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88347PM URGENT 4-24-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, & MEMPHIS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY THIRD LAST.

HEADQUARTERS, SEARS ROEBUCK AND COMPANY, LOS ANGELES,
ADVISED THIS DATE BRIGHT YELLOW PLATE WITH IMPRINT IS
PLACED ON BATTERY AT FACTORY BEFORE SHIPMENT. THIS IS
DONE AS INVENTORY OF BATTERY TURNS OVER TWELVE TIMES A
YEAR. IMPRINT "C EIGHT" INDICATES BATTERY WAS POSSIBLY
MANUFACTURED IN FEBRUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, FOR EXPECTED SALE
IN MARCH, SIXTY EIGHT. SEARS STATES THERE ARE LETTERS AND
NUMERALS ON NEGATIVE TERMINAL OF BATTERY WHICH WILL INDICATE
MANUFACTURER AND AREA OF DISTRIBUTION. ATLANTA ADVISE
LOS ANGELES ALL NUMBERS APPEARING ON NEGATIVE TERMINAL SO
AREA OF DISTRIBUTION CAN BE IDENTIFIED.

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FBI TAMPA

420PM URGENT 4-24-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, MIAMIM AND MEMPHIS
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN, CR, OO MEMPHIS.

DAVID O. CONGER, THE THIRD, EIGHT SIX NINE SEVEN -
ONE ONE SEVEN ST., NORTH, LARGO, FLA., ADVISED ON APRIL
TWENTY FOUR INSTANT, THAT ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, HE HAD
FLOWN FROM MIAMI, FLA., TO ST. CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS ON
PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT NO. FOUR TWO NINE, DEPARTING MIAMI
NINE THIRTY AM. ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL ABOARD THIS FLIGHT
RESEMBLED THE ARTIST CONCEPTION OF ERIC STARVO GALT, WHICH
WAS PUBLISHED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER. COPIES OF IO AND WANTED
FLYER DISPLAYED TO CONGER AND STATES HE DOES NOT BELIEVE
INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY, HOWEVER, NOT
CERTAIN. CONGER STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL SEATED IN TOURIST
CABIN AND IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SEATED IN SEAT SEVEN
F, IF SEATS ARE NUMBERED FROM REAR OF CABIN OR SEAT
NINE F IF NUMBERED FROM FRONT OF CABIN. THIS INDIVIDUAL
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READING AN ELECTRONICS MAGAZINE, SIMILAR TO POPULAR MECHANICS.
CONGER EXPLAINED HE DID NOT OBSERVE THIS INDIVIDUAL CLOSELY
AND COULD ONLY DESCRIBED HIM AS A W/M, FORTY YEARS, DARK
THIN HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK, AND DID NOT APPEAR TYPE
TO BE TRAVELING TO ST. CROIX. CONGER APPEARS TO HAVE
SOMEWHAT OF A "DETECTIVE COMPLEX."

MIAMI AT MIAMI, FLA. WILL OBTAIN PASSENGER MANIFEST

AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED ABOVE TO
DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO CHICAGO AND DALLAS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN; CR; OO MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BIRMINGHAM, APRIL ONE NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, ADVISING A LATE MODEL CHEVELLE, DRIVEN BY A PERSON WHO REPORTEDLY RESEMBLES JAMES EARL RAY, AKA, WAS OBSERVED AT CHICAGO THAT DATE BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE FOUR TWO - SEVEN EIGHT SIX SIX. THIS TAG ISSUED MARCH ONE TWO, SIXTYEIGHT, MOULTON, ALABAMA, TO EDGAR F. BORDEN, MOULTON. AFTER EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION, BORDEN'S MOTHER, MRS. WALCIE JOHNSON, WAS LOCATED ROUTE TWO, MOULTON, APRIL TWO FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, AND ADVISED HER SON, EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN, VISITED HER IN MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT, AND SECURED A LICENSE TAG FOR HIS VEHICLE. HE RESIDES AT TWO THREE FOUR FOUR SACRAMENTO, CHICAGO, AND IS IN PROCESS OF MOVING TO NEW ADDRESS, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS, AND CAN BE REACHED AT NEW RESIDENCE THROUGH HIS BROTHER, ERWIN BORDEN, TWO THREE SIX FOUR GREENWOOD STREET, SAN ANGELO. SHE DESCRIBED EDGAR F. BORDEN AS FOLLOWS: DOB [REDACTED] AT LAWRENCE

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COUNTY, ALABAMA, HEIGHT FIVE FEET FIVE OR SIX INCHES, WEIGHT ONE
THREE TWO LBS., HAIR DARK, EYES BROWN, MARITAL STATUS MARRIED.

