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TO HARBOR SUBJECT THAN DAILEY.

RONALD BOCKENKAMP, SLPD INTELLIGENCE UNIT, STATED DAILEY WAS LIAR IF HE DENIED KNOWING SUBJECT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NEVER SEEN THEM TOGETHER. FOLLOWING RAY ESCAPE, BOCKENKAMP RECEIVED TIP FROM SOURCE HE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY DAILEY WAS HARBORING SUBJECT. HE SHOOK DOWN WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SAME SOURCE GAVE TIP WHICH RESULTED IN CREWS ARREST. SAID SUBJECT IN MSP SAME TIME AS CRES WHO COULD HAVE TOLD HIM TO CONTACT DAILEY. HE KNEW DAILEY TOOK FREQUENT TRIPS BYHONOR FARM, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., AND DROPPED WHISKEY, CIGARETTES AND MONEY ON ROAD FOR PRISONER. BOCKENKAMP AND SGT. ED SCHAFF DENIED TOWNSLEY WAS SOURCE OF HARBORING ALLEGATION AGAINST DAILEY.

DAILEY LANDLORD CONFIRMED MOVE CAUSED BY HIS REFUSAL TO RE-WIRE BUILDING. NEIGHBORING TAVERN OWNER STATED DAILEY TOOK NEW FIXTURES WITH HIM.

SLPD REPORT OF KORGER ROBBERY OCTOBER TEN FIFTYNINE WHICH RESULTED IN RAYS CONVICTION LISTS JAMES LOAMA OWENS, BORN [REDACTED], MO., SLPD NUMBER FOUR TWO EIGHT EIGHT FOUR, AS PARTICIPANT BELIEVED STILL IN MSP JEFFERSON CITY MO.

MRS. ORVILLE ROBBINS, FLORISSANT, MO. WAS SCHOOL MATE OF SUBJECT AT EWING, MO., UNTIL NINETEEN FORTY THREE, EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION WHEN HIS FAMILIED MOVED TO HANNIBAL, MO.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING REGARDING CAROL PEPPER LIQUOR
LICENSE FOR GRAPEVINE TAVERN OPERATED BY JOHN LARRY RAY; TO LOCATE
JUNIOR RAY CONWAY; AND IDENTIFY ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT.

KC AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., INTERVIEW PRISONERS THOMAS BEECHUM
CREWS AND JAMES LOAMA OWENS MSP RE SUBJECT AND DAILEY AND IDENTI-
FICATION OF OTHER ASSOCIATES.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO PHONE CALL TO DETROIT APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST.

EARL VOSS, ASSISTANT OPERATIONS MANAGER, WESTERN UNION,
DETROIT, MICH., MADE AVAILABLE MASTER TAPES OF ALL TELEGRAMS
TO THE DES PLAINES, ILL., WESTERN UNION OFFICE WHICH COVERS
WHEELING, ILL., FOR THE PERIOD NINE AM, APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST,
THROUGH TWO THIRTY PM, APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST. THESE TAPES
WERE REVIEWED BY SAS OF THE DETROIT OFFICE AND DID NOT
INCLUDE A TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO JERRY RAY, P. O. BOX TWENTY
TWO, WHEELING, ILL.

TAPES PRIOR TO NINE AM, APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST, HAVE
BEEN DESTROYED.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

TO: **SAC, CHICAGO**

Date **4-21-68**

MURKIN

Your inquiry
Tel - SAC, SI
4-20-68

- ☐ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☒ Attached furnished in compliance with request from **SAC, Springfield**
- ☐ Only record available attached.
- ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
- ☐ Records FBI #
are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
- ☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
- ☐ Confirming FBI wire of
- ☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
- ☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
- ☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
- ☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
- ☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
- ☐ Your communication is returned.

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- ☒ Copy to: **SAC'S AT, BH, ME, KC, SF, SL, SI.**

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United States Department of Justice
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The following is the record of FBI number 768642

J. E. Hoover
 Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Special Agent, Chicago and Alton RR., Kansas City, Mo	William Edward Maher, #--	10-15-33	robb., 1st. deg. auto theft- aslt. to kill	
SP, Jefferson City, Mo., #--	William Maher, #721, St. Intermediate Ref., Algoa, Mo.	11-22-33	robb., 1st. deg.	10 yrs.
ONI, Wash., D. C. MID, Wash., D. C.	William Edward Maher, #1203	applicant for position, Laclede Steel Co., Alton, Ill., 4-2-41		
Naval Government (Guam PD) San Fran Calif PD Alton Ill	William Edward Maher #3791	6-19-49	susp of drunken driving & dist the peace	\$125 fine \$10 costs 6-20-49
PD St Louis Mo	William Edard Maher #7473	6-2-51	intox	fined & rel
	William Edward Maher #--	2-6-54	invest	
PD Quincy Ill	William Edward Maher #--	3-15-57	OMVWI	pd \$230.30

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The following FBI record, NUMBER 768 642, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race: white

Sex: male

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 210

Hair: brown & gray

Eyes: blue

Date and Place of Birth: , Bridgeton, New Jersey

Scars & Marks: 2" cut scar on right cheek, cut scars on bridge of nose. Impediment of speech. Both ears stand out well from head. 4" cut scar left forearm outer near wrist.

Address: 3-15-57 listed as 1118 East 7th St. Alton, Illinois

Occupation: sign board advertising and painter, laborer

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APRIL 23, 1968
CHICAGO, ILL.

APRIL THE 6, 1968 I LEFT CHICAGO, ILL. AT 6:30 A.M. TRAVELING ON ROUTE 66, MY DESTINATION, HOT SPRINGS, NATL. PARK, ARKANSAS. JUST OUT-SIDE OF LINCOLN, ILL; ABOUT 9:30 AM I STOPPED AND PICKED UP TWO (2) ITINERANTS WHO DISPLAYED A SIGN, DESTINATION, (L.A. CALIF.). THEY HAD THREE (3) PIECES OF LUGGAGE, 2 GRAY AIR-FLIGHT PIECES AND 1 BROWN HIDE 24" PULLMAN MANS SUIT CASE. I LEFT THE TWO (2) OFF AT SPRINGFIELD MO. AT ABOUT 3:30 P.M. SAT. APR. 6, 1968. AFTER GIVING IT A THOUGHT WHEN I ARRIVED AT HOT SPRINGS, ARK AS TO WHAT TOOK PLACE AT MEMPHIS, TENN. I DECIDED TO WRITE THE F.B.I AS TO MY SUSPICION OF THE TWO (2) I DROPPED OFF AT SPRINGFIELD, MO. I WROTE THE LETTER APRIL 7, 1968 AT HOT SPRINGS NATL. PK. ARK. ADDRESSED TO THE POST-MASTER, WITH NOTATION ON FACE OF ENVELOPE (CONFIDENTIAL FOR THE F.B.I.), I DID NOT KNOW THAT THEY HAD A RESIDENT AGENCY AT HOT SPRINGS. SO ON APRIL 12, 1968 I SENT ANOTHER LETTER SPECIAL DELIVERY DIRECT TO THE F.B.I. RESIDENT AGENCY ROOM 309 HOT SPRINGS, NATL. PK. ARK. AS A FOLLOW UP LETTER EXPLAINING MY SINCERE INTEREST THE PHOTOS IN THE CHICAGO PAPER IS THE LIKENESS OF THE ONE THAT WAS CALLED JOHN IN OUR CONVERSATION.

