty of the seminary occupied this residence. Mrs. MC KAY advised the present occupant of the house, a Mrs. SCHWARTZBERG(ph), has occupied it since 1966, and would have no information regarding subject.

Mrs. MC KAY advised all faculty members were in a conference and unavailable on this date. However, Mr. POTTS, Treasurer, McCormick Seminary, would review the school's records for the possibility of subject having been a student here and for any further information on the individual who rented the residence at 853 West Fullerton during 1952. Mr. POTTS will advise Chicago FBI of any positive information on April 22, 1968.

On April 22, 1968, Mr. GEORGE E. POTTS, Treasurer and Business Manager, McCormick Theological Seminary, advised SA RENE J. DUMAINE that he had made a complete and thorough search of all of the records of the seminary and had found no student, employee, or any person with any connection with the seminary, which could be considered identical with JAMES EARL RAY under his known aliases.

Mr. POTTS further advised that in the foregoing search of the records, he came up with the fact that the building in question, i.e., 853 West Fullerton Avenue, was leased from March, 1951, to March 14, 1953, by Mrs. BEATRICE

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FOULKES. At that time, she had the phone number of EA 7-2087. Mr. POTTS who was in the same capacity with the seminary at that time, advised that he has no other records or recollection of this woman and no idea as to her present whereabouts. He said that the records also reveal that Miss AIMEE SCHMITZ took over the rooming house in March of 1953 and had some business dealings with Mrs. FOULKES. Mr. POTTS also had no records or recollection of the present whereabouts of Miss SCHMITZ.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM M. C'BRIEN and MICHAEL A. GARRETT at Chicago, Illinois, on April 26, 1968:

Mr. NICHOLAS LANDIS, Owner of the Deming-Clark Radio and Television Shop at 2485 North Clark Street, advised that the building formerly at 459 St. James Place, Chicago, Illinois, had burned down sometime during the winter of 1963. He stated that there is an empty lot at that location at the present time. He stated that he was in this neighborhood during 1950, but cannot recall anyone resembling the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that during 1950 there was an apartment house at 459 St. James Place and that the manager of the apartment house was MAX REMICK. He advised that Mr. REMICK is presently deceased but that his wife is presently residing at 910 West Ainsle, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. MAX REMICK, 910 West Ainsle, advised that she and her husband, presently deceased, were the managers of the apartment building at 459 St. James Place in 1950. She was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that she does not remember whether or not this individual resided at that address. She stated that she did not keep any records regarding the residents at that address and that it would be impossible for her to recall any of the residents from that period of time.

Personal observation by the above Agents in the neighborhood of 459 St. James Place, revealed an empty lot at that location.

Personal observation by the above Agents in the neighborhood of 5050 North Broadway, revealed that the Combined Insurance Company of America occupies the building at that location.

A check of the Criss-Cross Directory for the City of Chicago during 1950 revealed that the address of 5050 North Broadway was occupied by American Television, Inc. The directory also revealed that the address of 459 St. James Place in 1950 was occupied by the following individuals:

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MAX REMICK
Telephone Number LI 9-9550

Premier Coil Cleaner
Telephone Number LI 9-9550

VERONICA WOODHOUSE
Telephone Number GR 2-8009

A check of the records of the Chicago Credit Bureau for VERONICA WOODHOUSE was negative.

BILL SUTTER, Owner of the Kailer-Youngquist Body Shop at 5041 North Broadway, was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that he has been in business for the past thirty years at this location and does not recognize the photograph of RAY as anyone that he has come in contact with. He stated that as far as he can recall, the Combined Insurance Company was at 5050 North Broadway in 1950.

EDWARD DONALD and MORRIS SCHWARTZ, Managers of the Argyle Liquor Store at 5021 North Broadway, advised that they were at this location in 1950, but cannot recall any person who may have resembled the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

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On April 30, 1968, Mr. RALPH NATHANSON, Owner of building at 2025 North Sedgwick, advised SA ROBERT P. BRANNIGAN that he has lived in this neighborhood for the past 25 years. He added that he purchased the building in 1962. NATHANSON stated that subject was unknown to him by name or photograph and added that he has never seen subject in the neighborhood. He stated that he is the only person in the neighborhood who has resided here for the past 25 years.

On April 30, 1968, Mr. EDWARD UNTERBERG, Second Floor Apartment, 2238 Dayton Street, advised SA BRANNIGAN that he has resided at this address for the past eight years. He stated that he did not recognize subject, JAMES EARL RAY, by either name or photograph. He stated that he was familiar with the neighborhood and stated that he has never seen subject in this area. He added that this is a changing neighborhood and that he probably was the only individual in the neighborhood who has resided here longer than five years.

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RE: **NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION**
61 EAST CEDAR STREET
2725 NORTH PINE GROVE

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN P. O'BRIEN on May 1, 1968,
in the vicinity of 61 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois,
for information that JAMES EARL RAY was known at that location,
it being noted that RAY reportedly resided here during the
period between 9/13/51 and 5/28/52.

On 5/1/68, investigation at 59-65 East Cedar Street,
Chicago, Illinois, determined that this was a large apartment
house presently managed by Sudler and Company, Chicago,
Illinois. Mr. HERBERT SELL, Janitor, advised he has only been
janitor at this apartment since March, 1968. He stated he did
not know anyone presently residing here who was here during
1951-1952 but stated he learned that possibly during 1951-1952
period this apartment consisted of approximately four individually
owned homes rented as rooming houses. He suggested that possibly
Mrs. MARGARETTA REHRMAN, Manager, 33 East Cedar Street, Chicago,
Illinois, may have information on this matter as she has been
in the neighborhood for years and her husband was the former
janitor at 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago.

On 5/1/68, Mrs. MARGARETTA REHRMAN, Manager, 33 East Cedar
Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that 59-65 East Cedar Street,
Chicago, has been managed by Sudler and Company of Chicago since
about 1957. She stated that sometime prior to 1957 four brown
stone building occupied the present residence of 59-65 East
Cedar Street, and were reportedly owned by one Mr. WILLIS, who
is now deceased. She stated during 1961-1966 her husband,
JACK REHRMAN, was janitor at this location. She stated she did
not know of anyone who was at 59-65 East Cedar Street during
1951-1952 period and noted this location was formerly a rooming
house occupied mostly by transient individuals. She viewed a
photograph of RAY and stated she had no information concerning
RAY, and the photograph was not familiar to her.