CHICAGO ~~OR~~ DALLAS ELIMINATE EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN AS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL
WITH RAY.

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FBI CHICAGO

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533PM URGENT 4-24-68 HEP
TO CHICAGO, DALLAS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 2P

MURKIN

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FBI OMAHA

5:4XXS:59 PM CST URGENT 4/24/68 IJS
TO BUREAU NEW YORK MEMPHIS BIRMINGHAM
FROM OMAHA 44-310 1P

MURKIN.

RE OMAHA TEL APRIL NINETEEN, LAST, REGARDING SUBSCRIBERS TO U. S.
CAMER UNDER THE NAMES ERIC STARVO GALT, AKA HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY
LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD.

EARL LANDBERT, SUBSCRIPTION MANAGER, COWLES COMMUNICATION, INC.,
DES MOINES, IOWA, ADVISED THIS DATE REVIEW OF SUBSCRIPTION LISTS
NEGATIVE REGARDING ABOVE NAMES.

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TO MOBILE (157-2627), MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

RE MOBILE TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYTHREE, LAST.

ON INSTANT DATE, MAJOR JULIUS DALTON MURPHY, SN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], CENTREVILLE, ALA., ASSIGNED ONE HUNDRED FORTYFIFTH ENGINEER BATTALION, CAMDEN, ALA., ADVISED NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN ALABAMA LICENSE NG TWO SIX NINE ONE DISCARDED IN HOUSEHOLD TRASH NOV. THREE, LAST. NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT LICENSE NG TWO EIGHT FIVE NINE, ISSUED SAME DATE FOR VEHICLE IN RE TELETYPE.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY, ALA., RECHECK MVD RECORDS TO DETERMINE IF NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT LICENSE NG TWO SIX NINE ONE ISSUED.

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TO MOBILE (157-2627) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN, CR.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MOBILE, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN; CR; OO MEMPHIS.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS, AND MOBILE TEL
TO BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS, APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-
EIGHT, CONCERNING INFO OBTAINED FROM BILL DUHON.

DUHON REINTERVIEWED TODAY AND STATES PERSON HE THOUGHT RESEM-
BLED SUBJECT IS LEFT HANDED, SMOKED ONE OF DUHON'S CIGARETTES, AND
HAD BROWN EYES. STATED SUSPECT SAT NEXT TO DUHON DURING FISHING
TRIP. INVESTIGATION BIRMINGHAM DETERMINED THAT BOAT WAS HIRED BY
BIRMINGHAM DEEP SEA FISHING CLUB, AND TRIP CAPTAINS WERE BEN DANIEL
AND JAMES H. LITTLE. DANIEL AND LITTLE FURNISHED SEATING ARRANGE-
MENT FOR INSTANT TRIP AND IDENTIFIED PERSONS SITTING NEXT TO DUHON
AS JAMES HARLAND AND THOMAS TINGLE. BOTH INTERVIEWED TODAY AND ARE
NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY. TINGLE, DANIEL, HARLAND, AND LITTLE UNABLE
TO IDENTIFY RAY AS PASSENGER ON TRIP. DANIEL AND LITTLE ABLE TO
IDENTIFY ALL THE PASSENGERS AND GUESTS FOR THIS TRIP.

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① - 44-1740
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**IN VIEW OF ABOVE, JACKSONVILLE DISCONTINUE ALL INVESTIGATION
BASED ON INFORMATION FROM DUHON.**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Birmingham (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA ERIC L. WILSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/19/68, Mr. GEORGE J. BRADLEY, JR., Maintenance Manager, Reichhold Chemical Company, Holt, Alabama, telephonically contacted the Tuscaloosa Resident Agency and advised he had some information to confidentially furnish the FBI concerning captioned matter.

On the same date, BRADLEY was contacted at the Reichhold Chemical Company, Holt, Alabama, and he furnished the following information:

BRADLEY, who advised that he resides at 2-0 Northwood, Northport, Alabama, telephone 759-5207, stated that during the early part of March, 1968, he and his wife were vacationing in Mexico and that during this time he noticed an individual who bore a resemblance to the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT in a hotel in Mexico. BRADLEY advised that on 3/6/68 he and his wife were staying at the Hotel Con Bungalows Playa Azul at Catemaco Vera Cruz. BRADLEY advised this was a resort type hotel and was frequented by individuals whom he would classify as tourists. He advised that during the morning of 3/6/68, while he and his wife were having breakfast in the hotel diningroom, he noticed a man who seemed to be by himself also eating in the hotel diningroom. BRADLEY said this man stood out in his mind simply because he was alone while other persons at the hotel were with their families or other individuals.

