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To:

SAC, Memphis

From:

Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Rerep of SA Jee C. Hester dated 6/10/68, at Memphis.

The prosecutive summary report prepared by SA Joe C. Hester at Memphis dated 6/10/68, is being disseminated to the Department. Memphis should disseminate a copy of this report to Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, in view of the murder indictment outstanding against subject Ray. Memphis should also send a copy of this report to United States Attorney at Birmingham in view of the outstanding Federal process at Birmingham. Do not disseminate a copy of this prosecutive summary report to United States Attorney, Memphis.

Instructions should be specifically set forth that the reports or the contents thereof are not to be disclosed outside the receiving agency, except for prosecutive purposes.

Birmingham (For Information)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
Attention: FBI Laboratory
FROM: SAC, BIRNINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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The Birmingham office is in receipt of a letter from AUMRY DEE CHANDLER, Scottsbore, Alabama, the original of which is being furnished the Bureau, and Kerox copies of some are being furnished New Orleans and Memphis.

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CHANDLER was contacted on June 18, 1968, at Scottaboro, Alabama, and furnished a pumphlet comparing which he had written to the Birmingham office. The original of this pumphlet is an application with the Palmer Writers School, Hinnespelis, Minnesota, which is being furnished the Bureau, and Kerox copies thereof are being furnished New Orleans and Hemphis.

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It is noted that the typewriten name KRIC A. WARDM, which appears above the name CHARLES MARTIN, Inspectors of Petroleum, New Orleans, Louisians, may have been typed by a different typewriter than MARTIN's address.

From: a layman's comparison of the handprinting on the pumphlet under Parts A. C. and D.

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together with background information furnished by WAUCH, the possibility exists that same may have been written by subject MAY, based upon photographic specimens of his handprinting furnished the Birmingham office by the Bureau, by Routing Slip dated June 17, 1966. This, together with the fact it is knewn that RAY was visiting in New Orleans on March 22, 1968, which was the date indicated the Palmer Writers School panghlet was executed, plus RAY's known propensity for correspondence courses, makes it desirable that investigation be conducted at New Orleans, as set feth below.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to make a handprinting comparison of the executed portions of the Palmer Writers School pumphlet filled in by ERIC A. WAVER, with known handprinting specimens of subject RAY and that Birmingham, New Orleans, and Mamphis be advised of the results.

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MEN ORLEANS DIVISION

AT MET CRIMANO, LOUISIANA:

- 1. Will conduct investigation at Apartment No.3, (upstairs) 2028 Talans Avenue, and determine occupant on the date of March 22, 1968. Determine whether subject RAY may possibly have reated-the apartment temperarily or may have been visiting the nermal occupants thereof.
- 2. Will interview CHARLES MARTIN, Inspectors of Patroleum, P.O. Box 19485, Rew Orleans, Louisians, 70119, regarding the pamphlet of the Palmer Writers School, and

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determine whether he was acquainted with the KRIC A. WAUCH, whose mane appears above that of MARTIN, as desiring to be enrolled in the Palmer Writers School. Will determine from MARTIN whether he is acquainted with anyone by the name of ERIC A. WAUCH or whether he might recognise photographs of subject RAY. (New Cionas refer to its previous report regarding RAY's presence in New Orleans on the date in question).

841 Federal Office Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
June 21, 1968

Mr. Phil M. Canale District Attorney General Shelby County Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Canale:

Enclosed herewith is a single copy of a report prepared by Special Agent Joe C. Hester at Memphis, Tennessee, dated June 10, 1968.

This report is being furnished you in view of the murder indictment outstanding against subject James Earl Ray. It should be understood that this report and the contents thereof are not to be disclosed outside your agency except for purposes of prosecution.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT G. JENSEN Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure.

Addressee

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AIR MAIL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM

SAC. BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

During the early stages of this investigation the subject was determined to have lived at a boarding house in Birmingham, Alabama, during August and September, 1967. An intensive investigation was conducted in connection with his residence, and it was necessary to check telephone records for the period of time he resided at this boarding house. In addition to this, public telephone booths in the area which were available to the subject were noted, and long distance telephone calls placed from these phone booths were checked.

T. CHANDLER JOSEY, State Security Manager for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company and an SAC Centact of this office; was requested to discreetly make these checks for this office. Due to the urgency of the matter, it was necessary to contact him during the late evening hours, and he immediately came into his office and personally checked these calls himself. During this period of time Mr. JOSEY was extremely busy since his company was having union troubles and preparations were being made for a strike. He gave generously of his time and expressed a willingness to assist us in any hour of the day or night. It was again necessary to call on him on a weekend, and he again came to the office and made checks for us.

