

BH 44-1740

LEADS - BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.:

It is suggested that BH Agent conduct investigation to determine if Alabama Express Co. located in Birmingham, Ala., and, if so, conduct appropriate investigation to identify above driver.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA CLAUDE TIMOTHY ADAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

TUCK ROBERTS, National Car Rentals, Birmingham, contacted the Birmingham FBI office and advised that two persons, FREDERICK R. GREEN and LANIE E. GREEN, rented a 1968 green Pontiac from his company on 4/5/68, and failed to return same.

ROBERTS advised that in his efforts to locate the car, he has learned that FREDERICK GREEN owes Montgomery Ward, Jacksonville, Fla., approximately \$2,000. for purchases, including a large number of firearms, made prior to April, 1968.

ROBERTS stated that FREDERICK and LANIE GREEN also owe Texaco Oil Co. a large sum of money for credit card purchases, and they gave false addresses when renting the 1968 Pontiac.

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To: SACs, Atlanta (44-493) (Encs. 7)  
Birmingham (44-1740) (Encs. 7)  
Los Angeles (44-1874) (Encs. 7)  
Memphis (44-1987) (Encs. 7)

LEGAT, Ottawa (Encs. 7)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Enclosed are copies of photographs of individual purported to be subject Ray, which were taken in November, 1967, by a woman with whom he was acquainted in Mexico.

Each office display to appropriate witnesses to ascertain if photograph is good likeness of subject Ray, aka Galt.

Copies to Legat, Ottawa for information.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA ROBERT J. ADAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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On 4/25/68, an anonymous caller advised the Birmingham FBI Office that in January, 1968, he met an individual at a bus stop who showed him identification bearing the name ERIC STARVO GALT. During the conversation with this individual, it was disclosed that the man calling himself GALT worked for Hayes Aircraft located at the Birmingham Airport. The anonymous caller added that he believed this individual said he shuttled planes for Hayes Aircraft.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA ROBERT M. BARRETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re CB Radio Equipment:

The following retailers of CB radio equipment in Birmingham, were all contacted on 4/25/68, and no record of any sale to subject JAMES EARL RAY, under his true name or known aliases, was located, nor was the subject's photo familiar to the below listed retailers:

HERB COLEMAN, Electronic Supplies Co., 2900 Bessemer Rd.,  
ROY G. STALE, Mitchell Electronics, 700 n.6th Ave.,  
RUFRETT C. ATKERSON, Ack Radio Co., 3101 4th Ave. No.,  
T. C. SPRAGGINS, Lafayette Associate Store, 9 77th St. No.,  
CURTIS HENDERSON, James W. Clary Co., 1713 2nd Ave., So.,  
LEN BRYANT Jr., BRYANT'S Electric Co., 2832 18th St., Homewood, Ala.,  
JAMES KERRY GODWIN, Selectronic Supply, 3131 4th Ave. No.,

An I.O for RAY was left with each of the above retailers.

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TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA ROBERT M. BARRETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference Memo SA PETER JOHN BODKIN, 4/19/68, and Memo SPC HOMER E. PARKER, 4/24/68, both relating to Mrs. OLIVIA BROWN, 417 56th St., Fairfield, Alabama.

On 4/25/68, Mrs. ARTHUR (OLIVIA) BROWN, 417 56th St., Fairfield, Alabama, was contacted concerning alleged information from her that she had seen subject JAMES EARL RAY, recently. Mrs. BROWN rambled about insurance policies of her nephew, a drunk church member named EUNICE, a picketing of the A & P Store in Ensley, for about 15 minutes. She then described the man she saw about 4/17/68 as a WMA age 24, 6'1", 200, coal black hair. She claimed she saw the same man near the picket line at the A & P Store, Ensley, on 4/24/68, and now he was 6'1", 170 pounds, light brown hair, age about 30. She insisted it was the same man and then she started talking incoherently again for about ten minutes. It is the opinion of the writer this woman has a very acute mental problem. In view of the above no further action being taken concerning this information from Mrs. BROWN, and is recommended no action be taken in the future.

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TO : SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

DATE: 4-24-68

FROM : HOMER E. PARKER  
SPC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 9:50 PM, 4-24-68, Rev. RHETTA, Negro minister, telephonically advised that one of his parishioners, Mrs. OLIVIA BROWN, 417 56th Street, Fairfield, Alabama, telephone 787-6504, informed him she had seen a man on a porch in the Ensley, Alabama, area two times recently and this man resembles the newspaper photo of RAY.

Rev. RHETTA requested that FBI have SA contact Mrs. BROWN for location of the residence where she saw this individual.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA ROBERT M. BARNETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Memphis, and Birmingham and IA, 4/23/68.

On 4/24/68 SA ROBERT M. BARNETT contacted HAROLD JAMES, Auto Accessory Dept., Sears/Robb Department Store, Downtown, Birmingham, as per retel. Mr. JAMES advised that no record is kept of any cash sales of batteries, by the name of the purchaser. He advised there is no marking on the batteries to indicate from which store the battery had been bought. The battery is marked as to the model and date of purchase (month and year), and thus the purchaser can take the battery into any Sears store if he has trouble with in the warranty time, and receive service, without causing any record keeping. The only record ~~kept~~ kept of any sales are those that are charge or credit sales. In view of the above no further action being taken in connection with the battery found in subject's car in Atlanta.

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3 07PM URGENT 4/25/68 HD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS,  
LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO  
FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P) 3P

MURKIN

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL REPORTER TOM LUBENOW TODAY ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:  
AFTER READING RECENT "NEWSWEEK" ARTICLE FROM LOS ANGELES  
RE JERRI PETERSON, W/F, HAIR BLONDE, EYES BLUE, REPORTEDLY  
GIRL FRIEND OF JAMES EARL RAY, HE RECEIVED INFO FROM SOURCE  
HE REFUSES TO IDENTIFY IN LA, INDICATING A FEMALE, MEETING SAID  
DESCRIPTION, LEFT LA ABOUT A WEEK AGO AND REPORTEDLY CHECKED  
INTO ROYAL HOTEL, MILWAUKEE, WITH MAN VAGUELY RESEMBLING RAY.  
FEMALE REPORTEDLY NAMED DYRELL DENNIS.