BRADLEY stated he would describe this man as a white male, slender build, approximately 5'11" to 6 feet tall, about 160 to 170 lbs., between 32 and 37 years of age; driving either a light-colored Mustang or a light-colored Corvair.

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BRADLEY advised that when he read about the murder of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and the subsequent investigation concerning GALT, this man he had seen at the hotel struck a note with him.

BRADLEY was shown a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT appearing on Wanted Flyer No. 442 dated April 17, 1968. BRADLEY advised he is not certain but he does not feel that the individual he noticed at the above-mentioned hotel is identical with GALT. BRADLEY stated the man he is thinking about seemed to have a more slender face and build than is shown in the photograph of GALT.

BRADLEY advised that the reason he decided to get in touch with the FBI in this matter was the fact that he read that GALT had spent some time in Mexico and he felt it very strange for a man like the individual mentioned above to be alone at a resort hotel. BRADLEY said he could not positively state that the man he saw at the hotel was not ERIC GALT, but could state that the description of GALT and his photograph as appearing on the above-mentioned Wanted Flyer are not similar to the man in the hotel.

Any leads in this matter will be left to the discretion of the Case Agent in this matter.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

RE UNKNOWN MALE, CATEMACO, VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, MARCH NINE,
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

MR. GEORGE J. BRADLEY, OFFICIAL, REICHHOLD CHEMICAL CO., ADVISED
TUSCALOOSA RESIDENT AGENT THAT ON A.M. OF MARCH SIX, SIXTYEIGHT,
WHILE HE AND WIFE VACATIONING AT HOTEL CON BUNGALOWS, PLAYA AZUL,
CATEMACO, VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, HE RECALLED SEEING WHITE MALE, FIVE FT.
ELEVEN INCHES TO SIX FT., ONE SIXTY TO ONE SEVENTY LBS., THIRTYTWO
TO THIRTYSEVEN YEARS, HAVING BREAKFAST ALONE IN HOTEL DINING ROOM.
HIS ATTENTION ATTRACTED SINCE SUSPECT WAS ALONE, WHEREAS ALL GUESTS
WERE COUPLES OR GROUP PARTIES. SUSPECT DROVE LIGHT-COLORED MUSTANG
OR CORVAIR. BRADLEY CANNOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFY RAY'S PHOTOS, BUT
DOES NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY. IN EVENT INFORMATION DOES NOT PLACE
RAY IN CALIFORNIA ON ABOVE DATE, SUGGEST BUREAU ADVISE LEGAT, MEXICO
CITY. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
AND ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN; CR; OO MEMPHIS.

RE REPORT SA LEROY W. SHEETS, APRIL ONE EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT,
AT LOS ANGELES.

IF NOT DONE PREVIOUSLY, LOS ANGELES REINTERVIEW CHARLES J. STEIN, TO DETERMINE IF HE BELIEVES HE CAN PINPOINT THE LOCATIONS WHERE RAY, AS GALT, MADE TELEPHONE CALLS DURING TRIP LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS, DECEMBER FIFTEEN - SEVENTEEN, IF STEIN WERE TO OBSERVE THESE LOCATIONS AGAIN. NOTING STEIN'S DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ROUTES USED ON TRIP, AND THAT HE BELIEVES MOST OF THE CALLS WERE MADE IN TEXAS, IT APPEARS POSSIBLE THAT HE COULD MAKE SUCH A RECOLLECTION IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THEM AGAIN, IN PERSON. IF HE BELIEVES HE CAN, BUREAU REQUESTED TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO HAVING STEIN DRIVEN SAME ROUTE BY BUREAU AGENT IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY LOCATIONS. IF ANY OR ALL THESE LOCATIONS ARE IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATE EFFORTS COULD THEN BE MADE TO OBTAIN ALL LONG DISTANCE

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TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM THESE INDIVIDUAL LOCATIONS, DURING DECEMBER FIFTEEN - SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. THIS INVESTIGATION COULD VERY POSSIBLY LEAD TO IDENTIFICATION OF ASSOCIATES, ~~WHOM SUBJECT WOULD GO TO TROUBLE TO CALL LONG DISTANCE DURING THIS TRIP.~~ IT SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED THAT ACCORDING TO MARIE MARTIN, GALT (RAY) WAS SUSPICIOUS OF POSSIBLE SET-UP BY STEIN AND TELEPHONE CALLS WERE HIS METHOD OF MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH A CLOSE ASSOCIATE.