The Bureau is requested to direct a letter of appreciation to Mr. BEN B. BROWN, General Manager, Scuthern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, 441 Phoenix Building, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, his immediate supervisor, advising him of the excellent cooperation

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received from Mr. JOSEY in connection with an official investigation conducted by this office. There is no derogatory information contained in the Birmingham indices identifiable with Mr. BROWN. Prior to his transfer to Birmingham, he was an SAC Contact for the Jacksonville Office (BU file #94-51962).

A copy of the above letter should be directed to Mr. T. CHANDLER JOSEY, State Security Manager, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, 501 Phoenix Building, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. There is no derogatory information contained in the Birmingham indices identifiable with Mr. JOSEY.

DIRECTOR, FRI (44-26861) ATTENTION: ENCHANICAL DECTION

BAC, BIRKINGHAN (44-1740)(P)

Under date of 6/17/68, the Biraingham Office The requested by Supervisor CLEE MC COMAN, Civil Rights Division of the Eureku, to attempt photographing of registration cards of guests of all motels and hotels in the Birmingham area for the date 3/29/68. This particular date was considered pertisent since subject RAY first contacted the Aeromarian Supply Company of Dirmingham relative to the purchase of a rifle on that date, and returned on 3/30/68, to exchange the purchased rifle for another one. It was not known There he may have stayed during that period in Birninghan.

It was also suggested that a comparison of the names of individuals registered at Birmingham on the pight of 3/29/68, might result in a minuter mases of an individuals the may have been registered at the Rebel Lotel, Hospits, Temperage, during the time that RAY was registered.

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Photographing of all available registration eards in the Birmingham area motels and hotels was instituted on 6/19/68, and completed 8/26/68.

Being transmitted under separate package are eleven relis of undeveloped Kodak Panatomic-X black and white film, of which ten are thirtysix exposures and one is twenty exposures. Also transmitted is one developed strip of thirtysix exposures of Roll #7, which was developed locally to verify photographic efforts.

The Mechanical Section is requested to make two 6" I 10" prints of each frame of the film. The enlarged prints are being requested since each frame contains multiple photographs of registration cards, and the larger prints would be necessary for viewing.

The rolls of film are numbered on the film itself and it is requested that the prints made from each roll be identified or maintained in packets of each roll in order that they might be readily identified with the photographic log being maintained in the Birmingham Office. The pencilled numbers on the cases of each rell are not pertinent. The prints should be maintained in each packet in chronological order and if possible numbered as such.

In accordance with request of Supervisor MC QUAN, one set of the developed prints should be furnished to him, and the other set forwarded to the Birningham Office. Please expedite.

-UNITED STATES GO RNMEN

Memorandum

ro : **DIRECTOR**, FBI (65-6990)

DATE: 6/19/68

FROM

SAC, CHICAGO (65-122) (C)

SUBJECT:

RAYMOND JOSEPH HEALEY INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Chicago airtel to Director, copies to Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis with dual caption, "United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), Knights of the Ku Klux Klan; RM and MURKIN". dated 5/11/68.

Referenced communication indicated HEALEY had been in contact with CALVIN S. CRAIG, Grand Kleagle of the UKA, on January 22, 1968, in Atlanta, Georgia. HEALEY stated CRAIG looked like JAMES EARL RAY. HEALEY also indicated CRAIG invited him to join UKA.

Chicago files and references relating to HEALEY (CG 65-122, 65-1735, 65-45-21, 100-11331 and 66-431) were carefully reviewed. Bufile 65-6990 which relates to HEALEY sets forth information indicating HEALEY furnished information to the Bureau in early 1940's which proved not to be reliable. HEALEY's main file (Bufile 65-6990, CG File 65-122) contains information indicating he would most likely cause embarrassment to the Bureau, if he was utilized as a source as well as be unreliable.

In addition, on May 23, 1968, HEALEY telephonically called FBI, Chicago, Illinois, and advised he did not want to join the UKA, but would do so only upon instruction from FBI. He indicated his close association with Governor LESTOR MADDOX of Georgia and "right-wing" groups, and his belief that their philosophy was correct would permit him to have their confidence. Phraseology and statements made by HEALEY appeared to be self-serving and were unexplainable unless tape-recorded for possible future use by him or "right wing" groups.

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SA HUBERT M. HART, who received the call from HEALEY, advised him that FBI would not instruct or direct anyone to join or not to join any group. HEALEY was told any information he desired to voluntarily furnish to the FBI would be given appropriate attention.

In view of the above, no additional action contemplated by Chicago Division.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Birmingham (44-1740)

Date: **June 26, 1968**

FBI File No. 44-38861

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Re: MURKIN

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Specimens received 6/24/68

Q376 Palmer Writers School pamphlet submitted under the name "Eric A. Waugh" bearing hand printing

ALSO SUBMITTED: Handwritten letter signed AUBRY DEE CHANDLER

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the handwriting on Q376 was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, K211.

