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safe deposit boxes until 4:00 p.m. She stated that, according to the record of access to GALT's safe deposit box, he had entered the box at 2:32 p.m. on August 27, 1967, and stayed there for a period of seven minutes, having checked out at 2:37 p.m.

Mrs. REEDY advised that each time a customer goes to his box, either she or her assistant will go to the box with the customer to assist the customer in getting the box and the bank employee will then place his initials by the signature of the customer. She added that each time a customer enters the box he will sign the record of access. The record of access will be stamped showing the date and time the customer entered the box and the time the customer leaves.

Mrs. REEDY advised that, according to the record of access, GALT entered the box on dates and times set forth below and that DIANNE BATTLES, an employee of her section, assisted GALT in going to the box:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
August 28, 1967	2:32 p.m. to 2:37 p.m.
September 5, 1967	1:52 p.m. to 1:56 p.m.
September 21, 1967	11:04 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.

Mrs. REEDY advised that on September 28, 1967, her initials appear by GALT's signature, indicating she assisted GALT in going to the box on that date and that GALT was at the box from 10:16 a.m. to 10:19 a.m.

Mrs. REEDY stated that she recalls GALT's name; however, she was unable to recall anything specific concerning him and could not describe him. She is certain she would not be able to recognize him again if she saw him since she had only limited contact with him.

She advised that when GALT opened the account she does not recall any specific conversation with him and, since she did not make any notation on the contract as to where he was employed, she feels he probably told her he was self-employed, or possibly did not give her an answer to this question.

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Mrs. REEDY stated that the only other person in her section who may recall GALT is DIANNE BATTLE, who had been employed in this section until January 17, 1968, when she resigned from the bank.

Mrs. REEDY added that only she and one other employee are assigned to this section and, therefore, there is no one else in the section who would have known GALT.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/29/68

FROM : SA MARION B. HUMMEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re telephone call made on 12/16/67 from calling number 674-9761 to telephone number 881-2057 Huntsville, Alabama.

The cross reference directory for Greater Huntsville reflects that this telephone number 881-2057 is listed to HAROLD L. ESTELL, 2810 Elmore Road, SW, Huntsville, Alabama. The current city directory reflects that HAROLD L. ESTELL is employed as a foreman by the City Electric System, Huntsville, Alabama.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Huntsville reflect that HAROLD L. ESTELL and wife BOBBIE reside at 2810 Elmore Road SW. They were placed in the file of the Huntsville Credit Bureau in July of 1954 and was last checked in December of 1967. The file reflects a satisfactory credit rating, contains no derogatory information, and reflects that HAROLD L. ESTELL has been employed by Huntsville Utilities (City Electrical System) since 1953 and his present position is a foreman.

On 5/27/67, the writer contacted Mrs. HAROLD L. ESTELL, 2810 Elmore Road SW, Huntsville, Alabama. It was verified that her telephone number is 881-2057. Concerning a telephone call made to this telephone number on 12/16/67, Mrs. ESTELL advised that approximately at that time one of her daughter LINDA's friends by the name of VICKIE BELL had married a soldier by the name of BILLY PINKERTON

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who was formerly stationed at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. PINKERTON was transferred from Redstone to some base in Texas and he and VICKIE were en route to this new base. During this time, VICKIE BELL PINKERTON made several telephone calls back to the ESTELL family. These were the only long distance calls which the ESTELL family received during this period. Mrs. ESTELL advised that BILLY PINKERTON and VICKIE BELL are presently in England where he is assigned.

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TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 5/29/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LEE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Antonio airtel, 3/21/68.

On 5/27/68 a check was made of the Cullman City Directory, which reflected that telephone 734-7304 is listed to DWIGHT NELSON, Northwood Drive, Cullman, Alabama, whose occupation was listed as a trucker.

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On 5/27/68 Mrs. VIVIAN NELSON, wife of DWIGHT NELSON, was contacted at her place of employment, the Cullman Lingerie Company, and advised that her husband is a long-haul truck driver employed by CLAUDE EDWARDS in Cullman, Alabama. She stated he is presently out of state on a trip, and she did not know the exact date on which he would return to the Cullman area.

Mrs. NELSON stated that their home phone is 734-7304, and that it is entirely possible that she received a long distance phone call from the State of Texas, #661-9063, on 12/17/67 as she recalls that her husband during December was driving in and through the State of Texas frequently, and that he calls her nightly when on these trips. She stated she did not specifically recall receiving this call, but felt that she did possibly receive a long distance phone call from her husband from the State of Texas.

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TO : SAC (44-1740)

DATE: 5/30/68

FROM : SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re San Antonio Airtel to Director 5/21/68.

On 5/24/68 SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN and SA NEIL G. MARTIN contacted Mrs. JEFF BULLARD 2322 34th Ave. N. subscriber of B'ham telephone number 205-324-8051.

Mrs. BULLARD advised that the telephone call made to her on 12/17/67 from telephone # 223-0232, a pay phone in Texas, was made by her husband JEFF BULLARD, a long distance driver for Eagle Truck Lines.

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Mrs. BULLARD stated that her husband called her at least every other day while on the road and often called her from Texas. She produced her telephone statement for December, 1967 which indicated that she had received a collect call from JEFF on tele. # 223-0232.

In view of the fact that Mrs. BULLARD identified the caller as her husband no further action is indicated regarding her.

Other leads in re airtel are being handled by SA HUMMEL & SA LEE. Results of investigation should be consolidated in one communication and furnished OO.

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TO : SAC (44-1740)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of NC STEPHEN PIERCE.

M.E. HELMS 4113 N.68th St was contacted per his request on 4/19/68. HELMS advised that a person, whose name he did not know, had been employed by SALZMAN prior to the assassination of KING. HELMS advised that this person resembled the artists sketch he had seen on television. Mr. HELMS stated that he thought the artists sketch portrayed an older man than the person working at SALZMAN. HELMS stated he did not know the name of this person or where he lived.

HELMS viewed photos of ERIC S. GALT (JAMES EARL RAY) and stated that this was very definitely not the person who worked at SALZMAN.

