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To: **All SACS**
LEADS, Mexico City
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From: **Director, FBI (44-38861)**

MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

In order to cover the possibility that subject may have died since commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted and they advised that no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested that each state may maintain such a record in their Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency.

There is no known Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information; and it is possible that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would only be maintained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities, or the like.

Each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if such records are maintained, and if so, should check records for the period from 4-5-68, to date, for any information which might possibly identify subject Ray with unidentified deceased person over that period.

If there is no central record repository maintained in the various states or nationally in the case of Mexico and Canada, you should, in connection with your contacts with law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, make appropriate inquiries relative to

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RE: MURKIN

unidentified dead for the period beginning 4-5-68; and if fingerprints on such dead are maintained, they should be compared with those on the Identification Order on Ray in order to effect identification or nonidentification. This should be handled in the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines.

The Identification Division has placed an appropriate stop on unidentified deceased inquiries it may receive. If feasible, appropriate offices and Legats, Mexico City and Ottawa should place similar stops with appropriate state, local or national agencies in your territories.

Armed and Dangerous.

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: Subject's brother, JOHN LARRY RAY, aka

Re St. Louis teletype to the Bureau dated 5/10/68
and Springfield airtel to St. Louis dated 5/9/68.

Enclosed for St. Louis is a copy of Menard State
Prison report re JOHN LARRY RAY (23461) furnished by BILL
KAUFMAN, Illinois Parole and Pardon Board, Springfield, Illinois.
It has previously been determined by Springfield Division that
subject's brother, under the name JOHN LARRY RYAN, was
incarcerated at the Menard State Penitentiary on a charge of
larceny of a motor vehicle and was released from that
institution on 2/1/60. RYAN left Menard on a full discharge
and immediately, thereafter, made application to the State of
Illinois for restitution of his civil rights. He requested
the results of this application be sent to 1728 North 16th
Street, St. Louis, Missouri. Additional information of
interest from RYAN's Menard file was furnished to St. Louis
in referenced airtel.

- 2 - St. Louis (44-775) (Enc. 1)
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FBI LITTLE R

850PM URGENT 5-10-68 MHR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN

MAY FIVE, LAST, CHARLENE GROCE, CLERK, ARK. STATE REVENUE
DEPT., LEWISVILLE, ARK., ADVISED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING PHOTO OF
JAMES EARL RAY, IN MAY EIGHT, LAST, ISSUE OF SHREVEPORT, LA., TIMES
NEWSPAPER, USING NAME JOHNNY R. SMITH, PURCHASED NON-TITLE SIXTY
SEVEN DASH EIGHT ARK. TRAILER LICENSE NUMBER S T THREE NINE FIVE
TWO FIVE ON MAY EIGHT LAST, FOR SIXTYTHREE MODEL SHERATON HOUSE-
TRAILER, FORTY SIX FEET BY EIGHT FEET.

SMITH SHOWED SIXTYFOUR TENN. TITLE NUMBER ONE ZERO THREE NINE
ONE NINE TWO FOUR FOR ABOVE TRAILER. NAME APPEARED AS JOHNNY R.
SMITH WITH ADDRESS OF THREE EIGHT ZERO ZERO OR THREE NINE ZERO
ZERO BLOCK, LAMAR ST., MEMPHIS. SMITH GAVE PRESENT ADDRESS OF
DOGWOOD TRAILER PARK, BLYTHEVILLE, ARK. SMITH ALSO OBTAINED
SIXTYSEVEN DASH EIGHT ARK. TRAILER LICENSE NUMBER S T THREE NINE
FIVE TWO EIGHT, FOR SMALL TYPE TRAILER.

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SMITH IN ACCOMPANY OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAMES OF MIKE MACK AND TOM MC NYALLY, WHO ALSO PURCHASED NON-TITLED SIXTYSEVEN DASH EIGHT ARK. TRAILER LICENSES FOR SMALL TRAILERS NUMBERS S T THREE NINE FIVE TWO SIX AND S T THREE NINE FIVE TWO SEVEN.

INVESTIGATION, BLYTHEVILLE, ARK., REVEALED MAN KNOWN AS TOM MC NYALLY LEFT DOGWOOD TRAILER PARK, EARLY MONTH SIXTYEIGHT. MC NYALLY DESCRIBED AS MIGRANT SPRAY PAINTER, TRAVELING FROM CITY TO CITY OPERATING LATE MODEL PANEL OR VAN TYPE TRUCK, MAKE AND MODEL UNKNOWN, WITH SPRAY PAINT EQUIPMENT IN REAR OR CARRIED ON SMALL TRAILER.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS IN THE TEXARKANA, HOPE, AND LEWISVILLE, ARK., AREA, NEGATIVE THIS DATE.

SMITH DESCRIBED AS WM, FORTY YEARS, FIVE FOOT ELEVEN, ONE EIGHT ZERO POUNDS, MEDIUM OR HEAVY BUILD, BUSHY BROWN HAIR, PROMINENT BUSHY EYEBROWS, PALE BLUE EYES, DEEP SET, VERY NERVOUS, THREE/EIGHTHS INCH SCAR RIGHT SIDE NOSE, LIMPED ON RIGHT FOOT SLIGHTLY, WEARING WHITE SHIRT, TAN TROUSERS AND BROWN WORD SHOES, RED RUDDY COMPLEXION.

MC NYALLY DESCRIBED WM, FORTY TO FORTYFIVE, FIVE FOOT NINE, ONE FOUR FIVE POUNDS, SMALL BUILD, REDDISH, BLOND, BUSHY HAIR,
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LR 157-1215

GRAY EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, WEARING TAN SHIRT AND TROUSERS.

BOTH MEN APPEARED TO BE CONSTRUCTION OR OUTDOOR TYPE WORKERS.