Q376 has been photographed and is being returned to Birmingham with the ALSO SUBMITTED material.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI. Birmingham (44-1740)

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination requested by:

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Dr. Martin Luther KING - Murder of Assistance to P.B.I.

The COMMISSIONER, Ottawa

Your File No. 68HQ-791-Q-60 Div. File No. 68-C-190-19

1. FORMARDED for your information together with attachments.

The person who visited the Zeda Zare Dance Studio on the 25 MAY 68 definitely identified as James Earl HAY by Mrs. I. McLAUGHLIN Further enquiries are being conducted at Montreal Post Office and Gustoms to obtain all documents referring to the forwarding to Birmingham, Alabama of the suit purchased from English & Scotch Wollens in Montreal.

3. A request for your information as requested in paras. 10 and 13 was sent via telex CIB574 dated 11 JUN 68.

4. Map referred to in para. 18 was received from "O" Division C.I.B. Officer on 17 JUN 68 and forwarded to our Montreal G.I.S. for necessary enquiries the same date.

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your copy of

J.R. Duchesneau, Insp. A/Officer i/c C.I.B.



RE: OBJET:

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1. Mrs. I. McLAUGHLIE, Fiano Flayer, at the ZEDA ZAR! DARCE STURIO, was shown the photo of SEEYD and she also identified the photo as that of the person who was at the studio on the 25 MAY 68.

It will be noted that the person in question sat near the piano luring his conversation with Mrs. CARS. This person did not have any conversation with Mrs. McGAUGHLIM.

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Telex CIB-1508 was received this point from "HQ" Ottawa. 3.

Mr. Louis Falaks (DB: 16 NOV 1888) owner of English & Scotch Wollen Company Limited, 1248 St. Catherino St. West, Sontreal (Phone 856-3727) was contacted. With Falsak's cooperation the following original documents were obtained from his employee Mr. John WELCH We Snipping concerning the suit purchased by SALT.

- a) Sample of material for Order #11526 (marked #1) (shown as item #1 Exhibit Report #60-41)
- b) Order and Measurements /L-11526 (marked #2) (shown as Item #2 Exhibit Report #68/41)
- e) Receipt #2-20422 for Order #11526 with sample of material attached (Marked #3) (shown as Item #3 Tyhibit Heport #68/41)
- d) Store mecord for Order #11526 (marked #4) (Chown as Item of Exhibit Report #68/41)
- e) Letter received from UALT deted 3-6-67 (marked /5) (shown as item #5 Exhibit Report #63/41)
- f) Cacadian Post Office Receipt dated .ept 3-67 for Order #11526 (marked #6) (shown as item #6 'xhibit deport #68/41)
- g) Canada Customs Export Entry Form fort #66229 for Order #11526 (marked #7) (shown as item of Exalbit Report ace/41
- h) Label prom the English & scoten Wollon Co. Utd. (marked #3) (shown as item as Amibit apport ass/41)

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All documents were initialed by Cpl. POWER, Cst. G.W.J. MOUSEEAU and John WELCE. Originals held as exhibits this point with photostats attached to this report. Copies of Form C246 Exhibit Report #68/41 are attached.

- The salesman involved with this sale was FEIGAN, nowever, no identification could be made of any photos of RAY. This applies to all the other employees of this firm also.
- Further enquiries will be conducted at the Montreal Fost Office in question and also at the Canada Customs in an effort to obtain the originals of all documents concerning the forwarding of this suit to GALT at 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham Alabama U.S.A.
- 7. It will be noted that the order was placed on 21 JULY 67, the letter from GALT was dated 9-6-67 (believed to be 6 SEP 67 in the Canadian way) and the suit was shipped on the 9 SFP 67. It will also be noted that GALT paid each for this suit.
- 8. It is requested that further enquiries be conducted at Birmingham, Alabama.
- 9. With reference to the letter in para w4 (e) above, the envelope in which the letter was sent could not be located.
- io. Cst. PHARAND of the Montreal City Folice (MCP) Ident. Section was contacted and advised concerning the laundry mark #TV-2307-2219. He advised that the exact location of this mark together with the colour and type of print and whether this number is printed on the shirt or attached to the shirt with same other material i.e., linen, paper or cardboard is necessary to gather all information in this respect, nowever in the meantime he will make preliminary investigations.
- 11. Ar. A. CHEVARIE, Manager of Tip Top Tailors, 438 ot. Catherine ot. West, Montreal (phone 861-1561) was contacted. CHEVARIE advised that tag #3-7153 was of no value in checking his records.
- After a search of their records, with the cooperation of CHEVARIE, a carbon copy of Sales Slip #RS-239758 was located bearing the name Eric GALT of 2584 Notre Dame St., East Montreal. This item was turned over to us by CHEVARIE and same was initialed by Cpl. POWER, Cst. MOUSCEAU and CHEVARIE. This item is held as an exhibit this point and is shown as item #9 on Exhibit Report #68/41. Photostats of this item are attached.
- CHEVARIE advises that he believes the #54424 as shown on the sales slip is also marked on the tag which showed #3-7153. Confirmation that #54424 is on this tag will enable a more complete investigation with the possibility of obtaining all original documents concerning the sale of this suit. The #54424 is typed on the tag in the colour blue and #7153 is typed in red.