ALL INFORMATION FURNISHED BY 11A

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Csl29438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121 <i>INDEX Ray James E. Ray</i>	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1953 discharged <i>44-1114-244</i> SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED APR 1968 FBI - CHICAGO

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31, 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #1071	October 10, 1955	suspicion of robbery	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967 (operating motor vehicle without permission of owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D & DW") (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS Alias: James Walton WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS			
	THIS IS TO SIGNIFY THAT THE ABOVE NAMED OFFICE IS FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.			

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Director

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Date: 4/23/68

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
 FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel 4/19/68.

Check with MVD, Madison, Wis., indicated 3 references for the name WILLIAM FERBER, and no references for name WILLIAM FARBERS.

3 listings for FERBER include WILLIAM H. FERBER, DOB [redacted], who resides S63W13041 W. Janesville, Hales Corners, Wis. He is described as white male, brown hair, brown eyes, 5 ft. 7 in., 165 lbs.

WILLIAM A. FERBER and WILLIAM G. FERBER were eliminated on basis of their DOB which were respectively [redacted] and [redacted].

Credit Bureau of Milwaukee advises WILLIAM H. FERBER has owned address at Hales Corners, Wis. since 1952 and is self-employed owning Ferber Mfg. Co., Hales Corners, Wis. since 1948. FERBER's credit is poor as he went bankrupt in 1960. He claims to earn \$12,000 per annum.

Identification Bureau check, Milwaukee PD, lists 3 traffic violations for WILLIAM H. FERBER dated 3/20/56, 8/1/60 and 9/1/63. Chief of Police HAROLD PHELAN, Hales Corners, advised FERBER arrested 2/27/65 for operating with expired driver's license.

In view of traffic violations occurring during period wherein subject JAMES EARL RAY was confined, no further action contemplated in this matter, and FERBER not being interviewed.

(2-Chicago Regular Mail
 1-Atlanta (info) AM
 1-Memphis (info) AM
 1-New York (info) AM
 1-Milwaukee

WYD:mk

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Approved: [Signature]
 Special Agent in Charge

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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ME)

Re Albany airtels 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, setting forth concerns who purchased Thermo-Seal marking machines, and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/12/68.

The FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in trunk of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code, "20R-3." In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type,

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

LEADSALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

Will recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code, "20R-3."

2 - All Continental Offices
2 - Memphis
GMR:jms (118)

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Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

REPORT
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 19, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

OO: Memphis

Lab. No. D-560922 JK

Specimens received 4/16/68

K60 Six handwriting sample forms bearing known hand-
writing of THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEIDK61 Eight handwriting sample forms bearing known hand-
writing of SUSAN L. HARRIS FLIKEIDALSO SUBMITTED: Major case prints of SUSAN L. HARRIS
FLIKEID, and THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEID,
and GINGER NANCE

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings
appearing on Q118 (portion of "Kleenex box") were not
prepared by either THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEID, K60, or
SUSAN L. HARRIS FLIKEID, K61.

The submitted material has been retained.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 19, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560922 JK**

Examination requested by: **Chicago**

Reference: **Airtel 4/15/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be separately advised regarding the
results of the fingerprint comparisons.**

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 19, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560919 JK
D-560789 JK

Specimens received 4/16/68, from FBI, Newark

Q215 White envelope postmarked "Montreal, P.Q., VII, 1967," bearing return address "Eric S. Galt 2589 - *NEW* *APR 19 1968* Rue Notre Dame Est. Montreal, Canada, Quebec" and hand printed address "Locksmithing Institute Little Falls, New Jersey, U. S. A. 07424"

Specimen received 4/15/68, from FBI, Chicago

K35 Nine sheets of paper bearing known handwriting and hand printing of GINGER NANCE

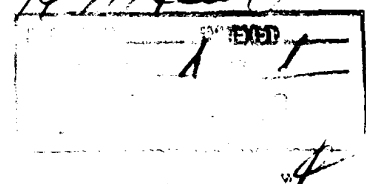
Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing appearing on the Q215 envelope was prepared by the individual responsible for the preparation of the hand printing on the Locksmithing Institute Enrollment Form and the Superior Bulk Film Company order blank which were previously submitted in this matter.

No significant indented impressions were noted on this envelope.

Except for the word "broult" it was concluded that the questioned writings on Q118 (torn "Kleenex box") were prepared by GINGER NANCE, K35. Similarities were also noted between the word "broult" and the known writings of NANCE but the lack of known writing precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

The submitted items have been retained. Photographs were made.





**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 19, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560919 JK
D-560789 JK

Examination requested by: Chicago, Newark

Reference: Airtels, 4/13/68 and 4/15/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

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You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint comparisons.

This report supplements and confirms Bureau teletype to Newark, Chicago, Memphis and Los Angeles dated 4/17/68.

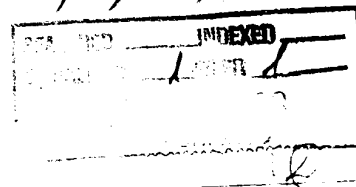
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FBI ATLANTA

5:55 PM EST URGENT 4/22/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND NEW ORLEANS, KANSAS CITY,
SPRINGFIELD

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 6 P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO ABOVE OFFICES, APR. TWENTYONE
SIXTYEIGHT.

ON APR. TWENTYONE, LAST, SHERIFF G. T. MAULDIN, (NA),
DALTON, GEORGIA, ADVISED, RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS CURRENTLY SERVING
LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER, ADVISED EARLIER HE SERVED TIME ON
THREE OCCASIONS WITH JAMES RAY. MAULDIN STATED CURTIS' INFO
PROBABLY RELIABLE. CURTIS INTERVIEWED WHITFIELD COUNTY JAIL,
APR. TWENTYONE, LAST, ADVISED FIRST ACQUAINTED RAY IN MARCH
FIFTYFIVE, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WHERE
RAY INCARCERATED ON POST OFFICE BURGLARY CHARGE JUST SUBSEQUENT
TO RELEASE FROM PRISON IN MENARD, ILLINOIS. CURTIS, AT TIME
UNDER ARREST FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND BANK ROBBERY. DURING THIS
PERIOD, CURTIS AND RAY CELL MATES FOR SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS. RAY
HAD FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED), WHO VISITED HIM IN JACKSON
PRISON. FRIEND HAD BEEN CELL MATE OF RAY WHEN RAY AT MENARD,
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FULL SUMMARY