On 5/1/68, JACK REHRMAN, Janitor for 33 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted at his place of employment and advised he was janitor of 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago, during 1961-1966. He advised that to the best of his knowledge the property at 61 East Cedar Street, Chicago, was one of four brown stone buildings that now make up 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago. He stated to the best of his knowledge these four brown stone buildings during 1951-1952 were rented out as rooming houses and were owned by one Mr. WILLIS now deceased. He stated he did not know if Mr. WILLIS actually lived in this vicinity and he did not know of anyone in the neighborhood who may recall RAY residing here. He noted that this neighborhood has completely changed and most of the homes have been converted to apartments. He stated a photograph of the subject was not familiar to him. He stated he heard from an unrecalled source that Mr. WILLIS, believed to be the former owner of this property at 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago, died approximately four years ago and he did not have any information regarding any relatives of Mr. WILLIS who may have resided here at the time RAY reportedly resided here.

The following investigation was conducted in the vicinity of 2725 North Pine Grove, Chicago, Illinois, it being noted that JAMES EARL RAY reportedly resided here during the period between 9/13/51 and 5/28/52:

On 5/1/68 investigation in the vicinity of 2725 North Pine Grove, determined that this was a non-existent address now occupied by the Andora Apartments, 2727 North Pine Grove, Chicago.

On 5/1/68, Mrs. LEE VOJNOVIC, Manager, Andora Apartments, 2727 North Pine Grove, Chicago, advised that this apartment is now approximately three years old, and that two or three large homes, formerly rented as rooming houses, were torn down to make room for this apartment. She advised the subject's photograph was not familiar to her and she had no information concerning the subject, noting that she has only been manager here since the apartment was built. She stated this entire neighborhood has undergone complete change since 1951-1952 and that large apartments now occupy space formerly occupied by family dwellings. She stated she did not know who formerly owned 2725 North Pine Grove in Chicago but suggested that possibly Mr. DONALD COOPER, Cooper Brothers and Associates, 2640 West Touhy Road, Chicago, current managers of the Andora Apartments, could give this information.

On 5/1/68, Mr. DONALD COOPER, Cooper Brothers and Associates, 2640 West Touhy Road, Chicago, advised that his concern purchased property formerly at 2725 North Pine Grove, Chicago, and adjoining property in September, 1963 to make room to build the Andora Apartments. He stated the former owner of the property was Supera Property Management, 1226 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. COOPER advised he had no information regarding

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RAY and that RAY's photograph was not familiar to him. He further advised he did not know of anyone residing in the vicinity of 2725 North Pine Grove in Chicago who resided in this area during 1951-1952.

On 5/1/68 unsuccessful efforts were made to contact LOUIS SUPERA, Owner, Supera Property Management, 1226 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

On 5/3/68, LOUIS SUPERA was contacted at his place of employment and advised he was the former owner of 2725 North Pine Grove in Chicago during 1951-1952 and recalls he rented this house out as a rooming house during this period. He stated individuals who resided at this location were mostly transients and did not reside here long. He was unable to recall the subject as residing at this location during the pertinent period. He stated he himself did not live at this location but merely rented it out and he had **no information** after viewing a photograph of the subject as to the subject's background or friends. He stated he did not know of anyone who would recall the subject as having resided at 2725 North Pine Grove during 1951-1952 and noted that all records, including rent receipts, have **been** destroyed by him since he sold the property several years ago.

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Re: Previous Employment

On April 22, 1968, Mr. THOMAS CASTRONOVO, Personnel Manager, Sheller-Globe Corporation, 1074 South Kildare, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the Sheller-Globe Corporation is actually the old Dryden Rubber Company. Mr. CASTRONOVO advised that he would be unable to review his personnel records for a period of July to September of 1949, inasmuch as personnel records of the Sheller-Globe Corporation are destroyed after a period of approximately seven years. Mr. CASTRONOVO further advised that there would be no record whatsoever of subject's employment at his company.

On April 24, 1968, Mr. SOL BURROWS, Owner, Neo Products Company, 5400 South Kilbourn, Chicago, Illinois, advised that a review of the personnel files for a period of April through July, 1950, is not possible since personnel records for that period of time have long since been destroyed. Mr. BURROWS furnished the interviewing Agent with an "Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return" for the quarter ending June 30, 1950. A review of this return reflects that one JAMES RAY, Social Security Number [redacted] earned \$269.33 at the Neo Products Company during this period. Mr. BURROWS advised that a review of the "Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Returns" for 1950 reflect that subject was employed from April to the latter part of June, 1950. Mr. BURROWS advised that there was no further information in his files concerning subject and he noted that while subject was employed by the Neo Products Company, it was during the period of time that the Neo Products Company occupied space at 2534 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and not at its present location.

On April 24, 1968, Mr. WILLIAM JACKSON, Borg-Ericson Corporation, 1133 North Kilbourn, advised that he is unable to locate the employment application for subject. Mr. JACKSON furnished the interviewing Agent with a payroll card for subject. An examination of subject's payroll card indicates he was hired on September 13, 1951, and terminated his employment on May 28, 1952. At the time of subject's

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commencement of employment, he listed his address as 61 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, and Social Security Number [REDACTED]

It is noted that the address 61 East Cedar Street was subsequently crossed off and in its place was put the address of 2725 North Pine Grove, Chicago, Illinois. A further review of the payroll card indicated a separation notice dated May 28, 1952, indicating that subject's employment was terminated as he was "picked up on suspicion of armed robbery. Held to Grand Jury." Mr. JACKSON advised that there are no other records in his file concerning the subject.

An examination of the telephone directory of Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois, for 1968 and 1952 failed to reflect any corporation by the name of Arbey Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. On April 25, 1968, Mrs. ANN TUOHY, Corporation Section, Secretary of State's Office, 188 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that a review of the certified list of foreign and domestic corporations for the State of Illinois for 1951, 1952, and 1968, failed to reflect any corporation by the name of Arbey Corporation.