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RE: OBJET.

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The salesman who sold the suit, Mr. J.B. CLOUTIER, could not identify any of the photos of RAY. This applies also to CHEVARIE and the other employees of this firm.

15. CHEVARIE believes that this purchase by GALT was paid by cash, however, this will be established when the confirmation of #54424, reference para. #13 above, is obtained.

CHEVARIS also advised that the original of this sales slip (white copy) would have been given to GALF and the second copy (pink) would be at the Head Office of Fip-Top. This second copy will be obtained later.

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17. Telex CIB-574 was forwarded to "Hi" Ottawa concerning the above investigations and requesting information as required in para. #10 and #13 of this report.

18. With reference to information received from "O" Div. this date by telephone concerning a map of Nontreal, a portion of which was circled, found in possession of RAY at time of his arrest together with the information that the landlady in Toronto had stated that SHEYD had mentioned to her that he had been in Nontreal on the 26 AFR 68, it is requested that a copy of this map be made available this point along with further information from the Toronto landlady concerning the 26 AFR 68 circumstances for information and possible investigation.

S.U.I. D.D. 21 JUN 68

> (M.F.T. POWER) 19416. Montreal G.I.J.-C.I.B

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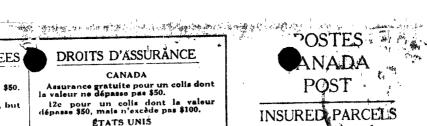
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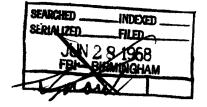
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Information copies of this report were designated for the Springfield, Chicago, Birmingham, Atlanta and Kansas City Divisions in view of continuing investigation being conducted by them.

Overlapping investigative period between this and rereport was caused by necessary transcription time.

All St. Louis informants and sources have been periodically contacted for any information concerning subject coming to their attention or which they might obtain, and they have been repeatedly alerted to immediately furnish any information received.

Toll calls checks on relatives and other individuals figuring in this case failed to produce any information regarding subject's whereabouts, or any indications that he was in contact with them. Such checks were discontinued on subject's apprehension.

UACB, further contacts with relatives are not contemplated, as continuation might be construed as interference with subject's defense.

All stops bearing on location of subject were cancelled on his apprehension.



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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Toll Calls from Lafonts Cafe and Lafonce Sinclair Service Station, Portageville, Missouri

MA 8-3401

On May 15, 1968, Special Agent WILLIAM R. BURTON determined that telephone number MA8-3401 is listed to the Pemiscot County Packing Company at Wardell, Missouri.

On that date, Mr. V. D. MC MINN and RALPH PERRELL, co-owners of the Pemiscot Packing Company, Wardell, Missouri, advised him that they were acquainted with J. D. DAILEY and the Lafonts Cafe at Portageville, Missouri, as they have delivered meat to DAILEY there on several occasions. They recalled that Mrs. DAILEY had called on several occasions to order meat for the cafe. They viewed a photograph of subject and stated they were not acquainted with any person of that appearance.

FA 8-9990

On the same date Special Agent BURTON determined that this number is listed to a pay telephone in the building occupied by the Broseley Laundramat at Broseley, Missouri.

Mr. HAROLD SADLER, Manager of the Broseley Laundramat, Broseley, Missouri, advised Special Agent BURTON on the same date that his laundramat is a self-service business which operates unattended twenty-four hours a day but that he is in and out of the laundramat at numerous times during the day to check on the condition of the facilities. He is not acquainted with J. D. DAILEY or the Lafonce Service Station in Portageville. He viewed a photograph of subject and stated he was not acquainted with any person of that appearance. He stated that since the laundramat is unattended he would have no way of knowing the identities of any persons receiving calls at the pay booth there unless he happened to be in the laundramat at the time such calls were received.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Re: CAROL PEPPER'S Telephone

On 5/22/68, Mr. T. E. UMPHRES, Area Security Supervisor, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, St. Louis, Mo., confidentially advised that telephone MI5-2948 of ALBERT PEPPER, 2025 Bellvue, St. Louis, had been discontinued. The subscriber has been issued a new non-published number. It is 645-9152. This information was obtained by subpoena.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Re: JERRY RAYNES' TELEPHONE