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ILLINOIS. THIS MAN KEPT RAY IN SPENDING MONEY WHILE RAY IN PRISON AND WOULD HARBOR RAY. RAY HAD ANOTHER CLOSE FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED) OF ITALIAN DESCENT, APPARENTLY "A BIG MAN" IN SYNDICATE. THIS ITALIAN HAD APPARENTLY OPERATED WITH RAY IN PAST AND ENGAGED WITH RAY IN HANDLING STOLEN POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS. AFTER SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS AS CELL MATES, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, RAY SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS ON POST OFFICE BURGLARY CHARGES, TRANSFERRED TO LEAVENWORTH FEDERAL PENITENTIARY. TWO WEEKS LATER, CURTIS RECEIVED SIXTEEN YEARS SENTENCE FOR BANK ROBBERY AND SENT TO LEAVENWORTH. WHILE CONFINED LEAVENWORTH DURING THIS PERIOD, RAY SPOKE OF NO GIRL FRIEND AND CORRESPONDED WITH NONE. RAY MENTIONED HE "OPERATED" FREQUENTLY OUT OF QUINCY, ILLINOIS, WHICH MEANT "ENGAGED IN BURGLARY AND PAYROLL JOBS." WHILE HE AND RAY WERE INCARCERATED, THEY ENGAGED IN CROOKED POKER GAMES AND TOOK FELLOW PRISONERS FOR MONEY. RAY GOOD POKER PLAYER AND EXCELLENT CARD HANDLER. RAY MENTIONED UNDER WORLD AND HOODLUM CONNECTIONS (NAMES UNRECALLED) IN CHICAGO, DETROIT, TAMPA, AND TIJUANA, MEXICO AREAS. SERVING SEVEN TO EIGHT MONTHS WITH RAY AT LEAVENWORTH, CURTIS TRANSFERRED U.S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GA. CURTIS SERVED U.S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, AND IN JUNE, SIXTYTWO, SENT BACK MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, TO SERVE

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CRIMINAL ELEMENTS KNEW HOW TO CONTACT SUCH PEOPLE. ABOVE STATEMENTS BY RAY OVERHEARD BY THIRD CELL MATE MENTIONED ABOVE. RAY HAD FRIEND IN NEW ORLEANS (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN), COIN (PHONETIC) SPELLED LIKE "QUARTER OR DIME", WHO APPARENTLY A FENCE, WELL CONNECTED WITH HOODLUM ELEMENTS AND WHO IN 'FIFTYFIVE WAS FIFTYFIVE OR SIXTYFIVE YEARS OLD, WHOM WOULD HARBOR RAY. CURTIS KNEW NO CLOSE FRIENDS OF ASSOCIATES OF RAY. RAY ALLEGEDLY THRU PRISON GRAPE VINE HAD WIFE, BUT NEVER MENTIONED BY RAY; HOWEVER, FEW PRISONERS MENTION FAMILY CONNECTIONS. RAY ALSO MENTIONED GAMBLING IN LOS ANGELES. RAY WAS "HIGH LIVER" WHEN OUTSIDE AND WOULD ASSOCIATE WITH PROSTITUTES, TAKING ONE FROM TOWN TO TOWN. RAY WITH REGARD TO KING'S KILLING INDICATED HE WOULD MAKE ALL RULES AND WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY DEMAND BOUNTY MONEY BE PUT IN BANK. RAY MENTIONED THREE FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHICH HE HAD READ ABOUT, WHICH CURTIS ASSUMED RAY WOULD GO TO IF OUT OF UNITED STATES. THESE ARE NEW ZEALAND, BRAZIL, AND SWITZERLAND. CURTIS OF OPINION, NOT OVER THREE PEOPLE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN ACTUAL ASSASSINATION. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WELL PLANNED WITH DIVERSIONARY MEASURES AND SECOND INDIVIDUAL, NOT RAY, WOULD HAVE DRIVEN GETAWAY CAR TO ATLANTA AS DIVERSIONARY MEASURE. CURTIS WILL NOT TESTIFY, AS HE FEARS FOR HIS LIFE, IF INFO GETS OUT. HE DEMANDED IDENTITY BE PROTECTED. IN SPITE OF ABOVE, SHERIFF MAULDIN ADVISED CURTIS HAS ALSO GIVE ABOVE INFO PRIOR TO INTERVIEW BY FBI TO LLOYD GULLEDGE, REPORTER, DALTON NEWS

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ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGES. WHILE IN STATE PENITENTIARY JEFFERSON, MISSOURI, AGAIN INCARCERATED WITH RAY. ON OCCASIONS IN SAME CELL TOGETHER IN "B" HALL AND "C" HALL. SERVED TOGETHER FROM SIXTYTWO TO SIXTYSIX. WHILE IN "B" AND "C" HALLS, THEY WERE TOGETHER IN THREE-MAN CELL, WITH THIRD INDIVIDUAL (WHOM CURTIS STATED COULD VERIFY FOLLOWING FACTS, BUT WHOM CURTIS REFUSED TO IDENTIFY). DURING THIS INCARCERATION PERIOD, PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATED AND WORD CAME FROM OUTSIDE THIS PROBABLY CONSPIRACY, AND KENNEDY HAD "BOUNTY" ON HIS HEAD. CURTIS, UNABLE TO GIVE FURTHER DETAILS ON "BOUNTY". HE STATED IN SIXTYTHREE TO SIXTYFOUR, DR. KING'S MOVEMENTS BECAME TOPIC OF CONVERSATIONS AT STATE PENITENTIARY AND WORD GOT AROUND TO PRISONERS THAT "KK OF THE SOUTH" WHO APPARENTLY WENT TO BUSINESSMEN HAD RAISED ABOUT MILLION DOLLARS FOR "BOUNTY" ON KING'S HEAD. CURTIS, UNABLE TO GIVE FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OR INFORMATION OF KK OF SOUTH. FROM 'SIXTYTWO TO 'SIXTYSIX BEFORE CURTIS RELEASE, RAY MENTIONED A DOZEN TIMES "HAD HE KNOWN ABOUT A BOUNTY ON JOHN F. KENNEDY'S HEAD AND HAD HE BEEN OUT, HE WOULD HAVE COLLECTED IT". RAY STATED A DOZEN TIMES THAT "IF HE GOT OUT IN TIME AND IF KING WAS STILL ALIVE, HE WOULD LIKE TO GET THE BOUNTY ON KING". RAY NEVER MENTIONED WHOM HE WOULD CONTACT TO GET BOUNTY BUT ADVISED