On April 29, 1968, DAGNY STORVIK, Personnel Manager, Arvey Corporation, 3500 North Kimball Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that personnel records are kept for approximately six years and at that time destroyed. Mrs. STORVIK advised that personnel records of the Arvey Corporation only go back to 1962. Mrs. STORVIK further advised that some personnel records of top executive employees are maintained to 1955. Mrs. STORVIK stated under no circumstances would she have records dating back to 1950 or 1951 for any employees whatsoever.

The foregoing investigation was conducted by
SA ANTHONY F. DE LORENZO.

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RE: AMERICAN TELEVISION, INC.

On April 25, 1968, the St. Louis Division advised that information has been received from the Springfield Division in a review of the Selective Service records for the subject indicating occupation student, American Television School, St. Louis, Missouri, in April, 1949.

KENNETH K. LANDESS, former District Manager, above school, advised that the St. Louis office was only an enrollment office and that the school was actually located in Chicago, Illinois. The St. Louis office, according to Mr. LANDESS, was closed in 1949 and all records forwarded to Chicago. The subject is not known to Mr. LANDESS.

LOUIS I. KESSLER, 100 West Monroe, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA THOMAS M. HENDERSON on April 29, 1968, that he was the attorney for FRANCIS J. CURTIS, 11 South La Salle, in 1959, for the bankruptcy affairs of American Television, Incorporated. KESSLER stated that CURTIS is now deceased, and he knows of no one to contact re his records. KESSLER stated that the records of American Television would have been in the possession of CURTIS and that upon judgment of the referee, they would have been destroyed in that they are never returned to the bankrupt.

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RF: JAMES DAVID DAILEY

On April 21, 1968, the St. Louis Division advised that DAILEY, FBI Number 4993150, is an alleged former friend and associate of the subject and also allegedly harbored the subject briefly following the Missouri Pen escape. DAILEY is an operator of a restaurant in Portageville, Missouri, and allegedly owns a farm near Portageville or Wardell, Missouri, in boot heel and to be type of individual who would harbor subject. DAILEY denied contact with subject on initial interview and is currently being re-interviewed in an effort to determine if he has a farm and its location.

DAILEY's sister, HAZEL TERRELL, Wardell, Missouri, advised on April 21, 1968, that among his sister is ADA GILES, 1812 North Washtenaw, Chicago.

On April 21, 1968, ADA HORN, formerly ADA GILES, 1517 West Erie, advised SA CHARLES E. BRUNNER and SA ROBERT A. GACCIONE that she and JAMES DAILEY grew up in the vicinity of Wardell, Missouri, and DAILEY very familiar with that area. Any ownership of farm or property in vicinity of Wardell by either DAILEY or the family is unknown to her. She said that JAMES operated the Half Way Cafe, 1514 South Jefferson, St. Louis, Missouri, until about six weeks ago when he moved to Portageville, Missouri, where he purchased a gas station and restaurant, the identity unknown to her. She furnished the following other relatives for DAILEY:

HAZEL TERRELL, General Delivery, Wardell;
LILLIAN JOHNSON, 2012 Sidney, St. Louis;
MAMIE HOOKER, Pascola, Missouri; and
VIDA NEWTON

VIDA NEWTON, who resides with ADA HORN, advised substantially the same information as set forth above. The subject is not known to either HORN or NEWTON by name, description, or photograph. Both claim no knowledge of the subject's association with DAILEY if, in fact, any such association exists.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/1/68RE: FELLOW INMATES

LEE MILLER, 6150 North Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, telephone 338-0153 (unlisted), advised SA LOUIS S. CRAIG on April 30, 1968, that he was an inmate at the Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois, from about 1951 to 1953. He spent his last year on the honor farm and worked in the kitchen during that time. He stated JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him by name; however, he recalls a fellow prisoner who worked in the kitchen at the same time he did who resembled RAY by physical description. This individual was older than he was, somewhat on the heavy side and walked with a waddle with his feet pointing out. This individual had foot trouble and when he came to the honor farm, he remembered the front portion of both shoes had been cut out. He continued that this individual was quiet, slow talking, somewhat sluggish and kept to himself. He did not come to know him well and has had no contact with him since he was discharged from Pontiac. He stated he knew nothing of this individual's background and has no idea where he could be located now.

On 4/30/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # Chicago 44-1114

by SA LOUIS S. CRAIG/jap Date dictated 5/1/68

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On May 1, 1968, GUS W. MARZAHN, 1616 West Nelson, Chicago, advised SA ROY W. RHODES, JR., he is the owner and operator of the Midwestern Drapery Service, with offices at his home address. He further stated the photo of JAMES EARL RAY was familiar to him, as someone he has seen before, probably while he was at the Honor Farm at Pontiac, Illinois. He said, however, he recalls nothing about RAY, and doesn't recall having ever had any conversations with him while at Pontiac, sometime around 1952-54, and had no idea of anyone who might have been friendly with RAY. And, of course, he has no contact with RAY since his stay at Pontiac.

On April 29, 1968, CLARENCE P. NILES, Assistant Superintendent, State of Illinois, Division of Supervision of Parolees, 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA LOUIS S. CRAIG that his files contained the following information regarding EDWARD PAUL RIVERA, #19294, who was incarcerated in Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois, from September 18, 1952, until he was paroled in June, 1955. His last known address as of May, 1956, was 1621 West Division Street, and his last known employer as of the same date was Savoy Chemical and Drug Company, 16 South Peoria, Chicago, Illinois. He was sentenced to one to five years for burglary on July 25, 1952, and his maximum sentence expired June 17, 1956. His previous criminal record was indicated as follows:

- One term, County Jail, San Antonio, Texas;
- One term, County Jail, San Diego, California;
- One term, Student Training School, St. Charles, Illinois;
- One term probation, Chicago, Illinois.