On 5/22/68, Mr. T. E. UMPHRES, Security Supervisor, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, St. Louis, confidentially furnished the following information to SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON. The information was made available upon the issuance of a subpoena. JERRY RAYNES, Center, Mo., had his telephone number AM7-3467 changed to a non-published number. The new number is 267-3681.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE: CIRCUIT JUDGE JOHN C. CASEY

On May 10, 1968, Judge JOHN C. CASEY, Circuit Court, Division 18, Municipal Court Building, 13th and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, advised SA HAROLD R. DOBSON that he had originally sentenced subject to 20 years in the Missouri State Penitentiary following subject's conviction of an armed robbery of a Kroger Store in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1959. Subject appealed the conviction and sentence but the findings of the trial court were sustained. The appeal is reported in 354 Southwestern Second, page 840.

Thereafter subject filed a motion to vacate the judgment and sentence under Section 27.26 of the Missouri Rules of Criminal Procedure on August 4, 1966, alleging improper introduction of his signed statement, failure to afford him a sanity hearing, allowance by the court of faulty jury instructions, reception of perjured State testimony, and failure of the court to furnish him the advice and assistance of an attorney during the various stages of trial and appeal. Judge CASEY noted that such motion and the argument in support thereof had been prepared personally by subject and that, although they were obviously based on similar motions and arguments of other prisoners which he knows to be on file at the Missouri State Penitentiary as models for individual motions prepared by other prisoners, they were ably prepared, were on a par with similar motions and arguments regularly prepared by practicing attorneys in this area, and evidence a thorough knowledge and preparation on the part of the subject in regard to the specific points of law involved.

Judge CASEY stated that he had thereafter overruled subject's motion but that the Supreme Court of Missouri had on April 12, 1967, reversed him on this matter and ordered subject's motion restored to his docket as of June 15, 1967. Judge CASEY noted that the matter had actually become academic as of that date due to subject's escape. Judge CASEY stated he had appointed Attorney JOHN D. SCHNEIDER of St. Louis to represent subject in this matter, but that to the extent of his knowledge SCHNEIDER never saw the subject or had any contact with him.

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Judge CASEY stated that he had not become aware of subject's escape until fairly recently and that on receipt of such information he had immediately called the warden of Missouri State Penitentiary and confirmed the fact of subject's escape.

Attorney SCHNEIDER on May 1, 1968, filed a report that subject had escaped and that no action was therefore possible on subject's motion at that time. Judge CASEY stated that a summary of same had appeared in the St. Louis Daily Record on May 8, 1968, and had not yet been picked up by news media.

Judge CASEY further stated that the Circuit Attorney had thereafter filed a motion to dismiss subject's motion to vacate on the grounds that the post conviction remedy in Section 27.26 was not available to a person not in custody.

Judge CASEY expressed the opinion that in the light of Miranda and similar decisions the subject might have an excellent chance of vacating the original judgment and sentence at this time.

Judge CASEY stated that in his opinion two courses of action were open to him: First, to summarily sustain the Circuit Attorney's motion and order subject's motion to vacate dismissed without prejudice, based on and using as a precedent the case of State versus CARTER as reported in 11 Southwestern, page 979. In his estimation this method would attract no interest of the press and result in little if any publicity.

The second course of action open to him in his opinion appeared to be to enter an order publicly notifying subject that unless he gavo himself up and prosecuted his motion by June 3, 1968, that it would be dismissed.

Judge CASEY indicated he personally preferred the second method due to the remote possibility that if the matter is given sufficient publicity and the subject is still alive, it might be possible that he would recognize the possibility of gaining freedom on the armed robbery sentence and conclude that he might be able to beat the KING charge before a southern jury, and might therefore give himself up. Judge CASEY

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recognized that this was an extremely tenuous possibility but stated that in his estimation it appeared to be a slim chance to effect the apprehension of subject.

Judge CASEY stated he desired to bring the matter to the attention of the Bureau to be sure that neither action would prejudice its investigation in this case and to determine which, if either, of the above mentioned methods, might be deemed most advantageous to Bureau interests in this matter. He pointed out that the second method had the possible disadvantage of furnishing ammunition to the news media and the "bleeding heart" element for criticism along the lines that if subject's imprisonment had not been unjust he would not have felt impelled to escape and would probably thereafter not have killed KING.

Judge CASEX stated that the file on subject's case is currently maintained in his personal possession and that he has thus far countered news inquiries concerning the case by referring reporters to the Southwestern Second citation which reports subject's appeal as previously mentioned. He stated that he did not know how long he would be able to maintain an exclusive possession of the file and note, that the "bleeding heart" ammunition would be obtainable from subject's motion and argument in support thereof regardless of what method he chose to resolve the matter of subject's motion to vacate.