In view of HELMS statement that Subject RAY and the former employee of SALZMAN are not identical no further investigation being conducted in this matter.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA (44-2386),
SAN DIEGO (44-387), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), SPRINGFIELD (44-561),
LAS VEGAS, LOUISVILLE, NEW ORLEANS (157-10653), JACKSON
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (12P)

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RE JAMES C. HARDIN

AN AGGRESSIVE, PENETRATING, LENGTHY INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED
THIS DATE WITH ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.
THOMPSON ADVISED HE KNOWS THE INDIVIDUAL, WHOM HE PREVIOUSLY
REFUSED TO IDENTIFY, BY THE NAME OF "FITZ". HE ADVISED HE WAS
APPROACHED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL AT THE RABBIT'S FOOT BAR A FEW DAYS
AGO BUT COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFIC DATE. HE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL
SAID, "YOUR MR. THOMPSON, AREN'T YOU?" AND THEN
PROCEEDED TO ASK IF THOMPSON WAS INTERESTED IN SPLITTING THE
REWARD MONEY OFFERED IN THE DR. MARTIN KING, JR. MURDER.
THOMPSON SAID HE TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL HE WAS NOT INTERESTED. DURING
THE COURSE OF SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, THOMPSON SAID "FITZ"
TOLD HIM HE HAD OBSERVED JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC GALT, AND
ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL SITTING TOGETHER, ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION AT
A LOCAL BAR, THE NAME OF WHICH WAS NOT MENTIONED. THOMPSON
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SAID THAT "FITZ" TOLD HIM RAY CALLED THIS INDIVIDUAL "J. C." THOMPSON SAID THE NAME "J. C." PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS AS SET OUT IN LA TEL OF FIVE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT, THAT IS, RAY BEING CALLED TWICE, POSSIBLE THREE TIMES, BY JAMES C. HARDIN FROM NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA.

THOMPSON SAID THAT HE HAS SEEN "FITZ" ON AN INFREQUENT BASIS VICINITY OF THE HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN AREA, LOS ANGELES, DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HE ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OF "FITZ", HIS RESIDENCE, PAST OR PRIOR, HIS AUTOMOBILE, OR HIS EMPLOYMENT, IF ANY. THOMPSON SAID AT SOME TIME AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, HE BELIEVES HE EXPELLED "FITZ" AND ANOTHER CAUCASIAN MALE FROM THE PARKING LOT OF THE ST. FRANCIS WHERE THEY WERE SLEEPING IN AN AUTOMOBILE. THOMPSON SAID IT WAS ON THIS OCCASION THAT HE LEARNED OF THIS INDIVIDUALS NAME IN THAT THE PERSON WITH WHOM HE WAS SLEEPING CALLED HIM "FITZ". THOMPSON ADVISED HE BELIEVED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS THE SUBJECT OF A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST BECAUSE WHEN THOMPSON TOLD HIM TO CONTACT THE FBI, "FITZ" TOLD HIM THAT HE COULDN'T. HE DESCRIBED "FITZ" AS CAUCASIAN MALE, THIRTY SEVEN - FORTY TWO, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WORN SHORT AS IN CREW CUT, HABITUALLY WEARS SPORT SHIRT WITH CHEAP SLACKS.

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THOMPSON SAID WHENEVER AND WHEREVER HE OBSERVES "FITZ", HE WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE FBI.

THOMPSON REITERATED THE INFORMATION AS SET OUT IN LA TELETYPE. HE ADDED ONLY THAT HE BELIEVES THE VOICE OF THE PERSON CALLING ON THE TELEPHONE WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JAMES C. HARDIN, AND THE VOICE OF THE PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS MR. HARDIN AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AFTER THE TELEPHONE CALLS, TO BE IDENTICAL. HE SAID THAT ON ONE OCCASION HE HEARD THE OPERATOR AND A PERSON WHOM SHE CALLED "MR. HARDIN" CONVERSE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR GALT.

THOMPSON VIEWED THE FBI FACIAL IDENTIFICATION CATALOG IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF HARDIN.

THOMPSON DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS CAUCASIAN MALE, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AT ARIZONA, FIVE FOOT ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, BROWN GREYING HAIR, PARTIALLY BALD, HAZEL EYES, USMC NINETEEN FORTY TWO - NINETEEN FORTY SIX.

THOMPSON CLAIMS HE HAS FURNISHED ALL INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER CONCERNING BOTH "FITZ" AND JAMES C. HARDIN. HE STATES THAT HE BELIEVES THAT HE COULD IDENTIFY A PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES C. HARDIN. EFFORTS TO LOCATE "FITZ" ARE CONTINUING.

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RESULTS OF IDENTIFICATION CATALOG REGARDING JAMES C. HARDIN
ARE AS FOLLOWS.

- A. K A FOUR - TWELVE
- B. K B ONE - ONE
- C. K C ONE - FIVE
- D. K D ONE - TWO
- E. K E THREE - FOURTEEN
- F. K F ONE - ONE
- G. K G ONE - SEVEN
- H. K H TWO - ONE
- J. K J FIVE - THREE
- K. K K FOUR - SEVEN
- L. ZERO
- M. ZERO
- N. O N ONE - TEN

GENERAL DESCRIPTION IS SEX- MALE, AGE THIRTY FIVE- FORTY
RACE CAUCASIAN, COMPLEXION- COARSE SKIN, DARK, HEIGHT FIVE FT.
SEVEN INCHES - FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, WEIGHT ONE FORTY - ONE FIFTY,
SLENDER BUILD, COLOR OF EYES DARK, COLOR OF HAIR DARK.

FURNISH RESULT TO LOS ANGELS AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

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RE MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE (FEBRUARY ONE TO MARCH ONE LAST.)
LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT RECEIVED MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST,
BY C. M. HEDGPETH AT FOUR ZERO SIX SOUTH SECOND, ALHAMBRA,
CALIFORNIA, OPERATOR OF CONFIDENTIAL MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE CON-
TRACTED FOR DURING FEBRUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, BY JAMES EARL RAY.
LETTER READ QUOTE SHOW ME FIRST YOU MEAN BUSINESS UNQUOTE.
LETTER SIGNED TONI, INITIAL C, INITIAL A, RETURN ADDRESS POST
OFFICE BOX SIX FOUR THREE, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA. (APPARENTLY
IN RESPONSE TO GALT AD IN FREE PRESS.)

KENT ABRAMS INTERVIEWED MAY TWENTY NINE INSTANT, AND ADVISED
HE RENTED POST OFFICE BOX ON OR ABOUT APRIL ONE LAST FOR FRIEND
PLANNING TO OPERATE BUSINESS UTILIZING COMPUTER ANALYSIS TO
LOCATE COMPATIBLE MARRIAGE PARTNERS. ABRAMS CLAIMS BUSINESS
NEVER ACTIVATED AND NO MAIL RECEIVED AT POST OFFICE BOX,
OR SENT WITH THAT RETURN ADDRESS. ABRAMS ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW
RAY AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THE COMPUTER BUSINESS
HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING HIM. COMPUTER BUSINESS ORGANIZED BY
BOU A. GLENN AND THREE OF HIS FELLOW EMPLOYEES, ALL EMPLOYED
AT THE ROCKETDYNE DIVISION OF NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, CANOGA
PARK, CALIFORNIA. GLENN AND ASSOCIATES IN COMPUTER BUSINESS
BEING INTERVIEWED.