Record indicated that he was born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, was a white male, and in 1952 was 5'6" tall and weighed 124 pounds. His FBI Number was listed as 257 710 A and his Chicago Police Department numbers were listed as D78382 and D91766. There was no indication that he had received any visitors while at the State Penitentiary at Pontiac and the only correspondents were listed as follows:

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JOHN WARD, Friend, 731 West 69th Street,
Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. MARION L. DAVIS, Mother, 6701 South
Halsted, Chicago, Illinois.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOSEPH S. REICHART and SA ROBERT KLEINSCHMIDT on May 1,
1968:

Investigation at 6701 South Halsted, in an effort to locate RIVERA's mother, revealed that this site is presently occupied by a Standard Oil Service Station. Investigation to locate JOHN WARD, a friend of RIVERA, revealed that the only two tenants of that building, Mrs. MARIE COVINGTON and Mrs. RUBY MAE WILLIAMS, were not acquainted with him and they further advised that there have been no white individuals residing in the immediate neighborhood for over eight years. They advised that the building is presently managed by Boyd Realty Company, 917 West 69th Street. Investigation at Boyd Realty Company revealed that that company did not own the building in question in 1956.

On same date, JOHN J. CERMAK, Vice President, Savoy Drug and Chemical Company, 16 South Peoria, Chicago, Illinois, advised that employment records of terminated employees are destroyed four years after termination of employment. He advised that a search of records of present employees and employees who have terminated employment within the past four years failed to reveal an EDWARD PAUL RIVERA among those records. He contacted various supervisors but they were unable to recall from memory any information concerning EDWARD PAUL RIVERA.

On Same date, investigation at 1621 West Division, RIVERA's last known address, indicated that this was a YMCA and their records indicated that RIVERA resided at that address from approximately September, 1955, to June, 1956.

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They were unable to furnish any information which would be of value in locating RIVERA.

On May 2, 1968, IC RALPH MC CLAIN searched records of the Chicago Credit Bureau but could locate no credit information concerning EDWARD PAUL RIVERA or his mother, MARION L. DAVIS.

A search of the records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, on same date failed to reveal any arrest subsequent to the arrest in 1952, for which RIVERA was incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Pontiac, Illinois.

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On April 25, 1968, the Springfield Division advised that ROY WILLIS, Richfield, Minnesota, had stated that he recalled that in 1955, the subject was friendly with a police character by the name of BUDDY BATCHELDER or BATCHELOR who had numerous arrests both in Hannibal, Missouri, and Quincy, Illinois. Investigation at Springfield identified BATCHELDER as MILTON DEAN BATCHELDER, FBI Number 548312B, who is presently in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois.

On May 3, 1968, MILTON DEAN BATCHELDER, Inmate number 59756, Illinois State Penitentiary, Stateville Branch, Joliet, Illinois, advised SA GEORGE H. BENIGNI that he has seen repeated photographs of subject RAY since the MARTIN LUTHER KING murder and he is not sure whether or not he has ever had personal contact with him. He said that if he had contact with RAY, it would have been approximately fifteen years ago while he, BATCHELDER, operated a tavern in Quincy, Illinois. He said that he recalls having a patron in his tavern by the name of RAY or RYAN and believes that he was convicted of a criminal charge in Quincy, Illinois, with a RALPH DAVIS, JR., also known as MANNY DAVIS, who currently operates the Manny Davis Construction Company in Quincy.

BATCHELDER stated that he was unable to furnish any additional information on subject RAY due to the passage of time.

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Re: Burglary of United States Post Office
Kellerville, Illinois
March 7, 1955

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN L. HOGAN at Chicago, Illinois, on April 30, 1968:

Mr. E. F. WANDEL, Section Chief, Postal Inspector's Office, made available their file number 35437-MD which reflects the following information:

The Kellerville, Illinois, Post Office, Fourth Class, was forcibly entered between 1:00 and 2:00 a.m. on March 7, 1955. The loss consisted of 66 blank postal money orders numbers 742239535 through 600, a postmarking stamp and a money order stamp.

On March 8, 1955, a money order in the amount of \$45 was passed at Alton, Illinois. The payee was listed as JAMES WALTON and the purchaser was W. C. HERRIN. On March 21, 1955, two money orders in the amount of \$75 were passed at Kansas City, Missouri. The payee was WILLARD J. MC BRIDE and the purchaser was VERNON MC BRIDE. Investigation developed that the person passing these postal money orders drove a 1949 Lincoln two-door sedan, bearing 1955 Florida license 1W25183. The Motor Vehicle Bureau determined that this plate and car were sold on March 12, 1955, at Miami, Florida, to WALTER P. or T. BERRY, Shamrock Tavern, c/o EARL MILLER, Quincy, Illinois.

As a result of the alert on this automobile, WALTER T. RIFE and JAMES EARL RAY were arrested by the Missouri State Police at Hannibal, Missouri, on March 23, 1955. Thirty-four money orders were recovered in the 1949 Lincoln sedan. Both RIFE and RAY readily admitted cashing 32 postal money orders but denied involvement in the burglary of the United States Post Office. In a signed statement, RIFE stated that the name WILLARD J. MC BRIDE and VERNON MC BRIDE were the only names used with the exception of one money order which contained the name JAMES WALTON and W. C. HERRIN. He further stated that after passing a money order at Alton, Illinois, he and RAY drove to Miami, Florida, in his Nash automobile and under the alias WALTER T. BERRY, traded this automobile for a 1949 Lincoln.

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RAY talked freely to the postal inspectors concerning his association with RIFE, their travels together and the passing of instant money orders. He refused to furnish a written statement. At this time, he had known RIFE for a period of approximately one week.

On April 1, 1955, both subjects entered guilty pleas in the United States District Court, Kansas City, Missouri, concerning the forging and cashing of stolen postal money orders and possession of stolen money orders. On July 1, 1955, RIFE was sentenced to three years in prison and RAY was sentenced to 3 3/4 years.

A review of this file reflects that the 32 money orders cashed by RIFE and RAY were cashed at St. Louis, Missouri; Alton, Illinois; Hot Springs, Arkansas; Memphis, Tennessee; Hot Springs, Louisiana; Kansas City, Missouri; St. Petersburg, Miami, Miami Beach, Daytona Beach, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, and Tampa, Florida.

Instant burglary was never solved and the Post Office Department closed their case in this matter. Their file does not contain any background information or descriptive data concerning either RIFE or RAY.