This matter was brought to the attention of the Bureau and its observations were requested with the recommendations of the St. Louis Division, being that while it was an auxilliary office and not in the possession of knowledge as to all facets of the investigation it appeared that the public order method of disposing of subject's motion might be preferable in that the Bureau should not be placed in the position of having failed to exploit to the fullest extent even the most remote possibility of securing the apprehension of subject.

On May 13, 1968, the Bureau directed that Judge CASEY be advised that the action he takes in this matter should be entirely with his own discretion and that the FBI was not in a position to advise him or make any recommendation.

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Judge CASEY was so advised and the Bureau's appreciation for his concern for its interests was expressed to him.

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RE: ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT JUDGE JOHN C. CASEY

On May 22, 1968, St. Louis Circuit Judge JOHN C. CASEY advised SA HAROLD R. DOBSON that in connection with a hearing on a state motion to dismiss subject's motion to vacate the judgement and sentence of the court in connection with subject's 1959 Kroger robbery conviction, which was scheduled to be heard before him on May 24, 1968, he had reached a decision to enter a public order on that date for subject to appear and with his attorney prosecute his motion to vacate on or before June 3, 1968, or face dismissal of his motion. Judge CASEY further advised that it was his intention at that time to make a statement from the bench to the effect that it appeared subject's motion to vacate would if it were properly presented and followed by subject and his attorney. Judge CASEY stated he anticipated his action would result in considerable publicity as it would in effect give public notice that subject's original conviction for armed robbery of the Kroger store in 1959 was obtained unconstitutional methods and that subject had an excellent opportunity of vacating the original judgement and sentence provided he gave himself up and, with his attorney, properly prosecuted his motion.

Judge CASEY was mindful, however, of the fact a considerable number of Negroes would be concentrated in the Washington, D. C., area at the time his order would be made, and that this concentration would probably increase until the end of May, 1968. He felt it might be entirely possible for some of the less qualified leaders of these people or those qualified leaders who desire to see rioting and destruction in this country, to interpret his ruling and remarks as an indication of the intention of the white "establishment" to "whitewash" the murder or Dr. KING, by indicating the possibility of freeing KING's murderer from a previous charge. Judge CASEY

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reasoned that if a sufficient number of the concentrated Negroes gave credence to such a distorted interpretation, it appeared entirely possible to him that an insurrection or at least a riotous condition might be, thereby, precipitated at Washington, D. C. He indicated that he desired some official observation concerning the possibility of a result such as he envisioned. He noted that he could easily postpone the hearing until after the tremendous concentration of Negroes involved in the Poor Peoples' March on Washington might be dispersed.

He was advised that the matter appeared to be entirely within his own discretion as a Judge, and that while it was doubted that the Bureau would presume to advise him in any way on the matter that due to the apparent potential for the precipitation of racial violence, the matter would be brought to the Bureau's attention for whatever observation it might feel to be of pertinence to the matter.

This was accordingly done.

By teletype dated May 23, 1968, the Bureau directed that Judge CASEY be contacted and advised that the matter was entirely within his own discretion, that the Bureau could not advise him on the matter. It was also directed that he be told that if he had any reason to believe his action might result in civil violence that he should alert appropriate police agencies.

Judge CASEY was so advised prior to the time court convenes on the morning of May 24, 1968.

Later on the same date, Judge CASEY advised SA DOBSON that the hearing had not developed along the lines he had anticipated earlier that day in that the court-appointed attorney for subject had objected strenuously to the attempted introduction by the state of a notation of subject's escape on his Missouri State Prison record as being insufficient

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evidence without further qualification of RAY's escape. The attorney further took the position that the presence of RAY was unnecessary at a hearing on the motion to vacate as said motion was based solely upon the record which was available and which contained abundant evidence in support of the subject's motion. Judge CASEY, therefore, took the matter under advisement and no ruling was made.

Judge CASEY further advised that subject's attorney had been appointed to represent subject following subject's escape and that the attorney had stated in open court he had never seen the subject and had never been afforded an opportunity to consult with him.

Judge CASEY noted that there had been no reporters present in the courtroom during the hearing, and that he had not as yet seen any publicity whatsoever on the matter.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Information appearing on the following pages was furnished by JOHN EUGENE CAWPON who has been discontinued as a PCI because of his unreliability.

In evaluating the information provided by GAWRON as set forth on the following pages, it is to be noted that other investigation conducted by St. Louis in this case, including interviews with JAMES H. (JIMMIE) CARPENTER and JOHN PAUL VELANTI, clearly reflects that the "JIMMIE" and "JOHNNIE" referred to by GAWRON are unquestionably CARPENTER and VELANTI respectively. Furthermore, it has been determined that CARPENTER was incarcerated in the St. Louis City Jail from June 5, 1967 to March 1, 1968. In view of this, CARPENTER could not have been engaged in other activities during that period of time which activities are ascribed to him by GAWRON. It thus appears certain that information furnished by GAWRON must be considered unreliable and that in certain essential respects it is completely false.