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CITIZEN NEWSPAPER, DALTON, GEORGIA. MAULDIN NOT PRESENT DURING THIS INTERVIEW AND DOES NOT KNOW WHAT INFO CURTIS GAVE GULLEDGE. MAULDIN STATED CURTIS THREE TO FOUR DAYS AGO RECEIVED LETTER WITH RETURN ADDRESS, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. CURTIS KNOWS NO SPECIFIC RACIAL HATREDS BY RAY, WHO IS MEAN IF CROSSED, BUT NOT AGGRESSIVE INDIVIDUAL. HE SAID IF RAY RETURNED TO ATLANTA AFTER ASSASSINATION, IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN TO COLLECT BOUNTY.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI. (1) DETERMINE THIRD CELL MATE WITH RAY AND CURTIS IN "B" AND "C" HALLS, BETWEEN 'SIXTYTWO TO 'SIXTYSIX (INDIVIDUAL ALLEGED TO BE AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY), VERIFY CURTIS' STORY. (2) THRU POLICE AND INFORMANT CONTACTS IDENTIFY ITALIAN WHO WAS "A BIG MAN" IN SYNDICATE BETWEEN KANSAS CITY AND CHICAGO, AND WHO STOLE POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS FOR SUBJECT RAY. (3) DEVELOP INFO FROM INMATES AND OTHER SOURCES RE RAY'S ALLEGED WIFE. (4) DEVELOP INFO RE PRISON GOSSIP RE "MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY ON KING'S HEAD".

NEW ORLEANS AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.,) DEVELOP INFO RE COIN (PHONETIC).

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD PRISON, MENARD, ILL. IDENTIFY RAY'S FORMER CELL MATE IN MENARD STATE PRISON.

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SPRINGFIELD AT QUINCY, ILL. CONTACT INFORMANTS AND SOURCES TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE SUBJECT.

DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, AND TAMPA CONTACT LOGICAL INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT KNOWN TO HOODLUM ELEMENTS.

SAN DIEGO NOTE SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY VISITED TIJUANA IN PAST.

AM COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO AND TAMPA.

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Docket No. 19118

Judge Charles L. Hittaker

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Kansas City, Missouri

April 26, 1955

WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

PRESENTENCE REPORT

NAME James Earl Ray
ADDRESS Transient
AGE 27 years (Born March 17, 1928)
SEX Male
RACE White

CITIZENSHIP United States
MARITAL STATUS Single
NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS None
OFFENSE Forgery of U. S. Postal Money Order

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I. OFFENSE:

This defendant on April 1, 1955 entered a plea of guilty to an information in one count which charges that he on or about March 21, 1955 at Kansas City, Missouri knowingly, willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously forged a material endorsement on a U. S. Post Office Department Money Order No. 7-12,239,597. On this same date a companion, Walter Terry Rife, entered a plea of guilty in Docket No. 19119 to an information in one count charging him with the forgery on March 21, 1955 of postal money order No. 7-12,239,597. Imposition of sentence as to defendant and his companion was deferred and the presentence investigation was ordered.

The facts of the case are as follows: On March 7, 1955 the U. S. Post Office at Belleville, Illinois was burglarized and sixty-six blank U. S. Postal Money Orders, Serial Nos. 7-12,239,535 to 7-12,239,600 inclusive, and the office validating stamp were stolen. On March 8, 1955 at Alton, Illinois an unsuccessful attempt was made to cash one of these stolen money orders. On March 21, 1955 one of the stolen money orders, order No. 7-12,239,597, was presented to Askin's Clothing Company, 1206 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, by an unknown person in payment for a suit of clothes which was never picked up after alterations had been made. This money order, which was in the amount of \$75.00, was made payable to Willard J. McBride with the purchaser being shown as Vernon McBride. On this same date an unknown person presented stolen money order No. 7-12,239,568 to the Chaffee Office Machine Company, 1410 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, in payment for a used portable Remington typewriter. This money order, too, was in the amount of \$75.00 payable to Willard J. McBride with the purchaser being shown as Vernon McBride. The manager of this firm, being suspicious of this transaction, directed an employee to follow the customer. The employee noted the model and make of the automobile entered by the customer and the license number of the car. Later when this money order was ascertained

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to have been stolen a description of the customer and his automobile was given to post office inspectors who alerted the Missouri State Highway Patrol. A highway patrolman on March 23, 1955 at Hannibal, Missouri arrested in this automobile Walter Terry Rife, James Earl Ray, and a woman companion who has been released. Thirty-four of the money orders stolen from the Yellowknife, Illinois Post Office were found hidden under the dash above the glove compartment in this automobile. All of them had been stamped with the validating stamp. Some were made out ready for cashing while others were not.

On March 24, 1955 Rife executed a statement for postal inspectors in which he admitted he had prepared, forged and uttered the postal money order presented to the Office Office Supply Company in Kansas City. He admitted preparing the money order which was uttered on forged endorsement at Askin's Clothing Company, Kansas City, Missouri. He admitted that he had prepared the face of the money orders made ready for cashing and which were found in the automobile in which he was arrested. He admitted cashing numerous other money orders on forged endorsements in the states of Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Missouri. He recalled unsuccessfully attempting to cash the money order at Alton, Illinois on March 9, 1955. In his statement he admits that he purchased in Quincy, Illinois the stolen money orders. They were sold to him by an unidentified man for \$20. On March 24, 1955 Ray, declining to execute statement for postal inspectors, did verbally state that he had participated with Rife in the cashing of the stolen money orders in the various states. He denied actually knowing that the money orders were stolen. However, he admittedly presumed that they were for he had been told by Rife that they had been purchased for \$20. He admitted that it was he who forged and uttered the money order presented at Askin's Clothing Company in Kansas City, Missouri. He stated that he purchased for \$1 in St. Louis, Missouri from a "Wino" named Willard J. McBride the identification he and Rife used in uttering the money orders.

The two money orders uttered by Rife and Ray in Kansas City, Missouri and as well the money order Rife attempted to utter in Alton, Illinois have been recovered. As noted previously thirty-four of the money orders were recovered in the automobile. On April 14, 1955 when reinterviewed by postal inspectors Rife and Ray gave particulars relating to the cashing of twenty-seven additional stolen money orders located by the Regional Accounting Office. The particulars are as set out in the following table:

Last three digits	Cashed by	Cashed at	Second Endorser	Date of earliest discernible bank stamp	Am't.
538	Rife	St. Louis, Mo.	(Illegible)	Mar. 15	\$50
543	Ray	do	Downs Men's Shop	Mar. 2	\$55
547	Ray	Hot Springs, Ark.	MacKay Art Galleries	Mar. 21	\$75
548	Rife	do	Brown's Dept. Store	Mar. 21	\$75
550	Rife	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Topp's	Mar. 15	\$75