MEMPHIS ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SMITH TO SIXTYFOUR TENN. TITLE,
AND ADDRESS ON LAMAR ST.; THRU SMITH ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY MC NYALLY.
CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY BOTH MEN AND FURNISH
RESULTS TO LITTLE ROCK EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReLRtel to Bureau dated 5/10/68.

Enclosed for Jackson and Chicago is one Xerox copy of retel containing background information.

IC ROBERT M. CALK on 5/13/68 determined from Mrs. EVA WHITFIELD, Supervisor, Motor Vehicle Division, Title and Registration Sections, Nashville, Tenn., that Tennessee Title # 10391924 was issued to JOHNNY R. SMITH, 3597 Lamar Ave., Memphis, Tenn., with a lien by Continental Investment Corp.

Mr. JOHN OWENS, Madison Ave. Office, Continental Investment Corp., Memphis, advised SA THOMAS O. RONAN on 5/13/68 that the Old Republic Life Insurance Co., 307 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., paid off the Men under their policy # 11380 based on the death of JOHNNY R. SMITH on 11/27/66.

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Records, Credit Bureau of Memphis, as checked on 5/13/68 by IC JAMES W. BRADY, reflect JOHNNY R. SMITH was listed as deceased 11/28/66.

Bureau of Vital Statistics records reflect SMITH died and was buried at Hernando, Miss. He reportedly had a brother as next of kin.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS, ST LOUIS (44-775)
SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY NINE LAST.

RE JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN AKA; FORMER ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT.

AUSTIN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. RESIDES
IN CHICAGO'S WEST SIDE COLORED AREA. STATES LAST SAW
SUBJECT IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE, HAD
NO IDEA SUBJECT ESCAPED FROM PRISON AND WAS NOT AWARE RAY
WAS BEING SOUGHT FOR MURKIN.

ONLY KNEW RAY FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS DURING FIFTY NINE.
ROBBERY OF SUPERMARKET ALTON, ILLINOIS, WAS ONLY SCORE
HE PULLED WITH SUBJECT, DID NOT KNOW ANY MALE OR FEMALE
FRIENDS AND STATES NO POSSIBILITY OF SUBJECT KNOWING WHERE
HE IS.

WHEN FIRST SHOWN SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPHS STATED INDIVIDUAL
NOT KNOWN TO HIM. WHEN TOLD PHOTOS WERE OF SUBJECT STATED
NEWEST PHOTO IN BUSINESS SUIT LOOKS A LITTLE LIKE RAY 44-1114-50

- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
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BUT HEAVIER THAN HE RECALLS.

CLAIMS NEVER MET SUBJECT'S BROTHERS. STATES IF HE EVER SEES SUBJECT OR DEVELOPS ANY INFORMATION RE WHEREABOUTS WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI SINCE RAY CHEATED AUSTIN OF HIS PART OF THE LOOT FROM ABOVE ROBBERY. NOTE AUSTIN SIXTY-NINE YEARS OLD, APPEARS TO BE ALCOHOLIC.

DAILY CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH BROTHER JERRY. HAS FURNISHED NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION. STILL STATES SUBJECT HAD NO DEEP RACIAL HATRED FOR NEGROES. CONSIDERING MOVE FROM PRESENT RESIDENCE SINCE LOCATION KNOWN TO EX-WIFE AND POSSIBLY PRESS.

AMCC'S MEMPHIS AND INDIANAPOLIS.

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AIRMAIL

TO SAC, ST. LOUIS
FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)
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Re SI airtel to SL 5/9/68.

RALPH HOWARD, Indianapolis, Indiana, was member of State Department of Correction. Contact 5/14/68 with widow, MELVA B. HOWARD, reveals he has been dead four years.

- 2 - St. Louis
- 1 - Memphis (Info)
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987),
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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MURKIN.

RE MARIE MARTIN.

MARIE MARTIN INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH UPON RETURN FROM VACATION WHICH INCLUDED TRIP THROUGH MIDWESTERN STATES TO YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO. SHE CONFIRMED INFORMATION SHE HAD PROVIDED ON PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS AND PROVIDED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY. SHE ADVISED SUBSEQUENT TO EXCHANGE OF TELEVISION SETS BETWEEN HERSELF AND RAY AND PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, RAY APPEARED IN NEED OF MONEY. SHE ADVISED RAY SAID HE WAS AWAITING MONEY FROM BROTHER, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED. SHE ADVISED IT APPEARED NECESSARY THIS MONEY BE RECEIVED BY RAY IN ORDER TO MAKE HIS SECOND TRIP SOUTH TO OR THROUGH NEW ORLEANS. MARTIN ALSO SAID THAT ON ONE OCCASION RAY SAID SHE REMINDED HIM OF A GIRL IN GUADALAJARA. SHE SAID RAY ALSO ADVISED HE LIVED IN MEXICO SIX YEARS AND ALSO THAT HE HAD USED MARIJUANA ON ONE

- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)(AM)
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OCCASION IN MEXICO AND DID NOT LIKE THE EFFECTS AND IT DID NOTHING FOR HIM. RAY ALSO SAID HE ATTENDED COCK FIGHTS IN MEXICO AND WAS REPULSED BY THEIR BARBARIC NATURE. SHE REMARKED RAY APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND AND SPEAK SPANISH. SHE SAID SHE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE HERSELF.

MARTIN ADVISED THAT AFTER THE TRIP TO OBTAIN CHILDREN OF RITA STEIN IN NEW ORLEANS, RAY SAID HE HAD VISITED FRIENDS IN INDUSTRIAL CANAL AREA OF CHEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY OF NEW ORLEANS. NO FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OF THESE FRIENDS MADE BY RAY.

MARTIN ADVISED THE PACKAGE SHE GAVE RAY FOR DELIVERY TO HER DAUGHTER IN NEW ORLEANS CONTAINED PHOTOGRAPH RECORDS AS WELL AS CLOTHING. THIS WAS ASKED IN CLARIFICATION OF PREVIOUS STATEMENTS BY MARTIN AND HER DAUGHTER.

INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES HAS ESTABLISHED NO REGULAR BANKING CONNECTIONS, AND RAY LACKED SUFFICIENT IDENTIFICATION OTHER THAN ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE TO CASH PERSONAL TYPE CHECKS. IT APPEARS MONEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN SENT RAY THROUGH WESTERN UNION OR SOME SIMILAR FACILITY PERMITTING EASY NEGOTIATION. RAY DEPARTED LOS ANGELES MARCH SEVENTEEN SIXTY EIGHT, AND THIS POSSIBLE FINANCIAL SHORTAGE OCCURRED AFTER THE EXCHANGE OF

LA 44-1574

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TELEVISION SETS, WHICH MARTIN STATES WAS ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY FOURTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER FEASIBILITY OF EXAMINING WESTERN UNION MONEY ORDERS ISSUED DURING ABOVE PERIOD THROUGH THE MONEY ORDER AUDITOR, MINNEAPOLIS.

MARTIN ADVISED THAT FOR INFORMATION SHE PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO LOUIS LOMAX SHE RECEIVED CHECK FOR FIFTY DOLLARS WHICH SHE BELIEVES WAS NO GOOD.

INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES CONTINUING.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ATLANTA, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, NEW ORLEANS AND SPRINGFIELD.

FBI CHICAGO

FBI ST LOUIS

1023 AM IMMEDIATE 5-17-68 MPB
TO CHICAGO
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

FOLLOWING TT SENT MAY SIXTEEN, LAST, TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS
AND SPRINGFIELD, BUT NOT TO CHICAGO THRU INADVERTENCE.

RE: JAMES LOANA OWENS.

RAY'S FIFTYNINE KROGER ROBBERY FALL PARTNER OWENS, ADVISED
TODAY ONE BLACKIE DE CORE (PH), CHICAGO GAMBLER, EX PRO
FIGHTER, LIFE PAROLEE FROM MENARD PRISON, WAS ASSOCIATE OF RAY,
THOUGH APPARENTLY NOT AS CLOSE AS BLACKIE AUSTIN AND JOHN GAWRON.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD, AND CHICAGO, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW DE CORE.

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

RE JERRY RAYNES FATHER. RETEL SETS FORTH THAT RAYNES
RECALLS JERRY MENTIONING SOMETHING ABOUT SUBJECT HAVING BEEN
IN CHICAGO ~~SEPTEMBER~~ ^{SUMMER} SIXTY SEVEN FOLLOWING ESCAPE. ST. LOUIS
REFER TO PAGE SEVENTY EIGHT CHICAGO REPORT DATED MAY TEN LAST
CAPTIONED MATTER AND CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR ET AL MAY TWELVE
LAST, THREE TWENTY THREE PM, WHERE JERRY RAY INTERVIEWED AND
FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT IT WAS BROTHER JOHN IN CHICAGO
SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN.

CHICAGO ALSO RECEIVED INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY ON MAY
THREE LAST FROM FRIEND OF JERRY'S EX-WIFE INDICATING THAT
EX-WIFE HAD TOLD FRIEND THAT BROTHER HAD STAYED IN NORTHBROOK,
ILLINOIS, DURING APRIL SIXTY SEVEN. INTERVIEW OF ~~THE~~ EX-WIFE,

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GJERDIS, WHO IS MENTALLY RETARDED, ^{DEVELOPED} ~~WHERE~~ SHE RECALLED JERRY AND A BROTHER TRADING CARS AT THE NORTHBROOK RESIDENCE SOMETIME IN APRIL SIXTY SEVEN. GJERDIS STATED THIS BROTHER WAS ABOUT FORTY FIVE HAD DARK HAIR BUT WAS NOT JAMES. ALSO STATED SHE WAS VERY CERTAIN SHE HAD NEVER SEEN SUBJECT.

JERRY RAY RE-INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. STILL INSISTS. BROTHER JOHN WAS THE ONE AT RESIDENCE IN JUNE OR JULY SIXTY SEVEN AND DEFINITELY NOT SUBJECT. REITERATED NOT SEEN NOR HEARD FROM SUBJECT SINCE ESCAPE.

FOREGOING BEING FURNISHED INFORMATION ST. LOUIS ~~IN~~ IN CONDUCTING INTERVIEW BROTHER JOHN AS SET FORTH IN RETEL.

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✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

John Eugene Gawron was interviewed by St. Louis Office and advised he taught Ray to be a burglar. He stated that on or about 6/23-24/67, he read in the Chicago "Tribune" of a \$50,000 bank burglary in a southern state and recalled that he and Ray cased the same bank in 1958 or 1959, but did not rob the bank at that time because he injured his leg. A few days after reading this article Gawron claims he was visited by a man whom he refuses to identify and whom he believes he introduced to Ray in 1959. This man told Gawron he and others had robbed the bank, displayed a valise full of money and gave Gawron \$250. About six weeks ago this man again visited Gawron and allegedly indicated to him that Ray and one or more other persons had been involved with him in the bank robbery.

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Kansas City, Knoxville, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis,
New Orleans, Omaha, Little Rock, St. Louis, Springfield

RE: MURKIN

During this interview Gawron refused to identify the bank or the man who visited him. He did say that the bank was in the deep South in a State like Mississippi, but not in Mississippi, in a city that is not small and is near a river. The robbers were out of state in five minutes and the loot amounted to \$50,000, plus or minus two thousand.

Based upon available information, the Chicago "Tribune" and the Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed without finding any reference to a robbery such as Gawron described.

Gawron has now been reinterviewed and he denies having any contact with Ray since Ray's escape. Regarding the southern bank robbery Gawron previously alleged Ray was involved in, Gawron now states that this could have occurred in July, 1967, instead of June, and was in a city on the east bank of the Mississippi River.