DENNIS IMMEDIATELY LOCATED AT TOWNE HOTEL, MILWAUKEE,  
AND INTERVIEWED. STATES SHE LEFT LA ALONE VIA GREYHOUND BUS  
APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO TO VISIT SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD SON,  
CURTIS PAUL, IN MILWAUKEE. STATES PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AT  
BEVERLY WILSHIRE HOTEL, WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, LA, AS SWITCHBOARD  
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OPERATOR UNDER ABOVE NAME UNTIL MARCH NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENTS, LA TIMES - NINETEEN FIFTY ONE TO FIFTY FOUR; MOTION PICTURE STUDIO, NOW "DESILU" - NINETEEN FORTY FIVE TO FORTY NINE. DENNIS FURNISHED HOME ADDRESS AS ELEVEN FIFTY ONE WILCOX, LOS ANGELES. DENNIS DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY OR ERIC STARVO GALT. STATED INTENDS TO REMAIN IN MILWAUKEE IF CAN OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT. WILL RETURN TO LA OTHERWISE.

DENNIS DESCRIBED AS W/F, FIVE FOOT THREE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED TEN POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, GREEN EYES, DATE OF BIRTH,   
 AT JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN.

DENNIS REGISTERED ALONE AT ROYAL HOTEL, ROOM TWO ZERO EIGHT, FOUR FOURTEEN TO FOUR TWENTY ONE, DURING WHICH PERIOD NARCOTICS OR PROSTITUTION ACTIVITIES SUSPECTED.

DENNIS ADMITS SAN FRANCISCO ARREST NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN AS VAGRANT AND ADDICT AND POSSIBLY ADDITIONAL ARRESTS LA AND SAN FRANCISCO VICINITIES.

BASED UPON PREVIOUS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM LA, IT WOULD APPEAR LUBENOW'S SOURCE IN THIS MATTER IS LOUIS LOMAX, CONTROVERSIAL NEGRO TV PERSONALITY WHOSE PROGRAM WAS RECENTLY TERMINATED AT LA  
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AND DENNIS IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH JERRI (LNU), THE MYSTERIOUS BLONDE REFERRED TO BY LOMAX IN ARTICLES APPEARING FOUR TWENTYFOUR LAST AT LA AND NEW ORLEANS.

LA-DETERMINE AND ADVISE IF DENNIS LEGITIMATE PERSON AND IF PERTINENT TO THIS INVESTIGATION.

SAN FRANCISCO-FURNISH LA WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF DENNIS FOR POSSIBLE SHOWING TO WITNESSES WHO SAW RAY WITH BLONDE FEMALE.

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TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893) 2P

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RE CI TEL TO ME AND BH, FOUR ZERO TWO P.M., APRIL TWELVE  
LAST.

ALBERT JAMES WALTON, NUMBER ONE TWO THREE NINE ONE ZERO,  
CHILlicothe CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, CHILlicothe, OHIO, ADVISED  
APRIL TWENTY FIVE INSTANT THAT HE HAD NOTED FACT THAT SUBJECT  
JAMES EARL RAY USED ALIAS "JAMES WALTON" IDENTICAL WITH  
HIS NAME. WALTON VIEWED PHOTOS OF RAY AND INDICATED THAT FULL-  
FACE PICTURE TAKEN NINETEEN SIXTY IS VERY SIMILAR TO INDIVIDUAL  
KNOWN TO HIM IN FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA, DURING SPRING, NINETEEN  
SIXTY-SIX, AS LOWMEYER. WALTON WAS QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER  
HIS DATES WERE ACCURATE, AND HE INDICATED IT WOULD HAVE HAD TO  
BE IN NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX.

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WALTON FURTHER STATES THAT IF INDIVIDUALS PREVIOUSLY NAMED  
BY HIM IN FORT PAYNE ALABAMA AREA HAD CONTRACTED TO HAVE KING

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KILLED, THEY WOULD HAVE NOT PAID KILLER FULL AMOUNT, AND WOULD  
HAVE HAD HIM RECONTACT THEM TO COLLECT REMAINDER OF MONEY  
AT WHICH TIME THEY WOULD HAVE PROBABLY KILLED HIM AND HIDDEN  
HIS BODY.

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FBI EL PASO

3:51PM 4-25-68 URGENT CEJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN

RE AT AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL TWENTY TWO, LAST.

CARS STOLEN FROM STATE OF GEORGIA.

APPROPRIATE CONTACTS WITH POLICE AGENCIES AND TEXAS DPS COMPLETED  
AND NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED REGARDING CARS STOLEN FROM STATE OF  
GEORGIA SUBSEQUENT TO APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND RECOVERED IN EL PASO  
DIVISION. THESE AGENCIES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO ADVISED IF ANY SUCH  
VEHICLES ARE RECOVERED IN NEAR FUTURE. BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES  
WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED IF ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION SUBSEQUENTLY  
DEVELOPED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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4 44PM URGENT 4-25-68 JLN

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, LOS ANGELES.  
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN.

RE LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL APRIL TWENTYFOUR.

ENTIRE AREA DESCRIBED BY STEIN WHERE TELEPHONE CALL  
ALLEGEDLY MADE BY SUBJECT SEARCHED BY FBI AGENTS TODAY AND NINE  
TELEPHONE BOOTHS SITUATED SIMILAR TO THE DESCRIPTION WERE CHECKED  
THROUGH SOURCE AT TELEPHONE COMPANY, AND NO CALLS WERE RECORDED  
FOR DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST.

GARY DELAUN, NEWS DIRECTOR, HOUSTON RADIO STATION KNUZ, A  
PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE SAC, CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED TODAY THAT HUGH  
AINSWORTH OF NEWSWEEK HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY LOUIS LOMAX AND  
CHARLES STEIN, AND BEEN TOLD THAT THEY ARE ARRIVING HOUSTON  
SOMETIME THIS PM AND WILL ATTEMPT TO RETRACE STEPS OF STEIN AND  
SUBJECT AND LOCATE PHONE BOOTH WHERE CALL ALLEGEDLY MADE.  
DELAUN ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO ACCOMPANY ABOVE AND WILL  
KEEP THE FBI ADVISED OF ANY SUCCESS ACHIEVED BY LOMAX AND STEIN.

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DELAUN FURNISHED THE ABOVE ON A STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AND HE WAS ASSURED THAT HIS IDENTITY WOULD BE MAINTAINED IN CONFIDENCE.

ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE THROUGH TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR FBI TO BE ALERTED FOR ANY REQUEST FOR IDENTITY OF LONG DISTANT TELEPHONE CALLS DURING PERIOD DEC. SIXTEEN LAST.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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FBI MIAMI

6:47PM URGENT 4-25-68 PJL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) KANSAS  
CITY (44-760) AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE JAMES EARL RAY

OLIVER BRIGHT, VICE PRESIDENT, HIALEAH-MIAMI SPRINGS  
BANK, HIALEAH, FLA., ADVISED THAT HIS BANK PURCHASED CONTRACT  
FROM FINCHER OLDSMOBILE, MIAMI, FLA., MADE BY GUY E. RAY AT  
FINCHER MOTERS, INC., MIAMI, FLA., ON APRIL THREE SIXTYEIGHT.  
ON APPLICATION RAY GAVE MIAMI ADDRESS AS RESIDENCE PAST  
TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS. RAY REPORTEDLY NOT HAVING LIVED AT THIS  
ADDRESS. RAY FURTHER GAVE FICTITIOUS EMPLOYMENT AND ADVISED  
HE HAD PREVIOUSLY LIVED ROUTE TWO, BOX ONE FOUR A, KILLEN,  
ALA., AND ROUTE ONE, OWENS CROSS ROADS, ALA. MR. BRIGHT  
HAS CONTACTED A MR. BUFORD GARNER, STATE NATIONAL BANK OF

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advised 11:30p  
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MUSCLE SHOALS, NINE ZERO NINE WOODWARD AVE., MUSCLE SHOALS,  
ALA. GARNER ADVISED RAY AND WIFE DIANE RAY KNOWN TO BANK  
FOR ONLY THREE MONTHS. TYPE OF BUSINESS NOT KNOWN, BUT DEPOSITS  
TO ACCOUNT ARE WITH FLA. CASHIER CHECKS. GARNER HAS NEVER  
SEEN RAY AND ALLEGED WIFE HAS HANDLED ALL BANK CONTACTS.  
RAY ACCOUNT CAME TO STATE NATIONAL BANK OF MUSCLE SHOALS AS  
A REFERENCE FROM FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM. BIRMINGHAM  
WILL MAKE PROPER INQUIRES AT MUSCLE SHOALS, KILLEN AND OWENS  
CROSS ROADS, ALA., TO ELIMINATE GUY E. RAY AS IDENTICAL WITH  
SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED  
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7 13 PM URGENT 4/25/68 VLB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS,  
MILWAUKEE, ATLANTA AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P) 2P

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RE MILWAUKEE TEL INSTANT DATE.

RE LOUIS LOMAX STORY REGARDING MYSTERIOUS BLOND.

MRS. GLORIA DAVIDSON, CALIFORNIA STATE NARCOTIC BUREAU,  
VINEWOOD CENTER, ONE EIGHT THREE ONE NORTH VINE ST., LOS ANGELES,  
ADVISED DYRELL DENNIS LEGITIMATE PERSON. FURTHER ADVISED DENNIS  
HAS BEEN CONFINED AT NORCO STATE HOSPITAL, NORCO, CALIFORNIA  
FOR PERIODS DATING BACK TO NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE AND WAS LAST  
CONFINED TO HOSPITAL FROM MAY FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN TO  
JANUARY ONE SIX NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT FOR NARCOTIC TREATMENT.  
DENNIS RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL AND PLACED IN HALF WAY PROJECT  
HOUSE AT VINEWOOD CENTER ON JANUARY ONE SIX NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.  
PERSONS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN DAILY CONTACT AT CENTER AND DENNIS  
DROPPED AS "AT LARGE" ON THREE TWENTY SIXTY EIGHT AND WARRANT FOR  
ARREST NUMBER FOUR CRN ISSUED THREE TWENTY FIVE SIXTY EIGHT.  
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DENNIS STILL WANTED BUT STATE WILL NOT EXTRADITE ON THIS  
TYPE OF WARRANT WHERE SUBJECT IS IN TREATMENT STATUS. RECORDS  
OF NARCOTIC UNIT REFLECT DENNIS DOES HAVE SON SEVENTEEN YEARS  
OF AGE BY NAME OF CURTIS ROBERT PAUL, AND SHE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED  
AS SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR. DENNIS HAS CII NUMBER ONE TWO FIVE ONE  
FOUR THREE FOUR. PHOTO'S BEING SECURED BY LOS ANGELES AND  
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

SAN FRANCISCO DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PHOTO.

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FBI EL PASO

7:28 PM IMMEDIATE 4-25-68 MJT

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 , MEMPHIS 44-1987  
AND RICHMOND ( AIRMAIL COPY TO CHARLOTTE )  
FROM EL PASO 157-186 (P)

MURKIN

RE ERIC RAY, AKA EARL RAY, FRIEND OF SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE.

EL PASO LET TO DIRECTOR , ATTN. IDENT. DIV., DATED APRIL  
TWENTY TWO LAST, CAPTIONED SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE; ET AL, MISSING  
PERSONS NOTICE, SETS OUT INFO RECEIVED FROM SGT. ELBERT BALDRIDGE,  
FT. BLISS, TEXAS, RE HIS WIFE, SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE, AND TWO  
CHILDREN, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

SGT BALDRIDGE ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

HE AND WIFE SEPARATED SINCE NOVEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN AND  
WIFE AND CHILDREN HAVE BEEN LIVING SPRING LAKE, NORTH CAROLINA,  
WHILE WIFE WORKED AT GAYLOFD DEPARTMENT STORE, FAYETTEVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA. ON MARCH THIRTYONE LAST, WIFE TELEPHONICALLY  
ADVISED SGT. BALDRIDGE SHE WAS RETURNING TO EL PASO, LEAVING  
APRIL ONE LAST AND WOULD ARRIVE EL PASO APRIL THREE LAST.

WIFE AND CHILDREN FAILED TO ARRIVE AND SGT. BALDRIDGE  
LEARNED THROUGH RED CROSS WIFE LEFT HER EMPLOYMENT APRIL ONE  
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LAST, STATING SHE WAS GOING TO PARENTS HOME, NAMELY MR. AND MRS. BILLY FAUCETT, BOX TWO FOUR ZERO, ROUTE ONE, CLARKSVILLE, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONE THREE SEVEN FOUR DASH EIGHT SEVEN ONE NINE.