552	Rife	Memphis, Tenn.	Borg & McCargo	Mar. 11	\$85
557	Ray	New Orleans, La.	Bright Tailors	?	\$75
558	Rife	do	Schneiders	Mar. 21	\$75
559	Rife	do	Todd's Sportswear Shop	Mar. 18	\$75
560	Rife	Hot Springs, Ark.	None apparent	Mar. 21	\$50
561	Ray	do	Dinos (?) J. C. Ross	Mar. 21	\$75
562	Rife	do	Lockwood's Men's Store	Mar. 23	\$50
577	Rife	do	Pfisters of Arkansas	Mar. 21	\$75
578	Ray	do	Biles Music Co.	Mar. 21	\$75
582	Rife	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Squires, Inc.	Mar. 13	\$50
583	Ray	do	C. K. Slaughter	Mar. 15	\$50
585	Rife	St. Petersburg, Fla.	(Ivan C. Whipple I. Zucker)	Mar. 16	\$50
586	Ray	do	Arnold's Mens Wear	Mar. 14	\$75
587	Ray	do	Dunoffs Footwear	Mar. 14	\$50
589	Rife	do	Isabelle Abrams	?	\$75
591	Ray	Tampa, Fla.	Rio Liquors Inc.	Mar. 16	\$75
592	Rife	do	Knox (?) Bar & Luncheonette	Mar. 18	\$75
593	Rife	do	The Hub	Mar. 14	\$50
595	Ray	Tallahassee, Fla.	Alford Bros. Inc.	Mar. 12	\$50
596	Ray	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Kings Credit Clothing	Mar. 14	\$50
598	Ray	Daytona Beach, Fla.	(Illegible)	Mar. 15	\$75
599	Rife	Hot Springs, Ark.	Chas. Hearn(?)	Mar. 21	\$75

*Both Rife and Ray say no money orders cashed by them in banks.

Two of the stolen money orders have not yet been recovered. They, however, are accounted for as Ray has admitted cashing one of them at a luggage store in Kansas City, Kansas and Rife admits cashing one of them at Miami Beach, Florida.

It is pertinent to note that following the apprehension of Rife and Ray postal inspectors obtained from the room which they occupied a quantity of merchandise they had acquired by passing the stolen money orders. Found in their room were a typewriter, several pieces of luggage, a radio, a camera, a wristwatch, a considerable quantity of new wearing apparel for men, and other items. They have authorized the postal inspectors to return this merchandise to the stores or individuals from whom it was obtained.

II. PRIOR RECORD:

Defendant's F. B. I. Fingerprint Return No. 306 443 A reveals the following arrests and dispositions:

10-11-49 : Sheriff's office, Los Angeles, California - suspicion of burglary. 12-30-49 sentenced to 8 months in county jail for burglary. Served 90 days and released on probation for period of 2 years. Defendant states that he was drunk.

ing in the rear of a cafe when he was seen by the cafe manager. He ran from the scene and was later apprehended. He says that after being placed on probation he went to Chicago, Illinois to reside and that he reported to a probation officer in Los Angeles, California by mail.

- Covered*
- 1-18-50 : Sheriff's office, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. - vagrancy. Pledge of good behavior not shown, but defendant states he was released and instructed to leave town.
 - 7-23-51 : Alton, Illinois Police Department - no operator's license, no state license, no city license. Released to pay later. Defendant states he was fined \$55 and required to purchase the necessary licenses.
 - 5-6-52 : Chicago, Illinois police - robbery. 6-13-52 sentenced to term of 1 to 2 years in Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois. Defendant reluctantly admitted to the writer that while intoxicated he held up a taxicab driver. On 7-7-52 he was received at the Illinois State Prison, Pontiac, Illinois in transfer from Joliet, Illinois institution. He was released by minimum expiration on 3-12-54.
 - 8-30-54 : Sheriff, Edwardsville, Illinois - burglary and larceny. Defendant states that he burglarized a cleaning shop in East Alton, Illinois but denies stealing anything. Although no disposition has been made on this charge of burglary he apparently is not wanted.
 - 3-23-55 : Hannibal, Missouri police for instant offense. Released to federal authorities following day.

III. FAMILY HISTORY:

Defendant

This defendant, age 27, was born [redacted] in Alton, Illinois.

He is an only child. He resided in the parental home in Alton until age 18. During that time, however, he frequently visited with his paternal grandparents in Quincy, Illinois. When about age 18 he entered the army. Following discharge from military service in 1948 he resided for a short time in Quincy, Illinois. He then moved to Chicago, Illinois where he resided for a period of about six months before moving to Los Angeles, California. As noted in the section, Police Record, he was convicted of burglary and sentenced to jail in Los Angeles. When released on probation from that sentence he returned to residence in Chicago where he lived alone until he was committed in June of 1952 to the Illinois State Penitentiary. Since his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary in March of 1954, he has been rather transient living principally in Quincy, Illinois.

Father

George Ray reportedly died of a heart condition in 1947 at age about

49. He was an employee of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad and reportedly had no arrest record.

Mother

Lucille (nee Maher) Ray died of a liver condition in 1949 at age 51.

Other relatives

Defendant refuses to identify his several aunts and uncles who reside

in Quincy, Illinois.

IV. HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD:

When not incarcerated defendant has lived principally in Alton and Quincy, Illinois. Since his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary in March 1954, he has been rather transient. His last known residence for any period of time was at the Virginia Hotel in Quincy, Illinois.

V. EDUCATION:

Defendant states that he completed the 1st through the 8th grades at St. Mary's School in Alton, Illinois. He states that in 1952 while residing in Chicago, Illinois he attended the Academy of Adults and obtained the equivalent of a two-year high school education.

VI. RELIGION:

Defendant denies any affiliation. His mother was Catholic, and his father was Protestant. While in military service he infrequently attended Catholic services.

VII. INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES:

None.

VIII. HEALTH:

Defendant is 5' 10 1/2" tall, weighs 170 lbs., has a ruddy complexion, blue eyes, and brown hair. There are no apparent marks or scars of identification. He apparently is in good health. He states that before becoming involved in the instant offense he was in the process of petitioning for admittance to a Veterans Hospital in Illinois for a general physical checkup. He denies a history of surgery other than a tonsillectomy in Chicago in 1952. He denies a history of venereal disease or the use of narcotics. He states that he is a "moderate drinker."

IX. EMPLOYMENT AND MILITARY HISTORY:

Defendant states that at Alton, Illinois on February 19, 1946 he enlisted in the U. S. Army. He received his basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri. He was then transferred to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey to await transportation to the European Theater of Operations. He states that he left the continental limits of the United States for Germany in July of 1946. Overseas he was attached to the 382nd Military Police Battalion. He admits that he was once AWOL for a period of two days which resulted in a suspended sentence to confinement for period of sixty days. He returned to the United States from Germany in December of 1948 and was, he states, on December 23, 1948 given a general discharge under honorable conditions.

Defendant states that his last employment was with an uncle whom he refuses to identify but who resides in Quincy, Illinois. He worked for this uncle as a painter for a period of time in the summer of 1954.

He claims that from August 1951 to May 1952 he was employed by the Borg Erickson Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. This employment was terminated when he was arrested for robbery, which eventually resulted in a penitentiary sentence.