Each office receiving this communication should make a review of their records to determine if such bank robbery or any other robbery coming within the jurisdiction of the Bureau occurred. You should make inquiry at appropriate police departments to determine if a robbery of this magnitude exists in their files.

Armed and dangerous.

5/17/68

A I R T E L

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago, et al, dated 5/16/68.

Referenced airtel set forth information concerning JOHN EUGENE GAWRON's reading of a \$50,000 bank ~~burglary~~ in a southern state in the Chicago "Tribune" on or about 5/23 - 24/67.

The investigation requested of the Chicago Office has already been conducted and results thereof set forth in Chicago teletype to the Bureau, St. Louis and Memphis dated 5/16/68, 5:13 p.m.

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**FBI ST LOUIS
1125PM URGENT 5-16-68 JJR**

**TO: DIRECTOR ; MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)**

MURKIN

RE JERRY RAYNES, FATHER;

**RAYNES REINTERVIEWED TODAY. BOUGHT SMALL ACREAGE AND
HOUSE WHERE RESIDES NEAR CENTER, MO., AT FORECLOSURE SALE FOR
TWENTY SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS, OF WHICH SEVEN HUNDRED WAS HIS OWN
AND NINETEEN HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK FROM CAROL PEPPER. USED SURPLUS
TO PAY BACK TAXES. CAROL VISITS NEARLY EVERY WEEKEND. BRINGS
GROCERIES AS HE RERELY LEAVES PLACE. SHE TOLD HIM SHE HAD BEEN
CONTACTED BY FBI WHO INDICATED POSSIBILITY RAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN
IN SL FOLLOWING ESCAPE.**

**NOW RECALLS THAT DURING RECENT OVENIGHT VISIT BY JERRY AND
JOHN RAY, BOTH WERE DRINKING AND JERRY MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT
SUBJECT HAVING BEEN IN CHICAGO SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN FOLLOWING ESCAPE.**

**UNABLE TO REMEMBER ANYTHING MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT STATEMENT, AND
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INDICATED HE MIGHT HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD.

STATES LAST SAW RAY FIFTY EIGHT FIFTYNINE; THAT RAY LIVED WITH MOTHER WHEN IN SL, NOT WITH HIM; AND THAT HE KNOWS VERY LITTLE ABOUT SUBJECT. EXPRESSED BELIEF SUBJECT WAS SET UP ON KING KILLING BY SOMEONE ELSE, AS RAY WAS ROBBER, NOT KILLER. DOES NOT BELIEVE RAY WOULD KILL ANYONE UNLESS UNDER INFLUENCE OF NARCOTICS. DOES NOT BELIEVE RAY SMART ENOUGH T PLAN KING JOB ALONE. BELIEVES SUBJECT NOW DEAD, PROBABLY KILLED BY PRINCIPAL.

RAYNES FEARFUL OF PUBLICITY. AFRAID NEGROES MIGHT ATTACK HIM IF HIS RELATIONSHIP TO RAY KNOWN.

NOTE RAYNES HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS ALCOHOLIC, MIND WANDERS AND HAS DIFFICULTY RECALLING SPECIFIC INFORMATION, TIMES, ADDRESSES, EVEN OF RECENT EVENTS. HAS VICIOUS FEMALE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG OWNED BY JERRY RAY.

SL WILL REINTERVIEW JOHN LARRY RAY TOMORROW RE ALLEGED JERRY RAY STATEMENT SUBJECT WAS IN CHICAGO LAST SUMMER.
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WILL EXHIBIT PHOTO OF JAMES DAVID DAILEY FOR IDENTIFICATION OF
J D MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW.

CHICAGO REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW JERRY RAY REGARDING ABOVE
ALLEGED STATEMENT

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SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU ET AL MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

RE BLACKIE DE CORE (PH). CHICAGO INDICES SEARCHED
UNDER NUMEROUS VARIATIONS OF SURNAME CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL,
NEGATIVE. NOT KNOWN TO MEMBERS FBI CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE
PROGRAM SQUAD CHICAGO NOR TO GAMBLING UNIT, INTELLIGENCE UNIT,
CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT ALL CHICAGO PD, PLUS RECORDS
CHECK AT BUREAU OF RECORDS AND COMMUNICATIONS CHICAGO PD
AND ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF PAROLE NEGATIVE.

SGT. JERRY HARMON, MID, CCSO, ADVISES BLACKIE DE CORE
UNKNOWN TO HIM BUT THAT ONE BLACKIE DE COOK IS A KNOWN FENCE,
GAMBLER AND CONFIDANT OF THIEVES IN SOUTHERN COOK COUNTY AREA.
DE COOK RESIDES MIDLOTHIAN, ILLINOIS, EMPLOYED AT U.S. STEEL,
SOUTH WORKS, CHICAGO. DESCRIBED AS WMA, AGE FORTY EIGHT TO
FIFTY TWO, SIX FEET ONE INCH, TWO FORTY POUNDS BLACK HAIR AND
HAS NO KNOWN ARREST RECORD.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)

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ST. LOUIS RECONTACT OWENS FOR POSSIBILITY DE COA~~K~~
IDENT WITH INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED.

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TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND CHICAGO (44-1114) AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 5PP

MURKIN, CR.

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE DATED MAY SIXTEEN LAST, NO COPY FOR CHICAGO.

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF CHICAGO, ON MAY FOURTEEN LAST AN INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAME WILLIAM A. MARSHALL DESCRIBED HEREAFTER SIGNED AN ESCROW CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A HOME AT BONITA, CALIFORNIA, FOR FIFTYONE THOUSAND DOLLARS GIVING A PROMISSORY TYPE CHECK FOR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND INDICATED HE HAD A SIXTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR CERTIFIED CHECK IN HIS HOTEL ROOM.