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO LOS ANGELES, MAY TWENTY NINE,
CAPTIONED FRANCES E. RAY.

ON MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, FEMALE, USING NAME FRANCES E.
RAY, ADDRESS SIX ONE FOUR NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA,
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LOS ANGELES FBI AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS,
PD. CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF JERRY RAY.

FRANCES E. RAY WHO CLAIMS SHE IS A SECOND COUSIN TO JAMES
EARL RAY INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. STATED RELATED TO JAMES EARL
RAY BUT DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS OR
ACTIVITIES OR THAT SHE HAS EVER MET HIM.

SHE IS A SELF DASH PROFESSED ALCOHOLIC, AND ADVISED
TELEPHONIC CONTACT MADE WITH FBI, LOS ANGELES, AND POLICE OF
QUINCY, ILLINOIS, BECAUSE SHE FELT VERY DEPRESSED FOR SUBJECT RAY.

FRANCES RAY ADVISED SHE IS DIVORCED AND HAS RESIDED IN LOS
ANGELES SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE AND IS PRESENTLY RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

NORMA JEAN DOUGLAS, SIX THREE ONE NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGTON PARK,
DAUGHTER OF FRANCES E. RAY, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, DISCLAIMED ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES AND ADVISES FRANCES E.
RAY IS A CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC AND PRONE TO FREQUENT CRANK TELEPHONE
CALLS.

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RE: WILLIAM A. MARSHALL (CONSIDER AS ARMED AND DANGEROUS)

COVINA PD FURNISHED FIVE CARDS BEARING PARTIAL LATENT PRINTS TAKEN FROM SIXTY SEVEN GOLD COLOR BLACK TOP PLYMOUTH BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE U T W ZERO ONE TWO RECOVERED AT COVINA. ALSO FURNISHED CHECK IN AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS SIGNED W. L. DE LUCA, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ALLEN A. KRAUSE. KRAUSE HAD ACCEPTED THIS CHECK TO COMPENSATE HIM FOR COLLISION DAMAGES AFTER ACCIDENT IN COVINA, MAY FIFTEEN LAST. PRINTS AND CHECK BEING FORWARDED FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION. ALSO FURNISHED GULF OIL COMPANY GASOLINE INVOICE DATES MAY FIFTEEN LAST FOUND IN PLYMOUTH RECOVERED AT COVINA REFLECTING PURCHASE AT HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, UNDER NAME OF WILLIAM L. DE LUCA, CALIFORNIA LICENSE U T W ONE ZERO TWO ALSO FORWARDED FOR EXAMINATION.

ALLEN KRAUSE DESCRIBED DRIVER OF PLYMOUTH AS WMA, AGE THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES OR SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TO SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, STOCKY BUILD, BLACK STRAIGHT HAIR, WELL SHAVEN, BUT EVIDENCE OF HEAVY BEARD AND AT TIME OF ACCIDENT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY YOUTH DESCRIBED AS WHITE, AGE FOURTEEN TO SIXTEEN YEARS, TALL, BLOND CURLY HAIR, ALLEGEDLY HIS NEPHEW, NO NAME GIVEN. "DE LUCA" CLAIMED ON WAY TO LAS VEGAS. KRAUSE REPORTED ACCIDENT AND FACT THAT CHECK WAS FRAUDULENT AFTER CHECK RETURNED TO HIM BY BANK.

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MARSHALL WHEN OBTAINING CAR AT CHULA VISTA WAS DESCRIBED AS WMA, AGE FORTY TO FORTY FIVE, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE TO EIGHTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR, FAIR TO MEDIUM COMPLEXION.

ACCORDING TO COVINA PD, CHULA VISTA PD SUSPECTS THAT WILLIAM H. MARSHALL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIVE ARMED ROBBERIES OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS IN CHULA VISTA AREA. PERSON OF MARSHALL'S DESCRIPTION HAD CONTACTED REAL ESTATE AGENTS ABOUT HOME PURCHASE AS PRETEXT BEFORE ROBBING THEM. ALSO FOUND IN CAR WAS KEY OF S. S. WHEELER APTS, BALBOA, CALIFORNIA WITH NUMBER FOUR ON IT.

ON MAY TWENTY NINE LAST, DARLENE E. DE LUCA, MRS. WILLIAM LAWRENCE DE LUCA, EIGHT FOUR TWO TWO ALVARDO DRIVE, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT AT TWO PM ON MAY FIFTEEN LAST, A MAN SHE DESCRIBED AS WHM, EARLY THIRTIES, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, DRIVING A GOLD AND BLACK CAR CAME TO HER HOME IN RESPONSE TO A SIGN IN FRONT INDICATING IT WAS FOR SALE BY OWNER. THE MAN INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN BUYING THE HOME AND MRS. DE LUCA LEFT HIM IN HER LIVING ROOM AND WENT TO MAKE TELEPHONE CALL TO ARRANGE FOR A LATER APPOINTMENT.

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TO HANDLE DETAILS OF SALE. WAS GONE FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES AND WHEN RETURNED MAN INDICATED HE WOULD OBTAIN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH AND RETURN FOLLOWING DAY TO HANDLE DETAILS. AFTER MAN LEFT, MRS. DE LUCA DISCOVERED HER CHECK BOOK AND NUMEROUS CREDIT AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND HER DRIVERS LICENSE HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM HER PURSE WHICH HAD BEEN IN THE LIVING ROOM.

MRS. DE LUCA REPORTED THEFT TO HUNTINGTON BEACH PD. MRS. DE LUCA CONTACTED BY DETECTIVE WOODRUM, VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA, PD, ON MAY TWENTY LAST, INDICATING A MAN ATTEMPTED TO PASS A CHECK FOR TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, VICTORVILLE, AND WHILE TELLER VERIFYING ACCOUNT MAN LEFT THE BANK. DETECTIVE WOODRUM HAS CHECK DRAWN ON ACCOUNT OF W. L. DE LUCA AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, LAKEWOOD PLAZA BRANCH, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

ON MAY TWENTY NINE, MRS. DE LUCA RECEIVED LETTER FROM PERRY'S COUNTRY STORE AND RESTAURANT, P. O. BOX FORTY FIVE BONSALL (SAN DIEGO COUNTY), CALIFORNIA, WHICH LETTER ENCLOSED ALL HER SUPERMARKET IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHS, WHICH HAD BEEN AMONG ITEMS STOLEN.

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SHE STATED SHE CALLED MR. PERRY THIS DATE WHO ADVISED HER THE IDENTIFICATION CARD AND PHOTOGRAPHS WERE LEFT ON A TABLE IN HIS RESTAURANT BY A LONE WOMAN CUSTOMER.