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On April 22, 1968, SA JOSEPH M. BURKE contacted GEORGE PARKER, Deputy Chief Coroner, Cook County, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. PARKER advised that all unidentified bodies brought into the County morgue are fingerprinted by the Chicago Police Department. If the cause of death is from assault or means of violence, the fingerprinting is done by the Chicago Police Department Crime Lab. If the cause of death is for any other reason, the fingerprinting is done by the Missing Persons Bureau. All fingerprints are then sent to the Chicago Police Department, Identification Section.

Mr. PARKER was requested to be alert for the possibility that any unidentified body might be identical with JAMES EARL RAY whose fingerprints were on file with the Chicago Police Department. Mr. PARKER stated that if anyone was brought in who was suspected to be RAY, he would immediately contact the Chicago Office of the FBI.

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INVESTIGATION
RE "HIPPIES"

On April 25, 1968, Special Agents JAMES T. BURNETT and ROBERT CHARLES FAY made a spot check in Chicago's Old Town area as well as on its periphery for restaurants, clubs, rooming houses and other establishments frequently by the "Hippie" element. Photos of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to individuals in the establishments listed below and they were advised that any information concerning RAY should be immediately furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No positive investigative information was developed.

PETER GAST
John Barleycorn's Pub
2300 North Lincoln

AUDREY BLACK
549 West Beldon (Rooming House)

MAY YARMAN
601 West Beldon (Rooming House)

ROBERT HARLIN
Artful Dodgers Pub
2263 North Lincoln Avenue.

JOHN SMELTON
Golden Cup Restaurant
2351 North Clark

HELEN POURIER
1838 North Wells (Rooming House)

RAY PERSHING
Norwell Fountain
172 West North

JOSEPH PAPAS
Stagecoach Restaurant
1563 North Wells

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROLLAND J. MC FARLAND and SA WILLIAM P. KINANE on April 25, 1968; at Chicago, Illinois:

Mr. WALLY JONAS, Program Coordinator, Hyde Park YMCA, 1400 West 53rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted and advised that very few "hippies" reside at the Hyde Park YMCA and he could not personally suggest any such individuals who might be cooperative.

JONAS stated as far as he knew, the "hippies" residing in the Hyde Park area of Chicago generally stayed with their friends and did not live in rooming houses or other commercial establishments.

JESSE TAYLOR, Negro male, 10148 South Eberhart, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted in the Harper's Court area. He advised that most of the "hippie-type" individuals residing in the Hyde Park area were either University of Chicago students or young Chicago people who may have gravitated to that area. When shown a photograph of RAY, he stated in his opinion, this individual would not frequent the Hyde Park area in view of the large number of Negroes who resided in this area. TAYLOR said he could furnish no information concerning RAY.

JOHN JOHN (LNU) and BILL (LNU) were contacted at the Medici Green Door Bookshop, 1450 East 57th Street, and upon viewing a photograph of RAY, stated that they could furnish no information regarding this individual.

RITA (LNU) was contacted at Ahmad's Coffee Shop, 1420 East 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois. She was shown a photograph of RAY and stated she could furnish no information concerning this individual.

A person who refused to give his identity was contacted at 6030 South Dorchester and advised that a number of "hippie-type" individuals had been known to reside at that address in the past but as far as he knew, none of these individuals were from California, Georgia, or Louisiana. This individual was shown a photograph of RAY which he was unable to identify.

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On April 25, 1968, SA ROBERT W. REINKENS and SA DALE D. CONROY contacted the following individuals known to associate with hippies regarding any knowledge they might have concerning JAMES EARL RAY with negative results:

JAMES LATO
"Headland"
1250 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

BONNIE HILL
"The Molehole"
230 West North Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

BILL JAKE
La Piazza Restaurant
Piper's Alley
Chicago, Illinois

ELAINE BLISS
"Sanity"
Piper's Alley
Chicago, Illinois

MEG SMITH
"Garment Industry"
1404 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

ROBERT SALETKA
"Weecord Woom"
1450 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

On April 26, 1968, copies of the Identification Order for the subject were given to the commander of the 18th District, Chicago Police Department, for all personnel assigned. This district encompasses the "hippie neighborhood."

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROLLAND J. MC FARLAND and SA H. PHILIP HEIL, JR. on April 26, 1968, at Chicago, Illinois:

JOSEPH G. MOORE, Owner of the No-Exit Coffee Shop, 7001 North Glenwood, home address 909 Foster Street, Evanston, Illinois, was contacted at his place of employment. He stated that he did not know of any "hippies" living in Chicago who may have come to Chicago from California or Georgia, nor could he furnish any information concerning RAY.

CARLA (LNU) Owner of Retinal Circus, Psychedelic Shop, 7025 North Glenwood, was contacted at her place of employment. She was shown a photograph of RAY but advised she could furnish no information concerning this individual.

GLEN REYNOLDS was contacted at the Hello Psychedelic Shop, 7060 North Paulina, and upon viewing a photograph of RAY, was unable to furnish any information concerning this individual. However, REYNOLDS advised that he would inform all other "hippies" with whom he was acquainted as to the possibility RAY might appear in his neighborhood.

REYNOLDS advised that many "hippies" who arrive in Chicago would establish contacts through the Hello Shop in securing a place to live but he could not recall whether any such individual had arrived from California or Georgia in Chicago.

REYNOLDS stated that he did not know of any rooming houses or commercial establishments in the Rogers Park area of Chicago where "hippies" might reside. He stated many such persons do live in the area but generally with friends.

An individual who would not identify herself was contacted at the Four Heads Psychedelic Shop, 6744 North Sheridan Road. Upon viewing a photograph of RAY, she stated she could furnish no information concerning this individual.

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RE: ILLINOIS LICENSE PLATES ISSUED FOR
INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBJECT'S TRUE
NAME AND ALIASES

On April 19, 1968, ASAC DONALD T. SULLIVAN, Springfield Office, advised that the names and known aliases of the subject were checked through the Drivers License Records and the Motor Vehicle Bureau records, Springfield, Illinois, this date. The following listed information was obtained which is pertinent within the Chicago Division:

1967 Illinois license NG 7263, issued February 14, 1967, to JAMES E. RAY, 935 Sheridan Road, Apartment 3, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, for 1963 Rambler 4-door, VIN Z113034, no drivers or chauffeurs license number given.