BALDRIDGE HAS MAINTAINED CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH INLAWS, WHO HAVE NOT SEEN WIFE AND CHILDREN. BALDRIDGE RECEIVED LETTER FROM WIFE THIS DATE, WHEREIN SHE STATED SHE WAS STAYING WITH HER PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. FAUCETT, AND WANTED HIM TO SEND HER MONEY CARE OF HER AUNT, RUTH JAMES, CALHOUN, GEORGIA. LETTER POSTMARKED APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST AT SALTVILLE, VIRGINIA.

BALDRIDGE JUST LEARNED HIS WIFE LIVED WITH ANOTHER MAN WHILE BALDRIDGE WAS IN VIETNAM IN SIXTY SIX AND SIXTY SEVEN AND PLANS DIVORCE. BALDRIDGE OF OPINION WIFE PROBABLY RAN OFF WITH SOME MAN. RECALLED THAT HE AND WIFE PLANNED TRIP TO TAMPA, FLORIDA IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR WHICH WAS CALLED OFF DUE TO OVERSEAS TRANSFER. WIFE REMARKED TO BALDRIDGE AT THE TIME THAT SHE MIGHT HAVE CHANCE TO SEE FRIEND NAMED EARL IF THEY WINT TO FLORIDA. BALDRIDGE SUBSEQUENTLY QUESTIONED HER MORE THOROUGHLY RE THIS, AT WHICH TIME WIFE SAID THAT, AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN, SHE ANS HER COUSIN PATSY MADE TRIP TO FLORIDA, WHERE SHE MET ONE ERIC

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RAY, WHOM SHE CALLED EARL. WIFE CLAIMED EARL MUCH OLDER THAN SHE. WIFE NOT KNOWN TO HAVE EVER CORRESPONDED WITH EARL. BALDRIDGE WONDERED IF WIFE WAS POSSIBLY IN CONTACT WITH SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ERIC RAY SHE MET IN FLORIDA.

WIFE TRAVELLING IN SIXTYSIX FORD, TWO DOOR, BROWNISH RED WITH WHITE TOP, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN VIRGINIA LICENSE PLATES FIVE EIGHT THREE FIVE ONE ONE, BLUE FT. BLISS STICKER A ZERO ONE SIX NINE.

WIFE, SHELBY JEAN, WHITE FEMALE, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] CLARKSVILLE, VIRGINIA, FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFOUR TO THIRTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, USUALLY WORN HIGH, FAIR COMPLEXION. BROWN EYES, CUT SCAR, LEFT WRIST, SOMETIMES WEARS BLOND WIG.

RICHMOND, AT CLARKSVILLE, INTERVIEW BILLY FAUCETT TO ASCERTAIN RESIDENCE OF PATSY LNU, COUSIN OF SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE IN CLARKSVILLE, AND INTERVIEW PATSY LNU IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ERIC RAY, AKA EARL, WHO SHELBY JEAN AND PATSY ALLEGEDLY HAD CONTACT WITH IN FLORIDA IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN. IF POSSIBLY IDENTICAL, SET OUT  
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ATTENTION: Please refer to the following information regarding the  
status of the project. The project is currently on hold.

Very truly yours,

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FBI BIRMGHAM

FBI PHOENIX

9 40 PM URGENT 4/25/68 DLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM, LOS  
ANGELES (44-1574), AND KANSAS CITY (44-760)  
FROM PHOENIX (44-371) 1P

MURKIN . CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU ET AL, APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST.

ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT: WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND.

HOLLAND INTERVIEWED INSTANT DATE AT FEDERAL PRISON CAMP,  
SAFFORD, ARIZONA AND DENIED KNOWING SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.  
HOLLAND FURTHER STATED HE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN GAMBLING WITH  
SUBJECT RAY IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, PRIOR TO APRIL NINETEEN FIFTY  
SINCE HE WAS INCARCERATED IN USP, ATLANTA, GA. FEBRUARY TWENTY  
EIGHT FORTY EIGHT FOR DYER ACT VIOLATION UNTIL SIX TWENTYFIVE  
FIFTYTWO CONDITIONAL RELEASE FROM USP LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.  
CHECK OF HOLLAND'S ID RECORD OF PX CASE TWENTY SIX DASH TWO FOUR  
ONE ONE TWO CONFIRMS THIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, SPRINGFIELD,  
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYEIGHT:  
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT RAY'S LAST KNOWN  
RESIDENCE EXPANDED TO FIFTEENTH STREET AREA. INVESTIGATION  
CONDUCTED TO DATE NEGATIVE.

ATTEMPTS MADE TO REINTERVIEW JIMMIE DELTON GARNER,  
BUT HE CONTINUES IN A HIGHLY INTOXICZTED CONDITION. EFFORTS TO  
INTERVIEW HIM DISCONTINUED FOR THIS DATE DUE TO HIS CONDITION.

CONTACTS WITH PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS ON FOREIGN  
FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA ON APRIL FIVE LAST CONTINUING AND NEGATIVE  
TO DATE.

CONTACT OF INDIVIDUALS ADVIERTISING AUTOMOBILES FOR  
SALE THROUGH NEWSPAPER ADS BETWEEN MARCH TWENTYFOUR AND APRIL  
FIVE LAST CONTINUING AND NEGATIVE TO DATE.

THREE LOOK-ALIKE SUSPECTS CHECKED OUT AND ELIMINATED  
BY SPECIAL AGENTS.

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THE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS, ATLANTA, CONTACTED CONCERNING RAY IN VIEW OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATING RAY IS ADDICTED TO NARCOTICS. NARCOTICS BUREAU IS CONTACTING INFORMANTS FAMILIAR WITH NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES ATLANTA AREA AND OUR INFORMANTS FAMILIAR WITH NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN RECONTACTED WITH OTHER BEING CONTACT APRIL TWENTYSIX NEXT.

RACIAL INFORMANTS ARE BEING RECONTACTED CONCERNING RAY AND ANY INFORMATION WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED INDICATING THAT A BOUNTY MAY HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE LIFE OF KING.

LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA REINTERVIEWED AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY'S BACKGROUND AND LEADS HAVE BEEN SET OUT.

ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING BILLY JOE FAULKNER TO DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING THE PERIOD RAY WAS IN ATLANTA AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MURDER.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA,  
NEW ORLEANS AND HOUSTON  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 8P

MURKIN

RE HANDCUFF PURCHASE:

HARVEY GREENBERG, OWNER-OPERATOR, INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT COMPANY, ONE ZERO ZERO FOUR ALFRED, LOS ANGELES, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. HE ADVISED, BASED ON INFORMATION PRESENTLY AVAILABLE, HAS ONLY STOCKED JAPANESE HANDCUFFS APPROXIMATELY NINETY OR ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS. USUAL STOCK CARRIED WAS SPANISH TYPE HANDCUFFS. DOES NOT ADVERTISE HANDCUFFS IN REGULAR MAGAZINE ADS WHICH APPEAR IN "TRASH" TYPE DETECTIVE MAGAZINES: THEREFORE BELIEVES INSTANT ORDER MUST HAVE BEEN "REORDER" AS HIS FIRM NORMALLY PACKAGES CATALOG OR ORDER BLANK WHICH LISTS HANDCUFFS, WITH EACH ORIGINAL ORDER BEING FILLED. GREENBERG STATES WILL BE ABLE TO FURNISH ORIGINAL ORDER FOR HANDCUFFS SHIPPED TO GALT IN EARLY AM APRIL TWENTY SIX NEXT. (ATLANTA HAS POSSESSION HANDCUFFS)

RE LOUIS LOMAX AND CHARLES STEIN:

TELEPHONE COMPANY ADVISED TODAY THAT LOMAX INDICATED HE WAS LEAVING LOS ANGELES APRIL TWENTY FIVE AM. CHECK OF STEIN RESIDENCE ASCERTAINED FROM SISTER, RITA STEIN, THAT CHARLES STEIN

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LEFT RESIDENCE ABOUT FIVE THIRTY TO SIX THIRTY PM, APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST AND HAS NOT RETURNED HOME. CAR IS STILL AT LOS ANGELES. NO CLOTHES WERE TAKEN. TELEPHONE COMPANY ADVISED THAT LOMAX ASKED THAT TOLLS BE SECURED ON SAM J. RECILE, FIVE ONE ZERO O'KEEFE, NEW ORLEANS, TELEPHONE EIGHT TWO ONE DASH ONE FOUR ONE ONE. TELEPHONE NUMBER DETERMINED TO BE LISTED TO "TIMES PICAYUNE STATES ITEM" AND NO TOLLS WILL BE PULLED. NEW ORLEANS COGNIZANT OF RECILE AND TELEPHONE REQUEST.

"LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER" TODAY CARRIED A LOMAX STORY THAT HE WAS RETRACING THE ROUTE TAKEN BY STEIN AND SUBJECT DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN AND NAMED HIS MYSTERIOUS BLONDE AS JERRI, WHO HAD BEEN AT ROYAL MOTEL, MILWAUKEE UNDER NAME OF DENNIS AND THAT SHE HAD SUDDENLY VANISHED. THIS INDIVIDUAL IS DYRELL DENNIS, A NARCOTICS ADDICT WHO BROKE HER PROBATION AT LOS ANGELES AS OF MARCH TWENTY LAST. DETAILS OF HER INTERVIEW SET OUT IN MILWAUKEE TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY FIVE AND LOS ANGELES TEL TODAY CONCERNING NARCOTIC BACKGROUND. NO INDICATION OF ANY ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT.

LOMAX STORY CARRIED PICTURES OF TELEPHONE BOOTH AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES AND PHOTOS OF SOME WRITINGS ON WALL, "DEATH BEFORE DISHONOR", "HATE", ETC.

SOME OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS WRITTEN ON WALL OF TELEPHONE BOOTH RECORDED BY LOS ANGELES AND SUBSCRIBERS ARE VARIOUSLY UNIVERSAL STUDIOS, DIAMOND JIM'S RESTAURANT, AN EXCLUSIVE TYPE ESTABLISHMENT, GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT AND TO A MELODY O'BRIEN.

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JOE PETERS, DAYTIME BARTENDER, SULTAN ROOM, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED TODAY HE VIEWED THE NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHS IN TODAY'S LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER ACCOMPANYING LOMAX ARTICLE OF THE PHONE BOOTH WALL INSIDE THE LOBBY OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. HE STATED DRAWINGS PHOTOGRAPHED HAVE BEEN ON WALL FOR OVER ONE YEAR. HE STATED LOMAX HAD USED SULTAN ROOM AS SORT OF AN OFFICE FOR THE PAST SEVEN TO TEN DAYS AND HAD BEEN TOLD TO LEAVE BY OWNER. PETERS STATED LOMAX HAD CONSTANTLY MADE AND RECEIVED CALLS ON BAR'S TELEPHONE. STATED LOMAX HAD INQUIRED ABOUT BLONDE FEMALE NAMED JERRI WITH NEARLY EVERY PATRON, AND RECEIVED NO POSITIVE INFORMATION. PETERS ADVISED HE HEARD TWO REPORTERS TALKING AT BAR TODAY ABOUT LOMAX AND CHARLES STEIN LEAVING VIA PLANE FOR HOUSTON, TEXAS THIS AM. CUSTOMER AT BAR STATED HE HEARD SAME REPORTERS MENTION DELTA AIRLINES AS AIRLINES USED. (DELTA ADVISED AT LOS ANGELES NO RECORD OF LOMAX AND/OR STEIN)

RE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ON PHONE BOOTH WALL ST. FRANCIS HOTEL:

ONE NUMBER REGISTERED TO MELODY O'BRIEN, FIVE FIVE FOUR FIVE CARLTON WAY, APT. TWO ZERO TWO, LOS ANGELES. O'BRIEN INTERVIEWED. ADVISED NOT ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT, CHARLES STEIN, MARIE MARTIN, RITA STEIN OR FEMALE USING NAME OF JERRI. PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT SHOWN O'BRIEN. STATED SHE DID NOT RECOGNIZE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT AS BEING IDENTICAL TO ANYONE SHE HAD EVER MET. O'BRIEN RELATED ONLY INDIVIDUAL SHE KNOWS WITH NAME OF HELEN IS A TOPLESS DANCER.