MRS. DE LUCA ADVISED HER MONTGOMERY WARD, J. C. PENNEY'S, ATLANTIC DASH RICHFIELD, SHELL, MOBIL, AND GULF CREDIT CARDS STILL MISSING.

MRS. DE LUCA EXAMINED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AND INDICATED PHOTO SOMEWHAT RESEMBLED MAN WHO STOLE HER IDENTIFICATION BUT COULD NOT MAKE ANY IDENTIFICATION.

INQUIRY AT VICTORVILLE PD ASCERTAINED THAT WOODRUM HAS TAKEN LEAVE UNTIL MONDAY NEXT AND IS UNAVAILABLE. EFFORTS TO LOCATE CHECK IN PD RECORDS NEGATIVE. BANK PERSONNEL NOT AVAILABLE AT VICTORVILLE UNTIL FRIDAY NEXT.

WALTER DE PRIEST MAINTENANCE MAN, SS WHEELER APARTMENTS, ONE ONE ONE FIVE EAST BALBOA BOULEVARD, BALBOA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED MAY TWENTY NINE LAST THAT A REVIEW OF RECORDS OF ABOVE APARTMENTS REVEALS THAT ONE J. A. WARREN ATTEMPTED TO RENT APARTMENT FOUR, WHEELER APARTMENTS APPROXIMATELY FIVE TWENTY LAST AT ABOUT TEN AM TO ELEVEN AM, ACCOMPANIED BY INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS HIS NEPHEW. WARREN STAYED ONLY APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS WITHOUT
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PAYING RENT AND THEN DEPARTED MAKING EXCUSES HE WAS GOING TO BANK TO SECURE FUNDS FOR RENT. HE TOOK KEY TO APARTMENT FOUR AND DID NOT RETURN IT. AT TIME OF REGISTRATION WARREN INDICATED RESIDENCE OF ONE TWO ONE EAST "G" STREET, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS DRIVING LATE MODEL PLYMOUTH FURY, BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW ONE ZERO TWO. DE PRIEST HAS RECOLLECTION VEHICLE WAS TWO TONED GOLD IN COLOR. WARREN ADVISED IN CONVERSATION HE WAS EMPLOYED BY INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY AND WAS BEING SENT TO AFRICA BY THAT COMPANY.

WARREN DESCRIBED AS WMA, FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, TO NINE INCHES, DARK BROWN GRAYING HAIR, RUDDY COMPLEXION, WORE TROUSERS AND SHIRT. HAD NO LUGGAGE IN POSSESSION.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPANYING WARREN, NAME NOT GIVEN, DESCRIBED AS WMA, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION, WORE SPORT CLOTHES.

PHOTO OF RAY EXHIBITED TO DE PRIEST AND STATES NOT IDENTICAL WITH WARREN. PHOTO OF RAY ALSO EXHIBITED MRS. LAVERNE WHEELER, OWNER ABOVE APARTMENTS, WHO STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL NOT RECOGNIZED BY HER AS RESIDING WHEELER APARTMENTS.

LOS ANGELES WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE INDIVIDUAL
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WHO STOLE ONE NINE SIX SEVEN PLYMOUTH AND WILL SECURE
AND FORWARD CHECK FROM VICTORVILLE TO LABORATORY.

SAN DIEGO AT BONSALL ASCERTAIN FULL FACTS CONCERNING
RETURN OF MRS. DE LUCA'S IDENTIFICATION MATERIAL FROM PERRY'S
COUNTRY STORE ALSO NOTE ADDRESS AT CHULA VISTA AS GIVEN AT
BALBOA WHEN INDIVIDUAL UTILIZED NAME WARREN.

SPRINGFIELD THROUGH JERRY RAY ASCERTAIN HOW WELL KNOWN A
RELATIVE FRANCES RAY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA MIGHT BE.
ALSO NOTE SAME USE OF NAME OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY AT
BALBOA BY THE WM. MARSHALL INDIVIDUAL UTILIZING NAME WARREN
AS WAS USED FIVE FOURTEEN LAST AT CHULA VISTA IN SAN DIEGO
TEL FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, COPY YOUR OFFICE.

LAS VEGAS CONTACT SO AND LAS VEGAS PD CONCERNING
WILLIAM A. MARSHALL WITH ALIASES TO DETERMINE IF SIMILAR M.O.
AS DESCRIBED BY CHULA VISTA PD IS BEING NOW USED AT LAS VEGAS.
SAN DIEGO TEL FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTY EIGHT FURNISHED LAS VEGAS.

COPIES OF THIS TEL FURNISHED OTHER OFFICES IN VIEW OF INFO
RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

INVESTIGATION ALL PHASES CONTINUING AT LOS ANGELES.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-1740)

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: ME

Re Memo of SA PETER JOHN BODKIN 5/25/68.

BUDDY SANDERS, Clay, Alabama was interviewed 5/27/68 by SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN and SA NEIL G. MARTIN. SANDERS advised that his true name is JAMES WOODROW SANDERS. He stated he had no information concerning this case but knew a person named BILLY REECE who had lived at CHERPES rooming house and who was supposed to have known RAY.

On 5/28/68 BILLY REECE was interviewed at his home 317 Plaza drive by SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN and SA WILLIAN A. SAUCIER. REECE advised that he had resided at CHERPES rooming house during the First or second week in November 1967. He stated that he had mentioned to his friend BUDDY SANDERS that he had lived in the same rooming house as JAMES EARL RAY. REECE stated he did not know RAY and cannot remember ever seeing him. He stated he had no information concerning RAY.

RAY REECE stated in November he went on a drunk had a fight with his father and moved into the rooming house for a week.

Based on the fact that REECE and RAY resided at CHERPES at different periods of time and REECE claims no knowledge of RAY no further investigation is being conducted in regard to this matter.

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AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, TAMPA

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the evening of 5/27/68, DYRELL DENNIS, previously described as girlfriend of subject JAMES EARL RAY and interviewed by the Milwaukee Division, telephonically contacted the Milwaukee Office and advised she urgently needed to talk to SA WILLIAM Y. DORAN. Upon contacting DENNIS, she advised she had just left a bar known as the New Yorker on 605 North Fifth Street where she had observed three men. She stated that one of the men was familiar to her, and she recognized him as being from the Hollywood Blvd. and Western Blvd. area of Los Angeles, California, and that he was living in that area and frequenting the same bars as she during the same period of time that she knew JAMES EARL RAY to be living in that neighborhood. She stated the man had changed his appearance from that of a stumblebum in California to that of a businessman in Milwaukee. In the conversation with DENNIS, she indicated there may be some connection between JAMES EARL RAY and the above-described man, whom she could not identify by name.