He states that from July of 1950 to June 1951 he was employed by the Arboy Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. He was discharged from this employment for absenteeism caused by his arrest in Alton, Illinois for vagrancy when visiting in that city.

He claims that from April 1950 to July of 1950 he was employed as a laborer at a wage of 90¢ per hour by the Hoe Produce Company, Chicago, Illinois. He claims to have left this employment to accept more lucrative employment.

From July 1949 to September 1949 defendant states he was employed as a laborer at a wage of \$1.10 per hour by the Bayden Rubber Company, Chicago, Illinois. He quit this job to move to California.

He purports that from May 1944 to December of 1945 he was employed at a wage of 65¢ per hour by the International Shoe Company, Hartford, Illinois. He indicates he was laid off by this employer in a general reduction of forces and that he then entered the army.

X. RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES:

None.

XI. SUMMARY:

This defendant, white male, age 27, no dependents, has entered a plea of guilty to an Information in one count which charges that he at Kansas City, Missouri -

on or about March 21, 1955 forged a stolen U. S. Postal Money Order. This money order was one of sixty-six such orders stolen in a burglary of the U. S. Post Office, Kellerville, Illinois on March 7, 1955. Defendant emphatically denies the burglary of the post office. He states that his companion in the instant offense, Walter T. Rife, when he met at a bar in Quincy, Illinois suggested that he accompany Rife and cash the money orders which Rife reportedly had purchased from an unknown person. Defendant states that he purchased for \$1 the identification he and Rife used in uttering these stolen orders in various states. When arrested for the instant offense defendant was in possession of thirty-four money orders which had been stolen from the Kellerville, Illinois Post Office. He admits the forgery and uttering of fourteen money orders. His companion, Rife, has admitted the forgery and uttering or attempting to utter eighteen of the stolen money orders.

Approximately one year before becoming involved in the instant offense defendant was released from service of a sentence of one to two years for armed robbery in the Illinois State Penitentiary. In August of 1954 he burglarized a cleaning establishment in East Alton, Illinois. Although he admittedly was charged with burglary he apparently has never been before the appropriate court and apparently is not presently wanted on this charge. In 1949 in Los Angeles, California he was convicted of burglary and sentenced to eight months in the county jail. After serving ninety days of this sentence he was released on probation for a period of two years.

Defendant shows absolutely no remorse at this time. He anticipates receiving a substantial sentence for the instant offense. In writer's opinion he is a confirmed criminal and a menace to society when in the free world.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward R. Murray
U. S. Probation Officer

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MURKIN

Enclosed for each Office is one copy of a pre-sentence report prepared regarding JAMES EARL RAY for the U. S. District Court, Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri, dated April 26, 1955. This report contains background information regarding JAMES EARL RAY, including his travel through numerous states in connection with the theft and passing of stolen money orders in March, 1955. RIFE located and interviewed Quincy, Illinois.
LEADS

All Offices are requested to review the enclosure thoroughly for the purpose of covering all pertinent leads suggested in the enclosure. This coverage should include, if not already done, a check of all places where the subject is listed as having been incarcerated, all places at which he is believed to have visited in the passing of stolen money orders, and any other investigation, including contact of law enforcement agencies, credit bureaus, public sources, informants and any other logical investigation suggested by the enclosed material which might assist in developing information helpful in locating JAMES EARL RAY at this time.

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~~JACK WEISEBACH, 3845 Jefferson; DALE BAXTER, 4136
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On 4/23/68, GREG J. KIBBIE, Chief of Police, Valley, Nebraska, advised he works part time at the Two Rivers State Recreation Area, south of Venice, Nebraska, and that on 4/22/68, the Superintendent, RICHARD WOLKOW, had advised as follows:

On 4/17/68, TROY EARLS, 4240 11th Street, Rockford, Illinois, was registered as an overnight camper; he was driving a camper, make not recorded or recalled, Illinois license B 282390.

After viewing TV and newspaper photographs of him, WOLKOW concluded there was some resemblance between EARLS and JAMES EARL RAY, aka, Fugitive, and recalled that EARLS had inquired of him regarding gun laws in the State of Nebraska.

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Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether TROY EARLS might be identical with JAMES EARL RAY, aka, Fugitive.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

FROM *P.* SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau letter to Chicago dated 4/16/68.

Enclosed for the Latent Fingerprint Section are three cards containing rolled fingerprints of GUNNER R. BURKE, ANITA R. BERGER, and FABIAN CAMACHO.

BULK
Mr. GUNNAR BURKE, of Superior Beat Film Company, Chicago, advised that he and possibly Mrs. ANITA BERGER and FABIAN CAMACHO are the only employees of this company that would have any reason to handle the ERIC S. GALT file.

On 4/24/68 the above named people were fingerprinted. Mr. BURKE advised that he has previously been fingerprinted in connection with Warwork during the period of World War II, where he was employed by the Admiral Corporation. FABIAN CAMACHO advised that he served in the U.S. Army and entered the Army in 1952 in Puerto Rico. He could not recall the Army Serial Number.

The fingerprints of the following people should also be considered for elimination purposes in this matter:

SAC MARLIN W. JOHNSON, Chicago
ASAC KYLE CLARK
SAs RENE J. DUMAINE, LEN
KACZMAREK, WILLIAM J. DOWNEY, all
of the Chicago Office and

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MARTIN J. MC GEE, Postal Inspector in Charge
and Postal Inspector FRANK C. FREYER of
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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS,
 SPRINGFIELD, CHICAGO
 FROM KANSAS CITY

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MURKIN.

KANSAS CITY POTENTIAL CRIMINAL INFORMANT LAWRENCE
EUGENE WRAY, FBI# 968105B, FORMER PRISON MATE OF SUBJECT AT
 MO. STATE PENITENTIARY, PAROLED MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST,
 IS CURRENTLY RESIDING KANSAS CITY. WRAY ADVISED BUAGENTS THIS
 DATE HE IS WILLING TO ASSIST BUREAU BY TRAVELING AND CONTACTING
 ANY UNDERWORLD SOURCE THEY MAY RECOMMEND, FOR EXPENSES, IN
 HOPE TO TURN UP SUBJECT.

WRAY IS TO MAKE FIRST CONTACT WITH MO. STATE PAROLE
 OFFICER FOUR PM THIS DATE. PAROLE OFFICER UNAWARE OF WRAY'S
 OFFER TO FBI; HOWEVER, WRAY HAS NO OBJECTION TO MAKING HIM
 AWARE OF THIS OFFER. KANSAS CITY FEELS HE HAS POTENTIAL IF
 SPECIFIC INFORMATION FURNISHED HIM OF SOURCES NOT COOPERATIVE
 WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

BUREAU AND MEMPHIS OPINIONS REQUESTED.