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RE HELENA LNU, BELLY DANCER ALLEGEDLY SOLICITED FOR  
DATE BY SUBJECT:

HELENA VLAHOS, APT. THREE ZERO TWO, SIX FOUR ZERO NORTH  
KINGSLEY, LOS ANGELES INTERVIEWED AND SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF  
SUBJECT. STATED SUBJECT UNFAMILIAR TO HER. STATED SHE DOESN'T  
FREQUENT BARS OR NIGHT CLUBS ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD. EAST OF HOLLYWOOD  
FREEWAY, AREA IN WHICH ST. FRANCIS HOTEL LOCATED. SHE DOES NOT  
RECALL EVER GOING TO SULTAN ROOM, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. STATED  
SHE WORKED AT THE SEVEN VEILS, NIGHT CLUB ON SUNSET BLVD., DURING  
JUNE, JULY, AUGUST OF NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. WORKED AT THE  
ARABIAN NIGHTS, NIGHT CLUB AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA DURING SEPTEMBER  
THROUGH DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN RETURNING TO WORK AT SEVEN VEILS IN  
JANUARY SIXTY EIGHT WHERE SHE IS NOW EMPLOYED.

MARIA VLAHOS, SISTER OF HELENA, WITH WHOM SHE RESIDES,  
INTERVIEWED AND SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT. STATED PERSON IN  
PHOTO FAMILIAR TO HER AS REMINDS HER OF INDIVIDUAL WHO CAME INTO  
"THE FEZ", HOLLYWOOD ON ONE OCCASION WITHIN RECENT PAST. COULD  
NOT BE SPECIFIC ABOUT DATE OTHER THAN INCIDENT OCCURRED WITHIN  
RECENT MONTHS. RECALLED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS HE CAME INTO THE FEZ,  
LOOKED ABOUT, THEN LEFT, WHICH IS UNUSUAL FOR CLIENTELE  
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FREQUENTING THE FEZ. STATED THAT THIS IS EXTENT OF HER KNOWLEDGE OF THIS PERSON. STATED THAT SHE DOES NOT FREQUENT BARS ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD. EAST OF FREEWAY AND TO BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE SHE HAS NEVER BEEN IN THE SULTAN ROOM, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

RE MARIE MARTIN AND RITA STEIN:

EFFORTS TO LOCATE MARIE MARTIN FOR REINTERVIEW ASCERTAINED MARTIN LEFT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL THIS AM AND HAS NOT YET RETURNED. MARTIN NOT IN CONTACT WITH COUSIN, RITA STEIN, ANY TIME TODAY. TELEPHONE RECORDS OF TOLL CALLS FROM RESIDENCES OF MARIE MARTIN AND CHARLES AND RITA STEIN WILL BE AVAILABLE APRIL TWENTY SIX NEXT.

RITA STEIN ADVISED BROTHER CHARLES J. STEIN WAS BORN [REDACTED], NEW ORLEANS. HAS BEEN MARRIED THREE TIMES. ONLY CHILD IS SON BY FIRST WIFE, PRESENTLY BELIEVED TO BE RESIDING NEW ORLEANS, AGE ABOUT SEVENTEEN, NAME NOT INDICATED.

RITA STEIN DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF USE OF NARCOTICS BY SELF, BROTHER, CHARLES OR ERIC GALT. CLAIMS ONLY PRESENT SOURCES OF INCOME ARE SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS FROM DECEASED HUSBAND, WHICH AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS MONTHLY; PLUS APPROXIMATELY TWENTY TO TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS ON IRREGULAR BASIS FROM BROTHER CHARLES' UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE; AND OCCASIONAL MONETARY HELP FROM HER MOTHER. STATES BROTHER CHARLES WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED WITH HER LATE HUSBAND IN OPERATION OF USED CAR LOT ON BROAD STREET NEAR CANAL, NEW ORLEANS, ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY ONE OR SIXTY TWO. CHARLES SUBSEQUENTLY EMPLOYED AS CAR

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SALESMAN, FOR BRAND MOTORS AND TRANSPORTATION CITY, LOS ANGELES. BROTHER CHARLES ALSO FORMERLY EMPLOYED AS TRAVELLING SALESMAN, OUT OF NEW ORLEANS, BY CHECKWRITER FIRM. TRAVELLED CIRCUIT WHICH INCLUDED LOUISIANA, KANSAS, NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA.

RITA STEIN STATED HER COUSIN MARIE MARTIN, AKA MARIE DE GRASSE, WAS FORMERLY PROFESSIONAL DANCER AND STRIPPER. RITA SAID SHE AND LATE HUSBAND, STAN ROSAS, CAME TO LOS ANGELES IN NINETEEN SIXTY THREE. BROTHER CHARLES CAME FOR VISIT IN ABOUT SIXTY FOUR AND LIKED CALIFORNIA SO STAYED. ABOUT TWO YEARS LATER, COUSIN MARIE MARTIN MOVED TO CALIFORNIA FROM NEW ORLEANS.

EXAMINATION OF SCHOOL RECORDS WHERE DAUGHTERS OF RITA STEIN ARE PRESENTLY ENROLLED, NOTE FOUR DIFFERENT LOS ANGELES RESIDENCES FOR THEM PRIOR TO PRESENT ADDRESS DURING PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER SIXTY FOUR TO JANUARY TWO SIXTY EIGHT, LATTER BEING MOST RECENT CHANGE AND CURRENT ENROLLMENT DATE IN PRESENT SCHOOL. FORMER LOS ANGELES ADDRESSES WERE, TWO ZERO THREE ZERO EAST FLORENCE AVENUE; ONE THREE ONE ONE NORTH CITRUS; THREE THREE FOUR ZERO FLOYD TERRACE; FOUR ONE THREE TWO CLAYTON AVENUE, ALL LOS ANGELES.

RITA STEIN AGAIN DENIES KNOWING SUBJECT PRIOR TO MEETING WITH HIM DAY BEFORE HE TOOK HER, CHARLES AND MARIE TO REGISTER AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS IN DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN. SAYS HAS NO KNOWLEDGE WHERE HE TOOK HIS MEALS. REPEATED THAT SHE INVITED SUBJECT TO CHRISTMAS DINNER WHICH HE REFUSED. SAID HE NEVER

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ATE IN HER HOME.

RE DEATH OF STANLEY LINO ROSAS, HUSBAND OF RITA STEIN:

DURING INTERVIEW WITH RITA STEIN, APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST SHE ADVISED HER LATE HUSBAND, STANLEY LINO ROSAS, DIED OF OVERDOSE NARCOTICS TWO YEARS AGO. EXAMINATION OF CORONER'S RECORDS THIS DATE, FILE SIXTY SIX DASH EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT, REVEALS STANLEY LINO ROSAS, AKA STANLEY LINUS ROSAS, STANLEY LINO ROSSI, CAUCASIAN, BORN [REDACTED] LOUISIANA, HUSBAND OF RITA ROSAS, THREE THREE FOUR ZERO FLOYD TERRACE, HOLLYWOOD, WAS FOUND DEAD IN CAR ON STREET, LOS ANGELES ON AUGUST THIRTY ONE, SIXTY SIX, CAUSE OF DEATH "ACUTE MORPHINE POISONING."