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Source was recontacted May 9, 1968, by SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY and SA ALBERT J. RUSHING, at which time he furnished the following additional information.

From about 10:00 p.m. on the night of May 8, 1968, until 1:00 a.m. that night, source was at the Grapevine Tavern, at which time JOHN RAY was also there. JOHN RAY drove source home at about 1:00 a.m. On this occasion JOHN RAY told source that JERRY RAY was still in the St. Louis area but had been at the residence of their father in north Missouri. JOHN RAY expressed expectation that JERRY would be coming in during the course of the evening while source was at the tavern. JERRY did not appear there, however, and at the time of this interview, source has not seen JERRY. On this occasion source had no conversation with JOHN RAY regarding subject JAMES EARL RAY. Source has not seen nor talked with CAROL PEPPER since the time source was previously contacted.

Interviewing Agents made reference to source during this interview of the information he had previously furnished to the effect that JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER had indicated to source in about the latter part of June, 1967, that they had knowledge of the subject's whereabouts at that time in Omaha and Los Angeles. Source was advised that this had not been corroborated in interviews with JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER, who had denied to the FBI that they had any knowledge regarding subject's whereabouts since subject's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). It was explained to source that it was very important to resolve this conflict and inquiry was made of him as to whether he was quite certain that the information he had furnished in this regard previously was absolutely true and accurate. He stated that he was quite certain in this regard and that the information he had furnished was positively true but that he could add no further details regarding the information he had furnished, since this was all the information that had been provided him.

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was pointed out to source that under the circumstances it appeared that either he or JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER had lied to the FBI, and he was specifically asked whether he had in any manner lied to us concerning this information, and it was pointed out to him that if he had lied in any way, it would be much better for him to correct such falsification now than at a later date. Source said he had positively not lied. He reluctantly acknowledged that if JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER had denied any knowledge of subject's whereabouts after his escape from the penitentiary, then they had lied in that regard, although he added in that connection that he could not say that JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER had had direct contact with the subject, but their information may have come to them indirectly so far as source was aware.

With regard to the information source claimed to have received indicating that subject had been in Omaha or Los Angeles as previously referred to, inquiry was made of source as to whether it was JOHN RAY or CAROL PEPPER who had made the specific statements and furnished the specific information to source. He stated it was his recollection that although JOHN RAY was the one who did most of the talking in the conversations referred to, CAROL PEPPER also indicated by her comments that she and JOHN RAY both had the same information regarding the alleged presence of subject in Omaha and Los Angeles.

Source commented that he hadread in the papers that subject, under the name GALT, had apparently had considerable amount of money and had been able to peel off \$20 bills from a large roll of money when he purchased an automobile. In that regard source said he had some idea as to what might have been the source of that money and hehoped and expected that within a week or so he would be able to furnish his ideas in that regard. When pressed for further details at this time, the following information was elicited from source.

After source was released on bail from the St. Louis City Jail on June 23 or 24, 1967, he read in the Chicago "Tribune" newspaper a few days later, possibly only a day or two after his release from jail, of a bank robbery which had occurred in a southern state. He recognized this bank and

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its location as a bank which he and subject RAY had cased on two Fridays during the period in 1959 when source and subject were closely associated. They traveled by automobile from St. Louis on those occasions in casing the bank, and on two or three subsequent occasions when subject and source were in the same vicinity hey again looked the bank over. They had planned to hit the bank in a robbery on a Friday as they were aware that that was a payroll day when the bank handled considerable amounts of money. When they initially cased the bank they observed several police officers in uniform who were around the bank, but on later occasions they did not observe the presence of police officers. At that period of time, when they were casing the bank and planning a possible robbery. source was suffering a physical disability because of injuries to his legs and feet which had occurred earlier in the course of the commission of a burglary in northern Missouri when source was almost caught and had to drop from an upper story window, causing his legs and feet to be seriously injured. resulting in his hospitalization for a time. Because of this, source concluded that he was not physically able to go on the robbery at the time they were casing the bank and the job never came off, and subject was thereafter apprehended at St. Louis in a robbery and sentenced to the penitentiary.

A few days after source read in the Chicago "Tribune" of the robbery of this bank, he was visited at his residence by an unnamed middle-aged man, whom source had previously known in St. Louis in 1959, and whom he thinks he probably introduced to subject in 1959. This man, whom source declined to name, told source he had been on a bank robbery and he displayed a valise full of money. Source, during the visit, had told his visitor that he was hard up and broke at that time and the man took \$250 from the valise and gave it to source, which source assumed was in the nature of a loan. Information furnished by the man to source was to the effect that the money in the valise was the loot from the bank robbery. Either from what the man told source or from the news article previously referred to, source learned that the amount of loot obtained in the robbery was approximately \$50,000, and that an additional sizeable amount of money had been missed in the robbery, which money was in the bank vault. The \$250 given to source by the man consisted of one \$50 bill, according to source's recollection,

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and other smaller bills. Source is uncertain in his recollection, but either from what the man told him or from what source had read in the newspaper he understood that the bank referred to by the man was the bank referred to in the news article.