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FBI CHICAGO

FBI MOBILE

4:04PM URGENT 4/24/68 CRS

TO: NEW ORLEANS (157-10678), CHICAGO (44-1114)
 FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE: SUSPECT JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO MOBILE APR. TWENTY AND MOBILE AIRTEL
 MEMPHIS AND OTHER OFFICES, APR. TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYEIGHT.

TWENTYFOUR INSTANT RAYMOND M. WILBURN LOCATED ONE THREE
 ZERO W. PATTON STREET, MONTGOMERY, ALA. HE REPORTED TO SA
 JOHN C. MC CLUNEY:

ON APR. NINETEEN LAST HE TRAVELED TO NEW ORLEANS, LA.,
 IN HIS WHITE CORVAIR, ILL. LICENSE D G THREE ONE ZERO NINE.
 SOUTH MOBILE, ALA., HE PICKED UP HITCHHIKER JOSEPH (LNU).
 AT PASCAGOULA, MISS., THEY WERE STOPPED BY PD. JOSEPH
 IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO OFFICER WHO SAID HE RESEMBLED GALT.

ON APR. TWENTYTHREE LAST WILBURN LEFT JOSEPH AT NEW
 ORLEANS, LA. JOSEPH IS EMPLOYED AS BARTENDER AND RESIDES AT
 MUSIC BOX LOUNGE, ONE NINE ZERO ZERO CANAL ST., NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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NEW ORLEANS INTERVIEW JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE. X

CHICAGO DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE HILBURN.

AM COPIES MEMPHIS AND JACKSON.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

533PM URGENT 4-24-68 HEP

TO CHICAGO, DALLAS

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 2P

MURKIN

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

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

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

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555 PM URGENT 4/24/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, HOUSTON, DALLAS, OKLAHOMA CITY, AND
CHICAGO

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

FRANK GUINAN, PRISONER, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, ADVISED
SUBJECT WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED IN PRISON WITH NEAL EDGAR AEBY.
AEBY REPORTEDLY GAVE RAY THE IDEA OF ESCAPING IN A BREAD BOX
FROM PENITENTIARY. AEBY AND RAY WERE TOGETHER RECEIVING
BARBITUATES AND AMPHETAMINES. RAY WAS AWARE THAT SOME OF AEBY'S
BROTHERS WERE INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS IN TEXAS. HE STATED
ONE OF THE BROTHERS WAS ARRESTED IN DALLAS ON NARCOTICS
CHARGE IN ABOUT SIXTYSIX. BELIEVED THIS BROTHER TO BE NAMED
AUBREY AEBY. GUINAN STATED NEAL AEBY IS PRESENTLY ON STREETS
AS HE RECEIVED POSTCARD FROM HIM TWO WEEKS AGO MAILED IN
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. GUINAN SAID HAD NO IDEA WHERE RAY MIGHT
GO. HE LIKED BENNIES AND AMPHETAMINES AND COULD POSSIBLY CONTACT
SOME OF THE AEBYS IN TEXAS. HE ALSO REMEMBERED RAY SPEAKING OF
A BROTHER IN CHICAGO, ILL., WHO OWNED A BAR AND OF THE FACT HE WOULD
LIKE TO GO TO CHICAGO ON RELEASE AND WORK AS BARTENDER FOR HIS
BROTHER.

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PRISON FILE ON NEAL AEBY REVEALS WM, DOB [REDACTED], SIX TWO, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, FBI NO. TWO EIGHT FIVE ONE ONE SEVEN FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE ADDRESS SIX SEVEN FOUR EIGHT PLAZA DR., HOUSTON, TEX; DALLAS, TEX. PD NO. TWO TWO SIX TWO FOUR. WIFE LISTED AS JUDY EBY, SEVEN TWO ONE FOUR VILLAGE WAY, HOUSTON, TEX.; BROTHER JAMES AEBY, DALLAS, TEX. RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL NEAL AEBY WAS EXTRADITED TO TEXAS APRIL NINE, LAST AND RELEASED TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, HUNTSVILLE, TEX.

GUINAN STATED POSSIBILITY EXISTS AEBY COULD HAVE WRITTEN CARD MAILED IN OKLA. CITY WHILE BEING TRANSPORTED TO HUNTSVILLE.

DALLAS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BROTHER UAJAMES AEBY AND INTERVIEW RE SUBJECT AND ANY OTHER RELATIVES WHO MAY KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT.

HOUSTON AT HUNTSVILLE, TEX., INTERVIEW AEBY RE SUBJECT.

HOUSTON AT HOUSTON, INTERVIEW JUDY AEBY RE SUBJECT OR ANY RELATIVES WHO MAY BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM OR KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS.

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CORR PAGE TWO, LINE TWELVE, WD SIX...JAMES

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FBI-BUFFALO

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TO DIRECTOR (44-3886), MEMPHIS (44-1987) CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

RE ALBANY TEL APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

RECORDS BUFFALO, NY PD MADE AVAILABLE BY WILLIAM J. COLLINS,
IN CHARGE OF THE MICRO SECTION, DISCLOSED ON MAY TWO, NINETEEN
FIFTYNINE, PRECINCT NUMBER ONE, ANSWERED A CALL WHICH DISCLOSED
THAT EARL E. RAY'S BODY WAS FOUND UNDER THE RAILROAD BRIDGE AT THE
FOOT OF COMMERCIAL ST., BUFFALO, NY, UNDER THE D L AND W RAILROAD
BRIDGE. NO RESCUE SQUAD RESPONDED. DR. LEE, EMERGENCY HOSPITAL,
PRONOUNCED THE INDIVIDUAL DEAD, AND EARL E. RAY'S BODY WAS TAKEN
ERIE COUNTY MORGUE.

NICHOLAS SALINARDO CHARGE OF THE MORGUE, MADE AVAILABLE RE-
CORDS WHICH DISCLOSED THE BODY BROUGHT TO MORGUE BY ROBERTS FUNERAL
HOME, AND AFTER LAYING IN THE MORGUE FOR TWO DAYS, THE BODY WAS
CLAIMED BY MRS. FRANK FULLER, A SISTER, RESIDING AT TWO SIX ZERO
ONE CHESTNUT, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, CLAIM BEING MADE BY TELEGRAM.

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MR. GEORGE ROBERTS, OPERATOR ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST., ADVISED HE TOOK THE BODY TO ERIE COUNTY MORGUE ON MAY TWO, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, AND HIS COPY OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE DISCLOSED LAST PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR RAY WAS WESTERN ROAD, ALBANY NY, PLACE OF BIRTH QUINCY, ILL., DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED], AGE AT TIME OF DEATH [REDACTED], OCCUPATION STEWARD, PRESENT EMPLOYMENT UNEMPLOYED, MARITAL STATUS DIVORCED, FATHER JAMES RAY, AND MOTHER LILLIAM MATTHEWS. THE PHYSICIAN SIGNING DEATH CERTIFICATE DR. ROCCO DE DOMINICIS.