1967 Illinois license LX 4349, issued May 24, 1967, to JAMES EARL RAY, 615 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois, on 1958 Pontiac 4-door, VIN P858H7576. This application reflects Arkansas drivers license number 78643.

1967 Illinois license AD 9545, issued May 5, 1967, to JAMES O'CONNOR, 4219 North Mamora, Chicago, on 1967 Volkswagen sedan, VIN 1170436994, drivers or chauffeurs license number 0256-4433-9361.

1967 Illinois license LN-205, issued July 5, 1967, to JAMES C. O'CONNOR, 422 Larkdale Lane, Mount Prospect, Illinois, on 1965 Mercury Station Wagon, VIN 5Z72Y578002, no drivers or chauffeurs license number given.

1967 Illinois license PR 8185, issued May 22, 1967, to JAMES O'CONNOR, 145 West 115th Street, Chicago, on 1962 Oldsmobile 4-door, VIN 628M02939, no drivers or chauffeurs license number given.

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JAMES EARL RAY
1803 13th Street
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

Records of the Illinois Secretary of State reflect that a drivers license, number R300-44-528064 was issued to JAMES EARL RAY, 1803 13th Street, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, on February 24, 1967 and expires March 2, 1970. RAY was described as born [REDACTED] 5'11", 180 pounds, brown hair and blue eyes.

On April 19, 1968, JAMES HARRIS, Manager, Credit Bureau of Waukegan, North Chicago, Waukegan, Illinois, advised Special Agent SHERROD LEE MC DANIEL their records reflect JAMES EARL RAY, and his wife MARGARET, 1803 13th Street, Winthrop Harbor, formerly of 935 Sheridan Road, Winthrop Harbor, were entered in the file in March, 1967, when he was recently retired from the army after 20 years service and was to begin work at Johnson Motors, Waukegan.

On April 19, 1968, RAY ARK, Personnel Office, Johnson Motors, advised JAMES EARL RAY born [REDACTED], Social Security Number [REDACTED] 935 Sheridan Road, Winthrop Harbor, with a discharge from the United States Army showing service from December 16, 1946 to February 1, 1967, Serial Number RA 16242515, wife MARGARET, was employed from March 13, 1967 to April 25, 1967 as a stock chaser and positively had to have been at work at Johnson Motors, Waukegan, during that period.

On April 19, 1968, JAMES EARL RAY, 1803 13th Street, Winthrop Harbor, advised Special Agent MC DANIEL and Special Agent JOSEPH B. GRAFF as follows:

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He displayed Armed Forces Identification Card identifying him as the person born [redacted]. He advised he was born in Zion, Illinois and resided there until he entered the Army in 1946 and retired in 1967 working six weeks at Johnson Motors and then at Johns-Manville Corporation, Waukegan, since May, 1967.

The following description was obtained;

Born

[redacted]
Zion, Illinois

Height

5'11"

Weight

185

Hair

Brown

Eyes

Blue

Fingerprints

Left and right index
fingers are arches.

Relatives:

Mother - Mrs. CARRIE DRAUDT
Prescott, Iowa

Father - SYLVESTOR RAY
Elyria, Ohio

Brother - CHESTER RAY
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Sister - [redacted]

[redacted]
2912 Ezekiel, Zion, Illinois

Sister - [redacted]

[redacted]
3217 Enoch, Zion, Illinois.

He has no relatives of which he is aware who might possibly be related to fugitive JAMES EARL RAY. There are other RAY's in Zion who are related and others who are not, but he knows of no cousins who have lived elsewhere nor does he know of a JERRY RAY of Northbrook, Illinois. The only other JAMES EARL RAY he ever heard of was one who was in the army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1950 to 1951, whose salary he sometimes received in error.

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Re: JAMES EARL RAY
South Elgin, Illinois

The following investigation was conducted by SAs LEROY D. FEDERLE and ROBERT C. ROBINSON in South Elgin, Illinois, on April 19, 1968, regarding one JAMES EARL RAY who registered with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Springfield, Illinois, on May 25, 1967, on a 1958 Pontiac four-door, VIN P858H7576. This registration reflects that RAY at that time resided at 615 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. RONALD SCHILLING were interviewed at their residence at 615 North Water Street, second floor apartment, South Elgin, Illinois, and SCHILLING stated he had lived at that address since February 1, 1968, and was employed by the Fox Valley Fence Company, Bluff City Boulevard, in Elgin, Illinois. The Illinois Driver's License reflected he was born [redacted] in Decatur, Illinois, was 5'9" tall, 150 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair. SCHILLING was honorably discharged from the United States Army, Serial Number RA 17512179. He viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, and advised he had never seen RAY and had never heard of anyone named RAY in the area. He stated he rented the apartment from Mrs. ALICE MEYER of 673 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois. SCHILLING's wife, MARY SCHILLING, also viewed the photograph and advised she did not recognize the individual.

Mrs. ALICE MEYER, 673 North Water Street, South Elgin, telephone number SH 2-5038 (unlisted), exhibited rent receipt reflecting JAMES RAY rented the upstairs apartment at 615 North Water Street, from May 1, 1967 through the end of September, 1967. She advised that the RAY who rented the apartment did not resemble the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, which was exhibited to her. She advised that her daughter, Mrs. LINDA BERGIN, generally collected the rent from RAY and she knows that during the time RAY resided in the apartment, he lived with his wife and one small child.

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She was unable to furnish a physical description of RAY.

Mrs. LINDA BERGIN, daughter of Mrs. ALICE MEYER, 673 North Water Street, South Elgin, advised she collected the rent from JAMES RAY when RAY resided in the upstairs apartment at 615 North Water Street. She stated the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, was definitely not identical with the JAMES RAY who resided in the apartment. She described the RAY who resided in the apartment as a very very thin individual with a very thin face who must have been over 6 feet tall, had dark hair, a very slender build, and a heavy mustache. She said that he was about 28-30 years of age and supposedly worked at a landscaping or nursery somewhere in the area. She said RAY's wife was a very heavy woman and they had one child and another child was expected shortly before they moved in September, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. RONALD RICHARDSON, 724 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois, telephone SH 1-0636, stated that the JAMES RAY who resided at 615 North Water Street, was definitely not identical with the photograph of the JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to them. RONALD RICHARDSON stated that he recalls that RAY had a 1958 Pontiac, white with blue on the sides, and at one time or other he worked at Illinois Iron and Bolt Company and on some construction jobs in the area. He said RAY was about 6'3" tall, and weighed 140 pounds, at the most and was very unkempt in his appearance and always appeared quite slovenly. He stated that he had little to do with RAY but that RAY would fool with motorcycles with GEORGE MC KUTCHEON who also lives on Water Street and who might know more concerning RAY. He said that the last he knew, RAY supposedly had moved back to California and he left the area near the end of the summer.