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To : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
From : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)
Subject: MURKIN
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Re Pittsburgh airtel to the Bureau dated 4/17/68.

SUSPECT MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS

Enclosed to Memphis and Birmingham are two photographs of MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS.

SKAGGS is described as:

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| Race: | White |
| Sex: | Male |
| Date of Birth: | <input type="text"/> |
| Height: | 6'2" |
| Weight: | 215 pounds |
| Hair: | Blond |
| Eyes: | Blue |

LEADS:

MEMPHIS
BIRMINGHAM

Will exhibit photos to witnesses for elimination purposes, if deemed appropriate in view of recent developments.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (170-219) (P)

FROM : SA NUTL P. SHANAAN

SUBJECT: LEE GRANT BRISTOW R-ROB (GUETTO)

DATE: 4-25-68

On 4-5-68 informant was contacted in regard to the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING the previous day in Memphis, Tenn. Informant advised that there was a lot of "ugly" talk being passed around among the negro community but he did not feel that there would be any demonstrations or riots of any kind in connection with this shooting. Informant advised that he ~~WEN~~ would be alert for any trouble and would advised the writer immediately.

On 4-19-68 Informant contacted the writer and advised that things in North Birmingham are very quiet and there is no trouble. He advised that the negro community seems to be aware that the FBI is conducting a full scale investigation into this matter and that they will bring the man responsible for this murder to justice. He said that there is always talk that the police are not concerned when a negro is killed but that every one thinks now that the FBI is doing everything that can be done.

On 4-22-68 this informant was furnished a copy of the I.O. on JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he would be alert for any information that would be helpful to this investigation.

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TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN.

RE MOBILE TEL TO BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS APRIL
TWENTYTHREE SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA RE TEL ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

"ON INSTANT DATE BILL DUHON, ADDRESS FIFTEEN HUNDRED FOUR-
TEENTH AVE., S., BIRMINGHAM, ALA., TELEPHONE THREE TWO THREE -
SEVEN EIGHT SIX EIGHT, CONTACTED BUREAU AGENTS, MONTGOMERY, ALA.,
THIS DATE AND ADVISED HE WAS ON DEEP SEA FISHING BOAT NAMED "CHARLIE"
OUT OF PANAMA CITY, FLA., ON APR. TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT, FROM TWO
A.M. THROUGH FIVE P.M. DUHON ADVISED HE SAW INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING
SUBJECT ON THAT BOAT AND CONVERSED WITH HIM DURING ENTIRE TRIP.
DUHON ADVISED HE HAD WANTED FLYER OF SUBJECT IN HIS POCKET AT THAT
TIME. THIS INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY TOLD DUHON HE FORMERLY RESIDED IN
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FOR ONE YEAR ABOUT TEN TO TWELVE BLOCKS FROM S.
FOURTEENTH ST. INDIVIDUAL TOLD DUHON HE WAS IN SOME TYPE OF
TROUBLE BUT FAILED TO ELABORATE."

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"WAITRESS NAMED MARY, WHO WORKS IN RESTAURANT NEXT TO LOUNGE,

PANAMA CITY BOAT LANDING, ALLEGEDLY TALKED TO SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO

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TOLD HER HE HAD BEEN IN PANAMA CITY, FLA., AREA AT A HOTEL FOR THREE DAYS".

"DUHON ADVISED ALL PASSENGERS OF FISHING BOAT NAMED "CHARLIE" SIGNED A REGISTER BEFORE PUTTING TO SEA. SEVERAL PASSENGERS ON BOAT SAW THIS INDIVIDUAL WHO RESEMBLED SUBJECT: ONE. ABBOTT FRANKFORD, TV SALESMAN, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.; TWO. TOM TINGLE, LANDLORD OF DUHON, FIFTEEN HUNDRED FOURTEENTH AVE., S., BIRMINGHAM, ALA., THREE. DON SHIRLEY, THREE FOUR TWO EIGHT OLD COLUMBIA ROAD, BIRMINGHAM."

"INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY GOT INTO A FIFTYSEVEN FOURDOOR CHEVROLET, WHITE OVER GREEN, POSSIBLE ALA. LICENSE WITH LAST THREE DIGITS NINE NINE ONE, OWNED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL'S FRIEND. DUHON DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT AS FOLLOWS: WM, FIVE FT. NINE, ONE SIXTYFIVE - ONE SEVENTYFIVE LBS., AGE APPROXIMATELY THIRTYSIX, BROWN EYES, HAIR DYED A REDDISH BLOND WITH EYEBROWS DARK BROWN AND NOT DYED, GREEN AND WHITE SHIRT, WHITE TENNIS SHOES, DARK TROUSERS."

"SECOND INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED BY DUHON WHO ALLEGEDLY OWNED FIFTYSEVEN CHEVROLET WAS: WM, TWENTYSIX, SIX FT. ONE, ONE EIGHTY
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LBS., BROWN HAIR, SLENDER BUILD, ALLEGEDLY LIVED FIFTEENTH AVE., PANAMA CITY, FLA., POSSIBLY A MACHINIST."

"DUHON ADVISED INDIVIDUAL WHO RESEMBLED SUBJECT KNEW THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: ERNEST POWELL, EXTERMINATOR BUSINESS, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.; MANAGER OF THE REDMONT HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.; OWNER OF BARBECUE PIT, BIRMINGHAM, ALA."

"JACKSONVILLE AND BIRMINGHAM DIVS. CONDUCT IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION PANAMA CITY, FLA., AND BIRMINGHAM, ALA., TO VERIFY INFORMATION AND TO LOCATE SUSPECT TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT. P."

"ARMED AND DANGEROUS."

MRS. BILL DUHON, FIFTEEN HUNDRED FOURTEENTH AVE., S., BIRMINGHAM, ADVISED TONIGHT HER HUSBAND HAS NOT RETURNED FROM MONTGOMERY, ALA.

MRS. EVELYN BELYEU, MANAGER OF REDMONT HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM, ADVISED OWNER OF HOTEL, CLIFF STILES, WAS IN PANAMA CITY, FLA., APRIL TWENTY LAST AND PRESENTLY ATTENDING CONVENTION OF HOTEL-MOTEL ASSOCIATION IN ATLANTA. NAME OF HOTEL UNKNOWN IN ATLANTA. STILES PROBABLY STAYING AT HOTEL WHERE CONVENTION BEING HELD.

ATLANTA LOCATE AND INTERVIEW STILES AND DISPLAY PHOTO OF SUBJECT TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO INDIVIDUAL ON FISHING BOAT
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"CHARLIE" AS INDICATED BY DUHON.

EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW OTHER INDIVIDUALS
RESIDING IN BIRMINGHAM.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MOBILE.

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

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CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT
REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL
RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN
FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE
CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON
JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET
FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT
THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS
ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM
STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS
FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH
SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA AND
SPRINGFIELD
FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387) 2P

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SUSPECT: HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN
THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ME, LA, SC, SD, SF, AND SI APRIL
TWELVE LAST; ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, ME, BH, NO, KC, AND SI
APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST, AND SAN DIEGO TEL TO DIRECTOR, ME, BH,
SI, AND SF APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST.

REFERENCED BUREAU TEL DATED APRIL TWELVE LAST REFLECTS
HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FINGERPRINTED STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD, ILLINOIS,
THEIR NO. [REDACTED], MAY NINETEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY
FIVE, BURGLARY.

REFERENCED ATLANTA TEL DATED APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST REFLECTS
INTERVIEW OF CURTIS STATES "RAY HAD FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED)
WHO VISITED HIM IN JACKSON PRISON. FRIEND HAD BEEN CELLMATE OF
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RAY WHEN RAY AT MENARD, ILLINOIS. THIS MAN KEPT RAY IN SPENDING MONEY WHILE RAY IN PRISON AND WOULD HARBOR RAY."

FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA, INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED OF OTHER OFFICES RECEIVING REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO DETERMINE IF HE IS AN ASSOCIATE OR CO-CONSPIRATOR OF RAY IN MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD, ILLINOIS, FROM PRISON RECORDS, DETERMINE IF HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER CONFINED AT SAME TIME AS RAY AND IS POSSIBLE FRIEND NAMED BY CURTIS.

ATLANTA AT DALTON, GEORGIA, CONSIDER RECONTACTING CURTIS TO DETERMINE IF FRIEND NAMED BY HIM IS HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NO. [REDACTED]

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