MR. ROBERTS STATED BODY SHIPPED TO THE DUKES BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME, EIGHT TWO THREE BROADWAY, QUINCY, ILL., ON MAY FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, THIS SHIPMENT BEING ORDERED BY MRS. FRANK FULLER, QUINCY, ILL. BODY INTERRED MAY FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE GREEN MOUNTAIN CEMETERY, QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

A CHECK AT THE BUFFALO GENERAL HOSPITAL, RECORDS BEING CHECKED BY PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, MR. TOM MICHEL, DISCLOSED NO RECORD OF RAY EVER BEING EMPLOYED BUFFALO GENERAL HOSPITAL. MISS ELLEN JONES, PERSONNEL OFFICE, BUFFALO STATE HOSPITAL, FOREST AVE., BUFFALO, ADVISED THEY HAVE NO RECORD OF RAY EVER BEING EMPLOYED THERE. ADDRESS OF FOUR SEVEN SIX FRANKLIN NONEXISTENT, AS ROOMING HOUSE THIS

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ADDRESS TORN DOWN IN NINETEEN SIXTY.

RESULTS OF CREDIT CHECK ON RAY NOT COMPLETE AT THIS TIME, AND
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

AM CC'S KANSAS CITY, ALBANY AND SPRINGFIELD.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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FBI INDAPOLS

729PM URGENT 4-24-68 WJA

TO DIRECTOR (44-3861), CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SPRINGFIELD
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU, CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, KANSAS
CITY, MEMPHIS, NEW YORK AND ST. LOUIS, APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.

RE; JOHN LARRY RAY. *X* *DF*

RECORDS, INDIANA STATE REFORMATORY, PENDLETON, IND., DISCLOSES
"JOHN LARRY RAYNS", AKA. JACK, PRISON REGISTRY NO. THREE FIVE TWO
NINE SEVEN, SENTENCED TO TWO-FIVE YRS. FOR SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY
IN KOSCIUSKO CO., IND., ON JAN. TWENTYTHREE FIFTY AND RECEIVED AT
IND. REFORMATORY JAN. TWENTYFOUR FIFTY. RAYNS DESCRIBED AS WM,
BORN [REDACTED], ALTON, ILL., FIVE FT. SEVEN ONE HALF
IN., ONE TWENTYEIGHT LBS, DARK CHESTNUT HAIR, HAZEL EYES, SALLOW
COMPLEXION, SLENDER BUILD, BURN SCAR LEFT JAW, CUT SCAR TOP MIDDLE
FINGER, LEFT HAND, THIRD JOINT, PECULARITY - STUTTERS. ATTENDED
PUBLIC SCHOOL QUINCY, ILL., THIRTYEIGHT TO FORTYEIGHT. HAD WORKED
FOR WEMMS LAUNDRY, QUINCY FOR FIVE MONTHS AND WAS FIRED. STATED
MADE HOME WITH PARENTS, JERRY AND LUCILLE (MAHER) RAYNS, TWO ONE FOUR
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FURNISHED OTHER RELATIVES AS FOLLOWS; GRANDMOTHER, MRS. MARY MAHER, ALTON, ILL.; BROTHERS JERRY RAYNS, JR., AND FRANK RAYNS, BOTH RESIDING WITH PARENTS; SISTERS MELBA, CAROL AND JANE RAYNS, ALL RESIDING WITH PARENTS.

HE WAS PAROLED MARCH TWENTYONE FIFTYTWO TO ST. OF ILL. TO RESIDE WITH UNCLE WILLIAM E. MAHER, ONE ONE ONE EIGHT E. SEVENTH ST., ALTON, ILL., AND TO WORK FOR LEE R. MOREHEAD, TWO ONE EIGHT WILLIAMS ST., ALTON. PAROLE OFFICER WAS HARVEY L. LONG, ADMINISTRATOR, INTERSTATE PAROLE COMPACT, THREE ZERO NINE ARMORY BUILDING, SPRINGFIELD, ILL. HE VIOLATED THIS PAROLE BY ABSCONDING FROM PAROLE SUPERVISOR ON APRIL TWO FIFTY TWO BY BEING ARRESTED IN HOLTVILLE, CALIF. ON DEC. THREE FIFTYTWO AS A SLEEPER ACCORDING TO FBI REPT. USING ALIAS "JOHNNY LARRY RAY; ALSO BY BEINGARRESTED FOR LARCENY APRIL SEVEN FIFTYTHREE AT QUINCY. THIS ARREST RESULTED IN A ONE TO TWENTY YR. COMMITMENT TO ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY AT MENARD, ILL.

HIS IND. DELINQUENT PAROLE STATUS WAS WAIVED ON SEPT. TWO FIFTYTWO AND THE IND. SENTENCE EXPIRED JAN. TWENTYTHREE FIFTYFIVE. HE RECEIVED HIS FINAL DISCHARGE ON MAY NINE FIFTYNINE.

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LETTER IN FILE DATED JAN. ELEVEN FIFTYFOUR FROM REV. J.L. STRZELEC, CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN, MENARD, ILL., ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, ADDRESSED TO IND. REFORMATORY ADVISES THE CHAPLAIN WAS WRITING ON BEHALF OF "JOHN RYAN." THE CHAPLAIN STATED THAT JOHN WAS CONCERNED THAT IND. WOULD FILE A HOLD ON HIM AT ILL. PENITENTIARY. INDIANA REFORMATORY ADVISED CHAPLAIN THEY HAD NO PRISONER NAMED JOHN RYAN AND THE CHAPLAIN THEN ADVISED HE WAS WRITING CONCERNING JOHN RAYN, IND. REFORMATORY NO. THREE FIVE TWO NINE SEVEN. THE CHAPLAIN ADVISED THAT JOHN WAS SERVING FIVE TO TEN YRS. AT MENARD. THE CHAPLAIN ADVISED JOHN'S MOTHER WAS A SEMI-INVALID WITH FOUR SMALL CHILDREN. JOHN RAYN'S REGISTRYNO. AT THE ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD, WAS TWO THREE FOUR ZERO ONE.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD AT ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, REVIEW FILE JOHN LARRY RAYN OR RYAN REGISTRY NO. TWO THREE FOUR ZERO ONE.

AT ADAMS, ALTON AND QUINCY, ILL. LOCATE ABOVE RELATIVES AND INTERVIEW RE BACKGROUND AND WHEREABOUTS OF JOHN LARRY RAY.

CHECK SCHOOL RECORDS FOR JOHN LARRY RAY AT ADAMS FOR PERTINENT INFO. REVIEW URFILE TWENTYFIVE DASH SIX NINE THREE EIGHT.

AT SPRINGFIELD CHECK ANY PERTINENT PAROLE RECORDS RE JOHN LARRY RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME AN ALIASES.

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FOR INFO SPRINGFIELD RETEL SET LEAD FOR INDIANAPOLIS TO ATTEMPT
TO LOCATE JAMES EARL RAY'S BROTHER IN INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION.

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