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On the same date, GEORGE BEMIS, Bartender, New Yorker Bar, 605 North Fifth Street, advised he recalled three men being in his cafe at approximately the time DENNIS had called the Milwaukee Office. He stated the three men were merchant seamen operating on the Great Lakes and had mentioned that they would be shipping out in the early AM of 5/28/68.

Following the interview with GEORGE BEMIS, efforts were made to locate and interview the three unknown males, which efforts were successful.

The man described by DYRELL DENNIS was determined to be ROSS WESLEY STEVENS, who gave his home address as 1021 Highview Drive, Lake Wales, Florida. He stated he was a steward aboard the Edward S. Kendrick, a ship belonging to the Wilson Line, Cleveland, Ohio. During the course of the interview, STEVENS denied ever having been in Los Angeles, California, denied knowing DYRELL DENNIS, and denied any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY. STEVENS is further described as a white male, 5'9", 180 lbs., date of birth [redacted], brown hair, brown eyes (note: color of eyes listed as brown on his Florida Driver's License; however, visual observation relates eyes are gray).

On reinterview with DYRELL DENNIS, she stated she does not feel she is mistaken in stating she knew this individual by sight in Los Angeles, California, during early March, 1968.

LEADS

CLEVELAND DIVISION

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will contact Wilson Line Shipping Company and through records of that Company, attempt to determine whereabouts of ROSS WESLEY STEVENS during March, 1968.

TAMPA DIVISION

AT LAKE WALES, FLORIDA

Will conduct credit and criminal re ROSS WESLEY STEVENS and make appropriate inquiries to determine authenticity of his story.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740)

DATE: 5/30/68

FROM : SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 5/29/68 GLYNN WEST, General Mgr., Birmingham A's, Rickwood Stadium, was contacted by SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN & SA NEIL G. MARTIN. Mr. WEST made arrangements for IO distribution to Rickwood personnel concerning JAMES EARL RAY. Arrangements were made for personal contact with appropriate personnel on the evening of 5/29/68.

On 5/29/68 SA SCHWEIN & SA PATRICK MOYNIHAN contacted the below listed personnel of Rickwood concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

1. JAMES H. BALL, Head of Concessions
2. TONY ANTHONY, Gatekeeper.
3. JOE DRAKE Head Usher
4. Mrs. SUE OLIVER, Refreshment Stand
5. Pt1. BILL WILLIAMS BPD (Assigned to Ball games)
6. Pt1. "BUNNY" BOYD BPD, (Assigned to Ball games.)

The above listed persons were furnished ~~IOSS~~ Identification orders including extra copies for the people working in their respective departments.

Mr. WEST stated the ball club is ~~averaging~~ averaging appx. 750 persons per game. With the end of school he expects the crowds to pick up to appx. 1200 per game. He advised Agents are welcome to enter the park at any time and need only show their identification to the gatekeeper.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 5/29/68

FROM: *JMS* SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The Bureau by communication dated 5/22/68 advised as follows pertaining to rewards offered:

"In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the 'Commercial Appeal,' Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the 'Commercial Appeal' and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has underwritten the reward up to a total of \$100,000."

In addition to information furnished all agents by memo 4/22/68 as to RAY's known locations at that time, there follows a summary of his whereabouts prior to disappearance in Atlanta on 4/5/68 as furnished by the Memphis Office:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Place</u>
4/23/67	Escape	Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri

- 1 - SAC
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Place</u>
7/18/67	Harkay Apts., \$450 lease, 7/18/67 - 1/18/68, H. ROTHMAN, owner, \$75 per month. GALT skipped out.	Montreal, Canada
7/26/67	Canadian Postal Money Order	Montreal, Canada
8/26/67	2608 Highland Avenue (rented room)	Birmingham, Alabama
8/28/68	Birmingham Trust National Bank (rented safety deposit box)	Birmingham, Alabama
8/29-30/67	Bought Mustang from WILLIAM D. PAISLEY	Birmingham, Alabama
9/12/67	Continental Dance Club Studio, aka Friendship Club	Birmingham, Alabama
10/3/67	Photographic Equipment to Galt (per records Superior Bulk Film Co., Chicago)	Birmingham, Alabama
10/4/67	Operator, rooming house (P. CHERPES) signed for package for GALT	Birmingham, Alabama
10/5/67	GALT typed letter from Birmingham Highland Avenue address returning camera to Chicago	Birmingham, Alabama
10/7/67	Approximate departure	Birmingham, Alabama
10/18/67	Letter from Film Company (above) returned to Chicago from Birmingham address	--

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Place</u>
10/19 - 11/16/67	Room 212, Motel Rio, Morelos 86	Puerto Villarta Jalisco, Mexico
10/22/67	Superior Bulk Film Co., Chicago, records show typed letter from GALT asking refund be sent Hotel Rio, Puerto Villarta, Jalisco, Mexico	
11/7-13/67	Hotel "Tropicana" (Rm.417)	Puerto Villarta
11/17/67 - 1/18/68	1535 North Serrano (Apt. 6)	Los Angeles, Calif.
11/20/67	Records Chicago Film Co. (above) show GALT asked refund be sent 1535 North Serrano	Los Angeles, Calif.
12/17-19/67	Provincial Motel (GALT)	New Orleans, La.
1/22 - 3/17/68	St. Francis Hotel, 5533 North Hollywood Blvd.	Los Angeles, Calif.
12/17 - 2/12/68	National Dance Studios	Los Angeles, Calif.
1/19 - 3/2/68	International School of Bartending	Los Angeles, Calif.
3/24/68	113 14th Street, NE (rooming house); GALT last seen by landlord approximately 3/31/68	Atlanta, Georgia
3/29/30-68	Purchase of Weapon (HARVEY LOWMEYER), Aero-Marine Supply	Birmingham, Alabama
4/1/68	Piedmont Laundry (GALT) No starch in clothes	Atlanta, Georgia

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Place</u>
4/3/68	Rebel Motel (ERIC S. GALT); departed prior to 1:00 p.m., 4/4/68	Memphis, Tennessee
4/4/68	Rooming house (JOHN WILLARD), South Main Street, in about 3:00 p.m.	Memphis, Tennessee
4/5/68	Last seen a.m. of 4/5/68, Piedmont Laundry, parking Mustang	Atlanta, Georgia

For your further information, the Bureau advised by airtel 5/21/68 as follows:

"For your information and investigative assistance, subject JAMES EARL RAY has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

"This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases."

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)
RE: MURKIN

Re: JAMES PAUL THORNTON

Atlanta summary teletype of 5/24/68, requested advice concerning THORNTON who is now residing in Atlanta.