RE W. J. PERKIN, VISITOR TO MEXICO:

W. J. PERKIN, THREE SIX TWO WEST CEDAR, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA HAS NO RECORD BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT WIFE INTERVIEWED. PERKIN IS AGE SIXTY ONE, AMATEUR MINERALOGIST, RETURNED FROM THREE WEEK TRIP IN MEXICO APRIL NINETEEN LAST. HE TRAVELLED WITH [REDACTED] UTILIZING NEW VOLKSWAGEN CAMPER WITH CALIFORNIA LICENSE PLATES. EMPLOYED AS PHOTOGRAPHER. HE ENTERED MEXICO AT EL PASO AND EXITED AT NOGALES. NO SIMILARITY TO SUBJECT.

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RE RECAP TIRE MOLDS:

PHOTOGRAPH AND INK IMPRESSION OF TIRE FROM SUBJECT'S CAR SHOWN TO OWNERS OF ACE TIRE MOLD CO., ONE EIGHT ONE SEVEN CHICO, SOUTH EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA; LOS ANGELES MATRIX CO., FIVE FIVE THREE ZERO BORWICK, SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA; GENERAL EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE, THREE FIVE FOUR TENNESSEE STREET, REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA; AND S.M.C., INC., GOLTON AT WABASH, MENTONE, CALIFORNIA, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL OWNERS ADVISED THEY COULD NOT IDENTIFY TREAD DESIGN AS HAVING COME FROM A MOLD MANUFACTURED BY THEM. ALL FOUR COMPANIES HAVE NATIONWIDE DISTRIBUTION OF MOLDS.

RE FRIEND OF GINGER NANCE NAMED "RED":

ATTEMPTS TO IDENTIFY "RED" NEGATIVE SINCE NEITHER OF THE LAST TWO SUBSCRIBERS FOR TELEPHONE NUMBER PROVIDED BY GINGER NANCE IS IDENTIFIABLE AS "RED" AND RECORDS OF SUBSCRIBER FOR THAT TELEPHONE FOR PERIOD NANCE WAS IN CALIFORNIA OR PRIOR TO LAST TWO SUBSCRIBERS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

RE TOLL CALLS FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL:

ALL TOLL CALLS ON ORIGINAL RECORDS SECURED FOR TELEPHONE BOOTHS AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL FOR PERIOD JANUARY TWENTY ONE THROUGH MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST AND ARE CURRENTLY BEING ANALYZED AND LEADS WILL BE SET OUT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT LOS ANGELES.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC'S MEMPHIS AND MOBILE  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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IN TERRITORY OF BIRMINGHAM OFFICE ANY FORMER INMATES OF MISSOURI  
STATE PRISON WHO MAY HAVE KNOWN SUBJECT, CONTACT HAD WITH U. S.  
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CONTACT HAD ALSO WITH WARREN GASTON, STATE PAROLE AND PROBATION  
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PROBATION EXECUTIVE, STATE OFFICE BUILDING, MONTGOMERY, WHO HAS  
FILES ON PAROLEES REFERRED TO HIS OFFICE UNDER AN INTERSTATE COMPACT  
AND ARE BROKEN DOWN REFLECTING STATE OF REFERRAL.

MOBILE CONTACT STEPHENS, <sup>and obtain the information</sup> ~~ALTHOUGH HE MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL~~  
~~TWENTYNINTH NEXT DUE TO STATE HOLIDAY TODAY.~~

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/22/68

Mrs. J. D. (ELIZABETH) WEEKS, 2201 Pioneer Drive, was interviewed at her place of employment, Sears Roebuck, Vestavia Hills, Birmingham, Alabama, and stated that she is the sister of MARLIN C. MYERS, who owns the Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, Birmingham, Alabama. Mrs. WEEKS stated that she took dance lessons between September 12, 1967, and October 3, 1967, at the Friendship Club, Graymont Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, on Tuesday evenings between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Mrs. WEEKS advised that her brother and sister-in-law were the instructors at these dance lessons. Mrs. WEEKS advised that the only reason she recalls an individual named ERIC GALT attending dance lessons at the Friendship Club, is that her sister, DORIS LADNER, told her his name. Mrs. WEEKS advised from what she can recall of this individual, he spoke very little and did not mingle with the other students. Mrs. WEEKS advised she never saw this individual in an automobile and does not recall if she ever saw him smoking.

Mrs. WEEKS described this individual as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Early 30's
Hair:	Brown, crew-cut
Height:	6'
Weight:	185 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Medium

Mrs. WEEKS advised she could not furnish any additional information concerning this individual.

On 4/17/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740-1363  
 by SA PETER JOHN BODKIN:mfl Date dictated 4/22/68

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FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

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Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA HORACE H. WILLIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReCGtel to Birmingham 4/19/68 (re Chevelle automobile with Alabama license 42-7866); BHtel to Chicago and Dallas, 4/24/68.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

TOMMY LEE HOLLINGSWORTH, Moulton, Ala., advised 4/22/68 no one received mail at her post office by the name of EDGAR F. BORDEN.

BH 412-C also advised he knew no one by the name of EDGAR F. BORDEN.

Attached is insert pertaining to investigation conducted in Lawrence, Marion, Franklin, and Winston Counties 4/19-24/68 relating to above-mentioned license tag and to marriage and divorce records in Winston, Marion, Franklin and Lawrence Counties.

It is noted that teletype was dictated 4/24/68 to Chicago and Dallas to further eliminate EDGAR F. BORDEN.

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SA ERIC L. WILSON

HOWARD DOIL WASHINGTON  
R-PROB (GHETTO)

Informant was contacted on the following dates, however, on all contacts he advised that nothing has come to his attention concerning any planned racial violence in the Tuscaloosa, Alabama area:

3-22-68

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4-23-68

Informant advised on the above 4-9-68 contact that the negro community of Tuscaloosa, Alabama was shocked by the recent death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, However, he has not heard of anything that would indicate planned reprisals for this death on the part of the negro community.

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TO DIRECTOR; ATLANTIC; BIRMINGHAM; MEMPHIS; NEW ORLEANS;

LOS ANGELES; SAN ANTONIO

FROM HOUSTON 44-1509

MURKIN

RE: LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN

REMYTEL LAST P.M.