MARSHALL CLAIMED TO BE EMPLOYED FOR INTERNATIONAL HARVESTOR COMPANY, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, AND RECENTLY TRANSFERED TO SAN DIEGO AREA. DESIRED HOUSE SO FAMILY COULD MOVE TO SAN DIEGO FROM ILLINOIS.

ON SAME AFTERNOON MARSHALL ATTEMPTED TO PURCHASE AN AUTO AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, DISPLAYING ESCROW CONTRACT
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AND ADVISED HE DESIRED HIS WIFE TO SEE AUTO AND IN VIEW OF ESCROW CONTRACT SHOWING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR DEPOSIT SALESMAN GAVE MARSHALL KEYS TO HIS CAR DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER IN APB AND MARSHALL HAS NOT RETURNED CAR.

VARIOUS WITNESSES WHO WERE IN COMPANY OF MARSHALL FOR UP TO THREE HOURS STATE MARSHALL POSSIBLY IDENTICAL JAMES EARL RAY. ONE PERSON ALMOST POSITIVE OF IDENT. TWO OTHERS SAY RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN PHOTOS AND MARSHALL.

FOLLOWING APB COVERING STATE OF CALIFORNIA TRANSMITTED:

"WANTED. UNKNOWN SUBJECT ALSO KNOWN AS WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, WHITE, MALE, AMERICAN, FORTY TO FORTYFIVE, FIVE FEET NINE, ONE SIX FIVE TO ONE EIGHT ZERO LBS., DARK HAIR, FAIR TO MEDIUM COMPLEXION, DRIVING SIXTYSEVEN PLYMOUTH FURY III CONVERTIBLE, COLOR GOLD, BLACK TOP, CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW ONE ZERO TWO, VIN P M TWO SEVEN F SEVEN FOUR TWO THREE EIGHT TWO ZERO EIGHT. AUTO OBTAINED BY UNSUB, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, MAYFOURTEEN LAST, FOR DEMONSTRATION AND HAS NOT RETURNED. SUBJECT WANTED FOR QUESTIONING, REPEAT QUESTIONING

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ONLY, NO WARRANT, BY FBI SAN DIEGO. CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS".

FOR INFO NO STOLEN REPORT FILED RE AUTO AS CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO ACCEPT DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH MARSHALL OBTAINED AUTOMOBILE.

ON MAY SEVENTEEN PRESENT, MR. WOODROW THOMPSON, PARTS MANAGER, EMPLOYED TWENTYTHREE YEARS WITH RUST INTERNATIONAL, INC., INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER (I-H) INC., INDUSTRIAL TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY, ONE EIGHT ZERO THREE WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THAT THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A WILLIAM A. MARSHALL OR ANY EMPLOYEE BY THE NAME MARSHALL WITH THE RUST INTERNATIONAL COMPANY AT BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS. HE RELATED THERE IS NO OTHER INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER DEALER IN THE BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, AREA. THOMPSON FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE CLOSEST REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY IS L.C. BARNETT, DISTRICT MANAGER, INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY, FOUR ZERO FIVE ROCK ISLAND ROAD, PEORIA, ILLINOIS. RECORDS OF CREDIT

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BUREAU OF BLOOMINGTON, INC., POLICE DEPARTMENT, MCLEAN COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE, ALL IN BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, NEGATIVE. SEARCH OF CITY DIRECTORY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FAILED TO REVEAL ANY LISTING FOR WILLIAM A. MARSHALL OR SIMILARITY.

ALSO ON MAY SEVENTEEN PRESENT, MR. L.C. BARNETT, DISTRICT MANAGER, I-H, FOUR ZERO FIVE ROCK ISLAND ROAD, PEORIA, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THAT HIS OFFICE COVERS THE NORTHERN SIXTY COUNTIES FOR THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, WHICH INCLUDES BLOOMINGTON, AND HIS RECORDS REFLECT NO ONE BY THE NAME WILLIAM A. MARSHALL AS BEING AN EMPLOYEE OF HIS OR AS BEING A FRANCHISE I-H DEALER IN HIS DISTRICT. BARNETT FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE KNOWS OF NO RECENT EMPLOYEE TRANSFER FROM HIS DISTRICT TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. BARNETT STATED THAT ANY FURTHER CHECKS RE MARSHALL SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO I-H HOME OFFICES, FOUR ZERO ONE NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO IS REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES AT I-H HOME OFFICE RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL AND ADVISE SAN DIEGO.
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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RECGETEL MAY FOURTEEN AND MIAMI MAY FIFTEEN LAST.

RE EASTERN FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL FIVE THROUGH
 APRIL TEN LAST.

INQUIRY BURGESS VIBROCRAFTERS, INC. GRAYSLAKE, ILLINOIS,
 REVEALED UAL IN ERROR AS UAL TICKET ENDING EIGHT TWO NINE
 NOT ISSUED TO THAT COMPANY. RECONTACT WITH UAL DEVELOPED
 TICKET ACTUALLY ISSUED TO ELRICK AND LAVIDGE, INC. CHICAGO
 IN SIXTY SIX.

CONTACT ABOVE COMPANY DEVELOPED TICKET USED BY CHARLES
 PLOCAR WHO, AMONG OTHER CITIES, FLEW OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL
 NINE LAST ON EAL FLIGHT TWO FOUR EIGHT. PLOCAR EMPLOYED
 ABOVE FIRM SINCE EARLY SIXTY FIVE. ELIMINATED. UAL CHECK
 RE EAL FLIGHTS CONCLUDED.