The following was obtained from the now closed file in the Birmingham Office relating to THORNTON (BH 157-631; Atlanta 157-770; Los Angeles 157-691, 157-855; and BUFILE 157-1660), which also has to do with the American States Rights Party, an off-shoot of the National States Rights Party:

During 1963, THORNTON was residing in Garden Grove, California, and was assisting in the publication of the NSRP of California organ, "The Attack," P. O. Box 641, Santa Ana, California. On page 8, of the report of SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN, Los Angeles, 1/14/64, it appeared that THORNTON left for Birmingham, on 1/6/64. Birmingham file reflects he left Birmingham in November, 1964, to return to Garden Grove, California. Birmingham file relating to THORNTON was closed upon receipt of information from Los Angeles (157-691) that he had been inducted into the U. S. Army on 6/15/65, at Los Angeles, Serial No. 56386553, and assigned to duty at Ft. Polk, Louisiana. He is not known to have returned to Birmingham, and since NSRP headquarters had been moved from Birmingham, there would have been no reason for him to have done so.

From the above, it does ^{not} appear that any association of RAY with THORNTON could have occurred in Birmingham, since RAY was confined during the period of THORNTON's residence there.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SPRINGFIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/24/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/25/68 - 5/22/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, Aka - FUGITIVE; IO 4182 WF 442-A TOP TEN FUGITIVE; DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III	TYPED BY sjs
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCES:

Bureau airtel to All Offices, dated 5/7/68.

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SPRINGFIELD DIVISION
At Springfield, Illinois.

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								PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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Will continue efforts to locate subject RAY.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Information copies sent Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, and St. Louis Divisions in view of pending investigation in those Divisions.

No leads are being set forth in this report as they have been and are being set out by more expeditious communications.

For the sake of brevity, the body of this report does not contain the voluminous negative information obtained by the Springfield Division during the period of this report. This information is a matter of record in the Springfield Division and reflects negative information re:

- (1) ERIC STARVO GALT, agency checks; barge lines; dance studios
- (2) Laundry checks
- (3) Agency checks re HARVEY LOWMYER or LOWMEYER
- (4) Canvass of unsolved bank robberies in the Springfield Division
- (5) Canvass of law enforcement agencies re unidentified latent fingerprints
- (6) Automobiles stolen from the State of Georgia
- (7) Possible suspects and lookalikes which originated and were resolved wholly within the Springfield Division
- (8) Nonproductive interviews as a result of various telephone and mail coverage

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- (9) Contacts with informants and sources, Springfield Division
- (10) Surveillances of subject's family and associates, Springfield Division

During the course of this investigation, appropriate dissemination has been made by the Springfield Division to all law enforcement agencies and mass media contacts within the Division.

Interviews with SI 1656-C

On March 25, 1968, a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, made at Missouri Department of Corrections on March 17, 1960 was exhibited by SA ELYON H. DAVIS to SI 1656-C. Informant advised that the photograph was familiar to him and was someone that he thought he had known in St. Louis, Missouri, in either 1959 or 1960. Informant stated that he had never seen RAY to his knowledge in Quincy, Illinois. Informant advised that he is very close to WALTER TERRY RIFE and sees RIFE on a daily basis. He advised that RIFE had been living at the home of his brother, LONNIE RIFE at Baylis, Illinois, however, in February, 1967, WALTER TERRY RIFE had started running the restaurant in the Virginia Hotel, in Quincy, Illinois. Informant advised that he would contact WALTER RIFE and determine if RIFE knew anything concerning RAY's whereabouts. Informant advised that he did not feel that WALTER RIFE would cooperate with the Federal authorities inasmuch as it was RIFE's nature to not cooperate with police. Informant advised that WALTER RIFE had been working on a daily basis at the Virginia Hotel in Quincy, and informant knew that in the recent past, RAY has not been in contact with WALTER RIFE.

On April 7, 1968, SI 1656-C was recontacted by SA ELYON H. DAVIS concerning JAMES EARL RAY. Informant advised that he had contacted WALTER TERRY RIFE on several occasions since last contacted and that WALTER RIFE had no information as to the present whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised

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that WALTER TERRY RIFE had told him he had not seen RAY since RIFE left Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary in 1957.

On April 19, 1968, SI 1656-C was contacted by SA ELYON H. DAVIS and SA THOMAS M. SCHOENHOFER and was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, made at Missouri Department of Corrections on March 17, 1960, as well as a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT. Informant advised that he has never to his knowledge seen this individual in the Quincy, Illinois area. He advised that he had been contacting WALTER TERRY RIFE almost on a daily basis and that this individual is definitely not with JAMES EARL RAY at the present time. The informant advised that he is certain that WALTER TERRY RIFE was working at his restaurant at the Virginia Hotel during the period from March 29, 1968 through April 4, 1968. Informant advised that he cannot remember exactly where he had ever seen RAY, however, he feels it was in bars located on Olive Street in St. Louis, Missouri, and to the best of his knowledge, it would have been sometime around 1959 or 1960. The informant advised that he is certain that RAY has not been in the Quincy area in the recent past or else the informant would know of it.

Informant advised that he personally is acquainted with all of the Country Music Night Clubs in the Quincy, Illinois general area and visits these places quite frequently and he is certain that RAY has not recently been to any of these night clubs.

Informant was instructed to work full time concerning the development of any information concerning the whereabouts, activities or background concerning RAY.

Interviews with SI 1661-R-Prob:

On May 1, 1968, SI 1661-R-Prob was exhibited the photograph of an unknown male allegedly resembling the subject in this matter taken at a Minutemen Meeting. Informant was unable to identify this individual as being anyone he has come in contact with within the Minutemen Organization.

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Re Prior Threats to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On May 3, 1968, Mrs. EUGENE WALDON (protect), Route 3, West Frankfort, Illinois, mother of JOHN C. MEDIZER, advised her son is presently residing at 5506 E. R. L. Thronton (possibly Thornton) Freeway, Dallas, Texas.

During the course of this investigation, WILLIAM HICKLE, Service Representative, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Quincy, Illinois, (whose identity should be protected,) has furnished information affording appropriate coverage of all of subject RAY's family and associates in the Springfield Division. All leads derived from this source have been checked and telephone subscribers eliminated as having no connection with this matter.

Records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, should they be needed in the future, can be obtained through the issuance of a Subpoena Duces Tecum directed to Mr. HICKLE.