RICHARDSON said that he, RICHARDSON, was formerly employed as a police officer by the South Elgin Police Department and that RAY never got into any difficulty with the law in South Elgin while he was in the area.

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Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE MC KUTCHEON, 767 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois, stated that they saw JAMES RAY who lived at 615 North Water Street numerous times while he was living in the area with his wife and one child. GEORGE MC KUTCHEON stated that the last he heard RAY was in Texas but that he had not seen nor heard from him since he left in September, 1967. He stated that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, definitely was not identical with JAMES RAY who resided on North Water Street. He noted that the RAY on North Water Street was one of the thinnest people he had ever seen and was about 6'2" to 6'3" tall. He said that if he recalls correctly, RAY worked for one of the landscaping companies, possibly Mel's Landscaping in the Dundee or Elgin, Illinois.

RE: JAMES O'CONNOR
4219 North Mamora

On April 22, 1968, Mrs. PATRICK WALSH, 4219 North Marmora, advised SA THOMAS M. HENDERSON that she is JAMES O'CONNOR's sister. She said he has been residing at this address for 2½ years, is steadily employed at Union Station, and has never been in any type of police trouble to the best of her knowledge. She said that she knows that her brother was in Chicago on April 4, 1968.

RE: JAMES C. O'CONNOR
422 Larkdale Lane
Mount Prospect, Illinois

On April 20, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. FRANCIS L. MC CANANT, 422 Larkdale Lane, Mount Prospect, Illinois, advised SA GIRARD M. ANNINO that JAMES C. O'CONNOR previously resided at this address. They further advised that the O'CONNOR family approximately one year ago moved to California but have since returned to the State of Illinois and are now living in Arlington Heights. Both Mr. and Mrs. MC CANANT stated that O'CONNOR in no way resembled the subject. They also advised

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that they knew that Mr. O'CONNOR resided at the foregoing address prior to April 23, 1967.

RE: JAMES O'CONNOR
145 West 115th Street
Chicago, Illinois

On April 23, 1968, extensive neighborhood investigation conducted by SA CHARLES W. COUGHLIN developed that the O'CONNOR family had moved from the above address approximately one month ago but had left no forwarding address. They are still residing in the Chicago area someplace on the south side but their address is not known. Investigation further determined that one of the sons, JIMMY O'CONNOR, owned and operated a 1962 Oldsmobile. He is described as a white male, age 20 or 21 years old, and in no way resembles the subject.

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JAMES E. RAY
1229 Gages Lake Road
Wildwood, Illinois

The records of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, reflect that 1967 auto license EN159 was issued January 24, 1967 to JAMES E. RAY, 1229 Gages Lake Road, Wildwood, for a 1966 Chrysler, two-door hardtop, VIN 6L23G63177997.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT K. MC QUEEN on April 19-20, 1968:

On April 19, 1968, JAMES HARRIS, Manager, Credit Bureau of Waukegan, North Chicago, Waukegan, Illinois, serving Wildwood, Rural Route Grayslake, Illinois, advised that JAMES E. RAY, born [redacted], wife NORA, have been in file for more then ten years with limited credit and limited background information. He said there is no adverse.

On April 20, 1968, Mrs. JAMES EDGAR (NORA) RAY, 1229 Gages Lake Road, wildwood, Grayslake, Illinois, advised her husband was born [redacted] Nashville, Arkansas, and that they have lived in Lake County, Illinois, for twenty years. They have no relatives in Illinois or elsewhere that she knows of who could possibly be identical with fugitive JAMES EARL RAY. The only relatives in Illinois are her husband's brother, DEWEL RAY, 523 Gages Lake Road, Wildwood, and he has a son whose name is JAMES MACK RAY, residing at 1003 Twin Lake Boulevard, Wildwood, Grayslake, Illinois.

They have never received any mail which might have been misdirected from the fugitive and have never met or heard of any other JAMES RAY who might be identical with the fugitive.

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Re: LOUIS LOMAX

On April 29, 1968, the Los Angeles Division advised that the California Bureau of Identification and Investigations furnished information that LOUIS LOMAX, FBI Number 329 480 A, was sentenced to the Illinois State Penitentiary (ISP), Joliet, Illinois, Joliet Number 29305, from February 10, 1950 to May 9, 1956. He served two sentences for larceny. It is noted that JAMES EARL RAY served at Joliet, Joliet ISP Number 32419, from June 13, 1952, to July 7, 1952, when transferred to ISP, Pontiac, Illinois.

On April 30, 1968, Mr. LOUIS O'SHEA, ISP, Joliet, Illinois, advised SA RENE J. DUMAINE that from a review of the records, there would be no possibility that the subject and LOUIS LOMAX met in the Joliet Penitentiary since RAY was in the Diagnostic Center during his 24-day stay there. LOMAX was in vocational school during 1952 until he was paroled on September 29, 1954. Further, LOMAX served all of his time at ISP, Joliet, and was never in ISP, Pontiac, Illinois.

According to O'SHEA, LOMAX, ISP Number 29305, was released from parole on May 9, 1956. He served time for two concurrent sentences of larceny. The ISP, Joliet, records described LOMAX as a Negro male, born [redacted] Georgia (city not given), 5'9", 170 lbs., slender build, kinky hair, dark maroon eyes, marital status married, wife's name DOLORES. LOMAX has Chicago Police Department Number D72630. The indictment numbers for LOMAX, as shown on the record card, are 492439, 492440 and 492441.