AMCC NEW YORK AND MINNEAPOLIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 1 - New York (44-1609) (AM)
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(44-561)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

CONTACT ATTEMPTED WITH INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER (IH)
HOME OFFICE, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST, NEGATIVE. CONTACT, INSTANT
DATE, REVEALS ALL ~~OFFICES~~ **OFFICIALS** WHO HAVE ACCESS TO PERSONNEL FILES
OUT OF CITY. CHECK RE MARSHALL WILL BE MADE MAY TWENTY NEXT.
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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND CHICAGO
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE SI AIRTEL MAY NINE LAST RE CORRESPONDENTS OF JERRY RAY.

SL UNABLE TO DATE TO IDENT OR LOCATE JERRY RAY CORRESPONDENTS
PAT WITT AND RUBY BOBYNS, THREE NINE SEVEN ONE WESTMINISTER, SLMO.
OWNER OF THAT ADDRESS PAST THREE YEARS IS COLORED, HAS NOT RENTED
TO WHITES AND DOES NOT KNOW NAMES. PREVIOUS OWNER FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS
RENTED ONLY TO MALES OR MARRIED COUPLES, NO SINGLE FEMALES. DOES
NOT RECALL THEM. THEY HAD NO CREDIT RECORDS SL. ON ASSUMPTION THEY
WERE PROSTITUTES SLPD VICE SQUAD CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

SAME RESULTS AS TO ALLEGED CORRESPONDENT JERRY LANCASTER, FOUR
FOUR THREE ONE NORTH NINETEENTH, SL. SLPD INDICATE PERSON BY THAT
NAME RESIDING FIVE TWO FOUR SIX WATERMAN, SL, IN SIXTY SEVEN, BUT UN-
KNOWN TO NEIGHBORS AND NO RESPONSE AT THAT ADDRESS ON NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS
AT DIFFERENT HOURS.

IF, IN CONSIDERED JUDGEMENT OF CHICAGO, QUESTIONING OF JERRY RAY
AS TO WHO THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE, THEIR CONNECTION WITH HIM OR TO THIS
CASE, WOULD NOT IN ANY MAY ALIENATE OR AFFECT HIS CURRENT COOPERATION
WITH THAT DIVISION, IT IS REQUESTED TO DO SO.

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TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) ST. LOUIS, CHICAGO, AND SAN FRANCISCO.
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 3PP

MURKIN, CR.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE MAY SIXTEEN LAST AND CHICAGO TELETYPE
MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

FOR INFO SAN FRANCISCO, BLACKIE DE CORE ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATE
OF RAY. DE CORE SERVED TIME MENARD PRISON, CHESTER, ILLINOIS.

MENARD PRISON RECORDS REFLECT ANDREW WILSON DE CORE, AKA
DE CORA AND BLACKIE DE CORE, MENARD NUMBER TWO THREE FOUR ONE
FIVE, RECEIVED MENARD PRISON JUNE FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE,
ON TRANSFER FROM JOLIET, ILLINOIS, PRISON TO SERVE SENTENCE OF
ONE TO TWENTY YEARS FOR ROBBERY. DE CORE PAROLED JUNE FIFTEEN,
NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, TO REV. JAMES WINENEGAR, ST. LOUIS RESCUE
MISSION, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. RETURNED AS PAROLE VIOLATOR TO
MENARD, JULY NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY. PAROLED JANUARY FIFTEEN,
NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, TO BAPTIST RESCUE MISSION, COLLINSVILLE
AVENUE, EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS. RETURNED TO MENARD AS PAROLE
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VIIOLATOR, MAY TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. DISCHARGED UPON
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE, DECEMBER TWENTY, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX. UPON
DISCHARGE, EXPRESSED INTENTION OF GOING TO SISTER-SRESIDENCE,
MRS. YALANDA DI GASOLA AND HUSBAND, VINCENT, THREE SEVEN FIVE
FIVE GLENMORE DRIVE, FREEMONT, CALIFORNIA. OTHER FRIENDS
AND RELATIVES CONTAINED IN PRISON RECORDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BROTHER, ANTHONY DE CORE, SEVEN ONE THREE SOUTH CLAREMONT, *Anthony De Core, Chicago*
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS OR ONE NINE THREE EIGHT NORTH SEVENTEENTH, *1938 N. 17*
MELROSE PARK, ILLINOIS. *Melrose Pk 345-8739*

SISTER, MRS. MARTHA BUTTITTO, HUSBAND BENNIE, NINE TWO
FOUR ONE NORTH MAPLE COURT, MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS. *Anna*

SISTER, NANCY COSENTINO, FIVE ZERO TWO EAST MEMORIAL,
BENSONVILLE, ILLINOIS. *Frank*

NIECE, MRS. GEORGE ROGERS, TWO ZERO TWO ZERO NORTH LE CLARE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. *George M. Rogers, Jr. 2020 N. Leclaire*
749-8719

COUSIN, PAT COLLESE, ONE SIX FOUR ONE NORTH LATROBE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

FIANCE, MISS HELEN HARE, THREE ZERO TWO ZERO WEST MADISON,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

BROTHERS, HARRY DE CORE AND NICK DE CORE, ADDRESSES UNKNOWN.

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Harry De Core 7616 W Belmont NA 5-4078

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FRIEND, MISS MARY SAWYER, CITY HOSPITAL NUMBER ONE,
ONE FIVE ONE FIVE LAFAYETTE STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

SAN FRANCISCO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE DE CORE THROUGH SISTER
AT FREEMONT, CALIFORNIA, AND INTERVIEW RE ASSOCIATION WITH RAY.

CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS, AND SPRINGFIELD CONDUCT SAME
INVESTIGATION RE INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THIER DIVISIONS.

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST CONCERNING RE
ALLEGED ASSOCIATE ANDREW WILSON DE CORE AKA BLACKIE.