It is source's recollection that the visit from this man who gave source \$250 occurred a few days prior to his conversations with JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER, in which they indicated to source that they had knowledge of subject's whereabouts, including his alleged presence in Omaha and Los Angeles.

Source has had contact with the man who visited him as referred to on only one subsequent occasion, and he estimates this was about six weeks age, at which time the man again stopped by source's residence for a short visit. Although source had originally assumed that the \$250 was a loan from this man, the matter of the \$250 was not brought up by either of them at the time of this latter visit. From his conversation with this man, source learned that the man's accomplice in the bank robbery previously referred to was subject, JAMES EARL RAY, and source gained the impression from the man that there were probably one or more additional accomplices who were not identified to source.

Source stated he was not ready at this time to furnish further details regarding the exact location of the bank or the identity of the man who gave him \$250. He was pressed for information pertaining to the identity and location of the bank, and it was elicited from him that the bank was in a southern state. He acknowledged that by a southern state he meant a state far south, such as Louisiana or Alabama, and he added "or Mississippi" but denied that the state was actually Mississippi. He said the place where the bank was located was not just a small town and that the city or town was located near a river which constitutes a state boundary. Source learned from the unnamed man that the persons who robbed the bank were in the bank for only a minute or two and made a getaway in which they crossed the river on a bridge into an adjoining state. Source said that it was entirely possible that they could have been across this bridge and in another state within five minutes from the time they left the bank.

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Source said he wanted to wait at least a few days before he furnished further information, implying that within that period of time he might again be in touch with the unnamed man and would endeavor to ascertain the identities of any additional accomplices. He said he was not sure he was ready at this time to reveal the identity of the unnamed man and wanted to defer this decision. It was discussed with source the possibility of whether he might immediately reveal all details in his possession if a payment of money could be made to him for such, and he indicated he would be receptive to such payment, but concluded after some apparent consideration that he felt it would have to wait for at least a few days. He made a comment to the effect that he wanted to make sure he was "clear" himself. It was elicited from source that the unnamed man he referred to has not been a resident of St. Louis but is believed by source to be from the "southwest part of the country", and source believes he - has served time in a penitentiary, possibly in Arkansas. Source also indicated he has gained an impression that the man has probably spent some time in Mexico.

Source said the reason he had not mentioned the matter of the bank robbery earlier was because he had felt that there was already enough of a rap against subject RAY, and he did not believe that there would be any great interest in the additional charge involving the robbery. Source said that he hoped to be able within a few days or a week or so to furnish additional details and that he would do so at a later time if possible.

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Source was recontacted on May 14, 1968, by SA GEORGE M. PERT and ALBERT J. RUSHING. Inquiry was made of source at this time regarding other occupants of the two buildings at 1805-1807 South Eleventh Street of which source is the caretaker. It was ascertained that source is currently the only occupant of the 4-unit building facing the street and numbered 1805-1807 South Eleventh Street. Source's unit which he occupies is on the first floor at 1807 South Eleventh. The last previous occupant of the unit on the first floor numbered 1805 South Eleventh was JAMES H. RAMSEY who, according to source, moved in there about the first of May, 1967. Source and RAMSEY were both arrested on June 2, 1967, by the St. Louis Police Department on a burglary charge for which source was thereafter confined in the city jail as has been previously referred to.

Both source and RAMSEY were released on bond from the city jail on about June 23 or June 24, 1967, and RAMSEY at that time stayed for a couple of days with source at 1807 South Eleventh. RAMSEY then went back to Weiner, Arkansas, where his parents reside for a time but came back to St. Louis in the latter part of September, 1967, and again lived at 1805 South Eleventh on the first floor. Both source and RAMSEY were sentenced on the burglary charge in St. Louis in October, 1967, source receiving six months probation and RAMSEY receiving a sentence of nine months probation which source believes expires in July, 1968. In February, 1968, RAMSEY left 1805 South Eleventh Street, St. Louis, and returned to his home and the home of his parents at Weiner, Arkansas, with the permission of his probation officer.

With regard to the building at the rear of the building referred to above source advised the rear building bears only the number 1805 South Eleventh. It also is a 2-story 4-family unit but neither of the two units on the first floor is occupied at this time. The second floor front is currently occupied by a woman named JUANITA HERNANDEZ (phonetic) and the second floor rear is occupied by a woman named MURIEL MC NICKOLS.

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