It should be noted that the investigative period of this report precedes the date of KING's assassination; this fact due to Springfield Division's prior investigative interest in JAMES EARL RAY, SI file 88-5361, Bufile 88-41730, entitled "JAMES EARL RAY, Aka - Fugitive, UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III

Office: Springfield

Date:

May 24, 1968

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #:

44-38861

Title:

JAMES EARL RAY

IO 4182

WF 442-A

TOP TEN FUGITIVE

Character:

DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -

VICTIM

Synopsis:

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Springfield files reflect HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER located and interviewed and determined not identical with subject in this case. Birth and other pertinent records located for subject JAMES EARL RAY. Numerous files reviewed re family of JAMES EARL RAY and those within Springfield Division located and interviewed. Prison records checked re RAY. Contact being maintained with all relatives at this time. Information developed and furnished re actual and alleged past associates of RAY. Interviews with possible fellow inmates of RAYs at Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois, negative. Information developed and set forth re BENNY K. PINKSTON and JOHN C. MEDIZER, who have made prior threats against MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Investigation conducted to eliminate numerous possible suspects and lookalikes to JAMES EARL RAY. Wife of ROBERT HOOD STRADER located and interviewed. Investigation continuing to locate CECIL RAY. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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I. HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER

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On April 8, 1968, a check of Springfield Division indices reflected a reference to HARVEY LOHMEYER, white male, age 23 in 1955; 5' 8" tall; FBI #730 979A; home address, Palmyra, Illinois.

On April 13, 1968, a recheck of the records of the Illinois State Prison Farm, Vandalia, Illinois, regarding the sentence served by HARVEY LOHMEYER, inmate number 33316, FBI # 730 979A, was verified as June 5, 1951 to October 20, 1951. LOHMEYER was sentenced from Adams County, Quincy, Illinois, on a charge of riot.

His previous identification and arrest record contains only an arrest on August 10, 1959, by Adams County Sheriff's Office on the charge of robbery and the disposition for the charge is shown as "pending". His inmate number 33316 and FBI number 730 979A do not show other sentences at this institution for this person under the name LOHMEYER or in the alias file.

Also, on April 13, 1968, the records of the penitentiary show HARVEY LOHMEYER, Illinois State Penitentiary Menard Number 24525, received at Menard, May 19, 1955, to serve 2 to 5 years on a charge of burglary. He was paroled July, 1958. A review of the file for associates and correspondents reflects no information that LOHMEYER associated or corresponded with ERIC GALT.

On April 13, 1968, THOMAS R. LOHMEYER, DONALD L. LOHMEYER, WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR, all brothers of HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI #730 979 A were interviewed and all presently reside in Quincy, Illinois area. DONALD L. LOHMEYER is employed by Durst Dairy at Quincy, Illinois, and was working during period March 29, 1968 and April 4, 1968 and his attendance at work was verified. THOMAS R. LOHMEYER and WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR. are both employed by Monogram Industries, Quincy, Illinois, and both were in Quincy, Illinois, from March 29, to April 4, 1968.

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On April 12, 1968, investigation was conducted in the Quincy, Illinois area in an effort to locate HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI #730 979A.

Investigation showed that HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER has not been in the Quincy area for many years and that his last known place of residence was somewhere in the State of California.

On April 13, 1968, the records of the Quincy, Illinois Police Department, were reviewed and showed the following records for brothers of HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER:

WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR.

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Quincy, Illinois
Height	5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	180 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Medium
Tattoo	Two swords on left forearm
Occupation	Laborer, Monogram Industries 825 South Front Street Quincy, Illinois

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The file showed the following arrests for WALTER LOHMEYER, JR.:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
6-16-40	Selling liquor	\$25 fine
10-2-43	Speeding	\$10 fine
3-15-51	Peace disturbance	\$25 fine
7-19-52	Careless driving	\$15 fine
7-16-54	Reckless driving	Sentenced 90 days Vandalia State Prison Farm
3-16-55	Peace disturbance	\$25 fine
8-23-59	Careless driving	\$15 fine

The Quincy Police Department files showed the following physical description of DONALD LOHMEYER:

RACE:	White
SEX:	Male
DATE OF BIRTH:	<input type="text"/>
HEIGHT:	5'7"
WEIGHT:	153 lbs.
HAIR:	Brown
EYES:	Brown

The file showed the following arrests for DONALD LOHMEYER:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
4-26-47	Investigation	Released
1-29-51	Careless driving	\$25 fine
4-29-52	Speeding	\$20 fine
10-27-56	Speeding	\$5

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The files showed the physical description of THOMAS R. LOHMEYER as follows:

RACE:	White
SEX:	Male
AGE:	not shown
HEIGHT:	5'7 1/2"
WEIGHT:	150 lbs.
HAIR:	Brown
EYES:	Brown
COMPLEXION:	Ruddy
HOME ADDRESS:	1501 North 4th St. Quincy, Ill.

The files showed the following arrest record for THOMAS R. LOHMEYER:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
6-28-45	B & E	Released
3-15-51	Peace disturbance	\$25 fine
5-25-52	Peace disturbance	\$10 fine
3-15-55	Peace disturbance	\$15 fine

On 4-13-68 ELIZABETH ROTH, Credit Bureau of Quincy, Inc., Quincy, Ill., furnished the following information concerning the LOHMEYERS in the files of her office:

WALTER RAY LOHMEYER, JR., in 1/68 was residing at 1877 Hampshire Street, Quincy, Illinois. He presently owns his home at that address and is very slow in payment on credit bills. He has been employed by Monogram Industries, Quincy, Ill., for approximately 20 years. No information of any connections of WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR., outside Quincy, Illinois.

The file showed that THOMAS R. LOHMEYER's last known address was 1527 South Fifth Street, Quincy, as of 6/65. He later made inquiries concerning purchasing a home in Payson, Illinois. As of 4/66 a credit check showed he had been employed by Monogram Industries in Quincy for 11 years. Nothing was contained in the file that would indicate that LOHMEYER had ever lived anywhere except the Quincy area.

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The credit bureau files showed that DONALD L. LOHMEYER was last known to reside at 1501 North Fourth Street, Quincy, Ill., as of 8/66. On 11/66 the records show he was employed as a laborer at Durst Dairy, Quincy, and his wife at Illinois Bell Telephone Co., Quincy, Ill. The file did not show any residence for DONALD LOHMEYER outside the Quincy, Ill., area.

On 4-13-68, CHARLES GABRIEL, Office Manager, Durst Dairy, Quincy, Ill., advised that DONALD L. LOHMEYER is employed by that company as a laborer and that he was working on 3-29-68 and 3-30-68 and 4/1-4/68. He advised that LOHMEYER did not work on 3-31-68 as that was his day off. He also advised that LOHMEYER has been a good employee for many years and was a very quiet individual and had not been involved in any violence during the period of time he was employed by Durst Dairy.