INVESTIGATION CHICAGO AREA TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS
OF DE CORE NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION INDICATES BROTHER, ANTHONY DE CORE,
~~PROBABLY~~ IDENTICAL WITH ANTHONY "BUDDY" DE CORE RESIDING
ONE NINE THREE EIGHT NORTH SEVENTEENTH AVENUE, MELROSE PARK,
ILLINOIS AT WHICH ADDRESS INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES "BUDDY"
CURRENTLY VISITING RELATIVES IN ^{FREMONT} CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO IN INTERVIEW WITH DE CORE SISTER, MRS.
^{FREMONT,} YALANDA DICASOLA, ASCERTAIN WHERE "BUDDY" IS VISITING TO
INTERVIEW HIM IF NECESSARY TO LOCATE BLACKIE.

AMCC MEMPHIS.

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 FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) P

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY SEVENTEEN, LAST AND CHICAGO
 TED TO SAN FRANCISCO, MAY TWENTY, LAST.

RE ALLEGED ASSOCIATE ANDREW WILSON DE CORE, AKA
 BLACKIE.

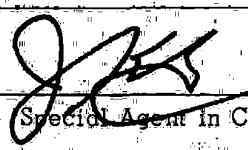
DECORE'S SISTER, MRS. MARTHA BUTTITTO, NINE TWO
 FOUR ONE NORTH MAPLE COURT, MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS, ADVISED TODAY
 ANDREW WILSON DE CORE WILL BE AT HER HOME EVENING MAY TWO TWO,
 NEXT, FOR INTERVIEW BY BUAGENTS. CHICAGO WILL HANDLE.

DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE DE CORE.

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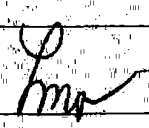
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RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, HONOLULU, MEMPHIS, ?
 ST. LOUIS AND SPRINGFIELD MAY FOURTEEN, LAST.

WILLIAM KOFFMAN, DIVISION OF SUPERVISION OF PAROLE,
 SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, TODAY ADVISED JAMES LAOMA OWENS, FBI
NUMBER ONE THREE NINE SEVEN SEVEN ZERO SEVEN, SP MENARD,
 ILLINOIS REGISTRY NUMBER TWO ZERO TWO ZERO EIGHT WAS
 DISCHARGED JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, EXPIRATION
 OF SENTENCE SP MENARD, ILLINOIS. OWENS WAS ISSUED A CERTIFICATE
 OF RESTORATION OF THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP AUGUST FIFTEEN,
 NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. OWENS LAST ADDRESS THREE NINE ZERO FOUR
 FOLSOM AVENUE, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, NO EMPLOYMENT SHOWN.

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J. E. Hoover

Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Quincy Ill	Jerry Ryan	3-22-51	invest L	pend
SRef Sheridan Ill	Jerry William Ryan #164	9-20-51	riot	1 year to 18 mos 1-19-53 disch exp of sent
SP Menard Ill	Jerry Ryan #25737	2-26-54	larc	2-10 yrs 12-12-55 paroled. disch 5-6-60
SP Pontiac Ill	Jerry Ryan #20229	4-8-54 trans fr Menard	larc	2-5 yrs
SP Menard Ill	Jerry Ryan #23737	12-30-54	L	2-5 yrs
St Hwy Pat Macon Mo	Jerry William Ryan #4829	2-24-56	Armed Robb (1st degree) Circuit Crt Monticell	sent to 5 yrs in Mo SP 7-19-56 on chg of
SP Jefferson City Mo	Jerry William Ryan #71354	7-21-56	armed robb, brk jail	armed robb, 5 yrs, 2 yrs CC par 8-1-58
SP Menard Ill	Jerry Ryan #23737	8-1-58	PV (larceny)	2-5 yrs, lator 2-5 yrs
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PD Highland Ill	Jerry William Ray #416	3-9-62	inv & operating on 1 st lic plate	\$100 F \$5 C
PD St Louis Mo	Jerry William Ray #92720	8-20-63	FOA PL	rel

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

Date 5-15-68

MURKIN
CR

Your inquiry
5-13-68

- ☒ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☐ Attached furnished in compliance with request from
- ☐ 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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MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype to Cincinnati, 5/10/68.

On 5/10/68, Chief WILLIAM NOGGLE, New Paris, Ohio, PD, advised SA ROBERT H. BERTKE he is well acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY of Route 2, New Paris, Ohio.

RAY was born in Preble County and has lived his entire life in the New Paris area. He was a farmer until about one year ago when he went into the building and excavating business with his brother, ROBERT RAY. They are presently building a new house in New Paris. RAY has another brother, PAUL RAY, who owns and operates the Kile Grain Elevator, New Paris. Their mother, CATHERINE RAY, resides on High Street, New Paris. Their father is deceased. JAMES EARL RAY is now living with his mother on High Street.

Chief NOGGLE advised the RAY brothers have never been arrested and are respected members of the community. He described JAMES EARL RAY as a white male, age 35, height 6', 175 pounds, black hair and medium build.

Since JAMES EARL RAY of New Paris, Ohio, has been identified, no farther investigation is being conducted, Cincinnati.

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SIX FIVE IS PHONE NUMBER OF RUBY CARPENTER, FORMER WIFE OF
 SUBJECT'S FATHER. CARPENTER HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AND APPEARS
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TO: DIRECTOR; MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 5P

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RE KC TEL MAY FOURTEEN LAST, MSP INMATE JAMES D. WALLACE ALLEGATION SAW RAY AND JAMES L. OWENS ENTER JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK, SLMO, SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN.

JAMES LOAMA OWENS INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH TODAY. MET RAY FIFTYNINE AT SL RESCUE MISSION, AS FRIEND OF BLACKIE AUSTIN. KNEW FIRST AS JIM O CONNOR BUT RAY USED NAMES RYAN AND RAY, ALWAYS WITH FIRST NAME JIM. RAY WAS PROFESSIONAL THIEF, ROBBERY AND BURGLARY. NEVER KNOWN TO WORK, ALWAYS HAD MONEY, THRIFTY. TOLD OWENS HE ONLY ROBBED BUSINESSES HE FELT WOULD BE PROTECTED BY INSURANCE. PRESUMED LIVED ON HICKORY WHERE MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER HAD ROOMING HOUSE. OWENS MET THEM AND YOUNGER BROTHER BUZZ. OWENS NEVER HEARD OF OTHER RELATIVES.