Mr. O'SHEA advised that the foregoing information was obtained from the record card in the Chief Clerk's Office, but that the complete jacket for LOMAX was in storage.

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Re: Alleged Chauffeur for KING
(Identified as KELLY WILLIAMS)

On April 25, 1968, the Washington Field Office advised that ROBERT F. BENNETT, Public Relations, J. C. Penny, Inc., Washington, D.C., advised that he learned from his father Senator WALLACE BENNETT of Utah that on the day before the assassination of KING, a group of industrialists from the Chicago area who have business interests in Utah, gave a cocktail reception for Senator BENNETT. Afterwards, a group of six or seven had dinner at a restaurant with the Senator. One of these persons said a man who used to work for him was the personal chauffeur for MARTIN LUTHER KING and that this man contacted him for advice. The chauffeur stated KING required him to carry over \$200,000.00 in cash in a black bag at all times. The chauffeur was concerned about his job inasmuch as he recognized the possibility of being robbed or KING, himself, being killed for the money. The industrialist advised the chauffeur to quit but to furnish KING another reason for quitting.

ROBERT BENNETT said the host of the dinner, CHARLIE BARR of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, telephone 312-431-6314, Chicago, Illinois, was present and could furnish the name of the person who attended the dinner and formerly employed KING's chauffeur. This individual also related the information about the black bag containing \$200,000.00. ROBERT BENNETT contacted his father, Senator BENNETT, for the name of the individual, who related the above incident, but his father could not recall this person's name.

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Re: Alleged Chauffeur of KING

CHARLES BARR, Executive, Standard Oil of Indiana, Room 359, 910 South Michigan, telephone 431-6314, advised April 26, 1968, he had no recollection of any conversation regarding KING's chauffeur at a dinner party in honor of Senator BENNETT on April 3, 1968, in Chicago, at which party Mr. BARR was the host. Mr. BARR advised the following persons attended this party at the La Tour Restaurant, 400 East Randolph:

Senator WALLACE BENNETT of Utah.

CHARLES HOOD, Executive, Standard Oil of Indiana, Room 359, 910 South Michigan, 431-6314.

ALLEN and Mrs. VIRGINIA MC DONALD, home telephone CL 3-7480. Mrs. MC DONALD is Assistant Chairman, Cook County Republican Party, 235 East Wacker Drive, Chicago.

Mrs. PATRICIA HUTAR, President, Public Affairs Service Associates, Inc., Pure Oil Building, 35 East Wacker, 782-4122.

Miss MARA LATSON, Assistant to Mrs. HUTAR.

Miss BETH GUYER, Assistant to MARA LATSON.

Doctor FRANK WOOLLEY, Research Associate, American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn, 527-1500, (long-time friend of Senator BENNETT).

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BRIAN DUFF, 618 Maple, Wilmette, home phone AL 1-3815; business 1701 Central Street, Evanston, Illinois, telephone 864-3322, or 869-5421. (DUFF ran for Illinois State Auditor on Republican ticket - not nominated.)

The following who attended Mr. BARR's party were contacted on April 26, 1968:

BRIAN DUFF stated he had no recollection of any conversation concerning a chauffeur of KING. DUFF gave the following seating arrangements for the persons at this party and this listing goes from left to right:

Senator BENNETT, Mrs. VIRGINIA MC DONALD, Mr. ALLEN MC DONALD, BETH GUYER, BRIAN DUFF, MARA LATSON, CHARLES HOOD, FRANK WOOLLEY, CHARLES BARR and PATRICIA HUTAR.

FRANK WOOLLEY stated he attended the dinner party April 3, 1968, for Senator BENNETT, sat with HOOD on his left and BARR on his right; however, he recalled no conversation concerning Doctor KING's chauffeur.

Mrs. VIRGINIA MC DONALD advised no person ever worked for her or her husband who subsequently worked for KING and she recalled no conversation at the dinner party for Senator BENNETT concerning KING's chauffeur.

Mrs. PATRICIA HUTAR stated she heard no conversation concerning KING's chauffeur at the dinner party for Senator BENNETT; however, at the reception preceding this dinner party she recalls hearing such a conversation as related by HAROLD RAINVILLE, Administrative Assistant to Senator EVERETT DIRKSEN. It was her recollection that this story was related by RAINVILLE concerning KING's driver and money maintained by the driver in a bag.

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HAROLD E. RAINVILLE, Administrative Assistant to Senator EVERETT DIRKSEN, 219 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, advised as follows:

RALPH KUNSTADTER, Pediatrician, home 900 North Michigan, office 664 North Michigan, office telephone DE 7-4545, Chicago, Illinois, sometime in the past had advised that he at one time employed a man as a chauffeur who subsequently worked for KING as a chauffeur. This man had been required to carry large sums of money in a bag for KING and this man was scared that someone would rob him of this money. This man had been advised by Doctor KUNSTADTER to contact RAINVILLE but this man failed to so contact RAINVILLE.

Doctor RALPH KUNSTADTER, 664 North Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, advised that for several years his family had employed an elderly colored male, KELLY WILLIAMS, as a chauffeur. Approximately 18 months ago this man had been released from his service by KUNSTADTER because of his physical condition which Doctor KUNSTADTER recalled as being syphilis of the brain. Doctor KUNSTADTER stated this person was probably deceased by now as he was over 65 and on Social Security.

Doctor KUNSTADTER stated he later heard this man went to work for KING but he had no recollection of hearing anything to the effect that this man was required to carry over \$200,000 in cash in a black bag at all times for KING.

KUNSTADTER stated that approximately one year or so ago this man had contacted his family and allegedly had some knowledge of threats which had been made against Senator DIRKSEN. Doctor KUNSTADTER accordingly attempted to have WILLIAMS contact Senator DIRKSEN's office concerning this matter.

It is to be noted that in September, 1966, the Chicago Office conducted extensive investigation concerning a similar story concerning a person who allegedly worked for Doctor KING as a chauffeur and who formerly worked for Doctor RALPH KUNSTADTER. This investigation developed the identity of this individual as KELLY WILLIAMS, full details of which were furnished to the Bureau. No further investigation was conducted at that time due to the readily apparent mental problems of WILLIAMS, coupled with the serious doubts which were cast on his veracity.