On 4-13-68, DONALD L. LOHMEYER was interviewed at his place of employment, Durst Dairy, Quincy, Ill. He advised he has not been out of the State of Illinois, for a number of months and that he was working on 3-29 and 3-30-68 as well as 4/1-4/68. He advised he has not seen his brother, HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER for many years and only knew that HARVEY was living somewhere in California. He stated during the period from 3-29-68 until 4-4-68 he had seen his brothers, WALTER R. LOHMEYER and THOMAS R. LOHMEYER almost on a daily basis and knew for certain that neither one had been outside the Quincy, Ill., area. He advised that the name ERIC STARVO GALT was completely unfamiliar to him and he has never known anyone by that name to be associated with any member of the LOHMEYER family. He also advised he has never known any member of his family other than HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, to use the name HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER.

On 4-13-68 Mrs. WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR., 1877 Hampshire Street, Quincy, Ill., was interviewed and furnished the following information:

Her husband has not been out of the State of Illinois since 3/29/68 and he has been employed regularly at Monogram Industries with the exception of the dates 3-29 and 30-68 and 4-1 and 4-2-68 during which dates the union was on strike at Monogram. She advised that on these dates her husband was on the picket line and did not leave Quincy. She stated also that THOMAS R. LOHMEYER is employed by Monogram Industries and was at work on 4-3 and 4-4-68 and was on the picket lines at Monogram Industries on 3/29-30/68 and 4/1-2/68.

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On 4-13-68 WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR., 1877 Hampshire St., was interviewed and advised he has not been out of the Quincy, Ill, area since 8-15-67. He advised he has been to work every day during work days with the exception of 3/29-30/68 and 4/1-2/68 on which dates he was on the picket line at Monogram Industries his place of employment in Quincy, Ill. He stated that on each date from 3-29-68 until 4-4-68, he saw his brother, THOMAS R. LOHMEYER, who is also employed by Monogram Industries and was at work on each date with the exception of the dates the union was on strike.

On 4-13-68 BILL LONG, Personnel Manager, Monogram Industries, 825 South Front St., Quincy, verified that WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR., and THOMAS LOHMEYER were employed on every date during the last two months, with the exception the days the union was on strike.

He advised on 3/29-30/68 and 4/1-2/68 both the LOHMEYERS had been observed on the picket lines at Monogram Industries.

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On April 20, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SA ELYON H. DAVIS and SA JAMES T. GOSS at Quincy, Illinois:

Five photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306443A were exhibited to WALTER R. LOHMEYER, 1877 Hampshire Street, Quincy, Illinois. LOHMEYER advised that he has never to his knowledge seen this individual before and he did not remember ever hearing any member of the LOHMEYER family mention JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that he specifically had never heard his brother HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER mention JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 20, 1968, photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A were exhibited to Mrs. RITA F. LOHMEYER, 1877 Hampshire Street, Quincy. She advised that she had never seen this individual to her knowledge in her life and had never heard any member of the LOHMEYER family mention him.

On April 20, 1968, photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443A were exhibited to THOMAS LOHMEYER, Payson, Illinois. He advised that the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, were not familiar to him and that he could not state that he had ever seen this individual in his life. He also advised that he had never heard his brother, HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, mention this individual.

On April 20, 1968, the photographs of RAY were also exhibited to Mrs. THOMAS LOHMEYER, Payson, Illinois, who advised that she did not know RAY and had never heard any member of the LOHMEYER family mention RAY.

On April 20, 1968, DONALD LOHMEYER, 1507 North Fourth Street, Quincy, Illinois, advised while being interviewed by SA DAVIS and viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, that he did not recognize the photograph of RAY as anyone that he had ever known. He stated that these photographs were vaguely familiar to him and that if he had ever seen RAY, it was only to see RAY and not that of an acquaintance. He advised that he had never heard his brother HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER ever mention JAMES EARL RAY.

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The photographs of RAY were also exhibited by SA DAVIS to Mrs. LUCY LOHMEYER, 1507 North Fourth Street, Quincy, Illinois and she advised that JAMES EARL RAY is not known to her and that the photographs of RAY are not familiar to her.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
ELYON H. DAVIS:

On April 21, 1968, EARL JACK HILAND, Operator, Sky Ride Inn Tavern, 236 Front Street, Quincy, Illinois, advised that HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER was at one time a brother-in-law of HILAND and that HILAND was in jail at the Adams County Jail, Quincy, Illinois, with LOHMEYER and ROBERT KELLY in 1951 after they were involved in a brawl at the Barn Night Club, Quincy, Illinois. HILAND viewed a number of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that the photographs are vaguely familiar to him as someone he has seen in the past. He stated that he definitely is not an associate of RAY and has never been a close associate of RAY and stated he could not furnish any information concerning RAY, RAY's associates, activities, or whereabouts.

On April 21, 1968, ROBERT KELLY, 1210 Hampshire Street, Quincy, Illinois, advised he was arrested at the Barn Night Club in Quincy, Illinois, with JACK HILAND, HARVEY LOHMEYER and JOHN O'DEAR.

KELLY advised that he is not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY and did not know anything concerning RAY's family, whereabouts, or activities.

On April 21, 1968, JOHN O'DEAR, Route 6, Quincy, Illinois, advised he had been arrested for causing a riot at the Barn Night Club in Quincy in the early 1950's and that he was arrested with HARVEY LOHMEYER, JACK HILAND and BOB KELLY. He stated that JAMES EARL RAY is not an associate of his. He also advised that he is not acquainted with RAY's relatives and could furnish no information concerning RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT C. HAINES:

On April 19, 1968, Sergeant HAROLD COX, Alton Illinois Police Department, made available Alton Police Department file 7514 on James Earl Ray:

This file disclosed RAY was arrested by the Alton Police Department as early as 1949 and as recently as 1959 for charges ranging from traffic violations through vagrancy, burglary and armed robbery. A photograph of RAY taken in 1955 was made available and will be submitted to the case file.

Conference with officers at the Alton Police Department, disclosed that the last known residence for RAY's parents JAMES and LUCIE RAY was 1439 Locust Street, Quincy, Illinois. Contact with relatives on RAY's mother's side of the family with family name, MAHER, disclosed that LUCILLE MAHER RAY divorced RAY's father and is currently residing in East St. Louis, Illinois area but her exact whereabouts are unknown. Likewise, her new married name is unknown to relatives in Alton.

Mrs. MARGARET KESHNER, Circuit Clerk, Alton, Illinois, made available a photo copy of a Certificate of Birth, #123 which disclosed JAMES EARL RAY was born [redacted], to JAMES RAY and LUCIE MAHER.

All Alton Police Department Units have been furnished a photograph of RAY and have been alerted to be on the lookout for him.

RAY is not known to have been in the Alton, Illinois area since 1959 when he perpetrated an armed robbery at Wagoner's Foodliner, an independent grocery store located on the corner of 9th and Alby Streets in Alton, Illinois.