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RAY WAS QUIET, LONER, LIKEABLE, CLOSE MOUTHED, THINKER WHO READ WIDELY ON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS. NEVER BRAGGART. LIKED CARS AND PISTOLS. ONCE DEMONSTRATED MARKSMANSHIP BY HITTING CAN SUCCESSIVELY ON BOUNCE. NEVER KNOWN TO HAVE RIFLE OR SHOTGUN. MODERATE DRINKER, BOURBON HIGHBALLS, NO BEER. NOT KNOWN TO GAMBLE OR USE NARCOTICS. WOMEN WERE TO USE AND FORGET. PREFERRED FEMALE STREET BUMS. NO ATTACHMENT ANY FEMALE. OWENS SAW RAY ONCE OR TWICE WITH OLDER MAN JACK (PHONETIC) GAWON (GAWRON), WHO, WITH AUSTIN, APPEARED TO BE HIS ONLY CLOSE ASSOCIATES. ONE BLACKIE DECORE, (PHONETIC) CHICAGO GAMBLER, EX PRO FIGHTER, THEN FORTY YEARS OLD AND ON MENARD PRISON LIFE PAROLE, WAS ASSOCIATE TO LESSER DEGREE. NO OTHERS KNOWN.

RAY NEVER DISPLAYED DISLIKE OF NEGROES. ACCEPTED MEN AT WORTH. OWENS CONVINCED KING KILLING WAS FOR PAY, NOT PREJUDICE.

RAY ONCE DISPLAYED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TRAVELERS CHECKS AND SAID GOING TO CANADA. MONTH LATER SAID HAD BEEN TO CANADA.

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GAVE NO EXPLANATION.

DURING FIFTYNINE ASSOCIATION WITH OWENS AND LATER AT MSP, RAY INDICATED AT LEAST DOZEN TRIPS TO MANY PARTS OF MEXICO TO COOL OFF, MENTIONED VERA CRUZ., ACAPULCO, NOGALES, AND MEXICO CITY. SAID HAD TO LEAVE MEXICO CITY WHEN STRUCK MAN IN HEAD WITH PISTOL, MAN WHO CAME AT HIM WITH KNIFE. NEVER MENTIONED MODE OF TRANSPORTATION OR IDENTITIES OF ANY PERSON KNOWN IN MEXICO. NEVER INDICATED ABILITY TO SPEAK SPANISH. MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES HE ENJOYED ARMY DUTY IN GERMANY.

OWENS GOT IMPRESSION RAY ROBBERIES ALWAYS WELL PLANNED. KROGER PLANNED BY RAY, BUT UNDERTAKEN WHEN BOTH WERE AT END OF DRUNK, WHICH WAS EXCEPTION TO RAY MODERATE DRINKING RULE. OWENS LATER RECEIVED IMPRESSION RAY PREJUDICED AGAINST JOBS WITH PARTNERS, AS WAS INVARIABLY CAUGHT.

OWENS PLEAD GUILTY, GOT SEVEN YEARS, RAY STOOD TRIAL, GOT
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TWENTY. OWENS NEVER CALLED SAME MSP HALL OR WORKED TOGETHER. SAW FREQUENTLY IN YARD. RAY NEVER DISPLAYED ANIMOSITY TOWARD OWENS. OWENS LEARNED FROM OTHER INMATES RAY SOLD PILLS BELIEVED BENNIES AND HAD THREE FOR TWO LOAN BUSINESS MSP. DID NOT BELIEVE RAY ACCUMULATED OVER THOUSAND DOLLARS BY TIME OF ESCAPE. OWENS IN MENARD PRISON PRIOR TO SECOND RAY ESCAPE ATTEMPT. LAST SAW AT MSP, NOT CONTACTED OR CORRESPONDED WITH SINCE.

DOES NOT FEEL RAY WOULD CONTACT ANY RELATIVE OR ACQUAINTANCE AFTER ESCAPE. NO IDEA PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

OWENS OPENED JOINT ACCOUNT WITH MOTHER IDA AT JEFFERSON GRAVOIS BANK, SL ON MENARD RELEASE SIXTY FIVE. CLOSED EARLY SIXTY SIX. THIS HAS BEEN VERIFIED, SAYS HAS NOT BEEN NEAR BANK SINCE.

WAS QUESTIONED REGARDING SEVERAL MSP INMATES. CLAIMS MET INMATE JAMES WALLACE AT MSP, NEVER KNEW BEFORE. ONLY TIMES HE HAS SEEN WALLACE SINCE WAS SUMMER SIXTY FIVE, ONCE AT JEFFERSON GRAVOIS BANK. WALLACE STANDING ON CORNER WITH UNKNOWN FEMALE

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HEAVY BUILD. WALLACE ASKED HIM IF PUTTING IN OR TAKING OUT. OWENS REPLIED PUTTING IN. NOTE OWENS VOLUNTEERED THIS. SAW WALLACE MAPLEWOOD, MO., WHEN BOTH TOOK DRIVING TESTS FOR LICENSE.

COOLEY HAS NO SIGNIFICANCE TO OWENS. OWENS APPEARED COOPERATIVE. EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE.

KC AT JEFFERSON CITY, DETERMINE FROM INMATE JAMES WALLACE WHERE HE GREW UP WITH OWENS, SPECIFICALLY, WHEN HE ALLEGEDLY SAW OWENS AND RAY AT BANK, AND THE IDENTITY AND PRESENT LOCATION OF THE FEMALE OWENS ALLEGES WAS WITH WALLACE.

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