LOMAX AND STEIN ARRIVED HOUSTON FOUR FIFTEEN P.M.,  
APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST AND ACCORDING TO EVERETT COLLIER,  
VP AND EDITOR, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, LOMAX AND STEIN SEARCHED  
FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE HOURS WITH A CHRONICLE REPORTER  
ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE THE PHONE BOOTH WHERE SUBJECT RAY  
ALLEGEDLY MADE CALL ON EVENING OF DEC. SIXTEEN, LAST.  
SEARCH WAS UNSUCCESSFUL, AND LOMAX AND STEIN ARE GOING TO  
MAKE ANOTHER SEARCH THIS MORNING. LOMAX HAS REQUESTED  
THE CHRONICLE TO PHOTOGRAPH THE PHONE BOOTH IF SAME IS LOCATED.  
MR. COLLIER, ALTHOUGH COOPERATING SO FAR WITH LOMAX AND  
STEIN, IN NOT SURE WHAT HIS POSITION WILL BE IN THIS REGARD

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SINCE HE DOES NOT BELIEVE STEIN CAN BE TOO ACCURATE IN LOCATING THE PHONE BOOTH. STEIN WAS DESCRIBED BY THE

CHRONICLE REPORTER AS EXTREMELY "VAGUE" AND NOT SURE OF THE AREA WHERE THE CALL WAS ALLEGEDLY MADE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT IF THE PHONE BOOTH IS NOT LOCATED LOMAX AND STEIN WILL FLY TO SAN ANTONIO LATER TODAY AND START LOOKING FOR THE PHONE BOOTH FROM SAN ANTONIO TOWARD HOUSTON ON INTERSTATE TEN. COLLIER ALSO ADVISED THAT NORTH AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ALLIANCE (NANA) HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH LOMAX TODAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF WRITING A STORY TODAY ABOUT STEIN'S TRIP FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS WITH RAY, AND HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RAY. COLLIER STATED HE THOUGHT NANA WAS CONTROLLED BY DREW PEARSON, THE COLUMNIST.

ALTHOUGH A CHECK OF THE POSSIBLE TELEPHONE BOOTHS IN THE HOUSTON VICINITY HAS FAILED TO LOCATE A LONG DISTANCE CALL ON DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT A CALL WAS MADE ON THE EVENING OF DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST FROM A

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TELEPHONE BOOTH IN THE AREA DESCRIBED BY STEIN TO NUMBER  
THREE ONE EIGHT DASH FOUR SEVEN SEVEN ZERO SIX ONE SIX,  
LAKE CHARLES, LA.

NEW ORLEANS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK OUT THIS TELEPHONE  
NUMBER.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE, KANSAS CITY AND  
MEMPHIS

FROM MIAMI 44-1854 /P/ 3 P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS  
CITY, SPRINGFIELD, MIAMI, APR. TWO FOUR LAST.

PAUL ALVIN LAIL, THREE FOUR BARBADOS, PALM SPRINGS, FLA., SAID  
HE KNEW RAY FOR THREE YEARS IN MO. STATE PEN BUT HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD  
FROM RAY SINCE HE GOT OUT A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS AGO.

LAIL SAID LEWIE "WHITEY" DOWDA WORKED WITH RAY IN KITCHEN MO.  
STATE PEN AND WOULD KNOW MUCH MORE ABOUT HIM. ALSO NEAL ABBEY WAS  
RAY'S REAL BUDDY AND WOULD REALLY KNOW MUCH MORE ABOUT RAY THAN ANYBODY  
ELSE. LAIL SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF ABBEY WAS IN OR OUT OF MO. STATE  
PEN.

LAIL ADVISED RAY ASSOCIATED WITH GROUP WHO KILLED NEGROES IN  
MO. STATE PEN BUT DOES NOT KNOW IF RAY WAS IN ON IT OR NOT. HE SAID  
RAY NOT RACIST BUT KNOWS HE DID NOT LIKE NEGROES AS MOST OF THE INMATES  
FELT THE SAME WAY ABOUT NEGROES.

LAIL ADVISED RAY WOULD BE HARD TO FIND AND FEELS THAT HE WILL  
HAVE A FORTYFIVE AUTOMATIC "STASHED" ON HIM AND WOULD NOT GIVE UP.

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ALSO RAY WOULD NOT HIDE OUT IN COUNTRY BECAUSE HE IS A "CITY BOY";  
HOWEVER, DOES NOT FEEL RAY WOULD GO FOR REALLY BIG CITIES BUT A PLACE  
ABOUT THE SIZE OF HOUSTON, TEXAS.

LAIL ADVISED LEO BARNETT, AN EX-CON FROM MO. STATE PEN AND  
BELIEVED IN JAIL SOMEWHERE IN FLA., HANDLED DOPE AND KNEW WHERE IT WAS  
COMING FROM AND WOULD KNOW IF RAY USED DOPE AND WHERE AND HOW HE  
GOT IT.

LAIL SAID FRED MILLER, A "CUT AND DRY CON" WHO WORKED IN THE TAG  
PLANT, WAS ONE OF THE LEADERS AND KNEW RAY WELL AND IF HE WOULD TALK  
HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FURNISH INFO ABOUT RAY. LAIL SAID RAY ASSOCIATED  
WITH OTHERS AND NOT LONER IN HIS OPINION.

LAIL RECALLED RAY ALWAYS WORE HIS HAIR CUT SHORT "BUTCH CUT" IN  
SUMMER AND LONG IN WINTER.

LAIL ADVISED HE WILL THINK ABOUT RAY SOME MORE, AND IF HE RECALLS  
ANYTHING WILL NOTIFY THIS OFFICE. LAIL SEEMED COOPERATIVE AND VERY  
INTERESTED IN REWARD MONEY.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ASCERTAIN AT MO. STATE PEN  
WHEREABOUTS OF FRED MILLER AND INTERVIEW ABOUT RAY OR SET OUT LEADS  
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DO HAVE INTERVIEWED. ALSO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS FORMER INMATE LEO BARNETT  
JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSEE, FLA., CONTACT BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS  
AND ASCERTAIN IF A LEO BARNETT, FORMER INMATE MO. STATE PEN, CONFINED  
ANYWHERE IN FLA.

FD THREE ZERO TWO'S BEING FURNISHED KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

CEB

FBI BIRMGHAM

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